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SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

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PREFACE

Volume VII of the *Sir William Johnson Papers* covers the important period from May 1769 to February 1771, inclusive, when it may be said that Sir William was at the height of his power, and was perhaps the most influential man in British Colonial America. The quantity and extent of his correspondence clearly indicate the high regard in which he was held by the Indians, the land speculators, traders, colonial officials, the clergy and missionaries, and statesmen in London.

Among Sir William's correspondents are men interested in mining on Lake Superior; George Croghan, who reports rumors of an Indian war; General Thomas Gage, about military matters; Governor Sir Henry Moore, about affairs in the Province of New York; James Delancey, about land grants; Major Jelles Fonda, about trade with the Indians; James Rivington, about the wisdom of certain imperial measures; Benjamin Franklin, about the attitude of the British government toward the colonies; Lieutenant Governor John Penn, about boundary lines; Governor Lord William Campbell of Nova Scotia, about official appointments; Daniel Claus and Alexander McKee, about relations with the western Indians; the Earl of Hillsborough, about colonial policies; Peter Silvester, about legal matters; Lieutenant Governor Cadwallader Colden, about provincial problems; various Indian chiefs and tribes; Peter Hasenclever, about international trade; Thomas Wharton, about blank testimonials for Indian chiefs; Governor Guy Carleton, about the form of a license for Indian trade; missionaries asking aid or advice, and many others.

Here is source material for the social, economic, religious and political history of the English colonials in North America. One finds information concerning the lodges of Freemasons, about

rheumatism, scarcity of money, blacksmithing, boats, sermons, the revenue acts, the "Sons of Liberty," gout, land deals, Indian schools, prayer books, the murder of a Seneca by a white man, the formation of new counties, surveyors, a cure for epilepsy, the militia, imported goods, Johnson as a patron of learning, rugs and chairs, bill for making clothes, lost millstones, potash and pearl-ash, elopements, the "dearness of pork," "Spow water," Lisbon wine, timber depredations, the "fray in Boston," mill saws, jury-men, road bills, liberty of the press, scarcity of hay, and hundreds of other items.

Many familiar names in earlier volumes of the *Papers* recur in volume VII, and some new ones appear. The place names are numerous and distributed from the Mississippi to Nova Scotia. Valuable as are the data on colonial civilization, they are of still more importance in portraying the relations of the Indian tribes with the whites and with one another. The rumblings of the Revolution are becoming more and more distinct.

During the editorial preparation of this volume for the press, Dr Richard E. Day, who compiled the *Calendar of the Sir William Johnson Manuscripts*, 1909, and who has been associated with the issuance of the *Sir William Johnson Papers* from the outset, was required by age limitation to retire from state service. It is a matter of deep regret that he could not have completed the series, because no student of American history is better acquainted than he with the life and activities of Sir William Johnson.

This volume has been completed by Dr Almon Wheeler Lauber, formerly professor of history at Syracuse University.

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O S^m Franklin

Hillsborough

J. Kirkland

Alex^r White

Ja Revington

Sam Harton


Cornelis van Schaack

W. Schaack




SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON PAPERS

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, June 3, 1769*]

[] Agreeable favours, the Errand of this is to accompany [a bell which] I have this Day receivd from the Founder; he has Sent [] to be 5/ 7th & weighs 106th — I hope you will receive it [and that] it will please you — The Reverend M^r Charles Ingliss [] me to transmitt Doct^r Chandlers Vindication of the Appeal [with his] best Respects to you, which I accordingly Send by this Same [oppor]tunity, as also the Enclosed Letters, which I received Yesterday from [M^r Chew] please to deliver the One to our frind Croghan when you See [him] — I was yesterday a good Deal allarmed at a Report, which [is in]dustriously Spread & universally believd here — Viz^t. that the Indians [are] gathering in large Bodies about Detroit, with Intention to begin [hos]tilities again & that in Consequence of that Account, the Battoes coming up were all Stopped at Niagara — This if true, will be very [dread] full to me — I Still Want about £10,000 from that Quarter, a very [great] part of which I have the highest Expectation of receiving in the [] of this Season, as the Trade has been very good the last Winter [] Quantities of Peltry was expected in this Spring — All [expec]tations will therefore Vanish, if this Account be true — [] indeed I rather Suspect it is false, because I cannot [you] or the Generall have had any Expresses about it — Major Sheriffe [] he is pretty certain it is for that Reason false & has been only [invent]ed by the Traders to Serve their own purposes — but in the Mean[time I am] very uneasy — do be so

kind Good Sir, as let me know whether [you have] any Reason
to believe this Report & what your Opinion of it is []
you will very greatly oblige

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

Cap^t Troax with a Bell

to be Sent to M^r John Van Eps

in Schenectady

INDORSED: N York 3^d. June 1769

Mr. Wetherheads letter

wth. Enclosures

Sir William Johnson To Jⁿ^o. Holt D^r

1768 To his Account as by Copy d^d Mr.

Weatherhead including News L N^o. 1328

L3

1769 To News since till 1406 is 1½ Year & p

1

This Acc^t paid by J W

£

Receipt in my Rec^t book

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*A. L. S.*¹

New York June the 5th. 1769.

WORTHY SIR

I now acknowledge the receipt of your very obliging and kind
Letter of the 26th of last April — I should immediately have
done myself the honor of returning an answer, had I not been in
daily expectation of hearing from the Society concerning some
Things you mention. My expectation in part is answered; & I
can now furnish you with a few Paragraphs of a late Letter,

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

which, I hope will be agreeable to you — The first is as follows — “The Society are glad to hear, that the purchase of the late Dr Barclays House is completed by you; and that the Attorneys have agreed to advance the Money for that purpose: This Method of payment is particularly acceptable”. N. B. The Deeds are executed, & I hope now to have them in my possession in a few Days. The Scarcity of Cash has prevented the Executors of the late St George Talbot, from raising it as yet, therefore I shall now prevail upon them to give their Bond for the whole, or part of the Purchase. In short — The Affair some how or other Shall be finished immediately — The next Paragraph is as follows —

“Sir William Johnson acquaints me that a Salary of £25 p^r aⁿn is necessary to induce an able and useful man to undertake the Office of Schoolmaster in the Mohawks Country. The Society are willing to allow it, & leave it to S^r William & you to procure one” —

This you have happily done, tho’ I must confess the Salary appears to me to be too small. It affords me great pleasure to find, that he may soon be in possession of Dr Barclay’s House & Lands, which I shall take Care speedily to effect. In regard to his Salary, he may very safely draw for it, half Yearly His Bills must be addressed — To Mr William Symondson, At the first Fruits Office, in the Inner Temple, Secretary to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The Bill must run thus — S^r. please to pay to — the Sum of £12:10:0 Sterling, at thirty Days sight, or his Order, being a half Years Salary due to me, as the Societys Schoolmaster the — day of — at the Mohawks Castle, in the province of New York — I am &c — But previous to the Bills, the Society should be informed of his Appointment, this I will readily do It would also be necessary for him to write to the Society, and give them a particular account of what he is about — The same Method should be observed with respect to the other School Master.

The Secretary again mentions the receipt of a Letter from

you — His words are “I have received Sir W^m Johnsons Letter, and shall communicate it to our first Board; and am confident his attention to our Affairs will give them a very particular satisfaction, and be received with all possible respect & thankfulness But I cannot be without Apprehensions, that the present disturbed State of our Colonies will not permit an Application to be made for our great and favorite point of an Episcopate in America: It must be posponed for better Times.”

Thus Sir I have given you such acc^{ts} as I have received. I wish they had been fuller & more to the purpose. I still lament the want of Missionaries for your Country, and sincerely wish it was in my power to procure them: however tho’ the prospect at present is not very promising, yet it may soon alter for the better. I have lately seen M^r Seabury — He is chagreened at the Salary the Society propose, which he thinks is much too small considering the Expence he must be at, if he does any good. I am trying all I can to prevail upon him to pay you a Visit; which I hope I shall effect. Before I put an end to this long Epistle, I would just mention an Affair to you that concerns myself. For this many Years past I have been imployed in serving the public, and flatter myself that my Services have been of some Consequence. I find it now time to have a little regard to my growing Family, by procuring for them some Lands if I could tell where to locate them. Ever since the two last wars I have, in the way of my Office done considerable Services, for the Troops, in this City, who in general have been without Chaplains, without any Fee or Reward; which, I flatter myself if properly represented & backed at Home would procure me some Gratuity. I now would be extremely obliged to you, if you would favor me with your Advice, whether it would be best to apply to the Gov^r & Council here for Lands with whom I stand very well; or immediately to apply for a Mandamus from the King. I should also esteem it as a particular favor, if you would let me know whether there [are] any Lands lately ceded by the Indians, that are valuable, left undisposed of — And if it should lay in your power, to pitch

upon a Tract, that w^d answer my Intention, by informing me of it, you will lay me, and my Young Family under lasting Obligations—pardon Worthy Sir, the Freedom I now take which I should not have done, was I not well acquainted with your good Disposition, and great willingness to serve those, who have the honor of being ranked in the Number of your Friends.

We have nothing very material by our Packet — A Change of the Ministry tho't to be unavoidable, and W—s¹ still unchanged to the great grief of every honest Man. I shall not inlarge, as I suppose our Friend Banyar, who is a great politician, will inform you of every Thing new — As for our Domestick politicks they are very well at present. The right side carry every thing before them. Judge Levingston is returned for the Manor, but can't sit, as the House before they broke up made resolves that excludes him. He is very angry, as well as the rest of his party. I will detain you no longer, than while I assure you, that I am, Worthy Sir, with great esteem & respect

Your much Obliged &
Most Ob^t Ser^t

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

P. S. I have wrote to the person whose letter I sent you, & expect his Answer soon.

Can he proceed to Conajohare this Summer should he be so disposed. He bears a very good Character.

INDORSED:² N York June 5th. 1769
Doct^r. Auchmutys Letter
wth. Sevr^l. Extracts from the
Societys Letter —

¹ John Wilkes, popular agitator and advocate of a free press, in prison at the time of this writing.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM WILLIAM GAMBLE

A. L. S.

Albany the 5th. June 1769

Lodge in due Form

[WOR]SHIPFUL SIR/

Brother Stringer Senior Warden of the Ineffable [Lodge] Master of Our Lodge of Three Degrees, went up the Mohawk River in order [] t St. Patricks and to signify the unanimous request of both Body's [that] their worthy brethren of St Patricks would join them in Procession [on] St Johns day and also to assure them that ours will visit them in [the win]ter to celebrate that Festival.—As there was no Lodge at Johnstown [Thur]sday; I am requested to acquaint you with this their earnest desire [] possible, we may, notwithstanding, be honoured with the presence of [man]y Respectable Brethren;

I am Sir

with the greatest respect

Your most humble & obedient Serv^t

WILLIAM GAMBLE

Gr Mr. Ineffable Lodge

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New Yor]k 5 June 1769

[] of this is only to accompany the two enclosed Warrants [of survey] which have been ready for Some time past I have only [waited] for Orders, because I did not know who to Send them to [] have paid 40/ Each for them, for which please to Credit my Acc^t [] fryday I Sent your Bell — which I hope you will receive Safe. I should be happy

in receiving your further Commands & in the meantime believe me to be with the most Sincere Regard

Sir your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[] WILL JOHNSON B^t

ADDRESSED:

To

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

Johnson Hall

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York June 5 1769

[] express my thanks [] was honored with last satur[day] packet is arrived, the Letters [] a Continuance of the Intestine [] we have So long lamented. [the] Queen and Arch B^p of Canterbury [having been] wrought up on to interest themselves [with the] Sovereign, on behalf of Mr Wilkes [his par]don, it is expected; will, thro such [me]diation, be obtained, and this Expe[dient being] adopted in order to correct the hitherto insupera[ble] of his Adherents backed by all [] and puritan Interest, it is thought [he will be] permitted, quietly, to take his Seat in [] the Mind of the people will be cooled [] administration have a better Chance [] in power.

[An alliance] is said to be fixed betwen France [Spain] & prussia.

[] on of the permanence of the peace with [France] poverty, for their India Company¹ [] their other actions reduced very Con[] occasiond by

¹ "The *Compagnie des Indes*, which had been languishing for a long time and to which the Treaty of Paris had dealt the death blow, was suppressed in 1769 after having absorbed a capital of 200 millions," —Lavisse and Rambaud, *Histoire Générale*, 7: 677.

demestic division [] acity in the Administration to
 me [] e Interest in a time of Hostility [] ple
 have been consulted [] ngement of
 Servants but [] ed upon, and, we are told []
] ain disagreed.¹

[]
 that in []
 I shall obey your Comm[ands [] Books and on every
 occasi[on [] You all the Amusement in []
 my Humble respects wait on Sir [John] and I am, Sir William,
 Your most f[]
 JAM^s RIV[INGTON]

The Virginian Resolves it is thoug[ht [] lutely obtain
 ample relief in our Co[mmercial res]trictions. But Government
 will not [] applications upon Constitutional
 Com[]

ADDRESSED: To
 Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t
 at Johnson Hall

FROM LACHOUIGNRIE PARAN

A. D. S.

[June 5 1769]²

Conté des fourniture que jay fait au [Six] nasion au Conte du
 roy par lordre de monsieur [Daniel] Closse Commandans des
 sovage

savoyre

6 jours a 15 personne tan pety que gran famme	
et en fan je leurs et donnez par jour 3 pin a 10 s les	
si jour pour le pin fait	9 th
si livre de lar par jour les 6 jour fait 36 th a 10 s la	
livre	18 th

¹ The disagreement of Lord Chatham and Lord Temple.

² Date supplied from the Johnson Calendar.

par ordre de monsieur pertuy un po par jours fait 6 po	
2 ^{tt} le pos	fait 12 ^{tt}
	21 ^{tt}

monsieur voyla le Conté au juste de se je leurs et fourny si vous trouvez monsieur que les pri soy tro ford vous ette le mestre je serez tous jours Contante de se que vous me donnere jay lhonneur destre avec respects

Monsieur

Votre tres humble
obeisante

LACHOUIGNRIE PARAN

Translation

Account of the supplies which I have furnished to the [Six] Nations on the King's account by order of Mr [Daniel] Claus, commander of the Indians.

To-wit

6 days to 15 persons, both little and big, women and children. I have given them each day 3 loaves of bread at 10 sols (apiece); for the six days the bread comes to	9 livres
Six pounds of bacon a day for six days is 36 ^{tt} ; at 10 sols a pound	18 “
by order of Mr Perthuis a pot (of liquor) a day, six pots at 2 livres a pot, it comes to	12 livres
	21 ¹ “

SIR:

This is the exact account of what I furnished them. If you find, sir, that the prices are too high, you are free to reduce them.

I shall always be satisfied with what you will give me. I have the honor to be with respect

Sir

Your very humble
obedient

LACHOUIGNRIE PARAN

¹ Should be 39 livres.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

June the 6th. 1769

DEAR SIR

I had the feavor of yr^s. with the Sheep fer w^h. am Much oblidg^d. to yr^r. Honer Butt am Shure you have Sent Me More then I Should have w^h. I Must be Indebt for Till I Can Replace them

A few Days Ago I had a Leter from Coll. Bradstreet w^h. I inclose your Honor for yr^r. Peruseal the Indians and Every Body I See heer Talk of a Warr to the Westward Shure if there was any Truth in the Report you wold have Leters from the posts phaps itt May be a Schame of the Traders to prevent any Goods from Going Back from this province.

Sence I had the Plesher of being att your [Hon]ers I have had Several presing Leters from [] pople who has Drafts on Me fer the Ac^{ts}. [at De]troit & fort pitt I Suppose as I am Setled [] in this part of the World they think there [] Danger in My hands I will be oblidg^d. to yr^r. honer when Convenient to [] Me a Draft fer the amount of those Acoun[] I May Send itt to Some person in New york [] Take up the Drafts & have Don with those Tru[blesome] Accounts

I Should have Wated on you att Conjen[] Butt had a Tuch of the Runitism I hope yr^r. C[hurch?] is in a forward way. I have Wrote to m^r. J[] to Know what Success he has had with th[] Subscription to Refresh his Memery as he [] Nott Wrote as he promised

I Spoke to M^r. Mier the Chainy Ware[] will Make Some flower pots & other things [for] yr^r. honer he Tells Me he is to be att yr^r. [] in A Week as he is one of yr^r. Lieuts & [] to you about yr^r. Lott in Springfield N^o. [] Joyns his & he Intends to purchess itt []

P.S. I have Just done with [] those Officers who were assembled of Coll^o. Van Slykes & Coll. Johnsons Regts. the [] Adjutant General for my District, which is an [] Necessary, & for which I think him qualified, but I [] be proper that he receives the Commission¹ for that [] Your Excell^{cy} in a former Letter was so obliging as to []

BILL OF WILLIAM BOWEN TO SIR JOHN JOHNSON

D.

June ye 9 th 1769	Dr		
		Sr. John Johnson	
		To William Bowen	
	£ 0 5 0	To 5 Wedges & 5 Rings for Sithes	
	0 3 0	To 4 Nib Rings at /9 p ^r Ring	
	0 6 0	To Shooing a Waggon Wheele	
	0 5 0	To Shooing a Span of Horses	
	0 6 0	To Laying of 2 Axes	
	1 10 0	To 3 New Axes 10/ pr Ax	
	0 3 0	To Laying a Stubbing how	
	£ 2 18 0		

INDORSED: W^m Bowins Acct

 £ 2.18.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 10th. June 1769

I am fav^d. with your Letter incloseing your [draft on] Mr. William Newton for the Ballance of your [acc^t. w]ith Ab^m.

¹ Guy Johnson's commission as Adjutant General was dated December 1, 1768.

Mortier Esq^r. which I shall present for [paym]ent, & bring the State you require.

[Se]veral Boats having arrived this Day from [the Fort?] & Niagara will delay my departure *to fix some* [busin]ess untill Wednesday Next; my stay in N York [I expect] will be short. No time shall be lost in sending [] Cash on my return, had I any Money just [now by] me, wou'd make you an offer of it as I cou'd [] the same Sum of yours Below, what I have is [not wor]th the While, but shou'd Ellice receive in my [absence any] I have desir'd him to transmitt it to you on [] I need Not informe you that the report of [an Indian] War is happily vanish'd.

[] with much esteem

sir

Your Obliged Hum^e serv^t

JAMES PHYN

[] JOHNSON

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Johnson Hall

TO WILLIAM FRANKLIN

In the American Antiquarian Society, printed by C. H. Lincoln in *Transactions*, 11:50-51, is a draft of a letter of June 12th to Governor Franklin, touching Wharton's claim for compensation for losses, the dispute over the rights of Parliament, Evans's manuscript journal, curious and extraordinary letters from Parson Williamson alias Johnson on the subject of the boundary between Indian lands and the settlements, strong resolutions in Connecticut concerning the Susquehanna valley, the price which Johnson is obliged to place on his Susquehanna lands, the delay of the colonies in creating a system of Indian trade to replace his system, an alarm at Detroit and apprehensions at Niagara, and a possible visit to the sea shore for the benefit of the writer's health. A Force Transcript of the letter is in the Library of Congress.

TO WILLIAM GAMBLE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall June 12th. 1796*

I am Very Sorry that I am obliged to acquaint the Ineffable of my apprehensions that some buisness of Importance will Call me soon from home, and that as Some of the Members of St Patricks are absent, and the Children of both my Sons in law Just inoculated, our attending agreable to our own desires and Yours must be very uncertain which will be a great disappointment to us.—

Please to offer my Thanks & that of this Lodge to the [Body] for their invitation, & promise to Joyn us at the Winter [fes]tival which will be highly agreable to us all, as will every [] occasion which affords us an Opportunity [of co]nferring together & me of Assuring you & the Body that [] Sir,
 Yours, and their hearty Well Wisher
 and Most Obedient Servant

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.

[New York, June 12, 1769]

[]

I have not yet [] 5th May, and the Arrival of the [] answering your Letter of 27th May []

The Commissary General can p[urchase no provisions but] in Cases of extremity, and I could not devise any [] the Indian Corn you desired from hence wold [] in any Account of the Several Departments.

What you have Mentioned concerning the Charge [] Transportation of Provisions, and your Recollection that

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[] Persons were detained at Fort Stanwix on various S[ervices] is sufficient to prove that the People have not given in [] Demands, and I did not mean to trouble you further on the []

Extract from Col^o. Bradstreet's Accounts.

I have received Letters from Detroit and Niagara concerning the Reports you mention in your's of 27th. May, and by a Letter received from Fort-Pitt prior to the others, I am informed that the Indians on ohio were Caballing, but the real Cause of their Discontent was not known. It was reported they were displeased, because they did not receive Presents, tho' they get Tobacco, Rum, Powder, Shot, Salt and Provisions, when they go to Fort-Pitt. It was Said at Niagara they were Jealous of the Six Nations on Account of the very large [] Sinclair and his goodness [] used to be laid up.

[] want will be granted for the Account [] lled, but it will be some time before it is discharged [] actualy No Money to be had in this Place. I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

INDORSED: June 12th. 1769—

Genr^l. Gages letter —

FROM EDWARD COLE

A. L. S.

New Orleans June 13th. 1769

[DEAR] SIR

I am thus Far on my way to You. I left Fort Chartres the 25th. of ap^l. and arrived here in 13 days, there is Vessels daily Expected here, from New York, and Philadelphia. Shall Embrace the first Oppertunity.

You will Doubtless before You receive this, have heard, of Pondiac's being Kill'd by the Pariorias who live at Cahakia.— what Effects it will have amongst the Indians, I cant Say, no very good [one] I believe as they already Seem discontented enough [a few] Nights before I left the Illinois, there [was a] Soldier and his Wife Scalpd, a little [way from] the Fort in their Bed. Supposed to be the Ouabach Indians, [and Since] my Departure Six Kaskaskias Indi[ans was] Scalped between the Fort and their [Village] by the Sacks & Reynards.— Shall [be] better able to informe you, when I [have] the pleasure of Seeing You.

My Compliments to your Fam[ily]

I am

sir

with the Utmost Re[spect]

Your

Most ob^t H[uml. Servt.]

EDW[ARD COLE]

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: [New Orleans, June 13th 1769]

Com^y [Coles Letter]

EXTRACTS FROM LONDON LETTERS¹

June 14, 1769

[] from B. F's Letter May 29—1769 []
 Objections have been made by Lord [Hillsborou]gh to the Rati-
 fication of the late Indian [Treaty] and to Sir William's Con-
 duct in it. One is, that [he has go]ne beyond his Instructions,
 in obtaining too [much] land of the Indians, it being intended at
 this Time [to pur]chase no farther than the great Canhaway.
 [] objection is founded on the Apprehension that [the pe]
 ople will soon seat themselves in the remote [] &

¹ Apparently sent by George Croghan to Johnson, having been received from Samuel Wharton in London. "B. F." is plainly Benjamin Franklin, writing to Wharton.

be too far out of the reach of Government here [Ano]ther is, his permitting the private Grants to [] Merchants & Mr. Croghan (& perhaps to Mr Penn) [] transacted at the same Treaty, and made Condi[tion] of it. It has for some time been doubtfull whether [the Tr]eaty would be ratified or not, & we have been [ende]avouring through every Channel we could use, [to] obviate these Objections, & Support the Treaty & [the] propriety of Sir William's Conduct of it. At [] we hear it is ratified conditionally if Sir [Willia]m cannot prevail with the Indians to alter [it in] those particulars. I make no doubt but he [will insis]t with a becoming Firmness on the Occasion [to rat]ify his own Measures with proper Spirit []ble to his Character.—

June 14.—

This Letter having miss'd the Opportunity [] I intended to have sent it, I open it to add, [] am well inform'd, that L^d. H^s. Objections to the [] are entirely disapproved by the rest of the [councillors] as well as most of his American Conduct, [] wish to get rid of him.—

Extract from S. W.'s Letter, June 14, 1769

“[] to the forgoing, I learn from Mr Walpole [a member of] parliament & Brother to L^d. Walpole & a [acqu]aintance of L^d. Ch. .m's, that the Lord [Ch.n.l.r supped with] him *last Night* & told him, [that there was not one mem]ber in all the Cabinet Council, [but what thought] L^d. H. . .h] mad in his Objections to the []e of his Letters to Sir [] unanimous Opinion [] all its Parts if the Six Nations would not depart [] which were *fix'd* at Fort Stanwix. L^d [Hillsborough] sent away his *foolish* Letter (as the L^d. [] to Sir William before he had consulted the [] upon it; — But as soon as the C. .n. .C saw it [] their *Amazement* at it, and therefore, his Lor[ds]hip was] obliged to write his subsequent Letter, which [] in the equivocal manner it is in order to save [] Honor; But the L^d: Ch. . .r Said,

last Night, he [was such] a wrong Headed Body, he was a fraid Sir Will[iam] would not understand the true meaning & D[esign of] the Cabinet Councill. This Information you [may] literally & fully depend on, as Mr: Mr: Walpole [commu]nicated it *this Morning*, in the Strictest Conf[idence] to Mr. Franks & Myself."

FROM SAMUEL WHARTON

A. L. S.

London June 14, 1769

I have wrote you very fully lately. To Which I [beg] Leave to refer You and I now in the greatest Haste, [] my Pen to communicate the following important Intelli[gence to] you.

[I was] with Mr. Walpole just Now, Who is a member of Parliment [and] Brother to Lord Walpole and a most intimate acquaintance of [Lord C]h. t. m's and He communicated to Me in the greatest Confidence, [that] the Lord Ch. . n. . l. r¹ supped with Him *last Night* and [told] Him, That there was *not One Member* in all the Ca. . b. . t []!; But what thought L^d. H. . . h *Mad*, In his [object]ions to the Boundary &^c —As mentioned in One of his [] to Sir W. . . m And Therefore it was *the unanimous Opinion* [] *Determination of Them*, To confirm it *in all its parts*, [] Six Nations would not depart from the Terms, which [they rati]fied at Fort Stanwix. [] had wrote and sent away his *foolish Letter* (as the L^d [Ch. n. l. r] called it) to sir William, Before He had consulted the [] C. . n. . l upon it;— But as soon as the Council [] They all expressed their Amazement at it and Therefore [his Lords] hip was obliged, by Order of the C. . n. . l to contradict [] expressed in the strange eq. . v. . l Manner it is, In order []

¹ Charles Pratt, first Earl of Camden, created Lord Chancellor in 1766.

Ignorance and save *his Honor*;¹ But the L^d Ch. .n. .r []
 He was afraid S^r William would not understand the [true mean-
 ing] and Design of the Ca. .b. .t C. .n. .l.

[] absolutely rely On the above Intelligence and
 []r's Expression, no longer than Yesterday.—They
 [] Oppertunity (so as not to weaken Themselves at this
 [] are pressing Them so closely) “to get rid of
 []ted Creature.”—

[] as I am afraid I shall be too late for []
 [] I must subscribe myself, as I sincerely []

Sir

[] much obliged and faithfull Fr^d.

SAM^L WHARTON

[] has abandoned Corsica.

WARRANTS FROM THOMAS GAGE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 427, are listed two warrants of June 14th from General Gage, with accounts annexed, authorizing payments to Johnson: one for £7277, 2s, 7d, New York currency, the other for £1204, 13s, 10d.

TO JAMES DE LANCEY²

Df³

Johnson hall June 14th. 1769

Altho' from different Avocations our Correspondence []
 been but little, Yet it may possibly be much enlarged and there
 may be occasions requiring it, which I shall always gladly em-
 brace, That which produces this Letter I shall enter upon
 without farther ceremony persuaded that it will meet with a
 friendly reception — You know that the House of Assembly

¹ See Hillsborough's letter of May 13, 1769, to Johnson, *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:938.

² A member of the assembly, elected by New York.

³ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

have prepared & published an Act for the Division of the County of Albany which is certainly at present by much too extensive.—I have never heard any thing of this till the publication in the prints by order of the house which made it known to all the Inhabitants who tho' very Numerous & of great Importance to the Province may be said to have very little or rather no Share in the Legislation, some of our Members are actuated by party, others too ignorant or distant to be acquainted with the real Circumstances of the Country which it is their Duty to know the very short Notice & other Circumstances which I communicated to some of our Mutual friends at [] York prevented me last Election from exerting that Interest []ded on the Affections of the people which they well know []ght of all their Acts & Endeavors to the Contrary can prevent [] having any Seat in the Assembly, I have not accustomed [] to fall short of what I say in the performance, & [] probably experience it to their Cost on some future [] This Division of the County which seems to have [] far off, is from the principal Inhabitants [] & from My Own knowledge of the Matter [] & inconvenient to all, it Cuts & [] inner which must hurt Sundry persons & Extends the County of Albany [] that the New County which has been [] War & which tho' extremely promising is [] will not be able to defray the Necessary Ex[pense [] sensibly affecting the New Settlers in particular [] Majority of its Inhabitants & thereby retarding [] & Lessening the Value of the Lands along the Mohawk River, which [] Check may prejudice under the present Circums[tances of the] Country, from the Nature of it however it hurts [] as the Meanest Inhabitant, neither can the County [] run where it will in any degree weaken my Interest [] Sufficiently prove, but I speak in behalf of a people [whose] sentiments & Interests are not known as they ought [] may be assured that I would not interest your friends [] of a Misrepresentation but that from my

knowledge [of the] Matter I am convinced it will appear that the prop[er line?] for the New County so as to give general satisfact[ion and] produce those advantages, which ought to be Exp[er]ienced] should be from the head of Delaware round the Patents to the Nor[th of the Manor] of Ranslaerwyck, along that Patent to Schenectady [] & then North along its West bounds, which by C[] boundary of the New County a few Miles farther [] Mohock River will Include Sev^l. Good Se[t]tlements] the Expences of the first Establishment to [] poor Inhabitants, whilst at the same time it [] Certain boundary than that described [] those Inconveniences to which the []

With a View to the effecting the [] will oblige me & the principal [] in its behalf at the Ensu[ing session] your friends in behalf [] to the Well fav[]

FROM ALLAN GRANT

A. L. S.

Ontario 15th June 1769

Your favor by Andrew Wemple Smith [& inter]preter to this post I got about ten days ago, I think [he will a]nswer very well in both Capacity, & I am glad to have him and much Oblidge to you for [sending] him here

The general has not sent a word here [about] your Department, & I understand nor has [he se]nt as yet to the upper posts,—Boats [arrived] here yesterday that left Detroit the Kings [Birth] Day¹ all was then peace & quiteness but [] heard a word from Mackinac this Spring [m]any Messesagoes are gon pas[t here] lately [going] to Johnson hall I have been as civill to them [as possible] & given them every thing in my power [The Five] Nations are the most Beggerly sett I ever

¹ June 4th.

[] life (notwithstanding I am Highlander []
 time in Ireland) & I will be out off [pocket?] in Spite of my
 resolution to the [contrary?] Capⁿ. Mc Leod & family left this
 place [] yesterday, nothing new here worth
 Com[municating] to you the Bearer has a Canoe in Charge
 [] from Capⁿ. Mc Leod I have given them []
 provision I am

Sir

with great Re[gard]

your Most []

& very Hum[]

ALLAN GRA[NT]

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 16 June 1769

DEAR SIR

This Letter will be deliverd you by [M^r] Cossans & M^r
 Taylor, Gentlemen of Distinction [of] the Island of Jamaica,
 they are making the Tour of America, in which Johnson Hall
 will always claim Attention — I fancy you will [] have Let-
 ters from severall of your Friends [] by them, as their
 Behaviour intitles them to every Civility from all who have [had
 the] pleasure to know them, as I have the honor to be of that
 Number, I would do [any] thing in my power to oblige them, &
 [] I cannot do it more effectually [than] adding my
 Mite towards introducing [them to] you, at the same time I
 must own it flatters my Vanity to shew that []
 to you, & I am glad of any Oppertu[nity to] assure you of the
 Esteem & regard [with which] I am

D^r Sir

Your most obed^t S[ervant]

HUGH WALLACE

The Honbl^e.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[Kinderhook, June 18, 1769]

[]
 favour of the [19th of April] of which I have []
 from New York fully upon the Subject []
 took the liberty to write you on the 20th¹ of [March] that
 is stil out of my power, I shall therefor [] to
 give you such informations as I have. The rep[orts which I]
 heard some time ago of Col^o. Renslaers having []
 are confirmed to us but his appointments do not []
 include or interfere with the *People* of this Township []
 are rather calculated to give an extent to Claverack of [such]
 an extraordinary Magnitude as never was heard of []
 Claverack by the Constructions that may be drawn from the
 Commissions includes all the Townships to the East [and] North
 East of us and even takes in a considerable Tract of Land be-
 longing to us and Comprehended within the actual Grant of the
 Township. As soon as we perceived the drift of the Commis-
 sions a Petition was Sent to the Governor of which the inclosed
 is a Copy. The People at Spencer Town took the alarm and
 Petitioned also, Some of the Officers in that Township took
 offence at their appointments (when they Saw the tendency) and

¹ 24th?

resigned their Commissions to the *Governor himself*. Copy of what they wrote to His Excellency I also take the liberty of inclosing you. I am Sensible Sir that by troubling you with these papers I intrude upon you & that perhaps at a time when your attention is taken up with more important matters; but stil I flatter myself you will upon this occasion, as you have Several times done before give a favourable attention to me but

[]
 [] was appointed to carry the Petition [to the Governor when he was with] you at the Fort but could not See the [secre]tary was made acquainted with [] and he took the papers with a promise that he w^d deliver them, which we know he has done, tho we have not received an answer. Yet we have reason to think that the matter will Stop as Col^o. Renslaer has not been out to swear the officers in. Deputations from different Townships were ready to call upon you if these appointments had been fully carried into Execution Authentic Copies of Some of the Commissions ready to be Sent over to Cap^t. Campbell and others whom have Petitioned for the Contested Lands.

I can assure you Sir that whenever You shall be pleas'd to make an opposition in the County that you have Seven Eighths of Several Townships at your Service be it when it will, a hint will be Sufficient.

I forgot to tell you that Capⁿ. Peter Vosburgh of this Place was appointed to deliver our Petition &c & that he Spoke to Mr. Ten Eyck, one of the Members, to introduce him to his Excellency which he readily promised to do, but when he understood the nature of these papers he positively refused, by this Sir you see how little we have to expect or hope from y^t quarter.

I remain with the truest Respect,

Sir

Your most Obedant

and most humble servants

H V SCHAACK

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

A. L. S. ¹*New York June the 19th. 1769*

WORTHY SIR

I lately wrote you a long Letter, which I hope you have received; therefore should not so soon trouble you with another, was I not desired by Mr Seabury to inform you, that he intends to pay you a visit immediately. You will find him a sensible Man & a Gentleman. I know of no Person fitter than he is, for a Missionary among you; besides being well qualified for such an undertaking, he has Constitution to go thro' with it, and may be very useful as a physician. If he should be inclined to settle with you, I make no doubt but that the Society will fix him, with such a Salary as you shall think adequate to his Services and Expences. If he should not chuse to quit his present Mission,² yet his visit will be of service, & upon his return he may give such information, as may induce some worthy Man to settle among you.

You shall soon be impowered to take Possession of the late Dr Barclays House &c.

That part of my last Letter that respects myself, after you have been so good as to consider it, I shall be much obliged to you for an answer to it.

I Congratulate you on your late good Success with the Indians; and heartily pray that your valuable life may be long preserved, as a Blessing to your Friends and your Country.

I am, Worthy Sir, with great esteem & respect,

Your Much Obliged & Most
Obedient Servant

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

S^R W^M JOHNSON.

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

² The Rev. Samuel Seabury was instituted rector of St Peter's church, Westchester, by Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, on the 3d of Dec. 1766.—Robert Bolton, *History of the County of Westchester*, 2:218.

If you will be pleased to let me know, by a line, of your return I beg you will direct it to the care of Mr. Henry Van Schaack at Kinderhook whose attention to our interest we can fully rely on.

I remain
with much respect

Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant
WALLIS HURD

INDORSED: []
Letter []
in behalf of []
concerning []

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon[]
Sir Wil[liam] Johnson Baronet
at
Johnson Hall

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 24th June 1769

[] had the pleasure of receing yours of the 22^d Inst. ordering [three] hundred Gun powder — I am Sorry to Acquaint you that there is none to be had Neither here nor at Albany [] Could get a few pounds wt. at 4/ to 4/6 ⁷/₁₁ but [] would do you no Service the Quantity would be So [small], there is One kegg at One Oathouts but the [] is Not at Home, & his Wife wont give it —

The Bearers of this is Mr Taylor [and] Mr Cossens two young Gentlemen making the Tour [of] America they are Strongly Recommended to me [by] Gentlemen at New York as Gentlemen of good [] & Familys — they are now on

their way to [] & Intend paying their Respects to
 You [] accompanys them to the German Flats
 [] — those Gentlemen Travels verry []
 no less than One of the first [] from York who goes
 up w[] with diffirent kinds of Stores []
 I Sopose they are Introduced to you [] Several
 Gentlemen at York, it wou[] too formal in me to
 Introduce them to [you] as knowing that your House is open to
 all [] Gentlemen & nothing but Civility & hospita[lity]
 dwells there — I am Dear Sir with

Great Respect []

most obedient

serva[nt]

DANIEL CAMP [BELL]

P S I Expect Some gun powder
 from York in about Six
 days its probable I may
 have an Oppertunity to
 Send it up so as to answer your purpose

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED: []
 Major Camp [bell]

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall June 24th. 1769

DEAR SIR

I have had the favor of your Letter of the 12th Inst since which
 I find that the Alarm at Detroit has for the present subsided, and
 that so far as it regarded that settlement it was (as some say)
 occasioned by the Ind^s. Claim on the property of the Inhabitants;

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

but altho' that might have been the case there, yet there are so many reports daily Circulating and some of them wearing an appearance of probability that they require particular attention & Enquiry. We must expect that they will be dissatisfied at Losing presents &ca, but we must endeavor to prevent the Consequences, & I have always found that a Jealousy amongst themselves is the best Security for us.— It is very probable that the great present to the 6 Nation Confederacy has been viewed with much envy by the rest but Whatever pretexts they may use when they have an Inclination to Quarrel they well know that that present was for a Valuable property to which the 6 Nations only had a Title.— To obtain as much information as I can, I purpose in 2 or 3 days to proceed for Onondaga taking with me a few of those Articles of which their Chiefs are most in need, and I shall probably by being on the Spot make some discoveries, as well as prevent them from coming down this Summer which they would otherwise Expect. You will therefore please during my Absence which will be about a Month to Signify your Commands to Guy Johnson who will Execute them, or Communicate anything necess^y for y^r Information This Moment I received Letters from Detroit by w^{ch} I am Informed that Coll Wilkins Writes That M^r D'Aubrie has ordered Mons^r. St Ange to Send down all the Spanish Officers & soldiers & that Huron Andrew told M^r Hay that M^r Vercher formerly a french Officer who came to Trade at Detroit had given Two Belts with 2 Kegs of Rum to the Two Huron Villages desiring that they would keep up their Courage as they Should Soon see their Old french father that Vercher is now gone from Sandousky to Montreal without Calling at Detroit.— & Andrew says that his Cousin a Huron who speaks good french was the Interpreter,

[I inclose you a Letter from the french Inhabitants of Detroit concerning M^r. M^cDougals pretensions to Hog Island with their Memorial to me on the same Subject¹]

GEN^l. GAGE

¹ Crossed out in the original.

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, page 428, is listed a letter of June 24th to the Earl of Hillsborough, explaining that Johnson accepted the Six Nations' cession to the Cherokee river to quiet the Cherokee claim and prevent Virginia encroachments, and mentioning the activity of French agents among the western nations and the alarm at Detroit. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:940-42; Q, 2:544-46 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:172-74.)

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Post Office Albany 25 June 1769

SIR

I am favoured with yours of yesterdays date covering sundry Letters which will go per post

I am Extreemly thankfull to you for your promise of a Good word in my behalf in case of a Change

Your Express Arrived here about 10 OClock this Morning, and setts off Immediately, I have no Letters to send by him—I sent your Letters over on Friday last all in one Packet by Dan^l Campbell.— May I in future send all Coll: Croghans Letters to your care its a Pity they shoud lay in the Office—I shall make a Minute of them in Your Yearly Account of Postage

I am very Respectfully

Sir

Your Obed^t & Obliged
Serv^t.JN^o. MONIER

Mr Seabury preached

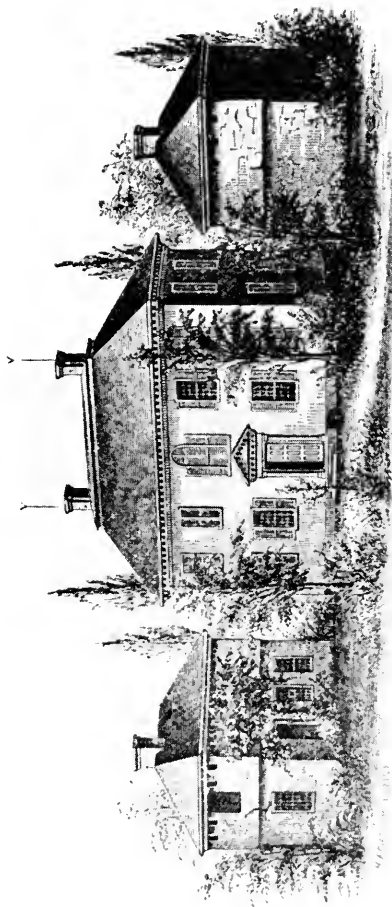
[]t Sermon here this

[] the 14th Chap^t. John & 6th Verse[] I am the way, and y^e truth

[no man co]meth unto the Father but by me

[]y handled

[SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON] Bart.



JOHNSON HALL, JOHNSTOWN, N. Y.
From the Abbott Collection, New York State Library, Albany

DEBTOR ACCOUNTS

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Sir W^m: Johnson D^r £ s d

1769					
June	26	24 Galns Rum for the Bato men	12		
		men 2 galngs Ech A 4/-		4	16 0
		9 Cadgs at 2/		0	18 0
		1 Set of toles from Miss Phinn & Elles at		0	18 0
		1½ Scheppel Solte		0	9 0
		pr franck D ^r to 2 galng of Venneger		0	4 0
		to the Cadge		0	2 0
		1 doz of Stele Traps A 10/ Ech		6	0 0
		Cash p ^d . Rich ^d . Dorn for goeing Ex-			
		press to Col ^o . Crogahan		-	18 -
		p ^r order By John Coine D ^r to 3 galng			
		Rum		0	12 0
		to the Hire of My Bato and Toles &			
		Caulking		2	10 -
		to 9 hands Batoing at 5 Shilling p ^r			
		Day			
1769 from	26 June	ontill & returned the 6 of Aug ^t	42 days	94	10 -
	27 th	p ^r order p ^r two ondagoes for 2 Shirts		1	8 0
		p ^r D ^o 2 Laps at 6/6		0	13 0
		2 nives at 1/3 and 1/4 Pante 4/		0	6 6
		p ^r D ^o . to 2 pare of Purpele twild			
		fryes ² Stocins at 7/ fine		0	14 0
				<hr/>	
				£114	18 6

¹ In collection of Willis T. Hanson jr, Schenectady, N. Y., detached accounts kept by a person now unknown, probably.

² Frieze.

July	4	To 1 white wash Brush $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ overseer	3	—
	6	To 1 Loaf Sugar $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ your order 13 lbs 1/6	19	6
		To 2 New Baggs with Corn 5/	10	—
		To 4½ Gallons Rum for Battowman 4/6	1	0 3
		To Caulking hire of a Boat & Tools for the same	2	— —
		To 4 Kegs with Battowmens Rum Limes & Eggs 2/	8	—
		To 1 pack Salt in which the Eggs is packed fine		6
		To 1 piece English Blankits Cont ^s : £6-10 Ech	12	10 —
		To the hire of 3 Battowman from the Seneca country to ¹ a 5/ $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ day they findin themselves	19	10 0
		To Tools Bought of Wessel Van Schaack for Johnston the Gun Smith at Cahuga as $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ receipt & your order	1	7 6
	10	To 50 lbs Nails $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Ooverseer 1/	2	10 —
		To riding 4 Load Stone by order of your overseer by Nicholas Gardi- neer my Boy	6/	1 4 —
	12	To riding 4 Load of Stone $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ by order of your over Seer by Nicholas DeGraff & my Negro	6/	1 4 —
		Hendrik Hoff & and W ^m Newbergh and Phillip Willer Came home the 2 July and have Been gone 30 Day Ech at 5 p ^r Day I finding them in Provision	23	5 0

¹ Erased.

26 to gedion an Indian gave a Large
Brich Clout for Bringing a Letter
to Coll Guy Johnson 0 6 6

Brought to 173

The Hon^{ble}: Sir William Johnson Bar^t: Dr:

1769

Septem^r 5 To ½ Cwt. Gun powder ⌘ my
Fathers Waggoner £7 0 0

21 To 2½ dozen Buttons ⌘ order to an
Onandaga Indian 6/ 3 9

Nov^r: 12 To 6 Scipple Course Salt ⌘
Van Sicklands order 6/ 1 16 -

20 To 4 d^o. ⌘ d^o. 6/ 1 4 -

30 To 1 Tap Borer ⌘ Sev^t.
Hanses Brother 1 6

Dec^r: 7 To 20 Blankits of 111 points
⌘ order 12/ 12 - -

To 6 White Shirts ⌘ d^o. 14/ 4 4 -

To 6 d^o ⌘ d^o 11/ 3 6 -

To Cash paid for bringing the
Blk^{ts} to y^e Hall 4 -

10 To 1 Lock ⌘ Molly 2 -

To 1 Slay Line 2½ lbs 1/6 3 9

19 To 2 Blankits of 111 points ⌘
Self 14/ 1 8 -

1770

January 20 To 6 Romall Hankertchifs ⌘
order 2/6 15 -

To 2 pair Womens Leather
Shoes ⌘ d^o 8/ 16 -

24 To 6 English Blankits ⌘ Mr V.
Sicklan 15/ 4 10 -

25 To 1 pair Womens Shoes ⌘
order 8

Sunds. of Sir John's acc^t: as follows
1769.

April	13	To 1 Cheese	93½				
		lbs in Lead	10½	4	1	9¾	
Sept.	25	To 24 lbs Nails	Ⓕ				
		order		1/	1	4	-
Decem ^r .	5	To 6 lbs d ^o	Ⓕ d ^o .	1/		6	-
The above three Entrys belong to Sir John's acc ^t .							
March	7	To a Blankit of 111 points Ordered, to Perry a Seneca Indian				12	-
	13	To Cash paid Richard Hansen for Carrying Thomas King an Aughquaga Indian & family from hence to Col ^o . Croghans Ⓕ order.				1	- -
March	16 th	to Tickneck Thomas from Caniore p ^r order of Coll: Crochen and Coll. Butler gave Capt 4 Dallers for his assistance with the Surveyer.				1	12 0
	20	To 3 Oars sent to Sachandaga	3/			9	-
		To 4 paddles sent to d ^o	1/6			6	-
		To Cash p ^d . Adam Fonda for riding two Boats to Sachandago	16/			1	12 -
	21	To 2 Sawmill files Ⓕ order by Mr V. Sickland				4	-
	25	To your order favour of the Mowhawk Indians for 1 Cw ^t Shott, ½ Cw ^t . they have rec ^d & the other is to be given them as soon as we get it gave them y ^e shot				2	15 -
	31	To 28 lbs Shott Ⓕ order by an Indian				13	9

April	5	To 3 lbs powder & 4 lbs Shott Ⓢ order to a Cahuga Indian	14	-	
	16	p ^r order to a Senneca Indian ennechseso D ^r to 2 ^{lb} Powder 8/ and 4 ^{lb} Shot 3/ Brought to next side ¹ Col. Guy Johnson	0	11	0
					D ^r
1767					
Febr ^{ry}	20	To 1 Earthern Bowle	£	2	-
June	29	To 10 lb nails Ⓢ Servant	1/	10	-
Octobr ^r	23	To Cash p ^d to M ^r Minderson at Schonectady for 16 Sticks Worsted		2	8
Decem ^r	5	To 4 Turkeys Ⓢ my negro	3/6	14	-
1768					
Jan ^{ry}	19	To 4 Silk Hank ^{rs} Ⓢ Co ^l . Closs	7/	1	8 -
		To 4 Silk Hank ^{rs} . Ⓢ wife	6/	1	4
Novem ^{br}	16	To 21 lbs Dears Leather Ⓢ ser- vant Daniel	6/	6	6
Decem ^r	24	To 1 Small Iron Pott Ⓢ wife		4	6
		To 1 pair Wool Cards		5	
		To 1¼ yards Callico	6/	7	6
1769					
Febr ^{ry} .	3	To 1 Earthern Tea Pott Ⓢ wife		2	6
		To 1¼ yards Chintz	10/	12	6
		To 1 pair Sizars 2/ & 1 Thim- ble 4d		2	4
March	4	To 1 Pad Lock		1	9
	8	To 25 Scipple Corn Ⓢ Serv ^t	3/	3	15
April	26	Credit By Cash			
			£15 0 0	£15 17	9
1769					
April	26	Balence Due me		0	17 9

¹ The account is crossed out in the original.

May	10	p ^r my Self D ^r to 25 Scheppel wete 3/	3	15	0
	31	p ^r order By M ^r flood D ^r to 1 Dere Skin	0	18	0
July	25	Betalt an abraham marines Voor 4 Barrels Speck tebrengen Van marte Van al Stjyn na mjn huys ¹	0	6	0
Agust	7	To 25 Schepel Corn By John Walles 3/6	4	7	6
		To John Wallis & Crew for Bring- ing down the Wheat to y ^r House	8	–	–
			<hr/>		
			10	12	3
Des ^r .	15	p ^r M ^{rs} Johnson D ^r to 1 Eyrn Pote	0	4	6
		to 1½ Els of Broad Check at 4/	0	6	0
		to 1 Bunch of yarn	0	2	6
		to 1 putter Bacon	0	3	0
		to 2 Corse Combs at 6 ^d /	0	1	0
		to 1 pece of Corse Clote for a file	0	0	9
		to 1 pare of Spotted Children Stocens	0	1	6
		to 1 peper Box 1/6 to 1 Salt Seller 6 ^d /	0	2	0
		to 1 gill Cope of Puter	0	1	6
		to 2 Erthen Boles 1/6 and 1 Large D ^o 2/9	0	5	9
		to 1 Hancatcher	0	1	6
		to 1 Pad Lock	0	1	6
		to Cash p ^d . Cor ^s Swits for a Barrell Sand & Barrell 7/ and Cash p ^d Van Dreesen for riding it up to your house 6/	0	13	–
			<hr/>		
			12	16	9

¹ Paid to Abraham Marines for bringing four barrels of bacon from Martin Van Alstyn's to my house.

1770				
Feb ^y	22	By Cash p ^d . by Sir W ^m . $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ my Boy Haner £ 11 15 0 Carried to fol ^o . 257		
257		Col ^o : Guy Johnson		D ^r
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1770				
Ap ^l	26	To your acc ^t Brought from fol ^o 126 £ To 6 lbs Nails $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ order of M ^r Raw- worth	6	-
	27	To 20 lbs Nails $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ order When Cutting grass at Sacondago	1	- -
July	14	D ^r to your Shere in 56 ^{lb} Pork y ^e Half	0 14	-
		to 62 ^{lb} Bread the Half is	0 6	0
		to 2 galngs of Rum your share	0 4	0
		to sapane mele & Solte	0 2	6
		to your Shere in my wagon 2 Days to Carry the Men in	0 8	0
		[to 8 Men Days at they finding there own Sider ¹]		
	20	to your Shere in 10 ^{lb} Pork and 2 Loves Bread and one galng Rum	0 5	9
		to your Shere in my wagon to fetch them Back	8	0
		to 8 men moing grass 7 Days at 4/ the is your Shere	£5 12	-
	25	To 2 Barrels pork Bo ^t of John Back- house Cost me	10	- -
		To the Carrige from Albany to Sche- nectady	6	-
		To the d ^o from Sch ^{ty} to your House	6	-
Aug ^t	16	To 3 Dozen pipes $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Negro Baltus p ^r order for y ^e same	1	6

¹ Marked out in the manuscript

	27	To 1 Barrell Limes & Carrige of the Same up		1	18	—
		To 2 ^{lb} hagle ¹ ☞ a Servint	9/2	0	1	6
Sipt	19	To 2½ lb fyn Bont ☞ wýf: ³	8/	1	0	0
		To 2 tinne Commetie ⁴ 3/		0	6	0
Dec ^r	18	To 3 yds Yallow flannel ☞ M ^{rs} : Clause	3/6	10	6	
		To 2 yds Ribbond ☞ d ^o	1/	2	—	
	24	to 3 yards of Muslin at 12/		1	16	—
1771						
Jan ^{ry}	9	To 5 Slays riding Hay from Sachendago	12/	3	—	—
	10	To 2 Slays d ^o d ^o from [Square?]	12/	1	4	—
Mert	8	Credit by ⁵ or pieter Vrooman £200 By Cash ☞ Self [26 Bills of 16/3 Each] ⁶	21 2 6			
Ap ^l	11	To 100 Scipple Wheat bo ^t of Col ^o Frey	4/	20	—	—
		To 3 hands sent from here to bring it from Col ^o Freys to your House being out 3½ days finding them Selves in Prov ^s & Liquor—a 4/ ☞ Day		2	2	—
				£51 5 3		

Carried to N^o. 7 page 78^r

¹ Small shot.

² Should be 9d. evidently.

³ Fine fur per wife.

⁴ Pewter Bowls.

⁵ Illegible [magor?].

⁶ Marked out in the manuscript.

⁷ This entry is crossed out in the original. In the same collection is a receipted account for articles furnished by Charles McCormick at Montreal in 1781 and 1782 to Guy Johnson for the use of Indians; paid by an order on Daniel Claus.

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Col^o. Daniel Clause

Dr.

To your acc^t from N^o 4 page 120 £

1770

April

6 To 9 lbs Nails ᶒ Self 1/ 9 -

To 2 lbs Shott 1/6 & 1 Large
Gimblet 1/3 2 9

To 1 Hammer 2/6 two Small
Gimblets 8d & 2 p^r Sleeve Balls
6^d 3 8

12 to 1 lb powder ᶒ order to a
Caughnawaga Indian 4 -

To 3 lbs Shott ᶒ d^o. d^o d^o 9^d 2 3

May

11 To your order for 6 lbs Nails 1/ 6 -

June

5 To 10 Scipple Wheat ᶒ order by
Thomas Adems 3/6 1 15 -

14 By 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs Bead Like Wampum
a 4/ £1 1 0

July

14 p^r order to a Cachnewago Squa;
one Larg Shepe 0 14 0

25 To 2 Barrells pork bot^t: of John
Backhouse Cost me 10 - -

To the Carrige from Albany to
Sch^{ty}. a 3/ Each 6 -

To the Carrige from Sch^{ty}. to your
House 6 -

agust

1 To 1 Quart Rum ᶒ order by 1
Caghnewaga will 1 8

to Phillips Mother Micel Dorens
wife Paid p^r your order at your
house 3 4 0

27 p^r your order for m^r. wraworth
Child Buriing

D^r to 2 Doz of pipes 1/ and 2^{lb}
of tobaco 2/ 0 3 0

Sept	19	to 4½ el Seÿ Stob ☽ wijf ¹ 3/6	0	15	9
		to 2 Stel Braynalde ²	0	0	8
Nov ^r	7	Credit By a Draft by Mr Stell in full £ 19 0 -			
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		p ^r Self D ^r to 1 pare of Stone Bouls	0	2	0
	19	to 1 ^{lb} peper 6/ & 1 ^{lb} alsypys ☽ Selfe	0	8	0
		to 1 paar Cniegapse ³	0	1	0
		1 Smale Drm	0	8	0
Dec ^r .	6	To ½ yd Silk & Worsted Stuff ☽ Cap ^t . m ^c Loud		2	-
	18	To 6¾ yds flannel ☽ self 3/6	1	3	7½
		To 3½ yds Callico a 5 & 4 Gimblets 1/		18	6
		To 1 ounce thread & 1 Cotten Hankertchif		5	-
		To 2¼ yds fine Musslin 12/	1	7	-
		[To 2 Schipple Indian Corn		—	⁴]
		To 3½ yds Green Cloath 18/	3	3	-
		To 4 yds Shaloon 3/3		13	-
		To 1 pair Siziers to M ^{rs} M ^c Loud		1	6
	31	p ^r your order on Corneles Potman and Daniel Robesens Resept to Cash Pd.	0	5	0
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1771					
January	11	To Mohair 1/6 Shaloon 6/ Buckram 1/3 ☽	0	8	9
		To 1 Tankerd 7/ & 2 Spelling Books 5/ p ^d 8 ^d	0	12	9
		Brase Buttons 2/ ⁵	0	4	-

¹ Silk cloth per wife.² 2 sets of knitting needles.³ Knee buckles.⁴ Marked out in the manuscript.⁵ This entry is crossed out in the original.

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Albany June 25 1769

I beg leave to tell you that I find the Oquaga Indians dont Remember the Bounds of the Deed they gave me, for they Suppose that from Tionadarh I am to strike a Creek a considerable distance above the Turn of the River at the End of the Path from Oquaga upon the Mohawk Branch, which would not only cut me of from a considerable quantity of Land but [the] very best in that Tract — and by all reports there is but little good in it— The bounds of my Deed is as follows in this part Viz, “Opposite the mouth of a River or Creek call’d Tionaderah which empties into the Said river Susquehanna, and thence by a Strait Line to Strike the Delaware [at the] Termination of a Line propos’d to be drawn [from Ow]egy on Susquehanna Due East to the [River] Delaware, from thence to the Mouth [of the Pepach]tun Branch &c” I must [] you will please to order this to be [] and it appears to me it may be [] from Tionaderah Striking the [] at the Turn of the River by [] from Oquaga; which [] Johnson sent me and I am almost ready for the [] Hardenbergh and it appea[] clear against them by the[] their Survey of the Rivers & the Su[] have lately taken at the Forks & [] when all is compleat I shall ha[] with it— I am told it will be a[] without End— if I find it likely to be [] try what old England can do in it [] I am with great regard

Sir

Your most Ob[]
humble Serv[]

JN^o BRADSTREET

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar

TO HENRY MOORE

Df.¹*Johnson hall June 26th 1769*

Since the publication in the prints of the Act of Assembly for dividing this County most of the principal people throughout the Whole Country have expressed their dissatisfaction at it both to me & others as Judging I co^d. serve them on the occasion and requiring advice & a recommendation of another County Line, which in my opinion is on every acct preferable to that at first proposed, which they required as their Situation is So remote & that there is not a Representation in the Assembly adequate to the Extent of the County and Numbers of its Inhabitants & so that it may reasonably be supposed that the few Members we have, either thro' Want of Abilities or partiality to persons, & places may sometimes pay Less regard than they ought to the real Interests of the upper Country. The Inhabitants have accordingly prepared a Petition which is now sent down stating th[] more favorable Line, the reasonable [] Evident to me that I cannot avoid taking [the liberty] of recommending it to your Excellency [] & earnestly requesting your Approbation of [] reason to hope for because I can with Truth Assure you that it will highly [] principal Inhabitants of these parts.

I have farther to Mention to you that I [] some person at N York has applied for the Land [] the Conajohare Ind^s. adjoining Col Vaughans [] which if true must create great uneasiness [] them as they reserved it purposely for their own use [] dare say that my reminding you of it will be Suffi[cient to] prevent it.

¹In handwriting of Guy Johnson. In matter crossed out, complaint is made that Johnson was not informed early of the act in question in view of his position and relation to the people in his part of the colony.

Mr. Cuzzans & the other West India [Gentlemen] presented your Letter Yesterday, and have Just Left [] would have given me pleasure to have had an opp[ortunity] of Shewing them more Civility, and I shall allways [] Chearfully offer my services to any Gentlemen [who have (?) your] Recommendation — The present State of Affairs [] me to think that a Visit to the Six Nations mig[] of Some Use & shall therefore Set out in a d[ay or two] and maybe absent 5 or 6 Weeks¹ during which [Col^o.] Johnson will receive your Commands on any [] Subject

TO JAMES DE LANCEY

*Df.*²

Johnson hall June 26th. 1769

[I] Wrote you lately on the Subject of the proposed New [Co]unty, which was extremely inconvenient & disagreeable to the people who have prepared a petition wherein they have stated the Matter & requested another Line which I am certain is the best on every account,— The Inhabitants were at a Loss how to transmit it so as it might be properly Laid before the House as apprehending that the Members here, & some people at Albany are perhaps the only persons who would disapprove of it, I have therefore taken the Liberty of inclosing it to you, requesting on their behalf that you will Cause it to be Laid before the House the next opportunity, at the same time begging the [fav]or of your Interest to its being past into a Law [and] that you will be so obliging as to offer my kind [com]pliments to your Uncle³ & request his Interest with the [Council], to the like purpose —

Allow me to Assure you that I would not think of [] this trouble but that it is for the interest of all [the inhabi]tants

¹ See I:XXXI.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ Oliver De Lancey, member of the Council, 1760–1776.

who are unanimous in their opinion and [] occasion, and I persuade myself that my own [recom]mendation founded on the reasonableness of [] will not] a little contribute to obtain your friendship [] advantage & Satisfaction of the Inhabitants [] the Indian] Country for a few Weeks to settle some matters with [the Six Nations. Col^o. Johnson will receive your] Commands in My Absence, I beg to []

I am

Always Dear Sir

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, June 26, 1769*]

[]
 [] three Weeks Journey I have be[]
 [] h]onerd with Your Favour of the 8 Instant,
 which my [] Phyn, the Contents of which I
 have observed & Am [] that you] will not be able to come
 down this Way by Reason of [] which will [take
 you] another Way—I think it cruel hard that [with all the]
 Trouble you have had in Life you must Still be obliged to
 make [] & with it every other Enjoyment, whilst
 others who have not done [] Service for their Coun-
 try must Sitt down & enjoy their Ease and [] not be
 impertinent but I confess I cant help thinking, You ought [to
 make your heal]th an Object of your Care as well as the Bono
 publico, but I begg Pardon [It is more to be wi]shed than
 expected that a few more of the Kings Servants were of []

[A] Business I have resolved to leave for the Present, is the
 Importation & [sale of goods.¹] Continuation of which, as farr

¹ In 1768 John Wetherhead was described as an "Importer; Store near the Bowling Green, in the Broadway," *New York Journal* and *New-York Mercury*.

as I can observe, only involves a Man in [] the Distresses of the Country are really So grim that I cannot get [] Body, either for Goods, Interest of Bonds or House Rent—Save only [] come under this Predicament—but your Payments are always [] person I ever dealt with permite me Sir to assure you that I Shall []e in doing Business for you— You wrote for your Account Some time []e & you paid me every Shilling & I do not know that you are now []thing, at most it can but be a Trifle—I will Send the Pork by [Sw]its for Albany, am only Sorry I was not at home to have Sent it [on receipt] of your Letter [Mrs. Wetherhead is] much obliged to you Sir for your kind Remembrance of Her [her] Respects to You, we both wish you all the Happiness you Can [] with the utmost Sincerity & Truth [] most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[] till
[] Cure

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: N york 26th. June 1769
Mr. Wetherheads letter

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London June 28th. 1769

I was in hopes when I wrote you [] have had the happiness of paying my [resp]ects to you at Johnson Hall by this time [but] having some Bussiness to do here with my [friend] Mr Beverley Robinson who I Every day [expec]ted I

have been detained Very much against [my i]nclynation — if he does not Come within [] five or six days I propose waiting no longer [] directly to set out for your House

I Cannot inform you how much [] my Little woman have been and are still []ed at hearing of your Ill state of health [] Grant your disorder may by this time be [] Removed and that you may have perfectly []ed your former good health and Constitution [M^r Wet]herhead wrote me some weeks ago that you [] to the sea shore in the Jerseys and that he [] write me the particulars by the Next post [] I have not had a single Line from [] I hear anything from you that I Can depend upon which greatly incre[ases] for your health and inestimable Life [] Great Jehovah preserve and long Cont[inue] Happiness and Blessing to mankind —

By the papers which I C[] inclose you will be informed of the Bo[ston(?)] I acquainted you that Numbers of the Con[necticut] people were gone under the Direction of [Major Durkee] to Wioming — We have nothing Particul[ar from] them lately — Col^o Dyer & one Major [] of Windam — with a Grand Retinue set [] three weeks ago for Wioming from W[indham?] are to go to Easton — and Even to phil^a [] the Right of this Colony and the Susquha[] to the Lands Claimed by Virtue of the C[harter granted] to the Colony of Connecticut and the p[urchase] made by Lydias of the Lands at Alb[any.] I wish much to know what the Eve[nt will] be one thing is pretty sure that [Governor Pitkin ?] will secure what money th[] for this Expedition — [] say all the Kings ships are order'd from [] Hallyfax also two of the Regiments — [] another is to proceed to New York and the 4th [] Quartered at the Castle¹ — and that three [of] the Commiss^{rs.} ² are order'd to

¹ Castle William, Boston, Mass.

² Commissioners of customs.

England as well as [Governor] Bernard — M^{rs} Chew presents her best [com]pliments and most fervent wishes for your health [an]d I Can truly Say nothing on this Earth Could give me so much satisfaction; and that I am with [the] greatest Respect

Dear sir

Your most Obed^t &
most Hble serv^t.

JOS CHEW

[] SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

WATSON AND MURRAY'S BILL

D.

New york 29 June 1769

[John] Wetherhead

Bo^t. of Watson & Murray

[]	Barrels Pork	95/	£19..0..0
[]	Paid Carting		1
			<hr/>
			£[19..1..0]

FROM BAPTISTE CADOT

A. L. S.

[Michilimackinac, June 29, 1769]

[] letter from M^r Hay wherein []
[]n order he desired I would Acquaint him
[]on and Intentions of the Indians in this
[country] Accordingly I have Rote to him —

[]ny Reports and I belive there has been
Inte[] disturbances, but I belive
at present is Chiefly Qu[ieted] the potewattamas is the
principle from whome [] bad News and I belive it is
Chiefly Occationed [by pe]ople Inhabiting at St. Josephs no
English Trader [] to Come in their Contry the
Monomonies at the [Baye] killed a french Trader and the

(peons)¹ has wounded [] men one of the offenders has been Brought in [and after a con]finement of a few d[ays he] was Realeas'd, it is I thi[nk necess]ary an Example was made of some of the [] from being Guilty of the same, if no [] for traders to go Amongst them the Indians [] Lake Su]perieur, Which is my quarter are all [] warr with the Sews which is as Strong [] de]trimental to Trade is Genr^l. and as no [] Government it is out of my power To [] Mr. Roberts] has Informed me of my being [Discharged out of your Imploy] since the 25 of march Last.) which you [] honour me with, wherein I have done [] en]deavours for the Good of the Service [] Endavours Shant be wanting [] have done. the Governing [] [] you my most Grateful Thanks [] from you Always thinking my self [] so that I may Merrit your []

most Humble []
mos []

[] WILLIAM JOHNSON

SPEECH OF HENRY BOSTWICK ET AL. TO THE INDIANS

D.

[*Michilimackinac, June 30, 1769*]

[] spoke to the Indians on the [copper mine] of Lake Superior in the following Manner

Brothers we have called you together to let [you] know that Mr. Bostwick have been to England, with some of the Copper that was taken in your Country when he was there and that we Intend comming into your Country after some of it, if we find enought of it upon Examination, we shall work the Mine

We thought proper to acquaint you [of] it that you may not

¹ Puans.

be surprised if you [sh]ou'd see Men in your Country for that purpose —

We give you this Belt in token of [] Freindship which we beg you will shew [to a]ll the Cheifs Absent, acquainting them [with our] Intentions, hoping you will behave kindly [] People, and if any of you or your Young [Men sho]u'd discover any otheir Mines that [we are not] as yet acquainted with, you will [] of it

We beg you woud know your []

HENRY BOSTWICK, JOHN CHINN, CADDOT & HENRY †

Answer of the Indians

[] to a Belt given them

[We thank] you my Brothers for what We hear [from da]y to Day, and are very glad to hear [that] you Intend comming or sending into [our] Country, we thank you that you let Us know of your Comming,

You know we have already told you our thoughts, that you are Masters to Work when and where you please in our Country and now we the Cheifs and young Men present, as well for our Cheifs and young Men absent, Receives this Belt you give Us in the name of our Nation with a great deal of pleasure [we] assure you, that the Road you make will be [alw]ays open & Clear, for your Men Canoes and [where]soever you think proper to send

In Case we shoud discover any other Mine []ever we will let you know of it

Names of the Cheifs

Present

Wagosh

Osinebwaw

Osawm Andepay

Cadonia

O Geek

Ondeh Weas

Osick Ottaynay gow

Stickamage

BAPTISTE CADOT'S ORDER

A. D. S.

[*St Marys, July 3, 1769*]

[] at Ten Days After Sight this my [first] Bill of Exchange the Second of the [same] Tenor and Date not Being paid [] please to pay To Mr. Francis Caso or his Order the Sum of Eighty pounds three Shillings New York Currensey Being for the Amount of my pay from the Twenty fourth of Sept^r. 1767 To the Twenty fourth of march — 1768 & You^t. Oblige

sir Your Most Humble

&

Most Obedient Serv^t.

CADOT

[SIR] WILLIAM JOHNSON

[Bar]^t. at

Johnson Hall

BAPTISTE CADOT'S ORDER

A. D. S.

[*St Marys*] 3 July 1769

At Ten Days After Sight this [my] first of Exchange the Second of Same Tenor & date Not Being paid please to pay To Mr. Francis Caso or his order the Sum of one hundred fifty Six pounds Eight Shillings and Ten pence New York Currensey Being for the Amount of my pay from the 24 of march 1768 To the Twenty fourth of march 1769 with or without Advise from Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble

serv^t.

CADOT

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 5th July 1769

Bad Passages & the little Business which I had to [] in New York detain'd me something longer than I []'d. I only returned here ye 3^d Inst. & brought £3033:11:3 [from] Mr. Newton which I shall deliver in what ever manner [you ma]y direct. Yesterday Morning I forwarded for you [and Col^o.] Clause two Letters from Mr. Wetherhead & Newton and at [the same] time inform'd him that I had your Money & half []c^t. for his jaunt to Canada, which I fear'd had been [] untill my arrival

There is no news which I can write you of I therefore [am only] to wish you health happiness & a safe return to [John-son] Hall — I have the honour to be with all [] respect Sir

your most Obed^t & much Obliged
Hum^e Servant

JAMES PHYN

[] JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson
Baronet at
Lake Onida

INDORSED: []
[] 21st. from the
Seneca Country

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

[Schenectady July 5, 1769]

[] this Opportunity of Jacob Bestedo & Wil-
liam M^cGee [] Send you Six Caskes Gun powder
& 2 of Biscakes [] which I hope may Arrive in time

to Answer your purpose, I have Allowed the Battoe Men
 £2. .8. .0 [for] their truble for the Carrige up Inclosed is the
 Amount [of] the Whole £ which is to your debit.

We have no News here worth mentioning — nor do I belive
 there is any in New York [] I have had letters — the 29th
 Uto from there which Says [nothi]ng about News —

We have had 4 or five days the [hottest weather ?] that I
 have Ever Seen in america. I dare [say that you] have had
 your Share of it — the last [] heard from your
 Friends in the Mohawkes [] all well, Mr Seberry
 the Clergy[man who] was intended for your Church gave
 [] Sermon last Tuseday, greatly to []
 those who heard him. he is [] Wednesday —
 []

sir most []

Your mo[]

hum[ble]

DANIEL CAM[PHELL]

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM ALLAN GRANT

A. L. S.

[Ontario, July 8, 1769]

[] this moment receiv'd your []
 Stevenson and send you the provision [] to the in-
 closed which I beg you'll [] send me back sign'd and
 I also beg [you will] settle with the General. I have [alrea]dy
 given too much provision [to In]dians about this place, which
 [perh]aps the General will take amiss [as he] is not acquainted
 with their [distre]ss't Situation the boat being [in muc]h hurry
 prevents me from []ing you fuller

I am Sir your most

Obet & most

Humb: Serv^t.

ALLAN GRANT

FROM JONATHAN HOAR

A. L. S.¹Boston July 8th: 1769

RESPECTFUL SIR,

As I am now speedily to embark for Great Britain, and as I once had the honor — the great honor — of being preferred by you, when under your Command, from a Cap^t: Lieu^t: to a Lieu^t: Colonel, at the Battle with General Dieskau² — you still remember me; and if I deserved that preferment, that you would give me a letter recommendatory to some one or more of your freinds in Great Britain, which will add to your repeated favors conferr'd on him, who is with the highest respect and Esteem,

Your dutiful & Obed^t: Serv^t.JON^A. HOAR

N. B. if you should think proper to take notice of it.—

At the conclusion of the last war, I was the oldest Colonel in the Massachusetts service.—

S^r: W^M: JOHNSON Bart^t:

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bart^t:

☞ favor of the Hon ^e : Secretary Oliver ³	} at New York or elsewhere
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INDORSED:⁴ Boston July 8th. 1769 —

Col. John Hoars letter

¹ In the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

² See *supra* II:284–85.

³ Andrew Oliver, later Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

⁴ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GEORGE M^c. DOUGALL*Copy*¹*Detroit, July 11th. 1769.*

DEAR SIR,

I did myself the honor to write to you last February by an Indian express that Mr. Hay sent from this which I hope you rec'd. We have nothing new here—The savages are very quiet but I really believe they had had intentions last spring but the French taking the alarm put a stop to their bad designs if they had any. Mrs. M^c Dougall was acquainted that they had something extraordinary bad in their discourse by the same Indian that informed her before the last Indian war which I gave information of to Capt. Trumbull. Although that person never received the smallest recompense for the early intelligence we received, which I am certain, never was properly represented to you, which you know well there is a great danger amongst them in divulging their secrets, therefore, that person declares that we never shall have any more of his intelligence for the future as all she got last winter was a loaf of bread. But I do not despair of getting the first intelligence by that very person as she has a very great regard for Mrs. M^c Dougall. I gave her a small present out of my pocket as she got nothing from those that had a right to give her, but I believe they were angry that she gave me the intelligence first & not them which will be always the case with people that are jealous of their authority. There shall very little happen here that I will not know of & shall acquaint you by the first opportunity. I rec'd a letter two days ago from Michilimackinac acquainting me that the Savages there are very saucy both in talk & behavior, but it is supposed they will do nothing. These nine years that I have lived here I never saw the Savages better disposed than at present. With a very little care & a trifle of presents they might be kept entirely in our interest. But my opinion is, that nothing should be taken from them except a very little mite, for when

¹ In Library of Congress, Force Transcripts.

they give presents they expect double or treble the value & if they do not git it, they go away discontented. The time that Col. Campbell commanded here was ordered to give little or no presents to the Indians & for that reason he would receive none from them, which they say to this day, he was the only disinterested chief ever the English had here. Far from seeking umbrage at his refusing their presents they have an esteem for his Memory. I had a letter from London this spring from one of the committee for the mines on Lake Superior which he informs me that they expect the deed to be got early in the Spring & that there was a share left open for Col. Croghan if he chose to be concerned with them & also the letter that I had from Michilimackinac informs me that the further discoveries they have made last fall & spring gives us the greatest encouragement possible. Col. Glasier¹ says he never saw nor heard of such mines, both for the richness of the ore & number of mines. I have got a deed of the Island from the Ottawa Nation & their liberty to people & cultivate it on which the commandment² gave me possession in May last. Ever since I have been building a house & barn & clearing land for sowing grain in the fall & hope in a short time to be able to serve the garrison which is no small mortification to Col. Bradstreet's people here, as they are the only imprudent French in this settlement. Before the Gen^l. had wrote to Capt. Turnbull of my having the command of the militia here Capt. Turnbull had appointed me Lieut. Col. commandant of them in May last when he was informed of their bad intentions. When you have a leisure moment, I should be very happy to be honored with a line from you.

from,

Sir,

your most obedient humble serv't,

GEORGE M^c. DOUGALL.³

To the Hon. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet —

¹ Captain Beamsly Glasier.

² Commandant?

³ Lieutenant in the 60th regiment, Royal Americans.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

July 11 1769

[Whately's] pamphlet, s^r William, makes [] y
great Noise, the Americans say [that W]hately is a sophist and
deals not [can]didly with them whilst the prerogative [peo]ple
say His state of y^e Controversy is un[an]swerable. I believe
M^r Dickenson [of] philadelphia will anatomize it.

The pacquet is not yet arrived. We expect [th]e Rocking-
ham Squadron of old whiggs will put the present tory adminis-
tration [to] the Rout and many think it is already [do]ne. Be
that as it may, if the Duty acts [are] to be repealed that sett will
allow none [but] themselves to be the actors of a measure
[which] will render them very gracious to the [merca]ntill &
Manufacturing Interest in England [and] to All the Colonies
upon this Continent. [As no] more matter of Amusement
arises I humbly [kiss your?] Hands and remain, Sir William

Your most faithfull &
obliged Servant

JA RIVINGTON

[] quantity of most
[] ish Claret, the General's
[] roar of its approbation.
[] I sell it for 48^s 7^d Doz.
[be]st Bottled porter I likewise
[] Doz.

ADDRESSED: To
S W^m Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
[] Letter

FROM WILLIAM LEE

A. L. S.¹*Niagara the 14th. July 1769*

SIR/

the Bearer I believe I have no occasion to Recommend to you as you must Know him Better then I can, but this two years that I have Been at this Post always found him a Good man Esteem'd by all the Gentlemen of the Garrison, he is now going to meet you with law, I am Sorry we are So onlucky as not to have the Pleasure of your Company at this Place as it would make us all Happy all the news that I can Inform you of, is that there is a letter Come this week to this Post from Captain turnbull who informs us that the Indians has Deliverd him two Indians Prisioners for the murder of Some white People which Remains with him tell he hears from the Commander in Chefe I have no oppertunity at Present to acquaint his Excellency of it. I had like to forget Bum who I made Cry at ontario Singing Some Fresh Songs to him.

I am with Compliments to Capⁿ. Claues Mr. Johnstone and the Ladys tho have not the Hon^r. of Knowing them

Sir Y^r. most obedient Serv^t.

WILLIAM LEE

Capⁿ. L^t. of artillery

INDORSED:

Niagra 14th. July 1769Cap^t. Lees LetterAnsrd.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnstone

¹ In Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

FROM JELLIS FONDA

A. L. S.

[Caughnawaga, July 14, 1769]

The Bearer of this Mr Steel have sent up with the Provisions and Goods Mr: Adems and I have Bought to Trade with the five Nations of Indians, if its agreeable to you should be glad you would let Ber^d: Wemp return with him as he is better acquainted with the Indians and their Language then any of the rest of the me¹ he has now with him, you may have any of his hands in Wemps stead you please to take, I would have come up with those things my self, but it Just happens to be in the Middle of [hay] Harvest and some other affairs which requires [my] attendance here, and m^r. Adem's Building and [pota]sh going on also prevents his going up, however [] in hopes Mr: Steel with Ber^d: or Hendrick Wemp [will] make out very well,

You'l please to give them such [directio]ns and advice as you shall thinck best which [you may] depend shall be punctually observed by them, [] Rum along but for their own use according to [] no News worth Communicating, only the [play actors have ar]rived at Albany from New York to act there

[My] Comp^{ts}: to you and the rest of the Gentlemen and am
Hon^d. Sir

Your most Obg^d. & Most Hu^e Serv^t

JELLES FONDA

INDORSED: July 14th. 1769

Major Fondas letter

FROM JAMES DE LANCEY

A. L. S.

New York July the 16th 1769

I had the pleasure of your Letters of the 14th & [26th ult.] which would have been answered sooner, had not some []

¹ For "men" apparently.

[pitifull ?] Circumstances in my Family rendered me unfit for Business [and pr]evented my writing to you by the last Post.

Upon Reading the Bill for Dividing the County of [Albany] in the Committee of the whole House, I objected to it, as I recall [] from my own knowledge of the Western Parts of it, that the Settlements [] new County were not of sufficient Consequence to require a [division] for that purpose, if the Easterly Bounds of it were to be fixed [so far] above Schenectady as the Mouth of Aries Kill and therefore [I] Voted for Printing the Bill before the House passed it to afford [the] Inhabitants of the County time sufficient to make their [object]ions to the Bill in the present form, as I was suspicious that there [were] private Purposes intended by it when I saw some persons so [] push the Bill through the House; the Division Line between [] and Albany has already been petitioned against by Persons whose []ll be considerably Effected by it and the Objections You have [] sufficiently convince me of the Impropriety of the Division proposed [] and will I imagine have great weight with the House and [] to Adopt one of the Divisions mentioned in the Petition¹ [] provided a Law for Dividing the County should repatch []

[] remains a Doubt with me, as the Members of the [eastern counties] will hardly assent to a Bill for that purpose unless a [] and that hereafter the Members of Rensselaerwick and [Livingston are] chosen by the old County and the other two by the new [] jealous of the Increase of Members for the Northern Parts of the Province, this I well know from some [] had with many of them on that Subject last sessions [] House I believe the Bill will never make its way through [] I dare say You as most would have no Objections to put a [] I doubt whether any Governor would give his

¹ See Johnson to Colden, October 4, 1769 in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:552-53.

Assent to that [] Bill, as it might be esteemed interfering with the Prerogativ[e of the King] who has granted those Manors that privilidge¹ tho a thing [unknown under] the English Constitution and practised in no one place but the [Colony of] New York, our present Governor appears to me so much influen[ced by] that party that I dont think he will pass any Bill with that []

I am Opinion that it would be best to [leave the] Township of Schenectady in the old County, as they might [otherwise] Petition against the Bill without their Town should be made the [seat] of the new County which could not be done without great Incon[venience] to most of the Inhabitants their present Member² seems [either from] want of knowledge or Proper Instructions to be intirely und[er the] Direction of a Certain Party with whom he always Voted an[] Question for Postponing and Printing the Division Bill, a [] to him might be of Use.

I shall take Care to lay the [petition before] the House at their first Meeting and endeavour to have [one of the] Divisions proposed in it Carried into Execution, if a Bill [] Purpose, tho Must frankly own to You that Most [] the Clause about the two Manors and try if we cant []

I am Dear Sir

with great Estee[m]

Your most Ob[]

JAMES [DE LANCEY]

SIR W^m. JOHNSON

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble} Sir William John Bart

At

Johnson hall

¹ Of representation in the Assembly.

² Jacobus Mynderse.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York 19 July 1769

Deprivd of your Agreeable Favours The Present Serves
 [] to Acquaint you that this Day has been presented
 to me [] Bill ₧ £100 drawn upon You payable
 at my House for Mr Roberts, which I have refused the Accept-
 ance of till I can hear from you & Obtain your Approbation —
 This is the Bill I mentioned to you the latter End of May last,
 but not having Since had the pleasure of hearing from you,
 imagine you was Sett Out on your Journey to Niagara before
 that Letter reached you — I shall be much obligd to you Sir if
 you will be So Kind as give me your Directions about this Draft
 as Soon as possible, because the Gentleman to whom it is made
 pay^{ble}. keeps it at my Request, Until your Resolution Shall
 be known I flatter myself your Journey has been of the greatest
 Service [to your] Health which will give me very great pleasure
 to be informed of & Any Commands you Shall please to lay
 upon me will be faithfully complyd with by

Sir Your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[] WILLIAM JOHNSON B^t

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 Johnson Hall

₧ Capt Pemberton

FROM JAMES TILGHMAN

A. L. S.

[Phila July] 20th, 1769

A very disagreeable affair has lately happened [at the
 Su]squehanna which it is proper to communicate to [you as

Su]perintendant of Indian affairs. A Young fellow [the son] of Seneca George has been lately killed by [some bad] and wicked person He was in an open Bark Cabbin with some other Indians on the bank of the River when [some] persons in a canoe were passing by, as the Indians [su]pposed (by a large fire of pine knotts they had in the Canoe) with a design to hunt or fish. They saw the man in the Stern present his Gun towards the Canoe¹ and fire and this poor young fellow was shot thro the body and never spoke. The Indians then told the People in the Canoe they had killed one of them upon which [they threw their fire over board and made down the [river] This is the fact as related by the Indians. They [wen]t to Colo Francis who was then not far from [Sham]oken and informed him of the fact and described [the c]anoe and the People and told him they should know []ain and could find them out. He went with [them to] the house of one Casper Reed a dutchman on []de where they found the Canoe and the [Indians fixed] upon Peter Reed Brother of Casper as the [] who] fired the Gun upon which Francis seized [] him down to Lancaster Gaol [he will] be brought here if he is not rescued []hich was committed about three [] Miles below Shamokin. M^r Francis [] very discreetly upon the Occasion [] to Old Seneca George who is at Chenango [] the Unhappy affair And that he was going [] Murderer, and to inform the Governor of the mu[rder, at the same] time desiring the Old man to meet him at [Lancaster at the same] time next month where he should receive a [present (?) from] the Governor upon the Occasion. The Governor [being then] out of Town, the President and the rest of the Council [] to communicate this matter to you requesting [] of you to represent it in the most favorable light to [] and the rest of the Indians. A

¹ Cabin.

Present of Condol[ence of] 50 £ value is ordered to be given and will be wa[it]ing at] Shamokin for him when he arrives Perhaps it m[ay not be] proper that this matter should be known as it may [] more Indians to accompany him than otherwise woud [] Increase of the Expence of entertaining them there. [] The person accused deny[s] the fact and undertakes [] his being elsewhere on the night of the accident, [] unhappily circumstanced that there is none but [Indian] which will not be allowed (unless they have b[] which may therefore be more likely to disturb the [] as this is a matter of the utmost Consequence [] the Settlement of our New purchase I am a[ssured you will do] every thing in your power to quiet the [] by representing this matter to them [] villain and not of the Country; Tho [] Rescues succeed arrests and a[] know the accused to be guilty [rea]son to apprehend a bad [New England trespassers have been] indicted for forcible possession of our [territory] with their other Embarrassments has so alarmed [] the Great Col^o. Dyre and Mr Elderkin have engaged [] their Interest with the company to abandon the settle[ment] and submit the dispute to y^e Crown.

[I ha]ve heard of some of your tenants coming down [to th]e Susquehanna in order to take up some of our Lands. [And] as such a matter may prove injurious to your [in]terest, I should with great pleasure use any means in my power which you will please to suggest, to discourage any such attempt, being well satisfied that it is [a] very improper Consequence of a purchase negotiated [by] you with so much pains as you took about it.

I am

Sir

Y^r Most Obedient Servant

JAMES TILGHMAN

[As soon] as the Governor comes to Town he will write you
 [] appointing some Indians to see the line run from
 [the Susque]hanna to Kittaning which is the only place where
 [it is pro]bable our people may make encroachments yet
 [] for want of knowing the line

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S. ¹

New York July 23^d. 1769

DEAR SIR,

What you relate in your Favor of the 24th. Ultimo concern-
 ing Mons^r. Vercheres has been transmitted to General Carleton,
 and I hope he will do every thing in his Power to punish him
 for his Treachery which will give a Check to the Secret Intrigues
 of the Canadians to excite the Savages to Mischief.

In my Dispatches by the last Packet I have received Copys
 of Lord Hillsborough's Letters to M^r: Steuart and you and find
 by the Orders to M^r: Steuart, that he is to fix New Boundarys
 to the Province of Virginia, and that they are to terminate at
 the Confluence of the Kanhwa and Ohio Rivers. The King
 will not suffer any Grants or Cessions below the Kanahwa, and
 as that is the Case, the Sooner the Lands ceded by the Treaty of
 Fort Stanwix below the Kanahwa are restored to the Six Nations
 the better, that all Pretences for seizing those Lands may be
 removed. The Virginians supported their Claim partly by
 virtue of the Cession made at the Treaty, and therefore the
 greater Reason there is to rectify the Treaty in that respect.

The King was not pleased with that part of the Treaty at the
 Beginning, and very much disapproves of other Articles which
 except out of the Cession certain Grants of Land to private
 People. You will see that the King will not now confirm those
 Reservations and I think we may assure ourselves when Com-

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

plaints get home, of the immense Tracts acquired by private Compacts with the Indians, some of which extend over the Property of many People and that these Tracts are also acquired in direct Opposition to the Regulations and Laws of Government, that the King will absolutely and totally reject the Exceptions Mentioned in the Treaty. I think it is Necessary and a Mark of Friendship I owe you to give you this Information and to tell you likewise, that there is an Outcry here about those Grants by People whose Property is invaded, and it's said that Litigations are already beginning. There is also a Letter intercepted to the Southward which I believe went home two Months ago and again lately Making a Discovery of Designs to get Lands from the Cherokees, in order to except the Same out of the Cession to be made to the King, at the ensuing Treaty to be held, for Settling the Virginia Line. In the same Manner, Says the Letter, as was done at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix.

Considering every thing, I think the Sooner the Articles mentioned are expunged out of the Treaty, the better it will be; and the more publickly it is done, the Sooner all Conversation about them will drop, for Litigations will then cease, and People's Minds will be easy. And I should hope that the Indians might with very little Difficulty be brought to yield the Grants excepted in the Treaty, to the King, in Lieu of the Lands ceded below the Kanahwa, which Might be restored to them. This Exchange will make all quiet, and the Treaty will be finished finally in the Manner the most agreeable to the King, and answer the first Intentions of Government.

You may perhaps find some Trouble, as it is Natural to believe, the Grantees concerned will hold Intrigues and Cabals with the Indians, in order to make them averse to this Alteration in the Treaty; but I hope for many Reasons, you will be able to effect it. His Majesty Seems inclined to make a proper Compensation to Such of the Grantees who have been real Sufferers by Indian Depredations, but will not do it as they have managed it for themselves.

I have had So much to write by the Packet which Sails very early tomorrow Morning, that I can only Say further I am with great truth & Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

P: S:

I direct this to you instead of Mr. Guy Johnson, Judging from the time you proposed to return home, that you will be upon the Mohock River before this can get there.

T: G:

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: July 23^d 1769.

From General Gage.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[N. York] July 24, 1769

[] SIR

[]quet and two Ships from Lon[don] were very lately arrived here; [his Ex]cellency our Governor has commu[nica]ted to the Hon^{ble} Council the Contents [of a le]tter from Lord Hillsborough, intima[ting] the Intentions of Government to [repea]l the Revenue acts on the first mee[ting] of the next session of Parliament, [] it seems to be very unlikely that [any]thing more of this kind will happen; [] has too much weaned the affections of the [col]onies from the Mother Country. [Wilk]es and his Cause are decaying fast, [] said the bill of Rights asso-

ciation [has] totally deserted him, and, in short, [that] Col Lutterel¹ has been accepted by [the House of] Com^s in his stead, for the Co^y of Middlesex, [Wilkes see]ms to have been left alone. The [Grenville] family have at last joined the Roc[kingha]m Squadron & they preside over []ty, which will presently become too [] the struggle for Office.

[The ministry] was glad to hurry thro the last session []ious comtemplation upon ameri[can affairs.] their places must have been surrendered had not their [] conducted so dextrously as to in[] Counciller Wedderburn,² an able [] and a North Briton, has lately from [] against Administration changed [] is become a great favorite of the Nat[ion.] How easy is it to play with success [upon the] passions of y^e English people? Wedderburn is a good politician and knows the Ch[annel ?] that leads to the Exchequer, C. Pleas, K [B and] Chancery Courts.

Permit me Sir William to ask, if you are furnished with the English papers, if [not] would it be agreeable to you that [they should be] sent as regularly as they arrive, t[his I pre]sume to mention merely to express []tion.

The packet carries with her tomorrow [Col.] Pomeroy, Brig^r on this Estab^{sh}t. one of [the] most amiable Gentlemen we ever ha[d, en]passant, also Col Gabbet, Captⁿ Vinc[ent and] M^r. Izard who is going to take up a [] a bagatelle of Twenty thousand s[terling after] a Demise, I believe an Uncle.

I presume you have Gain's paper [] you something dated tomorrow relative [to a plan of] the Dissenters, concerted again[st the Church] with the occurrences from

¹ Colonel Henry Lawes Luttrell, son of Lord Irnham, after being defeated by John Wilkes by a heavy majority, was seated for Middlesex by the House of Commons in 1769.

² Alexander Wedderburn, later Earl of Rosslyn.

L[] that my humble Respects may [be convey]ed to Sir John & to Col Guy & Cap^t [Claus.]

I am, Sir William

Your faithfull and most obedient Servant

JAS RIVINGTON

[] City, agitated for a few hours by the behavior [of a] simple obstreperous Englishman who thwarted [] measures concerted against Importations, [] which he has cried peccavi, is now in a state [of per] fect Tranquility.

ADDRESSED: To

S^r W^m Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

FROM TUTHILL HUBBART

A. L. S.

[DEAR] SIR

[Boston Ju]ly 24th. 1769

By Cap^t. Jarvis who Arrived here this day in seven weeks from London. I had the honor of rec^d. a Packet under cover from M^r Franklin wth. directions to be forward'd to You by Express, but as the Post was just going out & the season very hot, I imagined it best to send to New York by the Post, as We have often found when an Express has been sent from hence to New York they have not made more then one day diffrance, I have inclosed the Packet to James Parker Esq^r. at New York wth. directions to forward the same emeadiatly by Express to Johnson Hall, I shall be happy of your [ap]probation of my Conduct, and have the [] to be Yo^r Excellencys Most Ob^t. Hum^{le}. Serv^t

TUTHILL HUBBART

INDORSED: []

Tuthill Hubbard Esq^r.

Letter wth. a packet

from England—

BILL OF HENRY DOUGAN

A. D. S.

Boston July 25th. 1769[Sir William Jo]hnson Bar^t. to Henry Dougan D^r.

To Medicines and attendance on the [differe]nt Tribes of Indians at Cumberland Nova Scotia [com]mencing the 13th. of Octobr^r. 1767 and [end]ing the 6th. of July 1768, both days Inclusive amounting to Eleven pounds two Shillings and [five] pence Ster^l.

£11..2..5

These are to Certify that M^r. Henry Dougan attended the different Tribes of Indians [from] the 13th. of Octobr^r. 1767 to the 6th. of July [1768] both days Inclusive

WILLIAM MONSELL

L^t 29 Reg^t.EXTRACT FROM JOHN WILKINS'S ACCOUNT¹

[Extract from] Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins's Account of [ex]penses at t] he Illinois.

[T]o Cash paid Silver Heels, and one other Six Nation Indian, going Express to Fort Pitt in a Bill of Exchange	£40
And for Goods delivered D ^o . Amounting to	20
	£60

CERTIFICATE OF CHARLES EDMONSTONE

D. S.

Pittsburgh the 25th. July 1769

[This is to cert]ify that the Bearer Peter a Mohawk Indian who came [fro]m Fort Chartres to this place with Silver Heels has [had no] other consideration for that Service than a Blanket

¹ Probably written about May 5th, 1769 at Fort Chartres.

[legg]ins and Britch Clout because there was no more [] in the Letters they brought but he Alledges that he [should receiv]e as much as Silver Heels who received to the Amo^t. [of] dollars] exclusive of an equal Quantity of Clothing []eived Two Blankets a Brass Kettle & Black Silk [handkerchief] in lieu of the same kind of things that he threw [away with] some letters when pursued by Enemy Indians

CHA^s. EDMONSTONE Cap^t.

Commanding

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London July 26th. 1769

Nothing ever has given me more trouble [tha]n my not being able to leave this place at the [time] I Expected owing in a Very great Measure to [M]^r Beverley Robinsons not Coming here at the time appointed there being several Affairs of his to settle [w]hich Could not be done without me. I Expect him [every] moment and will not stay here three days after [he] gets to Town — I have been much from home [this] summer in order to finish Everything I had to do [in] this Colony and have in my Several Journeys [] with some of our Best Farmers who are determined [to pa]y you a Vissit this fall and see some of your [land] being Very much out of Humour with both [the so]il and police of this Colony — I [have] order'd the papers to be Constantly Sent to you & [] you have Rec^d them Regularly —

Some Very Ex'ry scenes have taken [place in] this Neighbourhood which may be [] of Very Serious Consequence and which [I will give] you as Short an Acco^t of as is in my power — The sloop Liberty Formerly the [property of] M^r Hancock of Boston (the seizure of which [] Disturbances there in June 1768) now in the Cost [] Service Commanded by one Cap^t Reid — lay in [] port & the 16th. Inst of this Harbour made a [seizure] of a

Brig^e. from Cape France way loaded wi[th sugar ?] and Molasses belonging to Mr shaw of this Town [and] a sloop belonging to one Tinker near the H[arbour ?] mouth Loaded with Rum Brandy Soap &c w[hich] Cap^t Reid supposed had been taken from on [Board] the Brigantine — With both Ves-sells he pro[ceeded] to Newport where on the 19th. or 20th some S[] arose about Cap^t Reids Firing into a Boat — and [] all his men were taken into Custody by the [] mighty Lords the Nobility — and the sloop [] mast bow sprit &c Cut a way her Guns thrown [over] Board & the sloop scutled — during th[] Tinkers sloop was Carried of and has not b[een] heard of tho' some say she was seen of th[] day or two afterwards—soon after the [] Liberty and escape of Tinkers sloop Mr sh[aw] this port with his Brig^e. she having [] goods on Board and no persons being [] to ma]ke it appear she had broke Bulk — where [] Remained pritty Eassie untill last night [when] the Liberty People assembled in some hundreds [] several persons before them as informers gave [one] 39 Lashes and order'd him never to appear [aga]in in New London Burnt the Collectors Boat & [if] they Could have laid their hands upon a person [who] in my Opinion is Very Innocent & lately appointed [an] under Officer of the Customs here I verily believe [they] would have put him to death —

I am Very sure I was in a great [mea]sure the means of preventing their Honnors [from] Waiting upon Doct Moffatt — which was [the] only reason of my being out as I was not Very [] — I have several Letters from London of [] Late date which hope to lay before you [] soon — Mrs Chew presents her most Respectfull [com]pliments as I do Every Prayer and good wish for [your] Health and am most sincerely

Dear sir

Y^r most Obed^t and Most
Hble serv^t

JOS CHEW

[] this moment
 [] & wrote this in
 [] been out today
 []
 P S during the Transations I have m[entioned] M^r Stewart¹
 & his Lady have been at Boston [] am Very Glad
 of for by what I over heard [] had m^r Stewart
 been in Town he surely would [have] been Brought before the
 intoxicated Multitude [] man was taken out of his
 House & Some of h[is] Broke—is not this fine Government
 [] true Liberty — I wish it may End here []
 I very much doubt it —

FROM HENRY BOSTWICK

A. L. S.

[*Mishilmakinac, July 26, 1769*]

[] from M^r. Baxter who I dayly expect [to]
 go with me to Lake Superior to vew the [In]dians have
 left one of their principle Men [to guide us ?]

We held a Councel the 30th of June last with []
 Cheifs on the south side of the Lake acquainting [them] we
 purposed to come into their Country, to [] Mines,
 and have Enclosed you their Answer, []ll greatly
 pleased and have promised to give Us [all the as]sistance they
 possibly can, and have brought [] peices of very
 Rich Copper taken a few Leagues []augan where I
 was — they say that it appears []q]uantitys at a Mile
 distance from the Water [] the Mountain, and by
 their Accot^s [] very little Expençe, the Indian Acco^t.
 are [] to be Rely'd on — I shall take great Care that
 [] anything that may in the least Displease []

¹ Duncan Stewart, Collector. For additional particulars regarding this outbreak, see *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, 19:194–98.

hope by the fall of the Year, to give You [] whole.
and am with the greatest Respect & Esteem

Your Hbl Serv^t

HENRY BOSTWICK

ADDRESSED: Sir William Johnston Bar^t. &c
at
Johnston Hall

FROM JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.¹

Cachnewago 29th July 1769

HONRED SIR/

Acording to Coll Guy Johnson order I send you By the Bearer Lawes Cloment 60 Scheppel of your Indian Corn from my Fathers and 2 Pacqts of Letters for you — as I heard from the Bato Men that Came Down thay you was Scarce in Bread I Send you 47^{lb} of Bisket all I had. if you Should not want them then Plese to order them to the Bato men. I have no Newes. ould John have Dyed Verry Sudently the other Day we are yesterday Begon to Cut our wete and Semes to Be Midlin good I here your wete is not Ripe yet so I Remane with my Best Complement to Sir Wi^m. and the Rest of the Jentelmen with you and am Sir your most obedint

Humbele Serv^t

JELLES FONDA

ADDRESSED: To
the Honerabele
Sir wiliam Johnson
in the Sennecas Contry
or in
his way Down

INDORSED: July 29th. 1769—
Major Fondas letter

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

FROM JOHN PENN

L. S.

Philadelphia Augst. 2^d. 1769

There seems to be a necessity of running [the pro]prietary Line, from the head of the West Branch [of the] Susquehanna, to Kittaning some time this Fall, [that the] Surveyors may know where to act and the [] where to settle in that quarter; and as it [] proper that some Indians of the Six Nations [] attend the Survey, I shall be obliged to you [if you] will signify to them my intention of having [] begun about the beginning or middle [] next, You can best Judge of the number [of Indians] proper to be sent on this occasion. [I am in] hopes one from each Nation may be suf[icient. I] have been at a good deal of ex[pense alrea]dy & I would willingly lighten that of running the Line as much [] and doubt not but you will be so k[ind so to] order the matter as that we may not have [an unnec]essary number of Indians upon our hands.

I am with Great regard

Sir

Your most obedi[ent]

humble Servan[t]

JOHN PENN

INDORSED: []
concerning the Running
of the Boundary —

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

L. S.

[Whitehall, August 5, 1769]

Private — Duplicate

SIR

Major Gorham who is a very Faithfull Servant of the Cro[wn and has] suffer'd much in the Service, especially by being dis-

charged from his Off[ice of] Deputy Agent for Indian Affairs in Nova Scotia, has des[ired me] to recommend his Case & Interests to your consideration. And I vent[ure] to offer my Opinion that He is intitled to some attention; if therefore [you] can promote him or continue him in his Office if that be continued [I] hope you will think it an act of Justice as well as compassion to a really suffering Man. I am glad of this Occasion to assure you of the Esteem and Regard with which I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

HILLSBOROUGH

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New York August 6th. 1769

DEAR SIR,

I hope this will Meet you Safe and well from your Jaunt into the Indian Country, where I hope everything has passed agreeable to your wishes and Expectations.

There has been a good deal of Disturbance at the Illinois, several Murthers committed on Indians as well as white People, amongst others the famous Pondiac was killed at Kaskaskies or rather Kaokia by one of our Friendly Indians, but of what Tribe my Correspondent, Lieu^t. Colonel Wilkins, does not say, tho' from other Passages in his Letter, I suppose it was an Illinois Indian.

You have inclosed a Speech of Lieu^t. Colonel Wilkins to the Indians of the ouabache of whom he makes great Complaint, as also Extracts from his Letters which have any Relation to our

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

late Quarrell with those Indians, whom he supposes to be excited to Mischief by the French Settlers at St Vincent,¹ and possibly with good Reason. You will observe also the Treatment the Six Nations have received from those Tribes, of which Silver heels will no doubt give you and his Country-Men a faithfull Account.

It Seems very Necessary that Something Should be done to keep those Nations in order. You saved them from a Quarrell with the Shawnese & Delawares after the Attack made upon Mr Croghan which has had no very good Effect; for they seem more and more inclined to raise Commotions as well with the Indians as the White People. You will from your late Excursion have been well informed of the present Temper and Situation of the Several Nations, and will be able to form Some Judgement of the Methods most proper to be taken with the Nations complained of as our Affairs are circumstanced.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: W^m: JOHNSON Bar^l:

INDORSED: New York 6th. August
1769. ———

Gen^l. Gages Letter

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Augst the 8th. 1769

[] SIR

yesterday Evening I was Inform^d. of your honers Return home & hope you and the Gentlemen with you are in Good

¹ Post Vincent, Vincennes, a village of the Piankashaws.

Helth, I have had a Voilant fitt of y^e. Gout with a hurt in My foot w^h. has Confin^d. Me to My Hutt Sence y^e. friday after your Honer Sett of on y^r. Journay yett am only able to hoble about the Room when I Shall be able to Walke or Ride Seems very uncertian

Mr. Metcalf is Return^d. & has finished the Boundary Line — Inclosed I Send your Honer a Leter w^h. I had from Mr. Wharton for y^r. perruseal with one from Farrel [Wa]de Incloseing Me A Leter for you and [] Letters I have had from Mr. Hay att [De]troit with Some Account, w^h. he had Drawn on Me for Mr. Hay Takes No Not[ice] I Wrote him the 29th. of Feby last [] that to Desist from acting as Comisary [] Surprises Me I Sent the Leter by the [] Fort Pitt with Some others to Detroit [] have Received answers to My other Letters [] am Sorry his Should Miscarrey, I Wrote h[im] Likewise y^e. 2^d. May Last by a boat then [] to Detroit which he has Nott Received [] Likewise unlucky, I will be Glad [] from y^r. Honer whether those accounts [are to] be paid or No & whether I May Write y^e. G[entlemen] who has the Drafts to Wate on you with [] as they Seem Impaicent to know how [they are] to be paid

I have A Leter from Mr. Baynton w^h. [] Me that the Interpreters & Smiths have [drawn] on Me from Fort Chartres for thire [] pay from y^e. 24th Sep^r. to y^e. 24th. March [amounting] to £231:9:6 & am att a Loss whet[] y^r. honor has been in the Six Nation [coun]try I have had Some Letters from Ohio [] Some Information from an Indian [fro]m thence all w^h. Say that there is a Great Number of Senecas & Some Cayugoes gon there this Spring Some to Setle amoungst the Dalloway & Some with y^e. Shannas and that y^e. Sinecas there, Shannas & Dallaways has had a Council with y^e. Tweetwees Waweattenas Pyankeehy,

Musquetomeys & ¹ who Live on the Wabauch & have agreed that in Case any Diferance Should hapen between any of them & any other Nation that the whole Should Rise up as on Man and Strike there has been some boats of [Mor]gans Cutt of on the ohio this Spring [a] Store of his plundred att post Vincent [a] White Man Kill^d. att Fort pitt by a Sineca Indian two More White men Kill^d. Neer the [] kill by Indians, which if True, all [] Curcumstances I think foretell a Broyle Neer att hand in that quarter [] your honer has had beter Intileg[ence of] those Maters where you have been —

Doctor Lavine presents his Complement[s to your] Honer I had allmost Cure^d. him of his [] with Eating Nothing Nothing Butt homany [] Drinking the Broath Butt a Love Fitt [has] Thrown him Into a Relipss & am Now [

]Cartian Nothing Butt a ground Swe[at will] Cure him as Soon as I am able to Croyle [out] of this Hutt I will Do myself ye. plesh[ure of] Wateing on you, and am with Great []

your Honors Most o[]
and Most Hum[]

GEO: CRO[GHAN]

A Son of Sinica Georges has been Kill^d. by a White Man Near Weoman —

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t.

FROM ALLAN GRANT

A. L. S.

[Ontario, Aug. 8, 1769]

[]
[] as possible []
[]h as all the Indians have don that same in
[] their meeting their Friends on the way []

¹ A space vacant here.

keggs of rum, for such Drunkeness I never [saw in] all my life, and I have had allmost the [whole Six] Nations in lately, I wish it was all over [and] their dollars were once out, while they have [the tr]aders will let them have rum, at any risk [I am] Oblidge to let Indians have a good deal of provisi[on, more] than they used to get at this post, and I am affraid the General will Blame me for it, I have [given] them some presents besides, however if I gett [out of t]he Country with my Scalp on I am Satisfyed [] report of the Traders here saying that you []ter Dollars to the Indians there has been no such [] by any body here, the Traders know very [well to] the Contrary they have all made fortunes here [] intirely owing to the Number of Dollars [] the five Nations this Summer, they are much [] the Commanding Officer this year [] asked the Traders here if they were not [] I fancy owing intirely to their getting [] Dollars are here now as plenty as [Wemple tells] me his Iron & Steel is allmost [] and we have had more Indians this [] three last years past put [together.]

your []
& most []

ALL[AN GRANT]

P: S:

I wish much that the general
would either repair or Abandon
this post, I would much rather
defend a good House than it
with my present garrison
Wemple has had his own trouble
and has done so much new work for the
Onondagoes this year that I think
they must carry on a trade with
some Distant Indians in black Smith work

ADDRESSED: His Majestys Service
Sir William Johnson Bart. Supper Intend-
ent of the Northern District of North
America
at
Johnson Hall
INDORSED: Ontario August 8th. 1769
L^t. Grants letter

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

[Johnson Hall Aug 9, 1769]

[Two] days ago I arrived here from Seneca, in no
[occ]asioned by a Wound I received in my Leg, re-
turning [from a visit] to an Indian Chief My Canoe oversat, &
in getting [bac]k it being in the Night I fell upon a Stake, &
have [my] Leg so much that I fear I must deferr
many [parti]culars till the next Opportunity as I have not been
[able] as yet to Look over my papers.—Nevertheless I can-
not [] Sending you my best thanks for the friendly
information [you] gave me in your Letter of the 23^d. ult^o on
which Mr Johnson [wro]te you a few Lines and if my Esteem
for you could admit any addition it must encrease it. At the
same time I am [happ]y that it is in My power to Clear up
these matters, & if [occas]ion requires to remove the Mistake
or Misinformation of [Gove]rnment which I shall here mention
as briefly as possible

The boundary being Judged a Very necessary Measure &
[orders] received to Settle it, I thought, & so did every body
[that] the Cession should be as Extensive as possible, & I be-
lieve [it is a]most Needless to say that the more we got Volun-
tarily [from them] the Less danger there would be of disputes

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

about [settlements], & the farther they would be removed, The back [settlements] particularly of Virginia, I well knew were not [preven]ted from extending their settlements into the Indian [country had] the Treaty never taken place, the dangers in [which such] procedure must Involve the frontiers, could only [be by] purchase of that Country, but this was [] claimed in Virtue of an Old purchase¹ under [] and the only Objection his Majesty [] were founded on a Supposition that it [] timely Answer from [] Crown here must in many [] perhaps not Strictly consistent with orders, as [] for so doing, and as I found that in [truth (?) the Indians] made a point of it before I opened the [Congress] and I am certain I could not refuse ad[] Treaty, or do otherwise than I did without [] sound policy and the true Interests of Govern[ment]. This is] briefly and truly the State of that matter.

As to the Grants [] two Mentioned in the Cession or Treaty, fo[] for their dwelling places and the Clause in[] before purchased under the sanction & then not p[] surely be objected to, at least I had no right to [] Grants are to Mr. Croghan & the Traders [As for Croghan's] it was but a Confirmation of an old Deed [] always understood was well known to som[] That to the Traders the Government was [acquainted] with & approved of, It was an Express A[r]ticle] of peace after the late Indian War, & [] far Short of what the Traders expected [His Majesty] can do therein according to his Royal [pleasure and will lose] nothing by it, as the Quit rents will [] is Granted. If any

¹ Consult letter from Johnson to Lord Hillsborough, *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:940-42; Q, 2:544-46 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:172-74, also same to same, *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:943-48; Q, 2:546-49 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:179-82.

objection h[as been made to the] Expression¹ I cannot help it, It has [] softened where they Express their [] admitted, & must know [] they are made to Express [] [] [] I know my Conduct therein to be [] That what I did at that Treaty was [intended] not only for the best, but actually was the best that co^d. have been done [] and where I took such Extraordinary pains both [Night] & Day for effecting so difficult & Important a buisness, [I ca]nnot but think it hard should the Government omit doing [ju]stice to my proceedings, of the propriety of which I think myself a Competent Judge, and that I could convince the Crown that I could not have done otherwise consistent with its Interest, [and] publick Safety. There is one Grant which a Gentleman that attended at the Treaty Sollicitted & agreed with the Indians about, for another, without my participation & with whc I had no Concern whatsoever, neither [hav]e I any with the parties, I know that it comprehended part [of] a Patent which It is pretty well known the patentees have [no] Just right to, The Person for whom it was obtained attended [Sir] H Moore on his Last Visit here & then obtained his Sanction [of] the Deed & for reasons that will [occur] to you I Scorned to oppose it, especially as I knew it was [no] part of my duty the Indians having a right previous to the [treat]y to dispose of their Claims as they inclined. The [justice] which I am fully persuaded you will do to my []ns & Conduct in these matters renders it unnecessary [that I a]dd more than that I sho^d. Imediately employ my [] induce the Indians to Except out of the Cession [the lands sou]th of Kanhawa, but for the following reasons, First that the Sec^y of [] Letter Says that the King will Confirm it as [] at Fort] Stanwix if I shall be of opinion that insisting [] tion

¹ The mode of expression employed by Indians in public conferences is here signified.

the]ir purchase That some had actually built Strong houses there & were fighting about it, & might probably involve some Ind^s in the Quarrel All which they said had created much [une]asiness amongst them, that it was unexpected, & therefore [alar]med them more than it otherwise would have done [] they were far from inclining to act the part that other [Indians] had in View, & therefore requested in a particular manner [that we w]ould not Suffer any Intruders to come in the Way [] people within the Limits of their late sale, [] nor Withdraw those people who had the Care [of the trade] as a revival of all those frauds they had [suffered from (?)] would certainly be the Consequence of their removal []

[Upon] all these heads & many others I endeavored [to give them what assu]rances I could [] and having rec^d. from Ontario 5 Barr^{ls} of [] At Cayuga there were As[ssembled about 500 Ind^s. who] repeated to me what I had heard [] with] additions & with much more Ea[rnestness. I observed] that the farther I advanced into the [Indian country] the more Interested they appeared, and the [more difficult (?)] to please,—I made a Shorter Stay at Cay[uga than at] Onondaga, having before Sent Messengers to [summon] the Chiefs of the Seneca Villages from Ohio to Canada [to meet] me at the North end of the Seneca Lake for [] where I arrived the 18th. July & found abo[ut 2000 Ind^s.] already Assembled Exclusive of those Chiefs that accom[panied them] After Condoling with [] of some Losses, & Conferring the Dignity of Chief [upon a] Young Lad who was brought to me in great form [] as the Successor of their Chief lately deceased, [a chief from] the Village of Canadesega with another Indian [chief whom] I have had great reason to credit for many Years [visited] Me, and amst. other things said that they had taken much pains [in the] past to prevent their people, from giving ear [] Circulating amongst their Neighbours,

that th[] presence at that time would have greater
W[] would find that the Minds of the Indians
[were] not right, and then told me many parti[culars they had]
heard from the rest, Soon after a party [arrived from the]
Cherokee Country who left the Ma[in] by a
Number of Cherokee Chiefs [who were] Coming to attend a
General [Congress to be held] at Onondaga about the begin-
ning [of next month, bringing] 30 Belts with them, After
[] all I could discover was
[] Chief
[] and of the French Officer at the [Detroit
] said he should be delivered up *when he thought*
[] The Ind^s requested that I wo^d forward
[the belts] to Canada that all the Chiefs of their Confederacy
[might] attend the proposed Congress.—Several Days elapsed
[before] all the Ind^s. directed to meet me arrived, they came for
the Most part on horseback, & when Assembled Exceeded
[25]00 Such a Number joyned to the time I had been obliged
[to] Wait, occasioned the present to fall Short & the Provisions
&ca to be soon out [w^{ch}. re]duced both them & myself to great
Straits, depending [al]most intirely on the fish which were
Caught in the Lake [After] the usual Ceremonies, Condolances
&ca. The Senecas began with [a lo]ng detail of Grievances,
That they were refused a Morsel of [pro]visions at Fort Pitt,
That they were insulted wheresoever they [wen]t, That instead
of the happiness they had reason to Expect from [our] Own
Assurances, they found that we had forfeited our Words,
[] the people who were to Inspect the Trade &ca were
called away [] the Interpreters & Smiths that they
could not do without [] people & therefore desired
that you might be acquainted with [] request on
their behalf. That tho' they knew & were well []
that a War was near at hand, & daily received many kind As-
surances [from] their Old friends the french that they wo^d.
Soon find happier times [never]theless their disposition was

pacifick, & necessity only would [] them to Extremity. To Enumerate all that they said on this [& other s]ubjects during my Stay there would draw this Letter out to [] I took infinite pains to Explain to & Satisfy them on [] the Manner I Judged most prudent, & If I left them [better sati]sfied at my departure it is as much as I can expect. [By what] I have been able to discover I find that a Genl. [] o]bject of their endeavors, & those who seem best [] therein hint such Things, as would hardly [] of people, Neither is it any thing odd [] what they affect to term Grievances, They are daily []

[] Southward [] Quarter, tho' they speak and lay [] heretofore, Those indeed to the South of [] the Speeches they Made at Illinois which [] Corresponding Accts from *Cadot* & others [] Tho' if we wait for proofs sufficient to Crimina[te them] at Law, whether they be French or others I fa[] remedy the Evil,— for the most Sincere Ind^s wd. [] guilt were their evidence admissible, & the inclosed [] relating to *Vercher's Conduct*) which I got on my way [] their inclination to palliate it, but the Words, *Tha[t the King of France is alive tho' to some of no import* [has a] Meaning amongst them & well understood, had he []

After Sev^l. days spent in endeavoring to make my Journey as usefu[l] by my proceed^s. with the Senecas, & taking some meas[ures to obtain] a knowledge of the buisness to be transacted at the [Congress that] will be held Soon at Onondaga; I took my Leave of them [] Was overtaken by a party who were sent to inform me [of the murder] of Seneca George's Son, & the great concern of the Ind^s. [] which I rec^d. a paquet from Col Johnson giving [me an] Accot of the Affair which I find he has transmitted [] I will not take up your time farther at present [] this tedious Narrative, but Sincerely wishing that []

[and being ve]ry unfit for Sitting occasiond by a Severe Cut [in my] Leg which I got by a fall near Onondaga [I] could not omit informing you of my return & that I am Sorry to observe The too general dissatisfaction Expressed by the Indians at the recall of the Commissarys &ca without having others to Inspect the Trade to relieve them. Altho' at the Congress at Seneca at which above 2000 Indians attended they Mentioned Many other Causes of discontent, Expressed themselves very Warmly on Accot of the Intrusions of the New Englanders into Pennsylvania, which they fear will lead their borderers into a Quarrel, and Spoke much of the obstinacy of the Catawbas who are at Variance with the Cherokees with whom they the 6 Nations have made peace, Yet the former is more particularly Necessary for Your Information as it regards the Conduct of this Province, [] I took Infinite pains to satisfy them on all these points, and gave them all the Assurances I could take upon me to make that the Province and all others concerned would make such provisions as [] Necessary for the Inspection of Trade & for Interpreters & Smiths, so soon as possible, I likewise spoke to De Couagne, who [has] been Interpreter at Niagara ever since the reduction of [that place] with regard to his continuance there for some time [] but he rejected any proportion that could be allowed [from] the £150 Resolved by the House for the Maintenance [of an Interpre]ter and two Smiths for Niagara & Detroit, & here [] to repeat that an Interpreter is necessary for [] That hitherto Detroit alone has had two, [one for the Huro]n the other for the Ottawa Language as [] to find any One Man sufficiently Versed in both [] Trade, which ought by no means []

The situation in which I have des[cribed myself does not] permit me at this time to give a detail of my Transaction[s] or to represent all that they have said on th[] Subjects, but if the observations & discoveries [which I have] Made, Joined to the experience I may

be suppo[sed to have] can render me a Competent Judge [in these matters,] I cannot too Strongly recommend the most Serious a[ttention to an] Object of so much importance that a timely provision [may be made] for persons of Integrity as Inspectors, & for Interpre[ters] at such posts as this Province may agree to the care of [It will] save me much Trouble & yield me great Satisfaction to find [that my] Apprehensions of the Necessity for such a provision were [] it must appear evident that besides the discharge of my [] representation, I am governed by no other Motives than [] and regard for its Tranquillity & Commercial Interests.

INDORSED: []
 [] another of same date
 on the State of the frontier.—

FROM JOSEPH GORHAM

A. L. S.¹

London 10th. August 1769

SIR.

Upon my representing and Stating the Losses and expences attending my Late Appointments in America to the Ministry Lord Hillsborough has been pleased to give me the Inclosed Letter.

I have talkt with His Lordship and Mr. Pownall on the Subject who are of Opinion that the Nova Scotia District is or ought to be under your Managment, Viz^t. in a Degree — to make use of His Lordships expression that According to the New regulations of the Indian Department the Diputys are Comparitively in the Light of Embassadors, and as I am told the Governor of Nova Scotia has some allowance made for presents and Other Extra^{ys}. &c to the Indians of that Province I would propose that Mr. Crosby Act as my Diputy only in Making Such reports and returns to you Conformable to the

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

Instructions you heretofore give me. That till the 23rd. September next the Diputy Agent. Surgeon. Armourer. Interpreter: &c be paid. And after that time Only the Diputy Agent. and an Interpreter as P the Inclosed Accounts or in any Other Manner you may please to Direct —

The expences attending two Voyages to England and thro' the Continent with Other Losses Sustained has reduced me to the Necessity of Disposing of most of my property in Nova Scotia and Without some assistance of this kind will emerge me into further Difficultys. I hope a recompence by a Provision of this Nature may not Interfer with your regulations or in the Least Infringe on your particular Department.

I have the promise of the first Majority Vacant which on Obtaining propose to exchange with One of the regiments Serving in North America which may give me an Oppertunity perhaps of Acting. But my Continuance on your Branch. being understood merely as a recompence from Government for the Losses I have Sustained (Permitted to Act by Deiputy) I hope you will Approve of Mr. Crosbys Making out and Signing the half Yearly Account as Such after the 23rd. September Next.

I hope to be favor'd with a Letter from you on this Subject if Directed to the care of Major Moncriffe or Sheriff it will be Duly forwarded.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient and
Most humble Servant,

JOS. GORHAM

P. S. I shall Draw a Conditional Bill on you for the Six Months Ending the 23^d September Next.

Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹ London 10th. August 1769

Major Gorhams letter

wth. Acc^{ts}.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[Aug. 10, 1769]

[
 [] Franklin & w^h. I Now Inclose you
 [] Wharton Menshons More Letters []
 to my hand I fancy he has Inclosed [] so]me of
 his frends & that they Meybe up [] De]troit

[I prop]ose by Sunday to Indever to go to Wate [on you ?]
 have ordred a Wagon to Meet Me if I Should []
 able to Ride for tho the Gout is gon I am [lame] & fair I have
 had a Dislocation of the [] of My foot, w^h. will
 Make Me Lame as Long []

[] Wrote y^r. honor of the 8th. and thought to have
 [] by an Indian who Slipt away without My []
 [] I Now Send itt by the Berrer with Several []
 Inclosed

I am with the Greatest Respect
 y^r. honors Most obeident
 & humble Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

[] ing this two
 []ter I had Some
 [] m^r. Upton In
 []ted to Shoe you
 [] if I Do will
 []th Me

INDORSED: Co^l. Croghans Letter
 August 8th. 1769

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall, Aug. 12, 1769]

[] my Arrival Col Johnson communicated
 [] with the papers you Sent, There would be

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

no [dif]ficulty in Sending the one provided the issue of it [] favorable, but I have reason to imagine not at present, [] Indians at every Village on my Way to Seneca [a]mong other Complaints spoke a great deal on the intrusions [of] the New England people on Pennsylv^a. which they fear will [in]volve the Borderers of their own in some Quarrel, and in [a] Conversation I have Just had with some Aughquago Chiefs [I] find they rather decline entering into any matter that is likely to give them any trouble now, and indeed were you acquainted with the present State and Appearance of things amongst them, you would soon account for it.—

[I should imagine that an application of that Nature was not likely to promote your Affair now, & am Sensible of the constructions that would be put upon it, in prejudice thereto¹.]

My great hurry in making up dispatches &ca at present [will] not allow me to give you an Accot of my late proceedings [] Indeed any application to buisness Suits but ill with my [present] situation having cut my Swelled Leg very Severely by a [] a Stump, which I could take but little care of on the [] now require a little rest to effect a Cure, which will [account] for my Not being able at present to add more [than that]

I am
&ca

FROM JEHU HAY

A. L. S.

[Detroit, Aug. 13, 1769]

It is by Mr. Croghans directions that I have [take]n the Liberty to inclose his Letters to you.

The two Indians whom you heard were delivered by the Puttawattamees the later end of June, made their escape from

¹ Crossed out in the original.

this place the 28 of July at night, and were [seen] by a frenchman, and a Party of that Nation who were [com]ing here to Trade, by eight next morning at about twenty [] Miles from this, the Indians all turnd back with them, telling [the f]renchman as their Brothers had made their Escape they [were a]fraid to come to the Fort least they should be detain'd in [their pla]ces. The above frenchman is an Inhabitant [of St Loui]s and the person that buried Pondiac, who was [] at his H]ouse.

[The tra]de at this place this year is very considerable [] quantity of Skins & Peltry [] to dispose of []

I am Sir

with profound []

Your most Ob[]

most Humble servant

JEHU [HAY]

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

[Albany, Aug. 14, 1769]

[I am] much oblig'd to you for [your] favor of the 12th. Instant and [subm]it to your opinion & consiquently [drop] the application to the Onidas &c.

I took the liberty to write about part of the Mohawk Flatts and hope thier will be no difficulty there.

In confidence, I am to acquaint you, my friends at Home declin'd making the application for a Confirmation of my Indian Gift for the present, they being in expectation of my receiving some further mark of His Majestys Favor; so shall be oblig'd to take up the Patent for the Lands in the usual way & expence.

I am extremely sorry to hear you have Cut Your Leg &

sincerely wish it may [be] well by the time this gets to your [han]ds & that You may have recover'd [from the] fatigue I am with truth

Sir

Your Oblig'd &

Most Obedient humble

Servant

JNO BRADSTREET

INDORSED: August 14th. 1769

Col. Bradstreets letter

declines proceeding in the

Tract w^h. lyes in y^e. Forks of

Delaware —

Ans^d. Aug^t. 23^d.

FROM VOLCKERT P. DOUW

A. L. S.

Albany Aug^s. 16th 1769

SIR

I have Wrote — You the Second of March Last and In-
closed You a Cobby of a Draft of Coll. George Croghan on
You for one hundred Seventy one pounds Eight Shillings And
Six pence please to Let me know if you Except the Same And
You Will Oblige

Sir

Your most Hum^e. Servt

VOLCKERT P. DOUW

[] the Honourable SIR
WILLIAM JONSON Baronet

INDORSED: August 16th. 1769

Volkert Dow Esq^{rs}.

Letter ab^t. a Draft

Ansrd. that I will

Examine into the Affair

FROM THOMAS WHARTON

A. L. S.

[Philad., August 16, 1769]

[
 [] then the most []
 & Country a service—

And as the present disposition [] Inhabitants
 As well as that of some of the Indian [] the
 prospect of a War too probable, I shall give the [] suc]h
 as have come to the City—

On the 14th Ins^t. by an Express sent [by Mr] Callender,
 We were informed, that He had 25 Horse loads []
 going out to trade with the Indians, when Near Fort Bedford
 [] Attack'd by 30 White Men who in Order to
 disguise thems[elves] had painted their Faces and
 Altho' the Driver intreated [] Might have liberty
 to return & Store the Goods, they were [] but
 Imediately seized the packages Open'd them, & took []
 Quantity of the Goods, distroyd some, & declar'd there [was
 war] between the Indians & Us & that No Goods should
 [] but suffered the remainder to be taken back to
 the [] Woods. Callender further Writes that so
 [in his (?) es]timation, this, With the Conduct of the Indians,
 [] the people into, that He was doubtfull if []
 would not be distroy'd. By another Account We []
 that, all the Inhabitants, had quitted their [habitations] between
 pittsburgh & Ligonier, As they hourly [] a rupture] with the
 Indians.

It is said that the Mingos [] about Fort pitt,
 & declar'd, that they [] Expectation of a treaty
 being there [] they Might receive satisfaction for
 [the lands]ceded to the Crown at the Treaty [of Fort
 Stanwix.] they Alledged they had []
 []
 which as the Garrison [] the Appearance

of such Nu[mbers]] them with, this its said
 Exaspera[ted]] the Woods, & After a day or
 two return[ing in an ill] humour, shot down Bullocks & every
 thing []

By another Account, [] a party of the same
 Tribe of Indians retur[ning]] come Across an Habita-
 tion, in Which there w[as a woman] Whom they Used ex-
 tremely Ill, then [] Her into Potowmack river,
 where she was [drowned. This] spread Among the Inhabi-
 tants, who Collect]ed] Indians, Overtook them, & a
 Skirmish ins[ued. The] Indians were obliged to Fly, & left
 Three of [] on the Spot — This Account I am
 informed [] a Person, who had been into the
 Indian Coun[try and] On his return saw the 3 Indians lying
 []

Our Governor [] I am told, that, the Council
 have been Called [] Letters to the Magistrates of
 Cumberland Co[unty]] On this Occasion, & its said have
 sent [] with an Account thereof; And an In[tima-
 tion] prudent to Inform the General of []

I have [] this, such a state of M[atters]
] as to the truth thereof []
 of reading of R C[allender's]] that Paoli
 had been [] & been obl]iged to leave Corsica, that He
 had [] in London —

I am just told that Col. Cressop [has been] these 10 days
 Embarqued for London, I do not [] business, but
 rather fear, its with a View to Oppose [] &c

I remain with sincere respect

thy real friend

THO WHARTON

INDORSED: Philadelphia August

16th. 1769.

Mr. Tho^s. Whartons letter

wth. Intelligence

Answered Sept^r. 12th.

TO THOMAS GAGE

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall, August 17, 1769]

[
 [] your Letter of the 6th inst with the in[closure²]
 [which] evidently correspond with what I have heard from
 other Quarters, but I don't find the Answer of the Indians
 amongst L^t Col Wilkins's papers, and therefore I Suppose you
 did not receive it for which reason I now send you one in French
 which I have received from Detroit, and which I think is ex-
 pressed in Terms that Leave us no doubt of the Evil Inclination
 of those Indians.— It is extremely hard to say what should be
 done in these Cases, for I have observed that Threats to them
 generally make matters worse, and that there is no Middle way
 but either to Let them alone, or to send a proper force against
 them, but if (as some of them talk) a Quarrel should arise
 amongst themselves I think it should be encouraged, I purpose to
 govern myself in this matter in the best way I can, and hope to
 have some influence over their Councils at the General Treaty
 to be held at Onondaga.—

As the Hurt which I mentioned in my [last] to have received
 in my Leg still Confines me to my [room and] in general to such
 a posture that Writing is [very in]convenient to me, I know you
 will kindly [] I am not yet able to be more
 particular [] a few days to be Able to give more
 Attention to [] Matters.—

Mr. []
 & other Accots coming in I can [] for the service
 of this Year, and it sho[] that from the Variety
 of Transactions [] the bringing about the reform

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins' speech to the Wabash Indians, not found. The answer follows the letter of August 26th from Johnson to the Earl of Hillsborough.

which co[uld not take] place at all the posts at the same¹ these
E[xpences have] Increased which I hope you will direct me
[in the] settlement of. I did not Send y^e. above []

INDORSED: []

Gage

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, August 17, 1769*]

[]

[On] My Way from Seneca I was overtaken by []
Indians, who were Sent to inform me of the murder [of Seneca]
George's Son on the Susquehanna, and to Express the concern
it had occasioned, imediately after which I received a pacquet
from Col. Johnson with Mr. Tilghman's Letter concerning it.
I then sent back the Message I thought best calculated for
appeasing them & preventing Mischief and I shall do all in my
power that may be farther necessary for this purpose, as I fear
it will not be easily or soon forgotten, and as the disposition I
have discovered in the different Nations whom I have lately seen
appears very unfavorable at this time.—

Since my Arrival here I had the favor of your Letter of the
2^d. Inst concerning your Intention for running [the] Boundary
Line and Shall Signify it to the Indians accordingly that some of
them shall attend at that time [and do] all in my power for
preventing the attendance of too many

In My Opinion the Whole Line of the late purchase [should
be] run & Well Marked as Soon as possible particularly [from]
Owegy to Delaware, as it will prevent Contention []
the Longer it is deferred the greater will be [] effect it.]
I have the pleasure to acquaint you [] dis]satisfied

¹ The word, "time" evidently omitted.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

with the proceeds of the N Englanders [] paid
 them the remainder of the purchase [] with their
 proper Acquittances I shall [] next opportunity.

INDORSED: []

L^t. Gov^r. Penn

TO JAMES DELANCEY

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, Aug. 17, 1769*]

[]
 [] inclosing me your kind favor of the [16th ult.]
 [and hear]tily thank you, at the same time give me [leave to]
 condole with you Sincerely on the Loss you have []
 by the death of So Aimable a Sister, whose indisposition was I
 presume the circumstance you Mention that deprived [me of]
 the pleasure of hearing from you Sooner.

I am much obliged to you for your kind promise [] in
 favor of the New County, and particularly So for the candour
 with which you have given me your Sentiments on that Sub-
 ject.— That there were private Views of a particular party
 which occasioned the Extending the Old County to Aries Kill
 is as certain as that such a bound would be contrary to the Sense
 & Interests of the Inhabitants, who labour under these particular
 hardships that they have no knowledge of what is doing at y^e.
 Capital till 'tis over, [and] that they are for the most part
 ignorant & that the Members [res]ide at a distance & have con-
 trary Interests.—

[] to the Member you Mention the first opportu-
 nity [] like those who went before him Wants Capacity
 [] easily Led. [] intended that Schenectady
 shall remain in the [Old County] the Lower bounds proposed
 for the New one being [] it at the end of that

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Township, which is [] the most Natural & best
 division that can [] think that what you say with
 regard to [] the Gentlemen
 you Mention [] thing would prevent so
 necessary [] dividing the County, which
 if well [] Signal advantage to these parts,
 as on [the contrary if] injudiciously made it will be prejudicial
 [I am] in hopes that you will be able to Succeed []
 you have in View as well as in this Application []
 INDORSED : []
 [] De Lancey Esq^r.

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, Aug. 17, 1769*]

[] of June 18th the]
 day before I set out [for the Indian country to hold] a Congress
 for the disc[overy [] have created much un[easiness,
 and] this prevented me from Writing you at []
 take the Earliest opportunity Since my [return] of Answering
 your Letter.—

As I was very Sorry to hear of the dis[satisfaction] amongst
 the Inhabitants in your Neighbourhood [it gives me pleasure]
 to find by Your last Letter that the Appointments [do not] In-
 terfere with them So much as was first imagined [and that] they
 had a prospect of relief in these matters. I shall be glad to
 testify my regard by affording them any Assi[stance] in my
 power as far as their case shall require it.

Mr. Wallis Hurd wrote me Some time Ago that he [and]
 those concerned in Taking up a Township from me had Agreed
 to the Terms I proposed, & that as Soon as they were advised

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

of my return from the Indian Country Some of them would come to me properly Authorized to settle it finally requesting Me to give them Notice when I came back thr[ough] you, I must therefore request the favor of you to Signify to Mr. Hurd &ca that being now returned I am ready to Conclude the buisness with them whenever they shall come The Sooner this is done the better as I have daily applications Made to me for that Land, and only Wait for their Coming in Consequence of my promise.

HENRY VAN SCHAACK, Esq^r.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, August 18, 1769*]

[I am hea]rtily congratulating you on your Safe Return from your [] Indian Country, which I flatter myself has been [as benefici]al to your Health as it has been to the Publick Service [] me Good Sir to introduce the Bearer Mr Griffiths to your [friend]ship & Acquaintance — This Gentleman intends to go home to be ordained as Soon as He can get proper Recommendations for [a] Mission & having heard that a Missionary is very much Wanted for the Church at Schenectady, His Errand to Johnson Hall is to Crave your Countenance & Influence to make him agreeable to the People of that Congregation, whose good Opinion I am confident He will endeavour to deserve — As to his Qualifications for Such a Charge I am a Stranger to & I believe you will Yourself be a much better Judge than me — but I dare venture to assure you Sir that his morall Conduct is without Reproach & that He is a very sensible, Welbehaved, Worthy Man, which is indeed the Character He has always had amongst all his Acquaintances — Your kind Offices in his Favour will therefore in my Opinion be always a Pleasure to [your]self, a great Benefitt to him & an

Obligation to the Church at Schenectady & I do assure you Sir
 Shall always be gratefully acknowledged by

Sir Your most Obedient Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sr William Johnson Bar'
 Johnson Hall

Favour of
 Mr Griffiths

INDORSED: [Mr Wetherhead's letter by]

Doctor Griffiths

Ansrd. 7^{br}. 1st.

ACCOUNT WITH RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER

A. D. S.

[August 18, 1769]

[]
[Rum]	to Onondage 5/ p ^r otor	1	0
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[]	of Rum to a tacowie p ^r ortor	0	10 0
[]	ll ^{ns} : of Rum & Cag to a Cayuca p ^r	0	12 0
[]	ll ^{ns} . of Rum Onontage p ^r ortor	0	5 0
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[]	Gall ^{ns} . of Rum to one of the Same Nation	0	12 0
[3]	Gall ^{ns} . to a tiscarore Intian p ^r orto	0	15 0
[	3]	Gall ^{ns} . of Rum at 5/ p ^r ortor	0	15 0
[	]	Gall ^{ns} . of Rum one Cag p ^r ortor	0	12 0
[	1]	74 Skipple of Wheat at 3 ^s /	26	2 0
[4]	Waggons one Day 10 ^s / p ^r Day	2	0 0
[15]	Skipple of Wheat at 3/ p ^r	2	5 0
[15]	Millar for Grinting 189 Skipple	2	7 3
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[]	ny & provision on your Way	11	9 0
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[]	Skipple of flowar	1	7 0

[] old pork	2	1	0
[] of Buttor	2	1	3
[] of Chack & half at 3 ^s / p ^r	2	9	6
[]	0	4	0
[]	1	8	0
[] old Rum	4	3	0

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Agust 5	to your Expences & your Retu[rn]
	to 4 Bags 3 tops & one Whudan Bo[x]
	to 8 ^s / paid to the Smit for Shoe a ho[rse]
	to one Chak Shurt for Androw []
	to his Vituals & thrink for 13 Day []
	for Kipping the Horses []
	to the Smith]]
	to 12/ Mohawk by orton of M ^r Byrne []
	to 4 ^s : 10 ^s by an ordor of Corll Croghan []
June 4	to 2 Skipple of flower []
		£ []

RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER

To Another Small Acc^t.

To

SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^{nt}

at

Johnson Hall

Johnson Hall March 7th. [1770 Received] of Sir W Johnson
Bar^t. the [] of all Demands to thi[]

[]

INDORSED: []

£ 92 18 6

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£ 95 1 6

paid —

[] Johnson Bar^t

Rudolph Shoemaker D^r

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[] Shillings in Chas	0	8	0
[] ga Indian 4 Skipple of wheat 12 ^s / for grinting	0	13	0
[] Skipple of potatoes at 2 ^s / Ge]rge Nellas the Smith p ^r ortor 14 ^s / []	0	6	0
	0	14	0
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RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER

17 1769

[] m^r Shoemaker the of ten Shillings []
Shillings of Expences [] one Indian

THOMAS NICHOLAS

TO WILLIAM CAMPBELL

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, August 20, 1769*]

[MY LORD]

[] your Lordship's letter of []
was absent on a Tour through the Country [of the Six N]ations
so that I had no Opportunity of answering [it before].—

The Character you have given of Mr. [C]unningham is a
Sufficient recommendation in case of Vacancy or of an Estab-
lishment of a Deputy there, of which I am in Some doubt, as
the Government may probably think it unnecessary to incur the
Expence attending it which I can no longer defray out of the
Small Allowance for my Department since the late reform;—
Major Gorham will be soon in America, when he went home he

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson except a brief interlineation, which is in Sir William's.

will belie[ve] every wish my heart is Capable of
 is f[or] that I am most Respectfully and most
 []

Dear Sir

Your most []
 most Hb[]

JOS C[HEW]

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED: To

The Honourable
 Sr. William Johnson Bar^t
 Johnson Hall

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New york August 20th. 1769

DEAR SIR,

I am glad to find you have reached your own House from the Seneca Country tho' much concerned at the Accident you met with which will require Ease and Care to perfect your Cure.

It is to be perceived from your Account of the Indians as well as Many other Accounts that Something of Consequence is in Agitation amongst the whole of them from the Six Nations to the Mississippi. But what the Six Nations mean by talking of Grievances and Injurs is past my Comprehension, if they do not mean to pick a Quarrel with us. They have certainly Nothing to complain of with Reason or Justice. The trifling Grievance of not getting a Morsel of Provisions at Fort-Pitt, shows they were hard put to it to find a Grievance. And in general the Fact is to be Suspected, for their Partys have all received more or less Provisions there, which the Returns testify. Perhaps Some Party might not have got as much as they

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

wanted. They might if they chose it have discovered to you the Cause of the Discontent of the Western or Ohio Indians, which it seems proceeds from the Cessions made by the Six Nations, of Lands to which they lay some Claim, and the Six Nations have received all the Money. As you don't Mention this, I suppose they chose to conceal this Circumstance and mean to leave us to Squabble it out with the other Nations as well as we can. I have had Several Passages on this Subject, but none so full as a Copy of a Letter from Colonel Armstrong inclosed to me by Governor Penn. I transmit you a Copy of the Governor's Letter to me, as well as a Copy of Colonel Armstrong's¹ to the Governor's Secretary.

It appears very Necessary that Something should be done to keep those Indians quiet, and which it behoves the Six Nations to do till Something solid can be fixed upon with them. The unions and Confederacys you Mention portend no good to us, and Seems to be the Consequence of the Peace we have taken So much Pains to bring about between the Northern and Southern Indians. I can't learn that the Illinois have killed any Indian except Pondiack. Silver Heels will be able to clear up all those Reports.

As to the Question you desire me to answer all I can Say to it is, that the Interpreters and Smiths will be at the Posts, and the Indians must transact their Business with the Officers Commanding till the Provinces appoint Commissarys, or that Government shall think proper to adopt other Regulations.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^R: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t:

¹ John Armstrong, of Carlisle, Pa.; later, a general of the Revolution, who commanded militia at Brandywine and Germantown.

INDORSED: August 20th. 1769

General Gages letter

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 431, is listed a letter of August 20th to the Earl of Hillsborough, regarding an inclosed account of a journey and proceedings, the Fort Stanwix treaty, reasons which compelled Johnson to fix the boundary at the Cherokee river, the grant to Mr Croghan and to the traders who suffered losses in the war of 1763, the Indian sentiment of independence, pretensions to a knowledge of the Indians, and reasons why he has hesitated to decline a part of the Indian cession. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:943-48; Q, 2:546-49 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:179-82.)

A MEETING WITH AUGHQUISASNES

Contemporary Copy

[*Sault St. Louis alias Caghnawagey, Aug. 21, 1769*]

At a Meeting of the Sachems & other principal Men of [the Augh] quisasne or St. Regis Indians.

Present.

Daniel Claus Esqr. Dep ^y . to Sr. W ^m .	} Ph: Philips Interp ^r .
Johnson Bar ^t . The Chiefs of	
Caghnawagey.	

Adighwadooni of Aughquisasne, directing his Discourse to Sir William Johnson Bar^t. spoke as follows.

Brother Warraghyagey.

By this String of Wampum we beg to remind you of what you Transacted with the Dep^s. of y^e. Seven confederate Nations of Canada in August 1760. near Swegachy, when in behalf of the Great King of England, and the Concurrance of the Commander in chief of his Troops then on the Spot, you entered into preliminary Engagem^ts. with [] depu]tized by s^d. 7 Nations, that provided [] on the English Armys descending the [River] & during the final Conquest of Canada you would secure to us the quiet & peace-

able Possession of the Lands we lived upon, and let us enjoy the free Exercise of the Religion we were instructed in; which Engagements we then firmly & mutually agreed upon, and after the final Conquest of this Country they were confirmed and ratified by you in behalf of the Great King of England our Father, at a general Congress of all the Indⁿ. Nations in Canada, held by you at Caghnawagey, all which is still fresh in our Memories, & we on our Side have strictly & inviolably adhered to.—

You will likewise remember that in Spring 1764 you ordered your Deputy, to publish & explain to us His Majestys most gracious Proclamation of Oct^r. 1763 confirming & securing to us our Possessions & Hunting grounds when at the same time you desired to collect our still dispersed People to their respective Nations & Villages.

a String

Brother Warraghiyagey.

We are sorry to represe[nt to you] that said Engagements, have in some manner been in [] on your Side as we shall relate to you. You are no Stranger to our Manners & Customs, in particular you will allow that there is hardly an Instance of Indians of different Nat^s. residing together if possibly they can avoid it. You will then please to know, that some of the St Francis Indians, after their Village was cut off¹ came to us for Shelter & Reception desiring our Protection for one Night as their Expression was, or untill their Village was reestablished; we granted their Request & received them under our Protection. And when ab^t. 18 Months ago their Mission was replaced, the chiefs of this Village desired those of St. Francis to collect their People, and we warned those under our Protection to repair to their own Town & Nation. But we find now that thro the Insinuation of one Mr. Hartell, who on Acco^t. of his trading with them encouraged them to remain in our

¹ By Robert Rogers on October 6th, 1759. See Rogers' *Journal*, p. 146–60.; also Amherst to Pitt, in *Correspondence of William Pitt*, 2:221–22, ed. Gertrude Selwyn Kimball.

Village, and obtained a Paper from the Governor of this Province, empowering them & Mr. Hartell to fix and establish themselves in our Village; Should this be the Case you must be sensible that the Peace & Tranquility of our Town is at an End, not only on Acco^t. of the Distinction our Nation always made between them & us, but more so, as they now boast & avail themselves of said Paper, and already go the Length of Telling us, that they have a better right to live & hunt at & about St. Regis than we who had nothing to show for our living there, and to convince us of their prerogative priviledges are destroying our peoples Beaver Traps wherever they come across them in the Woods, & in short engross not only ours but some of the 6 Nat^s. hunt^g. ground who blame us for it, w^{ch}. must unavoidably involve us together in Disputes & Troubles. It will appear very clear to you as well as any one that knows about our ways & Customs, that we never would have settled here, had we known that Strangers might mix & settle amongst us whenever they pleased. And no Nation of Ind^{ns}. would attempt it of themselves, without being set on & encouraged to it by whites. We assure you Brother, that since Mr. Hartell forced himself upon us there was nothing but confusion & parties in our Village. And having last Summer thro the Mediation of your Deputy been reconciled and united, we in order to continue unanimous, were determind [to have] Mr. Hartell & the St. Francis Ind^{ns}. leave our Village, but it Se[ems] [] wont let us enjoy that [] our Nation was so long deprived of: We therefore entreat and request you in behalf of [] who have jointly & unanimously resolved upon th[] to interpose in this Case, and give Gov^r. Carleton your [] thereon, as he seems to be an entire Stranger to our [Customs] and the Engagements & promises made us by you in be[half] of the great King of Engl^d. before the Surrender of Canada

Gave a Belt of Wam[pum]

Sir Williams Deputy told the Aughquiasne Indians in Ans[wer] that he had heard & understood, this their foregoing

Speech and request, and would agreeable to their Desire make a Report thereof to Sir William Johnson p^r. Post.— he then acquainted them with the Conversation General Carleton had with him on the above Subject, being determined to support the St. Francis Ind^{ns}. in living at Aughquiasne, and that themselves nor the Cagawageys must imagine themselves Masters or proprietors of the Lands they lived on. They were surprized & said the Governour knew nothing of their Affairs, and seemed to encourage and bel[ieve] People that allways were known to be Authors of Mis[chief &] false reports.—

He then gave them a String of Wampum whereby he s[ummoned] them to a Meeting to be held at Onondago between the [Six Nat^s.] & the Cherakees, and acquainted the Caghawageys [of] the Death of one of their People killed in the Cherokee Country by the Illinois Ind^s & of anothers being taken & in the Hands of a French Officer which News they published in their Town by the D[eath] Yell as customary & other usual ceremonies on the like Occasion.

The Aughquiasnes before they returned asked to have [a] Smith at St. Regis on their own Acco^t. & Expences; Col C[laus] told them he would endeavour to recommend them an[d] then the Meeting broke up.

A true Copy, at Le Chine 22^d. Aug^t. [1769]

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

August 21st. 1769

DEAR SIR

On My Return home I found a Leter from m^r. Wharton Dated May y^e. 30th. wherein he Writes Me that a Noble Lord had Intrested himself Much In feaver of y^e. Grant to y^e. traders and had Spoke to Lord Hillsborrough About itt who Tould him that he thought y^e. King wold Confirm itt provided y^e. Indians wold Nott alter the Limets of y^e. boundry, or In that Case wold

Give them another Tract Butt Said my Grant was two Much
 fer any Subject in Amerrica & that he had thought of granting
 all y^e. Cesion to Gentlemen in Englend and a good Dele of
 such Conversation, however he has promised that the King wold
 Make a grant for y^e. Loses in 54, and a Contract is Made fer
 My part of that Grant which will I hope Reimburst Me as Soon
 as I Can Send a power of atturny home, Butt My foot is a
 good Dale y^e. Worse for My Re[turn] home So that I Dont
 know when I Shall be [] to go to albany.

M^r Wharton Closes his Leter with Saying That if y^r. honer
 & the Six Nations Do Nott Make any alteration in the boundry
 below bigg Canhaye¹ that Every artickle of the Traty will be
 Confirm^d. as No Gentleman in Englan^d. has oposed or Said a
 Word against y^e. Traty butt Lord Hillsburgh

I am Dear Sir with Great Respect your

Honors Most obident

Hum^{ble}. Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t

INDORSED: August 21^t 1769

M^r. Croghans Letter

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, August 21, 1769*]

[]
 [] Just now had the pleasure of receiving yours
 of the [] from whi]ch I am extremely Sorry to learn your
 Misfortune — I hope however you are by this Time gott per-
 fectly well of your Hurt; which I assure you Sir I shall hear
 with great pleasure — I now take the Liberty of inclosing you a
 Copy of the Bill drawn by Mr. Roberts for your Governm^t it

¹ Great Kanawha, W. Va.

has been laying in Mr Roosevelts Hands ever Since the Date of my former Letters in which I mentioned it to you — I have Shown that Gentleman the paragraph in your Letter respecting the Bill & He will be content to wait your Orders about it

I shall by the first opportunity Send you Hamiltons Rose for the Tooth Ach with Directions —

The Sundry Articles you & Col Johnson wrote me for were Sent immediately & doubt not but you must have receivd them long eer now as they were Sent to Mr Van Eps in order to be forwarded to you —

My Wife is much obligd to you for your kind Remembrance of Her She Joins me in Sincerely wishing your Speedy Recovery & in the Mean time remain with great Truth

Sir Your most Obed Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

P. S. I hope you have received the Pickled Cod 2 Barrells Sent you Some Time Ago.

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
[]heads letter
[ab^t.] Roberts Bill.
Ansrd. 7^{br}. 1st.

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

A. L. S.¹

New York August 21st. 1769

SIR

Mr David Griffith the Bearer of this, is a Gentleman that intends to enter into holy Orders; previous to which, he is desirous of visiting Schenectady, and your new settlements. I

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

have never had any great intimacy with him, but am assured from several of his Friends, Gentlemen of veracity, that he is an amiable, worthy Man.

I am extremely sorry that Mr Seabury unfortunately missed of you. He seems well pleased with the Country, and I believe might be induced to remove & settle with you; provided the Society would give him a sufficient Salary to live upon; the Salary they propose is certainly too small. This I have mentioned to them & hope they will take it under consideration.

I have now got in my possession the Deeds for the late Dr Barclays House & Lands which if you should want them, shall be sent to you, when you please. As the Tenant is ordered by the Executors to deliver the possession to you, I must suppose he has done it, or ready to do it. If any thing further is necessary to be done in the Affair, if you will please to let me know it, I shall immediately be complied with.

Your goodness I flatter myself will excuse this short hasty Scrawl, being at present greatly hurried; and believe me to be with great truth, Worthy Sir —

Your Much Obliged
& Most Ob^t Serv^t

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

SIR W^m JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹ Doctor Auchmutys letter

21st August 1769

⌘ Doctor Griffith

FROM FRANTZ RUPPERT

A. L. S.

Charles To[wn, So. Car., Aug 22, 1769]

[HONOURE]D SIR/

I am Sory that I am oblidgeed to be Troublesom to you, my Present Necesety oblidges me to Inform You of my Sircum-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

stance, as is. That I have had 2 Severe fit of Siknes here & of the Present not intirely Recoverd and therefore Indebted both to the Doctors & Lodgings Beg therefore you will be So good as to Give Captⁿ. north of Philladelphia orders to Pay me the Muncy whoo Promisd To Doe it Provisor you will Give Such order, This Captn Mason informed me of, for m^r. Panton is Not able to Pay it as I am also informed by Mason, I forther beg your Honour will favour me with a Line of Information whow Maters Stands with m^r. Peter Rimson & if I may be so bould to Send my books to you in order That I may have Recoverd what is owing to me Which ammounts To Two hundred & Eighty three pounds York Currency Should forther Take it a Great favour if your Honour woud be good enough if an Opertunety permits to, asist me in Sending my wife whom I am Greatly wanting with Me & if my Brother is willing to Com will also asist him in the Pasage forther I hope you are beter in health Then When I parted from you -- Your favour as above will Refer an Ever Lasting Obligation on your

Honours most obedient and

Humble Servant

FRANTZ RUPPERT

ADDRESSED: The Hon^{ble}. Sir W^m. Johnston Baronet
New York

INDORSED: August 22^d. | |
Franz Ruperts | |

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAAACK

A. L. S.

[*Kinderhook, Aug. 22, 1769*]

[|
a part of the Mannor of Renssel|acr |
friendship and regard you have giv[en |
Townships makes us hope that you | |
the trouble of reading Transactions [that | of a

very great number of Worthy Industr[ious]] your
 favourable attention to the hardships [] certain
 Interest, I beg leave to continue my [] My Brother
 lately called upon the Governors [secretary, and asked him if]
 he had handed the Petitions, Resignations &c, to h[is Excellency
 (of which] I troubled you with Copies) he answered in the
 Affirmative [] that the Governor had said Com-
 missions could deside no p[] directed him (the
 Secretary) to make out New Commissions (w[]
 those who have resigned) agreeable to Col^o. Rensselaers Recom-
 m[endation] We have notwithstanding reason to believe that
 the present appointments [] in this extraordinary Regi-
 ment will not Stand; for it seems the Projectors of []
 Regiment have made some unpardonable Blunders Such as dat-
 ing all the Inferiour Commissions before that of the Colonel's,
 with a view, as we suppose, to give colour hereafter to a Wild
 and Inconsistant Claim that is made to the Contested Lands to
 the North of Claverack and East of us. An other blunder of
 a still more extraordinary nature is that antidating of Some of
 the Commissions So far back as that they have the Secretarys
 Name to them *Six or Eight Months before he was Secretary.*
 As soon as the drift of these measures were perceived they were
 communicated very publickly and I received a letter from New
 York for a State of the Regiment Specifying the different
 Places the Officers live at, the time of the delivery of the Com-
 missions, by whom filled up what Interest the Officers were in
 at and before the Crown's Trial last Fall with Col^o Rensselaer,
 when filled up & the particular Dates of the Commissions. I
 was lucky enough to get the necessary Informations & made out
 a State of almost the whole Regiment and which Sir (if you
 will [be] troubled with it) I will Send you. By it it appears
 that not a Commission was signed []
 []
 [] 1768 were sent to England []
 [] lying for a Patent for the []

]t tho the Commissions are dated []
] 1768 yet they were not filled up []
 then only delivered.— The Governors [] N^o. 1
 Commission was the only one filled [] not Dated
 'till the Month of November on [] y of the
 Inferiour Commissions were Dated[] antidated.
 In the appointment of the [] has also been a
 manifest partiality Shewn.

I remain

Sir

very respectfully

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servant

H. V. SCHAACK

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Baronet

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Kinderhook 22^d Aug^t. 1769

Henry Vanschaak Esq^{rs}.

Letter —

TO WILLIAM FRANKLIN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Aug^t. 23^d. 1769.

DEAR SIR

Upon my return from Seneca which was about 12 days ago I had the favor of your kind Letter of the 1st. of this Month which till now I could not Answer, & even Now I cannot be as particular as I co^d. Wish, not being able to Write without much pain tho I have a Great deal of business on my hands, for on

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson. Printed by C. H. Lincoln in *Transactions*, 11:52-53.

my return in the Night from the Hut of a Chief, near Onondaga where I held a private Conference My Canoe overset, & I had to make the Shore & get up a Bank in the Dark with much Difficulty in effecting which I tore my Swelled Leg very much on a Small Stump, so as not yet to be able to go into my Study, or write without great Inconvenience tho' it is recovering much faster than I Expected,

I most kindly thank you for the News communicated in your Letter as well as for the perusal of what you wrote to Col. Croghan who has received it, My Letters from home seem to Express a dissatisfaction, at the Great Extent of the Cession beyond the Kanhawa, tho' it is indisputably the Lands of the 6 Nations, & if it had been denied, the Latter wo^d. have proved Worse Enemys than the Cherokees can be, besides I believe the Virginians wo^d. have settled on it at all Events,¹ It is however left to me now, that in case I don't think it good policy to give up that part it will be Confirmed, I wish I could say the same as to the Grant of the Traders to which objections are made.—

I can Just Say a Word as to my late Tour, I met near 2500 Ind^s. at Seneca assembled from the Sev^l. Villages, & I found them more dissatisfied than I hope I left them. They are greatly discontented at the Withdrawing people from the posts Which it is not in my power to Continue there, & I don't find the provinces inclined to do any thing material on that head.

The Ind^s. are likewise dissatisfied with the N Englanders Intrusions into Pennsylvania, which they say will involve their people in disputes, They complain bitterly of Ill usage & Acts of Injustice at the posts & frontiers & Say that the other Confederacys have invited them to Joyn in Measures for redress, And Indeed from the sev^l. Discoveries I have Made The belts Constantly passing² thro the Nations from the French, The late

¹ See letter of Johnson to Hillsborough, August 21, 1769, *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:943-48; Q, 2:546-49 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:179-82.

² This word is in Sir William's handwriting.

proceedings on Ohio, & their Speeches at Illinois I must have very unfavorable sentiments of their Intentions.—After a Meeting to be held soon at Onondaga I shall know more, In the meantime I use all my endeavors to prevent a Gen^l. dissaffection, & to keep matters quiet as long as the present state of things will admit of—I persuade myself I have no occasion to Apologize for not being more particular under my present Circumstances, and Wishing to hear from you by every opportunity Convenient to yourself I remain with Great Cordiality & Truth
Dear Sir

&ca

Sir John Sends his best Compliments, as does Guy who desires me to tell you that he Wrote you a Long Letter last Month, & will give you the Trouble of more whenever he has Subjects for them.—

His Excell^{cy} GOV^R FRANKLYN —

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Aug^t. 23^d. 1769

SIR/

The other day I had the favor of yours of the 14th, from the perusal of which I cannot but agree entirely with you in opinion as to the propriety of your now declining the Application home for the reasons you therein Assign, as well as from what I learn of their dissatisfaction at late Grants.—

The Affair of the flatts shall meet with no obstruction from hence, and I hope that in the manner you intend to apply as to the other Affair you will Still find an Advantage.

As to myself, my Leg heals but Slowly, tho' it has a Much better appearance than before, and I am in hopes that a few

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.



GOVERNOR WILLIAM FRANKLIN

From the *Century Magazine*. After a pencil drawing by Albert Rosenthal from the original painting, the property of Dr Thomas Hewson Bache

days rest will remove that Complaint for your Enquirys concerning which I am much obliged to you and remain with regard

Sir &ca

COLL. BRADSTREET

INDORSED: Aug^t. 23^d. 1769

To Col: Bradstreet

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

[Schenectady, Aug. 23^d 1769]

The other day on my return from N. York I learn'd [that] you had made no further call for any part of your money remaining in my hand. I therefore have taken the opportunity of Cap^t. M^c. Leod to send the Ballance — agreeable to the inclosed State £2246:9/ — which I hope youll approve of & find right — when once your time can permit be so kind as send me a receipt for £3033 [] 3^d the full Sum that M^r Newton paid me inclosed is those Drafts you have made.

I am much hurried which be so good as excuse. I have the honor to remain

Sir

Your most Obed^t & Hum serv^t

JAMES PHYN

The Hon^{bl} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson

Baronet at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: [] 69

[] ons Letter with

[] Sent me

Ansrd. 24th.

FROM JOHN TABOR KEMPE

A. L. S.

New York August 24th. 1769

As I doubt not you will excuse the Trouble of this Letter [I beg le]ave without further Apology, to enter on the Subject, in which I [assure] my self of your friendly Offices.

On the 6th. Sep^r. 1765 I obtained a Mandamus in the [usu]al Form for granting me 5,000 Acres of Land in such part of this province as I should choose. In the Month of January 1767 I made a [loca]tion within the former Claim of New Hampshire, on which nothing further was immediately done, and the Governor being since restrained from passing any Grants there, I looked about for another place, and after much Difficulty, discovered a Vacancy on the South Side of the Mohawks River, being the Residue of a Purchase made of the Indians by Coll. Vaughan, after his Grant satisfied thereout — I accordingly on the 8th. March last presented a Petition for 5000 Acres of these Lands to be granted me on my Mandamus — The Council were on the reading my Petition informed, that these Lands were already *purchased* and *located by others*, and they were thereupon so obliging as to point out and advise another Place for my Location — I knew before that Coll. Vaughan had purchased all that Vacancy, but I also knew that he had taken thereout all he intended, and that the Residue was very considerably more than sufficient to satisfy my Mandamus. I understand also that some people in New York [viz^t.] one Mr. Metcalf, M^r Atwood, a Cooper and some other Tradesmen joined with one Herkamer living near the Lands had *a few Days only before me* petitioned for Eleven Thousand Acres there, but I knew there was no Advice of Council for the Grant, or any farther Proceedings thereon Having discovered this, and knowing that my Mandamus gave me a Preference under these Circumstances, I was determined for some particular Reasons, (which are too long to communicate) to insist upon that Right,

and accordingly on the 15 March presented another Petition stating these Facts as they really were, and praying to have [the] Location made in my first Petition, pursuant to the Directions of [the Ro]yal Order in Council — I expected this Petition would have had its [] but from some Cause or Accident it was not laid before the Council [] [] Duplicate among the Council Papers [] locate on no other Spot even should the Benefit of my Mandamus [] totally lost to me. To mention to you the Address used to [induce me] to give up this Location for the Benefit of the other Petitioners w[ould be] troubling you too much, I will only say I soon perceived that every [] possible Obstacle would be thrown in my Way, and that if I would [not give] up to them, I should be prevented from getting it myself if possible [] did not imagine this Management would have gone so far as I [have] Reason to think it has — you may guess how really surprized I was [the] other Day on being informed that the Indians were uneasy on understanding some person at New York had petitioned for a Grant of these Lands, and that if granted it might prove of serious Consequence I cannot doubt they have declared so, because the Governor when I pressed him lately on the Subject of this Grant, shewed me a Letter from you, in which you mention something to that Purpose, but I cannot help thinking that if my Location had not been made there the other Petitioners would have had their Grant without the Indians interfering and a Variety of Circumstances not only induces me to believe it has been excited by the Address of some of my Opponents or their Friends, but points out the active Persons in the Business but as this is collected from Circumstances without positive proof I will not mention their Names, but pursue my Enquiries till I discover it fully, when I will do myself the Honor to inform you who are the persons that have made themselves busy among the Indians on this Subject, as you have often mentioned to me respecting Klock that such practices render it very difficult to keep them in proper Temper.

I was the more surprized, because the Indians can have no just

Cause, either of Complaint or Uneasiness — The Land they do not *occupy* — It is *surrounded* by Patents — They can scarce get to it without *trespassing* — Tis undoubtedly *not their Property* — *They sold it in a most solemn Manner*, I believe in your presence when the Governor purchased it for Coll. Vaughan — *The King* be[ing] thereby *invested with all their Claim* — and I understand it was [] *included in their late Cession to the Crown*. But be it so or not [] [] our) pretend there was any *Fraud* or [] Manner *in which*, and *the place where* it was purchased, [] in that Business, as well as the persons of Character attending [] every Pretence of the *first*, and the Certainty of the Bounds, (which [] particular, and which doubtless they were made to understand) [] preclude every Pretence of the latter. In Fine this Purchase [] agreeable to the Kings last Instructions is attended with such [circ] umstances, as leave no possible Room for the Indians to pretend to [the] least Claim to any of these Lands, even if the Cession did not also include [them]. How amazing then is this Indian Interruption! and if permitted [to] have Effect of what avail is any Indian Purchase, or even the late Cession? [Is] it to be laid down as a Rule that tho the Indians sell to the King or Subject [] their Right, they shall nevertheless afterwards be permitted to prevent (whenever they please to object) the granting the Lands so purchased, or to dictate to his Majesty the Person on whom he shall bestow his Royal Bounty — But I fear I trespass too much on your Time, I have been thus far prolix that you might see the Colour of this Business; the Injustice of the Indian Interruption, and the propriety of the Favor I would wish to receive at your Hands and tho I think in former Instances where there is Room to doubt whether Fraud may not have been committed in Indian Purchases, it is right that their Complaints & Discontents arising therefrom, should be favorably heard and redressed, yet I am sure you will think with me that in a Case like this their interfering ought in Justice and sound Policy to be discouraged if not disregarded, among other Reasons

because it tends to give them such an Impression of Us as they ought not to have, for to what but our Fears of them will such a people attribute our suffering them by their Nod, either to direct the Measures of Government in disposing of the Kings Property, or prevent the disposing of it at all.

I perceive groundless as this Indian Interruption appears to me, that while it continues, I shall with great Difficulty [if a]t all, obtain the Location of my Mandamus there, yet I am [de]rmined (while Things appear to me as they do at present) to [locat]e it nowhere else, and rather than be in this Manner disappointed [purs]ue it to the last Resort, at whatever Expence of Time Trouble [] Cash, and willingly would purchase it again of the Indians did [] [] Injurious to the Kings Rights, as well as [] disturbing the Peace and Property of the Colony without []

[] I doubt not it is in your Power to save me great Trouble [] Expence, and enable me to obtain the Grant without farth[er] [] Difficulty, as your Influence will easily prevail on them to d[esist] from an Interruption so ill founded, and for which they can [] no just Colour or pretence. Permit me then Sir to request y[our] friendly En-deavors to remove this Obstruction from the India[ns'] [] and the Governors consequent Objections to my Grant, foun[d]ed] thereon —

With the utmost Confidence and Reliance on your friendly Interposition for me in this Business, I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Sir

Your much obliged

and most humble Servant

J. T. KEMPE.

[SIR WILLIAM] JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED: N York 24th Aug[ust] []

Att^y. Gen^l Kempe []

ab^t. a Location []

5000 Acres at Conajoha[rie]

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schnectady the 25th August 1769

DEAR SIR

I now Send you by the Bearer Albert Maybee your pipe of Wine which Cost £50 & youll find it good at that price. I hope it may Arrive Safe with you & not meet with the Same fate the other pipe did Coming from Albany —

I am Extraimly happy In hearing that your Leg mends So well & wish Sincerely that it may Continue So till quit Recovered it has been Reported here for Some days past that you was Coming down here, & was going as far as Albany I hope it may be true as we long much to have the pleasure of Seeing you & I have been So much hurried Since You Came Home that I could not get So much as the Injoyment of two or three days to go up to pay my Respects to you

M^{rs} Campbell begs her Compliments to You & am Dear
sir with Great Respect

Your most hble Serv^t

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Major D. Campbells
Letter August 1769

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

[La Chine, August 25, 1769]

I sincerely wish these may find you safe returned and in perfect health after your Tour to the Six Nation Country — During your Absence I wrote to Brother Guy giving him an Acco^t. of my Arrival here and how I found Matters among the Indians here. Soon after I went to Quebec having been told by Cap^t. Maxwell

¹ In Johnson's hand.

that Governour Carleton wanted to see me; on my Arrival there he reced me very politely desiring I would accept of a Couvert at his Table while at Quebec when not better engaged, he then asked me some Questions ab^t. the Interpreters employed under me & the Arm^r. & Smiths Expences, and then came about to question me whether I desired the Aughquisasne Ind^s. that if Mr. Hartell insisted upon establishing himself in their Village to tie him hands & feet and send him to Montreal, and then drive away the S^t. Francis Ind^{ns}. living there; that such things if so would only cause ill blood between the Ind^{ns}. & cause a War; I told him I could not recollect any thing of the kind, that I relied entirely upon my public Transations with regard to Mr/ Hartells Affair at Aughquisasne w^{ch}. at any time I could produce in writing, & could not recollect of having given any hints of the kind to the Ind^{ns}. that on the Contrary when s^d. Ind^{ns}. wanted the Abinaquis away last fall, I & the chiefs of Caghna^w. prevailed upon them to let them remain that Winter. That at the same time I never knew Ind^{ns}. of different Nations live together, besides there always subsisted an Antipaty between the Iroquois & Riv^r. Ind^{ns}. — He dwelt upon hinting that Indians should not be set up agst. one another; I told him for my part I scornd it & never was guilty of it. He said the Iroquois of Aughquisasne must drop those Notions of appropriating any Lands or Spots of Ground in Canada as they never had any in the french time, that the Abinaquis had as good a Right to be at Aughquisasne as they having been as it were but a day or two there before them. I told him the former had been several Years before them and pitched upon the Spot themselves as within the Limits of their & the 6 Nations hunting Ground. he said that if the Iroq^s. persisted of having the S^t. Francis Ind^{ns}. remove from thence he would be obliged to interpose, as he should not chuse to have [] in his Province, besides the Abinaq^s. would soon get the better as they would have all the Mikmacs¹ & River Ind^s.] I smiled

¹ An Algonquian nation below Quebec city and in the Maritime Provinces.

and told him that as to that the others could [] formidable Alliance, but that I was persuaded the for [] not enter so rashly into a War with the Allies of the 6 [Nations.] thus the Conversation broke off.

Now you will please to know sir, that last fall after my leaving Montreal, Hartell obtained a Letter from the Gov^r. consent[ing to] his residing at Aughquisasne, the Iroquois on his Arrival un[] to a Man opposed & refused him to stay, telling him they could not live [in] peace & Harmony while he was among them, as he delighted [in] making Mischief & Divisions among them in order to secure [his] Stay that they would advise him to return to Montreal peaceably otherwise they should be obliged to use foul Means, repeating the [ex]pressions the Gov^r. questiond me ab^t. Hartell asked them by whose Authority they would do it, they in a passion replied by mine, whereupon he got his Mother an envenom'd piece to write to the Gov^r. (himself being incapable) and to wind him up to that pitch as to send positive Orders to the Iroquois to receive M^r. Hartell without the least Opposition on their peril, & not to molest the Abinaquis in residing there, and they quietly submitted to it. (N. B. Hartell trades with the Abinaquis whose Interp^r. he was formerly & now is reinstated.)

On my return from Quebec I heard the Aughquisasne Indians came in a Body to Caghnawagey & wanted to see and speak with me, and on finding I was arrived they beg'd to be heard, I met them at Caghnawagey when they delivered me the inclosed Speech directed to you. After they had finished I gave them the Conversation between me & the Gov^r. asking them if ever I told them to tye M^r. Hartell & send him to Montr^l. they said they did not doubt this was M^r. Hartells Story to the Gov^r. in order to carry his point; it was true they told him in a passion when he persisted of establishing himself for good in their V[illage] that if he would not peaceably leave their Town they should be obliged to lay hands on him in the Manner I directed them [at the] Begin^g. of my taking care of their Aff^{rs}. w^{ch}. was that when

[] Deserters or other Vagrants came to skrein them [selves among them not to har]bour them, but deliver them either [] or Military & in case of Resistance not to hurt them but secure them from escaping & bring them to Montreal. They said they were surprized the Gov^r. would give Credit & dicieded upon a Frenchmans Story, before he heard that of an english Officers, that for their part they never could rely on any thing Mr. Hartell told them since they knew him, that it seemd the Gov^r took pleasure in Disputes since he encouraged those that set them on foot, that he ought not meddle in their domestick Aff^{rs}. being an entire Stranger to them & would only cause Disorder & Confusion among them; He lost his Cred^t. wth. the Caghna^ws & Aughquis^s: by this Stroke of Arbitrarism, he is found fault wth. for the same thing among the English both civil & military & is popular only wth. those french that flatter him & recive favours from him. The Caghna^ws & ^{ca}. dislike his appointing and consulting with french People in their Aff^{rs}. & say they will have nothing to say to them; he caused Jealousies by giving Medals of a coarse make to the Loretto & St. Francis Ind^{ns}. by the hands of the Priests, and one to Otkwandageghte who has been deserted by the Swegachy Ind^{ns}. & took up with those of St. Francis at Aughquis^e. The Command^g. Officer of Montreal was ordered to deliver the latter & the Indian was so dashd & conscious of not deserving it, that he would not wear it & gave it in care of M: Pillet. The Commissⁿ. he had from Gov^r. Vaudreuil was exchanged or rather translated in English, of w^{ch}. I have a Copy.

After I finished with the Aughquisasnes I went to Caneghsadagey, those 3 Nat^s. expecting me impatiently and on my Arriv^l. shewed me more Respect than ever, by saluting me with the Discharge of 3 Cannon & 3 rounds of small Arms, their young Men finely dressed & drawn up in 2 Ranks to receive me at my Landing the Major with his Sword drawn & the Officers saluting with their Spontoons; The chiefs followed me to my Lodging & then addressed me with expressing their Joy on my

coming to see them, while I was [] them my Thanks for their civility, a Messenger came in from an Arundax chief of S^d. Village, who I was told lay on his Death Bed better than a fortnight [to let] me know that since my Return from Quebec he waited for my A[rival in]Anxiety for fear he should die before he saw me & the [] I would not delay [] Cap^t. M^c Bean & Lady of the Artill^y were in Comp^y. on [] Room, found him in a deep Consump^{tion} a mere Skeleton [] he stretched out his hand to me with a wishfull Loock, and said [] he was satisfied & could die contented, all he wanted with me [before he] died, was to recommend his Nation to me, & to continue that R[egard for] them, w^{ch}. I allways showed them since I had the Care of them, that [their affairs] never were so well conducted than since under the Eng^{sh}. Govern^t. [&] should he have lived to see his former father the french Gov^r. he [would have] reproached with never having that care taken of the Ind^{ns}. then the [] Eng^l.— This was interpr^d. to me by the Priest & S^t. John who is now employed by the Prov^{ce}. they were oblidged to interpret justly there being [] Arund^x. pres^t. that understood french. I returned him thanks for his [] told him was sorry to see him in y^t. Conditⁿ. and assured him that I sho[uld] not alter my Disposition & good Wishes for the Wellfare of his & all other Nations of Ind^{ns}. while under my Care & they behaved well, that he might be assured that all good & faithfull Ind^{ns}. to the English would [always] be taken Notice of & countenanced &ca. I then took leave of him And he expired a couple of hours after. I saw him decently buried & the Ceremony of Condolence performed by a Caghnaw^y. chief [who] was wth. me.

This Country after suffering under a famine since last fall till within a fortⁿl. passt, during the latter time Wheat rose to 5 Doll^{rs} p^r french Bush^l. and several poor people died for want: — Now enjoys a time of Plenty having had a rich harvest of all kinds of Grain. The Caghnawageys will never forget your Care & Goodness in sending them Seed Corn, without w^{ch}. they say they

must have starved this Winter, and are now allmost sure of a plentiful corn harvest, & getting into the Seed of sweeter Corn [than] they ever had, & in short are quite happy.

Math^w. Wade has failed & keeps close at home, his Bro^r. Franc is here & has seized every thing he had, & there is a Writ out agst. him for £300. Halfⁿ. Cu[] I sent him last fall a Draft of Mr. Phyns for £139.N.Y. to pay off some Indⁿ. Acc^{ts}. for me, and I find he left ab^t. 25 or 26 pounds unpaid w^{ch}. I shall be obliged to pay over agⁿ. I think it very hard. The inclosed Letter were delivered me from La Bay they contain I hear some Intelligence from that Quarter.

The Indians will in a few days be gone on their Winters hunt, when I shall return home, in the interim I remain with Respect & Duty and Complim^{ts}. to all the family

Hon^d. sir

Your Obedient Son

DAN. CLAUS

[SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON] Bar^t. &^{ca}

This letter was to go 8 days ago by

Cap^t Gardner who went away

without it before the Time []

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 432, is listed a letter of August 26th to the Earl of Hillsborough, giving an account of proceedings with the Six Nations, causes of discontent and jealousy, Monsr. Verchere's inflammatory speech, Johnson's own relations with Indian commissaries, etc., frontier troubles and alarms and his policy of dividing the Indians. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:948-54; Q, 2:549-52 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:183-86).

INDIAN SPEECHES

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Copy of Speeches made by the Indians to Lt. Colonel Wilkins² Commanding at the Illinois. In Answer to his Speech to them.—

MON PERE

J'ay reçu la parole que tu m'a Envoyé tu as raison de me faire les juste reproches que tu me fais attendre³ que tu as l'esprit plus claire que moi, dis moi pour quel raison me fait tu ces reproche il y a des mes jeune Gens qui ont été tué pour les interest de la Nation et pourquoi me fait tu ces reproche avant que mes jeune Gens furent tue je t'ai dis qu'il me faisoit pitie et qu'il etoit flaté de voir le jour Comme moi, Lorsque j'ay été te voir cete Automne cela a Ete pour De Bonnes affaires may jay Ete trompé Vu que tu ma mal reçu, je te Direri mieux mon sentiment dans mon Village; si tu Veux scavoir ce que jay Dans mon Coeur tu peux Venir me parler, jay resolu de perir avec les francois et anglois & suis faché de ne m'etre pas trouve Lorsque les poux ont fait insulté ce qui ma fait beaucoup de peine, mais je n'y etois pas, Car j'aure Expose ma Vie pour sauvé ceux de la nation que j' aime, Crois tu mon Pere que je n'ai pas autant de Chagrin que toi de

Voir que toutes les Nations Me tû tous les jours, je nay pas la bouche mauvaise, Mes Encetres m'ont toujours enseigné D'avoir pitie de nos femmes & nos enfans, jay le Coeur bon et je suis ce principe qu'il m'ont toujours enseigne d'avoir pitie de nos jeune gens Vue qu'ils sont tout nud, j'ai toujours dit Lorsque j'ai parlé a mon pere de me donner *une Goute de son Lait* pour faire réjouir mes jeune Gens, tu aurai Du me prevenir Davance, et pourquoi t'en

By the Words une Goute de son lait are meant, a little Rum.⁴

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.70, p. 563, London, England.

² Wilkins sent a speech to the Indians on the Wabash.

³ Entendre.

⁴ This and the succeeding marginal notes were attached by Johnson.

prens tu a moi, Est ce Moi qui suis
 L'Auteur des Insultes que'on peut t'avoir
 fait, s'il y a de mauvais Gens je n'en suis
 pas la Cause, je te regarde comme mon
 Pere, Lorsque j'ai eu de Gens de ma
 Nation De tué tu a toujours Couvert mes
 morte, pourquoi te Voutrois¹ du mal,
 toutes les nations, qui sont le long Des
 rivieres ne m'ont jamais Couvert mes
 morte, il n'y a que toi, par quel raison me
 veux tu du mal, tu m'a dis a moimeme que
 nous t'avions ete recommendé par nos
 Peres cy devant francois, je suis Etonné
 que tu Veux te faché si vite.

Est ce la la recom-
 mendation que t'ont
 fait nos Peres

*Lorsque tu ma Dit cela j'ay cru que tu me soutiendrois toujours
 comme faisoit nos peres francois mais je vois par tes menaces que
 tu ne me regarde pas comme ton fils; si tu es obligé de me parler
 tu me fairois Plaisir de n'avoir que un Interprete Cela Vautroit²
 mieux, et non te servir De plusieurs qui peuvent t'interpreté mal
 ce qu on te Dis — je serai flatté que tu Vienne me parler toimeme
 pour avoir pitie De nos femmes et De nos enfans, et si quelques
 peaux Rouges te font Du mal je Scaurai soutenir tes Interests au
 peril De ma Vie —*

Voila mon pere ce que j'ai a te Dire —

Fin de la premiere reponse Du Chef

Maringouin —

Second Conseil Du Chef Maringouin —

Je pance a ce que tu m'a dis je n'ai point De tord pourquoi tu
 me parle De Cette facon pendant que je suis Dans la tristesse et

¹ Voudrois.

² Vaudroit.

que je pleure fort, La malice me revenir et je pourai fraper ce que je trouverai, aparament que tu as Envie que je fasse du mal partout ou je me pourrai trouver puisque je dois mourir bientot — tu me fait des reproches que c'est toi qui a retenu les Chavanons, c'est moi aussi qui a retenu les gens d'anhaut, *Depuis que tu es dans ce pays il n'y a que toi qui a cause Des malheurs qui nous sont arrivé*, une preuve de ce que je te Dis, est que le Chemin Des Illinois ici est rempli des os Des mes freres, je crois que tu me regarderois comme ton fils si j'étois commes les Chavonons, le Loups, Les Iroquois, et beaucoup d'autre Nations qui ont De tes gens Esclaves Chez eux, mais chez ma Nation tu n'en Vois pas, et pour une insulte que l'on t a fait tu nous fait bien de menaces, je regarde les gens de las qui t'ont fait des grosse insulte, qui ont été Dans ton sang jusqu'a la jarretiere, et nous pour un petit insulte tu nous faisoit Des granes Menaces — Mon Chemin est beau il n'y a point a ce faire de mal mais aujourd'hui je ne vois que de mes os partout —

Conseil De la Grande Cadenette
 Chef de Guerre et de Village

Mon Pere

By this they mean that the deaths of their Friends are fresh in their remembrance & if they came to our Settlements they might do Mischief— This whole Speech to those acquainted with the stile of the Indians is very Expressive of their discontent, & of their love for the French.

je ne veux point aller to Voir Vu que *si je voyois Les os De mes freres* cela pouroit me facher, si tu Veux me parler il vaux mieux que tu Vienne ici, Mon pere les francois m'a dit de suivre son Chemin et que je n'y trouverois jamais d'embuches, *mais depuis que tu ici l'on ne vois que des os de ma Nation partout*, & ceux de mes freres, il y a long tems que je t'aurai fait du mal si j'eusse suivi ce que les autre Nation m'ont dis, *mes si tu es sur les Terres de nos peres les francois*, et j'auois été faché de repandre une Goute de ton sang, C'est pourquoi je retiens mon Coeur, pourquoi t en prens tu a ma Nation, et

nous fait les reproches que tu nous fait, je pance quelques personnes qui te font les reporte contre nous par Jalousie, C'est pourquoi tu ne Veux que nous voyons le jour que par rencontre — Cette Branche de porcelaine Affirme ma Parole —

Conseil de Hannanas Chef de Guerre et De Village —

Mon Pere

aparament que tu crois que je ne serai pas capable De rien Lorsque tu me privera de poudre et De balles, tu dois scavoir que je scais me servir de Bois pour faire mes armes et que avec ce meme bois ye tue Des hommes, *tu dois etre persuadé que mon pere les francois ne me laisserai pas mourir et quil me donnera mes besoins, ye mourrai en tenant sa main si tu me fait la Guerre, tu me prens pour une Bete qui est prive de la Raison, Croy tu qu'en ayant n'y poudre ny Balles je murray de faim, non, et Dans le Collier que tu nous envoi il y a un homme qui nous bouche Le Chemin, Crois tu que nous ne comprenons pas cela quoique je n'ai pas autant d'esprit que toi.*—

Voila pourquoi je te dis ce que je te Dis, tu Crois que je suis Orphelin, mes tous les Gens De ces rivieres et tout les peaux rouges apprendront ma mort, vient ici je te dirai mon sentiment, tu me parle *des Etoilles et que tu es aussi nombreux qu'elles sont au Ciel, les Etoilles qui tombent ne font point de mal, et bien moi je suis comme les arbres Dans les forests Et*

N.

Here is a plain Declaration of their reliance on France.

By this they mean that the Message & belt to them was of such a Nature as to prevent all future Intercourse with the English. The remainder of this speech is very severe & is in fact, That we are unable to hurt them, but that they can easily destroy our People—

Lorsque un arbre tombe il fait Du mal et tue un homme.—Cette Procelaine affirme ma Parole.

Fin—

The Speeches made at the Illinois & at other places are generally taken by French Interpreters, who are men of very little learning, this will account for the badness of the French & the errors of Orthography, It being an Exact Copy.—It is to be observed that in all Speeches even at the Eve of a War, the Indians use *some* softening Expressions to Extort favors, but as amongst themselves the bare expression *that they are Angry* is always Considered as a Declaration of War, Their Sentiments will appear pretty obvious from the foregoing Speeches.—

It should also be noted that the first of these Speeches comes from the Old Sachem, & is of Course more humble & mild than those of the Head Warriors which follow, & agreeable to Whose Characters Expresses more truly the sense of the Nation.

INDORSED Copy of Speeches from
the Indians to L^t. Colonel
Wilkins Commanding at
the Illinois.—
In Sir W^m. Johnson's
(No. 11) of 26 Aug 1769.¹

Translation

My Father:

I have received the word which you sent me. You are right in uttering the just reproaches which I hear from you since your mind is clearer than mine, but tell me for what reason you utter these reproaches. Some of my young people have been killed on account of the Nation, and why do you utter these reproaches? Before my young people were killed, I said to you that they

¹ Johnson's letter of August 26th to the Earl of Hillsborough, printed in *Doc. Rel to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:183-86.

excited my pity, and that they were as glad to live as I. When I came to see you that autumn, that was to engage in an honest transaction, but I was deceived. Since you received me badly, I shall tell you my feelings better in my village; if you wish to know what I have in my heart, you can come to speak to me. I have resolved to die with the French and English and am sorry that I was not present when the Pottawatamies committed an offense, a thing which has caused me much regret, but I was not there, for I would have risked my life to save those of the nation which I love. Do you think, my father, that I do not feel as much sorrow as you when all the nations are slaying me every day? I have not an evil mouth. My forefathers always taught me to feel pity for our women and our children, I have a good heart and I follow this principle, which they always taught me, to feel pity for our young people. Since they are quite naked, I have always, when speaking to my father, asked him to give me *a drop of his milk* to make my young people rejoice. You ought to have been beforehand with me in this. And why do you cast blame on me? Am I the author of the injuries which you may have received? If there are bad people, I am not the cause. I look on you as my father. When I have had people of my nation killed, you have always covered my dead. Why should I bear you ill will? None of the nations along the rivers have ever covered my dead; it is you alone. For what reason do you bear me ill will? You have told me myself that we were recommended to you by our former French fathers. I am astonished that you are so quickly made angry. Is that the recommendation which our fathers made to you?

When you told me that, I believed that you would always sustain me as our French fathers used to do, but I see by your threats that you do not look upon me as your son. If you are obliged to speak to me, you would give me pleasure by having only one interpreter — that would be better, and not to employ several who may interpret badly what is said to you. I shall be pleased to have you come to speak to me yourself if you pity our women

and our children; and, if any redskins do you harm, I shall be able to look out for you even at the peril of my life.

This, my father, is what I have to say to you —

End of the first response of Chief Maringouin —

Second Speech of Chief Maringouin —

I am thinking of what you said to me. I am no way in the wrong, that you should speak to me in this manner. While I am in sorrow and weeping, evil passion may overcome me and I may strike anything I find. Apparently you wish me to do mischief wherever I may be since I am soon to die — You tell me in reproach that you restrained the Shawanese; but I restrained the upper nations. *Since you entered this country you alone have caused the misfortunes which have come upon us.* A proof of what I say is that the road of the Illinois here is covered with the bones of my brothers. I believe that you would look upon me as your son, if I were like the Shawanese, the Delawares, the Iroquois, and many other nations which hold some of your people among them as slaves. But you see none in my nation; and because of an insult which someone has offered, you make many threats against us. I see people living beyond us who have offered you gross insults, who have waded in your blood up to the knee, and for a slight injury you made great threats against us. My road is fine, no evil is done there, but today I see only my bones everywhere.—

Speech of the great Cadenette

Chief of war and of the village

My Father:

I will not go to see you, because, *if I saw the bones of my brothers*, that might rouse my anger. If you want to speak to me, it would be better for you to come hither. My father, the French, told me to follow his road, and that I would find no ambushes in it, *but while you are here we see only the bones of my nation everywhere* and those of my brothers. I should have done you injury a long time ago if I had followed what the other

nations advised. *But since you are on the lands of our fathers the French*, and I should have been sorry to spill a drop of your blood, that is why I hold my heart in. Why do you blame my nation and utter the reproaches which you cast at us? I think there are persons who out of jealousy bring stories against us to you. That is why you let us live just by chance. This belt will sustain my word.

Speech of Hananaa, Chief of war and of the village

My Father

Apparently you think that I shall not be capable of anything when you deprive me of powder and ball. You must know that I know how to use wood to make my weapons and that with this same wood I kill men. *You must be convinced that my father the French will not let me die and that he will satisfy my wants. I shall die holding his hand if you make war on me.* You take me for a beast that is destitute of reason, Think you that, having neither powder nor ball, I shall die of hunger? No, and *in the belt which you send us there is a man who shuts up the road between us.*¹ Do you think that we do not understand that, though I have not as much wit as you?

This is the reason that I say to you what I say. You think that I am an orphan; but all the people of these rivers and all the redskins will learn of my death. Come, I will speak my feelings. *You talk to me of the stars, and say that you are as numerous as they are in the sky. The stars that fall hurt nothing. As for me I am as the trees in the forests; and, when a tree falls, it does harm and kills a man.* This belt supports my word.

End.

¹ See fourth marginal note opposite the French.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹New york August 27th 1769

DEAR SIR

I am favoured with yours' of the 19th Ins^t: and am truly concerned that you still feel the Effects of the hurt you got in the Indian Country, which will require rest and Care to get the better of.

Lieu^t. Col^o. Wilkins did not send me the answer he got to his Speech,³ tho' I received a Copy of that you have Sent me from the Detroit; I formed the Same opinion with yourself concerning the Speech as Soon as it came to hand, and wished it had been drawn in Terms far different from what it is. You observe well that Threats only irritate, and it is best to let them alone, or if you determine upon Hostilities to strike at once.

You will observe, that the Intelligence by way of the Detroit concerning the Attack on the Boat in the ouabache. differs from Lieu^t. Col^o. Wilkins's Report. The first charging the Pouteatamies with the Commission of that Action, and the Colonel lays the Blame on the Piankashaws. Silver Heels however will be able to clear up that Matter, as he must know What Nation it was that made the Attack. It is not impossible that they were mixed, and Some of both Nations concerned. The putting the Indian of the Six Nations to Death when they had a Prisoner, and refusing to deliver him to Colonel Wilkins seems very extraordinary.

I have received Nothing new from the Side of Fort Pitt. The Confederacy you Mentioned that the Shawnese and Delawares had entered into May have been occasioned by the Cessions Made by the Six Nations as it is positively said those Indians will not allow us to Settle on the ceded Lands.

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² The 17th?

³ See *supra* the copy sent by Johnson with his letter of August 26th to the Earl of Hillsborough.

Some Letters I have received from the Southward Mention Several Skirmishes between the Cherokees and the *Northwards* notwithstanding the Peace concluded between them. They call them all *Northwards* without distinguishing any particular Nation. Several have been killed on both Sides.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

THO^S. GAGE

P: S:

You will be so good when you write to the Detroit to send some Directions concerning the two Prisoners delivered up by the Pouteatamies.

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SIR W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York 27th. August 1769

Gen^l. Gages Letter

Ans^d. 12th Sept^r.

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*¹

Johnson-hall Augt 27th. 1769

SIR

Agreable to what I mentioned in my Letter of the 17th Inst I now inclose you a Receipt Signed by the Chiefs of each Nation for the Ammount of the Proprietaries purchase which I paid to each Nation in the most publick Manner during my late Tour, and for which they Expressed their Thanks and appeared very well Satisfied,— My delivering it to them in their own Country, was not only the more agreable to them, as they were not Exposed

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

so much to throw it away upon Rum, but as I had also other buisness there much Lessened the Expençe to the Proprietaries, so that the Accot which I herewith inclose you including Expresses to Notify it &ca will I dare say be found agreeable —

The Temper of the Ind^s. about Ohio which now begins to be Alarming, was mentioned to me by all the six Nations & by them represented, to take its rise as well from the many Instances of ill treatment, they had met with on the frontiers since the peace, as from the Withdrawing that bounty and protection they had been accustomed to receive from those who had the management of the Trade &ca at the posts, And I am certain these are some of their principal Motives, I cannot help therefore reminding you how necessary it appears for Pennsylvania to make an Adequate provision for some proper Inspectors to prevent Abuses in Trade &ca & for Interpreters and Smiths at such places as are most frequented by those of your Province And as I am not taking such Steps as are in my power for diverting the Storm, & preventing the Adopting any measures of a dangerous tendency at the ensuing Meeting to be held at Onondaga so I shall Chearfully cooperate in any thing [within my] power or Influence for rendering the benefits of p[eaçe and] Commerce lasting to Pennsylvania.—

I shall be glad to be Informed as nearly as possible of the Time & place for the Indians to attend the running the Line of the late purchase and remain with great regard

Sir, &ca

[] Honble
[JOHN] PENN

INDORSED: Augt 27th 1769
To the Honble
L^t Gov^r Penn, with
The Indians Acquittance for
the Pennsylvania purchase.

FROM DUDLEY DAVIS

A. L. S.

Schenectady Augst. 28th. 1769

SIR/

The Hurry of Business that seemed to be on your hands, when last I had the pleasure of seeing you, prevented me from fully Explaining to you the Cause of my going up, besides that of paying my Respects to you —

As I have laid my Situation & Distresses truly before Colo^l. Johnson, I will not trouble you with a disaggreable Detail therof, but upon the whole as my Affairs have turn'd out Altogether so Unlucky, I do not Conceive I have any Choice to make of my own, but that my family must be my whole Consideration, and for that purpose, am determin'd to persevere in my Business with the Utmost Assiduity, & as much as in my power, model myself to the disposition of the people of the Country and in Short do any thing not derogatory to the Character of a Gentleman —

Business here is not to be had, house rent is too high, & the Inhabitants very Extorting & Unsociable, and so wanting in Humanity that a person is despised for that which shoud at Least Induce them to Condolance and pity Distress and the Longer I Stay here the more time I shall Waste, and my Circumstances grow worse, if worse they can be —

These Considerations have induced me to determine on quitting the place at any Rate as soon as my time of the house wherein I now live, is Expired which will be the middle of October next, & if it be Aggreable to you and that you woud Build a house on it the next Summer, wou'd take a Lott in Johnstown, on the same terms and rent that other people hold under you, and in the mean time wou'd Endeavour to gett any Small place, was it but two Rooms, to put my family in untill Then;—

If this be Aggreable to you, which I hope it may, I flatter myself, as I shou'd observe the Strictest & most Circumspect Rules in my Conduct I might be favord with your protection, to deserve which I shall Study and do all in my power —

Permitt me to request you will, when Convenient, favor me with a Line on this matter which Will much oblige

Sir, with the greatest Respect &
Esteem, Your most Humble and
Obed^t. Servant

DUDLEY DAVIS

Accept my Hearty thanks for your present, which I have received—

INDORSED:¹ August 28th. 1769

Mr. Dudley Davis Letter

Ansrd. 5th. 7^{br}.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 28th August 1769

SIR

I am favoured with your letter incloseing the Receipt for £3023:12:3³/₄. the Money was paid me all right by Mr Newton the mistake of the £ 10 in N^o 6 is made by me owing to altering some of the parcels in making up the few drafts You made on me. I have therefore inclosed a Ten pound Bill which puts all matters right. I am concern'd my neglect shou'd occasion you trouble, inclosed I return your former Receipt together with a copy of another for the Whole Sum; Which do me the favour to sign, Mr. Adams or any of the Gentlemen about you will inclose it to me & save you that piece of trouble

I have only to make you offer of M^{rs}. Phyns Comp^{ts} & with constant wishes for your enjoying perfect health & happiness I have the honor of being Sir

Your Obed^t & much Obliged Hum Serv^t

JAMES PHYN

INDORSED:¹ August 28th. 1769

Mr. J^s. Phyns Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

AN INDIAN SCHOOL

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 333, under August 28th, is entered a list of names of Indian children in the free school at Fort Hunter, arranged by tribes, Bear, Wolf and Turtle (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:417; Q, 4:261).

THE JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 433, is entered an undated list of scholars at the free school at Johnstown—45 in number (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:416; Q, 4:261).

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, August 29, 1769*]

[] favour the Errand of this is to Cover the Enclosd [letter received] the other Day from Mr Chew along with 2 packages [] Can for you which I hope you will receive Safe [Mr Kempe] has Sent me a Letter desiring me to forward it to you [which I have] accordingly done by this Opportunity of Capt Lansing, He tells [me that he writes] you about Some Lands He has located for a mandamus of his [and] which it Seems there is Some Dispute about, the Nature of which I [do not] understand, but I fancy He will Sufficiently describe to you; He [] me to begg the Favour of your kind Interposition in his Favour in this [affair] which I imagine it will be almost needless for me to do, because [I am] confident you have So much Friendship for Mr Kempe, as to be very willing []

[] him provided it can be done constantly; However I Shoud be very [happ]y if you coud do any thing for him in this Affair, because I am told [] of a good deal of Consequence to Him

I flatter myself you are recovered of your Hurt before now,

which [] shall hear with great Pleasure & in the Mean
time remain with [] Esteem

Sir Your most Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

☞ Capt Lansing
with a Barrell & a Box
to be Sent to Mr Van Eps
In Schenectady

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.¹

[*Michilimackinak, Aug. 29, 1769*]

[]
was at a loss [] hearing that the
[] Employ at the Other posts, I
[] him to Stay, but he has been []
Glazier, he would not consent. I kept [] trip the
Vessell made, as the Indians [] Staying & Glazier
said he would allow h[] but he did not keep his Word.

Inclosed you have some papers beg yo[u will] Stop the
Amount of them in your hands. I am to Stay the next trip of
the Vessell, having some money due to me, by people not yet
come from North West. I have repeated mention'd the Speech
the Ottawas made to have a Commissary interpreter & Smith I
now inclose it to you Johnson [] the Calumet, I find it
impossible to throw off the Chief the Indians will Visit me, beg
so hard in your name for rum, & wheedle so much they have had

¹ "About trouble between Johnson (John Johnston ?) and Capt. Glazier and affairs at that post."—Johnson Calendar, p. 433.

already 10 Eight Gallen Kegs of me. I am sure was I to Attempt to follow trade they would still expect presents so that I am at a loss what way of life to try

By Letters from Detroit, it seems they Expect Indian affairs to be on the former footing indeed every []
 []
 [] cro]wn my Eff[orts]
 been set Out before [] to hand, but as it was, my Canoe was bought [] hands hired. no person can be a judge of the Expence a Man is at, at this place who has no Kings provision but those that try it. therefore I hope you'll continue your goodness to me, & make me such an allowance in Your September Accounts as you shall think adequate to my expense & loss of time

Mr. Weatherhead's friend Mentford had the Case of Tobacco & other things for me, of which I received but two barrels of rum Out of 6 & only the other day a tierce of Tobacco quite rotten. tho they left Albany the Spring 1758 I am realy unlucky

My Sincere good wishes attend you & your family I long much to see you, which I shall make haste to do before the frost sets in I am with the greatest grattitude & respect

Sir

Your most Obeed^t humb Servant

B ROBERTS

To

SR. WILL^M. JOHNSON Baronet

Please to Stop from Interpreter Tuckers Accounts

£34. 19. 6 York

INDORSED: Michilimackinac 29th Aug^t.

1769

L^t. Roberts Letter with

Inclosures —

A SPEECH TO INDIANS

Contemporary Copy[August 29 1769]¹

Children

You Spoke truth when you []
 desired to listen with both y[]
 Customary for us to Speak to one another.

Children It has likewise been []
 would live in friendship with all His Majestys Sub[jects] 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 pro-
 vision to support those who bring you your Cloathing & Amuni-
 tion &c & consequently ought to be as dear to you as us.

[]mands the Vessell a[t] present has it not in his
 [] much as the late Commander as he is ord[]
 [] you expect it from him, but his intention is
 [] in peace and friendship with you, and any [serv]ice that
 you are of to him in assisting him will always be reccompenced.

Children

The String shall remain here according to your Desire and the
 Gen^l. shall be acquainted with it

We have heerd of Mr. Sinclairs arrivall at N York and Per-
 haps in some months hence we may hear of his arrivall in Eng-
 land,— and we can assure you that every body here woud be
 very glad He woud Return Provided it is agreeable to him.

Children. As to the Game the people at the vessell never hunt

¹ Date supplied from Johnson Calendar.

so they can not make it scarce, & before there was a Vessel 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 necessitys [] [ha]ve a little Cloathing for your Children [] [] your young Men. But it is expected [] with Captⁿ. Robinson & all his Majesty's Subjects in the same [] you have done heretofore, & not expect things from [] is not in his power to give, always keeping in Your m[inds [] solemn engagements you have enter'd into at different ti[mes with] your father S^r W. Johnson.

A String of ten Rows —

They return'd 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 thing they Should have said about Belts coming this year from the Hurons in the Name of the Six Nations Shawanese & Delawares, but they said they had not made such report neither did they know any thing of the kind.—

[] & fourteen of the most Considerd [] ind of the reason of the movements they [] saying they were much surpriz'd what could [] they professed great friendship for all his Majesty[s] [] from the preparations they saw they were alarm'd that [] had been made of them they were ready to vindicate themselves. That instead of being concerned or knowing of any [ev]il design, they were never more quiet, that they had not taken the precautions necessary for such an undertaking not having 200 Ball in their Village & believe the other Nations had as little —

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson-hall Augt 30th. 1769.*

DEAR SIR/

I am favored with your Letters of the 20th. and 21st. of this Inst^s and I most Cordially express my thanks for the Candour with which you have favored me with your thoughts on them Subjects; I shall only Observe farther thereon that when the Indians are ill disposed they make use of a thousand little Circumstances in Justification of their Conduct;— But the real Cause is founded on their aversion to us, their regard for the French, and their not partaking of favors equal to their Expectations, however unreasonable all this may appear, I am fully Convinced that it is the case, and that it is farther excited by the unjustifiable behavior of the Frontier Settlers who have often since the peace Murdered Innocent Indians some of them of Nations who have not been at War during any of the late Troubles, Robberies have been committed on both sides, but as to Murders they may be confined to Nations to the Westward during that period, and often occasioned by the intrigues of the French who did not like any others amst. them, This last is one of the Consequences of allowing a Trade at large in the Indian Country which I long ago observed to Government would be monopolized by the French to the exclusion of others, this we now find from the Conduct & declarations of the Indians, & the reports from all Quarters is actually the Case— It is likewise very probable that some of the Nations finding the 6 Nations greatly diminished will pretend to rights they never before dreamed of, and that they may have viewed the late presents for the Cession with Jealous Eyes, but there was no avoiding of this, for theirs is the right beyond doubt, Neither was it possible with any reasonable Sum to satisfy the demand [] those who might for the sake of Gain set up [] I am Satisfied

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

that the 6 Nat^s. & even the Chiefs of the Shawanese Delawares [] attended to a greater Number than ever before appeared on any occasion whatsoever

Indeed I am in hopes that should it appear that any others pretend to be dissatisfied with the Cession made by the six Nations, &ca, (w^h. I have not as yet learned) it may be made a good use of with the latter, for This I should observe that tho' all the rest should take arms against us, the six Nations can in general be prevented from joining them, but should the six Nations in general Attack us; all the rest would immediately follow their example.

I was averse to the peace between the Northern & Southern Indians, and only effected it in obedience to Government, for I have often remarked that the more disunited they are, the better it is for us, and if We thoroughly consider the State & disposition of the Indians, who may be peculiarly distinguished from all others having no Shadow of Laws and Scarcely any Appearance of Government, enjoying Liberty even to Licentiousness extremely Jealous & Revengefull passionately fond of War, and preserving that Spirit by frequent Quarrells with their Neighbours, We cannot expect to keep them in Temper but at an Expence too great (at least in the Opinion of Government) for the Object, Consequently all that can be Expected from the present Establishment is to keep some of them in our Interest, and endeavor to divide the rest, and I am hopefull that the Constant pains I take and the Influence which I know I have over many of them will at least have these Effects.

Capt MacLeods & Lt Hays Accots as Indⁿ. Commissaries to y^e. 25th. March last did not arrive in time to be transmitted with my Last, neither did they reach me thro Miscarriage till the other day they [] both in Much Want of the Money. MacLeods Acct is £ [] & Hays £283.12.2. they are both properly certified by the Comd^g. [] is of Expences from the 24th. of March to the 11th of [] reason by Capt Tumbull, That notwithstanding the reform, Yet as the Provinces had not Sent any person to act at Detroit & that the

service required it, the Articles therein Mentioned had been given with his approbation. MacLeods Expences except £32 were Incurred before the reform took place, [*as my Expences are now I suppose to be Confined to the £4000 p Ann, so small a Sum for the Sev^l. purposes requires to be Well Husbanded & therefore as there is a Considerable Loss on purchasing Goods here, I think it best to send for about twelve hundred pounds worth at a time to London if you will Incline to advance it this fall so as to enable me to remit a Bill in order to purchase at the Cheapest rate.*]² If you Judge it requisite, I will on hearing from You, Send the Acc^{ts} with the Vouchers —

P. S. I am given to understand, that the purchase which occasioned so much Discourse at New York is declined by the Purchaser.

INDORSED: August 30th. 1769

To Gen^l. Gage

FROM HUGH GAINÉ

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 433, is entered a letter of August 31st from Hugh Gainé, New York, explaining a delay in sending prayer books (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:417; Q, 4:262).

FROM ROBERT PICKEN

A. D. S.

August, 1769

Sir William Johnson

To Robert Picken Dr

[] Aug^l. 1769 To 5 Days laying off your proportion of the Tienuderrah

¹ Words in italics and in brackets crossed out in the original.

² The following sentence is in Johnson's hand.

Tract, from the Tienuderrah	£		
River to the Odiga Creek ¹	5	0	0
To 5 D ^o . of 7 Men, 2 at 4 ^s ⁷ / ₈			
and 5 at 3 ^s ⁷ / ₈	5	15	0
To 5 D ^o . of 3 Horses at 3 ^s	2	5	0
To Provisions	3	15	0
	<hr/>		
	£16	15	0

Sir/ please to Settle the above Acc^t with Col. Croghan, as He has settled the Whole Acc^{ts} with me for Col. Morriss & Mr Upton's Surveys this being your proportion for the Time I was doing your Part

I am Sir
 your hum Serv^t
 RO: PICKEN

S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart.

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*²

Johnson-hall Sept^r. 1st. 1769

I am favored with your Excellencys Letter of the 21st. together with one from Mr Livingston inclosing Col: Johnsons Commission who presents his Most respectfull Compliments to you, and is fully persuaded of your kind Intentions in Ordering it. but I take the liberty to remind you of the Commission for ³ Vrooman as Major to Coll Sternberg[']s Regiment at Scohare which is not yet come to hands.

I hope that you may be more Successful at the Approaching Session in Obtaining an Adequate provision for the Necessary Officers for the management of Trade &ca This is an Object of very great concern to the Indians & particularly at a time when

¹ See *Aboriginal Place Names of New York*, p. 44, 172, 173, and Guy Johnson's map, *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:1090; Q, 4:660.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ A space is vacant in the manuscript.

the Licentiousness of the frontier Inhabitants of the Colonies to the southward of this, Joyned to the Artifices of the French at Misisipi & in the Indian Country threaten us with a rupture.— In the present disagreeable situation of Affairs which the unreasonable Expectations of the Ind^s. (now no longer Gratified as they have been) has contributed to/ I find these frontier people as Licentious as the Most savage Nations, a Young Indian of a Family distinguished for their unalterable Attachment to the English was a few weeks Since fired on and killed as he was fishing at Susquehanna Meerly because he was an Indian, & 30 of the Inhabitants have since seized on a Trader who with 25 Horses Loaded was going to Trade at Fort Pitt Confiscated the greatest part of his goods and threatned all who shall attempt to go a Trading that way. The peculiar disposition & State of the Indians, The Conduct & Artifices of the French who by the Latitude given to Trade at Large have as I expected & represented Monopolized the Western Trade. The Ind^s. now publicly refusing to admit others into their Country & the other Motives which appear to them of much consequence may possibly bring on a War, whilst the Government [] at so dear a price as the Gratification of all Exp[] been ignorantly Said that the Colonies or Some [] peace at a Very little Expence formerly, & that theref[ore since the] reduction of Canada they may be freed from Expence or App[ointments] This is a very plausible Argument to One who knows nothing about the Matter, but the Case is the very reverse, and the Greatest Ene[my] to this Country, could not do it a more Sensible injury than that of [] propagating such an Opinion, for If I don't mistake I once observed [to] you that before the reduction of Canada We in general hardly know the names and situations of one half of those Nations with whom We have since entered into Treatys and began an Intercourse, & great as we may have Judged of ourselves from our Numbers, the Situation of that single Colony Joined to the Superior Activity of the French eclipsed us so far that we were by some Scarcely known & by many little noticed — In many speeches both to the

French & ourselves they called us a Society of Men who Minded Gain & hated fighting, The Ind^s. more distant Scarcely bestowed a thought on us, but when we conquered Canada an Intercourse Was of Consequence opened with Nations Numerous & powerfull who astonished at our success & Strongly prejudiced against Us by the last Speeches & belts from the French were, and are Jealous of us in a high degree & Still fancy that they can at the least prevent our Encrease by frequent Quarrells In all which they are seconded & advised by the French yet in the Country of which there are ample Testimonies, And as we have not hitherto thought it necessary to apply the only remedy (Ex-tirpation excepted which I fancy is not altogether Eligible) they are likely to Continue troublesome to us, and all that can be done in the present state of things is to divide them in their [] & retain the fidelity of a part which I flatter myself it is in my power to do at all Events, and to which all My Endeavors, Influence, Health & rest shall be devoted, heartily Wishing that the Provinces may Consider it their Interests to Cooperate in those parts recom[mended] to them by Government, & that in a manner adequate to the occ[asion] for otherwise, it is doing Nothing.

As to the Application which [] the principal Inhabitants of this River & adjacent settle^{ts}. It points out the reasonableness of fixing the Lower bounds of the New proposed County, at the Upper bounds of the Township of Schenectady Which for the reasons therein given is Certainly the most Natural, & attended in every point of View with the fewest Inconveniences, So that I am Confident Your attention to the Interests of this Growing Country will incline you to Countenance it. . . . This is the Sum of their Application but I shall get a Copy of it for Your More particular Information.

I wish I could Satisfy your kind enquirys by informing you that I am recovered of that Accident I met with, but altho' it has a much more promising appearance than was Expected I am as yet scarcely able to Walk about.

I take the Liberty of

sending you the inclosed because I am at a Loss what to say to the Writer who has applied to me sev^l Times on the subject. He is a Man of property & Good Character, & has been above 20 Years a Capt, he seems to Apprehend that he has been injured by some of the late Appointments thro the Influence of some persons in that Neighbourhood who he mentions in a former Letter had recommended

Improper Men to y^r Excell^{cy} his last paragraph seems founded on a Mistake for I don't recollect having recommended any persons w^lever in that part of the Country, and If I had I could not give Credit to that part of his Information You will excuse my freedom in Sending it, as I thought it my duty to do so.

[His Excell]cy SIR H MOORE Bart.

INDORSED: Sept^r. 1st. 1769

To Sir Henry Moore Bart

N. Sir H Moore died very soon after

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Sept 4 1769

SIR WILLIAM

The Pacquet in 5 Weeks & 6 days from England tells us of great Uneasinesses susisting between King & people. The Citizens of London, headed by Beckford, Sawbridge & Townshend all very popular partizans of Wilkes's Cause, have declared most vehemently against the Measures of administration in an address presented by them with the Lord Mayer from the Livery of London which you will find printed in the newspapers. The principal Counties of England are following the City's Example. The Mediation and superior Address of Lord Chatham may possibly be a match for these unhappy Differences but should his

Interposition be ineffectual the sober part of the Nation are in the last Apprehensions for the Consequences, Lord Chatham certainly leans to the Ministry but yet he cannot reco[ver] the people to a favorable sentiment [toward] one man that composes it, they will be all removed except Lord Hillsborough. The East India affairs are on the decline their stock falls shockingly and folks think the Directors not a whit better than those of the S Sea in 1720.

All Corsica is in the Hand of France who is fortifying the Island. Paoli is landed at Leghorn.

The Resolutions of the Virginia Assembly¹ was considered by violent people tantamount to an overt act of rebellion. Lord Chatham gives out that his Majesty is resolved on a Change of Men & Measures. There is more reason now than ever to expect a paper Currency will be allowed & emitted in this Colony after the next Session of our assembly.

Sir Harry Moore is in a very dangerous State from a fever & flux. Judge Horsmanden has been Very ill but is now on the recovery.

I beg my humble Respects to Sr John & Col Guy Johnson and I am

with the most perfect deference

Sir William

Your most faithfull

humble Servt

JA RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED: To

Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Sept^r. 4th 1769 —

From Mr. Rivington

Ans^d. Sept^r. 14th.

¹ The resolves of the Burgesses against parliamentary tyranny and the proposed transportation of political offenders to England for trial, adopted May 16, 1769.

JOHN POWNALL TO THOMAS GAGE¹*Whitehall. Sept: 6th. 1769.*

SIR,

It is my duty, in the absence of Lord Hillsborough, who is gone to Ireland upon his private Affairs, to acquaint you that your dispatches to His Lordship, N^s. 32. 33. & 34. have been received, and laid before the King.

I am & c^a.

J. POWNALL.

MAJOR GEN^l. GAGE:

A like Letter to Sir William Johnson, acknowledging the receipt of his dispatch to Lord Hillsborough N^o. 9.

*Whitehall 27th: Oct: 1769.*Lords of the
Treasury.²

MY LORDS,

I have the honour to send your Lordships for your Information an Extract of a Letter from His Majesty's Gov^t: of the Province of New Hampshire, & also Copies of Two Letters & Papers, therein inclosed,

3 July 1769.

27 May 1769.

3 July 1769.

FROM GEORGE TURNBULL

A. L. S.

Detroit Sept. 9th. 1769

Inclosed is a Copy of a Speech which Colonel Wilkins sent to the Indians on the Ouabache Last Spring. He Desired me to

¹ In Library of Congress, transcript of letter in Public Record Office, C. O. 5.

² This letter is also from John Pownall evidently.

Repeat it to Such Indians of these Nations which might come here to trade. Which I have done

There is a perfect Tranquility in these upper Countries at Present. The Indians formerly used to kill the Inhabitants cattle at an uncommon Rate. There has been only Two killed Since the Spring — Last year they made Free with Two of my Cows and a horse — Whatever may be the Consequence I still continue to give the Indians Provisions and a Little Rum and Tobacco now and then, nor is it in my Power to do otherwise whilst I am obliged to Detach Small Parties of the Garrison to cutt wood and Burn Lime and Charcoal. We are by no means in Condition to put them on any other Footing

Mr. Verchere is now here He has got a Pass to trade at Sandusky and Permission from Governor Carleton to be Interpreter [for the Sha]wanese — He brought a Huron from Sandusky Who Says He was Sent by the Chiefs of the Small Village to Contradict what had been alledged against Mr. Verchere that He himself was the Person who carry^d Mr. Verchere's Belt from the one Village to the other and that [] mention [] as the Present That He only Spoke about [] His Returning there with goods woud be []

Michel the Lorrette Indian who was [] for m^r. Verchere Sticks firm to the first Story and [] Verchere Told them that the French King was still alive and woud See them Soon.— The first Chief who accused m^r Verchere of that Affair Died as He was Returning to Send the other one Eyengeking Who brought in and Delivered up m^r. Vercheres Belt the beginning of July. Told the very Same Story with the first chief and the Lorrette Indian.

Verchere Seems very ill Pleased that I appeared to be not altogether convinced of His Innocence, and has Rather Behaved Rudely on the occasion, although I told him that I was not his

judge, But it was my duty to Report what was Laid before me concerning the Service I am With Great Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and
[most] Humble Servant

GEO: TURNBULL

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: Let[ter from]
Cap^t Turnbull []
 concern^g Verchere

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New York Sep^r. 10th 1769.

DEAR SIR,

I thank you for your Letter of the 30th: of August, the Contents of which are very plain, and I fear in general too true. I have not heard that the Ohio Indians have in Fact denied the Claim of the Six Nations to the ceded Lands, but they could not without Jealousy and disgust See their hunting Grounds ceded to us especially as they received little or no Share of the Money paid for them. I hear of no other Indians who lay Claim to any part of the Said Lands, except the Cherokees to the Country below the Kanahwa River. and the Fear of a Rupture with them has no doubt occasioned Virginia to be bounded by Said River. what I have Said I apprehend to be the Case with the Ohio Indians.

The Accounts you mention will be discharged as Soon as you transmit them to me. I have nothing Material by the Packet, further than that £5000 will be allowed for the Northern District,

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

and His Majesty's Expectations that said Sum shall not be exceeded.

I have the honor to be with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: N. York 7^{br}. 10th. 1769

Gen^l. Gages Letter

wth. an Enclosure

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 11th Sep^r. 1769

[I] Just now had the pleasure of your Favour of the 1st Instant, Inclosing [] Letters for London which are this Day forwarded by the Packett, which Sails this Afternoon — I Sent you on Thursday last 6 Barrells of Pork which I hope will come to hand before this Letter & Observe all your other Orders, which if possible Shall be All Sent away this Week, I Say if possible, because I very much Doubt whether the Window Glass or the Earthern Ware are att all comeattable in this City, all the Goods Come from Europe Since last Spring being Stored by the Sons of Liberty, nor will they as yet Suffer the least Thing to go out of their Possession, you may however be Assurd I will ransack the City for you — I have already been at two Places who advertize Glass, but Such miserable Stuff it is, that I woud not give 10/ a Box for it, it looks as if made of old Bottles & is really the Vilest Trash I ever Saw; however I will try every place & if I cannot Suit you, I will Send you a Double Box of fine Glass, which has been in our house 14 Years, the Size is 9 by 10½ & rather than be a Hindrance to your Buildings, you must cutt it & contrive as

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson-hall Sept. 12th. 1769*

DEAR SIR,

A few days ago I had the favor of your Letter of the 27th ult^o. and It is with real pleasure that I find You agree with me in opinion concerning the Speeches of the Indians &ca

We shall soon know by whom the Attack was made on the Boat in the Ouabache, but I have not heard from the Indians of the six Nation Indians being put to death after he was made prisoner, as to the Skirmishes with the Indians to the southward they are Chiefly the Western Nations that are concerned particularly the Hurons, Powtewatamies and Twightwees, but many others are often Joined with them, and unless it affected our Traders and White people there very Much, it is best it should continue so,— I have received Information that the two Indians who were prisoners at the Detroit have made their Escape, so that it will be Needless to Write about them. Notwithstanding they were delivered up by the Nation they & their friends are now doubtless full of Resentment on account of their being Confined and would readily do any Mischief in their power

N B Here follows a paragraph intended to have been inserted in my letter of the 30th. Ult^o. concerning a Bill for £1200 Sterl^g.

INDORSED: Sept. 12th. 1769To Gen^l. Gage

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson with the exception of the postscript, which was written by Sir William.

TO JOHN TABOR KEMPE

Df.¹*Johnson hall Sept. 12th. 1769*

DEAR SIR/

I am favored with your Letter of the 24th, ult^o. and as it is in my power to Explain its subject fully I wish that in so doing I may give you Satisfaction therein, as you may be assured that in any thing consistent with my duty I shall ever be glad to serve you.

To make you acquainted with the whole I must acquaint you that 4 or 5 Years ago L^t. Col Vaughan having been informed by a German of the Vacancy you speak of applied & urged me much to get it for him which he estimated at about 5, or 6000 acres, at this time as well as long after Neither myself or the Generality of people here could Imagine that there was a Vacancy or if there was one, that it Exceeded 1000; or 15000 acres, I even dissuaded 2 Friends of mine abt that time from Locating there Least they sh^d. Lose by it, but Col Vaughan appeared so Confident of the Vacancy & so Earnest that I at Length spoke of it to the Indians & we Agreed that they sh^d. dispose of five thousand acres on a Supposition that there might be that Quantity, This promise they afterwards Confirmed by Indian Deed in form w^{ch} for form sake & to prevent his being a Loser was bounded as you know, but intended to convey but 5000 acres, After this, Col Vaughan being desirous of patenting it, I sent a Surveyor to make the Survey when the Indians finding the Vacancy so much Larger Interrupted him & represented to me Justly that they expected no more w^d. be taken than had been agreed for, & that they intended to keep the Surplus hav^g so little Land left & it being so near their Village that their posterity would want it. To this I could make no objection as I had myself agreed [] Consideration for the Quantity aforementioned [] I mentioned it

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson except two brief interlineations.

accordingly to his Excell^{cy} the Governor who was well satisfied with it as knowing that Col Vaughan would be contented accordingly Last Year the same was Surveyed having previously prevailed on the Indians to Let the Creek be their Boundary whereby Col Vaughan's Tract was increased to above 8000 Acres the Indians desiring that the remainder might be secured to their posterity as did the Mohocks &ca all which his Excell^{cy} was pleased to promise his Assistance in, & I have since had it surveyed for that purpose, by which it Appears that there is a Sufficient Communication with the Land they occupy, which it otherwise, could not prejudice them in Justice, our best guide in dealing with them. & This very Land I do assure you was particularly Mentioned Meant and intended by the Indians at the Fort Stanwix Treaty. From hence you may perceive that all [] want of Information as to the nature of the purchase you might have conceived that others would get it & as you say perceived that every possible Obstacle would be thrown in your way. There was no danger of that, as I apprehend that the Crown would not Suffer it, and I believe that his Excell^y the Gov^r. who knew the Case & with whom I had conversed concern^g it would not Grant it to any person — That Very part was set aside for the Ind^s long before you appear to have thought of Locating there & [] Appeared so Clear to me that I never imagined that any body w^d. have applied for [] June last when I was informed that it was petitioned for but I co^d. not tell by whom, Upon wch I wrote a few Lines to remind the Governor, of the Transactⁿ. w^{ch} I considered as Sufficient. I cannot Condemn your Resolutions or the propriety of your arguments on the Case as it appeared to you but there lies the Mistake for altho' the Bounds in the Deed Comprehends the Whole that was my fault, from an Apprehension that it would not equal the Quantity he required, & as he had impowered me to Transact the Affair & would relinquish any Overplus I resolved to do so sho^d. any appear as afterw^{ds}. did never imagining that any advantage would be taken of it if the purchaser who w^d. have taken the Whole

declined it for the reasons Assigned. So that what you have said, of the present Interruption given by the Ind^s. & its Consequences &c^a are not at all Applicable,— *It was a purchase of about 5000 acres (very Cheap) & so Circumstanced that no Judgment could be formed of its Contents, The Bounds being expressed to favor the purchaser should it fall Short but not to be made an Advantage of if otherwise.* So that the Ind^s. have no blame, neither hath that Village given any Trouble about Lands but in an Instance the reasonableness of which you must recollect. I have stated this matter truly, from which you will see how far I can serve you therein but I am very sorry you seem to have such Grounds for believing that those Lands would have been granted away as it wo^d have greatly Surprised me & If so you certainly had good Right to Apply nor should you have wanted any Assistance from me consistent with my Duty but I believe the Ind^s. were not tampered with otherwise I sho^d. have heard of it for they rely too confidently on our Justice the Nature of the Affair & the Assurances []

To prev^t. the consequences of wch was my Sole Motive in writing ab^t. it whatever Advantage the Law [] Afford from the Expression of the Deed, the Circumstances aforement^d renders it a peculiar Case And co^d. I Obtain it Legally with a Certainty of Sell^g it the next day for £10,000 I should decline it.— I have been the more particular in order to give you that Satisfaction wch you require, and which I shall always think you Merit, and I am an entire Stranger to any Transactions concern^g the Matter other than are here Stated with a Candour & friendship arising from the great Esteem wth. w^{ch}. I am

D^r Sir &c^a

To JOHN T. KEMPE Esq^r.

INDORSED: Sept^r. 12th 1769

To Mr. Kempe

Att^y Gen^l. concerning

the Vacancy at Conajoharie

TO THOMAS WHARTON

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Sept^r 12th. 1769*

SIR,

I have received the several Letters which you Mention in your favor of the 16th ult^o. which is come also to my hands and for which I thank you as well as for the sev^l. particulars of News you were so kind as to Communicate,— My Absence in the Country of the Six Nations for sev^l. Weeks prevented me from Answering your former Letters as a Severe hurt I met with at Onondaga, hindered me from Acknowledging the rec^t. of your last till now.

I found the Indians in a Very discontented state on acct of all the late ill Conduct of the Frontier Inhabitants. The Withdrawing the Officers who had the Inspection of the Trade at the Outposts, & the Artifices of both French & Indians about the Misissippi who endeavor to draw them into a Confederacy against us. but altho' the present state of the Department will not enable me to take All the Necessary steps I hope to be able to preserve the fidelity of several Nations at any event. As to any report of the dissatisfactⁿ of some of the Indians concerning the Boundary it is only a pretence All the Ind^s. who have a Just title to the Lands ceded were present at the Treaty, & that to a greater Number than was known on any other occasion, and they were well paid & Satisfied. They had no promise from me of any Meeting at Fort Pitt neither was it practicable to Satisfy all the Wants or demands of every Nation who might for the Sake of presents set up a Title which they dare not pretend to in the presence of the True proprietors. I have heard from S.W. and

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

heartily wish him success, and shall always be glad of the Continuance of your Agreeable Correspondence being with much Esteem

Your Hearty Wellwisher
& very humble Servt.
&ca

INDORSED: Sept. 12th 1769
To Mr. Tho^s. Wharton
Philadelphia

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Sept^r 14th 1769

SIR/

My long Absence from home and indisposition since occasioned by a fall I got at Onondaga will I hope Apologize for my Neglecting to Answer your Letters since June last. I am but Just recovering from the hurt I received & therefore have not been able to look over my back Letters so that I do not exactly recollect the particulars of the Letter regarding yourself which was I think in May last — To the best of my remembrance you wanted to make some little purchase in an Advantagious place in this Country, and in this I shall be glad if I can serve you, I should first inform you that the Nature of the soil and other advantages, has for some years past so attracted the attention of all who knew these circumstances that there is no Land to be had unpatented very near the Market or the Mohock River, but there are Some Tracts of pritty good Land which have been purchased within these 2 years past, in which If you inclined to it I might get you a Share, the Indian purchases of these have been in general about £12 the Thousand, (tho' some are vastly higher) & the patent

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



THE REVEREND SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

Appointed Rector August 28, 1764; died March 4, 1777

From Morgan Dix's *History of the Parish of Trinity Church*

fees £25 the Thousand, but If a Small purchase was made of the Indians the Indⁿ. purchase would amount to 3 or 4 times as much, If from what I have Mentioned you incline to have 2000, Acres or thereabouts I shall gladly do what I can to get it as advantageously for you as the Nature & Circumstances of the Tract will admit of.

I have not heard from Mr. Seabury Since he went down, I have a very favorable Character of him and am sorry that the Terms mentioned to him did not Seem a Sufficient inducement for removing his family, possibly the society may augment the sallary on a farther Consideration of the Subject.

Mr. Griffith who delivered me your favor of the 21st. ult^o. seems to be a Man of Merit and I am glad to find he purposes to take Orders.— I should be glad to have the Deeds for the late Dr. Barclays place, as I am a Stranger to the bounds &ca and should have it Surveyed & properly ascertained for the purpose Intended by the Purchase. The Schoolmaster whom I fixed at Fort Hunter, has already 30 Indian Children, is well liked and going on Successfully, and the Schoolmaster at Johns Town has near Double that Number of Whites & Indians, and both Schools are likely to encrease fast.— I cannot help still Complaining of the Want of Missionaries, and that we are letting slip the best opportunity there will ever be for promoting the Establish^d. Church in these parts. Yet out of the four Missions Albany only is provided for, In Schenectady I hear that many of our Church are under the Necessity of Associating with others of a different Denomination who begin to make great advances, I should think some Young Gentlemen of Slender Interest in our Universities might be found that would take orders for these purposes —

INDORSED: Sept^r. 14th 1769

To Dr. Auchmuty —

FROM EBENEZER DIBBLEE ET AL.

D. S.

New Haven 14 Sep^r. 1769

May it please your Excellency

Whereas it has been expected, that the Lands to the Westward of Connecticut River, which were granted by Benning Wentworth Esquire late Governor of New-Hampshire (in which the Society for propagating the Gospel &^{ca} have considerable Interest) would be erected into a new Government and considerable Interest has been made in Favour of Partridge Thatcher Esq^r the Bearer hereof, that he might be made the first Governor thereof, and Application being made to this Convention in May last to interest themselves, in this Gentleman's Favour, we (knowing his Worth, and firm Attachment to the present Establishment both in Church and State) did then write to the Society requesting their Interest with Administration in his Favour, should said Lands be erected into a Government. We now therefore ask your Interest to promote said Design should You in your Wisdom think proper. We are,

May it please your Excellency

Your Excellency's most obedient

And most humble Servants

Missionaries to the honorable
Society for the Propagation
of the Gospel in
foreign Parts

EBENEZER DIBBLEE

JOSEPH LAMSON

EBENEZER KNEELAND

RICHARD CLARKE

RICHARD MANSFIELD

CHRISTOPHER NEWTON

JAMES SCOVIL

SAMUEL ANDREWS

BELA HUBBARD

JOHN TYLER

SOLOMON PALMER

To His Excellency

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: New Haven 14th. Septb^r. 1769

Letter from a Number of

Missionaries by Patridge

Thacher Esq^r.

rec^d. Janr^y. 17th 1770

TO JAMES RIVINGTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson-hall Sept^r. 14th. 1769

SIR/

I thank you for your agreeable Correspondence, and for the Several pieces of News communicated in your late Letters particularly in that of the 4th Inst, Indeed I should have answered some of them Sooner but for my Absence in the Six Nation Country and my indisposition since occasioned by a fall I got at Onondaga,—

I must Confess the Aspect of Affairs at home is very Unpleasant, and ought to give Concern to every Wellwisher of his Country, because whatever reason or Justice there may be in some of the late Steps you Mention, there is a probability of their being carried farther than a Good Man can wish for, Tho' I still hope that these Matters will be happily adjusted at or before the Next Session of Parliament,— Affairs here are very doubtful The Indians at the Misisipi, behave very Extraordinarily and under the Countenance and Influence of the French are endeavoring to Seduce the Nations to the Northward to Confederat with them, but I expect to prevent them from Succeeding so far as they wish.

Tho' my almost Constant Avocations & hurry will not permit

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

me to be very punctual in Correspondence I hope it will not prevent you from Writing me now and then as your Letters are very Interesting and Agreeable to me

I am with regard, Sir,

Your hearty Wellwisher

& very humble Servant

Sir John & Col Johnson

[sen]d their Complim^{ts}. the

latter wishes you'd remember

[] Littletons Hist: & the Ann^l.

[Register] for 66, 67 & 68 wch

[] therefor.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 15 Sep^r. 1769

In Obedience to your Command I now Send you by Captain Douw's Sloop [every] Article you orderd for me, except the Glass 9 by 11 which is not to be had at pres^t. an Account of which you have on the other Side, for which please to give me Credit as to the Dutch Tiles there are not So many in Town as woud cover an Indian Hutt, So that it does not Signifie Saying any thing more about them; people here have got into the Way of painting Shingles black with a particular Composition, which they Say makes them last a very long time & makes them look Much like black Slate if you Chuse it I will Send you up Some of the Composition, as my Carpenter knows it very well — When I wrote you last I was much afraid I shoud not have been able to have got you those Articles, especially the Crockery Ware & the Glass, as those Articles were all Stored by order of *Our Sovereign Lord the Sons of Liberty*; the honest Man with whom I generally deal for those Articles, came to tell me yesterday with a Sorrowful Countenance that He coud not prevail on Mess Isaac Low, Isaac Sears & Jo Allicocke who are our present Tyrants, to let

him have the Goods he Wanted notwithstanding he was very certain that those very people called the Committee, had severall Times got their own Goods clandestinely out of the Store & were daily Selling them by little & little & that he Supposed they had a pique against him because he did not Sign the Agree^t for Non Importation — As I had Some Reason to believe the Truth of this — I persuaded him to break open the Store in the Dead of the Night & take the Goods out he Wanted & return the empty Packages, which he has accordingly done & this is the Reason why You have your Goods, but perhaps the Next News you have will be that He & I have been carted about the Town The Table Crockery I now Send are quite new fashioned, Severall principall Families have lately got them over from England, they are very much Admired, but come Very high — tho' those I now Send you are at least 25 p Cent Cheaper than any I have Seen; I hope you will approve of my Sending them rather than the Common White Ones (of which indeed I do not believe I could have picked up your Quantity in Town) for I do not See why you Shoud not be in the Fashion as well as any body Else — I think you Shoud give *Mr Frank* orders to take a very particular care of them & not put himself in a passion when they are in the Way —

As I wrote you in my last, Sir Harry Moore departed this Life a half past 2 o Clock on Monday & was buried Tuesday Evening as you will See by the papers; He made a will immediately after his Reconciliation with his Daughter, in which He has left Lady Moore Sole Executrix, with an Annuity of £600 stg during her Widowhood and All his Furniture & plate, to *Mr*^s Dixon £3000 stg & the Rest of his Fortune ([which they] Say amounts to Twenty thousand pounds stg) to his Son, at little Boy as [] The Lieut Governor immediately on Sir Harrys decease came over, calld [] rted back the Surrogates office to *Mr Banyar*, which has vexed a great Many People in town, especially the Livingstonian Party [] much here of Lord Charles Montague Brother to the Duke of

Manchester [] Governor, it is Said with much Confidence that he went home last [] this Government, provided Sir Harry Moore, could be otherwise provided for [to his] Satisfaction; but all this I believe only arises from a Declaration he made [] in this Town last Summer, that He Should like this Government much better [than] Carolina, on Account of the Climate

I begg my Respects to All my Acquaintances at your House, particularly Mess Byrne, Dayly & Grace, who I hear are Still with you, I purpose in a few Days taking a Tour to Schoharrie & if possible will cross over to your house for a Day or two, but as yet I have no Certainty of going at All; I beg you will believe me to be most Sincerely

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

in One of the Boxes there are Some paper Parcels I receivd from London for Coll Johnsons please to deliver them to that Gentleman

Account

[Sir] William Johnson B^t.

Bo^t. of John Wetherhead

[] on board Capt Troax

4 Barrells Pork a 95/	£19	1
Sent on board Lansing's Sloop		
2 Barrells pickled Cod a 35/ with Cartage	3	11
28 th Bohea Tea a 4/8	6	10 8
Canister & Lock		16
1 Barrell Sugar 1.3.21 a 65/	6	5 9
Barrell		1 6
25 loaves Sugar 223 th a 13 ^d	12	1 9
Cask		1 6
Cartage		1
Sent on board Van Allen's Sloop		

8	6 Barrells Pork a 100/ with Cartage	30	1	6
	On board Captain Douw			
15	2 Doz Shutter Bolts a 26/	2	12	
	4 th Twine a 2/8	10	8	
	2 Doz Hooks & Eyes a 1/		2	
	Box	1	6	
	1 Cask A D N ^o . 6 60 th 4 4 ^d Nails W 240 th			
		a 13d	13	- -
	1 Cask " N 67 19 18 12 ^d d ^o 342	} th d		
	1 D ^o TW N ^o 55 15 22 20 ^d d ^o 330			
		672 th a 8 ¹ / ₂ ^d	23	16 -
	1 D ^o AD 3 24 ^d	336 8 ^d	11	4 -
	4 Boxes of Glass 200 feet 7 by 9 a 78/		7	16
	Cartage			2
	{ a Hhd Containing Viz ^t .			
	3 Setts of the finest Straw Col ^d Queens mettle			
	Qual Dishes & in Each Sett a 28/	4	4	-
	23 Doz Plates of the Same Sort a 10/	11	10	-
	2 Toureens 20/	2		
	4 Sauce Boats a 10 ^d		3	4
	Hhd. 3/6 & Cartage 1/		4	6
	28 th Whiting in a Cask		5	6
	6 Gallons Linseed Oyle a 7/	2	2	
	2 Wickered Juggs directed		7	

£158 12 2

[] the above I have paid Severall things Viz^t. ¹from
 [] for Sir John & from New London for you, Postage &c^a
 [cannot] tell the Am^t of at present

INDORSED²: N York 15th. 7^{br}. 1769

Mr. Wetherheads Letter
 wth. his Acc^t.

¹ Illegible.

² In Johnson's hand.

about 10 days ago to Lieut Gov^r. [Penn.] The Advantage of my going into the Indⁿ. Country [] Expence of this Affair very Small compared with what it [would] have amounted to had I called them together down [to this] Country, as you must recollect that the Money was not ready for them when they Sold the Lands last Year on wch acct I passed my Note to them. They Expressed a good deal of anger at the Intrusion of the New England [missionaries &] said they feared it would set some of their people a quarreling but really from the present disposition of the Indians (which was partly the Cause of my Making the Tour) I fear they will [not] be long quiet. The Conduct of the Indians about the Illinois and Ohio has been lately such as to leave us no doubt of their h[ostile] Intentions and the French Traders and others with those Indians who are disaffected are daily by belts, Messages &ca endeavoring to draw all the rest into a Confederacy with them, which I am doing all that is in my power to prevent, and hope to succeed with Sev^l. of the Nations beyond what might be Expected from the present State of Things and the Small Allowance [] stipulated for the Expences of my department. The Indians Complain much of the Withdrawing those who had the Ins[pection] of Trade, and of the reduction of favors which (however [] they expected a longer continuance of; They make m[uch] Clamour about the repeated Murders committed on their [people] by the frontier Inhabitants, to add to which I had but Just [arrived in] the Seneca Country when I received advice of the Murder [of a] very faithfull Young Indian of that Nation on the [River] Susquehanna, & Since that the people on that Frontier [] & Stopped the Traders Goods declaring they won't Suffer [] forward. What all these & much more proceedings of [] other Quarters will end in seems but too [obvious] have good hopes that my endeavors will [] Wish that in my Next Letter I may be enabled to give you a better Account of Affairs here, and Shall Conclude by again repeating my Most Sincere & hearty

I will order your account to be paid, as soon as you are pleased to inform me, to whom the money is to be sent in New York. I am with great Regard

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
JOHN PENN

P:S:

Our Surveyors will be at the big Island the twentieth of October next, in order to meet the Indians, that are to attend the running the line from the Susquehanna to Kittaning.,— You will be kind enough to make their number as small as possible.

S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED: Philadelphia 7^{br.}: 16^{h.}
1769

L^t. Gov^r. Penns Letter
Ans^d. Oct^r. 24th.—

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 18 Sep^r. 1769

I had the pleasure of writing you on Monday last concerning M^r Roberts Bill to Edward Harrison, which you mention to have Credited M^r Mortier for the 25th May last, in Consequence of which I have been at Mr. Mortiers office in order to find out the Error if possible & find the Bill you advist to is a Bill ₤ £200, but the Bill in Question is for £100, drawn a different Day; if you please to examine this Matter a little you will find it So — the Bill Holder here was with me on Saturday and threatend immediately to protest the Bill Unless I paid it, as you mentiond to me you woud pay it as Soon as you Coud find out the Error; I have complyd with the Bill Holder's Request & paid the Bill; I will therefore request the favour of you to Send me a draft for it as soon as it Shall be convenient to you I hope you will have

received all your Things by Capt Douw who Sailed on Saturday last — I remain with Sincere Regard

Sir Your most Obed^t Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: [

]

Mr. Wetherhead []

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Sep 18. 1769

SIR WILLIAM

A passage of two & thirty days has produced the Earl of Halifax packet.

The East India affairs have been severely shocked by some Advantages of a Native in that Country, Heyder Ally, over the Companys forces these have occasioned their Stock to sink from 270 to 219 which has influenced the Bankruptcy of the first Banker in Europe Paunchaud at paris for 20 Millions french, and the fortunes of many principal personages in England are shattered by these Events. Lord Holland, hard pressed by able writers in y^e Publick papers, has thought proper to disgorge an hundred thousand pounds into the Exchequer, a part of his ballance due upon his pay mastership accompts of 40 Unsettled Millions.

Earl Bute is returned and already discovered to the people his Sovereign's peculiar bias in his favor, in short all the Councils of State have been directed under his influence, tho absent, and the Crown too has not wanted the suggestions of Lord Holland, a Colleague of the Favorite.

Most of the Counties in England have already prepared addresses to the Throne ecchoing the Strains of Middlesex & London upon the Subject of Grievances in general & the Right of Election in particular.

The Next advices will bring us a detail of something very decisive betwixt the Russian & Ottman Armies

General Monckton offered, thro Mr W Burke, his services to the India Company against Heyder Ally, yet they have not been accepted which induces us here to think if he could command the Government of New York, Vice Sir Henry Moore who expired last Monday, he would not refuse it, tho seperated from the Command of the Military. The Earl of Chatham & the House of Grenville are now become a perfect phalanx, determined to recover the right of Election & pull down the Tory Administration.

The Old Earl of Winchelsea is dead at 81. Poor Peter Hasenclever, who in the last five years has buried the better part of an hundred thousand pounds in this Country, is now amongst the Unfortunate, being declared a Bankrupt. I believe he has been at Johnson Hall, his fate is regretted for he was honest & well beloved.

The Island of St John's is at last erected into a Government & Walter Paterson of the late 80th Reg^t presented to it, T. Debrisay made Lieut Governor & a Mr Ja^s. Monsell Attorney General. Montford Brown L^t Governor of West florida is superceeded in favor of Elias Durnford of y^e Engineers.

Betts run high that a French War will be commenced by the first of February Yet I fancy it will prove Apochryphal. Thus far the Halifax pacquet.

I hope my Epistle will find all the Family at Johnson Hall and its Vicinities in perfect health and I am,

most inviolably,

Sir William's

Your most faithful serv^t

ADDRESSED: To

JAM^s RIVINGTON

Sir Wm Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ 7^{br}. 18th. 1769

Mr. Rivingtons Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Sep^{br}. 18th. 1769

DEAR SIR

two Days Ago Mr. Alexander McKee Come hear up the Susquannah, I have had a Good Dale of Conversation with him Concerning the Disposision & Temper of the Indians att ohio he has Shoed. Me a Small Journal he Made of Such Things as he Could Gether from the Shawnas whome I well know wold Tell him any thing they Knew as they Consider him as one of thire own people his Mother being one of thire Nation

he has Collected the prinsaple Inteligence and Inclosed them to y^r honor w^h. I inclose you, he Tells Me that Lett y^e. Indians Intensions be what itt will & w^h, he Says is Cartianly against the English, that they wold Nott have Shone y^e. Least unesayness this Sumer had itt Nott been for y^e. Number of people that has gon out from Virginia and Pensylvaine the Later has Survaied all y^e. Lands in that Cuntry & Down y^e. ohio Seventy Miles Down below fort pitt to the Senica Vilidge this Conduct and the Incoredjem^t. they have from y^e. french & Cherrakees he is of opinion has Determind them to begin a Warr with us Sooner than they Ever Intended tho they have had itt in Viue, He Tells Me that y^e. Cheaffs of the Shawnas & Dalloways are against itt & has Tould thire Warrers that itt wold End in there Ruin Butt the Worrars Say they May as well Dey Like Men as be Kicked about Like Doggs and putt into prison it seems Several Indians has been putt into y^e. Gard house att Fort pitt this Sumer for very Trifling Reson^s Many Beat unmercyfully and one Man Shott att & Wonded on the Road as he was Carreying a Leter for the Commanding offisor to Legionier¹

I am with Great Respect y^r. honors Most obedient
and Most Hum^{ble} Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

¹ Fort Ligonier, earlier known as Loyal hannon, in Westmoreland county, Pa.

To the Honble SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED¹: Otsege 7^{br}. 18th. 1769

Mr Croghans Letter
with Some Intelligence

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

Otsega Septembr 18th 1769

HON^D SIR

I arrived here Yesterday from Fort Augusta on a Visit to Colonel Croghan, and would do myself the Honor of waiting upon you before my return, but am under the Necessity of going back immediately in order to make a Settlement of my Fathers Affairs.—

I have judged it proper to inform your Honor of every thing which has come to my Knowledge respecting Indian matters during my stay at Fort Pitt this Summer; and have therefore committed it to Writing for your Honors perusal which is herewih enclosed. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Your Honors most Obedient

& very Humble Servant

ALEX^R M^C.KEE

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Mr. Alexdr. McKees
Letter & Journal

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOURNAL OF ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. D.¹

[] May last the Shawanese, Delawares, and Senicas of []il with the Twightwees, Piankisaw's, Waweoughtenoes, Musquetons, []s that Live upon the Wabash, at Stoney River when they Settled all [] former Disputes and entred into a Strong and firm Alliance, by which they [] to Live and die by each other, and are also to Defend themselves against any Enemy that may hereafter Quarrel with either of them whether English or Indians. The Senicas, Shawanese, Delawares, Munseys, Moheckons, & Musquaghkees who reside upon the Ohio and its Waters in a Meeting of their own this Summer have Complained much of the Conduct of the Six Nations giving up so much of the Country to the English without asking their Consent & Approbation and say the Lands down the Ohio to the Cherokee River is as much theirs as the Six Nations, it having been Conquered by the whole Confederacy and the Senicas and Cayugas have declared to these Nations that it was Contrary to their Judgements to do so but that the Mohawks, Onidas, Onondagoes, & Tuskaroras would have it so. The Shawanese, & Delawares have Built this Summer a very large Council House at Scioto to which they have invited all the Wabash Indians the Hurons, Ottawas, Putiwatimies, and Chepawas and likewise all the Chiefs of the Senicas ware to be present;— This great Meeting was to [take] place the latter end of June or July—; A Deputation of [Shawan]ese followed the Cherokees to Fort Pitt and took Six of them [] The Intention of this Meeting is to form a [] Southern Nations together; against the English and the Senicas are to [] of the whole, the Mohawks, Onidas, Tuskaro[ras] to be left out to do as they please.—

The above information I have had from a Chief who has been

¹ Inclosed in the preceding letter, of September 18th.

[] private Meetings, and says this plan has been on foot th[] Years past but could not be brought to bear till now, th[] with the Southern Indians is Settled—; He says this G[] was first Recommended by the French in order to drive the [English] out of their Country and Burn all their Forts, that they [would not] Strike untill the French would come to Assist them, But [the] Numbers of White people and Surveyors that come out this [] to Settle and Survey the Country about Fort Pitt and down [the] Ohio has set all their Warriors in a rage, and has been y^e prin[cipal] cause of hastening this Meeting, for it had been agreed on [] Winter to be put off untill next Summer; He likewise told [me he] had certain advice from New Orleans that Forty Battoes with Amunition &ca was to be sent from thence this Fall up to the [] Ohio by the French and Spaniards for their several Nations [] they the French and Spaniards would make War upon the E[nglish next] Spring upon the great Lake; he told me that the Shawanese & Delawares had come to a Resolution not to be the [first (?)] and that they had told the Senecas so, as they had [] last War, The Senecas in answer to this d[] and they would see them [start] it heartily before, but were determined to begin here and the [] southward. The Conduct of the Senica [] seems to Confirm the certainty of this being their present plan, as they are the only Indians who beheave Insolently or Ill [about] Fort Pitt, Killing Cattle, Stealing Horses, and in short plundering every House & Field they come to; And I am sorry to say the White people on their parts beheave as Ill to their Indian Neighbours, and seem to Wish for a Quarrel as much as the Indians. There is now several Indians of the Shawanese & Delawares come to the West and East Branches of Susquohannah to take away this Fall to Ohio, all their Friends amongst the Six Nations and have Belts to Invite the Moheckons, Munseys, & Nanticokes to go & Live at Scioto where they have Lands for them which the Six Nations can not Sell to the English.

DRAFT OF DANIEL CLAUS

A. D. S.

Montreal 19th Sepr 1769

On Demand please to Pay to Mr. St. Luc [Le] Corne Chev^r
de St. Louis, or his order the Sum of Fifteen pounds 6/10 N. y.
Curr^y. for Value rec^d of him & place it to Acco^t. of

Sir

Your most Obed^t hble servant

DAN. CLAUS

To S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.&c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

Johnson hall

Verso Rec^d. Johnson Hall 22^d 1770 March the
Contents of the Within Order

SAM^L. STRINGERINDORSED:¹ Co^l. Claus DraftFav^r. St Lucke La Corn£15 6 10 p^d.

AN INDIAN SPEECH

Fort Pitt 21st: Sept: 1769

Copy of a Speech made by ²in private to Captain
Edmonstone and Officers in Garrison, Simon Girty Interpreter.

Brothers,

It is from a Love to the English in general, and you in
particular that I have come here this Day, with my Heart
full of Sorrow to inform you that I see very clearly that
the Indians intend to strike you.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Vacant space in the manuscript. The speech of this Indian was in-
closed in General Gage's letter of October 9th to Johnson.



COLONEL DANIEL CLAUS



ANN CLAUS

From portraits in the
Public Archives of Can-
ada, Ottawa

Believe me Brothers the Chiefs of the six Nations have done all in their Power to curb the young Men, but to no Purpose, for they are bent on war.

I am determined to be early enough in giving you Information this Time, because tho' I saw the two last Wars coming I was afraid to speak my Mind, leas't by Accident I might be decieved, and tell my Friends a Lie.

Brothers,

Your Suspicions relative to the last Party of Warriors were too well grounded for I have since found out the Scalp to be white.

As for you Brothers in the Fort here you are always prepared, but the two last [wars] I saw with deep Concern, many of my white Friends killed and taken, before they got [the] least Notice, and hope you will take Care to prevent that being the Case this War.

Brothers,

I know you will write this Account to your great Man at New York, but I charge you and him as you are *Men* not to mention my Name to any one living, as you know I am an Indian, and must live amongst them. but the Moment the first Blow is given I will come in and fight with you as I always did.

Brothers,

I have now done, and have only to desire you will not mention my Name, and that you will put the Women and Children upon their Guard.

INDORSED: Copy of a speech made
by _____ to Captⁿ.
Edmonstone & Officers in
Garrison at Fort Pitt
Sept: 21st: 1769 —

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Sep^{br}. 23^d. 1769

DEAR SIR

I have Gott Some Servants from Dublin amoungst w^h. is a Gardner w^h. by Acounts and from the Conversation I have had with him I blive is Master of his busness and a Sober Man he has a Wife a Good Cleanly Well looking Woman they are boath bound for three years the Woman Seems with child I Send them with y^c. berrer Agreeable to My promis and hope he will answer your Honors Expectians and his wife will be an aditision to the frutfull Johnson Hall

I have Likewise gott a Very Good Bricklear w^h. if you Should Want you May have for the Winter as Soon as I gett a Cuple of Chimneys built w^h. will be Don in a fortnight thire Indentures is Nott yett Come to hand butt I will Take them Down Myself —

I am Sir with Great Respect y^r. honers Most Obeident & hum^{ble}.

Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t.INDORSED:¹ Sept^{br}. 23^d. 1769

Mr. Croghans Letter

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²*New york Sept. 24th: 1769.*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 12th. Inst., and shall advance you Such Sums as you may require for the Purchase of Indian

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvand College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Goods in England where they May certainly be had much cheaper than in this Country, and if you can depend on those you employ, of a better Quality than what is occasionally found in the Merchant's stores here. /

By Lord Hillsborough's Letter to me of the 15th July the Sum allowed to your Department Should be increased £1000. His Lordship writes as follows. "I need not now inform you that the King's Intentions is to confine his whole Expence in the Indian Country to £5000. Pr: Annum for the Northern District." From hence it would require Consideration what Sums you think proper to allow at each of the Posts. The officers Commanding there have the Strongest orders not to incurr Expences, nor would I let them know that any Sums are allowed with regard to the Interpreters and Smiths as you have already discharged them from your Department. I think I may Safely pay them till the Provinces appoint them. I have acquainted the Commanders of the Forts of this, and desired they would procure them as cheap as they could, So this Expence will not appear in your Department.

The Escape of the two Indian Prisoners from the Detroit does not Surprize me, as I think almost every Prisoner they have had at that Place has escaped. It would have been better if they had been delivered up to their Nation in a proper Manner.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: Septbr. 24th. 1769

Gen^l. Gages Letter

FROM SAMUEL KEMBLE

A. L. S.

New York ye 25th. Sep^r 1769

Happening to be with General Gage yesterday [I he]ard him telling Cap^t Maturin that you were going to send a sum of money to England for Indian Goods [I took] the liberty to ask the Gen^l if he knew from whom you Imported them; he told me he did not; but gave me leave to Offer my servis to you to purchase them for you in England, where I shall go this fall, and return in the Spring, if you are not Engagd I shall be much Oblidg^d. to you for that Business, and shall take care you have the Goods on the lowest terms. I beg your pardon (as I have not the honour of being known to you) for taking this liberty; and if I should be so happy as to receive your Commands a letter directed for me to be left at the Generals will come safe to hand am

Sr.

Your most Obed^t. hum^e Serv^t.

SAM KEMBLE

ADDRESSED: To

Sr. William Johnson Bart^t.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ N York 7^{br}. 25th. 1769Mr. Sam^l. Kempbells

Letter

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 25th Sep^r. 1769

Deprivd of your Agreeable Favours, The Errand of this Serves only to advise you, that I have att last met with Some Dutch

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Pantiles; the person has more than will Suffice for the Building
 He tells me He will take £12 ⁷/₈ Thousand for them, I Suppose
 less than 2 thousand will do for you; what the Rft¹ will come to
 I do not know, the Skippers cant tell me; if you will please to
 Send me An Order I will immediately Send you the Quantity
 you want provided they are not in the Meantime Sold — Your
 immediate Answer with your further Commands will be punctu-
 ally complyd with by

Sir Your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson B^t
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED: N York []
 Mr. Wether []
 concern^g. []

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 25th. Sept. 1769

DEAR SIR

Letters Patent coming from Home is a New thing, all that ever
 I saw were no more than Mandamus's, Sr. Jeffry Amherst has
 One among many others, but Friedenbergs² on Lake Champlain
 is the only singular piece of the kind that has appeard before us,
 It locates the quantity (30,000 Acres) & exonerates it from Quit
 Rent for ten Years, not one of the others are exempt a Moment,
 The Reduc'd officers indeed are who petition under the Kings
 Proclamation & However be yours what it will, great Care shall

¹ Uncertain. River freight possibly intended.

² See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 449 and *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 533.

be taken to send it you safe, & I congratulate you on the Occasion if it be a favourite Object —

I wish the Indians may continue quiet, tho I cant see it's long to be expected, while our own behaviour is so strange & inconsistent & the Colonys if it is left to them will make a queer Olio of it, as they do of every thing else that requires union Money —

I am desired by a Correspondent at Montreal to send you Cadots two Bills on you, both dated St. Marys 3^d. July, the One for £80. .3. . the other £156. .8. .10 this Curr^y., with a desire that you wou'd be so good as to order the payment here & You are the best Judge of their Merrits or Demerrits, which is a Matter entirely unknown to me, but I take it for granted if they are justly due, they will be treated accordingly — I hope this may find you entirely recover'd of you hurt & with my Compliments to Sr. John & Coll^o. Johnson remain

Your Letter for Mr Penn shall go soon, Dr. Sr.

by a good Conveyance Y^r. Most Humb^e serv^t

JN^o. WATTS

S^r. WILL JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To

Sr. Will Johnson

Barr^t. Johnson Hall, County of
Albany

To the Care of Mr Monier

INDORSED: Sepbr. 25th. []

The Hon^{ble} John []

Letter

rec^d. 8^{br}. 2^d.

Ans^d. Oct^r. 4th

ACCOUNT WITH DANIEL CAMPBELL

D. S.

Schenectady, September 26, 1769

Dr. Sir William Johnson Baronet in Account

1768			
Nov ^r	26	To Your Acc ^t . Furnish ^d . this day	3468. 14
	28	To 2 ^l y ^{ds} . fine white Flannel 4/3	4. 5
	"	To 4 y ^{ds} . Ditto Yallow Ditto 4/	16
	"	To 1 piece Silk Binding	6
	"	To 51 y ^{ds} . Ditto Ditto /2	8.6
	"	To 1 ^l Small white Beeds	4 5.19. 6
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Dec ^r	5	To 2 ^l Green Tea & Cannesters	3. 8
	"	To 1 y ^d . Crimson Velvet	2 5. 8
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	12	To 4 ^{Ct} 1 ^q 3 ^l Sweeds Iron 45/	9.12.5
	"	To 2: O: O Common Flat Ditto 38/	3.16
	"	To 53 ^l English Steel 1/	2.13
	"	To Carrege to the Hall	10 16.11. 5
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1769			
Jan ^y	7	To the Amount of a Pleasure Slead	11
Feb ^y	9	To Amount of a Set Harnish	7.15
March	9	To Cash paid for Riding 3 Bat- toes over y ^e Carrying Place	2.16
April	28	To Cash paid your order in favour Jn ^o . Ferrall	152. 9. 4
May	8	To 12 y ^{ds} Fine Holand Tyck 9/	5. 8

¹ Should be 20.

May	17	To 3 pair Small Stockings	3/ 9		
	"	To 3 pair Ditto	3/6	10. 6	
	"	To 4 Paid Ditto	4/3	17	1.16. 6
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June	17	To Sundries \bar{r} Bill Furnishd			
		Mr. Adams			156.19. 6
	19	To 6 y ^{ds} . Breeton	12	3.12	
	"	To 3 Skanes Silk & 2 Ditto			
		Twist		3. 9	
	"	To 2 y ^{ds} Jain		5	
	"	To 10 Skanes Thread		1. 6	
		To 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ y ^{ds} . Shalloon	3 9	6. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4. 8
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	"	To 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ y ^{ds} . Green Frise	3 3	8.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	"	To $\frac{1}{2}$ y ^d . fine Scarlet Cloath		18. 6	
	"	To 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Doz ⁿ . Large Basket			
		Butt ^s & 2 Doz ⁿ Small do		3. 9	
	To	To 4 pair Stock ^s	4 6	18	

Amount Sent over £[]

Current with Daniel Campbell Cr.

1769

Jan ^y .	28	By your Bill on Abraham Mortier Esq ^r	1500	--	--
March	4	By your Ditto on Ditto	2000	--	--
July	28	By Cash Allow'd for a pipe			
		wine	40	--	--
	"	By Cash Allowed in Ex-			
		change of the Lot	210	--	250 --

Amount Sent over

D^r Sir William Johnson Baronet in Acc^t.

	To Amount Brought Forward	3849. 7 []
1769		
June	19 To Cash paid Lieut. Benjamin Roberts	200
	27 To 16½ ^{ll} Hollan Cheese 1½	18 [6¾]
July	5 To 2 Kegs Biscaks 16 1.12	
	To 3 Ct. Gun powder £12 36	
	To Carrege up to Onida Lake	2. 8 - 40
	To 3 Barrells Porke & Carrege up from Albany to y Hall	16 16

£ 4107 2 2½

Errors Excepted this
26th September 1769

DANIEL CAMPBELL

Current with	Dan ^l . Campbell	Cr.
	By Amount Brought Forward	3750 - -
	By Ballance due D. C.	357 2 2½
		£ 4107 2 2½

INDORSED:¹ Daniel Campbell Esq^{rs}.
Acc^t. to 26th. 7^{br}. 1769
£4107 2 2½

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GEORGE TURNBULL

A. L. S.

Detroit Sep^{tr}. 30th. 1769

Inclosed is a Copy of a Speech made by the Shawanese the []^t Instant before the Different Tribes. Some People are very Suspicious that an Indian War is not far of although I think it cannot be very formidable, unless they are asisted by the French or Spaniards —

There is not the Least Instruction as yet come to this Post Relative to Indian affairs Excepting a Letter from Colonel Croghan Dated in march last acquainting me that the Interpreters and Gun Smith were to be kept up in Fact they never have been Discharged, its very Evident that the Kings Service cannot be Carryed on without them nor can any Commanding officer help giving some Provisions and Some Little Trifles now and then to Indians I am with Great Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant

GEO: TURNBULL

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: [Cap^t. Turn]bulls Letter

[] Shawanese Speech

FROM JOHN LEVINE

A. L. S.

New York 2 Octr. 1769

SIR

I take the first opportunity of Informing your Excellency of return here, & to return you my most unfeigned thanks for the many favors I have received from you —

But as my Situation in Life requires the Assistance of my freinds I am once more obligd to intrude on your Goodness, which I hope your Excellency will excuse —

There is a number of the Inhabitants of this place are determined to petition the Lieut^t Governor to remove the present Coroner, & as I flatter myself that I have some freinds who will endeavor to procure it for me, I am Convinced a Letter from your Excellency to the Lieu^t Governor or M^r Oliver Delancy would be a means of procuring it, & it woud add to the many Obligations I am under to your Excellency Your Excellency will please to observe that the appointment comes on the 28 or 30th Ins^t I am with very great respect

Your Excellancys

Most Obl^d. & much

Obliged Hum S^t

JOHN LEVINE

INDORSED: N York 2^d. October 1769

Doctor Levines Letter¹

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, Oct. 2, 1769*]

In a Letter I have this Moment receivd from Coll^o. Croghan of the 7th Sep^r. I am informed that as Soon as M^r Hays Accounts were Settled you woud remitt me a Bill for the Amount, I therefore take the Liberty of Sending you the Account enclosd of Such Bills as I have receivd upon Coll^o Croghan, advising you att the Same time that the Money for the Accounts due last March, is ready in M^r Newtons hands & he tells me He only waits your orders to pay it; As I was assurd Some time ago by Coll^o Croghan that as Soon as the Generalls Warrants were issued for that Money & that You got home from the Indian

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Country I shoud hav those Drafts paid, in Consequence of which I orderd a Person to draw upon me for £400 which I accepted & which as I am Still disappointed of your Drafts, remains to my very great Dishonour Unpaid — My Earnest Request to you Good sir, is to entreat the favour of you to Send me by the first Opportunity the Necessary Drafts that I may recover the Money from Mr Mortier, for untill Such Time as I get it, my Credit will Suffer in Some Sort, because my being disapointed of the Drafts, is no Excuse to the person who holds the Bills Against me — I well know your kindness & Friendship will excuse this plain & Candid Application — I will therefore conclude by assuring You that your kind Compliance will ever be considered as a Very particular favour done to

Sir Your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

Payable last half Years Acc^t

Coll ^o Croghan	D ^r	
To Jehu Hays Dft of the 24 feby 1769 at		£385-12
To D ^o	25 feby	150 -
		<hr/>
		£535-12
	Cash rec ^d	
From M ^r Morris Lett ^r Middleton		168 6 3
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	Ballance due last ½ year	
	Acc ^t	£367 5 9
Coll ^o Croghan	D ^r	
To Jehu Hays Dft due last M ^o		283 12 2
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The Whole Ballance of those Dfts		£650 17 11
due from Coll ^o Croghan to J W		

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart^t
Johnson Hall

Amount of which you have Inclosed as Also that of the Green Cloath &c —

Youll find Credit in your Account for £40 for the pipe of Wine which was Broakn Coming from Albany, & also £210 being Balance of what was Coming in Exchange of the Lott — In Regard to the pipe of wine which I have Sent up I am Concious that I took more pains to get it Good then if I had been Buying for my Self, when the Wine Comes to be fine, if you do not think it well worth the money I will take it back, as it would distress me greatly to think of puting any thing unto your hands that was not Agreeable to you

M^{rs} Campbell joins me in Compliments & am

Dear Sir Respectfully

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Octbr. 2^d. 1769

Dan^l. Campbel Esq^{rs}. letter
with his Acc^{tt}.

BILL OF DANIEL CAMPBELL

D.

Schenectady 3^d Oct^r. 1769

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Bought of Dan^l. Campbell

4 Barrells & 1 Keg Rum Con ^{ts} . 138 $\frac{1}{2}$ G ^s 3/	20:15:6	
4 Barrells for Ditto (Delivered Brant)	1: --:--	21:15:6
10 Yards Green Cloath	25/	12:10:--
14 y ^{ds} . Shalloon	3/9	2:12:6
10 y ^{ds} . Jeans	2/6	1: 5:--

¹ In Johnson's hand.

7 Sticks Twist	/9	5:3	
2 pair knee garters		7	
3 Doz ⁿ . Coat Basket Buttons	1/6	4:6	
6 Ditto Jackett Ditto Ditto	/9	4:6	
1 Ounce Silk		6 –	
2 y ^{ds} . Buckrim		5:4	
2 Ounces Thread		1:6	18: 1:7

£39:17:1

INDORSED:¹ Daniel Campbells Acc^t
 Octbr. 3^d. 1769
 £39 17 1

TO JOHN T. KEMPE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Octr. 4th. 1769

DEAR SIR,

I am favored with yours of the 26th. ult^o. and I think from the Circumstances you Mention you had some reason to Suspect that the Land you Speak of would have been granted away tho' from what I know concerning it I can hardly think, the Governor would have given his Countenance to it as I am certain it would have been highly disapproved of by Government, He particularly desired me to get it Surveyed, that he might fall upon some Method of Securing it to the Conajoharees on a better & more Solid footing.—

I wish I could Serve you, and I do Assure you I readily would use my Endeavors to prevail on them to admit the patent was it at all practicable, but it is really not to be done for the Indians of that Village are already sensible that their Children must from

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 435, is listed a letter of October 4th to Lieutenant Governor Colden about Johnson's late accident, measures for securing to the Conajoharees certain lands, the proposed plan of dividing Albany county, the reform of the militia as carried out by Governor Moore and vacancies for which Johnson recommends Lieutenant Augustin Prevost and Peter B. Vrooman (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:954-56; Q, 2:552-53).

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Oct^r 4th 1769*

DEAR SIR,

I thank you for your favor of the 25th ult^o. and your kind promise of taking care to forward my Patent, it is Indeed a favorite Object, being a Tract that was granted me by the Indians unasked for Nine Years ago. They said that as many of them were much in my debt since I had Commercial Concerns they had resolved to make me that Acknowledgment whilst they Yet had Land left, however their presents are pretty Expensive to the Receiver, for this has Since Cost me above £2000, to them.— It lyes between the 2 Canada Creeks at the German flats, & Contains above 100,000 Acres of fine Land,—I long laboured to get a patent for it and at Last applied to his Majesty who has been pleased to grant it me by his own Letters Patent, under the Great Seal; the 8th day of June last. I have already received a Copy of it and the terms are very advantageous It is forever free of Quit rent, except an Ann^l. Acknowledgment of two Beaver Skins, & sets forth that it is granted in Testimony of my Services, a Circumstance that enhances its Value with me.—

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

Mr. Adems who now goes to N York has directions to pay Cadots¹ Money to you, but there is a Mistake of £18. 3. 10 in the Bills, so that he will pay you £218. 8s which is what Cadots pay ammounts to.—

You may recollect that I spoke to you when you was here about the Division for the New County, since which a petition to the Assembly is gone down, & will be laid before the House by Capt De Lancey signed by all the Men of property In these parts I must beg your friendly offices in its favor as I can truly assure you that it proposes the only bounds fitting for the purpose.

Sir John & Col Johnson send their best Comp^s & I am
with great truth D^r S^r
&ca

The Honble JOHN WATTS Esqr.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New york 5 Octr. 1769

SIR

Deprivd of your Agreeable favours, permitt me to acquaint you that our friend Coll Fitch has a Vessell just arrivd with Very fine Wines from Madeira, which will Come at a very reasonable price He writes me He will Send me a few pipes to dispose of for him Shoud you have Occasion for any, let me begg your Orders, because it will be doing M^r Fitch a very particular Service at this Time I have already receivd 2 pipes from him, which I think are exceeding good —if Any are awanting or indeed if you are not in immediate Want, it will perhaps be worth your while to buy 2 or 3 pipes of those Wines. I shall be very glad of your Commands for this Or Any other Articles you may have Occasion for & in the Mean time have the Honor to Subscribe myself with great Truth —

Sir Your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

¹ Baptiste Cadot, in government service at Michilimackinac and St Marys.

Coll^o Cole is this Moment arrivd from New Orleans & intends going up on Monday Next to wait on you

Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON B^t

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart.

☞ Mr William Johnson Hall

Proctor

INDORSED:¹ Mr. Wetherheads letter

8^{br}. 5th. 1769

Ansrd. 28th. D^o.

& Sent for 3 pipes of Wine

He is to receive for me from

Gov^r. Penn £113. . 18. . 10

TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. Df. S.

Johnson Hall Octobr. 6th. 1769

SIR/

Your favour of the 18th. Ult^o. I received, and have directed Mr. Adems, the Bearer of this, to Discharge that Draft of L^t. Roberts to Harrison which you say you have paid.—also the Ballance of my Acc^t. with you, So that we may begin a new. I am in hopes that the L^t. Governours Administration may be tranquil, otherwise it may Shorten the Old Gentlemans Days, as I hear he is now verry infirm. I have directed Mr. Adems to view the Dutch Tiles, and if good & Cheap to bring them up with him.— You forgot to send me Hamiltons receipt for the Tooth Ach, pray send it now by the Bearer, I am in want of it.

I am with kind regards to you & M^{rs}. Wetherhead, Sir

Y^r. Wellwisher

& Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

P. S. As my Books dont answer exactly with your Acc^{ts}. probably on Acc^t. of the Fees of some of the Patents, I should be glad you would order my whole Acc^t. D^r. & C^r. to be drawn out & sent me.

MR. WETHERHEAD

INDORSED: Oct^r. 6th. 1769

To Mr. Wetherhead
by Mr. Adems

RECEIPT TO THOMAS GAGE

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall, October 6th. 1769, Received from His Excellency the Honourable Thomas Gage Commander in Cheif of the Army in America, the Sum of Two thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling being the Amount of my half Years Sallary and Allowance for the Expences of the Indian Department, from the 24th. of March to the 25th of September 1769 both Days Included —

W, JOHNSON

BILL OF DANIEL CAMPBELL

D.

Schenectady 7th. Oct^r. 1769

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Bought of Dan^l. Campbell

2 p ^s . Ribbons	14/	1. 8
1 p ^s . Broad Ditto		1. 2
8 Painted Looking Glasses		1. 2
5 y ^{ds} . Green Penniston	3/3	16. 3
3 Night Caps		3. 9
10y ^{ds} . Black Ribbond	1/4	13. 4

1 pair Small Stockings			2	-
1 pair Buckles			2	-
3 Barrells Rum 96 Gallons	3	14.	8	-
3 Barrells	5		15	-
1 Box			2	-
5 y ^{ds} . Callicoe	4	6	1.	2.6

£21.16.10

INDORSED:¹ Octbr. 7th. 1769
 Dan^l. Campbells Acc^t.
 £ 21 16 10

ACCOUNT OF WILLIAM JOHNSTON

A. D.

The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bar^t

To William Johnston Dr.

To my wages as smith for the Indians att Michilimackinac att
 £100 New York Currency p^r Year Commencing from the 5th
 April 1768 to October 7th 1769

To smiths tools for the Use of the Indians	£150	11	-
To 1 Large Rubber file		8	-
1½ Doz ⁿ Large flat files	1	7	-
14 small D ^o		17	8
2 Large Round D ^o		6	-
9 small D ^o D ^o		12	-
6 half Round Ruffs		7	6
1 half Round Bastard		3	-
2 half Round smooths D ^o		6	0
1 flat smooth D ^o		3	-
½ Doz ⁿ Rattail D ^o		6	-
3 wand files		3	-
1 Doz ⁿ file handles		4	-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

½ Doz ⁿ Drill stocks	3	—
1 Quarter ^{ll} of Borax	10	—
2 screw plates	1	4 —
1 hand Vuice	16	—
9 ^{ll} of sats for hardening	13	6
5 ^{ll} of tallow for tempering	7	6
3 planes	18	—
4 Chisels	12	—
1 Drill Bow	8	—
1 bag with work for gun Locke	2	— —
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	£163	6 2
Riding at y ^e . 2 Carrying places ¹	1	4 —
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	£164	10 2
Acc ^t . of Coal Wood & ^{ca} . ¹	27	18 —
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	£192	8 2

INDORSED:¹

W. Johnston smith at
 Michilimacinaes Acc^t.
 to the 7th Octbr. 1769
 £192 8 2

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

DEAR SIR/

Johnson hall Octr. 7th. 1769

I have been favored with your Letters of the 10th and 24th ult^o. and am glad you approve of the purchase of Goods in England which is certainly for the best, especially as Can have them from persons well acquainted with goods with whom I have formerly had dealings.

¹ In Johnson's hand.² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

The additional £1000 th Ann for the Indian Departm^t. is as little as could be made, it will just enable me to keep up those Officers most essentially necessary, with regard to Expences to be incurred at the posts, It is Extremely difficult to form any Judgment as it is impossible to pay any of it out of the Small Allowance to the Department the whole of which is too little even for Ann^l Meet^{gs} with the diff^t Confederacies So is it uncertain what the Expence may be, because it depends on Circumstances that Cannot be foreseen, and Greatly on the Judgment and Integrity of the Commandants, I suppose whatever might be allowed would be Spent and it w^d. require a good knowledge of the Indians to husband it properly, I have observed to the Government that as it is the Way of keeping peace made use of by the Indians to meet frequently, so we can never Expect a Continuance of peace with them unless We have Annual Meetings with the Confederacies, or at Least as often as may be for repeating past Transactions & renewing Treaties which is the way they preserve these things in remembrance, and had I been enabled to have met the Western Ind^s. this Year as perhaps it would have been better—the principal Confederacies are the Six Nations & Western Indians, each must be Seperately treated with. There is besides, the Ind^s. of Canada, & the Indians [] &ca who both require some Notice & Attention, My design [] the Expense of the few Officers remaining without whom [] be conducted to dispose of the rest of the £5,000 in [] ting & other incidental Expences in the best manner Which if it can be done will be as much as can possibly [be] Expected from so small a Sum amongst so many efforts [] purposes, without admitting of any other Articles of Expense

I daresay the Government must be so sensible of [] Necessity of Interpreters & Smiths that they can have no obj[ection] to your keeping them up till the Provinces do something []

I now transmit you Capt MacLeods & Hays Accots me[n]tioned in a former Letter, and have taken the Liberty

of Desiring Mr Adems to apply to you for half a Years allowance according to the Late regulation. As they have directed a particular Sum, I thought that was [] best mode of receiving it, and I hope it will meet with [your] Approbation.— if otherwise you will please to direct me

INDORSED: []

To Gen^l. Gage

A DRAFT IN FAVOR OF NORMAND MACLEOD

A. D. S.

Mr. ADEMS/ *Johnson Hall, Octbr. 7th. 1769*

Pay unto Cap^t. Normand MacLeod the Sum of
One Hundred & twenty Eight Pounds Eleven
Shilling & five pence Six Sevenths New York
Curr^y. on Acc^t.

of Y^r. Humble Servant

£128.56/7

W JOHNSON

To Mr. ROBERT ADEMS

Verso: New York the 8th Nov^r. 1769

Received the within in full

NOR^d. MACLEOD

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR

Schenectady the 7th October 1769

Your favour of the 4th Ins^t. have had the pleasure of Receiving Agreeable to which have Furnished the Bearer with Goods to the Amount of £21 . . 16 . . 10 at the Cheapest prices — I am much Obliged to you In Recommending the Young beginners to me

Inclosed I Send you the Bill parcel — I hope the Green Cloath Came Safe to hand I Sent it up in Care of Mr Fondas

Clark, who promised me he would forward it by a Safe hand—
by the next Opportunity I Shall Send you the Signs—
M^{rs} Campbell Begg her Compliments & am Dear Sir very
Respectfully

Your most Obed^t hble Ser^t

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON B []

INDORSED:¹ October 7th. 1769

Daniel Campbel Esq^{rs} letter
with his Acc^t.—

A DRAFT IN FAVOR OF GUY JOHNSON

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall, Octbr. 7th. 1769

MR. ADEMS/

Pay unto Col. Guy Johnson or Order on Demand
out of the Money which You are to receive from
Mr. W^m. Newton on my Acc^t. the Sum of One
Hundred Pounds York Curc^y. & charge it to Acc^t.
of Y^r. Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

To MR. ROBERT ADEMS

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²

New York Octr. 9th. 1769

DEAR SIR,

I inclose you a Copy of a Speech delivered lately to Cap^t.
Edmonstone at Fort Pitt. The concealed Indian who gave it
you may no doubt be able to discover; least you should not, it
is the Same who lately brought Dispatches from Fort Chartres.
I wrote to Captain Edmonstone concerning Reports of ill usage
to Indians at Fort-Pitt. He assures upon his Honour they are

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

false, that they have never been refused Refreshments at his Post, as far as he could Supply them; tho' it is true he could not Sometimes give every thing they demanded, or he must have wanted Provisions for his Garrison.

The Account of the Return of the Spaniards and Seizing the Principal French at New-Orleans, who were concerned in the Revolt against Don Ulloa, I imagine it will be right to send amongst the Indian Nations and I have therefore desired Cap^t: Edmonstone to acquaint them with that Intelligence. You will hear the Particulars of the Arrival, Force, and Proceedings of Count O'Reily from Mr. Cole who was present at New-Orleans when the Spaniards arrived there. Mons^r. Aubry and all the French Troops I am informed are to go home immediately. If the Indians have determined upon War against the English with the Expectations of Assistance from the French, this News may oblige them to change their Sentiments with regard to Hostilities.

I have the honour to be with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

Sr. W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: New York Octb^r. 9th. 1769

Gen^l. Gages letter

wth. an Enclosure

SAMUEL SEABURY TO DANIEL BURTON

Extract¹

Westchester, October 10, 1769

At the particular Desire of Dr. Auchmuty & Dr Cooper I went the last Summer to pay a Visit to Sr. W^m. Johnson,— a Journey of upwards of 200 Miles. I was so unfortunate as to miss of

¹ Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B series, Vol. 2. New York 1759–1782. Part II. Transcript in Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

seeing Sr. William, who set out for the Seneca's Country, a few hours before I arrived. I spent some Days with his Son in Law, Col. Guy Johnson, & preached on a Sunday at the Church at Johnstown, to a Congregation of more than 200 People, mostly Germans; & baptised several children. Col. Guy Johnson told me that Sir William had heard I was upon the Road, & that he had explain'd himself to him, with Regard to the Mission at Johnstown: But I could learn Nothing more from him, than that Sr. William would give the House & Glebe of 25 Acres of Land, & 30£ P^r Annum. The Country is naturally a very fine one, but it will take many Years to cultivate it. The Glebe will require a great Deal of Labour and Expencc before it will be profitable; & the People in the Neighbourhood are I apprehend so far from being able to do any Thing for their Minister, that they will rather expect Assistance from him. Sr. William I beleive, from his general Character, would do more than he has promised, but his Life is very uncertain. I cannot therefore think that the present Encouragement is sufficient for a Clergyman with a Family. Possibly it might do to join the Mohawks Missions, if Sr. William liked it, with this at Johnstown, for the present; These Places are I think, not more than twelve Miles apart, & the Emoluments of both, I am confident, would not more than answer the Expencc.—I write to the Society without Reserve; & I am certain their Goodness will put the most candid Construction upon what I write,—The same Necessity that there is for Missionaries in these Places, the same Necessity there is that they be well supported: They will otherwise be dispised by the Indians and consequently disregarded.

FROM COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS

D. S.

Stonerabie October 11th. 1769

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t &^{ca}.

We received the honour of Your Letter Dated 10th Instant, and in answer thereto beg leave to inform You That when we

laid out the Road now complained of, we appointed M^r Merchell one of the Commissioners to see that Road kept in Order, and appointed him a Number of men to him welknown to keep it in order; and we are informed that the people have worked on it their Six Days and repaired it as far that way as Our patent is inhabited, Two Family's are since moved of, which we knew not of before and makes that party weaker, the many Roads the people have to work on, and lateness of the Season gives us such Uneasiness, that we do not really know how to proceed in it this Season, being not well acquainted with the power we have, or have not, the people having Worked their Six Days, are excessively averse to work more. We should be extreamly glad to have it in our power to content You in this and every thing else whilt we have the Honour of being Sir

Your most humble Servants

(HENRICH?) MERKELL

his

SEVERINES S D DEYGERT

mark

his

PETER P K KREMS

mark

ISAAC PARIS

ADDRESSED: To the Honourable
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ []
Letter from []
Comis^{rs}. 8^{br}. []
Ansrd. 12th.
Smartly

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO WILLIAM FRANKLIN

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Oct. 12th. 1769*

DEAR SIR/

I was agreeably favored with your Letter of the 15th. ult^o. with the inclosures for which I give you my best thanks as they contain many usefull hints and observations and illustrate the sentiments of people at home, however I am pretty well assured that whatever may be the prejudices of a few concerning the late Transactions or any thing else, the Majority are of a different way of Thinking and whether they are or not, so long as I am conscious of having discharged my duty as I ought I am indifferent about the matter,— What you have been So kind as to hint concerning the Views of the person² puffed off in the Papers, or those of his friends for him, may be very right as to some of them, but as on the one hand it can give me no Concern, so on the other it is highly improbable that persons of consequence could be so far imposed upon, in a Matter of so much importance.

With regard to the passage in my Letter which you seem to be at a Loss about, my Meaning regarded the objections of the Ministry which seem chiefly to arise from the extent of the Traders & others Grants which they say his Majesty will not now Confirm, and think that it should rather have been left intirely to the Crown without mentioning it in the Transactions. Altho' my Friendship, and good Wishes towards the sufferers may have led me to espouse their Cause, & to Serve them with more Warmth than others would have done I nevertheless still think that as it was a matter which had before met with the approbation of Government, & was only fullfilling an Engagement the Indians [previ]ously entered into, I am Justified as to my part in the

¹ In the handwriting of Guy Johnson except the last paragraph, which is in that of Sir William.

² Apparently Robert Rogers, who went to England in 1769, and enjoyed a temporary popularity there.

Affair having acted on the most equitable as well as dis[interested] principles, And I am still in hopes that after a [] by proper Application to his Majesty the Traders will obtain it

Agreable to y^r. desire I have settled [] Acc^t. with Mr. Croghan w^h. amounted to £37 [5s. 3d.] Pensl^{va}. Money or £42. .3. .6 York Cur^{cy}.—Notwithstanding which I am very desirous of being excused having any thing farther to do in [] Affair, and have given directions to Mr. Croghan concerning it.¹

I am
&^{ca}.

[]KLIN

INDORSED: October 12th 1769

To his Excellency

Gov^r. Franklin

²Constantine Dougharty of Huntingdon [County]

John Bartholomew of D^o. County

John Walley of Freehold £20

a Mortgage on the Land for ab^t. 2000 Acres on y []
Adagegteinge Creek opposite Harpers Land

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 13th. Oct^r. 1769

HON^d. SIR,

as I have been called on and shall be again the latter end of this month for the money due on a bond from Martin Walter & Michael Kennan to William Tremper one of the obligors is a Tenant of yours and I desisted prosecuting him on your Engagem^t. to pay the money by him You was furnished with a state of the bond & the moneys due thereon If I mistake not You'll please to observe if it was not therein men^d. it is proclamation or

¹ See letter of George Croghan to Johnson, V:128–30.

² A memorandum in Johnson's hand.

Philadelphia money If it is not Inconvenient to you I would be glad youd please to Transmit it to me excuse the trouble I may give you herein I am Sir

Your very
Humble Serv^t.
P. SILVESTER

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ Mr. Silvesters letter
8^{br}. 13th. 1769
Ansrd. Octbr. 20th
& desired M^r. Adems to
pay him

¹Joseph Narrows of Stillwater owes W^m.
Russel 133 G^{lls}. of West Ind^a. Rum — 2 Horses

TO RICHARD PETERS

*Df.*²

Johnson Hall Octr. 15th. 1769

SIR/

I am favoured with yours of the 30th. Sept^r. enclosing me a Letter from M^r. Croghan, and am much obliged to you for the particulars you have communicated to me with regard to the proceedings at Lancaster the Minutes of which I shall be glad to be favoured with, as soon as convenient.

It gives me satisfaction to find that the Meeting ended so Satisfactorily & without any material disputes, which are generally the consequence of persons interposing in public affairs to serve private purposes —

The Release given by the Proprietaries as mentioned in your Letter was formerly shewn to me by the *Onondagas* & was by

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

them carried to their Nation, neither have I any other Deeds, or papers relative to that affair

Our Encroachments have been in a great measure the Subject of the Indians complaints for some time past, and I cannot but think that natural marks are to be greatly preferred to imaginary Lines in dealings with them, as their ignorance of the Latter must give occasion to many disputes, for which reason whenever such Survey as you have mentioned is made, I should be glad to have a Map thereof, and in the mean time whenever the Indians shall apply to me, I shall candidly give them my advice & Sentiments thereon —

I am much obliged to you for your friendly communicating what [] heard from Fred^k Post¹ as also for your promise of sending me a Copy of the Assemblys Remonstrance when it can be procured. As I flatter myself that I executed my Duty at *Easton* as became a faithfull Servant [of] the Crown, & Supporter of the Indians lawfull Claims, it gives [me] little concern what ever can be Remonstrated agst my conduct thro[ugh] malice or party prejudice —

Whenever my conscience shall accuse me of unfair dealings I may perhaps dread the lashes of a Satirical pen, but whilst I am within myself convinced of a contrary behaviour I shall look down with the utmost contempt upon all Detraction & Invective —

As I am very apprehensive that the Settlement intended by the People of Connecticut may if attempted to be put in Execution produce some dangerous consequences, I cannot but be very desirous they should lay aside a plan which appears so liable to objection, & may embroil all the frontiers in much trouble for which reason I have acquainted the Lords of Trade² therewith & I most heartily wish that such steps may be taken as may prevent an Establishmt so dangerous to the publick tranquillity

INDORSED: Johnson Hall Oct^r. 15th. 1769

Letter to Rich^d. Peters Esq^r.

¹ Moravian missionary, born in Prussia in 1710 and died in Germantown, Pa., in 1785.

² The clause relating to the Lords of Trade is in Johnson's hand.

BILL OF GEORGE CROGHAN

D.

[October 17, 1769]

The Honorable Sir W ^m . Johnson to Geo. Croghan	D ^r
To Cash paid for William in Lancaster as ⁷ acc ^t	£0 18 6
To D ^o paid Baynton Wharton & Morgon	
Coll (?) str ^g .	6 0 0
To 2 Saddles Bridles & Furniture	10 10 0
To ½ Cask of Clover Seed	5 5 0
To a Stove & Pipes and Plate	11 19 0
To 2 Rheams of Paper	3 10 0
For Governor Franklin	37 5 3
the above being Pensylvania Currency to make it York Currency	4 18 3
To 12 Barrells of Pork for y ^r own use and 1 for Sr John	60 2 6
To Carriage for the above Pork a 7 ^s 6	4 17 6
To Cash paid Bonor the Smith	6 8 -
To 2 Servants	40 13 1½
	£192 7 1½

RECEIPTS OF JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D. S.

[New York, Oct. 18, 1769]

Received in New York the 18th October 1769 from The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t [by] the hands of Mr Robert Adams, One hundred and Seventy Eight pounds 12 2 in full this Day

£178.12.2

JOHN WETHERHEAD

Received in New York the 18 October 1769 from the Honorable
Sir William Johnson Bar^t [one] hundred pounds for Mr Benjamin
Roberts Dft to Harrison for that Sum

£100

JOHN WETHERHEAD

Received in New York the 18 October 1769 from Michael
Byrne Esq^r. by the hands of Mr Adams, Sixty Pounds

£60

JOHN WETHERHEAD

HENRY WHITE'S BILL

D. S.

New York Octo^r. 18th 1769

Mr Robert Adams

Bo^t of Henry White

3 Casks Nails

AD N. .46. .26 m 14. .10 364	} @ 7 ³ / ₄	£22 8 2 ¹ / ₂
S N. .61. .15 m 22. .20 330		
AM. .81. .3 24 336 @ 7 ¹ / ₂		
		10 10 0
		<hr/>
		£32 18 2 ¹ / ₂

Rece^d. the within Contents for Henry White

CHARLES DICKINSON

BILL OF TEMPLETON & STEWART

D. S.

New York 19th Octo^r. 1769

Mr. Robert Adams

Bought of Templeton & Stewart

14 Dozen Beer @ 12/

£8. .8 -

Receiv^d the Contents for Templeton & StewartJOHN STEWART Jun^r.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall October 19th 1769*

DEAR SIR,

I am favored with your Letter of the 9th. Inst with the Speech inclosed, the Author of which I think I know, and his fidelity has really been always such as to give a credit to any Serious Information from him. It is in short the report of but too many Indians as well as others, tho' it is really not agreable to the Chiefs of the Six Nations,—Mr Croghan has been almost the Whole Summer laid up in the Gout but is now so far recovered that I purpose Sending him to Fort Pitt where I know that he will be of use at this time, he will have orders to wait upon you and receive any Commands or Instructions you may think necessary for his Government.

I think it was extremely proper to Communicate the Account of the return of the Spaniards² &ca to the Indians about Fort Pitt and I purpose to do the Same to the Indians this way and I suppose that Mr Cole will be able to give me full Information in these particulars but Altho Mons^r. Aubry with the French Troops may leave that Country there will Still remain a parcell of the most troublesome Traders and partizans to plague us. Another Thing is that the Ind^s. have been told by the French & do actually believe that the Spaniards & French [are one] people.

I understand that Gov^r. Carleton has given a Comission to Mons^r. Verchere appointing him Interpreter to the Shawanese a Circumstance which I cannot but wonder at because if he is even innocent of the Charges against him which I have the Strongest reason to think him guilty [of, a man] once Suspected is in my opinion very unfit to be trusted again, neither is it within his pr[ovince to appoint] Interpreters &ca, and I know his late

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² The Spaniards' return to Fort Chartres, upon the restoration of Spanish authority at New Orleans, which had been interrupted by the revolt of the French inhabitants.

Majesty [was much?] displeas'd with some Governours for interfering with [] matters, I persuade myself that Gov^r. Carleton [has] done this thro' some Mistake or misinformation, [] have received, however, I inclose you a Copy of Capt Turnbulls [letter] to me which will give you a farther idea of the matter. [I will] only observe in addition that the Interfering of [] Governours, & their holding Meetings or Sending Speech[es to] Indians which has been done of late is Extremely imp[roper] because the very best people they can employ know [very] little or nothing, and may and Do say many things [to the] Indians different from what they hear from me, th[at] Contrariety of opinion must be the Consequence where [] Interfere who are ignorant of my Mode of dealing with [them] or of what I find it necessary to say to them, and the Consequences are obvious.

The Onondaga Meeting will be opened next Week [I have] Just Sent off some proper persons with Instructions to attend and I have good hopes that the Steps I have taken [] will prove of much Use in preserving the fidelity of those [nations]

INDORSED: []

To Gen^l. Gage with a
Copy of Cap^t. Turnbulls Letter

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.¹

Niagara 19th: October 1769

DEAR SIR/

Had any thing transpired worth your notice during the time I have had the honour to command here, you should have been acquainted —

As Cap^t: Browne is daily expected to take charge of this Garrison, I take the liberty to acquaint you that all is peace & quiet-

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

ness here at present, and by all the information I have been able to procure, the Indians seem of a disposition to remain so — The expence I have been at amounts to about £30—, I have kept no Account of the different Articles, As I take it for granted they will give me leave to draw on the pump of Aldgate for the Money — If there is not an addition to the Warriors of the Seneca nation by the Spring, it will not be owing to a want of pains on my part — I shall at all times esteem it an honour to receive your advice relative to the Indians — present my Compliments to S^r. John & all your family — I am —

dear Sir

With great regard

Your most Obedient &

most humble Serv^t.—

JAS: STEVENSON

To

S^r. WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: Cap^t. Stevensons letter

Octbr. 19th. 1769

JOHN VAN CORTLANDT'S BILL TO ROBERT ADAMS

D. S.

New York Octor. 20th. 1769

Mr. Robert Adams

Bought of John Van Cortlandt

Cask of Doubeld 12 Loves 108 W ^t . @ 1/10 ^d	£9 18
Cart.	1 6
	<hr/>
	£9 19 6

Rec^d. the Above Contents In full for M^r. John Van Cortlandt

ANDREW STOCKHOLM

SAMUEL BROOME AND CO.'S BILL TO ROBERT ADAMS

A. D. S.

New York Octor 21st 1769

Mr Robert Adams

	Bo ^t of Sam ^l Broome & Co ^l		
3000 pantiles	@	£12	£36
		Receiv ^d . the Contents	
		SAMUEL BROOME & Co.	

SMITH RAMADGE'S BILL TO ROBERT ADEMS

D. S.

New York 21st. October 1769Mr. Rob^t. Adems

	Bo ^t . of Smith Ramadge			
	8 Firkins Irish Butter Viz ^t .			
1 Firkin N ^o 80	2..27	Tare 14	1 Firkin N ^o 52	2..27 Tare 14
1 Ditto	45 2..26	13	1 Ditto	61 2..24 Tare 14
1 Ditto	166 3.. 4	14	1 Ditto	69 2..21 13
1 Ditto	151 2..27	14	1 Ditto	91 2..26 15
	<u>3 0 0</u>	<u>55</u>		<u>2 3 18</u> 56
	2 3 18	56		
	<u>5 3 18</u>	111		
	3 27			
	<u>4 3 19</u>			

or 551^{ll} @ 11^d 7^p 11 £25..5..1
 Receivd the Above 29th October 1769

SMITH RAMADGE.

INDORSED: Rob^t. Adems'sAcco^t

¹ "Extensive dealers in hardware and cutlery, rum, pork, crockery etc." — Henry B. Dawson, Introduction to *New York City During the American Revolution*.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York October 22^d. 1769.*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 6th: Ins^t: and perceive little else can be done respecting the giving Presents at the Posts, than to confine the Officers Commanding to the giving a little Tobacco, Provisions, and at Times a little Rum and such like Refreshments. You Mention the transmitting Captain McLeod's and Mr. Hays Accounts. They were not inclosed so suppose you have Sent them by some other opportunity. Mr. Adams shall have a Warrant for the half year's Salary, and I hope the Contractors May be able to procure Cash to pay him, tho' Money becomes more Scarce every Day.

There is little at present to trouble you with, the Boundary of Virginia with the Cherokees remains as first Settled, till the Assembly of that Province provides Funds to pay the Expence of the Boundary desired by the Province. They are to meet next Month, when the Affair will be laid before them; but the Crown will bear no further Charges on Account of Boundaries. I question whether the Assembly will grant Supplies for the Purpose, unless it is upon Such Terms as can not be admitted. In the mean time the Cherokees complain most bitterly of the Encroachments made by the Virginians upon their Territorys, and unless Means are found to bring those Licentious People to Punishment Which from a long Experience I doubt of ever Seeing done, it's to be feared they will sooner or later provoke the Indians to open Hostilities. And indeed I know of no other Reasons they can have to commence a War with us. As for their Jealousy of our Power, Intrigues of the French and their Attachment to them, those Circumstances may require Some Management on our part, but I think can not alone be the Occasion of a Rupture between us.

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Since writing Captain Maturin acquaints me that Mr. Adams has lodged Cap^t. McLeod's and Mr. Hays Accounts with him.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: October 22^d. 1769

Gen^l. Gages Letter

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Oct^r. 24th 1769

SIR,

I was lately favored with your Letter of the 16th ult^o. and hope ere now that the Indians whom I sent to² have Met your Surveyors at the place appointed.

I saw the Account in the papers of the Condolance performed for the Murder of Seneca Georges Son, and since I have received the News of the fathers Misfortune, which I find some of the Indians are so unreasonable as to Censure us for. The Chiefs of Onoghquagey are likewise Now come to me with sev^l. Belts and Strings of Wampum from their Tribe complaining Grievously that Col. Francis³ has been up near their Town and has taken up Two Tracts where there are Salt Springs to the Northw^d. of the bound^y Line which give them much uneasiness, and they are very pressing that I would imediately write and prevent it. As

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² An omission in the manuscript.

³ Turbutt Francis, a commissioner for Indian affairs in the War of the Revolution.

I don't know well where Col Francis may be found at present I thought it best to mention the Matter to you, besides from my knowledge of that Gentleman I can't have any reason for thinking that he would take any improper Step but that they must either have been Misinformed or Mistaken as to the place, be it as it will they have made great Clamour about it, which induces me to give this Trouble.—

I persuade myself that nothing will be wanting on your part for making the necessary establishments for the [regu]lation of the Indian Trade, or for preventing the ill treatmt [which] the Ind^s. have of late but too often rec^d. from the frontier Inhabitants, which have occas[ioned a more] general discontent than is imagined, for al[though relations(?)] of the deceased are always pleased at being co[ndoled with] Yet where so many Instances happen, and su[ch] Manifests itself amongst the Inhabitants the [Indians] are induced to think that we have some general des[ign] against them.

Whenever it is Convenient to you, the Amt of the Acco^t can be paid to Mr John Wetherhead Mercht at N York, I have at present only to a[dd] that I am,

with great regard
Sir, &ca

[] PENN

ENDORSED: October 24th 1769

To the Hoⁿble
Lieut. Gov^r. Penn

FROM SAMUEL KEMBLE

A. L. S.

New York y^e 24th. Oct^r. 1769

SIR

I have had the pleasure of receiving your favor of the 7th Instant and am much Oblidg^d. to you for your Ofer of the freight of your goods, I shall therefore take it as a favor if you would

order them on board my ship and should be glad to know who I am to call upon in London for them. as all our Merchants there are more or less Connected in Shipping without a perticular Order I shall not gett them if they are ship^d. by any Other Conneccion but my own. I shall leave this next month and should it at any time be in my power to render you any servis over the Water I shall Execute your Commands with pleasure am

Sr.

Your most Ob^t.

hum^e Serv^t

SAM KEMBLE

INDORSED: 24th. Oct^r. 1769

From Cap^t Sam Kemble

BILL OF DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. D. S.

Schenectady the 24th October 1769

[Sir] William Johnson Baronet

Bought from Daniel Campbell

[	]	piece White Peniston Containing 99		
		yards 3/		£14.17. 0
[	]	Do Blue Plains 35½ Do do		
		3/		5. 6. 6
[30]		Large Strip'd Blankets 10/		15. 0. 0
[	]	piece Strong Osnabrugs Cons 142½		
		yards 17 ^d		10. 1. 10½
[34 p ^r]		Mill'd Stockings 5/6		9. 7. 0
[	]	¾ yards of yard Wide Flannel at		
		3/4½		8. 4. 6½
[2]		Dozen & 2 pair Ribed yarn Stockings		
		36/		3.18. 0
[20]		Hats 4/		4. 0. 0
[	]	Dozen Strong Brass Buckles		0. 8. 0
[	]	p ^s yard wide Irish Linnin 25 y ^{ds} 3/3	[4]	1. 3

[] Dozen More Yarn Stockings	1.17. 0
Cash paid for Carrige up	0.12. 0
	78 3 2

Errors Excepted

DANIEL CAMPBELL

JOHN MORTON'S BILL TO ROBERT ADAMS

D. S.

October 25, 1769

Robert Adams

Bo^t. of John Morton

October 25th. 1 Cask 4^d Nails 384^{tl} 11^d £17 12 -

Rec^d. the above for Jn^o Morton

JAS. CARR

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 25th October 1769

DEAR SIR

I am now to Acknowledge Your favour of the 20th to which I Should have done my Self the pleasure of Answering Sooner but waited untill I had tried Albany for the Womans & Children Stockings which are not to be had, have Sent you mens Stockings that will do for a Shift, in place of the Womans — I shall make Inquirey when the new Englandmen Come up about [] Childrens Stockings — Some part of the Stockings [] mill'd which I Sent you as I bought them Cheap

The Blankets that I send are [the only] Ones to be had & they are Cheap at the price [] I dont belive there is five Indian Blankets [] I dont know how the Indians will make [] The Children Shoes is now Making I have put them into the hand of Several Shoemakers —

I have Charged you with only One half the Waggon. as Capt. Tice had Also goods he is to pay his part.

I have a parcel of Deer Skins Ready dressed but dont think them Strong Enough have put 10 Strong Skins unto the hands of the leather Dressers— who promised me they [would] do them as Soon as possible

Inclosed is the Amount of [] Whole which I wish Safe to you, I have [] peice of Blue Plats in lieu of the p[enniston] Wear much Stronger if what is [] be Sufficent to Cloath your [] & 6 1/4 wide which I Could Sell for Eight Shillings by the piece this is as Cheap as Blankets & will last much longer —

I have advice from my Friends at Yorke of the Arrival of Some Strouds which I belive I Shall get past without being Seised or Condem'd by King Allicock¹ — I Expect them at Albany Every Hour

M^{rs} Campbell begs her best Compliments & am Dear² with Great

Respect your most

Obedient & most humble

Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

INDORSED:³ 8^{br}. 25th. 1769

Dan^l. Campbel Esq^{rs}.

Letter with

a Bill of parcels —

¹ Joseph Allicocke, one of the Sons of Liberty. On August 26th, 1775, he was before the Provincial Congress, called to explain his supplying of provisions to a British armed sloop.—*Journals of the Provincial Congress Etc.*, 1:122.

² Omission in the manuscript.

³ In Jchnson's hand.

ABRAHAM LOTT'S CONVEYANCE

*Printed Document*¹

New York, October 28, 1769

Know all Men by these Presents, that I Abraham Lott of the City of New York Merchant For and in Consideration of the Sum of Ninety Pounds Current Money of the Province of New York to me in Hand paid at and before the Ensealing and Delivery of these Presents, by Peter Remsen of the Said City Merchant the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, and myself to be therewith fully satisfied, contented, and paid; Have Granted, Bargained, Sold, Released, and by these Presents do fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain, sell and release unto the Said Peter Remsen two Negro Men the one Named Abraham and the other December To Have and to Hold the said two Negromen unto the said Peter Remsen his heirs Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for ever. And I the said Abraham Lott for my Self, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, do covenant and agree to and with the above-named Peter Remsen his Heirs Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to warrant and defend the Sale of the above-named two Negromen against all Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this Twenty Eighth Day of October *Annoq. Dom.* One Tousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine —

Sealed and Delivered in

the Presence of

ABR^m LOTT²

JAMES CROMMELIN

ANDREAS LOTT

VERSO: Octo 28th 1769

October 28th. 1769

Peter Remsen } Bill Sale
To } for 2 Negroes
Sir W^m. Johnson } £90

Abr^m Lott } Bill Sale
To } for 2 Negroes
Peter Remsen } £90

¹ A form filled in with writing.

² Autograph signature.

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATES

*Printed Documents*¹*New York, October 28, 1769*Treasury-Office, *Colony of New-York.*

This is to Certify, that Duty has been paid me, according to Law, by Lucus von Beverhoudt Esq^r. for one Negro man Slave, named Abraham being a Male aged Twenty four Years, or thereabouts, imported from St. Croix Witness my Hand, this 28th Day of October Anno 1769

ABR^M LOTT² Treas^rTreasury-Office, *Colony of New-York.*

This is to Certify, that Duty has been paid me, according to Law, by Lucus von Beverhoudt Esq^r. for one Negro man Slave, named December being a Male aged Twenty four Years, or thereabouts, imported from St. Croix Witness my Hand, this 28th Day of October Anno 1769

ABR^M LOTT² Treas^r

BILL OF PETER REMSEN

*D.**New York, October 28, 1769*

Sir William Johnson

		To Peter Remsen	Dr
[Oct ^r]	28	To 2 Negro Men	£90 0 0
		2 Great Coats @ 27/	2 14 0
		2 Check Shirts 9/6	19 0
		2 pair Shoes 8/	16 0
		2 pair Stockings 4/6	9 0
		2 Caps 2/	4 -
			<hr/>
			£95 2 -
	[	] Buckles 2/	.4 -
			<hr/>
			£95 6 -

¹ A form filled in with writing.² Autograph signature.

JEREMIAH BROWER'S BILL TO ROBERT ADAMS

D. S.

New York Octo^r. 28 1769

Mr. Robert Adams

Bought of Jeremiah Brower

To 2 Barles Suger w^t 2 2 3 19

2 1 21 19

4 3 24 38

1 10 Tare

4 2 14 @ 70/ Ct. £16 3 9

2 Barles

3 6

£16 7 3

Recevd. the Above in full

JEREMIAH BROWER

ORDER ON ROBERT ADEMS

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall Octbr. 30th 1769

Pay unto Co^l. Edward Cole or Order the Sum of
One Hundred & Seventy One Pounds Eight
Shillings & Six pence New York Curc^y. On De-
mand, & Charge the same to Acc^t. of

[£1]71 . .8 . .6 cur^y

Y^r. Humble Serv^t.

W JOHNSON

To M^r. ROBERT ADEMS
at Albany

Edw^d. Cole

Albany the 13th. Nov^r. 1769 Received the contents above of M^r.
Robert Adams ꝑ me

P. SILVESTER

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

[*New London, October 30, 1769*]

Long before this I was in hopes of having the pleasure of seeing you but I have been so Cruelly detained and Harrassed in this Place that it has not been in my Power. I have been unwilling to trouble you with these Matters, and I have almost Fretted myself to death to think that I missed of accompanying you on your tour this summer which I have heard (and hope it is truth) has Conduced Very much to your health — which I Pray to the almighty to Confirm I flater my Self about the Latter End of November I Shall be able to get to the Hall and nothing possibly Can give me more Pleasure — my affairs are I think nearer a Close — but nothing has happened to make me afford one wish to stay in this Country. I have had several very kind Letters from Governor Franklin who always mentions you with Very great Respect — I have wrote several times to Col^o Croghan and Cannot tell the meaning I have no Letter from him I have many things to say on the Land Matters but they Can be better told then wrote, and this I hope soon to have the Pleasure of doing [] on an Affair of our Friend [Col^o. Fitch] upwards of six years agoe and as [] but there's no End of the law in this P[ious] for the Writch that has given him all this tro[uble] as the Case was Coming on withdrew his Ac[tion] the Col^o. will get about 30/ for all his time [] & trouble — this prevented my Writing [sooner] but as the weather is fine hope it may be in time.

I have sent you two small Boxes a Case and paper Bundle Cont^s several Articles and some Garden seeds agreeable to the In[closed] Mem^o. M^{rs} Chew begs you will be so good as to Accept of the Jelly the Red Cur^t. & G[ooseberry?] I hope is

Very good the Black Curr^t. is mostly used in soar throats and Esteemed a Pleasant G[angle] and safe Remedy

I beg my best Respects [to] the Gentlemen in the Neighbourhood of Fort Johnson and be assured that I am with the most Fervent wishes for your health and the greatest truth &ca

Dear sir

Your most Ob[]

JOS CHEW

M^{rs} Chew Fanny & Little Joe desire their best Compliments & Respects to you

[] have Constantly Sent you the papers & if as Sometimes has been the Case I have been from home any Post day they have been always Sent the Next week

Col^o. Putman has several times desired me to make his most Respectfull Compliments to you — and would be Very thankful to Come in for a thousand or two acres of Land if it Could be done — he seems to have altered his behaviour here much for the Better — the Susquehanna Company are Very much out of Temper with him Col^o Dyer has pushed Very hard this Assembly but I have not heard weather he has obtained a Grant of those Lands from the Colony

The Honble SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: []
[] with
Ans^d. 16th. of
[17]69 from Mr.
[]HEAD

ORDER TO ROBERT ADEMS

*A. D. S.**Johnson Hall October 30th. 1769*

SIR/

[£ 393] . . 3 . . 7 Cur^{cy}.

Pay unto Major Jeles Fonda or

Order the Sum of three Hundred, Ninety

three pounds, three Shillings & Seven pence

New York Currency, & charge it to Acc^t. ofY^r. Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

[] M^r ROBERT ADEMS —

INDORSED:

New York 8th Nov^r. 1769 Then received the Contents
of the within in full as Witness my hand

JELLES FONDA

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

*A. L. S.**New York 30th Oct^r. 1769*

SIR

I to oblige an aunt of M^{rs} Mac Leods to whose Doughter M^r. Hake is marryed was forced to write you the letter that you will find inclosed in M^r. Hakes I hope you will not take it amiss as really I am not fond of writing such letters, I did all I could with decency do to prevent my writing such a letter but the old People would not be put off.

I have been Several time at the Generals House but have not yet Seen him I begin to think he don't chuse to see me untill M^r. Adams leaves the Town as perhaps he may think that I have

some directions from you concerning the money Matters of your department and that two troubling him at once when he has no inclination to give money would be too much. I am very Sorry that M^r Adams is likely to return to you without being able to bring one farthing money with him, there's some difference between M^r. Mackivers and M^r. Watts about the lowering of Bills which prevents both of them from paying any Money, as to the Generals money his pimp of a Secretary allways makes delays. I have no News as I keep much at home on acct. of the Sickness of my only Child M^{rs} Mac Leod Send you her most respectfull Compliments I am Sir

Your Most obedient and Most Humble Ser^t.

NOR^D. MACLEOD

INDORSED:¹ New York 30th Octb^r. 1769
Cap^t. M^c Leods Letter

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*²

New York Oct. 30th. 1769.

DEAR SIR,

M^r. Adams has been with my Secretary with your Accounts, and a Receipt for half a year's Allowance. I apprehend no alteration is to be made in the Manner of granting your Warrants; my Directions being only, not to exceed the Sum allowed, So that the Receipt will be returned you by M^r. Adams. I was to have advanced him one Thousand Pounds upon your Account on his own Receipt; but I understand this Morning, that he does not call for the Order, because the Contractors are not able to Supply the Cash, and that they have not even had it in their Power to compleat the Payment of the Warrant last granted to you.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York State Library.

However if you will send me your Accounts as Usual a warrant shall be made out, and be ready against the time that Cash is provided. Or if you want a Sum advanced, a temporary Order shall be given — to be accounted for hereafter by a regular Warrant, when the Said Order will be cancelled.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir, Your most obedient,
humble Serv^t.

THO^s. GAGE

S^r. W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: October 30th. 1769

Gen^rl. Gages Letter

FROM JOHN LEVINE

A. L. S.

New York Octo^r 31st 1769

DEAR SIR

I belive I am born to be a pest to you but the many proves I have had of your goodness incorige me to advance a Step farder, there is in this city a woman of good condition who has been trobled with an Epiletick complent and can have no cure and as I understand that you have a cure for it, it would be of great service to me if you would trust me with it, and you may depend that it shall dye with me, or if it woul^d not be agreeable to you to part with the R^t, if you would send as much as would cure the person now ill I should get a good reward, your compliance in this will add much to the manny favour alredy confear'd on

S^r. your ob^t and most

Humble Sar^t

JOHN LEVINE

INDORSED:¹ Doctor Lavines Letter
concern^g. y^e. Receipt for
an Epilepsy.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 437, is listed a letter of November 2d to Governor Colden, introducing Mr. Croghan, who has land matters to settle (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:956-57; Q, 2:554.)

JOHN LAMB'S BILL TO MR ADAMS

A. D. S.

New York 2nd. November 1769

Mr. Adams

Bo^t. of John Lamb

3½ Gallons best Shrub @ 14/ £2 9 -

Rec^d. the above in full

JOHN LAMB

FROM THOMAS BARTON

A. L. S.¹

Lancaster, November 6th. 1769

HONOURED SIR,

The Bearer, Mr. William Andrews, is a young Gentleman educated at Trinity College in Dublin, from which he has obtained a *bené decessit*, who has been encouraged by a Brother & some other Friends, to come over to America — Having heard of the Society's Design of establishing *Indian Missions*, he feels an Inclination to go into the Mohawk Country, in Order to learn the Language of the Mohawks, & to fit himself for a Missionary among those People.—Permit me, Sir, to join in recommending him to your kind Notice & Countenance, to whose Direction he promises to be entirely subject.—

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

I am afraid some ungenerous Person, who envied me the Honour of your Friendship, has endeavoured to interrupt it — Be that as it may, I shall never cease to be grateful — to remember the pleasing Hours I spent at Johnson-Hall — nor to declare that I am, with the highest Respect & Esteem, Hon^d. Sir,

Your obliged, affect^e. & most obedient humble Serv^t

THO BARTON

The Hon^{ble}. SIR W^m. JOHNSON, Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Lancaster Nov^{br}. 6th. 1769

Mr. Bartons letter by
Mr. Andrews, w^h. I did not
receive till the 14th, Feb^{ry}
1770, in a letter from Mr.
Andrews at the time of
his Sailing.

Ans^d. 16th. Feb^y 1170

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London Nov^r. 7th 1769

DEAR SIR

your Very kind Favour of the 7th of October only Came to hand last Thursday the 2^d. of this Ins^t. a few days before I had wrote you by Cap^t Chadwick to New York, and Sent a few little things to the Care of M^t Wetherhead, Viz^t

Box No. 1 Cont^a. 4 Caggs pickled Lobsters

Box N^o. 2 3 potts Jelly — & 4 pipe Bowls

Box N^o. 3 a Bow arrow &c from the spanish main
with sundry Garden seeds

¹ In Johnson's hand.

a paper Bundle of Madeira wafers; the Invoice of the seeds &c is inclosed in the Letter sent to the Care of Mr Wetherhead by the Same oppertunity I Sent sir John two pair of Bantam Fowls

I have been most shockingly disapointed in not having it in my Power to see you this summer owing to some matters I Could not get adjusted in the way I wished for — of which I did not Choose to give you the disagreeable details indeed it was late in september before I heard you had got from the Tour you made to the westward where my Earnest wishes attended you and where I should have been happy to have been. I had an oppurtunity to Boston last Munday and wrote Very Particularly about Thomas Byrne and shall advise you by the next post what is done in that Matter I have also wrote to Col^o. Fitch, Whiting and Babcock and Expect to be able by the next post to give you their determination on the affair of the Land, what you say with Regard to my Self I must leave intirely my Dearest sir to your self not having it in my Power to make any Conditions — my situation being so unhappy and my Affairs so imbarressed that I Should be trespassing upon your goodness to Enter into Particulars — I will while there is Life in me make the most greatfull Acknowledgements for your kindness and if Ever I see better days will make those Returns that my heart wishes to do at present — I do assure you nothing has happened to make me in Love with this Country and the moment I can I will leave it I hope to be able to see you by the last of this month when I Can better talk the[se] things then they Can be wrote, — I have [] forwarded you the Boston papers and if I ha[ve been] from home any week they have been sent the Next by which you will be able to form some Judgement of the spirit of the times there — one Mr Mien a Printer seems lately to have become the Object of the Resentment of the Sons of Liberty, it is said he has been Oblidged to shut up his stores w^{ch} were Very Large and drop his Printing Bussiness & take shelter on Board one of the Kings Ships I shall forward you the papers this night and if any thing new has happened it will doubtless be mentioned.

M^{rs}. Chew desires me to present her best Compliments and Respects to you she is now pretty Lusty which may be the Effects of the good Entertainment given me at Johnson Hall I wish the affair over as I shall then Loose no time in paying my most greatful Respects to you

be pleased to give my Compliments to sir John Col^o Johnson Col^o Clauss M^r Adams M^r Byrne and all friends and be Assured that I am with the greatest truth Respect and most Fervent wishes for your health

Dear Sir

Your most Obed &
most Hble serv^t

JOS CHEW

The Hon^{ble} SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.

PS the Colony of Connecticut do not Choose to Give the Susquhanna Company a Deed of those Lands yet they are as unwilling to give up the Right they say the Charter gives them to all the uninhabited lands as far as the west sea.¹

Col^o. Dyer has met with a great disopointment in not being Raised a step higher on the death of Gov^r Pitkin I was last Evening with Cap^t. Oliver who desires his best Compliments to you amongst the seeds is some of the Broom seed the other you may depend are Very good I hope the pickled Lobsters will get in

¹ The charter of Connecticut granted in 1662 by King Charles II contains the following description of boundaries: "Wee . . . have given, Graunted and Confirmed, And by theis presents for vs, our heires and Successors, Doe give, Graunt and Confirme vnto the said Governor and Company and their Successors, All that parte of our Dominions in Newe England in American bounded on the East by Norrogancett River, commonly called Norrogancett Bay, where the said River falleth into the Sea, and on the North by the lyne of the Massachusetts Plantacon and on the South by the Sea, and in longitude as the lyne of the Massachusetts Colony, running from East to West; that is to say, from the said Narrogancett Bay on the East to the South Sea on the West parte, with the Islands therevnto adioyninge." *The Three Constitutions of Connecticut*, compiled in Comptroller's Office, Hartford, Conn., 1901.

good order — Mrs Chew begs you'l Accept of the Current Jelly
 she says the Red she dare Venture to say will be Very good

I am

Dr s^r

Your most obed[]

J C.

The Hon^{ble}, SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM A. SPENCE AND ANDREW FERGUSON

L. S.

Snowhill Maryland November 10th Day 1769

SIR/

Your kind offer and favour you made us when we was at your Hall in August last we have considered of it concerning the Land, we are very desirous to Embrace the oppertunity of So kind a favour, but the Distance between this and that has rendered us unable to have Sent you an Anser before now, but we Stil hope it is not two late to acquaint you that (God willing) we hope to See you next Summer when we intend to bring the mony to answer for one Thousand Acres each of us or perhaps more, we Depend that it is Surveyed this time and hope to receive a Letter from you as soon as possable about it to inform us whether we may Depend on it being So; as we have Some neighbours that has thoughts of moving to it if we could give them assurance of our title in the Land, and Some assistance in removing them as the Distance is great between this and that and Expensive, they are something loth to undertake without being Cartain of our assistance and if any unfoorseen Disappointment Should happen that we could not come or Send next Summer, you may depend the Summer following we will come or Send to have the mony paid and get a title made to us and pay the Intrest for the mony, and return our thanks for your kind ofer and favour, we Shall Expect a Letter from you Directed to Either of us at Snowhill Town in Worcester County in the Province of Maryland, to the care of

James M^c Laughlin Merchant in Philadelphia near the Draw Bridge, who will forward it to us, who with our best Compliments to Sir John and the other Gent^m.. we had a Short acquaintance with wee remain with due respect

your Oblieged Hum^{bl}..

Servants

A^{MD} SPENCE

AND^W FERGUSON

To

ADDRESSED: The Hon^{ble}: Sir William Johnson
Bar^t

Near

Albany

INDORSED:¹ [Snowh]ill Maryland
[Nov]br. 10th. 1769
Letter from Mess^{rs}.
Spence & Ferguson, rec^d.
15th. Janr^y. 1770—
Ans^d. 22^d. Feb^y & told them
that unless they came wth the Cash
before next June, they might be
too late.—

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 13^h Novem^r. 1769

SIR

Your favor came to my Hands desiring me to Pay the ballance of your Account into the Hands of M^r. Adems which after keep- ing him for some time and Great difficulty has at last been Accom- plished, which gave me Pleasure as I would not on any Account have had him gone out of Town without it I should also have

¹ In Johnson's hand.

sent your Account and Vouchers agreeable to your desire but at the time of his Going out of Town was Prevented. I now Inclose it but not the Vouchers, as I have not yet Paid the Last Article but one in it, as soon as that is done I shall take the First opportunity of Forwarding them to you,

I am with Great Regard.

Sir,

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant

W^M NEWTON

[SIR] WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹ N York 13th. Novbr. 1769

Mr Newtons letter

wth. y^e. State of my Acc^t.

Ansrd.

ACCOUNT WITH WILLIAM NEWTON

A. D. S.

New York, 13th Novem^r. 1769

[]
[		] favour of Doctor		
[		] Cur ^y	60	19
[		] bill of 2 ^d January last on you		
[		] Adams	247	9
[		] df ^t of 14 th June in favor of		
	George [	] £2354 12 11 Cur ^y .	1372	7 7½
[		] your draft of 8 Instant in favor		
	of Hugh Wallace	£477 9 2 Cur ^y .	278	10 4¼
[		] paid your ditto of 24 Ditto in		
	favor of Mr. Peter [	] for		
	£15 8 9 Cur ^y .		9	- 1¼

¹ In Johnson's hand.

To ditto paid your ditto of 9 Jun-(?) in favor of John Wetherhead for £116 Cur ^y .	67	13	4
To ditto paid your Ditto of 5 Ditto in favor of Barent Ten Eyck for £64 13 6 Cur ^y .	37	14	6½
To Ditto Paid your Ditto of 19 Aug ^t . in favor of Doctor Samuel Stringer for £82 Cur ^y .	47	16	8
To Ditto Paid your ditto of Ditto date in favor of Alexander Clark for £20 Cur ^y .	11	13	4
[] To Ditto Paid your Ditto of 22 Ditto in favor of Peter Remsen for £305 16 Cur ^y .	178	7	8
To Ditto Paid your Ditto of 7 Sep ^r . in favor of Hugh Gaine for £133 16 Cur ^y .	78	1	—
To Ditto paid Mr Banyar on your Acco ^t . £115 3 11 Cur ^y .	67	4	10½
8 To Ditto paid your draft of 24 August in favor of Colonel Daneil Claus for £141 4 Cur ^y .	82	7	4
[] To Ditto Paid Jn ^o 1 Adems draft of 19 Oct ^r to John Wetherhead £158 12 6	92	10	7½
To Ditto Paid Ditto D. of ² to Ditto for £180 d ^o	105	—	—
To Cash Paid Ditto ballance £3790 4 4 d ^o	2210	19	2¼
	<hr/>		
	£4947	14	8

¹ Should be Robert.

² Space vacant in the original.

as I can learn, from some respectable Gentlemen here, is very good, & from what little Conversation I have had with him, he seems to be sensible, but young, & not well, as yet, acquainted with mankind. This acquisition by a little experience he will soon obtain. As he has no Family, perhaps his Inclination may lead him to settle among you; and if his Zeal is proportionable to his Education, which I must suppose to be a good One, he may become a useful Man. By way of Caution I would observe, that my personal knowledge of him is too slight to venture a recommendation, without knowing him better;—therefore doubt not your wisdom will direct you how to act upon the occasion. His Connections with M^r Campbell at Schenectady, through his Brother, he will inform you of — Perhaps the people there may be fond of having him. I shall with the greatest pleasure do every thing in my power to serve you, or them, as soon as I know your sentiments.—

He will deliver you a Copy of the proceedings &c of the Corporation for the relief of Widows & Children of deceased Clergy-men of the Church of England in America, which I beg your acceptance of. The liberty we have taken, and the honor we have done ourselves in putting your Name in the List of Governors, I hope you will excuse & pardon — A neater Copy shall be sent you, as soon as possible. This laudable Scheme, after three Years consideration, will I flatter myself now succeed. Your approbation of it will be extremely agreeable and Useful to us.

pardon me if I mention what has just occurred to me, tho' in an improper place, as it would have connected better with my Subject before; which is, whether or not it would be eligible to make your Town & the Mohawks Castle one mission for the present, as Clergymen are scarce? This Junction would afford a handsome Allowance to a Clergymen, and remove the difficulty M^r Seabury labors under, as he has a large Family. If this Scheme should be found not to answer, Would it not then be of service to the Interest of the Church to retain M^r Andrews in

the Service of the Indians only, as he seems to have an inclination to it? These things I must leave to your superior Judgment, & only mention them as hints that have just occurred. As Mr Andrews now waits for this, I can only add, that I have the honor to be, with great respect, worthy Sir, Your much

Obliged & most Ob^t Ser^t

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON.

P. S. It is sincerely wished by the Inhabitants of this City, to my knowledge, that Sir William Johnson may be our next Governor — If the prayers of the *Clergy of the Church of England* can obtain so desirable an Event, sure I am they are not wanting.

The neat Copy within mentioned came to hand since writing the above — Which Copy I now Send —

INDORSED: Nov^r. 14th. 1769

From D^r. Auchmuty

¶ Mr. Andrews.—

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.¹

Schonactady November 14th 1769

HON^D. SIR

I beg leave to acquaint you that when I was in New york, I desired a final answer from Mr. Griffith, wether he was determined or not to Solicite for the Mission for this Church but could not Obtain a derict answer, he told me if the Society would Augment their Sallary he did not know but he might accept it, this was mention'd to Doc^t Cooper who gave his Opinion that he

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

did not think it in the Society power to Make any Additions to their Missions and could not Imagine how they would be able to pay those Missions they had already granted, Doc^t. Achmuty was not in town, I spoke to Mr. Ogilvie who said Mr. Griffith ought to give us a final answer, but for part he thought, that Albany, or the Mohaks ought to be Joined to this Mission, as the Congregations were so Small, These reasons Sir makes me take this Liberty of troubleing your Honour with this Letter that if you Approve of this Mission being Join'd to Albany, I then would mention it to Mr. Monro, for I give up, all hopes of Obtaining A Clergyman to ourselves for a great while to Come.

and Am Hon^d. Sir your Most
Humb^le Servant

J^Nº. BROWN

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnstown Hall

INDORSED:¹ Novbr. 14th. 1769—
Letter from Jⁿ. Brown
concerning a Minister—
wrote him y^e. 17th. that
If Mr. Munro will Serve
Albany & Schenectady, in y^t
Case I was of opinion that
y^e. Society will have no
objection to adding half the
Salary allowed In Schenec
tady —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

DANIEL CAMPBELL TO THE SONS OF LIBERTY

Copy

Albany the 14 Novr. 1769

This day upon my Arival at this place I rec^d Some letters from my friends in New York Informing me that I had Some Goods come in Captⁿ Cornelius Hayth & which Goods are now in the Store of New York as Imagining the s^d. Goods were order'd out after the Agreement took place

I do assure you Gentlemen that there is not one Shll^s. worth of Goods sent me out now in this Vessel. As also the one from Hull that is not in Consequence of my orders sent home last November and if you know the Agreement was not to take place till the 2 of August I shou'd be extreemly unhappy to do any thing disagreeable to the Gentlemen Merch^{ts}. at N York & you shall always find me ready to join in Every agreement wherein its Judg'd for the Good of this Country¹

The Goods now in store if you Chuse to ship them back I shall not have any Objection to it & altho the Goods were Ship'd After the 2^d of August² there is not a single Shill^g worth but what is Indian Goods to Satisfy you in which I now send you Inclos'd the Invoice amounting to £63 4 8 Mr. Blackburn my Correspondent writes me he will Send me some more Blankets by the Dutchess of Gordon which when arrives if you think proper I should take it kind you wou'd let them Pass, & this you may Depend on Gentleman that if Indian Goods are not allow'd to be brought in here that the Merch^{ts}. in Canada will take the

¹ On May 17th, 1777, the Schenectady Committee of Correspondence resolved that certain persons were looked upon as dangerous. The name, Daniel Campbell headed the list. —*Minutes of the Albany Committee of Correspondence, Schenectady Committee*, 2:1099, University of the State of New York

² On March 13, 1769, a committee of New York merchants chose a committee "to inspect all European importations," with a view to enforce the nonimportation agreement of 1768.

Advantage of us and import double the Quantity by which means our Traders that go up among the Indians will be Oblig'd to go there to buy their Goods & we shall Lose the whole of the Indian Trade which give me Leave to Inform you is of no small Advantage to this province & particularly to this part of it — One thing Gentlemen I am to inform you of which [is] that I understand that Captⁿ Hayht has mentioned at York [that] my friend Mr. Blackburn told him that the few Goods sent [by] him were Intended for Sir Will^m. Johnson as presents for the Indians. I am extreemly sorry that there should be any mis-under[standing] concerning this Report. I know perfectly well I never made use of [Sir William's] name to Mr Blackburn in my Life in no manner of [] I do believe that Mr. Blackburn might think [] the Superintendant of Indian affairs and [] might immagine that Sir Will^m. woud have Occasion for some of those [Goods and by] that means prevailed with the Captain to take them on Board [not] Imagining at the same time that he was incroaching on the []ment of the Gentlemen of New York by Reason those things [were] Indian Goods

Another thing Gentlemen I must beg Leave to mention to you which is that I Can declare upon Oath that I never Mentioned any affair to Sir William Johnson in regard of making use of his name with any View of getting Indian Goods imported from England under his name nor Did ever Sr. W^m. Johnson hear or know any thing of this affair from me & I shall Imediately inform Sr. W^m. of the Report that has been at York Concerning The []

I hope Gentlemen when you have Considered Every thing relating to this affair that you will be fully Satisfied that I have done nothing that wou'd get me [the] displeasure of you or any other of my friends at New York

I have nothing more to add then that I am Gentlemen

Respectfully your most Hum^l

Ob^t. Serv^t

DANIEL CAMPBELL

the Honor of sending your letter to me for my perusal in consequence of which I must beg the liberty of relating the matter to you & to return you my most respectful thanks for the favorable opinion you are pleased to honor me with. When I was at Shamokin last summer delivering the present of condolance from this goverment to Seneca George, one John Thompson a Delaware Indian who lives at the Great Island, came to me, & informed me that there was a Salt Spring within the late purchase made by the Proprietor & gave me a description of it I immediately drew out an application as is the custom of this province for the salt spring & sent it down by Mr. Secretary Shippen¹ who was then returning from Shamokin to Phila. to be entered in the Land office at Phila. taking it for granted that it was in the purchase of Pennsylvania & a few days after, I set out with the Indian John Thomson for the spring when I came to Anwagy I found it was out of the purchase, but as I was within 20 miles of it, my curiosity as well as the pressing of the Indian who was not to receive anything for his trouble if he did not show me the Spring induced me to take a look at it, but was prevented by a fit of the Rheumatism when I was within 8 miles of the place. I went no further: however the Indian proposed that he & a white man I had with me should go & bring some of the water & a little salt, which they did — & upon their return I set off for Shamokin directly. I had neither chain or compass with me, except a pocket one for my guidance in case of an accident. I do declare upon my Honor I marked no trees or gave to the best of my remembrance any reason directly or indirectly to any one for complaint without my barely going there was criminal. I have taken no steps to secure the land, nor had I any thoughts of doing it unless by application to you; I was not conscious of my acting improperly, therefore hoped as you have frequently & generously already given me repeated marks of your good inclination towards me that you would assist me in securing the spring as I have my Right for land as a half-pay officer still by me. The

¹ Joseph Shippen jr., secretary of Lieutenant Governor John Penn.

obtaining the Spring by application to the Gov^t. of New-York never once entered my head — As I must, to have gained my point deceived them grossly by making them believe it lay within the present purchase of that gov^t. which would be justly giving up every pretention to honor or character which I look upon to be the most invaluable things in Life — I have given you an exact account, Sir, of this affair & hope I may be honored with a few lines from you when at leisure, that I may be able to convince my friend, Gov. Penn, (who knows nothing of my letter to you) that I have, at least acted above fear & without a design of doing ill; & also that I may hear from your self that I have not forfeited the good opinion that you had once conceived of me, which no one sets a greater value on, than he that has the honor to be,

With the utmost respect,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

Turbutt Francis.

To the Hon, SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Bart.

TO ————— BLEAKER

L. S.¹

Johnson Hall Novbr. 17th. 1769 —

SIR

Being informed this morning that you had run the Bounds of Gouvneurs Patent & Lots, I take the liberty to request that you would send me as soon as conveniently you can the Survey of that Patent with the Division of the Several Lots as run by you, laying down at the same time the Difference between the former Surveys & yours, for which trouble I shall readily satisfy you. My reason for desiring this is, that I am concerned in Lands adjoining that Patent to the Northward of it, and as I want to have it laid out into Lots for Settlers I would willingly have it

¹ In Maine Historical Society, Portland, Me.

done in such a Manner as to avoid (all in my power) future dispute with regard to the Boundary. Y^r compliance together with y^r opinion relative to the Affair will much oblige.

Sir

Y^r Welwisher
& Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

———, BLEAKER Esq.

FROM GOLDSBROW BANYAR

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 438, is listed a letter of November 18th from Gw. Banyar, New York, commending William Andrews, from Ireland, who has thoughts of taking orders (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:421; Q, 4:264).

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New york Novr. 18th. 1769.

DEAR SIR,

I did not receive your Letter of the 19th. October till the 10th. Ins^t., and have not yet Seen M^r. Croghan, whose Presence at Fort Pitt I hope will tend to put our Affairs in those parts on a proper Footing.

The French Traders & Partizans May still plague us, but when the Indians are informed of the Treatment the French receive from the Spaniards, they will not readily believe they are as one People. I have a Letter from General O'Reilly² expressive of his Intentions to promote the Harmony Subsisting between the two Nations, to punish all who shall interrupt the Peace, and to keep the Indians in Subjection. You may Judge from thence what Notions he has formed of the Indians, and if he does not change his Sentiments upon a further Knowledge of them, what Trouble he will bring upon his Hands. From Colonel Wilkins's

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Count Alexander O'Reilly, Spanish governor of Louisiana, 1767-70.

Letters I have Reason to conjecture the Inhabitants opposite the Illinois used all the Spaniards there very ill, before they forced them down the Mississippi. and it is very possible we may hear that Many of them are Seized as soon as a Detachment from the Troops lately arrived, get up to those parts, for they are much exasperated against all the French.

Cap^l. Turnbull¹ Sent me the Same Information as you have transmitted concerning Mons^r. Vercheres Commission² I can't believe otherwise than that there is Some Mistake in the Affair, but by this Opportunity, I write to Gov^r. Carleton upon it, and beg him to give some Explanation about it. I can't conceive that an Interpreter of the Shawnese can be of any use to the Gov^r. or his Province.

The Account you have transmitted may be settled with all your other Accounts independent of the new Establishment.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

P: S:

Since writing I have seen Mr. Croghan who has shewn me his very Judicious Instructions, which he will no doubt pursue & I hope remove any little ill humour or Jealousy subsisting among the Indian Tribes.

T: G:

S^R: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^l:

INDORSED: Novbr. 18th. 1769 —

Genr^l. Gages Letter

¹ Captain George Turnbull, of the 60th regiment, in command at Detroit.

² As interpreter to the Shawanese.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN STEVENSON

A. D.

Albany 20th Novr. 1769The Hon^{ble} sir William Johnson Barro^{tt}:

	To John Stevenson	Dr.	
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INDORSED: []
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FROM JOHN WELLES

A. L. S.

[Quebec], Novr. 22^d. 1769

SIR

I did myself the pleasure to pay my Respects to you in December 1767 wherein I took the Liberty to communicate to You, my situation at that time, as you have often been pleased to assure me of your good wishes. I also amongst other things made so free to mention my being concerned in a Pot and Pearle Ash Manufactory which has turned out very disadvantagious, as we have great reason to fear our Conductor is an Imposter. what Pearle Ashes we sent home last Year was so contrary to the samples he first made, that Instead of Selling for £40 [Ⓕ] Ton it was worse than the worst Pot Ashes & only fetched £22.10 this Year the Quality is much the same.

We have been at a Great Expence [in] Erecting Works & are now entirely at a loss. how or in what manner to proceed which has induced me to seek [] Information also [] and as I have been informed that there are amongst your Tenants who manufacture those Articles. I could wish it might not be thought to great a freedom to request the favour of you to procure for me in writing, the process of Manufacturing Pot & Pearle Ashes. I wish the Method of Extracting the Salts from the Ashes 2^{dly} the Size & thickness of their fluxing kettles. 3^{dly} the Dimentions of the Calcining Oven & whether it will answer so well on a brick Hearth as on Cast Iron, for our Man has caused us to Import from Curin in Scotland panns of near Six Inches thick that weigh three Tons & a half which we apprehend burns out all the Virtue. One pot & pan stand us in near one hundred pounds Sterling. I should be glad also to be informed whether it would be practicable to procure a man in your parts who has been bred to that business in hungary, or elsewhere, such a person would meet with good Encouragement, & it would be well worth his while to come here, what we have shipt this Year, we have consigned to two or three different houses, in order to have their different Judgements upon the Quality & [where] the fault lie, as also to have Samples out by the first [] ship of the Different qualities of Pot & Pearle Ashes from [] could we meet with a proficient this Manufactory will [] turn to a very great account here.

From the knowledge I have of the pleasure [] Encouraging the Industrious Adventurer & from the Assurances of your good wishes, I am induced to request this favour, Mr Claus has more than once assured me that I have still your good wishes as formerly (which would make me unhappy to think I had forfeited notwithstanding I have not had the honour to hear from your family since Feb^y 1766.) otherwise I should not make so free at present.

Mr Claus without doubt informed you that Mr Mathew Wade embarked with his wife the 10th. October for London, having

entirely left this Province. he is considerably indebted to me, & used me rather unfriendly, as I went great lengths to serve him, & he should not have put me on a worse footing than his other Creditors however I could not help myself, Stopping him would be no satisfaction to me. I rather forwarded his departure.

I hope s^r. William that my request will not interfere with the Multiplicity of business in Your department [&] that I shall have the favour of a few lines on the subject [and] must beg leave to present my Respectful Compliments to sir John Mess^{rs}. Claus & Johnsons families

I am

Most Respectfully

Sir Your Ob^t & most hble Servant

JOHN WELLES

ADDRESSED: To

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

INDORSED:¹ Mr. John Welles Letter
from Quebec
Novbr. 22^d. 1769
Ans^d. Feby. 16th. 1770

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

N London 22^d Nov^r 1769

DEAR SIR

Since my last I have seen Col^o Fitch and Col^o Whiting both of them have desired me to make their most Respectfull Compliments to you and to Return you their most sincere thanks for your great kindness to them in the Land matters — and Will advise

¹ In Johnson's hand.

you very fully by Col^o Fitch who proposes to be with you As Early in the month of December as possible — on the Rece^t of your Letter I wrote to Col^o Babcock and desired he would Come to New London as it was not Convenient for me to go to Stonington but have not had his Answer indeed I was obliged to be at Hartford last week — or should have seen him I have this day wrote to him again —

Three or four of the best Farmers I know in this Colony were with me a few days agoe and are determined some time this winter to Ride up to you they are Resolved to Leave this Country and I have promised to write Letters for them in a few days to introduce them to you — I flater my Self I Shall be able to be at Johnson Hall by the Midle or at Farthest the 20th of December — and to set out from hence with Col^o Fitch —

M^{rs} Chew desires me to present her best Compliments and Respects to you. she was Yesterday morning after a most severe and painfull time put to bed with a fine Boy — for whome may I Presume my Dear sir to ask the great Favour of you to be one of the sponsors I hope if he Lives he will always partake of that Regard and shew that Respect to Every one who appertains to you — that will only depart from me [with] my Life — I almost tremble when I take this Liberty which nothing but your great kindness Can afford me any Excuse for — and which I hope the Infant it is asked for will never Disgrace — I have not Mentioned this to its mamma — but shall find some Excuse to put of the Christning untill I can hear from you which I pray may be on the R[eccept] of this Letter as I Shall I hope not be disappointed in paying my Respects to you at Johnson Hall by the midle or twentieth of Dec^r. — I have n[ow] forwarded the Boston papers by this and the last [post] and must Refer you to them for news — and am [with] the most sincere wishes for your health and happi[ness] and the greatest Respect

D^r s^r

Your most Ob[]

most Oblidged []

JOS CHEW

The Hon^{ble} S^R. WILL^M. JOHNSON

DEAR SIR

before my Letter got to Boston the ship King of Prussia was sailed for Virginia in her all the passengers Servants &c were Sent I have wrote to have Tho^s Byrne sent to N Yorke and have given directions to have his passage paid

D^r s^r Y^{rs} most sincerely

JOS CHEW

INDORSED:¹ New London Novbr. 22^d. 1769

Joseph Chew Esq^{rs} letter

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 438, is listed a letter of November 23d to Lieutenant Governor C. Colden about a method for securing the Mohock village lands, division of the county, Sir H. Moore's reorganization of the militia, lack of returns from the regiments around Fort Edward and South bay, in Ranslaerwyck, in the Mannor of Livingston, at Claverack, Kinderhook, &c, and those below, reorganization in Dutchess and Ulster counties, the regiment of horse given to his son, the particular fitness of gentlemen of property for military service, and vacancies to be filled (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:957-59; Q, 2:554-55).

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Nov^r. 23^d. 1769

DEAR SIR

I have received your favors of the 22^d. & 30th. ult^o. and am extremely sorry to hear of the Scarcity of Cash as it proves a great disappointment to me who am attacked on all sides daily for Money, and have not only advanced my own private Cash but

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In the collection of James Fenimore Cooper, Albany, N. Y.; in the handwriting of Guy Johnson.

am even obliged to take up Money upon my own Credit wherever I can get it. the Expence of the Departm^t. for some time past, tho' managed with the Strictest Oeconomy, far Exceeding what may be imagined.

As you are of opinion that no Alteration is to be Made in the Manner of Granting the Warrants I shall Send down my Accounts in the Way you direct & hope by that time there will be a Supply of Cash.

I am entirely of your opinion as to the Virginians, who I believe will not go to any Expence in the purchase you Mention but on Terms that may not be agreeable to the Crown, And as to the disorders and Licentiousness on the Southern frontiers I see very little prospects of their being put to an end The Civil power, is at present nothing, & Yet they are extremely unwilling to call for Military Aid to bring Offenders to Justice without which, these disorders Will in all probability rather increase than diminish, & finally end in a General Rupture With the Indians.

I delayed for several days Writing in hopes of hearing some farther by M^r Adems, on the Article of Cash, and have now the favor of your Letter of the 13th inst from the latter part of Which I find that M^r. Croghan was arrived at N York and I am very happy in hearing that you approve of his Instructions which will doubtless be of Service at this time. Gen^l. O'Reilly¹ is said to be a man of Warmth & fire, and if he pursues the measures you have mentioned he will create much Trouble to himself but as there are many people there who are better acquainted wth the Matter, I presume he will Soon be convinced of the little advantage to be derived from a difference with the Indians, And the French who are the people through whom the Indians receive Most of their Information, will doubtless place the dispute between them and the Spaniards in such a light as not to prejudice their grand object, and the gen^l. design they appear to have in View.

¹ Count Alexander O'Reilly, captain-general of Louisiana, who repressed by rigorous measures the devolt of French inhabitants against the authority of Spain.

There may probably be some Mistake in the Affair concerning Mons^r Verchere² at least it may not be so bad as is represented, tho' I can't think it is entirely destitute of foundation, for policy and the Interests of Trade lead the Generality of the French to act that part whenever they can; and upon reflection I am certain that every Gov^r. must be sensible, of the Impropriety of making any Appointments that Interfere with the Department of Indian Affairs, and may obstruct that uniformity of Conduct by which only it can answer the Intention & Expectations of the Crown. I every day expect to hear the Result of the Congress at Onondaga which opened Several days ago, and as I took y^e. utmost pains to direct their Councils to a Consideration of the Insults some of their Friends & Allies have met with to the Westward with a View at least to Alarm the Western Indians, & prevent any Imediate prospect of a Union between them, I hope very soon to hear that my endeavors have met with some Success, and from the present Aspect of Affairs, I think it the best policy to Act in that manner.

The Caghnawaga Indⁿ. who accompanied Silver Heels from the Illinois was I understand to have had 60 Dollars from Lt. Col. Wilkins & 40, from the Merchants, (hav^g Left his Engagem^t. with a Frenchman for 2 years to accompany Silver Heels at Col Wilkins's request) he has according to Capt Edmonstons Certificate, only received a blanket, Stockings & Shirt, he has therefore requested me to Make his case known to you, and as he quitted his Wages & place with the Frenchman for the public Service and lost his papers &c When pursued by the Enemy & as it is not a large dem^d. consid^g the Circumstances of their Journey I am persuaded you will take it into Consideration.

INDORSED: Nov^r. 23^d 1769

To Gen^l. Gage

Sir Wm Johnson

² See *Doc. Rel to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:185 and *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:951-52; Q, 2:551.

FROM HARRY MUNRO

A. L. S.¹*Albany Nov^r. 23^d. 1769*

HONOURABLE SIR,

I beg Leave to inform You that one Mr. William Andrews a Candidate for holy orders, intends to pay you a Visit in a few Days. This Young Gentleman has brought me a Letter from Doctor Auchmuty, greatly lamenting his not being Able to Supply your Churches on the Mohawk River with worthy Clergymen. Meantime the Doctor Strongly recommends a Junction of the Two missions of Albany & Schenectady, if Agreeable to you Sir, for Some years at least, & is pleased to ask my opinion on that head.— Mr. Brown of Schenectady was here the Other Day, & made the Same Proposal. My Answer to Mr. Brown was, that if Sir William thought proper to recommend Such a thing to the Society, I Should heartily acquiesce in that, or any thing Else that he judged Serviceable to Religion; but that for Some particular Reasons, I must be entirely passive in the Affair.—Indeed the oftener I go to Schenectady, the more I am convinced, they Shall not be able for Some years to Maintain a Clergy man; which unlucky Circumstance renders a Junction of that Mission to Some other, highly Necessary.— I do not think it proper to mention any Such thing to the Society myself, as I would by all means avoid Every thing that has the least Appearance of a mercenary Spirit; But if you please to propose it to them, you may depend on my Concurrence; & as to the Salary, I leave that to you Sir.— Doctor Auchmuty hopes, this young Gentleman, Mr. Andrews, will be acceptable to you, in which Case, he is of opinion, that he may Supply, for Some time at least, both your Church & that of Fort Hunter; which is humbly Submitted to your better Judgement.— What I write you at present is in Confidence, & I hope you will consider it in that

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

Light.— My best Regards to you & all the family. I am with great Esteem & Respect,

Honourable Sir

Your most Obedient

Most humble Servant

HARRY MUNRO

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

PS: Please to excuse my bad writing, being at present in a hurry, & having a very bad pen indeed.— Adieu

INDORSED: Novbr. 23^d. 1769

The Revr^d. Mr. Munro's
Letter —

*W. Johnson
initials*

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

SIR

New York 24 November 1769

I have already at the particular request of Several Townships troubled you frequently upon the Subject of the Militia appointments at Claverack &Ca — Those Commissions have such dangerous objects in view that they threaten nothing less than the endangering the property of at least five hundred Families — Apparently there was a Stop put those appointments (*even before Sir Henry Moore's Death*) we are nevertheless far from being easy, least Interest [shou]ld be made with the Lieu^t. Governor to have the Regiment confirmed — Impressed with [these] fears I was desired by my Townsmen to wait on his Honours, which I have done a few days ago and delivered him Copies of all the Remonstrances that were made, preceding his administration, against this very odious Measure, and Shewed him a Commission that had been given to one of the Inferiour Officers Dated 8 Months before the Col^{os}. own Commission [and] about Six Months before Mr. Livingston was appointed Sec^y; tho' his Name as Sec^y [] notwithstanding to the

Commission — His Honour heard me with great attention and was pleased to tell me that he had received a Letter from you about this matter and would do what was necessary to remove the cause of our Complaints; He was so very obliging as to direct his Son to Shew me the Register of Military Commissions for the County of Albany of which the [en]closed is a Copy;¹ by which and What has been before Said upon this Subject, it will be easily [discove]rd that the planners of this Regiment must have had something very interesting to themselves in view, otherwise they would have had the Boundaries of the extent of the Regiment [] as is the case with the other Regiments. In case Sir there should be another [] made to carry this project through I hope you will powerfully interpose in our behalf [] to have a stop put to this matter until we can be heard — our reasons for asking [] I hope will have weight when it is known that a thousand Men Able to bear Arms can be Incorporated out of the Inhabitants that live between the South Line of the Manor of Rensselaer Wyck and the South Bounds of the Town Ship of Kinderhook Eastward to the [westward] Line of the Massachussetts Bay —

My Affairs I expect will be settled in three or four days time Soon after which I propose to pay my Respects to you with some other Persons when these [] will be more fully explained, In the mean time I remain

with all due Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

& most Obliged humble
servant

H V SCHAACK

INDORSED:² New York 24th. Novbr. 1769

Henry Vanschaack Esq^{rs}.

Letter wth. an Inclosure

¹ Much injured by the fire, but printed in the *Third Annual Report of the State Historian*, 1897, p. 887-89.

² In Johnson's hand.

EDWARD COLE TO GEORGE MORGAN

A. L. S.¹*New York Novr. 25th. 1769*

DEAR MORGAN

You will Hardly Expect to hear from me from this at this Season, but so it is have not as Yet been Home. I a few days past Returned from Sir William Johnsons, and am now Here on my affairs with Mr. Vanscheack I shall be a Great Sufferer. Mr. Moores Bills are protested, and will not be paid untill he comes if then, this is hard, as I have Indorsed one Hundred pounds besides that I received of You, and have been obliged to pay, Which much distresses me. I send Your Bill and protest by Col^o. Croghan, who Will Settle it with You, as also the Bill I gave You on him — The General when I waited on him Received me very Politely — asked me many Questions about the Indians and Gen^l. O Reily. I fancy he would be Glad Indian affairs were again in their Old Channels.— My Good Friend and Patron Sir William I found the Same man. he has approved of my Conduct while I was at the Illinois, & has prevaled on me to Remove in the Spring to his Land. has purchased three Improvements for me within a Mile a half of his House. So I must be directed to, at Johnson Hall, after next April — With Regard to the Land on the Ohio, I must Depend on Yours and Mr. Baystons Friendship to let me know how they are to be managed. the New England people are all Land Mad. if it is made a civil Government I am persuaded it will soon flourish. Should be Extreemly Glad You will let me know when you go to Fort Pitt, that I may Send you my letters timely — Our Mutual Friend Col^o. Croghan can acquaint you with Every thing Relating to Indian affairs.— I shall in a few day leave this for Rhode Island, where I shall be Happy to have it my power to Render You any Service. You will be pleased to make my Compliments M^{rs}. Morgan, M^r Baynton & all the Ladys, not forgetting Friend

¹ In Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hannah — Our Friend Campble is Still Here Meets with Great Difficulties in his Accounts which are to go back to Col^o. Wilkins. he has been obliged to draw on his Fund. he Desires his Compliments to Miss Charlot, who he would willingly pay his addresses to if the old wife was not in the Way

I am

Dear George

Your most Ob^t. Serv^t.

EDW^d. COLE

TO MR. MORGAN

INDORSED:

New York Nov^r. 25th. 1769

Col. Edw^d Coles Letter —

receivd Dec^r. 12th 1769

by Col. Croghan

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Nov 27 1769

SIR WILLIAM

Altho a pacquet is just arrived from England, yet I am hardly enabled from its Contents, to afford you the least amusement. The letter addressed by D^r Musgrave¹ of Plymouth to the Freeholders &ca of Devonshire, accusing the fabricators of the last peace with betraying the Interest of their Country & fuddling it up on the most shamefull Terms, now intirely engages the publick Attention, and he has gained the Confidence of the generality of People there to a degree of Enthusiasm. The Letters from

¹ Samuel Musgrave, noted physician and Greek scholar, author of "Address to the Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of Devon," relating to the Anglo-French peace of 1763. The House of Commons examined the charge and in January, 1770, pronounced it "frivolous and unworthy of credit." In the Public Archives of Canada are a number of contemporary pamphlets on the peace.

London intimate that the [su]bject of it will have very serious Consequences, on the 5th of October, the time appointed for the County meeting, some material Elucidations will appear to corroborate what has already been published; and one Mons^r Vergy Councillor in the parliaments of Paris & Bour[dea]ux has publicly advertised to give further Light on the matter in a pamphlet he will produce in [which] the Contradictions of D^r Musgrave's Letter ex[hibited] by D'eon,¹ formerly Chargée de'Affairs of France, [are] confronted. A little time will explain this [] in the Interim several Great Men hardly [] themselves safe and it is expected some will withdraw themselves.

The India Company have Voted a refusal of [Power] demanded by the Crown, for the Commander of his Majesty's Ships in those Seas to have a share in the Deliberations & resolutions of the Company with regard to making peace or declaring war, a plan suggested & insisted upon by the E of Bute and his partie, who, by carring this leading question, proposed that Government should, by degrees take the Lead in all their Councils & thereby the Company's property be ever hereafter at the Mercy of a protempore, Minister.

The House was to meet on ye 14th Nov^r. The most Solid Union of the three brothers Chatham, Temple & Grenville has been solemnly published from Earl Temple² to the Freeholders from Bucks, met, as have been many more, on the Subject of petitioning.

It does not Seem at all Certain that the Muscovites are yet Sailed for Constantinople, and it is thought they have abandoned the Seige of Choczim, The Vizier is at present too strong for [them] unsupplied, as they are, with provisions to have a general Action. These northern powers ne[ver] distinguished themselves in Engineering, even the prussian & Austrian Seiges were very ling[ering] enterprizes.

¹ Chevalier d'Eon, French plenipotentiary in England in 1763.

² Richard Temple Grenville, brother of George Grenville and brother-in-law of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham.

Our L^t Governor meets his assembly in good [po]sition, and from the total Neglect of him on th[e occasion?] of his Services to the prerogative a few years p[ast] altho recommended to the Sovereign by the [] it is thou]ght he will pass what Bills are [] for his Assent, and the Assembly, taking [advan]tage of this favorable prospect, have []ed in a bill for a new Emission of paper currency.

Mr Colden has appointed Judge Jones's Son, who married Cap^t De Lanceys Sister, to succeed Recorder Johnson, & a son of Gabriel Ludlow is recommended to him for a Succession to the late Judge Smiths¹ Seat on the Bench.

[These are] all the occurances I could for the present assemble together for your Entertainment.

We shall be allowed to take the Goods out of the Sons of Liberty's Store in about 6 or 8 weeks when Col Johnsons & your own Articles, mentioned long ago, shall be forwarded. I beg my humble Respects to Sir John, the Colonel & [Cap^t] Claus and, with the utmost deference,

I am,

Sir William,

Your obliged & faithfull serv^t

JA RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED: To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t
at Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
Mr. Rivingtons letter

¹ Judge William Smith, of the supreme court, died November 22, 1769. George D. Ludlow was appointed December 14, 1769.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 29th November 1769

DEAR SIR

By the Bearer Mr Brown I Send you a Box Containing Seven Signs — the Amount of which I here Send you I had two of them done by Henry Vandresen, for which he Charged Sixteen Shillings which is four Shillings more than Branaghan Charged.

I find by the last papers that they have published the Affidivates of Captain Haight & Captain Wynn relating to the Goods which Mr Blackburn Shiped—which is all done with an Intention to hurt Mr Blackburns Character—I am Extraimly Sorry that he tooke So much liberty as to Mention your Name in the Advertisement. they Carry it So far as to Say that Mr Blackburn had Received pressing Orders from your Self for the Indian Goods which Captain [W]ynn Brought over—if the Goods had been for you there never would have been One word about them—Nothing Could have Induced Mr Blackburn to take such liberty but hes been over Sanguine in Serving his Employers but this is no maner of Excuse in him to Intitle him to Such liberties—I hope upon his making a proper Submission to you that you will forgive him—this Affair has turned Out verry Unlucky for Mr Blackburn as I Remember your One day makeing Inquiry what kind of A man he was—and I told you he was Reputed a mighty good kind of A man—& upon which you was good enough to say you would let him do your Business—

Mr William Andrew who goes up with Mr Brown has Some thought [of] going into orders for which purpose he has [with him] Several letters from Gentlemen at New York [who] Recommend him to you he Seems to be a well Behaved Young Man, he gave a discourse to the People here which gave very great Satisfaction. Indeed to the Whole Congration & they all Seemingly are verry desirous to have him placed here Mr Brown goes up on purpose to Solicit for him—& I must beg leave,



KING HENDRICK (SOI-EN-GA-RAH-TA)

From a painting by William A. McKenna, owned by Frank L. Reuss, Albany, N. Y.

to Recommend him, for this Place, in Case you have not Appointed Some other

I have only to Add that I am
 Dear Sir with great Respect your
 most humble & Obedient
 servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

[WILLIAM JOHNSON

Bought from Daniel Campbell

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Schenectady the 29th November 1769

7 Frames from Asiveron Marselous	2/6	£0 17 6	
James Branaghan for painting			
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2 Ditto Henry Vandreson	16/	1 12 0	
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INDORSED:¹ Daniel Campbell Esq^{rs}.
 Letter wth. an Acc^t. of
 painting Signs —

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London Nov^r 29^h 1769

DEAR SIR

I have seen Col^o Babcock who desires me to make his most thankfull Compliments to you and will write to you by me which I hope to have the pleasure of delivering by Christmas Day at Farthest

the adventures from the Susquehannah Company are drove of the Lands Durkee was Carried to Easttown Goal—he got security there and is just Arrived at Norwich the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Chiefs of the Company seem much Cast down and are laying Great Blame upon Old Col^o. Putman who never was in pensilvania and I dare Venture to say never Exchanged one sillable w^h Mr penn or any of his party by Letter message word or any other way on the subject—and who [I] am sure wishes the propriaters Extensive [la]nds were much Less and some [] had the land his Crime is believing the Claim of this Colony and the Right of the Company to those lands Very [slight ?] and trifling

You have doubtless seen an Acco^t publish'd in pensilvania and Reprinted in New York of the Famous Congress between old Seneca George and Col^o Francis

Col^o Fitch is now with me and desires me to make his best Compliments to you and to say that he Expects to have the pleasure of seeing you with me.

I shall forward you the papers from Boston this Evening by the post and must Refer you to them for the News

M^{rs} Chew has been so [] with her breasts that she mends very slowly [] presents her best Compliments to you and [] most sincerely with me in our most [] wishes for your health and happiness and I am with greatest the Respect and truth

Dear sir your most Obed^t
& most Hble serv^t.

JOS CHEW

P S

I have wrote to Virginia and have desired Tho^s Byrne to be sent to New York and then to apply to M^r Wetherhead who I will write to to send him to Albany

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

ACCOUNT OF ROBERT ADEMS

New York, November, 1769

D^r Account of Cash received for

1769

Nov ^r	To the Hon ^{ble} .. John Watts Esq ^r .	£218.. 8.. -
	To GoldsBorrow Banyar Esq ^r .	115.. 3.. 11½
	To Col ^o . Guy Johnson as $\bar{\text{P}}$ draft	100.. .. -
	To Col ^o . Daniel Claus as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	144.. 4.. -
	To Col ^o . Edward Cole as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	171.. 8.. 6
	To Major Jelles Fonda as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	393.. 3.. 7
	To Cap ^t . Mac Leod as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	128.. 11.. 5¾
	To Mr. Jn ^o . Wetherhead as $\bar{\text{P}}$ recpts.	338.. 12.. 2
	To Robert Adems for Cash gave Sir William	485.. 16.. 9
	To 2 pipes Maderia Wine @ £42 $\bar{\text{P}}$	84.. .. -
	To Peter Remsen as $\bar{\text{P}}$ Ac ^t .	95.. 6.. -
	To Peter Silvester Esq ^r . for Martin Walter	14.. 18.. 5
	To John Morton for a Cask Nails as $\bar{\text{P}}$ Ac ^t .	17.. 12.. -
	To Henry White for 3 d ^o . d ^o . as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	32.. 18.. 2½
	To Sam ^l . Broome & C ^o . for 3000 Tile as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	36.. .. -
	To Smith Ramadge for 8 firkins But- ter as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	25.. 5.. 1
	To Jn ^o . V Cortland for a Bar ^l . do. refin'd Sugar as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	9.. 19.. 6
	To Templeton & Stewart for a hh ^d . Beer as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	8.. 8.. -
	To Jerremiah Brower for 2 B ^{ls} . Sugar as $\bar{\text{P}}$ d ^o .	16.. 7.. 3
	To a Hogshead Molasses 2 N ^y . 114 Gall ^s . @ 2/ $\bar{\text{P}}$	11.. 8.. -

	To 2 Boxes Window Glass 9 by 7		7..12.. -
	76/		
	To 1 d ^o . d ^o . 11 by 9		4.. 6.. -
	To 1 Barrel White Wine Vinegar		
	25 $\frac{3}{4}$ Gs. @ 4/ 7 ^d		5.. 3.. -
	To 12 d ^o . Cyder 16		9..12.. -
	To 4 d ^o . Codfish 28/		5.. [12.. -]
	To 5 Kegs Bisquet 10/6		[2..12.. 6]
	To 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gs. Srub 49/ Bottles 6/ &		
	box 3/	[]
	To 2 Gallon Decanters	[]
	Continued & Carried [over £2484]
1769	Dr Brought Over	£2484	[
Nov ^r .	To 200 th Loaf Sugar @ 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d 7 ^d	11	[
	To 4 Boxes Spermacitta Candles 94 th		
	Nt. 2/3 7 ^d Boxes 10/	11..	1.. 6
	To 1 Quarter Cask Lisbon Wine	8..10..	-
	To 2 th Cinnamon 30/	3..	.. -
	To 1 th Nutmegs 26/ & 1/4 th Cloves 6/	1..12..	-
	To 1 Rheam propatria paper	1..10..	-
	To 1 d ^o . 4 to post d ^o .	1.. 7..	-
	To 1 th Whafers 20 & a Gall ⁿ . Ink		
	& Jug 21/6	2..	1.. 6
	To 1000 Limes Squees'd	2..	.. -
	To 1 Gall ⁿ . Spirits 6/6 & Keg for		
	d ^o . 2/	-..	8.. 6
	To 2600 Oysters 52/ & 2 hh ^{ds} . for		
	d ^o . 8/	3..	.. -
	To a Sett of Crusables	..	1.. 3
	To 2 large Teapotts	..	6.. -
	To Cartage of 3000 Tile in New		
	York	..18..	-
	To d ^o . of Sundrys in d ^o .	..17..	-

To 3600 Dollars gave Sir William	1440..	..	
Ball ^s . due Sir William Johnson			
on this Acc ^t .	413..		3[]
	<hr/>		
	£4385..	4..	5½

INDORSED: Account of Cash rec^d.

for Sir William Johnson

Bar^t. in New York Nov^r. 1769

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Cr

1769

Nov^r. By Cash received from Abraham

Mortier Esq^r

£4385.. 4.. 5½

Cr Brought Over

£4385.. 4.. 5½

FROM JOHN ARTHUR

A. L. S.

Londini Calendis decembris 1769

Quod felix faustum fortunatumque Sit Et Patrono Clementissimo
Gratum!

Joannes Arthur Nobilissimo Equiti Wilhelmo Johnson Bar^{to}
Sal^m. Plur^m. Dicit.

Dum meditabundus recentes agros Amœnaque villae tuae Cognomine Johnson Hall perambulo, Interpellor, meque his verbis allocutus Est Illustrissimus et admodum honorandus patricius Adam Gordon, (Amabat enim, vir Nobilis, Gallici Sermonis Usus) Que J'eus de bonheur lorsque dans le dessein seulement de Satisfaire ma Curiosite qui Etoit de voir le fameux Sault de Niagara, Je me détournay quelques miles de mon chemin Et fis cette visite a Sir William Johnson, Et que je me trouve heureux d'avoir veu et connu cet illustre General, Et en même Un Gentilhomme Si gallant, Si Accomply. Ista Laus in ore Nobilis patricii Ingeminavit admirationem tui, dum nimia verecundia vetabat mea gaudia dicere verbis. Quibus enim te possim

prosequi Laudibus Invicte Dux qui Caesare Major, Nam Victorias purpuravit, Impius, Sanguine Civium Libertatemque Patriae delevit atq; prostravit. Longeq; Clementior, qui cruentum furentemque Martem compescere, Victostrarumq; tuarum Iram reprimere potuisti, Et (idem Orpheus olim,) Tigres lenire rabidosque leones mitigare valuisti; virtutum procul dubio, Mansuetos consuetudine tuarum; Tantum potuit feris Animis suadere Exemplar Clementiae! Sensit Canadensis ferox Sensere Galli toties fugati toties ab Americano Scalpro Erepti, novamq; et inauditam, in America Clementiam insolitam ipsis & ignotam Sunt Mirati. Quem te in bello tremendum, Victis aequum, in pace Comem Americae Simul atq; Britanniae delicias praedicabo? Artium pacis Et agriculturae Incitatore, Litterarum faventem, Amicitiarum Colentem? propria La[ude] frui tua Inclute heros! Exemplar pariter pacis atque Belli. Va[le]

Thus Translated¹



London 1st Decem^{br}. 1769

May it please Your Excellency

As I was in a musing humour, Walking in those Newly Cultivated fields, & pleasant Gardens about Johnson Hall, my meditation was of a Sudden interrupted, by the Rig^t hon^{ble}. Milord Adam Gordon, who Accosted me with these Words, in french (Your Excellency knows that the Noble Peer loved to converse in the french Language.) how luky I was, Says My lord, When designing to Satisfy my Curiosity onely, which was to See the famous fall at Niagara, I turned some Miles out of the way, & made this present Visit to Sir William & how happy I think myself, who have seen and am become Acquainted with that great Warrior, and at the same time, so Gallant, So Accomplished] a Gentleman! & the like. This praise, from that Nobleman, doubles [if] possible, my Sensibility of those Eminent qualities, which I saw [] to Shine in your Excellency, Whilst bashfull modesty prevented [my] Mouth from

¹ By the writer.

Uttering the inward Satisfaction of my Mind.— for [what] words can Suffice to recount Your Great Deeds? who, greater than [Caesar] (for that Impious hero dyed his victories with the purest blood of his Country, & in his triumph, did Throw it's Liberties & freedom into the dust.) and more Generous by far, who could Stay the Rage of your American Troops, & refrain the fury of Your Victorious armies, and (like Orpheus of Old) Could Soften Tygers, and asswage the ferocity of Lions; no doubt made More tractable, by their becoming more Acquainted with humanity. So much Gained upon the fierce temper of the Savage Americans, the Example of the Mercifull & Generous disposition of your mind! The Cruel Canadian Saw it, The french, so Often Routed, so often Snatch'd from the Scalping Knife, perceived it and admired A Strange Vertue, (Generosity & Mercy) in America! to which they were unaccustom'd, Unacquainted with and never imitated it.— I Shall therefore Celebrate Your Excellency Dreadfull in War, Mercifull & Generous towards the Vainquish'd, Gracious in peace, the delight of North America as well as of Great Brittain, Encourager of Every Art of peace, Especially Agriculture favourer of Learning, Constant in friendship, Courteous to all.

That your Honour may Enjoy the full extent of Your merited praise & Glory, & be Still a living Example of those Vertues, that are practicable both in peace & in War, is the most Ardent Wish & prayer of

Your Excellency's

Most humble, dutyfull

& Affectionate Ser^t

JOHN ARTHUR

A word to my letter; for direction — Go then, being you are in Such a hurry & See America. with my Blessing, nevertheless, You shall go. Go thou therefore [] auspicious & fortunate, Giddy Letter of mine, & when You are presented to [] fail not to protest, that you bring nothing but

Truth, the Authentick Deeds [] General, the most
Generous patron, the most Gracious friend! I re[] that
these Unruly Children will make me Go out of my Wits.

ADDRESSED: To

His Excellency Sir Will^m. Johnson
Bar^t.

At Johnson Hall
Province of — New York

INDORSED:

1769

Mr. Jⁿ. Arthurs letter

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall Dec^r. 1st. 1769

REV^d SIR

I have received with great pleasure the pamphlet with an Account of the proceedings of the Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Church of England in North America,—The Institution of a Society for that purpose in a Country where the famyls of many Men of Worth Must be destitute of a due provision for their maintenance is truly Laudable and does much honor to those who promoted and Carried it into Execution, Whilst its necessity and reasonableness merits the Approbation & Countenance of all Well Wishes to Christianity in general, it has a particular Claim to my best Wishes for its Success in the honor conferred on me by inserting my Name in the List of Governors, for which give me Leave to return you My best thanks, requesting you will likewise make my Most kind Acknowledgments to the rest of the Gentlemen concerned in my Nomination with Assurances that I have the Interests of their

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

Corporation sincerely at heart, and that I shall faithfully discharge the Trust reposed in me as far as the Multifarious duties of my publick Station will permit me to demonstrate that I am Sir, their sincere Well Wisher, and your

Most Obedient & Very humble
Serv^t.

D^R AUCHMUTY

INDORSED: Dec^r. 1st. 1769

To D^r Auchmuty. Letter of
Thanks on being Nominated a Gov^r.
of the Corporation for Relief of
Clergymens Widows &ca.

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall December 1st. 1769

DEAR, SIR,

Mr. Andrews has just delivered me your favor of the 14th. ult^o. together with the Deeds &ca for the Estate of the late D^r. Barclay, he Seems to be a Young Gentleman that would answer very well and from the Character I have of him and his connections in Schenectady I think he would be of much use there — According to the ideas of the Indians his Youth might be disadvantageous to him at the Mohocks, and on many accounts I think that that Mission would solely engross the attention of one Missionary, and altho' it would be better to Unite Albany with Schenectady, in case No Missionary could be had for the latter, yet considering the little Bickerings it might occasion, and the jealousy of his attending the one More than the other I think it best that Mr. Andrews should take Orders and be appointed for Schenectady

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and Shall mention it to the Society, as he purposes going soon to Europe.— He tells me that there are Several Gentlemen who have been bred at the Colledge of Dublin, & are in Orders that have no provision in that Kingdom some of whom he believes would gladly Embrace the offer of Missions here;— Since so many difficulties have arisen in procuring them from England, would not it be proper to Mention this to the Society? That such as could procure good Testimonials from thence might be Appointed to the Vacant Missions?—

I am of opinion that a part of the Land lately purchased near the Mohocks might be Leased out reserving a Sufficiency for the Missionary, and applying the Little rent arising in time from the remainder to religious Uses. I am Glad that Mr Seabury and You have Wrote your Sentiments concerning the Church here, to the society and hope at Last that these Usefull Missions will be supplied and I think it necessary to add that those at the Mohocks and Johns Town should be Seperate because the Congregations will be so large at both these places, and that the Constant Attendance of A Missionary at the Mohawks will be the surest and indeed the only Means of Answering the good intentions and Views of the society. Mr Griffith who was here sometime ago has I understand expressed himself very undeterminately Concerning Schenectady, and Considers the Sallary &ca as inadequate to the Maintenance of a family, I hope therefore that he will be no barr to the Appointment of Mr. Andrews who likes the place, and approves of the Allowance. On any of these points I shall be always happy in having Your Sentiments and kind advice, and if the hurry in wch I am generally Necessitated to Write prevents me from enlarging sufficiently on any point I shall readily do it, or any thing else in my power to Serve so good a Cause.— I give You thanks for the Copy of the proceedings of the Corporation for the relief of Clergymens Widows &ca, an Institution which I think as Laudable as it is Necessary and am much obliged by being put on the List of Governors, but as from a passage in yours I Judged you would incline to have that

Subject treated separately, I now inclose you a few Lines on that particular Occasion and remain with great regard

D^r Sir

&ca

I kindly thank you for the good wishes which your friendship has Suggested to you to Offer in your Postscript, but the Supreme Command here is what I have always rather declined than Covetted, Nevertheless I cannot but be Sensible of the kind Wishes of the Clergy of the Church of England as I know it arises from their good opinion of me & reliance on My regard for their Interests, which I shall allways be ready to demonstrate as far as is in my power in any Station.—

I beg the Corporations Acceptance of the within Bill as a Contribution towards their Design —

D^R. AUCHMUTY

INDORSED: Dec^r. 1st. 1769.

To the Rev^d. D^r. Auchmuty

TO OLIVER DELANCEY

In the the Johnson Calendar, p. 439, is listed a letter of December 1st to Oliver DeLancey, saying that he will buy Miln's patent of 500 acres, as Sir Peter Warren's children are now of age (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:960; Q, 2:556).

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 4 December 1769

I have this Moment received your favour of the 24th Ult the Contents of which observe & in Answer the Severall Articles you

mention arrivd here a few Days ago from New London & were immediately taken from on board the Vessell & put on board Pemberton but Pemberton being prevented from Sailing So Soon as He expected, I find the Packages were putt on board Sharp who Saild a few Days ago & I hope will get Safe to Albany, tho We are told the River is froze up a good Way below Albany — Enclosd I Send you the Letters I received for yourself & Sir John relative to those Things, I shall be much Obligd to you if you will be pleasd to deliver the Letter to Sir John with my Respects — I Sometime ago wrote you that Hamiltons Receipt for the Tooth Ach was not to be got as He was gone Away long before your Orders arrivd for that Article upon which Mr Gaine faithfully promised to Send you a much better with Some other Things He was then agoing to Send you

I am desird by Mr Croghan to acquaint you that the Bill I have on him for £283 12 2 Amount of Mr Hays Account, will not be paid untill your Draft comes for the Money, Since the Generall Says He has desird you to putt them all in One Account & till that is done He does not Chuse to issue the Warrants, your Kind Compliance will therefore highly oblige

Sir your most Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

Captain Pemberton
who is desired to See the Things
Sent from Sharps Sloop to
Mr Van Eps in Schenectady

INDORSED: Decbr. 4th. 1769

Mr. Wetherheads letter

ansrd. 30th. 10br. 1769

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Dec 4, 1769

[SIR] WILLIAM

The Harriet packet arrived last Wednesday, four days after the Hyde.

The Grand Vizier is deposed & decollated,

Prince Gallitzin recalled, disgraced &, it is expected, will visit Siberia.

The Turkish Army have chased the Russian from Choczim¹ and destroyed many of their Enemies, but Gen^l Romanzon² is expected hourly at the head of the Muscovites & perhaps his Abilities for Command will change the State of their Affairs. The french partie, powerfull att the Court of Petersburg, is hatching a Revolution and a Revolt is daily looked for, & yet the Empress has ordered 40,000 troops to Finland; the³ Restless Gaul⁴ having engaged the Swedes to threaten her on that Side, Her fleet was hourly expected, on their way to the Archipelago, upon the Coast of England.³

Still the Spirit of Petitioning goes briskly on and the publications of D^r Musgrave Explaining some mysterious Conduct of the Peers, who conducted the peace of Paris, have procured him the patronage [of] the Candid and better Sort of people in the [] Kingdoms.

[] expected the parliament will be dissolved [] the Supplies & the American affairs are [] thro the Houses. [India] stock sinks daily; the Ministry have stopped [the Com-pan]y from proceeding with the three superin[tendents of] the Company's affairs, and this in resent[ment at the la]te Refusal of the Requisition of Govern[ment]tt the Commander of

¹ Khotin, or Chotin, on the Dniester.

² General Rumyantsev, who won a campaign in 1770 on the Pruth over the Tartars and over the Turks.

³ At that time supporting the Russian cause.

the Kings fleet in [those waters] to a voice on consultations upon [peace and war(?)]

[]cant Ribbon [] Things go favorably in the Cabinet for [Paoli, He] behaves very constantly and is perfectly [well re]ceived by the King and the first people. The Empress Queen,¹ tis said, is going to lop off [] part of the low Countries as a portion with the [] archdutchess to the Dauphin.²

Lord Holland³ is likely to be hard run by the Live[ry] of London, who are resolved to impeach him unless he can ballance his accounts very nicely.

Those people are determined to have a Mayor to their Liking for the ensuing year, and therefore have set aside the Alderman next in rotation, as being in the Court Interest, & fixed upon Beckford & Trecothick for the Court of aldermen to choose one to fill the Chair, as is the Custom.

Thus far the pacquet

I hope my Epistle will find Good Sir William Sr John & the Colonel in perfect Health I beg my Humble respects and

I am,

Sir William,

Your most obedient ser[vant]

JA RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED: To
s^r W^m Johnson Bar^t
at
Johnson hall

INDORSED: [] 1769
[] Rivingtons letter

¹ Maria Theresa, Archduchess of Austria and wife of Francis 1st, Emperor of Germany.

² Son-in-law of Maria Theresa and afterward King of France as Louis XVI.

³ Henry Fox, Baron Holland, under charges relating to his administration of the paymaster-general's office.

FROM JACOB DYCKMAN

A. L. S.

Kings Bridge 5th. Decr. 1769

The freedom I take I hope will be excused by Sir William when I told Mr. Colden that Sir William was pleased with the appointment of my Son as post — it gave him great Satisfaction Con^l. Oliver Delancy and Mr Aphthorp have offered me their Intrest with the General to have myself appointed for the other post as the Connection of Mr. Delancy and Mr. Coldens ffamily is very well known by your Honour which Causes me to Trouble you with so trifling affair also to request a few lines from your Honour to Mr. Colden for my appointment, as another will Certainly be appointed in the room of Mr. Taylor if so the greatest Care shall always be taken Both by myself and my Son of Both written and veribal Messuages to my from Sir William and the Johnson Family as well as all the freinds at the Mount and Hall the Inclosed is for your Perusal it being Judge Livingston address to the Assembly — this day Mr. De Noyels presents a Bill to exclude Members from a Seat in that House — who holds offices under the Crown which I beleive will take place as the objection against Judge Livingston looked rather peaked without making it General

From your Hble Serv^t.

JACOB DYCKMAN

[] If I can obtain a few
 [] please to direct them
 [to Richard Cartwri]ght in
 [] Albany.

FROM THOMAS POWNALL

A. L. S.¹

Albemarle Street

London

Dec^r 5, 69—

DEAR SIR

I am favor'd & have y^e pleasure of your letter of y^e 10th of Oct^r—Having been confin'd now ten weeks with a most dangerous illness in which I was three times given over I am so reduced & so weak as not to be able to write or even think much—But I can not omitt expressing y^e pleasure I have I feel in y^e revival of our old frendly communication & correspondence—

If we had any Ministry any G————t if there was any business done in any Office I wou'd improve (as our N England phase is) your Letter with government—as it is I will from y^e hints of Information which it contains endeavor to make proper impressions on Individuals & if I could see any that those matters would either be understood or even listen'd to in Parl^t I would mention them there—

Our friend M^r Wharton tells me that your health is not in a perfect state of Establishment—If you can not, from the obstructions you meet with do y^e real good *which is necessary & to y^e purpose* come here & take care of your health—ask Leave to leave y^e Affairs in Col Croghan's hand 'till your Return or in y^e hands of your Son whom I much lament never having seen in England—but he was I suppose in hands that w^d not lett him come near me—

I wish you may be able to read this which I am scarce able to write—My hand shakes so I must give over I will rest a while that I may with a hand as steady as my heart to you subscribe myself what I really am—

D^r SirY^r Affectionate friend

T POWNALL

¹ In Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{le}

Sr. W^m Johnson Bar^t &c &c &c &c —

Johnson Hall

Albany County

New York

ENDORSED:

London Decbr. 5th. 1769

Gov^r. Pownals letter

TO DANIEL BURTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Dec^r. 6th 1769

SIR,

On my return from a Tour I made thro the Indian Nations to Seneca I was favored with your Letter of 8th May which gave me Much Satisfaction as I can have no doubt of the Success of his Grace the Arch Bishops application for a Grant in favor of the Church The Lands are no part of those Ceded by the Indians at the Fort Stanwix Treaty nor are they near them they are part of a Tract purchased sometime ago at the North side of the Mohock River in which some of my friends are concerned with myself but as I have never engaged in any Indⁿ. Lands but in one instance for wch I have been lately honored with his Majestys Letters patent, my Estate being purchased from the old patentees, I Engaged in this & I was induced to make the offer purely from my Inclination to serve the Church w^{ch} stands so much in Need of Assistance in this Country, by contributi^on. as far as I co^d. towards the Establishment of an American Episcopate Agreeable

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson. The manuscript is marked by numerous erasures and corrections.

to which as soon as I could after the rec^t. of your Letter I sent out a Survey^r. to run the Lines of the Tract of which the proposed 20,000^a is part which occasioned me to delay writing sooner as I waited his return & report of the Quantity & Quality of the Whole, The Survey being now Completed I find that the Land is in general tolerably good for altho in some places rough there is a great deal of good soil [with]out it & there are in it Some Lakes, part of wch will fall into the 20,000^a. & increase its Value with New Settlers on acct of fishing the interior part I know but little of the Survey^{rs}. remarks chiefly regarding the Parts adjacent to its out Lines, but I think it will be best to Lay it out, Begin^g. at the Canada Creek at the N E corner of a Tract lately Granted to me by his Ma^{ty} & running from thence N 74 E 710 Chains to a Corner Tree then ab^t. South to the N E corner of a Tract belonging to Lott & Low, thence N 58 W along Lot & Lows Line ab^t. 792 Chains to the place of beginning, this Contains accord^t to the Survey 20600 Acres includ^g part of the Lakes w^{ch} will take but little from its Quantity to Illustrate this I inclose you a little Sketch, and I think upon the whole it must be of Value in a little Time as Sev^l. Tracts have been lately patented which are at a greater distance from the Market & River than this, part of w^{ch} is within ab^t. seven Miles of my House, & When a Short Road now undertaken is completed will be little more than 30 from Schenectady. I shall now proceed to give you an Acct of my proceed^s. in Conseq^{ce}. of the societys late Appointm^{ts} Agreeable to wch I have fixed a Worthy honest Man as a School-master At the Mohocks who tho' there only since 24th. March has already Already 30 Indⁿ. Children under his Tuition who improve very fast & their Number will be Shortly Augmented. I have likewise Established a fit person who received a Liberal Education in Europe at Johns Town near this place, who has at present near 45 Children Whites and Indians & his School daily encreases, The Name of the first mentioned School Master is Collin McLeland, of the last is Edw^d. Wall, I have already advanced them half a Years Sallary & purpose that they shall Soon

draw for the Am^t on Mr Symonds, agreeable to advice from Dr. Auchmuty / The Rev^d. Mr Seabury of West Chester has been here but tho' he likes the place he is so Connected at his present Mission that he does not think it prudent to remove unless the Sallary for Johnstown was increased, and the situatⁿ of my affairs with the expence I have been at in building a Church, Parsonage & School House &ca will not allow me to add more than I offered him — Most of the other Missionaries are Circumstanced in the like Manner & it Seems equally inconven^t. to them to remove unless on better Sallarys than are allowed for that purpose. This, with the ill Success of our Endeavors in England gives me real Concern as I foresee the consequences as well as I do the advantages of hav^g the new missions filled with Men of Good Character. [*Is there not a possibility of getting 2 or 3 Young Men of Small Interest & Low Circumstances from some of the Universities or other Learned foundations to take orders for this purpose? I hope there is, or that you may meet with others more fitting in a little time, for I cannot help Interesting myself much in a Cause that stands in so much Need of Support, & when every Measure is taking to discourage it¹.*] — Since Writing the foregoing Mr. W^m. Andrews who is to be the bearer of this has called upon me well recommended to signify his desire for taking Orders & Obtaining the Mission for Schenectady where he has some Relations and is much esteemed by the people, and for which from the Character I have of him, Joined to my Own Observations I think him well Qualified, he has received his Education at Trinity College Dublin and has a Brother who has a Living in Ireland and as he now goes for London to apply for Orders I take the Liberty of recommending him for that Mission, Mr. Andrews has observed to me that there are many Gentlemen of good Character in Ireland who he thinks would embrace the Offer of Missions here, & that some Sober & aged Graduates of Trin: Coll: might easily be had from thence, I therefore think it necessary to offer this to the Consideration of the Society as

¹ Crossed out in the original.

worthy attention seeing that all our Endeavors hitherto elsewhere have proved ineffectual.

As I hope to hear from You soon & Shall not omit writing When anything Material Occurs I have only Now to add that I am with perfect Regard

Sir,

Sho^d. there be occasion to insert any part of the foregoing in the Societys publications, I sho^d. be glad that the particular description of the Land was Omitted, because I would not unnecessarily draw on myself the remarks of those who are enemys to the Wellfare of our Church.— or the insinuation that thereby the Officers of Gov^t. here are deprived offers &ca. but this is entirely submitted to the Wisdom of the society, whose Judgment will direct them in the choice of any part of my Correspondence that may be Judged necessary for publication.

The REV^d. DR. BURTON

INDORSED: Dec^r. 6th. 1769

To D^r. Burton

Sec^y. to the Society for propagating the Gospel.

ŕ¹ Mr. Andrews

TO TURBUTT FRANCIS

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall Dec^r. 6th. 1769

SIR

I have had the favor of your Letter which was in Consequence of a paragraph in Mine to Gov^r. Penn That the Indians had

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

particularly desired me to mention to him, And Altho' I conjectured there might be some Mistake in it from the Nature of the Representation, and the good Opinion I entertain of your discretion in an Affair so sensibly interesting to the Indians, yet I thought it best to give an Opportunity of Clearing it up on the Side affect[ed] especially as the Chiefs of Onohghquage¹ &ca were Extremely earnest, and appeared fully persuaded of what I Wrote upon, notwithstanding my laying before them the Improbability of it.— I am therefore glad that your Letter furnishes me with an opportunity of Clearing up this Affair and placing it in so favorable a Light, but from the situation you have described I apprehend it is neither Within the Purchase of this Province or Pennsylv^a. so that I see no prospect of Locating it under such Circumstances, otherwise I should not refuse you any Assistance in my power.

BILL OF JELLES FONDA

D.

Caughnawaga 7 December 1769

Honble Sir William Johnson Bar^t:

Bought of Jelles Fonda

20 Blankets of 14 points	12/	£ 12	0	0
[] White Shirts	14/	4	4	0
Ditt ^o . d ^o .	11/	3	6	—
		<hr/>		
		£ 19	10	0

p^r. John Wallis

ENDORSED: []
Major [Fonda's bill]
£19..10..—

¹ This word and the abbreviation following supplied by Johnson.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Copy/

Johnson Hall December 8th. 1769.

DEAR SIR,

Since my last the Cherokees who attended the Treaty with the Six Nations² are all arrived at my House with several Chiefs of the latter, who have laid before me the whole of their late proceedings, the general purport of which was that the Cherokees came to renew and strengthen the late Treaty of Peace settled here with the Six Nations, and to earnestly desire that the Six Nations and Coghnowageys should (in consequence thereof) unite their Arms against several of the Western and Southern Indian Enemy's to both, they spoke on above Thirty Belts and Strings of Wampum, and in particular delivered them a Pipe resembling a Head, to signify that they put their Heads into their Hands, to be directed by them as they thought best. The Agents amongst the Six Nations whom I had previously instructed, as uncertain of the event of the Treaty, having had the Success to prevail in the Council of the Six Nations. The Three Elder Tribes of the latter replied to the Cherokees, after the usual Ceremonies that they thanked them for renewing and strengthening the Treaty, and promised that on their parts it should be strictly observed, that the Nations most obnoxious to them were those towards the Illinois, particularly the Piankashaws and Wawiaghtenoës, to which the younger Branches of the Confederacy added the Chactaws, and some others, and the whole Confederacy unanimously gave for Answer, that agreeable to their former Engagements entered into with me, they would take Care of their Pipes, Belts &ca, and come to me to desire a Publick Meeting with me on the Occasion,

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.88. p. 59, London, England.

² Held March 4-12, 1768.

as they were determined to enter into no Publick Engagements without communicating them first to me, and recieving my Opinion and Approbation.

The Cherokees (after taking Notice in a very pritty Manner of the Obligations they owed to me for my Endeavors in effecting the late Peace between them) approved of what the Six Nations had resolved on, and the whole result was that the Chiefs of the Six Nations Accompanied by the Cherokees (the latter of whom are to remain here untill Spring) should come hither to request that I would light the Council Fire and call the Confederacy and Indians of Canada together this Winter, in Order to give them my Advice as to the Conduct of the War proposed, and to hear their Sentiments on the Proposals made to them, in consequence of which several are already here, and more on their way. This unavoidable and troublesome Circumstance altho' on many Accounts very agreable is particularly distressing to me at present, from the scarcity of Provisions, and as there is a Necessity for my Meeting them in consequence of their late Resolutions, and that as soon as I can, I am entirely at a Loss how to Conduct myself on Account of the Expence which at any rate will be considerable, and particularly how I shall supply them with Provisions, the Scarcity and dearness of which renders it impossible for me to get it in the Country, on these Heads I must request to be favored with your Advice and Directions, after which there will I expect be Time before they can Assemble from Canada &ca for determining what Steps will be best to take at the Congress, which, as I look upon it to be of Consequence and Importance should be rendered by proper Management, of as much real use to the Publick as possible, for altho' a War amongst themselves may be thought to effect the Commerce in that Quarter, yet I have strong reasons to think that unless they are engaged in something of that kind, many may be drawn into Plots and Designs of a more dangerous Tendency, and indeed the Conduct of the Nations that way, has lately been such, as to obstruct the Trade and Com-

munication nearly or full as much as if a War had Actually Subsisted.

I am with the most Cordial Esteem.

Dear Sir,
&ca,

(Signed) W. JOHNSON.

His Excellency GENERAL GAGE.

INDORSED: Copy of a Letter from
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
to General Gage.
Dated
Johnson Hall Decem^r: 8th: 1769
In Major Gen^l. Gage's (N^o. 39)
of Jany 6th. 1770.

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 440, is a letter of December 9th from the Earl of Hillsborough, at Whitehall, authorizing Johnson to declare the royal ratification of the treaty at Fort Stanwix, excepting private grants, commending Sir William's vigilance and expressing doubt as to French influence over the Indians (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:960-61; Q, 2:556-57).

Below Johnson's indorsement is a certificate of John Van Ness Yates, secretary of state of New York, declaring that the paper is filed in his office. Dated July 18, 1823.

FROM WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 440, is a letter of December 10th from William Andrews, at Schenectady, informing that he will soon return to Ireland and proposing that vacant missions in this province be supplied by graduates of Trinity college, Dublin, in view of the want of clergy in England and the meager facilities for education in America (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:41-22; Q, 4:264-65).

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 11th Decem^r. 1769

SIR,

My last to you was of the 20 Ultimo, I have only now to Inform you that I have paid the Following drafts as al fact which are Carried to your New Account and that Mr. Mortier Arrived here in Perfect Health Twelve days Aga —

I am with great Regard

Sir,

Your most Obedient, and
most Humble Servant

W^m. NEWTON

[]	draft to John Moffatt for	£80
[]	ditto to John Roach for	90 4 6
[]	ditto on Robert Adems to Phyn & Ellice for	400
[]	ditto to Daniel Campbell for	150
		<hr/>
		£720 4 6

[SIR] WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet.

ADDRESSED: On His Majestys Service
To Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ New York 11th Decbr. 1769
Mr. Newtons Letter
wth. a list of some Drafts
of mine.

Ansrd.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York Decr. 11th 1769*

DEAR SIR,

The Business of the Packet prevented my acknowledging your Favour of the 23^d. Nov^r. by the last Post Observing there are Charges for Smith and Interpreters, I am to beg of you either to tell me their Names, or where they are posted, that I may make no Mistake about them; for Mr. Croghan has been paid for Draughts on him for Sundry Smiths and Interpreters; and the Officers Commanding at the Posts, have been directed to pay them from the time discharged your Service, as they were not to be inserted afterwards in the Indian Accounts. The Sum allowed you being too small to incur those Expences, and I must curtail them whenever the Provinces shall judge proper to appoint others.

A warrant shall be immediately Made out for the two Accounts you transmitted in the above Letter, and as the Accounts you Sent by Mr: Adams, of Cap^t. M^c.Leod's and Mr. Hay's Expenditures, as Commissarys at Niagara and the Detroit, which belong to the former Establishment of your Department, before the New Regulations took Place, they will be paid by a separate Warrant, to which may be added the Account of Smith's work at Oswegatchi and that of Captain Glazier at Michillimakinac. The two last May also enter into the old Establishment the Expences being incurred during that time, but the officers at the Posts will receive orders to draw no more Bills upon you.

The Indian² who accompanied Silver Heels³ from Fort Chartres was paid by Lieu^t. Colonel Wilkins; I Send you an Extract from the Colonel's Acc^t. to me, by which it appears they

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Peter, a Mohawk.

³ A Seneca warrior.

were both paid by him before they left Fort Chartres. How they may have Managed between themselves I can't say but from the Account they have received in Money and Goods to the Amount of 150 Dollars.

I hope you will Soon receive advice that the Meeting at Onandaga has turned out to your Satisfaction. I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^R: W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: Decbr. 11th. 1769

Gen^l. Gages Letter
wth. an Inclosure

EXPENSES FOR INDIAN LANDS

D. S.¹

Sir Wm. Johnson's bill for Indian expenses in purchase of land, Dec. 12, 1769.

The Honble the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania To Sundry Expenses accrued for Sending up & paying the Five Nations the Purchase money for the Lands they Sold at Fort Stanwix Treaty D^r.

	£	s.	d.
To an Express Sent to give all the Nations notice	8.	16.	0.
To the hire of 5 Battoemen from 26 th . June to 6 th August 5s ⁷ / ₈ day they finding themselves in provisions	52.	10.	0.

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Penn-Physick Manuscripts, vol. IV, 1676-1801, Philadelphia, Pa.

	£	s.	d.
To provisions to the Indians	45.	14.	0.
To Another Express sent from Seneca to hurry the most Distant of their Tribes which de- tained business for 12 Days	6.	18.	0.
	<hr/>		
	£ 113.	18.	10. ¹
	W. JOHNSON		

Philadelphia 12th: Decem^r. 1769.

MR PHYSICK²

The above Sum of £113 . 18 . 10 New York Currency was paid by me to Jn^o. Wetherhead at New York with money belonging to Mr. Hockley; You must therefore pay Mr. Hockley the like Sum in discharge of the above Amount.

JOHN PENN

WARRANTS FROM THOMAS GAGE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 440, are listed three warrants of December 14th, 15th and 16th from General Thomas Gage, authorizing the payment to Johnson of £2483, 13s, 9d, New York currency, £2377, 7s, 9d and £933, 6s, 3¾d. Destroyed by fire.

TO WILLIAM ANDREWS

*Df.*³

[Johnson hall, December 15, 1769]

SIR,

I have rec^d. y^r Letter & agreeable to my promise I now Inclose you a Letter to Dr Burton the Societys Sec^y wherein I have made

¹ The added item, 10d., not explained in the manuscript.

² Edmund Physick, agent of the Penn Family.

³ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

particular mention of your design, and recommended you to the Society for the Mission of Schenectady to which I daresay you will be appointed

I have taken Notice of what you Mention concerning Missionaries from Trinity College in my Letter & I make no doubt that in case they are not already supplied it will be attended to.

Should any Unforeseen Event retard your Arrival in London you will please to forward My Letter either by post, or some Safe Conveyance, as it contains some particulars which the Society require to know as soon as possible, I heartily wish you success and a safe return to America and am Sir

Your Very humble Servt

INDORSED:¹ Decbr. 15th. 1769

To Mr. W^m. Andrew

wth. an Inclosure

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

Albany 15 Decr 1769

SIR

Mr. Grace left this Just in the nick of time he desired me to procure you Some Oranges which have done & also he desired me to provide you Some good Cheese there is not an Ounce to be had at York nor here Doct. Sam^l Stringer has promised to send you a piece — the Oranges Shall be Sent you the first Slay that goes they have been mighty busy in Signing Petitions to the Assembly one party for no rum to be Sent on any Acco^t. farther than Niagara. this Signed by numbers of Dutch trader & no traders & Seems entirely Calculated to take the trade Quite of the hands of all Uropeans ✓

the other is a Senceable well wrote petition the Just reverce of the Other and is for an Open free trade Signed only by Uropean traders — ✓

¹ In Johnson's hand.

There is Another petition to have the County divided Just As Specified in the late Act. its a paltry thing as to the writing it and the reasons assign'd they are Cursedly afraid of having Schoharie included in the New County. these Petitions are all gone down two by Coll^o Schuyler. & 1 by Com^d Grant that for the Division of County is Signed by great numbers. I thot it proper to give you this little Acco^t. of our Polliticks and to Assure you that I am with respect

Sir

Your most hum^e Serv^t

R CARTWRIGHT

ADDRESSED: To

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

at

Johnson Hall

per Mr. Steel

INDORSED: []

Mr. Cartwr [ights letter]

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[Kin]derhook 16 December 1769

I had the honor of writing you from New York about a Fort-night or three Weeks ago and [] Send you a Copy of a Register of Military Commissions issued by His Excellency Sir Henry Moore [] which it appears that this Populace Township has been left out of all the Regiments.—We had [ye]sterday a Town Meeting when I Communicated to my Townsmen the designs that had been formed against us []d in part carried into execution by Col^o. Rensselaer and his Friends — A unanimous opposition was immediately [reso]lved upon and a Petition against the Claverack Regiment was signed in Substance with the one that was delivered Sir Henry Moore last Spring, of which I took the liberty of Sending you a Copy.—One Petition

will be accompanied with a number of Antidated Commissions — one of them I beg leave to trouble you with at the request [of th]e principle People of the Township. At our Meeting yesterday we were informed that a Petition was Soon [to] make its appearance here to join with the Albanians to pray that Schohary may remain in the old County.¹— If such a Petition should appear here I am authorised by the Body of the People to Assure you that it will meet with the Contempt it deserves. I intended to have paid my respects to you [] after my arrival here but the Weather has been so disagreeably bad that I have thought best to [pu]t off my jaunt 'till some time in the Winter, in the mean time I remain with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
and most humble servant

H V SCHAACK

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble}.
Sir William Johnson Baronet
Fort Johnson

INDORSED: [] 16th Decbr. 1769
Henry Vanschaack Esq^{rs}.
Letter wth. an Inclosure

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 18 December 1769

I flatter myself you have receivd the Severall Articles Sent you [by] Captain Sharp who I am told got Safe to Albany before the river closed — I now take the Liberty of writing to You at

¹ By the act of March 12, 1772, Schoharie was left in Albany county. See *The Colonial Laws of New York*, V:320; also C. J. Sauthier's map of New York and New Jersey, 1777 or his map of New York, 1779.

the request of Mr Kempe, concerning the Lands on the East Side of Schohary Creek which were included in our Indian Purchase, Severall People have applyd for those Lands under the Pretence that they were included in a Purchase made from the Kates Kill Indians in the Year 1766 by Scott, French &c^a.¹ Mr Croghan assures us that the Katts Kill Indians had no Right to any Lands there in Consequence of which I have entered a Caveat against granting his Majestys Letters Patent to Any Persons untill I am heard before the Governor & Council upon the Matter & for this End I Shoud esteem myself happy if I could get your Opinion before the intended Hearing, because I am confident you know better than All the World besides How far the Rights of the Katts Kill and those of the Mohawk Indians extend & Consequently your Opinion respecting that Matter will be particularly attended to by the Governor & Council, indeed I do not believe they will determine the Matter without first having your Opinion — Coll^o Croghan has been kind enough to offer his Evidence (if Wanted) at the Board, which will do very well as far as it goes; but as every [body] will think you much more intimately acquainted with this [ma]tter than Mr Croghan can possibly be — Permitt me Sir to ask [the] favour of your candid Opinion concerning this Matter, in [order] that (if necessary & with your Permission) I may lay it before [the Go]vernor & Council — Shoud you think there is any thing improper [or impertinent ?] in this Request I begg your Pardon for it, but if not [] to assure you Sir that your kind Compliance will be [a] very particular Favour done to

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []

[]

[]

]heads Letter

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 395 and *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 515.

FROM DUDLEY DAVIS

A. L. S.

Schenectady Decr. the 19th. 1769

SIR/

As the Distress I Labor under at this time is very great, I hope you will Consider it in some Sort as an Excuse for this Liberty

With great Reluctance & fear of Offending or being thought by you too presuming, I sometime ago Apply'd to Coll^l. Johnson to lay my Case before you and beg your Assistance to Enable me to quit the place and in a late Letter Coll^l. Johnson mentions to me that he had laid my Case before you, and that you had kindly promised to lett me have about twenty pounds I thereupon Apply'd to my Friend Duncan by whose Assistance I managed matters so, that with thirty p^{ds}. I coud quit the place and go up to Johns Town; of this I Inform'd Coll^l. Johnson & Beg'd he woud mention it to you, and if it was Settled, that he shoud desire Sutton to come down to me; at the same time I wrote to Sutton directing him so soon as Coll^l. Johnson shoud give him the Needfull, to come off, with one Sledge only & to Order Seven Others to come down the day following to bring up all my things and family; but Instead of Observing my directions, Sutton came down [] on Sunday Night with one Sledge, without [] any thing Else, and this morning Seven others [] came down, to my very great distress, as I [] declare I had not one Dollar in the World and it was with the Utmost difficulty I coud [] to send my things off, and shoud not have been able [] Effect it but for the Assistance of my Friends Duncan & M^c. Donald, who were so good as to give thier words [with] mine that the moneys shoud be paid by thursday Night next, and I am on my parole of Honor not to quit this or M^r Duncans untill the moneys are paid, this Sir is truly my present Situation, and have not any method left Untry'd, to Extricate myself, but by Apply^g. to you, I therefore Earnestly beg you will Assist me with £30 for w^{ch}. I send you

my Bond Enclosed, I doubt not I shall be able to pay it by the time Specify'd, perhaps sooner, & I Assure you it will serve me most Essentially, & with the truest Sense of Gratitude I shall ever remain Sr.

Your much Oblidged & most
Obed^t. Servant

DUDLEY DAVIS

I have directed Sutton, as soon as he receives your [Answer] to, Endeavour to procure a Sledge or some other Convey[ance] & send it down Immediately to bring up Mrs. Davis [] Self, our boy and Girl being gone with the Sledges []

DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDS OF LANDS¹

D.

[December 20-23, 1769]

Extract of Bounds of Lands Petitioned for by
John Bergen

A Tract of Land in the County of Albany situate on the North West side of the South West Branch of Hudsons River, Beginning at the Northwesterly corner bounds of the Patent of Sachendaga and which is also the Southeast Corner and place of beginning of a Tract of thirty thousand Acres of Land lately Petitioned for by Isaac Low and his Associates, and running thence Southwesterly Westerly and Northwesterly along the Westerly and Northerly bounds of the Patented Lands there until a North sixty Degrees East Line will strike the Southwesterly Corner bounds of a Tract of forty six thousand Acres of Land lately Petitioned for by Thomas Palmer and his Associates, Thence running along the South bounds of the said Tract petitioned for by the aforesaid Isaac Low and Thomas Palmer, South thirty Degrees East to the place of beginning containing about thirty thousand Acres be the same more or less.—

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 459, 482, 483.

The like by Robert Leake

A Certain Tract of Land unpatented, situate lying and being in the County of albany on the Northwesterly side of the Southwesterly Branch of Hudsons River beginning at the Southeast Corner of Certain Lands prayed to be purchased by Peter Remsen and his Associates, thence running down the said Branch the distance of 360 Chains upon a Straight Line [runn]ing thence North 30 Deg^s. West keeping the full breadth before mentioned so far as will com[prehend 30000 acres]

Peter Remsen & Associates —

A Certain Tract of Land in the County of Albany on the Northwesterly side of the Southwesterly branch of Hudsons River beginning at the South East Corner of Certain Lands prayed for by Dirck Lefferts and his Associates thence running down the said Branch the distance of 360 Chains upon a Streight Line & running thence North 30 Deg. W. keeping the full breadth before mentioned so far as will comprehend thirty thousand Acres.—

Dirck Lefferts & Associates

A Certain Tract of Land in the County of albany on the Northwesterly side of the Southwesterly branch of Hudsons River Beginning at the S. E. Corner of Certain Lands prayed to be purchased by Isaac Low and his Associates, thence running down the said Branch the distance of 360 Ch: upon a Streight Line, and running thence North 30 Deg. W. keeping the full breadth before mentioned so far as will comprehend 30,000^a.

Isaac Low and Associates.

A Tract of Land unpatented situate lying and being []
County of Albany on the Northwesterly side of []
Branch of Hudsons River beginning in the [] Corner
of the Sachendaga Patent, thence [] Deg. W. 650
Ch: or thereabouts [] Ch: thence S. 30 Deg. E.
to the said Branch of Hudsons River then up along the said
Branch till it meets with the Patented Lands there thence along
the Northerly and Westerly bounds of the said Patented Lands

to the place of beginning so as to Comprehend within the Bounds thereof the Quantity of thirty thousand acres.

Thomas Palmer and Associates.

A Tract of Land in the County of Albany beginning at the North Westerly Corner of certain Lands on the Northwesterly side of the Southwesterly Branch of Hudsons River prayed to be purchased by Isaac Low and his Associates, thence running along the Northwesterly Bounds of the said Tract and of certain other Tracts prayed to be purchased by Dirck Lefferts and his Associates, Peter Remsen and his Associates, and Robert Leake and his Associates to the Northeasterly Corner thereof thence North thirty Degrees 30 Deg. W. keeping the full breadth before mentioned so far as will Comprehend 46,000 acres.—

Thomas Duncan and Associates

△ A Certain Tract of Land in the County of Albany situate between the North and the Southwest branch of Hudsons River, beginning at the Fork of the said River running from thence up along the Northwest side of the said Southwest Branch until it meets a Tract of 30,000 Acres of Land lately Petitioned for by Robert Leake Esquire and Associates, thence N. 30 Deg. W. along the Easterly bounds of the last mentioned Tract and the other Petitioned for by Thomas Palmer and his Associates [] to the Northeast Corner of the last mentioned Tract and to run thence North 60 Deg. E [] with the said North branch of Hudsons [] down along the said West side thereof to [] beginning containing about 45,000 acres including the Mountains.—

Jeremiah Van Renselaer & others Lycence to purchase Granted 3^d. October 1769.

A Tract of Land in the County of Albany on the West side of Hudsons River about 36 Miles above Saraghtoga and about Seven Miles to the West of Lake George containing by estimation 25,000 acres together with two Islands lying opposite to the said Land in the said River containing about 100 Acres each.

EXTRACTS FROM SUNDRY LETTERS¹*Norwalk in Con^t. Decr. 20, 1769*

To promote the Gospel among the Indians" the 2^d thing I propose is, That all the Missionaries shd be single men, & marry into some chief family of the Tribe to w^h they are sent. 3^d thing proposed is, That only one sort of Missions shd be allowed to go among them, for it there be more, neither will succeed.

My zeal for the cause I wrote upon must be my apology for laying my mind so freely open to your excellency in an affair unsolicited.

I understand the convention of the Clergy of this Colony have wrote to you in fav^r of Patrick Thacher Esq^r. the Bearer of this, who I have been informd waits upon your excellency for advice in matters of great importance. You will find him a plain, honest man, a thorough Churchman, and a good Man. In short he has been trained up in our spiritual flanders where he has learnt the use of every weapon, & always ready to defend religion from the perpetual attacks of Dissenters & Infidels.

I am may it please y^r excellency &c

JEREMIAH LEAMING

Miss^{ty}. at Norwalk

New York, March 5, 1770

I coud wish that the Bishop had a little more zeal, & were not afraid of shadows, & the Society more resolution & application in affairs that immediatly concern them. Were they to act with the same spirit that animates their Enemies, success, considering their great weight, as a respectable Body, must attend all their endeavors. They are intimidated by Scriblers or they woud make use of their powerful Interest to do Justice to the National Church & its friends. No exertion on their part in favour of an

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. The first and the second letter were unquestionably written to Johnson.

american Bishop appears, or is like to appear; the Ministry are averse to it, for fear of offending *their good friends the american Wigs*, who do, & will ride triumphant unless God in his wise providence interferes.

Your just observations upon the Gentlemen educated in the College of Dublin in holy orders, I have communicated to the Society, & have backed them with a request that they may be solicited to accept of american missions. The reputation of the College for learning & Loyalty is very high, & I am confident deservedly so — I am so sensible of this, that I shall think myself happy if I can, a few years hence, send one of my sons to it, to be educated in such principles as may render him serviceable to his king & his Country.

Mr Inglis who is a sensible man & a true friend to Church & state has anticipated my mentioning to you the imprudent step the Government have taken in sending a popish missionary among the Indians to the Eastward — A popish Bishop & a popish Missionary, now in America & the poor neglected Church of England left to combat with them & numerous Dissenters without the least help protection, or countenance. Such a discouragement, nay pardon me, if I say cruel treatment I am confident cannot be paralleled. Our loyalty & our duty oblige us to submit to our superiors & I hope ever will &c

The Dissenters here pretend to be our only patriots & one Capt. McDougall, hardly known, sets himself up for the second Wilks He has most audaciously libelled three branches of the Legislature — is countenanced only by the Dissenting party, & S——r of Albany, who has warmly espoused their Interest. He is now as he says under persecution; if so may he never meet with less — for less it is than he deserves. I will not trouble you any longer with so worthless a subject.

Your much obliged

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

TO RICHARD (?) PRESTON

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall Decr. 20th. 1769*

SIR,

Since the return of my Son Sir John from England I have received such an Accot. of your very kind and Affectionate enquiries concerning your Brother Lieut Achilles Preston, as also from Doctor Shuckburgh, that I am induced tho a Stranger to you to represent his Case in such a light as will do Justice to him and I hope afford satisfaction to his friends—I know him personally since the siege of Niagara in 1759, and always found him an Alert Officer²—The Following year some unhappy differences arose in which he had the misfortune to be, I believe very innocently involved, and which compelled him to leave the Army. but as this was not occasioned by any dishonorable act of his, but rather to the Strictness of Military Law, which at some period may extend to any Man, he was universally pitied, and is always spoken very favorably of by the Gentlemen of the Army, tho' his spirit will not allow him to attempt to enter into it again.— In this Situation he came under my protection, accompanied the Indians & others under my Command against the Enemy, and was by me appointed an Officer in that service in the Indian rupture which happened soon after, wherein he acquitted himself much to my satisfaction, and soon after married an Agreeable Young Woman near N York but finding that part too Expensive for one [] circumstances, he applied to me, in consequence of which he is now Settled on a [] farm on my Estate about a Mile from my house, to which he diligently and [indus]triously applies all his Attention, and would I am persuaded get into easy and [] able circumstances with a

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lieutenant Preston's regiment, the 44th, took part under Johnson in the reduction of Fort Niagara. Preston was recommended May 14, 1768 for a lieutenancy in Guy Johnson's regiment.

little Assistance to buy a Negro, or two, horses &ca. As his [] may prevent him from saying as much, and as I have been always disposed [] him as far as I conveniently could from the great Expences to which I am [] I think it an Act of Justice to mention these facts to his friends, that on knowing his present situation and Circumstances they may have it in their power to testify their regard for a Very Worthy Man at the very period when by their kind help he may be enabled to establish himself in such a Manner as will reflect honor on them, as a little well timed remembrance may be the means of his acquiring a handsome Competency and prove the foundation of that fortune to which his Reputation & merit intitles him. As I could not say less in his behalf, so I think it needless to say more, to a Gentleman of whom I have had a very advantageous character as this was the origin of my friendship for him, I cannot but esteem his worthy Relations and remain with regard

Sir,

[] PRESTON

INDORSED:¹ Decbr. 22^d. 1769

Letter to Mr. Preston
Mercer in London

ACCOUNT OF DAVID QUACKENBUSH

A. D.

[December 21, 1769]

Dr

1769 Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t, to David Quack

£ S d

[] to Six Days, makeing of Bricks at 8 ^s	2	8	0
to 11 Days & Half for my Son Abraham			
making of Bricks at 8 ^s p ^r Day	4	12	0
to 3 Days Masons Work	0	18	0
to 1 Skepple of Lime	0	1	6

¹ In Johnson's hand.

1763	to 9 Days Making of Bricks of my Son Peter D. Quackenbosh	3	12	0
	to 22 Days of masons Work of my Self	6	12	0
	to 2 Days of masons Work of my son John Scott Quackenboss	0	12	0
1763	to 4 Days Work of my Self & my Son Jeremiah making your Brick Place Ready	1	12	0
	to 17 Days making of Bricks	6	16	0
	to 2 Days of my Self	0	16	0
	to 12 Days of my Son Peter D Quakenbos making of Bricks	4	16	0
	to Putting up your Brick Kiln 4 Days [] Half My Son Peter D Quakenbos has Helped me 4 Days & Half	1	16	0
	To 8 Days & 8 Nights Burning yr [] Two of us	9	12	0

45 18 6

[] Johnson Sr by Settling accounts
 [] Quackenbushs I find Written in his book A [Memo-
 rand]om, of the Last time of your Honours [] Accounts
 together in the year []

1764 Memorandum of Cash Receiv,d in [] of Sr W ^m				
Johnson Bar ^t	£	S	d	
	10	0		
Paid to my Son Peter	6	10		
Paid to Peter Conyen	4	0		

Total Rec^d 20 10

Errors Excepted

Ballance Due 25 9 6

INDORSED: [] David Quackenbosh
 Account Against
 [] W^m Johnson
 [] Bar^t

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Philadelphia Decbr. 22^d. 1769

SIR

I wrote y^r. Honor before I Left New york and Inform^d. you the Cause of My Long Delay there w^h. was Ocationed on Account of them percheses w^h. was Made att Fort Stanwix w^h. throu the asistence of Governor Colden & M^r. Bayaner I gott all Settled & Secur^d. w^h. I blive Wold Never a been don had I Nott gott Down att y^e. Time I Did & Governor Colden Come into the administration

I See the General often while I was in york he behav^d. Very Sivel to Me & frendly I show^d. him y^r. honours Instructions to Me his answer was that he had Nothing to Say Butt that he thought My going when y^e. Indians was all out a hunting Could be of Litle Sarvice and that by his Leters y^e. Indians had behave^d [qu]iatly for Some Time past yett he Said that [he] blive^d. there was No Doubt of Truble in y^e. [Spr]ing & that he thought My going Early in the Spring Might be of Real Service & Desier^d. [Me] to Write to Cap^t. Edmonston¹ & Send Some Belts to the Diferent Tribes with Mesidges to Inform them that I wold Meet them in y^e. Spring and this I Shall Do in a Day or two by [McKee] who is going up to Take Cair of Some Litle A[] & Catle he has there & bring them away I am preswaded M^r. M^cKee will Do Every thing in [his] power to find out the Intensions of y^e. Indians [] forward all the Intiligance he Can Gett to y[] Honor & Me

Inclos^d. I Send you a Leter of all y^e Intiligance I have had Comunicated to Me by Leters Sence [I] Came hear for y^r honors pruseal

I have been Lame for Ten Days past Nott able [to] go out of y^e. Room Butt am Somewhat beter [] have partly Settled My affairs in this City & hope to be Ready to Take My Lave of

¹ Commandant at Fort Pitt.

this City [for] Ever in about a fortnight & Return to ye. []
banks of Ottsago

Mr. McKee has found ye. S—— M—¹ [] Weomen
if Ever there was one there & Som[] Sent home to be
Try^d. itt Looks well & ye. [] a good opinion of itt
please to present My [] to all the famelys & Blive Me
with the Gr[]

y^r. Honors Most Humble []
[]

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t.

INDORSED: []

Mr. Croghans Letter

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

L. S.

Philadelphia Dec^r 22^d 1769

DEAR SIR

Since I came to this place I have had several Letters from Fort Pitt D'troit and from several Traders in the Indian Country, all agreeing that the Indians have Beheaved very Quietly, late in the Fall, before they went out a Hunting; but every person who has Wrote me Observes, that they have been very constant in private Councils and very reserved to thier most Intimate Friends amongst the Traders and have been purchasing up Powder & Lead all the Fall for their Peltry, and likewise offering thier Horses for Amunition which is very uncommon, and I think discovers a design of an open rupture in the Spring; they purchase no Goods from any of the Traders but Amunition of which they are laying up great Quantities.

¹ In 1769 the Manor of Stoke was surveyed for the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania at Wyoming comprising 9800 acres. At the same time the neighboring Manor of Sunbury was created. The initials in this case probably stand for Susquehanna Manor.

*discovered and
later a note
leads*

A Party of the Ohio Senicas, Shawanese & Delawares have been this Fall at D'troit and had a private Council in the Huron Village¹ with the Hurons, Chepawas, Ottawas, & Putiwatimies, in which Council they complain'd to these Nations, saying the English had made a large purchase of Lands from the Six Nations and that the Six Nations had Shamefully taken all the Money and Goods to themselves and not Shared any part thereof with them tho the most part of the Country which was Sold was their Hunting Ground down the Ohio and that by that Sale a great Number of their people which have lived on the West & East Branches of Susquahannah have been so encroached upon by New Settlements that they have no Hunting Grounds left & requested of the Hurons to give their people some Lands near Quiyahaga to Plant & Hunt [] that they would go and remove them from the Susquah[anna] this request the Hurons Granted & gave them a large Belt [] Wampum, and Mr M^c Kee who is just come down from [] Wioming & Fort Augusta see the Indians that came f[rom the] Ohio to take all the Shawanese and Delawares [] the Branches of Susquahannah who told him thier Bussiness and he saw above Fifty Families set off with them and the rest is to go early in the Spring.

At this Meeting in the Huron Village, the Hurons, Chepawas, Ottawas, & Putiwatimies agreed to Confirm a Peace with the Cherokees as soon as they Returned from amongst the Six Nations which I think must be Detrimental to the Public Interest.

Mr M^c Kee says that the Indians he met upon Susquahannah from the Ohio spoke of the Six Nations with great disrespect and resentment and calls them the Slaves of the White people, that in the begining of the late War they ware as humble as Dogs to the French & that now they ware the same to the English for what they could get, and yet when they came amongst the Western

¹ Situated on the eastern side of the Detroit river, and occupied by the Wyandots after 1747.

Nations the spoke the Worst they could of them and was always breeding Quarrels between their Nations and the English.

I am

Your Honors most Ob^t. Hum^{ble} Ser^t.

GEO: CROGHAN

[The Hon]^{ble}.

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED: Decbr. 22^d. 1769

Mr. Croghans Letter

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 25th December 1769

SIR,

I had the Honour of Writing you the 13^h & 20^h of last Month & the 13^h Instant, since which have not had the pleasure of hearing from you, I now take this Opportunity of Transmitting you the Generals Warrants of 14^h 15th & 16^h Instant, with three Receipts for Each in your favor for the Sums of £2483-13-9 £2377. .7. .9 & £933.6.3³/₄ New York Currency, which came to the Office on the 23^d. Instant, Captain Maturin has made an Alteration in the Account Annexed to the last, having I believe Included a bill in the Possession of Mr Wetherhead for £283.12.2 which as he has shewn your Orders to Jn^o Adems on that head will be Paid & Charged to your Account, so that you'll please sign the Account Annexed to that Warrant before you Return it, Mr. Mortier had a Slight Touch of the Gout in his Right Hand a little before his Arrival which still Continues & deprives him of the Pleasure of Writing you himself

I am with great Regard

Sir,

Your most Obedient, and
most Humble Servant

W^m. NEWTON

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New york Decr. 25th. 1769.

DEAR SIR,

Least you Should not have received any News from the Detroit I inclose you a Speech transmitted me from thence, which you will understand better than I can; but it appears to me in Some Measure, to correspond with the Contents of your Letter of the 8th Inst., which I received only two Days ago. And that the Ohio and Western Indians, are endeavouring to strengthen their Confederacy, the better to oppose the Six Nations and Cherokees, who I perceive from your Letter, are Meditating a war against them.

It is a Shocking alternative to let these Savages destroy each other or by Mediating a Peace turn their Hatchets against our own Heads. In Such an Extremity there is no doubt which to prefer, but Humanity must make us Regret that our Affairs are in Such a Situation.

I wish it was More in my Power to assist you in your want of Provisions, in doing which I would go as far as I could answer considering the Orders that have been Sent us. There is Some at Albany about 20 Barrells of Pork and perhaps double that Quantity of Flour. If you will Send for a Quantity there orders will be given accordingly to the Commissary.

I return your Vouchers and you will please to Sign the Abstract made out here including Captain Glazier's Account, for which a Warrant is granted.

I wish you the Compliments of the Season, and am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m: JOHNSON Bar^l.

INDORSED: Decb^r. 25th 1769

Gen^l. Gages Letter

wth. Inclosures —

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

FROM CORNELIUS VROMAN

A. L. S.

Schohary Desember 26th 1769

SIR

as I have been at your house about two years ago to purchase Some of your wood Land near my Dwellings and as you Said you would have the Same wood land laid in lotts at which time you promesd me an offer the Same Be laid So into lotts which tink you must have for got Should Be glad to your honour if you would Be So good and Sell me Some of the Said Land for a Reasonable price

I Remain with Esteem

Sir

your most Obedient

humble Sirvent

CORNELIUS VROMAN

ADDRESSED: to The honourable
Sir William Johnson
att

Johnsons hall

INDORSED:¹ [] Decbr. 26th 1769
Corn^s. Vroman Esq^{rs}.

Letter for
the purchase of Land there.
Ansr^d.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London 27th Decr. 1769

Nothing Could give me greater Concern that I [have] not the Happiness of being with you to day then the [occ]asion which

¹ In Johnson's hand.

has detained me, that being intirely owing [to] the Indisposition of my Poor Little woman who has [suff]ered more than I thought it was possible for her to bear [] she lay in — several times we have almost dispared of her Recovery — last night and this morning she seems much Better and the Doct. who attends her gives us [] hopes that she will grow better Very Fast, which [] Pray to God may be the Case, as I most Earnestly [] to have the pleasure of seing you and shall set [] the moment she is able to take Care of her self [] Expect Col^o. Fitch here tomorrow in order to Fix upon [] day and believe about Eight or ten good Farmers [wi]ll set of about the same time to treat with you [] some Part of the land you have to dispose of [] the last post I Sent you the Boston papers by which [] see what temper they still Continue in, and shall []y forward those of this week — this Evening and [] Refer you to them for news — the Few Members [] Lodge here are just going to dinner when I am [] and our Brethren in the Neighbourhood of Johnson [Hall] be Remember'd. I am with the greatest Respect [] for your health, as well as my best Compliments [] which hope you will see many Returns of []

Your most Obed^t.

& most Hble Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

ADDRESSED: To

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

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
[] J. G^s. letter

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

*Albany the 28th Dec^r. 1769*HON^D SIR

The bearer hereof is Mr. W^m. Goddard¹ recommended to me by Mr. John Cole of Providence as his particular friend & the printer & publisher of the *Pensylvania Chronicle* & who comes up here with a View to enlarge his Business & to set up a printing office & publish a Weekly paper in this place if he can meet with proper Encouragement—he waits on you to communicate this his design & to know your sentiments which will determine him in his relsoves thereon I wish you the Compliments of the season and am Sir your most obedient & very

Humble Servant

P SILVESTER

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble}
Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: [] 28th. Dec^{br}. 1769
Mr. Silvesters Letter

¹ William Goddard was born in New London, Conn., in 1740. In 1762 he founded the *Providence Gazette*, and shortly after obtained an interest in the *New York Gazette and Postboy*. In 1766 he removed to Philadelphia, where the following year he established the *Pensylvania Chronicle and Universal Advertiser*, under the patronage of Joseph Galloway. In 1773 he founded the *Maryland Journal* at Baltimore. Two years later he was appointed by Franklin comptroller of the postoffice. His last days were passed in Rhode Island. His friendship with General Charles Lee is noteworthy. He published in the *Maryland Journal* of July 6, 1779 the 25 Queries in which Lee reflected on the military character of Washington, the policy pursued by the men in power toward Loyalists and the methods of the court-martial by which Lee had been tried. Goddard was a legatee under Lee's will and many of Lee's papers were left in his charge. See *Lee Papers* in *Collections of the New York Historical Society*, 1873 and 1874.

SPEECH OF INDIAN DEPUTIES

D.¹

S. W. J.

Deputies from the
Senecas, Cayougas,
Onondagas, Onidas &
Mohawks —

Last Year at the meeting we had with You at Fort Stanwix we made Over to our Great King & Father a large tract of Country, and at the same time the Onidas gave Scano (Col. Bradstreets Indian name) a Small piece and pray'd that Our Great King & Father would be pleas'd to confirm it to him free of expence that that token of our regard for Scano might be of some Value to him.

The Onidas have receiv'd a Message from Scano (which we lay before you) by which You will See the greatest part of the Lands given him is claim'd by some white people under pretence they bought it from the Meheconders — This is treating [him] with so much injustice that we [] not Submit to it, for although each [] must] have their different district Still [the lands] belong to us all and whatever [] is done to one Nation we consider [] the whole for we are one People [] known to the White people of this [] Five Nations put Petticoats on [the Meheconders] long ago and that by right [] land they had belongs to them and that [] that power on many [] that the Meheconders never d[] But without entering into [] the Lands in question was [never] by the Meheconders (this the W[] know) and they have Assur'd Us [that the] White people at Esopus had often [tried] to persuade them those Lands not [only] belong'd to them but that they had [sold them] to one

¹ In handwriting of John Bradstreet.

Hardenbergh; to which they [say that] they gave for answer that it w[as not] true that they had sold them La[nds &] that they had no right to sell them [] belong'd to the Five Nations or [Mohawks] and that what they did Sell to Har[denberg] they Shew'd the Bounds with which [] Satisfied and had heaps of Stones [] as marks and Trees mark'd to p[revent any] mistakes which they further say [] be seen at this time.

Those Lands are given to [Scano] and we will not Suffer them [to be taken] from him unless Our Great [King shall Say he shall not hav[e them] which we do not think [] as You have so often told [] fail letting him know [] are on all occasions to [] for him and are fait[hful]

Scano tells Us [] he will be oblig'd [] given him to h[old] do so untill he hears further []

We have often seen (and you know [it to] be true) that the White people by the [help] of their paper (which we dont understand) claim Lands from Us very unjustly and carry them off — should this affair be like to turn out So and that Scano must be put to expence & trouble about the Lands, We pray our Great King & Father will allow us to make it up to Scano in another place as it would be dishonourable to Us not to do it and permit us to protect our property from the tricks of those White people & their paper.

We now request You will lay this our Complaint & request before Our Great King & Father as soon as possible and tell him also We pray he will not Suffer his Children the Five Nations to be plunder'd & ill us' [d who] during the War spilt so much [of] their Blood for him, Shew friendship [to] all his White Children, rob none of them [and on]ly retreat back into the Woods [to ma]ke Room for them though very [incon]venient to them.

JOHN BRADSTREET TO THE ONEIDAS

A. D.

[]
 [] it necessary to acquaint []
 the Onidas that the principal [part of] the Lands they gave him
 at [Fort] Stanwix last Octr. is Claim'd by a number [of]
 wealthy People, who say they purchas'd from the Meheconders
 —Scano¹ has been at expence & trouble to find out if those Peo-
 ple have a right to those Lands and is of Opinion from their own
 papers & many other circumstances, they have not; but as they
 are Rich People and seem determin'd to dispute the Matter as
 far as the Laws of the White People will admit, which are very
 expensive & perhaps may not be ended for many years and con-
 sequently would cost Scano more money than the Lands are worth,
 he fears their generious & noble intentions of giving him a mark
 of their friendship will be intirely frustrated and that he will be
 oblig'd to return them the Deed of Gift they gave him — Should
 this happen he assures them he will nevertheless [con]sider him-
 self under the greatest [obliga]tion to them and that the proofs
 [] the approbation of his Conduct []
 War is very pleasing and [] greatly remember'd
 by him. [] not fail letting his Brothers []
 affair is likely to end, and they [] do nothing
 to prejudice their [] them.

INDORSED: []
 them that the greatest
 part of the Lands
 they give him is
 claim'd by White
 People &c. &c.

¹ Indian name of Colonel Bradstreet.

from Capt Turnbull as to its Subject it differs much from that delivered by the Cherokees at Onondaga and here, but as part of the Cherokees staid behind I imagine they have been temporizing with the Shawanese till the sense of the 6 Nations was obtained, for here their desire is for a Union & War with the Wabash and others I am sensible that we are reduced to an Alternative that ought to be shocking to humanity, Yet Still the Situation of our Affairs seems to require us to Acquiesce with it as the least disagreeable of the Two But what contributes not a little to embarrass me at present is That should [I Re]fuse to Call them Together The Consequences may be very bad indeed, and if I am to Meet them, the Expences attending it will far exceed, any sum I can allot out of the Scanty Allowance for the Expences of the Department. This is a particular, Unforeseen & unavoidable Event which the Government should consider as what cannot happen in the Ordinary Course of things again and therefore I should be well advised before I comply with their desire whether the Charge will be defrayed by the Crown or not and the Indians wait with Impatience for my Answer which I cannot give them 'till I am favored with your farther advice [&] Directions on this Subject & thus circumstanced I hope you will [] additional trouble I give you which I am compelled to do from [] Nature & Importance of the Subject —

[I] have signed and Transmitted the Necessary papers to Mr Mortier [] Transmit Capt Claus's Accot, which from my Mistaken [] I was to draw the Whole Allowance of the Department in [] was hitherto Neglected to be forwarded, and I hope you will [] Error of mine —

[] Compliments of the Season being with
[]

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Jan^y 5th. 1770*

SIR,

Your Letter of the 16th ult^o. I received the other day, as also that from N York sometime before with a Copy of the Military Register and I am obliged to you for the pains you have taken to enquire into & inform me of the manner in which Militia Affairs have been conducted in your Neighbourhood which at the same time gives me Concern from the Good Wishes I entertain for the Inhabitants whose situation I have seriously considered, and shall Chearfully contribute all in my power for their redress with that View as I before did to Sr. H Moore I have again Stated these Matters in as Strong a Light as I co^d. to the L^t Governor, with my sentiments at Large, and I dare say such Notice will be taken of it as may in some Measure restore tranquillity to that part of the Country, which I shall Continue to promote as far as is in my power.

To Elucidate this Matter and enable me to Set it in a Still plainer Light, I should be glad to have a full State of the Regim^t. describing the Extent of its bounds as it is understood there, with the Names, Residences &ca of the Officers, and if it can be procured the strength of the Militia from the late Patroons Mannor² to Livingstons — I think the best Way to do his would be to send me A Map or Sketch, & marking on it the Names & places of Abode of the Officers with such Notes as you May think proper, which will enable me to be much More particular than I can be at present, and to do more material service in the business.

I am much obliged to the Inhabitants of your Township for the regard they have always Expressed for me and in return Assure you of my Attention to their Interests, and my sincere In-

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Stephen Van Rensselaer, the seventh Patroon, born at Rensselaerswyck in 1742, died at Watervliet, October 19, 1769.

clination [] times to promote their Tranquillity & Wellfare —

I am Sorry you have been hitherto disappointed of Coming this Way [] ever you can come, I shall be glad to See you as I am

Your hearty Well Wisher & Very humble Serv^t.

FROM MARY GRACE

A. L. S.

[*Dublin, Jan^y. 5, 1770*]

[] will I hope pardon this Troble when he finds [] the afflickson of a disconsolate moder for an only son who [] to your kare and I must now take the liberty of begng of [] is he liveing or dead I wil not trobel you with a long detailed [] ocasoned by that vilan hogane nor wod I troble you now but that [] darlings leter you wod be so kind as to leat me no dos my son live or is he [] your genaral caracter of relive in the distreses of Every endevedel that [] t you wil now give me the comfort to no dos he live and for get us all [] you was to no what a por famely consisting of six daughters and one son [] with you was brought to by hogane I am sure you wod make that boy [] care he cud apli himselfe to Endustri in hops he wod be in som [] helpe us for his going to you was all the hops me or my por famely had [] dead my god be pras for my soror is never to Eand for I asure you my famely [] but for the goodnes of your Broder John and sure tho he is always doing [] t last be lived soporting so large a fameley as mine you will be surprisd [] It is your wordy broder that is our chife soporte as you mite Imagine [] had for our selfs but we ware deprive of Every means an Every [] world was sold by auction and my por husbant put into Jale and [] for the

space of one yeare for hogans deats and my por six girls and
 [] without a bead to li on we receive a great mane
 frenships from your [] and I believe I may ventuer to
 say If It was possible our situation gave [] troble as It
 did our selfs but unfortunately for us por m^{rs} hogan dide []
 somethinge to begin the world wite we had nothing then leaffe
 but [] your broder John whos daley care was to get
 m^r grace bisnes and to Employ []llmaster so that I
 may say under his protection I [] my por famely [

]ble hope when he recomended my son under your pro-
 tection and altho [] was to cal to heaven to protect
 your famelyes who proceted [] sir wilam my soros
 begins anue I had one son and he dide work [] al
 I had leafte is gon I belive or Else he for geats me for he is
 []d but once or twice from him o sir wilam If he
 liafs tel him that []gri with him and a las is very
 angry with me and I feare shall [] but a bead to li
 on for he as a large famely to do for and he nose I []
 go to send him like a gentel man a braud with his money and he
 [] not able to pay It and he sase I must for as my
 sone who [] geats his famely whi shud not
 he o sir wilam I agen beg of you [] boy to thinke of
 his por sisters and he nos the [] that Is []
 ane Encombrance but that the have nothing to be industri[

]de what he Cant to seporte them until the got
 bisnes and [] hope a wife but If he be dead
 and that Is not in his power [] famely
 and for charity sake let me have the honer [] dis-
 tracted and can have no pace but

[] to subscribe my self your most obedient
 []

THOMAS GAGE TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

Extract¹(N^o. 39)

MY LORD

New York January 6th. 1770

Your Lordship will have observed in some of my Letters, that our Indian Affairs in the Northern District were in a precarious Situation. The Congress at Onandago, between the Six Nations and the Cherokees is over, and your Lordship will be informed of the Result of it, in the Copy of a Letter to me from Sir William Johnson, which is sent herewith We appear to be thrown into the disagreeable Alternative, either to permit the Indians, or perhaps encourage them, to go to war with each other, or by uniting them, to endanger our own Tranquility, and turn their Arms against ourselves. Some of the Nations threatened by this Confederacy, seem to have been acquainted with their Danger, and to have been preparing against it; for we were informed some Months ago, that the Western Indians had confederated, and two Chiefs of the Shawnese, were at the Detroit the End of September, where in a publick Speech to the Indians of the Lakes, they begged for Peace with the Nations of the Ouabache, and introduced the Cession of Lands made to the English by the Six Nations. As far as I can understand these Affairs, the Cession above mentioned, is the Cause of all the Commotions that have lately happened, among the Indians. Great part of the Lands ceded, were claimed by the Six Nations by Right of Antient Conquest, and tho' the Tribes who resided near them, admitted the Right, they felt no Inconvenience from it, further than being forced to acknowledge a Superiority in the Six Nations. But now that the Six Nations have sold the Lands, as Lords of the Soil, kept all the Presents and Money arising from the Sale, to their own use, and that the white People are expected in Consequence of it, to Settle on their hunting Grounds; these dependent Indians, are exasperated to a great Degree. The Cherokees have engaged from the strong Desire of cultivating the Friendship of the Northern Indians, and to Secure Allies against their Enemies on the Ouabache and other Nations, with whom they have been long at war.

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.88, p. 51, London, England.

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

New York the 6th January 1770

SIR

I a few days ago received a large English Cheese from Mr Ashton Blackburn which he desired Should be Sent to you as Soon as possible as he found you in want of Such Cheese when he had the pleasure of being at your House and he hopes that you will accept of it as a small return for the many Civilitys shoun him by you. he said a great deal more very pritty things but have forgot them, however I remember they were all in praise of you. the question is what way shall the Cheese be sent there is not one grain of Snow near this Town nor there has not been any this winter if there Should come good Sleding I shall Send it you by the Albany Post it is Still in the Same package it came in from England, and Shall remain So untill you or your Orders unpack it at least I hope it will, Send me what orders or directions about it or any thing else you please And they Shall be punctually obeyed.

The Sons of liberty have been Assembling here Several times; There first assembly was to prevent there representatives from granting £2000 for the use of the Troops, but they did not Succeed as I believe the money will be voted for by the House,¹ they passed a bill for making paper Money to the Amount of £20,000² which is to be issued the 10th of June next, I am informed that by private letters from home the present Lt. Governor will have the management of this Province during his life and that his Majesty should have Said that so old and loyal a subject deserved that, if not a better reward for his good Services.

¹ The act received the assent of Lieutenant Governor Colden on January 5th.

² Bills of credit to the amount of £120,000. See Colden to Hillsborough, January 6, 1770, in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:199-201.

There is now two very strong partys in this Town one for electing the members of the House or Assembly by Ballot, the other for continuing the old Method, which of them will carry the point is not known, but both partys are very Sanguin, as to my part I would not give one Copper to deside it, nor do I care one farthing which way it may be determined, or what side wins the battle, let the Affair be desided as they please, they can never prevent bribery and Corruption in elections, if they can, they can do more than their Mother Country ever could.

There are Some Madeirs Merchants here in Town who desire [me] to acquaint you that they will Serve you, and all the Family [] whom you Chuse to recommend, with the best of wines at [] most reasonable rates; they are to Send you a quarter Cask in [] present by way of a sample, which I advis'd to do by all [] but that a hogshead would do better however there's a Com[] gone to Madeira to Send as good a quarter Cask as can be [] and if you like it you are to have the same sort at a Mod[erate] price and in as great quantity as you chuse to Commission. St John Made but an indifferent figure here and the expences of visiting and geting in sight is so high in this place that I can't afford it and consequently will return to your lodge more rusty than ever.

Mr^s. MacLeod Joins me in Sincerely wishing you the Compliments of the Season and Many returns of it to you is the hearty wish of

Sir

Your much obliged

And Most Obedient

Humble Servant

NOR^d. MAC LEOD

INDORSED: N York 6th. Janr^y. 1770

Cap^t. M^c. Leeds letter

Ansrd. y^e. 19th. fully

WILLIAM ANDREWS' DRAFT

A. D. S.

N York 8th. Jan^{ry}. 1770

SIR,

Please to pay Sir William Johnson, or his Order the Sum of
Thirty Pounds Sterlin, Value Receiv'd

⌘ W^M ANDREWS

£30 Sterling

To M^R. COLLIN ANDREWS, Merch^t.

Detroit.

INDORSED:¹ Mr. W^m. Andrews Draft
on Mr. Collin Andrews for
£ 30 Sterl^g.

FROM JAMES TILGHMAN

A. L. S.

Philadelphia Jan. 9th. 1770

DEAR SIR

Inclosd I send you at M^r Croghans desire a Copy of the
Draught of Montours Reserve² which by the best Information I
can get is made agreeable to the Location. The matter has not
been carried thro' quite clear of difficulties But, however, they are
now at an End and the Survey is returned as you may perceive
by the Copy of the Draught M^r Croghan told me of offers made
you for the Land which has put the purchase in great Measure
out of My thoughts By whom they were made I know not, nor
is it material if they give more than I incline to do. I would only
observe that if any person was aiming at it who knew of my pre-
tensions I would contend with them and give up to what might

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² See Tilghman to Johnson, January 22, 1769.

be thought the present full value I will frankly own that my view in desireing to purchase was to make a moderate Profit of it And I thought 20 £ 100^a. besides paying [the] Propry and the Expences was as far as I could go to [make] any thing worth the trouble of purchaseing and trans[feri?]ng a Subsequent Sale. Mr Crogan thought that would [] do But requested I would write to you to know the lowest [] take consistent with your trust And desired also That I would send you a form proper to transfer the Location to the purchaser which I now inclose If it fall not to my share it will do for another purchaser. You are sensible I made my first Overtures upon principles of Honor and Justice from which I would not depart by desireing you to deviate in the least from the line of your trust, if I could think you would do it in My favour which however I am sure you would not If youl be pleasd in one word to say what you think you can have for the place I will at once determine about the matter It is more than probable it will be more than I shall incline to give Nor should I have given you any further trouble upon the Subject had not Mr Croghan desired it Be it as it may, I shall always have a proper Sense of the favour done Me in giveing me the Refusal which was all I at first apply^d for I wish you many happy years as I do Sr John and Col^o Guy (to whom please to present my compliments) and Am

Y^r Most hble &

Most Obedient Servant

JAMES TILGHMAN

INDORSED:¹ Janry. 9th. 1770

Mr Tilghmans letter

wth. a Draft of Montours

Land. rec^d. it y^e 5th of

March 1770

¹ In Johnson's hand.

The ~~grant~~ land given Thomas &
his children by Certificate
Exactly corresponds to
the North side Stone
in the North bounds



FROM THOMAS SHIPBOY

A. L. S.

HON^{BLE} SIR/

Albany 9th Jan^{ry} 1770

I have sent you by M^r Roberts 2 Green Ruggs which Cost me 56/ Each, as for good Chairs there is none Ready made in this pleace, but there is a man in town that make midling good ones, at 8/ ☿ if you think proper I shall get them made, this you please let me know ☿ first Oppertunity & oblige your

Humble serv^t

THOS SHIPBOY

INDORSED:¹ *Alby. Jan^{ry}. 9th. 1770*

M^r. Shipboys letter

FROM JAMES COLLINS

A. L. S.

[HONORA]BLE SIR

Scohare 9th January 1770

I think it incumbant upon me (without [char]ging myself being Officious) to let you understand what [has] passed here since my return Yesterday being at Tho^s. Ackerson [he] began to tell me some of his discourse with you — particularly [] your desiring him to send his Acc^t. & you would look it over,— []hat do you think I shall take about £40 for so much land, [] when I have a good chance to get it— further when you [] looked Over his certificate you remain'd Silant, Which Certificate (he says) he shewed to Old Bleeker (the greatest Blunder in the County) at this place, who told him he could get the land.— I Asked to see the Certificate, which he Immediately produced, & I hope you have discover'd the true Contents Otherwise you would not (as he says) remain'd Silant — for the first part thereof setts forth the particular Surveys, but when you come Where the land is Order'd to be granted to him & his Brother, it gives Only Two Tracts [] Mentions them,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

One in the Tract of Lawyer & his Associates which I shewed you, & One Hundred Acres Northside [] Stoney Creek — Therefore that Certificate he produced [] on, & the Patent given him, I have seen, & they both [corres]pond Exactly, Inclosed is a Skech of the land [gran]ted him by both Certificate & Patent, certainly [Sir W^m.] has read no farther than the first part of the [certifica]te & did not read the last part where the land is [] to them, otherwise (as he says) you would not [have remain']d Silant, believe me the Vroman's bought [] the 100 Acres you'l see Mark'd N. side Stoney [Creek] tells Adam & Sam^l. Vroman they shall have it

I am Hble Sir

Yours Respectfully

JAMES COLLINS

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable Sir Will^m. Johnson
Barnt &^c

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ []

Ja^s. Collins letter

Ansrd. 19th. Inst.

ORDER OF JOHN JOHNSTON

A. D. S.

Caugoa Jan^y 10 1770

[] Honourable Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Please to Let the Bearar Adam Staring have the Sum of Twenty Pounds York Currancy the Same please to Charge to the Accom^t. of Sir Your Ever Devovted Honours most Hum^{le}: Serv^t.

JOHN JOHNSTON

INDORSED:¹ Paid to Staring

£20 in presence
of M^r. Adems, and
Armstrong

¹ In Johnson's hand.

BILL OF JAMES BENNETT

A. D. S.

[Johnson Hall, January 11, 1770]

Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t Deb^r. to James Bennett For Work Done at
Johnstown the hall and Fort &c

	£	S
For my Self and one man forty eight weeks one Day at 8 ^s Ⓢ	115	12
For three men Sixty Seven weeks at 7 ^s Ⓢ	140	14
Paid for wood scrues for 1000 of Brads at 8 ^d	0	8
for 200 d ^o	0	8 6
for 500 D ^o	0	2 0
	0	4 6
	<hr/>	
	£ 257	9 0
Rec ^d . in Cash	30	0 0
Deducted for Board at the fort	17	8 0
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	£ 47	8 0
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	£ 210	1 0

Johnson Hall Janry. 11th. 1770

Rec^d of Sir W Johnson Bar^t

[] Sum in full

JAMES BENNETT

INDORSED: Acc^t. []

£257..9..-

47..8

£210..1 paid—

as Ⓢ Recp^t.—

FROM PHYN AND ELLICE

L. S.

Schenectady 12th January 1770

Some time ago we troubled Mr. Adams with [] Note of William Johnstons, and our draft on [Adams for £]16:1:6 which we understand you have been so []e for us; when its convenient for you to give [] for the above & a Ballance of £67:6:1 on [Capt M^c.] Leeds Bill ₧ £467:6:1 it will do us a [] service.

When Mr. Adams return'd from N: Y: last fall we sent [De] Coagnies Draft on you ₧ £168:11/ & will [] to know if you can accept the same as we [] M^c. Leeds Acco^{ts}. to settle & transmitt. [] winter we told you of a draft we hold on you []e for £240 which you was kind enough [sec]ure us in, if in your power, we just take the [

] you of this draft as it our chief dependence []h short of £2000

We have a Demand on the Quarter Master Gen[] for a Considerable sum which has been a [] ever since 1764 and as all our applications [] meets only with triffling offsetts we are [] to Memorial Gen^l. Gage, & as there is [certifi]cates from Colo^l Buttler and the Com[missary] in the Indian Deparment amongst them [for trans]portation over the Carrying places, as well [as a cer]tificate to Quin for a Battoe in 1764 [] Pass from J Glen to the Crewes of three Battoes [] Niag^a shall be glad to know if you h[ave objec]tion to our including them in that [] to lay before his Excellency the Com[mander

in chief] excuse our giving you the trouble of []
 we have the honor to be with mu []

Sir

Your most Obed^t & []
 []

To the Honb^e SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹ []

Draft

Ansrd 22^d. Ins^t.

ACCOUNT OF RUDOLPH KOCH

D. S.

Jan. 13, 1770

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

To Rudolph Koch Dr

1768 March 15 th	To make a hoe	£	8 –
	To d ^o . one ax		5 –
	To lay on a hoe		4 –
	To d ^o . an Ax		2 6
	To d ^o . two Axes a 2/&1/6		3 6
	To make a hoe of y ^r . Iron		2 6
17 th	To lay on three axes a 3/		9 –
	To d ^o . 3 axes a 2/		6 –
	To d ^o . 2 d ^o . a 1/6		3 –
18 th	To d ^o . 2 big ones a 3/		6 –
	To d ^o . 2 Small d ^o . a 2/6		5 –
	To make 2 fish spears a 3/		6 –
	To upset a Broadax		1 –
	To lay on 2 axes a 2/		4 –
	to d ^o . a pipeax		2 6
	To d ^o . 2 axes a 2/		4 –
	to upset 3 d ^o . a 6 ^d		1 6

¹ In Johnson's hand.

	To lay on a hoe		4	—
	To d ^o . an ax		1	6
23 ^d	To make a fish Spear		3	—
	to d ^o . 2 hoes	a 6/	12	—
	To d ^o . a fish Spear		4	—
	To d ^o . 3 d ^o .	a 3/	9	—
	To d ^o . 3 hoes	a 6/6	19	6
	To d ^o . an ax		4	—
	To lay on an Ax		2	—
28 ^h	To make 6 axes as p ^r . order of Hend ^k . Markillj ⁿ .	a 4/	1	4 —
	To d ^o . 2 fish Spears	a 3/	6	—
	To lay on 3 axes	1/6	4	6
	To d ^o . 4 d ^o .	a 2/	8	—
	To make one ax		4	—
	[make one] hoe		8	—
	Brought over		[]
1768 March 30 th	To make 2 axes	a 6/&4/	10	—
	To lay on 4 d ^o .	a 2/	8	—
	To make an Ear to an ax & upset		1	6
	To upset one ax		1	—
	To make 2 hoes	a 8/	16	—
	To d ^o . 1 fish Spear		1	—
April 1 st	To mend an ax		1	—
	To make 1 d ^o .		4	—
	To lay on 1 d ^o .		2	—
			<hr/>	
			£ 11	11 6
	To 1 [] to Phillip Pilet from Hannis Bear ¹		4	— —
			<hr/>	
			£ 15	11 6

Janr^y. 13th. 1770 then Rec^d.

of Sir W Johnson Bar^t. the above Sum in full^t

GASPAR KOCK

¹ In Johnson's hand.

The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bart.

		To Rudolphus Cook	Dr
June 17 th .	To 50 Weeding Hoes	7/	£17 10 –
1769	To 41 Axes	4/	8 4 –
			£25 14 0
Errors & omissions excepted			

Janry. 13th. 1770

Rec^d. on Acc^t. of my Brother the above Sum in full—¹

GASPAR KOCK

INDORSED: Rudolph Koughs Acct
for Iron Work £25..14..-¹

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York Janry. 14th. 1770.

DEAR SIR,

I have received your's of the 5th. Inst:, with an Account of the Expenditures that were made in Canada before the New Regulations took Place, which will be settled in the Manner the other Accounts have been.

With Regard to the Extraordinary Expences which you Set forth must be incurred at this Juncture beyond what the Allowance fixed for your Department will enable you to defray, it appears to me that it will be the most regular and proper Method to state the Case to the King's Ministers, and to desire that Orders May be transmitted to Supply you with the Sums requisite on this extraordinary occasion. And I apprehend there will be time for Orders to be Sent, before there will be any absolute Necessity to pay the Expences that will be incurred. This Method is the most agreeable to the Forms laid down, when any extraordinary Demands for the Service are required, and I can't devise a better.

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

I inclose you a Letter for a Huron at Detroit, from his uncle, I think, in Canada. Governor Carleton transmitted it to me, and you will be so good to forward it, when you have an Opportunity Perhaps it may be proper to peruse the Contents, tho' it's said to be only on Family Business.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

THO^S. GAGE

S^R: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: New York 14th. Jan^y. 1770

Gen^l. Gages letter
wth. an Inclosure

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

[*New*] York [15th. Jan^y] 1770

SIR WILLIAM

I should have acknowledg'd the receipt of your obliging Letter dated the 30th of last Month, but the same did not come to my hand until after the Post was gone however I immediatly gave orders for Mr Wallace's being Supply'd wth £545 . 4 . 4 Sterling, as you desired, which I have charg'd your account current with.

I am much oblig'd to you Sir and render you my best thanks for your congratulation on my return from England, I had fine and pleasant Passages thither, & back, and found the Lands there in all their Glory, they had not had so fine a Summer there, these Seven years but this brought all their fruit to perfection, & there was no doubt of their having a plentiful Harvest notwithstanding which, there are great Tumults & Opposition in most of the Counties, as you must have seen by the Papers, God send it may all

End [w]ell. I beg my best Compliments to Sir John, your Son,
& remain with a Perfect [es]teem

Sir

Your most obedient
and most Humble Servant

A^B. MORTIER

[S^R. WILLI]AM JOHNSON Bar^t.

P. S. I am just now favourd with Your letter of 4th inst and have
receiv'd the three Warrants & Receipts you mention to have
receiv'd (from M^r Newton) signed by you. Your Drafts on me
shall always meet with due & punctual honour, when a few days
delay happens in paying your bills it is owing to y^e [agents] of
the Contractors not being able to supply me therewith, from whom
only my Resource for payment of Extrāry's come, I am oblig'd
to you for your Enquiry After my health, I have the pleasure to
have got rid of the Gout.

I am with great Respect

Yours as before

AB^M. MORTIER

INDORSED: New York Jan^y. 15th. 1770

Abraham Mortier Esq^{rs}.

Letter

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR

Albany 16th. Jan^y. 1770

I was favourd with yours of the 10th. Inst. ☞ John Looney
and accordingly gave him an Order to get the Leather, which he
did of one Jn^o. Ristine, quantity 178 ^h and a half, at 1/5^d.
£12.14.3 –

I shall always be happy, whenever I have it in my Power to
execute any Commands from you, as none will be more ready to
serve you than

Sir

Y^r. Most Obed^t. Serv^t.

SAM^L. STRINGER

P. S. It is so extremely
Cold that my Ink freezes
in the pen, near the fire,
as I write —

ADDRESSED: To

The Honbl^e.

Sir William Johnson Bart.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ Doctor Stringer

Wth. an acct. £12. . 14 [:3]

Paid by Mr. Henry

ACCOUNT OF JOHN PETRY

D. S.

January 16, 1770

[Sir] William Johnson Bart.

To John Petry D^r

[]

To Riding 16 Loads at the Little falls Coming & Going to the Senecas	}	3/	£ 2. . 8. . —
July 7 Bu ^d . B Wemp 4 Loads		3/	0. 12. . 0
7 Lewis Clement 4 d ^o .		3/	0. 12. . 0
7 Sundy. People on their Return for Riding 4 Loads	}	3/	0. 12. . 0
			£ 4. . 4. . 0

Janry. 16th. 1770 Rec^d. of Sir W Johnson Bart.
the above Sum in full of this Acc^t.²

JOHN PEDRY

INDORSED:³ Joh^s. Petrys Acc^t. for
riding over y^e. little Falls
£4. . 4. . — paid

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Receipt in Johnson's hand.

³ In Johnson's hand.

ACCOUNT OF ROBERT HENRY

D. S.

Albany 16th Jan^y. 1770

The Hon^{ble}. Sir W^m. Johnson

Bought of Rob^t. Henry

1 Dozen Dishes		£2 8
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7 doz. Plates	8/	2 16
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		£5 4 0
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Cask and Cooprage		5
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		£5 9 0
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To an Acc ^t . of Sund ^s . in 1767 as p^{d} D ^o ¹		9 1 8½
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		£14 10 8½
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Jan^y. 23^d. 1770 then Rec^d. of
Sir W Johnson Bar^t. the Above
Sum in full¹

ROB^t. HENRY

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Public Record Office² is a draft of a circular from the Earl of Hillsborough to various Governors, to Sir William Johnson, No. 12, and to Mr Stuart, No. 13, January 18, 1770, sending the King's speech to his Parliament and also announcing that the Great Seal has been taken from Lord Camden and given to Charles Yorke.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² C. O. 5.71. p. 9, also C. O. 5.241. fo. 247, London, England.

FROM SACHEMS OF OQUAGA

L. S.¹*Onohokwage 22^d Jan^y 1770*

BROTHER—

We now Speak to you, and we Speak as in your presence, even face to face, and we pray you to hear us—Ever Since you cleared the Roads, Paths, and Rivers to where your Brethren make their Smoaks; we thought every thing was Settled in a proper and amiable manner. But it Seems their is one thing which now demands our notice and attention. Brother, we hear you will not take any further care of Indian affairs, and especially of the affairs of Trade—We are now met in Council, and the reason is because the road to us Seems to be Shut up, as to Trade, no Traders are permitted to us—It always gave us great pleasure when our Brethren, (The Whites) came to See us, and when we heard of Canoes of Goods coming down the river—Bro^r, we lately Saw a Canoe coming down the River, which at first Sight much comforted our Hearts; but when we came to look into it we Saw nothing but a heap of Caggs and Barrels filled with Rhum, which at once made us tremble. Their are Some among us So disorderly by reason of Rhum that we are unable to keep them in any Regulation—You know that of a long time we very much dislike the appearance of Rhum in this Town—Rhum is troublesome thing, tis master of us, and in every respect bad—Brother, Speaking as in your presence; One thing more in an especial manner we very much dislike, viz, Indians coming and trading among us. When we had White Traters, Goods Seemed be Something reasonable and right; but Indians devour us, they extort from us every thing we get with great pain and Labour in the Woods, for little or nothing—Indians Seem to be destitute of the fear of God; if we desire them to be reasonable in their demand, it has no impression upon them Therefore we desire, if any Indians apply for Liberty, that you would forbid them—We expect you

¹ In New York State Library.

will answer us, that there by we may be Strengthened to oppose Indian Traders —

With Compliments to you, we are Yours &c

ADAM
ISAAC
JACOB
PETER &ca

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble}, Sr, Will^m, Johnson Bar^t,
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Oghquago 22^d. Jan^{ry}. 1770
Letter from ye. Sachims
concern^g. Trade —

ACCOUNT AND RECEIPT OF ROBERT HENRY

D. S.

Albany 11th April 1767 and January 23^d. 1770

The Hon^{ble}. Sir W^m. Johnson To Robert Henry Dr.

To 2¼ yards blue Cloth	a 22/	£2	9	6
¾ yard Scarlet D ^o	32/	1	4	
2 yards scarlet Ratinet	6/		12	
4 yards blue Shalloon	3/9		15	
2 Scarlet Breeches Patrons	20/	2	—	—
2 pair knee garters	3/		6	
4¾ yards white fusting	2/6	11	10½	
4 Sticks Twist	1/		4	
4 Ounces thread	6 ^d		2	
½ yard Buckram	2/6	1	3	
1 yard Oznaburgs			1	10
3 dozen Large Buttons	3/		9	
3½ dozen small D ^o	1/6		5	3

JOHN FREIL

£9 1 8½

[January] 23^d 1770 Rec^d ye. Contents

[]

INDORSED: []

Acc^{ts}. paid

£14. .10. .8½

WILLIAM BOWEN'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

January 24, 1770

Memorandum of work, Done since your Hon^s. Arrival

	£	s	d
.....			
To mending of a Slayn.....	0	18	0
To making 2 New Axes.....	1	0	0
To making 2 Iron Wedges.....	0	12	0
To shoeing 1 pair of Horses.....	0	18	0
To laying of 3 Axes.....	0	9	0
To mending 2 Axes.....	0	2	0
To 1 New Plough-Sheer.....	3	0	0
To 1 Spindle, for the Plough-wheels.....	0	18	0
To 2 New Plates for the Plough. d ^o	0	12	0
To mending the spindle for y ^e Mill.....	0	16	0
To 1 dozen of Saw-pins.....	0	1	6
To mending of a spindle, [for greece-Mill].....	0	12	0
To 1 screw key for Bed-pins.....	0	1	6
To 1 Iron Hoop to a pot.....	0	2	6
To Hooping 2 Pails.....	0	12	0
To mending 2 Adds.....	0	4	0
To an foot, for a Poot.....	0	1	6
To 12 Holdfasts.....	0	16	0
To Shoeing 1 pr. of coach Horses.....	0	18	0
To mending a Plough Sheer.....	0	3	0
To Laying of 2 Axes.....	0	6	0
To shoeing 1 pr. of Horses d ^o	0	5	0
To 3 pr of Large Hooks & Hings.....	1	4	0
[To] 5 pr. d ^o small.....	1	10	0
[To la]ying of 4 Axes.....	0	12	0
[To me]nding of 2 Axes.....	0	2	0

 £16-16-0

January 24th. 1770, Received of [] Bar^t. the Sum
of Seventy Nine pounds Se[] being in full of the within
Accounts also [] Accounts to this Instant as Witness
my hand

WELLEM BOWEN

£79.7.-

INDORSED:¹ W^m. Bowins Acc^{ts}. for
Smiths Work £71..2
Delivered in March
24th. 1769 –
paid £71.2 –

FROM NORMAND MAC LEOD

A. L. S.

New York the 24th Jan^{ry} 1769 [1770]

[] last Post Sent you the Cheese that Mr. Black-
burn [] Send you I hope you have receiv'd it in good
Order [] the Divil to pay between the Soldiers and the
[Sons of] L...ness the latter had one man kill'd and severals
[] former had three wounded, the occasion of the riot
[] the Soldiers posted up Some of the enclos'd papers,
in [] to an infamous paper published against them
called [] the Soldiers were laid hold of, ill used, and
brought before [the Mayor] for puting up those papers. upon
which other Soldiers [] the Barrack and the riot com-
menced on friday² last [æ Saturdy 14— or 15 Soldiers
fought the whole rabble of [] I believe would have
drove them over the docks had not [] prevented them,
there was this day a sort of peace [] Mayor how long

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² January 19, 1770.

it may last god knows Mr. Croghan [] Frankland arrived here three days ago.

[] Joins me in most respectfull Comp^{ts} to you
[]

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient and
Most Humble Ser^t

NOR^D MAC LEOD

A NATURALIZATION ACT

D.

January 27, 1770

An Act for naturalizing Frederick Koose, John Stone, Godfrid Shoe, John Karne, Hannis Albrant, Hannis Alt, Han Ury Creitz, Jacob Seber, Augustus Eikler, Conradt Smith, John Everhart Coghnot, George Eker Hannis Hartel, John Brader, Philip Pilet, George Rupert, George Sharpe, Hendrick Hann, John Seabalt, Nicholas Bradhour, George Bronce, George Shink, Jacob Becker, John Farlinger, George Binder, Frederick Waggoner, Mathias Kough, Adam Garlogh, Peter Young, Peter Gronce, Peter Foster, George Flunean, Simon Shreider, John Frederick Tolle, John Marchel, Konrat Louwer, William Petrie, James Colon, George Colon, Jonas Colon, Elizabeth Allen, Samuel Isaacs, & Peter Surget

Passed the 27th. January 1770

[Whereas] the above named persons, have by their several petitions presented [to the gen]eral assembly, desired they may be naturalized & become his [Majesty's] Liege Subjects & settlers in this Colony. [Be it th]erefore enected by his Honour the Lieut. [Govern]or the Council and the General Assembly & it [is hereby] Enected by the Authority of the same that [the befo]re mentioned Several persons & each & every [of them] shall be & hereby are declared to be naturali[zed to all] intents,

Constructions, & purposes whatsoever & [from hen]ceforth, & at all Times hereafter shall be inti[tled to ha]ve & enjoy all the rights, Liberties Privileges, & [advantage]s which his Majesty's natural born Subj[ects in this] Colony, have & enjoy, or ought to have & enjoy [as fully to] all intents & purposes whatsoever, as if all [and every of the]m had been born within this Colony

[Provided alw]ays & it is hereby further enected by the [Authority afo]resaid that each of the above mentioned [Persons shall t]ake the Oaths appointed by Law inst[ead of the Oaths of] allegiance & Supremacy, Subscri[be the Test, & make re]peat Swear to & Subscribe the [abjuration Oath in] any of his majestys Courts of Record Within this Colony; which Oaths [the] Courts' are hereby required, upon [appli]cation to them made to admini[ster, take] Subscriptions, & cause the Names [of] Persons so swearing & subscribing [to be] entered upon Record in the said [Courts] & the said before mentioned Perso[ns are] hereby, each of them, required to [pay] the Several Sums hereafter men[tioned] That is to Say To the Speaker of [the] General Assembly the sum of [ten] Shillings; to the Judge of such [Court] the sum of Six Shillings; & to the [Clerk] of such Court the Sum of Three Shillings.

And be it further Enected by the [Auth]ority aforesaid That if the Said [Persons] or any of them having so Swo[rn and] Subscribed as aforesaid shall de[mand] a Certificate of his, her, or their [being] entered upon record in the Man[ner] before directed the Court or Courts [in] which such Oaths & Subscriptions [shall] be made are hereby directed & [requir]ed to grant such Under the han[d of the] Judge, & Seal of the Said Court or [Courts] in which Such Oaths & Subscript[ions] as aforesaid, shall be made Co[unter]signed by the Clerk of the said [Courts] For which Certificate, each o[f them] Shall over and above the sum[s above] mentioned the Sum of Six [Shillings] One Half to the Judge of such Court or Courts and the oth[er half] to the Clerk thereof, Which C[ertificate] or Certificates, shall be at a [ll Times] to the Person or Persons [therein nam]ed a Sufficient Proof of [his, her or] their being Naturaliz[ed by virtue] of

this Act in as full [& effectual a] Manner as if the [Record aforesaid] was actually [Produced by the] Person Or Persons so named in such Certificates,

Provided also, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Such of the Persons hereby Naturalized, as shall not take the Oath Test & Abjuration in Manner herein before directed within Twelve Months next after the Publication hereof Shall have no Manner of benefit by this Act any Thing herein contained to the Contrary Notwithstanding

And be it Enacted by the Same Authority That the public Printer of this Colony shall & hereby is directed & required to print this Act as if the same was a public Law of this Colony

ACCOUNT OF THOMAS ARNOLD

A. D. S.

Schanactady Jan^y. 27. 1770

The Hon ^{ble} . Sr. Will ^m . Johnson Bart D ^r . To Tho ^s . Arnold	
To Makeing a Frock Coat	£0:16:0
To Makeing Two Pair Breeches	0:16:0
To Finding a quarter Shalloon	0: 1:0
To 5 y ^{ds} . Tape	0: 0:9
To Makeing Two Pair Flannel Drawers	0: 4:0
To Makeing a Laced Coat & Waistcoat Lapell ^d	1:16:0
To Makeing a Livery Coat & Waist Coat ^ᶕ Andrew	1: 0:0
To D ^o ^ᶕ Indian Boy	0:14:0

£5: 7:9

Jan^y. 27th. 1770

Rec^d. the above Sum in full of all Dem^{ds}.

THO^s. ARNOLD

INDORSED:¹ Jan^y. 27th. 1770—

Tho^s. Arnolds Acc^t. Taylor

£5..7..9 paid

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

January 27, 1770

SIR

As an opportunity offers I Seize it with pleasure, to write you, I hope that you have passd an agreeable Winter

We have no News this way, the Indians that come in here seem to be well desposed, at least I can learn nothing to the Contrary and I most Sincerely wish that they may Continue so,— I was unlucky enough to loose my Boats on Lake Ontario, But the Men were all Saved, and the Cheif part of my Baggage & Stores,— If any Letters should come your way directed for me, will be very much obliged to you if you will forward them [] this opportunity — In the meantime I must beg of you to present my respects to Sir John, Mess^{rs}. Johnstone & Claws, and to assure you that I am with the outmost Esteem and respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient, and
Most humble Serv^t

JOHN BROWN

The Honb^{le} SIR W^m JOHNSTONE —INDORSED:¹ Janr^y. 1770

Letter from Cap^t Brown
by an Indⁿ. wth. out Date
Ansrd. 7th. March

FROM WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 442, is entered a letter of January 28th from William Andrews, at New York, acknowledging a draft on Mr Mortier and mentioning an intention of visiting London and afterward preaching among the Indians (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:423; Q. 4:265).

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM CADWALLADER COLDEN

A. L. S.¹*New York Jan^y 28th 1770*

DEAR SIR

I must beg your excuse that I have been so long in Answering yours of the 5th of this month² The assembly sitting unavoidably employed my thoughts & the attempts made by a desappointed faction to excite riots in order to disturb the Government required a serious attention But this Session being now at an end much to my Satisfaction & of all my friends I shall apply my thoughts to the subject Matier of your letter The case of Claverack deserves attention & I think it may be proper to advise with the Council on it by laying before them a Petition I have received from Kinderhook on that subject The Council were so much engaged in their Legislative capacity I knew it would be disagreeable to them to have any other business laid before them which could be delayed

The Assembly passed a Militia Bill to which I could not give my assent without breach of a late Instruction to Sir H Moore which require that all acts for regulating the Militia be at least of five years continuance I have a clause restraining its taking effect till it shall have his Majesty's approbation As I do not expect that the assembly will comply with this Instruction & now no act for regulating the Militia exists it may deserve your consideration how far you think any orders regarding the Militia will be obeyed & I think it imprudent to issue orders which cannot be enforced & may be despised I shall be glad to receive your thoughts on this head before I issue the orders you desire

However I shall give directions to Mr. Banyar to make out the Commissions you desire

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

² In *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:962-64; Q, 2:557-58.



THE REVEREND CHARLES INGLIS

From Morgan Dix's *History of the Parish of Trinity Church*

Col Schuyler¹ has not thought proper to make me the usual complement of coming to the Fort for what reason I know not I do not so much as know him by sight Notwithstanding of this we were surprised by his being the first person who moved to give me the same sallary Sir Henry Moore had

An Act is passed appoint Com^{rs} to consert a plan with the neighbouring colonies for Indian affairs Now I think I have mentioned every thing you may be desirous to know

I am very affectionately

Sir

Your most obedient &

humble Servant

CADWALLADER COLDEN

Honourable

SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED: N York Janry. 28th 1770

L^t. Gov^r. Coldens Letter

N^o. 3 —

the great naturalist²

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

*A. L. S.*³

New York, Jan 28, 1770.

SIR,

Altho I have not the pleasure of a personal Acquaintance with you, yet I am persuaded you will excuse the Trouble of this Application, as it relates to a benevolent Design which you have much at Heart; viz. the Settlement of a Missionary among the Mohawks & other Confederate Tribes of Indians.

¹ Philip Schuyler was a member of the colonial assembly for Albany county 1768–75.

² A later indorsement, in another hand.

³ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

The Friends of Christianity & of the Church of England, among the chief of which I reckon yourself, have long lamented that those Indians have been destitute of a Missionary. This is the more to be regretted; as I learn the Indians themselves are very desirous of having a Clergyman of the Church of England fixed among them; & the Dissenters are endeavouring to wriggle themselves into their good Graces, encouraged, I suppose, by our Supineness. The venerable Society, as on all other similar Occasions, are willing to do what they can; but I have Reason to think they are not able to give such a Salary as would be necessary for an Indian Missionary. Indeed it is difficult to procure a person properly qualified to undertake the Mission; but were he found, he has not suitable Encouragement.

By some late Accounts from Nova Scotia, I learn that on the Death of a late popish Missionary to some converted Tribes of Indians in that Province, & an Application made to the Government: The Government appointed another Missionary to those Indians, with a Salary of £100 Sterl. per An. Surely if the Government would go to this Expence for a popish Missionary to Indians who were not our Friends till very lately; there is much more Reason that it should be at an equal Expence for a Protestant Missionary to Indians who have for many Years — ever since our first Settlement in this Colony, distinguished themselves by their Fidelity to us. Nor can I conceive that the Government would refuse to grant such a Salary for the Mohawk Mission, were an Application made for that purpose; especially as the former Instance is so recent. At least, should such a Request be refused, it would surprize me more than any one Thing that has happened in this Age of Wonders.

I could not forbear giving you the above Intelligence. I apprehend an Application to Government for an Indian Missionary should originate from you. There are few Things I have at Heart more than that a worthy Clergyman were settled among our Indians. Were a proper Salary allowed, I have no Doubt but we could procure a suitable Person to undertake it. The Packet is daily expected. By her, when she returns, I shall write

to the Society; & should be glad to have your Sentiments of this Affair before that Time. Mr. Andrews sailed for Ireland a few Days since. From Ireland he proceeds to England for Holy Orders. I have great Expectations of him — should he answer the Expectations of his Friends he would probably take the Mohawk Mission.

I am, Sir, with much Respect & Esteem,
 Your most obedient
 & humble Servant
 CHARLES INGLIS

To SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹ N York Janr^y. 28th. 1770

The Revr^d. Mr. Inglis

Letter

Ans^d. 16th Febr^y.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

Kinderhook 28th January 1770

[SIR]

On my return here from Johnson Hall I wrote You immediately — The Day after I sent [Col^o] Johnson a State of the Militia and also a Sketch of the Country hereabouts with such explanations as I [cou]ld give — I also sent him an Account of a number of Commissions Distributed among the Setlers on the [con]tested Lands all which I hope he has received and forwarded to you.

In my last I mentioned the particulars of the manner in which our Petition had [] in the House of Assembly to the 15th Instant; since which it has made a very great deal of [], in asmuch as that many of the Petitioners are ordered to attend the House the next Sessions [] the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Subject of the Blank Commissions Col^o. Rensselaer (or somebody for him) obtained of the Late [Sir] Henry Moore for his Regiment — I shall be happy when that Period comes as I can So fully [make] good and support every Allegation in the Petition by Incontestable proofs — We are afraid [of] nothing but that a certain Great Man will come to a compromise and get the order of [the] House recalled & that we shall thereby loose an opportunity of explaining ourselves more fully on this matter.— I have wrote very fully upon that Subject to Col^o. Johnson and have requested of him to Show You my letter, if he thinks you have leisure or Inclination to Read it as well as A Copy of the Petition which makes so much noise — I have wrote it myself and am answerable for the proofs, I shall therefor write this Post to my Br to mention to some of the Members that my Attendance alone will be sufficient at the Bar of the House; as the [peo]ple have signed the Petition on my word that the proofs were in my possession.

The Conduct of *our* Members that are now in House has had so unfavorable [an a]pppearance that we are alarmed almost at every thing they do or propose for this part of the [coun]ty There has been a rumour some Weeks Past that there is a New List for Justices of the Peace for the [county of] Albany under Consideration & that one Isaac Goes (a Dram Shopkeeper & a Fellow of no [] generally disliked for his attachment to a Family who aim at the ruin of the Township) [] to be one of our Justices — Some of the principle People took the alarm and they have [asked] the Governor to appoint Cap Peter Vosburgh and myself — We both would rather not be [] the solici]tations were so powerful that we could not withstand the Petition in our favour. Whether [] will prefer the Members recommendation or the one of the Township is yet uncertain, we should [] ourselves] as sure of success if you Sir would be pleased to Second the Wishes of the People by [] the L^t Governor. It is now the interest of our Members to appoint such Persons in [] answer their Land Schemes but for this end I suppose it is that

as if the envelope
is hand.

they have nom[inated] as well as one Peter Van Ness who lives on part of this Township that Col^o. [Rensselaer] and as this M^r Van Ness is openly in his Interest it is the more alarming [] I hope Sir that my writing in this manner will not be construed as proceeding from a Desire of being in office, far from it, my motives at first were [] Towns- men — Now the Leaven of opposition operates a little. Before I conclude [] See cause to carry the desire of the People in this particular into execution I can with great [] recom- mend Cap Vosburgh to your Notice as a Man of weight in the Community of an unblemished Character and one who will do Honor to the List of Justices. I remain

with the Greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient
& Most humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Baronet

at

Johnson Hall.

INDORSED: []

Letter []

TO THOMAS GAGE

A. Df.

Johnson Hall Janry. 29th. 1770

DEAR SIR

I was favoured with your letter of the 12th. Inst. and am sorry to find that the extraordinary Expences for the proposed Meeting cannot be safely incurred without an application at Home, which must render the whole abortive, for the Design of the Indians in desireing the Congress will not admitt of such delay practicable

to Satisfy them on that Head, or to prevent the Suspicions it is likely it may excite, with their Ill Consequences.— I have had several Messages sent me on that head, since their first application agreable to their resolutions at Onondaga, and there are now Deputies with me who are verry pressing for my imediate Answer; under these disagreeable Circumstances, I must do the best I can, and give them the most plausible reasons In my power for not meeting them, and wish it may at all answer what I had reason to hope from the Congress.—

The letter for the Huron, who I know very well, Shall [be] forwarded the first opertunity.—

This is intended to be presented to you by Lieut. [Rober]ts who goes for New York and afterwards I beleive [Eng]land, where (if I may presume to request it) I would heartily wish him to have y^r. Countenance & Protection. He has Accts to lay before You particularly of [] from Michilimacinac, which consider^g. y^e Occasion [] I cann]ot refuse my strongest recommendation for [] as he has been hurried back & forward [] certain] affairs of a public nature [] ill Support & w^h. I think should not [] action lately commenced against him for doing wha [] as Commissary, In w^h. Suit I am become his Bail, [] before the Attorney Gen^l. [] can be explained [in such] a manner, as will I dare say entitle him to y^r. Coun[tenance] & protection, as it could not but fall verry ha[rd on] any Man who has been Active in his office, to want [protection] against those Persons who now take advantage of his [] to deter others from doing their Duty hereafter, and [] been already at the Expence & trouble of Sever^l. Attend[ances] on Court in consequence of the litigious Action.

HANNIS WERT'S ACCOUNT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 443, is listed under the date Jan. 29, 1770, Hannis Wert's account of tailoring for Sir William Johnson. Destroyed by fire.

TO THOMAS PENN

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall Jan^{ry}. 30th 1770*

DEAR SIR

Since my last to you of the 15th of Sept^r. I have been favoured with yours of the 13th of said Month, with an Acc^t. of the Expences attended the Grant which his Majesty was pleased to Make me, for which I now inclose you a Bill on Harley & Drummond Amt^s to £545.4.4 Sterl^s & I heartily wish that this may find you perfectly recovered from your late Indisposition which would afford me infinite pleasure.

This will be presented you by Lieu^t. Robberts lately one of my Commissarys for Trade, Who with the rest, & all the Subordinate Officers (on the late reform made in my department) were discharged to the verry great loss, & discontent of the Indian Nations who are now left entirely to the Mercy of the Traders, the Majority of whom are a Sett of verry worthless fellows, & require verry Strict Inspection.—The Governments here have not as yet made any provision for the regulation of Trade, nor is there any likelyhood that they will. So that I fear all that I have hitherto been doing will now fall to the Ground; As the Bearer is well versed in Indian affairs & can give you as good an Acc^t. of everything relative to them as any Man who left this Country, I shall not take up your time on that Subject, but beg leave to refer you to him for any Intelligence you may want of that nature.

I send you by him a Couple of Pamphlets lately published in Connecticut, whereby You will see the Spirit of them troublesome people, with regard to the Lands within your Governm^t. their Settlem^t. of which, I have, & shall continue to oppose all in my power, from a conviction that the Steps they have taken of

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

obtaining a Deed from the Indians for said Lands were unfair, & Ungenerous, & their Claim by Charter¹ as ridiculous.

Any favour or Civility shewn to this Gentleman (whose Merit whilst in the Service, entitles him to this recommendation) will add much to the Obligations I already lye under and be greatly acknowledged by me, Who am with great Truth & Regard,

Dear sir

Your Most Sincere Friend
& Affectionate Hum^e Serv^t.

My Son presents his most
respectfull Compliments
to You & Family —
The Honourable
THOMAS PENN Esq^r

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 2^d. Feby. 1770

SIR:

Yours of the 23^d. Ult^o. ☞ Mr. Henry, came duly to hand, together with £12 . . 14 for the leather —

A Man called here this morning early, to enquire for Some Mil-Stones of yourn, which I could give him no intelligence of, as I never heard of any, and much doubt if there is any such thing in Town at present as Milstones; As I came up in the Fall, we were oblidged to put in at Eusopus on account of the Ice, & there were three or four pair lying at the Dock which, a man, who had the care of them, wanted to send much to this place, & perhaps yourn might be among them; if so, I woud now advise you to send for them, as there never was stronger Ice

¹ The charter of Connecticut was held to have proceeded from that of the Council for New England, the Plymouth Company, which was empowered to possess territory in America from the 40th to the 48th degree of north latitude and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Inclosed is a Ring, which Mr. Lansingh has given [me] in the place of that of yourn, which he melted, as [I be] fore informd you. Please to make my Comp^{ts}. [to Mess]^{rs}. Gamble, & Daily, and I am with great respect

D^r. Sir

Y^r. Most Obed^t. & Hum^e. Serv^t.

SAM^l. STRINGER

INDORSED:¹ []

Ansrd. ye. 14th. Febr^{ry}. 1770

wrote him to buy me a pair of
Esopus Millstones & send them up
if possible, also to speak to Hunn
ab^t. Onniade at Sacandaga &
to let me have their Ans^r. Soon

ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES AT FORT STANWIX

A. D. S.

[Johnson Hall, Feb. 3, 1770]

[	Fort] Stanwix	
[	] Bowls of Sperritt Tody	£0. 12. 0
[	bo]ttles Wine	1. 0. 0
[	] Bowls Tody for the Serv ^{ts} . & Indians	0. 12. 0
[	] Bo Sangueree for Billey	0. 2. 6
[	] Dinner for the Gentlemen	0. 16. 0
[	] 4 Dinner for the Serv ^{ts} . & orderly Man	0. 4. 0
To 4	Loaves of Bread & one pound & a half of But- ter for the Indians	0. 7. 10
To 11½	Pounds of Loaf Sugar at 2 ^s /Ⓕ	1. 3. 0
To 5½	Gall ^s of Rum for the Annadago Indians	2. 4. 0
To one & a half	Quarters of Roast Mutton	0. 7. 6
To 4	fowls	0. 3. 0
To 8	Loaves & 2½ Doz ⁿ of Bisquets	0. 14. 6
To 1	Pint of Rum for the Indians	0. 1. 0

¹ In Johnson's hand.

To 3 Dinners	0. 4. 6
To 6 Suppers	0. 9. 0
To Vittles for 4 Indians	0. 4. 0
To Vittles for 2 Squaws	0. 2. 0
To 8 Breakfasts	0. 8. 0
To 7 Meredians	0. 7. 0
To 2 dinners for the Orderly man & Billey	0. 2. 0
To 7 Bowls & ½ of Spiritt Tody	1. 7. 3
[] Bowls Tody for the Soldiers & the Indian	3. 0
[] lls Rum	0. 0. 9
[] bottles & a pint of Wine	1. 2. 0
[] loaves of Bread	0.15. 9
[] Mutton & one fowl sent to Ft Bull	7. 0
[] of Rost Mutton	0. 6. 0
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	£14 5 9
[]	8. 0
[] of Bread & 1 Qu ^t Rum for y ^e Massag	0. 8. 0
[] Bread & ½ th Butter for y ^e Annadago	0. 2. 2
[] Tody & 3 Bow ^s Sangueree	£0.8.3
[] ils Vittles	0.2.0
[] loaves Bread	0.4.6
[] 4 Quarts Milk	0.1.2
	<hr/>
[] for Joseph	0.15.11
	<hr/>
	£1.14. 1

Memorandum of the Number
of Loads Carried Over for Sir
William Johnson

from the 3rd of July to the 4th of August

To 31 Loads boats Included over this place	£6. 4.0
To 5 Loads from Kenedy Creek	5. 0.0
To 4 Loads of Baggage from bulls Fort to the Indian Field	2.16.0

To 4 Horses & a man to Kenedy Creek	1. 0.0
To 1 Horse to Kenedy Creek w ^h . Hair	0. 4.0
To 2 Horses with Tice & Abbett to Bulls Fort	0. 4.0
To 3 Loads of Corn Carried from the [Indian] Field to the Other Side of fort [] Under the Care of Barn Wemple	2. 2.0

£17.10.0

[] Bunts Boat Baggage &ca	
[] going down & Returning	1 3 6

£18 13 6

Rec^d. of Sir W Johnson [] Thirty four Pounds, thir-
teen [shillings four pence] being in full of these Acc^{ts}.—

£34 13 4 []

INDORSED: Fort Stanwix in [going]
& returning to y^e. Senecas

£32.19.3

1.14.1

£34.13.4

paid

Sir W^m Johnsons
Account

ACCOUNT OF JOHN DE PEYSTER

D.

[Feb. 3, 1770]

[Sir William John]son Dr To Jn ^o De Peyster	
[] by Andris Wemp	£1. 7 -
[] th Small Nails as Ⓐ ac	2.10 -

£3.17 -

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

Kinderhook 4 Feb^y 1770

[]

In consequence of y[] Military appointments I have already wrote you [] with his Honor the Lt. Governor to write him a fortnight [] ing qualified My Br. writes me that he was pleased to read it [] his Honor asked what the Kinderhook People would have of him [] they] would would be extremely tender how they presumed to point out any Mode; but [] the existence of the regiment in *its present form* as a real Grievance [] Kinderhook People to his Honor was that it might not so remain. But who [] People propose for a Col^o. ? As that is a matter that will not be known until [] are known upon the subject my Br. could not answer him the question — He therefore [] that you Sir had proposed a Regiment should be formed of the Inhabitants between the [North Bounds] of the Manor of Livingston & the South Bounds of the Manor of Rensselaer Wyck — He [] informed of the number of Inhabitants which he said were sufficient for 2 Regiments [The question] was put how a Division could be made?—A streight Line from the lower Falls to the [bounds of the co]lony¹ — Then says his Honor the Kinderhook People would rather not be with Clavera[ck. My Br. repli]ed 't is their desire to be intirely disconnected from Claverack — He appeared intirely to [] in the wishes of the People.— His Honor told my Br. that he would (although our complaints were [] prerogative matters and merely with himself) lay our complaints before the Council & have the Kind[erhook] Petition entered on the minutes of the Council.— If Sir you should approve of a Regiments

¹ See map following Van Schaack to Johnson, January 28, 1770.

[] being here four or five of the principle people will wait on you and let you know who & who [] be most agreeable for the Field Officers & Captains or it shall be done by Letter as you shall most approve of. We mean, in case it should be agreeable to you, to recommend such Persons only [as] have the most interest in the Township — if those appointments should be properly distributed the whole Township will be so united that 9/10 of the Freeholders will in future Vote for their Members one way.— The most thinking part of the Township would (if they had no other motion) be on this Account extremely happy of having a Regiment. When you find it convenient I shall be happy to hear from you and remain in the utmost haste

with great respect

Sir

your most Obedient
humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

[P. S.] The old Road Act is revived¹ for an other Year So [the] grand scheme He had in view is dropped through.

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Niagara Feb^y. 4th: 1770

SIR

I embrace this opportunity by an Indian to enquire after your health —

As His Excellency our Governor has no Commissary to dispute with at present, he now & then makes the Traders sensible of his *importance*.—

On his arrival here, I beg'd a favour of him in behalf of the Indians Viz^t. that they should not be stop'd at the Gates or have

¹ See *Colonial Laws of New York*, 5:89-90 for law passed January 27, 1770.

their packs search'd — he so far comply'd with my request as to give out an order [to] that purpose, but I still find the old practice continued & doubtless with his approbation — When[ever] he puts his nose out of the Garrison I put a [stop] to such proceedings, which of course incurs me [his Exc]ellency's heavy displeasure —

[] *aa, waa* is here & desires me to acquaint you [that the] Indians are all peaceable & quiet & that he [] keep them so, altho the Delawares are constantly endeavoring to stir them up to do mischief — I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in ask[ing] your advice, how I shall get paid £34:15:1, which I have expended on the Indians during the time I had [the] honour to command — I beg my comp^{ts}. to Sr. John [and] all your family — I am with regard

D Sir

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant —

JA^s. STEVENSON

S^R. WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: [Niagara Feb^y. 4th. 1770]

FROM DE COUAGNE

A. L. S.

Niagara Februy 4th. 1770

SIR

I am greatly concerned to be informed this day by Mr. Edward Pollard of this place, that my Bill on you in his favour Dated in September 1768 in not yet paid, I did not doubt but was paid as, I particularly desired it might be Discharged when I was last Down, as it hath been standing some Years and chiefly Cash, the taking it up will be Esteemed a favour done Sir

Your most obedient
Humble servant

DECOUAGNE

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

New York the 5th Febr'y. 1770

SIR

I have no News to send you at present as I have not been out of the House these eight or ten days on acct. of the sickness of Mr^s. MacLeod and her daughter, they are now some what recover'd, and I intend to sally out this afternoon to try if I can Stand the N. Wester. that now blows.

I am informed that they are this day puting up the New Liberty pole¹ in defiance of the Mayor and Corporation who are much against it being put up, however up it goes in spite of them all.

Mess^{rs}. Phyn and Ellice have this day sent me a most surprizing accompt, which makes me trouble you with the following request which is. If there yet remains any of my orders upon you in their favour unpaid, that you'll [be] so good as stop the money in your hands untill such [time] as I can clear up accompts with them, as at present [I thin]k they use me extremely ill. If you'll be so good as [to forwar]d the enclosed as Soon as possible it will add to [the m]any obligations I already lye under to you pardon [the tro]uble and believe me to be Sir

Your very affectionate and much obliged Humble Ser^t.

NOR^d. MAC LEOD

INDORSED: N York 5th. Febr'y. 1770

Cap^t. MacLeods Letter

¹ The first liberty pole was erected on the Common (City Hall Park) June 4, 1766, after the repeal of the Stamp Act and displayed the words "The King, Pitt and Liberty"; and was cut down by soldiers of the 28th regiment August 10. The second pole was raised September 23 and was destroyed the following night. The third was planted March 18, 1767 and was prostrated the next day. A fourth was erected at once and stood until January 16, 1770, when its destruction was effected by soldiers of the 16th regiment. This incident was followed on the 19th and 20th by the affray of Golden Hill.

ACCOUNT OF BARENT VAN ALEN

A. D. S.

6th. February, 1770

Albany 23 November 17[69].

[Sir Willia]m Johnson To Barent Van Alen Dr:

[	ght			
[	] Smith Ballos	a	£0- 4-0	
[	] Sarvayors Cumpas		0- 1-0	
[	] 2 Mills Stones	a	30/ 3- 0-0	
[	] 591 Bushels of Corn	a	/4 9-17-0	
[	To] 2 Hh ^d : of Rum	a	6/ 0-12-0	
[	To] 1 Barl of Beer	a	1/6 0- 1-6	
[	To] 1 Canestar of Tea	a	1/ 0- 1-0	
[	]or Being Detained at			
[	A]lbany 6 Day on		6- 0-0	19-16- 6
[	a]ccount of the Corn			
[	4] Barls of pork	a	1/6 0- 6-0	
[	] carting of Samea York		0- 2-0	
[	] To 20 Barls of Syder	a	1/6 1-10-0	
[	] To 1 Case of Dry Goods	2/	0- 2-0	
[	] To 4 Loads to Schonac-			
	tady	10/	2- 0-0	
[	] To 1 Hh ^d : of Spirits	a	6/ 0- 6-0	
[	] To 1 Box of Dry goods	a	4/ 0- 4-0	4-10- 0
[	] To 3 Barls of Syder	a	1/6 0- 4-6	
[	] To 1 pipe of Wine	a	8/ 0- 8-0	
[	] To Carting of Same a York		0- 2-9	
[	To] 500 Bushals of Corn	a	/4 8- 6-8	
[	To] 1 Negroman passage & keeping		0-12-0	
[	4] Barls of pork	a	1/6 0- 6-0	
[2 C]aggs	a	/9 0- 1-6	
[]igs Set In Mold		0- 1-0	

[Car]ting of Same a York	0-	1-6	
[] Barls of pork a 1/6	0-	9-0	10-12-11
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[] 6th. February 1770 Then Rec^d. []
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[BARENT] VAN ALEN

INDORSED: []
 1770 £3[4-19-5]

BILL OF PETER W. DOUW

A. D.

Febry. 6th. 1770

[Al]bany 26 April 1769

Sir W^m. Johnston Dr

To Peter W. Douw

	To freight of 1 Box a 1/.....	0..	1..0
	To 2 Bundels of Trees a 2/ p ^r	0..	4..0
	To 1 Small Bundel a 6 ^d	0..	0..6
[] 16..	To 4 Barls of Nails a 3/ p ^r	0..	12..0
	To 4 Boxes of Glass a 9 ^d	0..	3..0
	To 1 Hh ^d . Earthen wear 6/.....	0..	6..0
	To 1 Cag white lead a 6 ^d & 2 gogs		
	a 6 ^d	0..	1..6
	To 2 Boxes dry goods a 9 ^d p ^r	0..	1..6
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			£1.. 9..6

Febry. 6th. 1770 Rec^d. the above Sum on

Acc^t. of P. W Dow p^r Barent Van Alen

INDORSED: Peter W. Douw
 Acc^t. & rec^t. 6th. Febry.
 1770. £1.9.6

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

New York 7 February 1770

[DE]AR SIR

I arrived here last Night at 7 oClock, waited on Co^l. Croghan who I found laid up in the Gout. I delivered y^r. Letter to Wallace who kept me to Supper & was so kind to Go with me this morning to Magra, who I found by his discription Confined by a Complaint near Unto yours. this Evening I went for my Answer found him at Work he seems to have much affection for you & hope his prescription will be infallible, indeed every body seem much concerned that have heard of your Ailing. Mr. Williams made a point of my Supping with him where Rev^{ds}. Phillips, & Robinson, Dot^{rs}. Mallet, Jones, Bruce, & another, I dont know the name Supp'd, when Williams drank y^r. health they Spoke of you with Such affection that my Heart warmed to them [all], for God sake preserve yourself for your friends [You] can have no Idea how mankind are interested in [your] Welfare, a proper Regimen will remove your Complaint [] love you best that wish you a bed at unseasonable hours, [you] must excuse me but I must blame you, for being too [

] to yourself, you think much of any expence you make [own] health; State the Case thus. that you are giving [] hundreds. then you'll not blame your friends [] to Spend something more than you []

I am advised by every body to take other advice [] Magra Stupid & doating, indeed he seems to me very [] I thought you had inclosed y^r Case to Mr. Wallace to be se[nt to] Mr. Morgan, wch made me wait on him immediately [on] arrival, I had no Letter Amongst those you gave me f[or] Philadelphia 8th: inst.

I have had a good deal of discourse with Magra [] he asked me if you bled at the Gums. if I knew what []

State your blood was in, I answered I did not hear you [bled] at the Gums, but I observed that twice after shaving, from touches of the razor almost imperceptible you bled very [plen]tfully. he then seem'd much pleased with the Opinion [] had wrote. said he was Sure he had prescribed what wo[uld] have Effect, that he would think himself a very bad man [if] he did not use every endeavour to administer to your welf[are] he desired I would mention the use of *Horse Radish*. mus[tard] & *Scurvy Grass* desired you to dress them up [] ways. as may be palatable, You have not mentiond [] the Wound you received in y^r Leg, I did. he said If [] had] pounded some white salt & washed it with it, & aply'd [it to the] wound when Green it would have prevented the bl[] it now has. he says he will Write you more [] you will Answer him immediately & let [him know what] further Symptoms happen. You he says [] understand you, its troublesome to [] mber of pages where the number of Words loose the use & meaning of the Writing

General Gage was dressing when I called yesterday, I saw him to day he seems to blame the making the boundary with the present disputes, that the Delwares are Jealous not having a Share of the purchase money but his Letter will explain more fully. I had not time to mention any thing of my own affairs, nor did he, as we both were desirous the Express should not be delay'd he wishes you would take Doctor Johnson's advice, would not have any delay. he seems very desirous of your Recovery

There is a vas deal of News in the Boston paper I could only get a Glympse of it at Gaines, but he promised to write you the heads of it. I also desired Rivington who promises also to write you.

Your Friend Lord Chelburn is in the Ministry again I hope he'll pursue the former plan

I shall if I receive your Letters, set out in the Britannia, if she goes sooner than the packet, however that will depend entirely upon the Letters I hope to Receive from you.

under to contract these Extraordinary Expences beyond the allowance fixed for your Department. To satisfy them that they are unavoidable at this Juncture, and to desire that Orders may be transmitted to defray them. a Packet is daily expected, and you can't be too expeditious in Sending your Dispatches to this Purpose to your Correspondent in this Place, or to my Office, from whence they shall be carefully forwarded.

I am truly concerned to hear by Mr. Roberts of your ill state of Health, Sincerely wishing I may shortly learn better accounts of you as I am with great Regard.

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR. W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York 8th. Febr^y. 1770

Gen^l. Gages Letter

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[*N York February*] 8, 1770

[SIR]

[I am] really concerned, Sir William [] L^t Roberts of your Indisposition. I [grea]tly wish this Epistle may find you [in good] health again.

[With] greatest Hurry I have scribbled the [inclos]ed which gives the state of things [] down to y^e 1st of January.

[] agrely on Lord Dunmores¹ appoint[ment] to the Government of New York.

¹ John Murray, Earl of Dunmore was governor of New York from October 19, 1770 to July 9, 1771. His commission was dated January 2, 1770.

[M]y Humble Respects to S. John, [] Guy & Capt
Claus & I am

Sir William

Your faithfull Servant

[Feby.] 8 1770

JAS RIVINGTON

INDORSED: [N] York 8th. Feb^{ry}. 1770

[Ja^s.] Rivingtons Letter

[wi]th Enclosures

VOLKART DAWSON'S RECEIPT

A. D. S.

[Feb. 8] 1770

Albany April 16, 1765

Sor Willem Johnson

Dr.

aan Volkart Dawson

Voor Vracht op

[]

To 2 baalle boome

at 6/

Voor carre

[]

[£ 0. .12. .-]

INDORSED:

[Feb. 8] 1770 Rec^d the Within Sum in f[ull]

Volkart Dawson

Translation

VOLKART DAWSON'S RECEIPT

A. D. S.

[Feb. 8] 1770

Albany, April 16, 1765

Sir William Johnson

Dr

to Volkart Dawson

For Freight

[]

to 2 bags of beans

at 6/

For carting

[]

[£ 0. .12. .-]

FROM AN OQUAGA INDIAN

A. L. S.

Onohoquage. Feb: 9: 1770

Brother & chief &c — I Salute You & hope you be in good health as I am. Tho I am in trouble for my wife & her family On Account Of their Loss. They Are in great trouble for The Loss of a relation of my wifes Brothers Son — My Wife & her Sister Are Desirous of a Black Stroud for Each of Them that is The Wife of Nichlass Which if you Could handily give I Would take it As a Great favour as it is not in My power at present to Procure Neither Did I Ever intend to trouble You beyond Your Own Pleasure: but as This Ocation calls for what is not in my power & the Women Are Exceeding Desirous I Should beg The favour, Which if not convenient for You, I shall not Think hard, as You have Always Shewn Your friend ship beyond What I could Expect My Wife & her Sister Salute, Miss Molly. and [all] our family —
I Salute Your family & hope They may be in health I Still remain Your Friend

PETER. OGWITONTONGWAS
Or. LITTLE PETER

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble} Sir
William Johnson & —
att
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ Letter from an
Oghquagae Cheif —
March 1770

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 10th. February 1770

[DEAR] SIR

Some time ago Colo^l. Johnson informed me [that] you intended to let me have 10,000 Acres of Land in Patent []nk lying to the North of Johnson Hall, I at same [time] told Colo^l. Johnson that I shou'd willingly accept of [] or any other You shou'd recommend & immediately there[] I Just hinted something of the same kind to you at the Hall [whe]n I had the Pleasure to see you last week I judged it [not] proper to enter upon that business on acco^t. of your indis[positi]on, which with much satisfaction I now learn from M^r. [Con]stable you are getting the better of. What I am now to [trou]ble you with is to enquire some few particulars respecting [] and which I will be glad to be resolved in when Convenient [In the fir]st place I shou'd like to know if the Land is survey'd [] to receive my proportion in Lotts or altogether [] & if the latter at what Part of the Tract. I also want [] wh]at it will cost & if it will be inconvenient for you [not to make] the Paym^t. untill June or July next when it wou'd sute me much better than just now, as by that time re[turns] will be come to hand from the westward. It woul'd [be] a further satisfaction cou'd I obtain any Character [as to] the quality of the Lands, this I mean particularly [] give my friend M^r. Morison every information in my [power]

In about twelve days hence M^r. Ellice & I int[end] to undertake our journey to N: York shou'd you think of any thing we can serve you in when there be so good as Command [us.]

When you find it Convenient to send an order for Joh[nston's] £116:1:5 we Shall be obliged to You, as we have a

great m[any] Cash Articles to provide when below
I have the honor to be with much respect

Sir

Your most obed^t & much oblig[]

Hum^e Serv^t

JAMES P[HYN]

The Honb^e. SIR W^M JOHNSON

Baronet

INDORSED:¹ [Schenectady Feb^{ry}. 10 1770]

Mr. Phyns letter
Ansrd. ye. 14th. & Sent him
a Draft on Mr. Mortier
for £162. . 18. . 7
for Col Claus & Johnston the
Smith. & that I would
next Spring be better able to
give him an Ans^r. regard^g. the
Land than I can at p^{sent}—
Either at Scohare, or in the
Northeren Tract

TO BENJAMIN ROBERTS

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Feb^y. 10th. 1770

DEAR SIR

The Express being waiting I have only time to Send you the inclosed for Lord Hillsborough wherein I have told him of you and your Services in the most favorable Manner I Could and after acquainting him that you was to be the bearer of it I conclude with these Words "An honor which I could not refuse him

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

because during the time he was employed he faithfully & diligently discharged his duty & had he met with the Necessary Support would have proved of great use in that Country, I know that I cannot give him a higher recommendation to your Lordship than by saying that he was a faithfull Servant to the Crown.”

I also inclose you another Letter to his Lordship on publick affairs, which I daresay you will take good Care of & deliver Safe, and heartily Wishing you a Safe Voyage & all possible Success I remain Dr Sir

Your Sincere friend
& Very humble Servt.

[]ur departure I find
[]thing better.
[glad] to hear from
[] opportunity.

FROM SAMUEL TOUCHET AND OTHERS

L. S.

London 10th. Febry 1770

SIR

Mr. Henry Bostwick having informed us that it would be agreeable to You to take a Share in the proposed patent for a Company to work Mines in & round Lake Superior, We have Authority from all the parties concerned therein to Assure You they shall think it an honour to have you concern'd with'em therein. The King & Council have referred all proceedings to the Attorney & Sollicitor General for their Report upon the powers we have asked in the patent, Which, we have no doubt will be favourable, & that we shall soon obtain our Charter. Under these Expectations we have been at the Expence of sending out Mr. Bostwick & Mr. Baxter to explore the Lake & have already advanced for each Share being in all 28/£35 ³/₄ Share, and having also agreed to advance farther £20 upon each Share in order

to forward such necessaries as may be wanted upon the Lake the ensuing Summer we are obliged to call upon all the parties for their proportion, & as We are appointed the Committee for the Concerned We must beg the favour of You to pay to the Order of Mr: Alex^r: Baxter our Agent, who will write You herewith, the sum of £55 Sterling when and in such manner as it may be most convenient to him,

We are most Respectfully

Sir

Your Obed^t. Serv^t.

SAM TOUCHET

ALEX BAXTER

JOSHUA READSHAW

MARTIN KUYCK VAN MIEROP

JN TOWNSON

INDORSED:¹ London 10th. Febr'y. 1770

Letter from Sam^l. Touchet
Esq^r. &^{ca}. desireing me
to pay £55 Ster^{lg}. to Baxter
& Bostwick as my Share of
Some Charges accrued in
Searching for Mines²]^{ca}.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In 1739 the Jesuit, François Nau, in a letter from Sault St Louis, mentioning the discovery of an inexhaustible copper mine on the shores of Lake Superior, at a distance of 700 leagues, expressed the opinion that the profits would never be large because of the cost of transporting the metal.—*Archives de Québec, Rapport de L'Archiviste de la Province de Québec pour 1926–1927*, p. 307.

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall, February 10, 1770

I have received your [] has Likewise received & Communicated [] papers you addressed to him which [] fully Explained the Affair & I have accordingly [] the matter to the L^t. Gov^r. that it may be settled [] Most agreable to the people, as from the State [] I Cannot but approve of the forming two Regiments [] and in Case it meets with the Governors approbation the [] way in my opinion for getting the most fitting persons [] Officers will be to write me on the Subject, recommending [the] persons best Qualified, and the Letter to be Subscribed by some of the Principal Inhabitants of your Township,— My pres[ent] hurry will not by any means permit me to enlarge on this Subject, but you may be assured that as I have the Welf[are] of your Township much at heart, I shall not Omit any occa[sion] that may offer for promoting it and putting affairs there on the best and most Agreable footing in my power.

I am with Esteem
Sir

INDORSED: Feby 10th. 1770

To H. V. Schaack Esq^r.

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 12: February 1770

SIR,

Mr: Mortier being in the Country, I take the liberty [of] In-closing you the Generals Warrant in your favor dated 31^t. of January last for £ 184:3–11, Sterling, with three Receipts as

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

usual for your Signature, which was sent here from his office three days ago,—Should it be Convenient for you to draw for your ballance or near it at Present, Mr Mortier would be Glad, as a Sum is laid by for that Purpose, which should any Pressing demand soon become due, it might render it difficult to keep.

I am with great Regard,

Sir,
Your most Obedient, and
most Humble Servant,
W^M. NEWTON

[SIR W^M.] JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ N York 12th. Febr^{ry}. 1770

Mr. Mortiers Letter
wth. a War^t. recp^{ts}. &ca
for £184. .3. .11 Ster^{lg}.
being Col. Clau's accts
Ansrd. 21st. Inst.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 12th Feby. 1770

[SIR]

It gives me very great Pleasure to receive another Letter from you, by the Accounts Roberts has given me of you I was afraid you was too much indisposed to be able to write to any Body — enclosed you have an Account of the Articles you have order'd, for which please to give me Credit—Hamiltons Toothache Medicine was Sent on Saturday by Mr Thomas Shipboy, who will take Care to Send it you by some Safe Conveyance & the other Things Shall go this Day by the Post to the address of Cartwright.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I observe what you Say about the Concern Daniel Deniston had in the Oneida purchase, in Answer to which I have now to advise you that 16,000 Acres of that purchase has been long advised to be granted to Mr Oliver DeLancey & the Widdow Graham but neither of them have as yet taken out their Patents, Mr Daniel Denistons Share was included in the Above Quantity owing to his taking no Methods to engage for the Fees of patent along with Some other persons who applyd to me for that purpose however I am told Mr DeLancey will give it up on Application I shall See him this Week & shall mention the Matter to him Daniel Denistons fees will come to about £70 — You tell me He has paid the Purchase Money & Surveying Expences in his Life Time, which is indeed very true but the Money for that purpose was lent him by Mr William Proctor in this Town [who] I find has applyd to the office for Letters of Administration [] Securing his Money on Deniston's Estate — I have applyd to [Mr] Proctor & have prevaild on him to be quiet about this [] matter untill I shoud hear from you about, which He is very [] to do, firmly relying on your Honor in the Matter [] I might presume to Say any thing about it without [] tation of Impertinence, I must confess it appears to [] poor Proctor, that he Shoud be deprived of [] which was lent out of pure Good will to Deniston and without this piece of Kindness in Proctor, it is very pr[obable] Deniston would not have had it in his power to have paid [] for the purchase or any thing Else about the Concern, [] Truth of this Matter Proctor desires I will referr you to [] Silvester in Albany who has in his Hands the Original pap[ers] relative to the Transactions; Proctor had much rather you [woud] Administer than He; but He desires me to begg You will be [] to do what you Can to Secure his money for him in the b[est] manner you Can, which He Says He is very willing to ref[er] to Yourself — I therefore begg You will instruct me what I [am to] Say to Him on this Head

Croghan is in Town Sure Enough Poor Man, He is now confin'd to His Bed & has been for some time past [with] a pretty Severe Paroxism of the Gout, which He bears like [a] Lamb and instead of Swearing like a Trooper as Some Reprobates would do under Such intolerable Pains—He, on the Contrary Poor Soul, does nothing but pray and talk about the Sufferings of the Inner Man, which He thinks far more [of] than those of the Body—the poor Gentleman has sometimes a few Qualms about the Tricks of his Youth, which Now [& then] come out with heavy Sighs & Groans—in Short it woud [do you] a world of good to hear him talk when perchance a T[winge] catches him by the great Toe.

My Wife joins me in Sincere Respect to You []
believe me to be with great Truth

Sir your most Hble Serv[ant]

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
Johnson Hall

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

New York, 12 Feb^y. 1770

DEAR SIR

I most heartily rejoice to hear of your Amendment, I just now have told that good news to Doc^r Magra who desires me to testify his Satisfaction thereon

I have not yet had An Oppertunity of laying my Accounts before the General I have waited on the Governor about the Location for Capt Claus & me he & M^r. Banyar say it would be necessary that you should mention in Letter that may be laid before the Councill in Case of any objection, that you & the other

proprietors in the Purchase, of *Achilles Preston & others*,¹ are content & agree that we locate on them Grounds, which I pray you may send by the return of the Post. Capt McLeod dont seem inclined to locate on that Spot as the Land, he thinks scarce worth while

I hope Sr. as you was so Kind to tell me You would not have any objection to my being [conc]erned in that purchase you would reserve [] 5000 Acres, & make a Minit or memorandum

[] Mr Com^y. Leake & others have petitioned [] pur]chase a Large tract of Land running [] Branches of the Hudson River back north of your late purchase. I was [] opposite Side of the West Branch would not [] till I came back as perhaps I might be off[ered a] mandamus for Land.

I find by Mr. Wallace & others that Rog[ers² is] making a noise in England, he might keep me [in] hot Water if I have not Such Letters from you [as] may gain me protection.

Every body seem pleased at the Confinement [of the] American Wilkes³ Except Mr. Scot & some few who Visit him, its thought for fear he'd Squeal [] are sending about printed Cards, & doggerel Verse [] both Sides, a paper Called, the Outlines Ab[] by the Name of Sawny. M^c. Milkman, as [] formerly Carried buckets of Milk.

The was a concert a Friday last a Man p[layed] on the French horn as sweet as the Voice itself. Capt Campbell Of the Illinois, being at the [point of] death in the House hinderd the Ladies []

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 468, 469 and *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 540, 549.

² In the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Mass. is Roger's journal of proceedings with the Indians at Michilimackinac.—*Manuscript Records of the French and Indian War*, prepared by Charles Henry Lincoln.

³ Alexander McDougall, later a general in the Revolution.

I have no more to add but my [] for your family'
Welfare & am

Sr.

Your []
[]

ADDRESSED: To

The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Baronet
at Johnson Hall
His Majesty's Service

TO THOMAS BARTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Feb^y 16th. 1770

DEAR SIR,

It was not till the arrival of the last post that I was favored with your Letter of the 6th. Nov^r.—Mr. William Andrews Mentioned as the Bearer was indeed here in Dec^r. but never Mentioned any thing of it tho' he brot me other Letters, The day before yesterday I rec^d. a Letter from him from N York from whence he is sailed for Europe, wherein he inclosed yours.

Mr. Andrews When here expressed a desire for the Mission at Schenectady and as he is related to a principal Inhabitant of that place, It will be a Circumstance much in his favor and the means of promoting the ends of his Appointment, so that I think he will Answer very well & I have given him my recommendation to the society —

After the Fort Stanwix Treaty, I wrote Mr. Smith on a Subject in which you were both concerned, namely about a Tract of Land, I have not been able to find any that would Answer you, The only Tract in which I was concerned in any of their pur-

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

chased Lands lyes to the Northward, & upon Examinatⁿ. Consists of so much rough Land that a Small Tract could not be obtained without culling it out which those concerned would not allow of — Last Summer I wrote yourself, on the subject of the Missions here & concerning some Young persons bred at Philadelphia that had been recommended to me by Mr. Peters, to Supply them, but Never received your Answer, I am so fully persuaded of the Sincerity of your professions of Esteem for me that I did not Impute your Silence to Any Neglect, and you may be Assured that there is not the Least grounds for your attribut^s. mine at any time to the endeavors of any person wh^h soever my Indisposition Last Year, & the Hurry of business on my return from the seaside, Interrupted my Correspondence with you for altho' I may not Always even when I have Leisure have a Subject to Write on, I esteem your Correspondence so much that I would willingly say something to you, whenever I could, and this you may be assured of that no attempts have been made to Lessen you in my Esteem, or if there had, my friendship is not to be so easily removed, on the Contrary I shall always be happy to See or hear from you whenever either is Convenient, being

with great regard

D^r Sir

The REV^d. MR BARTON

INDORSED: Feb^y 16th 1770

To the Rev^d. Mr. Barton.

TO CHARLES INGLIS

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall, Feby 16th 1770

SIR,

I am much pleased at the occasion which has Introduced a Correspondence with a Gentleman whose Character I much

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

esteem, and I am much obliged to you for the favorable opinion you have of me & of my regard for the Interests of the Church of England.— I have indeed taken some pains as well to promote its interests as to recomend them to the favorable attention of Government, and I heartily wish it may in the end be successfull, with this View Missions at Albany, Schenectady, The Mohocks & this place have been recommended, the necessity of them shewn, and they have been fully approved of, but the three last are still Vacant, as we have not been able hitherto to procure Missionaries owing to the Want of Ordination here & the Scarcity of Clergymen in England, as I find from the Societys Letters that there are scarcely enough to serve the sev^l. Cures there, this is a Very unlucky Circumstance for the Church here, & altho the sallarys are lower than I could wish them, yet considering the very scanty allowance for some of the Clergy in England, I attribute the want of Missionaries here as much to the Want of Men in Orders as to the Low Sall^y, and I am Certain that since the purchase of D^r. Barclays house & farm, A Missionary in possession of that might do tolerably well with the Allowance from the society at Least better than he could at many of the Missions on the sea Coast.—

I have heard of the Appointment of the popish Missionary in Nova Scotia, I understand he was Sent there by Gov^r. Carleton who seemed to think it necessary, be it as it will I think that the Conciliating the Affections of the Tribes there is an object of much Less consequence than in this quarter where the Nations are in every respect intituled to much superior attention, however I fear that any recomendations, or other motives which may have induced Gov^l. to settle the Missionary there will not incline them to settle any this way on considering the plan of oeconomy now adopted, and altho I shall take an opportunity of mentioning this Matter to his Majestys Ministers in a becoming manner, yet I am very doubtfull of the Success for a variety of reasons too tedious to Mention —

I am so sensible of the Weight and Justice of your Observations on the subject that I cannot help taking part in it and doing

what is in my power to shew the reasonableness of Governments attention to these Matters in the Mean time I hope that the Venerable Society & Clergy will Continue their endeavors to procure the necessary Missionaries.—

I am Glad to hear that Mr Andrews is sailed and think he will Answer very well for one of the Missions particularly Schenectady where he has some Friends, that can by their countenancing him, render him of more use there than almost any other who should come as a Stranger to that place.—

I shall be always Glad of any opportunity of testifying how much I am, with Esteem

Sir &c

The REV^d. MR. INGLIS

INDORSED: Feb^y. 16th 1770.

To the Rev^d. Mr. Chas^s. Inglis.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[*Kinderhook*] 16 February 1770

[SIR]

I had the Honor a few Days ago to receive your very obliging Letter of the 10th Instant.— If the Governor forms the Militia here upon the [officer]ing you have been pleased to recommend we shall immediately recommend the [of]ficers in the way you desire: In doing this be assured Sir that the leading [pe]ople here and those who have the welfare of the Township at heart will []d up many things for Securing and perpetuating the union which has latterly [taken] place here, the People have Seen their danger and they are determined to [] in the opposition to their Enemies. My Br. Writes me that the Governor after laying our Petition &c before the Council had determined to [ask] Col^o. R. . . .r for a State of the Regiment and *return of the Commissions* that he had resolved to Create two Regiments between the Manor of Livingston [and] Rensselaer

— If a Return of the Commissions is truly made it will be a [very] curious one, if an erroneous one is made the maker will be detected as the [Gove]rnor has materials to enable him for a detection. I am very apprehensive []ill be in no hurry to make the returns in hopes of a Change in the Government.

[]with the truest Love & Respect

Sir

Your most obedient
& obliged humble servant

[] begs her respectful H V SCHAACK

[] and She would be

[]— You was pleased

[] me leave to put

[] Request to

[]

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: [Kinderhook 16 Febr'y. 1770]

[H. V Scha]ack Esq^r.

[Lett]er

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 16th February 1770

SIR,

I now inclose your Vouchers for the provisions I Issued this day to the Eusopus Indians, which Vouchers you will be good enough to Sign and to Transmit me as soon as convenient, as I shoud like to have this Voucher included in my Accounts to the 24th. Current

I have been desired to have my Provisions now Remaining in Store Cooperd, and Ready in case you shoud send for it, which is now done. say about

50 Barrels Flour
& 20 odd Barrels Pork,

I am with great Respect

Sir

Your most Obd^t Serv^t.

JN^o. MONIER.

[W]ILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []

[Mr.]

TO JOHN WELLES

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Feby 16th. 1770

[S]IR

I lately rec^d. your Letter of Nov^r last and I recollect your having formerly wrote to me on the Subjects you Mention in which or any thing in my power I should be glad to afford you my Services

The pot and pearl Ash Manufactory has been for [some] years Carried on upon My Estate at a little Town I am erecting a mile from hence, and the Business has succeeded extremely well. Mr. Adems who carries it on now in the place of him who began it is assisted with proper German Workmen who make it so good that it Generally bears the first price, and the Situation here amongst a large Number of Tenants constantly clearing lands

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

gives it the Advantage of many others.—but as Adems carries it on entirely on his own accot and I have very little leisure to attend to matters of that Nature I know little or nothing of the process. This much I have observed that it is very Simple, The Salts are Extracted by putting the Ashes into Tubs and pouring water on it which is Carried off by Cocks fixed in them, and as for the dimensions of Kettles & I apprehend there is not the least necessity to be at the Expençe you Mention, any more than there is for Iron hearths as the Superior Quality of that made here will Shew which is done [] Brick Hearths, In short the principal thing is to get [] honest Men well acquainted with the practical part, which as [I have] observed is so easy that had you an opportunity of seeing it [] on here you would Soon understand it sufficiently to be guarded [from] future Imposition, however I shall see to procure you the [] send it as soon as my leisure will permit—

[I] Assure you that you need have no doubt of my friendly regards [] for you, Tho the Distance & Variety of buisness may [] corresp] onence, the Sentiments of every body here continue [] but doubtless Letters will at sometimes miscarry [] you the begin^g. of 1768 In ans^r. to a Letter of y^r [] he] desires his kind Compliments to you, as do [] for your Success Sir,

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

*A. L. S.*¹

Albany 18th. Febr. 1770

D^R. SIR

I have but just time to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favour of 14th. ins^t.; and to acquaint you that I have applied to M^r. Hun on the Subject you mentiond who immediately con-

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

sented to your building any House you pleasd, but refused seling any part. I am to have it from under his own Hand When I will forward the same to you — I shall also write to Eusopus ⁷ first opportunity about the Stones — I hope to be up within ten days or a fortnight; in the mean time am Sir

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

SAM^L. STRINGER

P. S: M^{rs}. Stringer
presents her Comp^{ts}. to you,
& please to make mine to
Mr. Daily & Gamble
TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

New York 19th Febr'y 1770

SIR

Mr. Roberts arrived here some time ago with [mo]st alarming accounts of your bad state of health which gave great [un]easiness to every body but to none so much as to Normand Ma Leod [an]d his little Wife, but thank god we have since been informed of [you]r recovery, I hope my Worthy Friend Col. Guy is also recovered [T]here's little or no news here at present what make the greatest [no]ise here is the Confinement of Mr. MacDougal, and the observation [of] one of the prisoner when MacDougal was sent to jail which [was], Fine times indeed a son of liberty sent to jail and the liberty [po]le put in Irons,¹ which are both facts. you have heard before [n]ow of their Method of flinging

¹ The fifth liberty pole was raised by John Lamb and others on ground of their purchasing. It was cased two-thirds of its length in iron, sunk 12 feet in the ground, and bore the inscription "Liberty and property."

the Corporation who (refused them [gro]und to put up the liberty Pole) by purchasing a spot of their [own] on which it is now erected in spite of them. in consequence of there [] (I mean the Corporation) they published the enclos'd advertisement [] send a News paper extraordinary which perhaps you have not [seen] The Sons of liberty have also purchased a House¹ I think from [] they wanted it to Celebrate the anniversary of the repeal [of the stamp] act in it and to rent it but Col. Morris would not rent it [] what he would sell it for he answer'd £600 which was [] by 100 of them who laid down their six pounds each There's an other liberty Pole put up before this House with 45 [] on it which was put up for my Country men to scratch themsel[ves] on. I have this moment purchased the enclosed paper called Juni[us] which they tell me is a very inflammatory piece as it is but just co[me] out and the Post going away I have not time to read it. I should be happy in hearing from some of your good family as I [am] still oneasy about your wellfair

M^{rs} MacLeod sends you her most respectfull Compliments and Joins me in Sending the same to all your Worthy Family

I am

Sir

With great esteem

Your most Humble

and most obedient Ser^t.

NOR^d. MACLEOD

I am Just now informed that the scratching Pole for [my] Country men was pulled down Saturday night not known [by] whom

INDORSED: Feb^{ry}. 19th. 1770

Cap^t. MacLeods letter

¹ The Liberty Boys named their house, on Broadway, Hampden Hall after John Hampden, the English patriot.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 19th February 1770

SIR

I am fav^d. with your Obliging Letter of the [] Inclosing Your Bill on Mr. Mortier for £162:18:7 ½ for which [acce]pt of best thanks. I am much Obliged to you for your offer [of] lands about Scohare if I determine to Purchase there will acquaint you after my Return from N Y— in the mean [tim]e I send ⁷ your express 2ⁿ Tea which is all we have [at] present the River seems to be brakeing up therefore will [not] detain Your Serv^t. shou'd anything occur that I can [do] for you when below fav^r me with a line

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Hum^e. Serv^t

JAMES PHYN

[The Honb^e.] SIR W^m. JOHNSON Barn^t.

ADDRESSED: To

To The Honorable Sir William Johnson
Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
Letter Febr^y. 19th. 1770

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

New York 19 February 1770

SIR

I received your most agreeable fav^r. of the 10 Inst. with the Inclosures, thanks are too poor for the Obligations you daily

Confer On me. I must wait Some favorable Oppertunity to Convince you by Actions the Grattitude of my Heart.

Rivington has a most extrordinary Letter from London which Says that Major Rogers was presented to His Majesty & Kissed his hand, that he demanded redress & retaliation for his Sufferings, the Minister asked what would Content him, he desired to be made a Baronet, with a pension of £600 St. P and to be restored to his Government at Michilimackinak & to have all his Accounts paid. Mr. Fitzherbert is his particular friend

Rogers has got his Sallery from G:Carleten as Govern[or] his Expences at Montreal &c. were paid him here. he has got them again in England also his Accnts for his Expedition to the NortWest

Stedman has presented large Accomts of losses & damages Sustained, & is likely to have them paid [] I suppose & shall find a Strong party against me []. the fear of that alone made me trouble you for [a recommen]dation, 'twould be so dishonorable to see that [] notice of & I that have served 13 years [] many Capacities employ'd, not taken [] wou'd be too great for Our []

Billy Bayard has Wrote that he was [] to the King, who said a great many flattering [] to him, he told his Majesty, that he was one of [his] Majesty's best Subjects, but that no favors hi[s Majes]ty could confer on him, would bribe him to sel[l the] Interest of his Country,¹ he adds that Lord D[unmore] & he are to Come Out in the Same Ship in June

Lord Dunmore dont bring his family till he [] how he likes the Government. he is a very active M[an] Loves walking, & riding, & is a Sportsman

¹ The members of the committee appointed October 18, 1764, by the New York assembly to correspond with other assemblies and with the agent of New York at the British court in opposition to the Sugar Act and other acts were Philip Livingston, William Bayard, Leonard Lipenard, John Cruger and Robert R. Livingston.

Billy Bayard, says that he himself goes by the [name] of the plain American, he has not yet altered his [] dress

There is a paper Signed Junius printed from [an] English paper,¹ at Boston which is the most Insol[ent] possible against his Majesty, in Short the would [] act as a Gentleman Shake hands with the pop[ulace?] and conclude with saying a revolution put the [Crown on] his head & a revolution &c —

The packet Sails a thursday if my [] wth I expect by the return of Col Croghans [] Sail in her. if not I shall go by a Lond[on] [] Sails the 1st of March, I wish Adam[s] [] here to send in her 'twould bring []

As the Clamor may be in fav^r. [] think I am unreasonable [] See Occasion add [] Ministry or some other friend that may be usefull [] to Support me against the oppression of party. I am

Dear Sir

[] given my acc^{ts}. Your most obliged
[to the] general but have not Faithfull & humble Servant
[] him since, I have attended

[sev]eral times B ROBERTS

[Rivington] I have desired to send you
[the par]ticulars of his Letter also the paper

you was desirous to see our Rules

[] Patrick I send you my book

¹ The letters of Junius appeared in the *Public Advertiser*, which was directed and published by Henry Sampson Woodfall. Their appearance extended from January, 1769 to January, 1772, following a series and preceding a series attributed to the same pen, though bearing different pseudonyms. Critical examination of these anonymous satirical papers has led to the nearly unanimous opinion that the author was Sir Philip Francis, a brilliant and embittered politician of that day.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Feb 19, 1770

[SIR]

[I expect]ed writing to you, Sir William, by Mr [] as prevented.

[The inclosed] peice, published in London last Janua[ry] [] not help sending, it exhibits to you []dness the barefacedness of our political wri[ters] who are suffered thus to affront the majesty [of Eng]land with impunity.

[] news I sent up by Mr Roberts's Express antici[pated all] that which the pacquet produced last week. [The Co]mmons of Ireland, altho they have agreed [] augmentation of the Military Establishment, [have] not provided a fund for paying it, and a [] of resistance is still expected. Flood¹ & [Pery ?], two mighty patriots, have apostatized, [and] now Support the Ministerial measures. [Gener]al Gage was on ye 17th of November appoin[ted to] the Government of New York but before [his co]mmission was ready Lord Dunmore [] & obtained it.

[It is thou]ght on ye Royal Exchange that Hostilities [are al]ready commenced by France against our [Falkland] Settlements.

[] Sardinia threaten the Conquest of [] [] Ambassador has left Berlin & the prussian [] a General war is expected this [] i]s thought the Ministry will not []ment, the Duke of Rutland² & his []a]re leaving them in disgust. [] one of ye 16³ peers about 35 has eight

¹ Henry Flood, an eminent Irish commoner, afterward member of the English House of Commons, born in 1732, died in 1791.

² John Manners, third Duke of Rutland.

³ Lord Dunmore was one of the 16 Scottish peers in the House of Lords.

[]th child, he is a plain affable []
] and I fancy will prove no []
] an side in this City. We have []
 Faction, a wretched demagogue []
 you must have ken []
 We expect a Vessell from Bristol [] The transac-
 tions of parliament &c [] forwarded as soon as she
 arrives & I am [] of the particulars.

I am

Sir William,

Your most faithfull []

JA RIVING[TON]

SR. WM. JOHNSON Bar^t.

The following is extracted from a Letter¹ [I received] 7^d pacquet from England

“Rogers talks very high of his Usage and d[emands] large Terms, to be created an English Baronet [and have] Six hundred pounds a year with a majority in t[he Army] or he would not be Silent. They have given [him all] his pay as Governor of Mischilimackinac [to this] time, but they have paid the accounts of the Exp[edition and] Boats, he sent from the abovementionēd post [to make disco]veries in the back Countries, to one Carver.² Mr [Fitzherbert, who] is his friend, says he will have Something [for with his] cursed impudence he hums all the [great people and] I firmly believe, he will succeed beyond [what every one in Ame]rica, who knows him, could Expect.”

ADDRESSED: To

S W^m Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

¹Burned portions supplied from a copy printed in *Journals of Major Robert Rogers*, ed. Franklin B. Hough, p. 257.

² Jonathan Carver, an American traveler.

ALEXANDER MC KEE TO GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Fort Pitt February 20th 1770

SIR

On my arrival here found several Shawanese and Delaware Chiefs waiting with impatience, and you will see by the enclosed Copy of their Speeches to me the situation of their Minds, I understand several of their people have been Killed last Year which gives grounds to a great deal of their discontent particularly as no Step has been taken to Condole with them agreeable to their custom for their loss, another cause is the constant Practice of Stealing their Horses in return for those carried off by the Six Nation Indians from the white people, for I do not find that those Nations have been Guilty of any outrage or this pernicious Practice, which will undoubtedly at last draw on broils that must inevitably destroy the Friendship subsisting between them and us, let their inclination be ever so great for Peace —, which I do not find to be the case for I am informed there has been a Plan certainly on [foot] amongst them some Years past to strike the English which [it] seems is not yet ripe for execution otherwise they would not [so] tamely bear the injuries they so loudly complain of without a [] but the prospect of the blow falling more effectually when [] western Nations with the Southern Indians are brought into the League flatters their revenge, and to this [] I find they have had Deputies again all the last Year throug[hout the] Western Nations as well as amongst the Chickasaw's [and the] Cherokees to the Southward, the latter are returned with [an] account from the Cherokees that a Number of their Nation w[ill] be at the lower Shawanese Town in the Spring to Council, [] occasioned the Shawanese Chiefs to hurry home from this p[ost,] Messengers being sent for them, their other Deputies being also expected, and the Great Meeting which those Nations ha[ve] been labouring to bring about so long is certainly to take pl[ace] this Spring

when the Peace is to be finally settled between the Cherokees and all the Western Indians, as the Wabash Confed[eracy] who prevented its being finished last year are now reconciled [to] the Shawanese and they are brought into it so that they are now [] full hopes that nothing can interrupt them in accomplish[ing] designs, having had also three different Messages from the []

[] on the other side of the Mississipi to encourage them to [] the English and one this Winter promising them their []

This information I have had from one of their [] who likewise tells me that after this General Peace [] amongst them and all their differences amicably [] other, their intention is then to proceed to this pl[ace] a redress of such Greiviances as they have to [] and if they do not meet with a reparation that will be satisfactory to them they are then to pursue their own measures.—

The bussiness of those Chiefs who have been here last summer & Fall was to keep an Eye over the Conduct of the English and Six Nation Indians as well as to keep their own people Quiet as any rash proceeding from them might be detrimental to their general Scheme, and this it seems was their reason likewise for not joining the Six Nation Indians when called upon to strike tho' they have the Wampum delivered them on this occasion still in their Possession—,It is certain that notwithstanding this seeming Peacable disposition they are still laying up and have now a greater Quantity of Amunition than they ever had before, Some of them have acknowledged this to me saying it was their Duty to provide for themselves while they saw us repairing our Fort, this is a matter that gives them cause of Jealousy and is I understand to be one of their first requests to have it demolished.

There will be undoubtedly a very great number of Indians here the insuing Spring or Summer, and if measures are not fallen upon to remove their uneasiness probably may be attended with some [d]isagreeable consequences.—There is nothing else material come to my knowlege since my arrival should any occur

while I am here I shall not delay to inform you [] in the mean time I am Sir,

your most obedient & very
Humble Servant

ALEX^R. M^CKEE

[]

INDORSED: []

Inclosures

SPEECH OF RED HAWK¹

D.

Ten Shawanese among whom were three of the principal Chiefs of that Nation delivered the following Speeches — several Delawares being present. The Red Hawk Speaker.

Brother,

The Alarming accounts so frequently brought to our Towns from this Post, was the cause of our coming here last Summer as the situation of things seemed to threaten our Peace with the most dangerous Consequences and tho we did not give Credit to all the bad News which we heard from you, thought best to come and speak with some of our Wise Brethren the English upon it, in order to Stop if possible the public Breaches of our Friendship then carried on—, but we are sorry to say that on our arrival found all we heard was true and worse than even had been represented to us, for to our grief we have seen a continuation of the same bad practices carried on before our Eyes ever since without being able to stop them. Brother the black Clouds are gethered so thick over us that we have lived in darkness for some time past, but we hope soon to hear from [ou]r greatest and Wisest Brethren amongst the English []n we expect they will aford all the Assistance in their [pow]er to disperse those dark Clouds that the Sun may [shine] once more in Peace and amity upon us,

¹ Inclosed in letter of Alexander McKee to George Croghan, February 20, 1770.

and that we [may be en]abled to preserve y^e friendship so dear to us our [] Children —, But we have reason to fear that [] heard of our hazardous situation or [] King of England has withdrawn the protection so often promised us in Co[uncil] and by these Belts.—

They shew'd several Belts of [Wampum]
delivered to them by Sir William Joh[nson]

Brother

it is not our custom to complain of the injuries [] receive without first giving the transgressors time to cons[ider] upon them, but we have experienced it to be yours on [] least misconduct of any our foolish young Men, we [] our parts expect that when a Wicked Man commits a crime his wisest Friends will apologize for him and make up the Breach occasioned by his evil deeds contrary to their intentions.—Now Brother it is almost two years since we have had an opportunity of hearing any of ou[r] wise Brethren the English speak in Council and the abuses which we have to complain of daily increas[e] without a probability of their meeting with any immed[iate] redress from them.

Brother,

We have hitherto sat with patience and seen our [] taken Possession of by your people in Arms appearing [more] like Warriors than friends they have Murdered and [] several of our Hunters and their families the [] of the disputes between them and the Six Nations [] say have sold you the Country) falls upon [] for both their faults.— Brother the Six N[at]ions have no more] right to sell the Country than we have [] made us has alloted us a sepperate [] where he has placed us to live [] Six Nations as our elder Brethren and as such have listened to them while we found their advice good, but their power extends no further with us; they always deny to us having agreed to your taking posses-

sion of this Country and have sent us Wampum to join them in striking your people for it to convince us of their disapprobation.

Our wisest Chiefs have had great trouble in preventing some of our rash unthinking young Men from taking hold of the invitation, particularly having had no satisfactory account of this matter from you in Council concerns us very much and involves our Chiefs in difficulties with the provocation given us by the people we look up to be wronging us; Our Brethren the English have Laws amongst them to guide the folly of their young people and Govern the Wicked minded this is an advantage we have not, yet their people pay less regard to justice than we do, but we must suppose it is without y^e knowledge of our wise Brethren.— The Commanding Officer our Brother has been a Witness of every thing that has passed [here] and no doubt will make a faithfull representation [t]hereof. As we have spoke our Minds freely we desire [you] to communicate what we have said to our father [Sir] William Johnson, and likewise to our friend Mr. [Croghan] who we expect to see here in the Spring, & let him [] ill be Chiefs from the Southern Indians as [] the Western Nations to speak to him [], nothing more to say but inform you that we set off Home to Morrow and to request the attention and serious consideration of our Wisest Brethen the English upon what we have said.

INDORSED: []
Shawanese []

FROM JOHN B. VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Sunday 21st. February 1770

HONERED SIR

I Recevid Yours and whrote to M^r Van Schaick to Send up the Spindle by the furst Appurtunity I hoop Simon Brazen is up with you before now as he Left this Turnday Last I understand that M^r Farrel Wade is up Your way I am in good hoops of

Amongst other things, I shall when below, am Certain from []ls with []e get the Patten for the Land on your rear [line] which has been almost too long undone, & as a bond [for the] Lieu^t. Gov^{rs}. fees from Such of the Concern'd as can [] at Present raise cash Will answer that [] wi]ll Cheifly be fixd by me, wou'd be glade to [] wi]ll fix your Share for 5000, Acres in like []t]he rest, or if You'll give directions to []t it.

[] I mention'd to Da: Colden¹ the [] my inc]lination to have Some [rank [] Eldest officer² of the []

[]d be done, that [] I might in that case apply to you, which at an [] I intended on Seeing you, and from your former [] and many Acts of friendship almost innumerab[le both to] me & my Connections Convinces me you will [have no] Objections, and if So, I beleive the Lieu^t. Gov[ernor] will have none, On my return from York [] do mySelf the Hon^r. to wait on you, And [in] the mean time, with the Most Sincere [] of this Small Family to you & yours [] worthy

Sir

Your []
ever obligd []

JO[HN DUNCAN]

PS

A few lines in Ans^r.

to me in York will

Much oblige

To

The Honble []

INDORSED: []

[] 1770

¹ David Colden, youngest son of Lieutenant Governor Colden, whose private secretary he was. For sketch of family see Samuel W. Eager's *History of Orange County*, p. 245-48.

² John Duncan was commissioned November 6, 1763 captain of grenadiers, 2d battalion, Albany county.

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 24th. Feby. 1770

DEAR SIR

I was favourd with yours of the 22^d Inst 7^y [Majr.] Fonda, and have this day waited upon Mr. Tho^s: Hun, who I believe will be satisfied with any thing that his Brother in Law, Philip Lansingh agrees to (who is a part owner) at least he said he wou'd, & seems to be sensible of the advantages that woud arise from your building there. He was just going in the country, and Mr. Lansingh, who I afterwards called on was also from home, [so] that I can get no further Answer until Monday, when I will make it my Business to get a determinate one, which I will let you know by the first Opportunity —

As you sent me no particular dimentions for the [Mi]ll Stones, I have orderd them to be rather larger than the [mid]dle size — The Ice is now thought too bad to venture [] upon, therefore they cannot be got up until the River [] when, as there are several of our Sloops now at Eusopus [which could] get no farther last fall, you may depend they will [] first, I have engaged one of the Skippers to bring [] immediately forward them from here.

I wish you had sent me some Lines, or Boundaries of the [] of Ground you want, which shoud be mentiond in what[ever] Agreement is made —

I am sorry to hear that Gamble has b[een] long indisposed with the Blues; I shoud be glad that [] wou[ld] introduce him to some of his fair Penitents, by whose [] he might probably find means of being Restored; for [] apprehensive that so long a Paroxism, must be [] by a congestion of prolific Humours¹ which again, is well know to cre[ate]

¹ Words omitted.

Anxiety & Disorder in the Mind, & Body, by mea[ns] of a certain order of Nervs stiled Sympatheti[c]

If he chuses to be better informed of his sta[te I] woud refer him to Col: Guy Johnson —

Please to give my Comp^{ts}. to the whol[e] and I am wth: respect

D^r. Sir

Y^r. most []

SAM[UEL STRINGER]

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: []

Doctor Stringers Letter

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall Feb^y. 24th. 1770

DEAR SIR,

I am favored with your Letter of the 8th. Inst by the Conveyance you Sent it— Concerning the proposed Meeting, I have already wrote to the Secy of State, & Stated the Necessity there is for my agreeing to Meet the Indians & the difficulties I am under from the unavoidable Expences that must attend it, observing that as it must Exceed any thing that can be spared from the Allowance for the Department, I must rely on the Governments reimbursing me on that head, and that I shall endeavor to Conduct, myself In such a Manner as to make the Expences as little as possible.

The point which induced me to State my Embarrassment to you was Least after having taken up Goods &ca on my own Credit the Government might not incline to pay for them, and as this may for ought I know be still the Case, I must act very Cautiously on the occasion, and in whatever manner the Meeting is

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

held, endeavor to Lessen their Expectations of presents as far as I can with Safety.

I am Extremely Sensible of and much obliged to you [for] the kind Concern you Express for my health, which is [some]thing better Since M^r Roberts's Departure, but as the [cause] remains fixed, I must Expect frequent Severe returns [which I] fear can be only palliated.

I am always with the greatest Truth
& Regard Dear Sir &ca

SAMUEL BALDWIN ET AL. TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

New Canaan 25 Febr^y 1770

[SIR]

As You have been good enough to Communicate [] there is a Strong Probability that a Regiment [will be rais]ed in the district we belong to, and as you []er that the Sense of the Township is like [] about the appointments of officers — we [have] consulted with some of the principal people [and] concluded upon the Inclosed list — which we [] you will forward to Sir William Johnson for []on — As you and your Fathers Family [] men we doubt not but you'll be so good as to [] Recommendation with your good offices — We [have c]alled a Regular Town Meeting upon this [] fear of dessentions — We have therefore [inse]rted Such Names, as we think will give most [] If they should be appointed as if coming from the [] Johnson we dare Venture to say that the []le will be intirely satisfyd — The [] hereabouts intirely acquiesce with y^r. []ntment of Cornelius Van Schaack [Ab'm Van Alstyne and Peter] Vosburgh Esq^{rs}. as Field officers [] hope these matters will Soon be brought to a Conclusion. [] minds of the

people from this [] on account of the late ap-
pointm[ents]

We Remain Respectfully

Sir

Your Most []

DAVID WRIGHT

SAM^{LL} BALDWIN

WILLIAM WARNER

SOLOMON DEMING

ADDRESSED: To

Henry Van Schaack Esq^r.

Kinderhook

PERSONS RECOMMENDED FOR MILITIA COMMISSIONS

*A. D. S.*¹

[List] of Persons Recommended [for] holding Commissions for
the [To]wnship of New Canaan & New [Le]banon

Hezekiah Baldwin Captain

[A]sa Doughlass Jun^r. 1 Lieu^t.

William Warner Ju^r. 2 D^o.

David Wright Ju^r. Ensign

Mathew Hawlley, Captain

Daniel Buck — 1 Lieu^t

Aaron Kellogg — 2 D^o.

Wallace Hurd — Ensign

Thomas Skinner Cap^t.

[E]lijah Skinner 1 Lei^t.

[I]saac Harlow 2 D^o.

[Job] — Thurston — Ens:

DAVID WRIGHT

SAM BALDWIN

Comm[]

WILLIAM WARNER

SOLOMON DEMING

¹ Inclosed in the preceding letter.

RECEIPTED ACCOUNT OF HANNIS EMPEY

D. S.

Rec^d: of Johanes Empey forty thin bords and ten thick bords
open the order to Mr Snell for had no more to Spare

¹Boards am^t. to 2 15

To Rideing of Stone timber and Bords

[To] five Days 8^s 7^d £2

¹29 Sk: wheat 3 7^d 4 7

£9.. 2

¹Febry. 25th. 1770

Rec^d. of Sir W Johnson Bar^t. the
above acc^t. in full —

his
HANNIS—EMPEY
Mark

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

New York 26 Febry. 1770

DEAR SIR

I am vastly uneasy least some indisposition has prevented you
or Any of the family writing to Any body here by the last post.

General Gage was so busy Answering his Letters by the
pacquet that I could not see him & by Mr. Maturin's advice I
wait for a passage in the Brittonia wch will sail without fail the
next week

Yesterday Mr. Maturin told me the General Could not pay my
Accounts, that it was Sr. W^m. should have paid them, Maturin
acknowledged to hardship of the last Account falling upon me &

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I convinced him of the necessity of the Expence Capt Glaziers certificate will not be paid likewise for Interpreter Tucker. I have also mislaid a Certificate of Capt Glaziers to myself for abt £21 so that I am Near £600—Short of my Expectations, nor do I know how to pay off money that has been advanced me, to support me against the nefarious parties in Canada

I cannot account for General Gages behaviour [to] me after the Kind Letter you wrote him, & my [serv]ices & attachment to him, he gives little encour[agem]ent to be his Friend. I suppose when I [] England Rogers's party will attack [] innumerable, I cannot retreat now [] supposed I was frightened if I changed [] faith & dependance he's in your protection & friendship. [] are now Convinced that there are pe[ople in] Service bad Enough to desert. I knew [] he is a handsome Sensible Villian [] almost as many bad Actions as Roger[s] much more Courage. If Rogers is Rees[tablised after (?)] his Conduct in America, I suppose I [shall be] punish'd for attempting to Stop his pr[actices. My] Mind is far from being at Rest seing [how] I am received at head Quarters

I mentiond to Colonel Claus []ring a Line from you concerning Our [] the Surveyor General will not give Any [] he sees your consent in writing

The Chamber of Commerce¹ are go[ing to] get a Charter to Establish themselves [] body which is a vast hurt to the Lawyers [] of them are already going to live in the [Country] for want of business, we hear that, Otis [may come] from Boston to plead for M^cDougal.²

¹ The New York Chamber of Commerce was founded on April 5, 1768, chartered by the King on March 13, 1770.

² James Otis at that time was too far incapacitated, by the assault made upon him in the preceding year by a customs officer, to be equal to any great effort.

I hope to have the happiness of hear[ing from you] before I go, my adress in London will [be at the] Mess^{rs}. Davies Strachan & C^o. [] I am with the most Gratefull []

Sr.

Your []
[]

To
The Honorable
Sr. W^m. JOHNSON Ba[r.]

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[*New York, February 26, 1770*]

[SIR]

[] rejoice most heartily to find you [] y letter; may you be soon perfectly [] your pristine good health.

[The en]terprising Spirit of General O Reiley¹ [New] Orleans has called for the attention [of the c]ommander in chief who has just [ord]ered a thousand Tons of Shipping to be got [ready for] Sea directly to send the 16th Regiment [in garr]ison here, to pensacola² where they will [be un]der the Command of Brig Haldimand [who wi]ll have some other Corps there to watch the []er of Gen^l Reiley who is sensible, [] and, by nature, a Soldier.

[A ru]pture with the Southern Indians, expected [] Spring, and perhaps some other particulars [] by the Last pacquet may have occasioned [uneas]iness, more than Common, in our General, []y thoughtfull & reserved. I believe

¹ Count Alexander O'Reilly, Spanish governor of Louisiana, who reduced a French uprising in New Orleans in 1769 by drastic military measures.

² The 16th regiment sailed from New York for Pensacola on May 3d, 1770.

he [] a War with one or both of our usual Euro[pean
fo]es. I had a *private* hint by the Halifax [] England.

[]he Ministry had come to a Resolution of []
Command in America to another officer, []a]ny
reasons to the disadvantage of the pre[sent []], but be-
cause he had possessed it []

[] fancy, since one of the Enclosed []
at Johnson Hall, in [] I have Sent it.

[]ents to Sr. John Col Guy

am

humble Serv^t

[JAS. RIVINGTON]

ADDRESSED: [To]

[Sir William Johnson] Bar^t

[at Johnson] Hall

[His Majesty's] Service

OFFICERS RECOMMENDED FOR A REGIMENT OF MILITIA

D.

Kinderhook 26 February 1770

A list of officers Recommended to the Honorable Sir William
Johnson Baronet to be appointed for a Regiment of Militia to be
formed at Kinderhook and its Neighbourhood for the Township
of Kinderhook

Cornelis Van Schaack Colonel

Abraham Van Alstyne Lieu^t. Colonel

Peter Vosburgh Major

Peter S. Van Alstyne Adjutant. with the Rank of
Lieu^t.

Abraham Hugunine Quarter Master with the Rank of
Lieu^t.

Henry Van Schaack Captain
 Johanis L. Van Alen 1 Lieutenant
 Franse Vosburgh 2 ditto
 John Pruyn Ensign

Andries Witbeck Captain
 Jacob Van Valkenburgh 1 Lieutenant
 Abraham I. Van Alstyne . . . 2^d ditto
 Silvester Salsberry Ensign

Dirck Goes Captain
 Stephen Van Alen 1 Lieutenant
 Johanis Van Deusen 2^d ditto
 Ephraim Van Bueren Ensign

France Van Bueren Captain
 Johannis I. Vosburgh 1 Lieutenant
 Petrus Gardinier 2^d ditto
 Johanis D. Vosburgh Ensign

Myndert Vosburgh Captain
 Johanis Pet^{rs}. Vosburgh 1 Lieutenant
 [Pe]trus Van Slycke 2^d ditto
 [Johan]nis M. Van Alstyne. Ensign

[Cornelis] Van Schaack Ju^r . . . Captain
 [Melgert Van] Derpoele 1 Lieutenant
 [Abraham Van] Derpoele . . . 2 ditto
 [Dirck Gardenier] Ensign

Philip — Van Alstyne Captain
 Barent Van Derpoele 1 Lieutenant
 Lowrence Goes 2^d ditto
 Isaac Van derpoele Ensign

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

New York the 26th Febr^y 1770

[SIR]

I have at present no News to trouble you with [the] Sickness of my little Family Confines me to the House So [] that I have not an Opportunity of geting any, however Mr [Rivi]ngton tells me he Sends you all the News and he is a much [better] Correspondent in that way than I am. Mr. Grace before he left [] told me that you was so good as get the hatts made by your [hatter] for me into your possession, if so I'll be much obliged to you [if yo]u'll send them down as soon as possible that I may have them [made] fashionable. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in per[fect] good health in two or three weeks. I hope there's some prospect [of som]ething being done in your Department that will save me [from] starving. If Col. Croghan is with you give him my Comp^{ts}. [Te]ll him I committed a great mistake in saying what I did [] Concerning Phyn and Ellice. Mrs MacLeod sends you her [respe]ctfull Comp^{ts} and Joins me in the same to all the []

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Humble Ser^t.NOR^D. MACLEOD

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble}.Sir William Johnson Baronet &^{ca}. &^{ca}. &^{ca}.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: [N York 26th Febr^y 1770]

 Cap^t MacLeods Letter

FROM BARENT VAN ALEN

A. L. S.

Albany 26 February 1770

[SIR]

when I was at your house I left a Draft on Your Desk, which was drawn by Coll^l. Massey on you for £50. dated in Montreal the 30 July 1767 endorsed by Matthew Wade; if you find it you'l [p]lease send it inclosed to me or my Sister. and if it shou'd be found by any Person, and presented to you you'l please not pay it. I wrote to Mr. Adems concerning it the 9th. Instant, but has not received his Answer.

I am

Sir

Your humble Serv^t.

BARENT VAN ALEN

ADDRESSED: [To]

Sir William Johnson

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: [Albany Febr'y. 26th 1770]

 [Barent Van Alens Letter]

FROM TOBIAS VAN SLICK ET AL.

A. L. S.

[Kinderhook 26th. February 1770]

[SIR]

By some late accounts from New York we are flattered with hopes [that] a Regiment of Militia is soon to be formed in this Township and the Neighbouring [depart]ments.

As the appointing of the officers is of a good deal of Consequence [to] this Township and as there has been much uneasiness lately on Account of some appoint[ments] for a Regiment said to be for that part of the Manor of Rensselaer Wyck which lies at

[C]laverack—Tending (as we apprehended) to Establish Claims to Land—We therefor take the [fre]edom of inclosing you a List of Persons whom we think properly qualify'd to hold [com]missions.—As the appointing of those Persons will tend to unite the People and [su]pport the Interest of the Township we Should be happy if their Names meet with your approbation

The favourable attention you have always Shewn to the welfare [and] prosperity of the Inhabitants of the Province in General makes us hope that you will [on] this occasion give us a farther proof of your regard—Your forwarding this matter agreeable [to] the wishes of the People will lay us under very particular obligations.

We remain with the Sincerest wishes for the continuance of Your health happiness and prosperity

Sir

[	]	GARDENIER	with Respect & Esteem
[	]	DENIER	Your most obedient
[	]	IS VADERPOLL	humble Servant
[	]	VAN DERPOELL	TOBIAS VAN SLICK
[	]	burgh	JACOB GAERDENIER
[]		
[	]		ANDRIS GAERDENIER
			his
[	]		JOHANNIS I. GARDENIER
			mark
[	]		HENDRICK [
[	]		BARENT VAN BUREN
[	]		JOHANNIS S Go[ES]
[]		
		GUYS BARD SHARP	
		TOBIES VAN BUREN	
		DIRCK VAN BUREN	
		SANTYS GOES	
		LUKAS GOES JUR.	
		CORNELIS VAN ALEN	
		DAVID VAN SCHAACK	

LOWRENCE VAN DYKE
LUCAS VAN ALEN JUN^R

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Baronet

at

Johnson Hall

FROM JOHN DEAN ET AL

A. L. S.

Spencertown 26 Februy. 1770

[SIR]

As you are doubtless acquainted with the general [] that were against some late appointments [] be for that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck which []t Claverack and as we hear that it is likely there [will s]oon be formed a Regiment of Militia in this Neigh[bour]hood we have taken the freedom to inclose you [a lis]t of Such Persons to hold Commissions, as will please [the p]rincipal part of the Inhabitants—Your generous & [in]terested Concern for the welfare of this County induces [the] hope that you will on this Occation befriend us, so [that] we may be commanded by Such Persons as have [the] Welfare of the Township and its Neighbourhood [at] heart. We Wish you all manner of prosperity [and] Remain with the utmost respect.

Sir

Your most Humble Servant

[The] Honorable

[SIR WI]LLIAM JOHNSON

[B]aronet

JOHN DEAN

SAMUEL HUTCHENSON

THOMAS RANEY

SIMON SPENCER

JONATHAN DEAN

TIMOTHY BRAINARD

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble}

Sir William Johnson

FROM NATHAN WHITING

A. L. S.

Hartford Feby 27 1770

SIR

I have been acquainted by Mr Chew of your generous offer of lands to some of your friends here, of which number you did me the Honor of being one, I have a gratefull sense of your kindness in the offer, nothing is wanting towards my accepting it very readily but Cash to pay the Indian purchase & fees, I have lately made a small purchase here that has exhausted my little stock, so that I am not able to advance money at present; I thought myself under obligation to acknowledge your favour, and give the [re]ason of my not taking up some lands [tha]t you might not be in suspence, if I [shou]ld be in cash before the lands are taken [up I s]hall be glad to take up some still. [wi]th perfect esteem

Sir

your most Obed^t hum^{be} Serv^t

NATHAN WHITING

[SIR WM. JOHNSON] Bart

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH WILLIAM BAKER

D.

Dr. Sir William Johnson [Bar]t with Sir William Baker Cr.

[]	Years dividend due 5 July 1768 on	
	£2600—3 7 ^d Cent Consol ^d . Ann ^y .	£. . 39 --
[Ca]sh	rece ^d . of Robert Randall at Pay	
	Office, for half Pay, due [to]	
	Lieu ^t . Guy Johnson from 25	
	July 1763 to 24 Dec ^r .	
	1767	£183. 11. 8

[	] Deduct for Kings Warrant & sundry Fees of Office.	6. 5.-	177.6.8
[	] ½ Years dividend due 5 Jan ^y . 1769 on £2600—3 ¾ Cent Consol ^d . Ann ^y .		39.--.-
[	] D ^o.....5 July, ... on D ^o		39.--.-
			<hr/>
			£ 294.6.8
			<hr/> <hr/>

1768 Feb 9	To Balance of Your Old Acco ^t . Adjusted this day.....	[]
1770 Feb 28	To Postage of sundry Letters....	[]
—	To Commission ½ ¾ Cent Re- ceiving £294.6.8.....	[]
—	To Balance due from Sir Wil- liam Baker,	[]
			<hr/>
		£[]
	Copy	[]

INDORSED:¹ State of my Acc^t. with Messrs
Baker to 28th. Feb^{ry}. 1770
Ball. Due to me £251..9..11

¹ On the back are several calculations, followed by the statement in Johnson's hand: "Jan^y. 5th. 1772 will be due to me £3901..9..11."

FROM PETER HASENCLEVER¹

A. L. S.

London the 28 Feb^y. 1770

DEAR SIR

At my departur from Newyork my affairs did not [gi]ve me Leasure to pay you my respects So as I intended, because The Villainous proceedings of my Partners. The Trustees of the American Comp^y. obliged me to hasten & to attack my Ennemies in Open field in London & I have already had the Satisfaction to defeat Some, & I do not doubt or I shall have the same Success with the others, I hope that this Short Apology will plead Excuse for not having thank you Personally for the Honour & Civilitys You have favour'd me with. I wish to have it in my power to be of any Service to you in this Coun[try] & therefore offer you all Services depending from me.

Concerning Political Matters, the News Paper [infor]m you of the Clamour & Discontent which [] this Nation, or in part of it without fundation, nothing but Scandal & abuse goes forward, they write [] present with more freedom then what

¹ "Peter Hasenclever, a German, born at Remscheid, in 1716, came to this country about 1764 as the representative of the London Company. Within three years he is said to have built a furnace at Charlotteburg (on the borders of Morris county), and three miles further down stream a 'finery forge,' with four fires and two hammers, capable of making 250 tons of bar-iron a year single-handed, and from 300 to 350 tons double-handed; and a mile lower down still a second forge, of equal capacity. He introduced many improvements and increased the capacity of the forges. Governor Franklin appointed a committee to examine into his acts in behalf of his company, with whom he had gotten into difficulty. This commission reporting at Newark, July 8, 1768, testified to the perfection of his iron works, and that he had introduced many improvements in manufacture . . . Hasenclever was justified by a decision of Lord Chancellor Thurlow in England, after a long litigation."—*A History of Morris County, New Jersey*, 1:24, Lewis Historical Publishing Co.

at other times they [] talk, or in Countrys where Confession & Inquisit[ion] established may Ventur to thinck.

There never was a Minister more abused then [the] Duke of Grafton. tho I can not find that that Nobe[lman] has Comitted any thing which his Predecessors have [not] done, or his Successors will Comit. I believe if [] Almighty, in a manner of Speaking was to Set up [] Minister in England, I doubt much if the People w[] be Content with his administration, an English []terd Should be of a Composition of Copper Iron & St[] &] have as much Wisdom as Solomon, & as much Cou[rage] as Alexander the Great.

Patriotisme is a meer ampty Sound in [this coun]try, those who are out of administration want [] which desire is the Source of all the Disconten[tment] & pretended Grievances; as in reality I do [] there is any thing which deserves Con[]

These Phantoms of Complaints, are the Cause that hitherto [] American Grievances have not been taken under Considera[tion]. However the Day is fixd on Monday the 5 March¹ [w]hen the Fate of America is to be decided by Parliament. [] tho all what has been Said in favour of this affair, Still [t]here are People who think America of Little Importance to Great Britain. a Personage of Great influence desird me Some days Ago to give him my opinion of the importance of America to England, I wrote a Letter to him, & first proved by Clear arguments that there were about 2,500,000 inhabitants in Am^{ca} amongst which number were 380,000 Negro Slaves [] that of this Number 1,500,000, were Cloathed in Am^{an} manufactures, that yearly for about £2.500 000, of linnen [Eng]lish Hardwares & woollen goods & East India Comod[itie]s [] part for Luxury were imported from England to [Ameri]ca, & that this quantity^t was consumed by the remai[ning mi]llion, reckoning only at £2.10^s Ster ⌘ head. [I shewed] him farther by the

¹ On March 5, 1770 the House of Commons repealed all the Townshend duties of 1767 save the tea duty by a vote of 204 against 142.

Clearest proves that the North Am^{ca}. trade was as important as the Spanish trade to all South America Colonies, as to Mexico, Bay of Ho[nduras] Tierra Firme, Buenos Ayres, Chily, & Peru, wh[ile the] Sonorous Treasur Silver & Gold which they recieved f[] Returns did not Exceed £2:600,000 Ster ^l annum, & for all this immense Sum they Used only 6400 Ton o[f] Shipping. & that the North American Exports alone, including what is Send from England to America, or th[] of the Newfoundland Fisheries which are a Separat article [amoun]ted to 217,000 Ton of Shipping p^r. annum & the Principal Value o[f] these Cargoes to £2,220,000 str ^l annum, without the amount of the Newfoundland fisheries which amounts [to] about £500,000 Ster more; however as there appears £2[] difficiency in the exportation against the importation [] Great Britain, it must be reasonably Supposed that [the] difficiency is got, by freights Insurances & Profit [] that if you take all the North American Prod[ucts from] Newfoundland to the Missisippy together, they [are more] important then all the Spanish Silver & G[old] the [] and which Sound is So agreeable in every mans Ears. [A]nd it is to be observed that the Spaniards are obliged to [p]ay most all their Silver & gold to foreingers for their Manufactures by which they purchase these Precious Metals, but it is not the same Case with England the American Products Rice, Wheat Flour, & Fish, are Send to the Portugeese Spanish & Italian markets directly from thence & Indeys. Rice Tobacco Furrs, which are Send Direct to Great Brittain are again Re Exported & for which She recieves either gold & Silver or other Comodities more Valuable to her in Return, I will only name a Singel article of Luxury which is reExported & which is Tobacco — & to what its value only amounts to ^l annum to Great Britain as a clear Profit.

The Two Provinces of Virginia and Maryland Send every [] to Great Britain from 80000 to 90000 Hh^d of tobacco [] w]hich are ReExported on an Avarage above 70000 Hh^d. which [] present price of £13 s^{tr} ^l HH^d

amounts to £910,000^{str} [] 160000 more thent what
 all the Exports from finland [] amount to which in
 1763 when I was in that Kingdom [] £750,000
 7) annum.

I Shewd further that the Present Demand of Woollen []
 for Germany was only Pro Tempore, & which was []
 by the Great Demand which the German Coarse W[]
 Manufactures Establishd in Brandeburg, Saxony [] &
 County of Glatz had, for Hungaria Turkey & Polla[nd] on ac-
 count of the Russian & Turkish Ware — So that []
 Manufacturers Could not provide their Usual Cust[omers] in
 Germany & therefore they were obliged to have recours to Eng-
 land. & that after the War was finis[hed] in those Countries the
 Demand Would Cease.— & [then] the English Manufacturers
 would raise a Clamour [] they had No Commissions
 from America.

I concluded my Letter — I ask every American if the Colonies
 are not worth Preserving & [] encouraged in raising raw
 materials & to divert th[em from] their Manufactures, by which
 means a florish[ing trade] will for Ever Subsist, but if Such Laws
 are [] which promote Manufactures, the whole tr[ade]

As the North American Manufactures are a Natural Prohibi-
 tion of the Importation of English Manufactures, it must Cer-
 tainly appear a Mistery to the world, that England makes Treatys
 of Commerce with forring Nations to allow The importation of
 her Manufactures under the Payement of a Havy duty. & that
 She Neglects her Colonies where She has an exclusive trade with-
 out paying Dutys. I have Used these Arguments because they
 are out of the Commun tract of reasoning on the American Sub-
 ject, which I hope will occasion Some reflection amongst our
 Great People, & may help to Contribute to the Reconciliation be-
 tween Great Britain [&] her Colonies. I could Say more in
 favour of America on this Subject, but I have already exceeded
 the Limits [] Letter & fear to be tiresom to you

However I Shall only add that the Roumour [of a war] between France Spain & England which was []ed Some time Ago, is entierly Vanishd, & I believe [] ye Peace for Some time, as according to the Old Proverbe—*Point d argent Point de Sui* [] as the Treasuries of all Nations are ampty, it is tru[e the] French take an effective Remedy to fill their Coffers [] by an arret or Placard they in one Stroke demin[ish] 50 p Ct of their Debts by lowering The Interest So m[] our Neighbours the Dutch cry very loud about the [breach] of Faith, but the French are So inexorable, That th[] not only would Lent them a Handkershief to wipe their Tears.

The Russians flatter themselves to Say Mass before the Expiration of this year in S^{ta}. Sophia at Constant[inople] they have now already a fleet of 21 Ships of the Line a[nd] 9 frigats & Bomb Ketches in the Mediterranean w[hich] are to be jointd by 12 Ships more, there are also num[bbers] of Transports with Troops on board, & a vast [] of Arms & Amunition, to furnish to the Greks [, who] are ripe for an Insurrection if the Russian [] Successfull, the Grand Seignor might be obl[iged] [] his Residence of Constantinopol. [] w[ith] the Projects of the Great the same as with those of Particulars as Dryden Says—*Designe what-er you will, there is a fate which Over rules us Still.* however we must allow that the Present Empress of Russia is a Princess of Great Merits, if her Scheems Succeed the Russian Empire will be Exceeding Powerfull—who Should have Said Sixty year Ago when the Moscowits were only a Degree better then their Bears that Now they would be formidable to Europe, & Send Such fleets to the Mediterranean.

I do not Know if my affairs will Permit to take an other Tour to America, but this I am Resolved to Carry on affairs in this Metropolis & to [c]ultivate I hope an agreeable & Profitable Correspon[den]ce with my American friends. it will give me [] Exceeding great Pleasure to hear that your [self] and Respective famile Continue to enjoye Health & Happiness, & to recieve your Commands, meanwhile I beg to Present my Re-

spects to Sir Jo[hn] Colonel Guy Johnson & Colonel Claas. & to be ass[ured] that I am with the greatest Respect.

Dear Sir

Your most obedient & most

Humble Servant

PETER HASENCLEVER

M^{rs} & Miss Hasenclever present their Respects to Sir John Johnson.

[SIR WILLIAM JOHN]SON Baronet
INDORSED:¹ Mr. Hasenclevers letter

Feb^{ry}. 28th. 1770

FROM ISAAC LATTOUCH

A. L. S.

[New York] 28 Feb^y. 1770

[SIR]

[] Doctor Magra. acquainted me [] occasion for some Spaw Water [] Lisbon W]ine — Makes me take the [liberty to] Write — and Should you have [] for any Quantity I should be [glad] of y^r Commands — I remain
Sr

Y^r mst obed^t St.

ISAAC LATTOUCH

[] also most kind of Liquors. [] Currents Raisins Sweet Oyl. Lemons [] Rhennish Wine or old Hawk

ADDRESSED: For

The Hon^e Sr. W^m. Johnston. B^t.

at

Johnston Hall

INDORSED: []

[Le]tter from Isack Lattouch

Merc^t.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN DEAN ET AL. TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. D. S.

Dated Spencertown, March 1st. 1770

[The] Subscribers Desire the Nomination here after []
 may be Sent to Sir Wlm. and to have you transcribe []
 Names to the Petition to him

Captains Nathaniel Culver

Solomon Hutchinson

1st Lieutenants Ithamer Spencer Solomon Hutchinsons
 Abner Hawley Colvers

2d Lieutenants Ezekiel Baker Hutchensons
 Elisha Pratt Ju^r Colvers

Ensigns Samuel Dean Colvers
 Israel Spencer

JOHN DEAN

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON

THOMAS RANNEY

SIMEON SPENCER

M^R HENRY VANSCHAACK

Field officers for the Regiment

[Cornelius?] Van Schaack Colonel

[Peter?] Vosburgh Lieutenant Colonel

[Hezekiah?] Baldwin Major

[] Humble Servants

[SAM]UEL HUTCHINSON

[]

[]

[]

ADDRESSED: To

Mr Henry Van Schaack

at

Kinderhook

DANIEL CAMPBELL'S ACCOUNT

[Sir] William Johnson Baronet To Dan^l. Campbell Dr. [March 2, 1770]

[	2	To Ballance £ Acc ^t . Furnish, d this day.	396:19: 3 1/2
	7	To 2 pieces Ribbond. 14/.	1: 8:...
"	"	To 1 piece ditto Broad.	1: 2:...
"	"	To 5 yards Green Penniston. 3/3	...:16: 3
"	"	To 3 Night Caps. ....	...: 3: 9
"	"	To 10 yards Black Ribbond. 1/4	...:13: 4
"	"	To 1 pair Small Stockings. ....	...: 2:...
"	"	To 1 pair Buckles. ....	...: 2:...
"	"	To 3 Barrells Rum Cont ^g 96 g ^s 3/	14: 8:...
"	"	To 3 Barrells & 1 Box.:17:...
"	"	To 5 yards Callicoe. 4/6	1: 2: 6
"	"	To 8 Looking Glasses. 4/	1: 2:...
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24		To 1 piece White Penniston 99 y ^{ds} 3/	14:17:...
"	"	To 1 piece Blue ditto 35 1/2 y ^{ds} 3/	5: 6: 6
"	"	To 30 Large Strip ^t . Blankets. 10/	15:.....
[	]	To 1 piece Strong Osnaburgs 142 1/2 y ^{ds} 1/5	10: 1:10 1/2
[	]	To 48 3/4 yards Woollen Check. 3/4 1/2	8: 4: 6 1/2

[]	To 2 Doz ⁿ . & 2 pair Rib,d yarn Stock ^s	3:18:...	
[ ]	] Wool hats.....4/	4:.....	
[ ]	] Strong Brass Buckles.....	...:18:...	
[ ]	] mill,d Stock ^s.....5/6	9: 7:...	
[ ]	] Linnen 25 y ^{ds}.....3/3	4: 1: 3	
[ ]	] Stockings more.....	1:17:...	
[ ]	] .....	:12:...	
			78: 3: 2
1769	To Amount brought over.....		£496:19: 3½
Octr.	To 11 pair Shoes Different Sizes.....@ 5/9		496[:19: 3½]
Novr.	To 10 Deer Skins.....16/		3[]
	To 36½ yards Blue Coating.....8/..		8[]
	To Cash paid the Carpenter for making 7 Signs....2/6	...:17: 6	14[:12:...]]
	To Cash paid Branigan for painting 5 Signs.....12/	3:.....	
	To Cash paid Vandreeson for painting 2 ditto....16/	1:12:...	
Decemr.	To 7 ^{lb} : Brass Kettles.....3/6		5:[9: 6]
			1:[4: 6]
			£529:[8]

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 2^d. March 1770

[SIR]

Since my last, I have spoke with Mr. [Hun] & Mr. Lansingh together, who desired me to inform [yo]u, that you shoud have the Spot of ground on your own [te]rms. Mr. Hun further added, he shoud be up [ea]rly in the Spring, & woud give you any security for it you thought proper. I thought to have been [u]p by this time myself, but Business has hitherto prevented it. Mr. Gamble is safety landed, or rather [H]oused, for he stirs not abroad.

I am d^r. SirY^r. Most Obed^t. Serv^t.SAM^L. STRINGERINDORSED:¹ [Albany 2^d. March 1770]

Doctor Stringers letter

JOHN B. VAN EPS' ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

William Johnson To Jn. B. V. Eps D^r.

	S	D
[] To 1 Dozyn Tea cups & Saucers & baskett	£.. 6	9
[] To Harmanus Wendel for 1/2 Load of Iron	.. 5	..
[] To Cap ^t . John the Moheecan Indian with his party	} 1 14	6
[] And the Shawence D ^o . for Victuals & Drink pipes & Tob ^o .		

¹ In Johnson's hand.

[	]	115	To Peter Fonda for 1 waggon Load from Albany	..	10	..
			To John Sanders for 1 Ditto Nails & Grind Stoons	..	10	..
[	]	129	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps 1 Hhad Ditto	..	10	..
			To 7 Skippels of white sand	..	8	9
[	]	13	To 1 battoe Load Sent to Douw ^e Fonda at Cagnawag ^o			
			To Joseph Proctor Ruben Simons and Patrick McKerty Each @ 16	2	8	..
			To 2 Hundred Oisters & the Cask	..	8	..
			To there Rum & the hyre of the battoe	..	8	..
		3	To Cornelius Peeck for Riding 1 hhad Rum Mr. G: Tice	..	10	..
		8	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps for 1 hhad Molasses D ^o .	..	10	..
		10	To Abraham Groat for 1 hhd of Rum D ^o .	..	10	..
		D ^o .	To Tunis Potman for 1 hhad of Ditto	..	10	..
		12	To Jacobus V. Eps for 1 hhad of D ^o .	..	10	..
		D ^o .	To 34 Waggon Loads of Indian Corn D ^o . @ 10/	17	..	..
		12	To 1 battoe Load Sent to Mr. Fondas Cagnawagoe			
			To Ruben Simons Price McCorgin & Patrick McKerry @ 16/	2	8	..
			To 1 battoe Load D ^o . by Thomas Organ Joseph beerman And Robert Shiphard Each @ 16/	2	8	..
			To 3 Setting Poles @ 2/6 ^d . 15/6 To 3 paddles 18 ^d 4/6 ^d .	1	..	..
			To 2 Oars @ 2/6 5/ To there Rume 8/	..	13	..
			To Class Veeder for Calking A battoe	..	9	..
[	]	113	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps for D ^o . 1 Load of Sugar &c.	..	10	..

	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps for Riding 1 Pipe of wine from Alby.	.. 10 ..
	To 1 battoe Load to Cagnawagoe by Ruben Simons Bixbee & James English @ 16/	2 8
	To there Rum 4/	.. 4 ..
	[] Albert Meebe for Riding 1 Pipe of wine	.. 10 ..
	[] Battoe Load to D ^o . fondas by John & [] Van Dreesen & Isaac Truax each @ 16/	2 8 ..
	[] poles & 2 paddles 5/6 to there rum 3/	.. 8 6
	[] @ 5 ^d . 55/5 ^d . To the Butcher	2 15 5
	[] to D ^o . by Henry Farckson	2 8 ..
	[] George Deruto Each @ 16/	.. 6 ..
	[] & there Rum 3/	15 8 ..
	[] ax	£61 12 11
	[] ed over	[]
1769	Brought Forward	[]
May 5 th	To 1 Battoe Load Sent to Cagnawagoe by Aswerus Van Vorst Isaac Truax & widow Wemples Negro @ 16/	[]
D ^o .	To There Rum	[]
D ^o .	To the Mohecan Indians for Victuals & Drink &c	[]
D ^o .	To 1 Battoe Load to D ^o . by John James Andrew Dunlap & David Ramsey Each @ 16/ There rum 3	[]
D ^o . 9	To Quaiackhoe Isaac Truax ^s . & the widow wempl ^s . Negro	[]
D ^o .	To 2 Setting poles 6/ for Calking A battoe 8/	[]
D ^o .	To John James Andrew Dunlap & David Ramsey as D ^o .	[]

	10 To Dudley Davis for 1 Load frut Trees from Albany	[]
D ^o .	To Jacob Potman & 2 More or A batto Load to Cagnawgo	[]
D ^o .	To Petrus Mebee for half a batto Load to D ^o .	[]
	To the half Lone of the batto & the Rum	[]
D ^o .	14 To Jesse Dan ^l . Degrauf & 2 men More & there Rum	[]
D ^o .	To John Post & Abraham G. Lansing Each @ 16/	[]
D ^o .	To the Lone of the batto & Rum	[]
D ^o .	To Jesse & Adam Condy & John Hall Jun ^r . @ 16/ there rum 3/	[]
	To the Mohecan Indians 2 Galons Rum 6/ & To them Victuals Pipes & Tobacco 3/6	}]
D ^o .	18 To Albert Mebee for Riding 1 pipe of Wine	[]
D ^o .	To Simon S. horn for 1 Load Trunk & boxes &c	[]
D ^o .	To John T. Hall for 1 D ^o . Tierce of beer & a	[]
D ^o .	To Henry Brewer Jun ^r . for Load A large box &c	[]
D ^o .	To Jacob Potman & 2 men More for a battoe Load to D ^o .	[]
D ^o .	20 To John Joutes & David Ramse for 1 Ditto	[]
	To the Lone for the Battoe & there Rum	[]
D ^o .	To Gerret N. Veeder for 2 waggon Loads of Iron	[]
D ^o .	24 To John Joutes & 2 men More Each @ 16/	[]
	To 3 Setting poles 7 6 & There rum 3/	[]

June 4	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps for Riding 1 Load boxes	[]		
D ^o . 7	To Teunis Potman for D ^o . 1 hhad Rum	[]		
D ^o . 10	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps 1 Large bell for your Church	[]		
D ^o .	To Gerret Van Sant for 2 Barrels pork @ 9[]	[]		
12	To Tunis Van Vleck & Adam Conda Each @ []	[]		
	To the Lone of the battoe & there Rum	[]		
D ^o . 16	To Teunis potman for Riding 1 Load of	[]		
D ^o .	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps 1 Load D ^o . 1 Hhad	[]		
D ^o . 19	To Abraham Groot for Ridi[ng	[]		
D ^o . 20	To Joseph proctor & 2 men [[]		
	To Cagnawagoe w ^h . a Ne[[]		
	To Takerias Van Den[[]		
	To Abraham Van[[]		
	To George Fen[[]		
	[[]		
	[Broug]ht Forward			£125	2 8
[	]	Van Vorst Jun ^r for 4 Oars @ 3/	1	1	..
		& 6 paddles @ 18 ^d			
[		To 6 set]ing poles @ 2/6 ^d .	0	15	..
[		To Jn ^o .] B. V. Eps for Riding fish & pork &c	0	10	..
[		To] 1 Battoe Load Sent to Cagnawagoe by John Davis and 2 men More			
[	]	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps for Riding 1 Load of 1 Tiers 1 barl Sugar	0	10	..
[	]	To the Mohecan Indians for Victuals & Drink	0	3	6
[	]	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps for Riding 1/2 A Load 1 barrel & Sundries	0	5	..

[]	To the Sinneka Indian Osekwisshac 3½ Weeks Keeping him Self & his Horse @ 20/	3	10	..
[]	To A Cajogo Indian Ojenserakeerat for Ditto	0	7	..
[]	To Benjamin Young for Silver work made	0	17	7
[]	To Remesnyder for Carrying Several things to Cagnawgo	0	4	..
[]	To Claus Van Dervolgen for 2 Milks pots	0	8	..
[]	To the Moheekan Indians for Victuals & Drink	0	4	6
[]	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps 2 Waggon Loads of pork	1	..	..
[]	To John Davis & Marte N. Benthuisen to Canawgo Ech. 16/	1	12	..
[]	To the Battoe & there Rum	0	6	..
[]	To Jn ^o . B. V. Epps I Load 1 hhad of Dry goods & 2 boxes	0	10	..
[3]	To Jn ^o . B. V. Eps 2 waggon Loads Nails & boxes &c	1	..	..
[5]	To Jacobus V. Eps & W ^m Erkson to Mr. Fonda's @ 16/	1	12	..
[]	To the battoe & there Rum	0	6	..
[3]	To Aron Van petten for Shoeing y ^r horses	0	3	9
[7]	To the Ondagoe Indians for Victuals & Drink	0	5	6
[]	To 9 Waggon Loads of Goods & Liquors	4	10	..
[]	To Thomas Flood in Cash	0	3	6
[]	To John Davis & Joseph Carry to Mr. Fondas @ 16/	1	12	..
[]	To the Battoe 4/ & there rum 2/16	0	6	6

[	]	To Jacob potman part of a batto Load for	0	16	
[		To] 2 Ondagoe Indians for Victuals & Drink	0	4	6
[		To] Aron Clement with 1 waggon to the Hall	0	18	..
[		To] Caleb Beck for 2 Curry Combs & 1 Brush	0	8	9
[		To] Aron Van petten for Iron Buckles & franck	0	4	6
[		To] Moheecan Indians for Victuals & Drink	0	7	0
[		]ters work & Nails	0	1	6
[		]Cotton Woll @ 3/	0	12	..
[		] @ 1/	1	16	..
[		] Indians for Victuals & Drink	0	4	6
[		] A Load of Iron	0	5	..
[		] 2 More to Coll. Johnsons @ 14/	2	2	..
[		] 4/	0	8	..
[		] to Albany for Doctr Consbl.	0	10	..
[		]	0	6	..
[		] Dryed fiesh	0	2	9
[		] Victuals 2 Days	0	17	6

		[Carr]ied Over	£157	12	6
1770		Brought Forward	[]
Jan ^{ry}	3	To the Chuerkee, Sinneka & Cajogoe Indians	[]
	17	To 3 bunch of Roape & James @ 5/	[]
Febry	4	To the Skohare Indians going & Coming D ^o .	0[]
	21	To the Moheecan Indians for Victuals & Dr ^k .	0[]
	22	To the Taskarora Indians for D ^o .	0[]
		To Aron Van Petten for Storing y ^r . Liquors	0[]

To 16 Loads of Firewood @ 3/6	0[]
27 To the Moheecan Indians for Victuals & Drk	[]
28 To Mr M ^c Cullom for bringing the Spindl From Albany	0[]
To Timber To Simon Bragham	0[]
To Isaac Truax for 4 barls freight from N. York	0[]
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Errors Excepted by Jn ^o . B. V. Eps	£165	[]
Deducted 2 Dollars & 4/6 p ^d . by Frank 1		[]
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	£164	[]

March 2^d. 1770 then rec^d. of Sir M. Johnson
Bar^t. the above Sum in full of all Demands
to this Day —

JN^o B V EPS

£ 164. .5. .9

N. B¹ paid by Bill on Mortier £140 []
In Dollars 24

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 2^d. March 1770

Since my last, I have spoke with Mr. Hun & Mr. Lansingh together, who desired me to inform you, that you should have the Spot of ground on your own terms. Mr. Hun further added, he Should be up early in the Spring, & woud give you any security for it you thought proper. I thought to have been up, by this time myself, but Business has hitherto prevented it. Mr.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

If your Leisure will permit, I would be glad to have them Signed [an]d returned by the next express.

I am, Sir

Your most humble

& much obliged Servant

WILLIAM GAMBLE

INDORSED:¹ Alby. 3^d. March 1770

Mr. Gambles Letter wth.

a Sett of Recp^{ts}. for provision

Ansrd. 10th. March

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[March 3, 1770] Saturday Night 12 oClock

I did not receive your Letter till within a few hours ago being from home on a Jaunt of Business to New England — To this only [is due] that you have not heard from me before. I have collected the materials [for appoi]ntments in agitation which I take the liberty of inclosing you. I have [arranged them] all Collectively in the order most agreeable to the Concerned as you will [ob]serve by the inclosed List in my hand Writing. We have not called [] Meetings but have Consulted with the Principle People and they have [] to the Persons recommended to your Consideration. It is intended that [] shall be pleased by those appointments. The People on the Contested Lands [] share in the Nominating of officers as youll be pleased to see by the list before referred to. Many of them were desirous that I should be appointed [a] Field Officer but this I have refused for considerations of a more interesting [nature?] In short Sir the Respect I have for you and the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ambition I have of standing [] your opinion has made me uncommonly attentive in forwarding this matter [on such] a footing as I hope and trust will meet with your approbation. It is [] that we May be a Regiment by ourselves intirely seperated from Claverack [who have] ever been troublesome Neighbours and would be more so now if we were connected with them.—This Neighbourhood is daily encreasing and I am [] shall soon be strong enough for two Battalions — I therefore repeat [] in behalf of the Township that we may be Regimented by ourselves [] I have it not in my power to transmit you a List of the Inhabitants [on the west side] of the River by this Conveyance —but that is impossible until I see my [] which will be to morrow when I shall get the necessary information [] by the first oppertunity that offers. The bearer [] to be with you to morrow afternoon and return with [an answer?] to this on Monday Evening or Tuesday morning —but this [] upon you.— Is there no possibility to get somebody [—?] I thank you for your attention to Mr. []selves in such a manner as that you will [] favour.—What follows an []ernor and Council about Rensselaers Regiment “Your Petition is entered almost [] minute of Council, and an order thereupon that the Commissions [] & that they never appear as Evidences against Your Claims”. [] that you have those particulars from a higher Authority.

You will observe by our List that We have taken no Notice of [one of the] old Captains — The reason of this is that he has no interest in the Towns, [is so] illiterate that he cannot write his Name besides he is old and supe [] The other Captain was lately Killed — Thus much I thought proper [] least you should think we Neglected officers who have served in []

By the recommendation of the Spencer Town & New Canaan [People you] see the number of the signers very small this is owing to me least [] should think those appointments were Elective and thereby Pester you [with] different recom-

mendations.— Be assured Sir that the People who have [made] the recommendations are the principle People and those who have most [] among the Multitude. I *know* the Men will and dare recommend them. New Canaan has recommended for New Lebanon— The reason of this is that a [recommen]dation from themselves cannot be trusted to.— Excuse haste and Incorr[ectness] the Express is Waiting, I remain

Sir

Very respectfully
Your most obedient
& most humble servant

H V SCHAACK

The Bearer is a Reputable young Fellow You may trust to his sobriety & integrity in regard to any Dispatches you may have occasion to Send down to New York or Albany.

Excuse the Clumsy Method our Neighbors have taken to recommend the officers— Officers for the Company at New Canan I have taken upon me to recommend. it was not proper those people should

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Johnson Hall

Ɔ favor of Captain Byrne

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMISSIONS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 447 is found a List of Persons recommended to be put in Commission in A Regiment of Foot to Comprehend all the Inhabitants living within the following Boundaries (to wit) to Begin at the creek by Major Abraham Staats's so along said Creek to the first Falls from thence East to the extent of the Colony and South of Rensselaer Wyck. The list was inclosed in Henry Van Schaack's letter of March 3d from Kinderhook. It was destroyed by fire.

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall March 3^d. 1770.*

SIR/

Dispairing of an Answer to my last letter in the time I expected, Occasions my Sending the Bearer, wherefore must desire that you will send me by him a List of Such Men as are best qualify^d. for Officers in y^r. parts, & that in the most Candid manner and without loss of time, You Know that besides the three Feild Officers, there are to be Ten Cap^{ts.}, 20 Lieut^s. Ten Ensigns, & an Adjutant to a Regiment.

I have wrote also to a Gentleman living at Kocksackey for a list of proper Persons for Officering the Regiment to be formed on the West Side of Hudsons River, from the Rounds of the mannor of Kanslaerwick to the South Bounds of the County, which I hope will be an Impartial One. As I would by all means endeavour to merit the Confidence reposed in me by a Friend²—

I am with Kind respects to M^{rs}. Vanschaack Y^r. Father Brothers &ca, Sir,

Y^r. Sincere Welwisher
& Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

Excuse the Hurry I
write in being 11 at night,
& Just Stole away from a
large Company —

Sybrant G. Van Schaick
who is to be Col^o.³

HENNERY VANSCHAACK Esq^r.

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Autograph Letters, vol. x, Philadelphia, Pa.

² Lieutenant Governor Colden.

³ Of the regiment at Cossackie.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

Kinderhook, March 4, 1770

[]

This moment I am honoured with your very kind favor of the 3^d. Instant. It gives [me a] deal of concern that I was not at home in time to prevent your taking this [] trouble which would inevitably have been saved had I not been absent. I find [] that we have made a mistake in recommending too many officers — I thought [] limited number of Companies to the Militia Regiments. on this principle it [] recommended officers to about Eighty Men a Company.—If the number we have [recommen]ded is inconsistant with the plan you have proposed for forming the Militia in [] I beg Sir you will be pleased to attend to such alterations as I shall [] in the inclosed list.¹ What ever pretentions my Br. has to a preference, he has sacrificed them to considerations of a more interesting nature to the Publick — I have taken [the liberty] (as the time is short) to strike off Myndert Vosburghs name also wel knowing [that his] Br. will approve of it for the sake of unanimity and harmony in the Township. [The] Company at New Lebanon I have also struck off as they are People of less Interest [] whose Titles to the Contested Lands stand in the same Predicament. Suffer [me to assure] you Sir that I have made these alterations in such a manner as will give [] Satisfaction. The lists that I sent you up this morning were made with [] with a view to unite the People,— Cap Byrne shewed me the Subscription [] Gentleman at Coghsakie whether he has Interest or not in that Neighborhood I will not [] I have therefor desired my Br. to go with Mr Byrne Early in the [] Friend Mr. Peter Vosburghs for the

¹ See following letter of March 5.

necessary information His knowledge [] and his integrity and disinterestness will enable Mr. Byrne [to] will answer the purpose of his going thither.—M^{rs}. Van [Schaack] Compliments — My Father B^r. and in short the whole [family] to assure you of their respects and good Disposition [] be pleased to accept the same from me and be assured [] respectfully

[]

your most obliged

[] most Obedient humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

The following is an Extract from Guy Johnson to his Friend in Tryon County dated New York 25 April 1775.

I am now in too great a hurry to give a methodized acc^t. of politicks but you will please to acquaint Col^o. Butler immediately & all other persons that so far from desiring any of these¹ matters suggested in Tryon County M^r. Low has given up every such measure, & notwithstanding all the practices of the Enemies to order, the Tumults in this City are solely conducted by Isaac Sears & a parcel of the meanest people, Children & Negroes —

¹ It seems previous to this, resolutions of the York Committee had been sent to Tryon County signed by M^r. Low, w^h tended to rouse to Whig measures. This was to assure the inhabitants, those papers did not contain Lows sentiments, tho' they bore his Name. (Footnote in the original.)

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.¹

[*Kinderhook Landing, March 5, 1770*]

[Alterations in] the List of Officers sent up to the Honorable Sir William Johnson Baronet

[Frans] Vosburgh 1 st Lieu ^t .	} Henry Van Schaack's Company — If Grenedeirs allowed in the Reg ^t . this to be the Grenedeir C ^o .—
[Lawrens] Goes 2 D ^o .	
[John] Pruyn Ensign	

[In] Frans Van Beurens Company John M Van Alstyne in the Room of John D Vosburgh.

[In] Andries Witbecks Company Johannes P Vosburgh in the room of Abraham Van Alstyne.

In Philip Van Alstyne's Company Abraham Van Alstyne in the room of Lawrens Goes.

If thirteen Companies cannot be allowed then the following Officers to be left out. viz

Myndert Vosburgh Cap^t.

Petrus Van Slyck Lieu^t.

Johannes L. Van Alen recommended before in
H V Schaack's C^o

Johannes D. Vosburgh Ensign recommended before to be
in Frans Van Beurens C^o.

Cornelis Van Schaack Jun^r and all his officers

Thomas Skinner Jun^r and all his officers.

Kinderhook Landing.— I have thus far accompanied Cap^t. Byrne on his way to Kocksakie [] and M^r Vosburgh go on with him I doubt not but matters will be so conducted in that quarter so [] will satisfy you— The Persons who go with M^r.

¹ Inclosed in Van Schaack to Johnson, March 4, 1770. Burned portions of the list supplied from a copy printed in *Third Report of State Historian of New York*, p. 897.

Byrne are altogether disinterested & they will [] of their power endeavour to conciliate in stead of Dividing the People.— People hereabouts are [] the Folks who have oppressed them for so long a time past. They now have a prospect of [] will most assuredly embrace the opportunity whenever it presents.— My business to New England [is such] as not to admit of my attending Cap^t. Byrne — My presence at Pittsfield is absolutely [] Evening. I communicated Mr. Byrnes business this morning to my Father he [] you his since thanks for your favourable attention towards our Township — so [] I remain with fervent prayers for the Continuance of your health

and am with due respect

Sir

Your most Obliged &

Obedient Servant

H V SCHAACK

INDORSED:¹ List of Such as are to
be altered or left out

¹ In Johnson's hand.

OFFICERS FOR THE ALBANY BATTALION

D:¹

[Captains.	1 st Lieutenants.	2 ^d Lieutenants.	Cornets and Ensigns	Quarter Master]
[Albany Troop] [Stephen Van Ranslear	Dirck Ten Brook	Cornelius Glen	Abrm Jac' b C Ten Eyck Marthe Myn- derse Cornet	Peter Hansen]
[Grenad's] { Abraham C's Cuyler N. B. the Capt has his Commission	Jacob Cuyler Omia Jc ^b . Le Grangey to Capt Adam Vroomans Company	Barent Ten Eyck Volkert Veeder	[John C's Ten Brook 3 ^d Lieut] John Jc ^b . Le Grangey [Ens'n]	

¹ Officers recommended to complete the 1st battalion of Albany militia, Johnson Calendar, p. 447. Burned portion supplied from a copy printed in *Third Report of State Historian of New York*, p. 898.

OFFICERS FOR THE ALBANY BATTALION—continued

[Captains.	1 st Lieutenants.	2 ^d Lieutenants.	Cornets and Ensigns	Quarter Master]
[Dirk Hoosee]	Cornelius Van Schaak Jun.	.....	George Klawd.	
[Johannes Van Hoosen]	Henry Van Rans- lear Jun ^r .	Caspar Huyck	John Uppam ^d .	
[Peter Vos- brough]	Andreas Wit- beck	Mynert Vos- brough	Mynert Hoossed ^o .	
[Abraham]	Philipp Van Veghte	Hendrik Quak- enbush	Philip P. Schuyler	
[Ten Brook [Bernar]dus Bratt	.....	Jn ^o . Lambert Redliff	.....
[Hen]drik M. Roseboom	.....	Johannes Jn ^o . Bleeker	John F. Pruyn	
[Joha]nnes Hogeboom	Cornelius Mul- ler	Cornelius Esselstyn	James Spencer	
[John] Wynne	.....	.....	Cornelius Swits	

[Joha]nnes J'c'b Lansing	Jacob Vanderheyden	John Van Arnam	Dirck M. Vanderheyden
John Parmer	Lambert Roberts [Francis Nicolls] [John Casp'r Wit]beck	Thomas Anderson Jn ^o . Albert Becker Alb[ert Hans] Van Dersee Henry W ^m Nelus in Capt'n Jacob Glocks Compy Andreas Rever	Jonathan Berns Richard Becker [Anthony] Vrooman ²
[Garr]et Vander ¹ [Tunis Sling-erland]	.....	.....	Tewalt Tyger in D ^o .
[Gose] Van Alstine	Guisbert Van Alstine	.....	Harmanus Van Slyke Hendrick Bell in Capt ⁿ . Mark Petrys Compy

¹ Manuscript torn before the fire of 1911.

² From this point the names plainly belong to the 2d battalion. Cf. *Third Annual Report of State Historian of New York*, p. 791, from a manuscript that was destroyed.

OFFICERS FOR THE ALBANY BATTALION—continued

[Captains.	1 st Lieutenants.	2 ^d Lieutenants.	Cornets and Ensigns	Quarter Master]
.....	.....	John Thomson in Cap ^t . Suffer- nus Tygers Comp ^y	Jacob Snell } in D ^o .	
.....	.....	William Seber in Cap ^t Peter Waggoners Comp ^y	Peter House } in D ^o .	
.....	.....	Robert Welles in Cap ^t . John Welles Company	John Seaver } in d ^o .	
.....	Harmanus Pe- terp in Cap ^t Daniel Camp- bel's Company	Abraham Bratt in d ^o .	John Brown } in d ^o .	
[Conrad Frank]	Hanjooost Herke- mer Jun ^r .	Peter Bellin- ger Jun ^r .	George Mer- kemer ^t	

[Schnecht'd Capt John Glen Junr of ye Troop] [D ^o . Capt J'n Duncan of Grenadier's]	Jacob Scemer- horn Richard Duncan	Hennery Glen Mynert Wemp	John Visger Junr Samuel Tymes [3d Lieut.] ²	Jacobus Teller]
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¹ Should be Herkemer.

² Crossed out.

These Persons had Commissions under Col^o. Rensselaer: but they resigned them as they apprehended they Tended to injure their property.

These also resigned for the above reason

D^o. D^o.

[]	New Canaan
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	Kinderhook
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	Spencertown
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	Kinderhook
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .
[]	D ^o .

¹ Officers nominated for a company drafted from Joakim Stadts's [canceled], Johnson Calendar, p. 447.

[] was required to be Qualified he resigned
 his Commission, []
 more Men than for one Company,
 but it is best these sho^d. []
] the bulk of them are
 Dependant on a Certain Inter-
 est [] in engagements
 they have cause to depends —
 this [] New Canaan
 & Spencer Town — Their overplush
 of [] these different
 Districts.

[] V Alstyne
 [] Vosburgh

AN UNDESIGNATED LIST OF NAMES

D.¹

[Lambert Van Alstine]	[Hans Van Vaulkenborck]
[Isaac Van Alstine Jr]	[Corns Vroman Jun'r]
[Jacob Van Alstine]	[Jonas Vrooman]
[Herma Van] Alstine	[Peter Vrooman]
[Simon La]uraway	[John Vrooman]
[Isaac Lau]raway	[Sam'l Vrooman]
[Abram La]uraway	[Ephraim Vroman]
[Jonas Lau]raway	[Martinus Van Slack]
[John Rinneons]	Peter Swart
[Benj'n Stroop]	Pet ^r . Adam Vroman
[Benjn Joer]	Simon Vroman
[Thomas] Bennet	Abram Delly
[Isaac] Bacchar	Lias Delly
[Storm] Bacchar	John Delly
[Isaac] Van Alstine	Will ^m . Bicraft
[John] Lauraway	John Gardiner
[Jonas] Lauraway Jn ^r .	John Johnsay
[Marti]nus Van Alstine	Paulus Swart
[Peter] Lauraway	Lauran Swart
[Abram] Fonlawn	John Echeson
[Maddil] Dice	Will ^m . Vanloan
[John] Vanlown	Corn ^s . Echeson Jn ^r .
[Jacobus] Vroman	Tho ^s . Echeson
[Isaac Vr]ooman	Tho ^s . Echeson Jn ^r .
[Jacobus] Vaulkinborck	Cornel ^s . Echeson
[Adam Vr]ooman	Tunis Echeson
[Herma Van] Vaulkinborck	Pet ^r Zeele Jun ^r .
[Hendrick Ha]kedorn	Sae Droughlee

¹ These names apparently belong mainly to residents of the Schoharie valley and the neighboring region. Names burnt off supplied from a copy printed in *Third Annual Report of State Historian*, p. 895-96.

[Derick Hakedorn]	Philip Skyler
Dan ^l . Price	Peter Skyler
Nich ^s . Vanscook	John Skyler
Abram Bacchar	Tho ^s . J. Echeson
John Rimar	Martin ^s . Vrooman
David ^d . Bacchar	Josaias Vrooman
John Conum	Barent Vrooman
Jn ^o . Bacchar Jn ^r .	John P. Bacchar
Jacob Burst	Hendrick Van Dine
[Jo]hn Jn ^o Bacchar	John Clark
[Hendr]ick Zever	Isaac Faulk
[Jacob Sarris]	Jeromy Marinus
[Peter Zeele]	Jerry Marinus
[Peter Van Slack]	in all one Hundred
[Thos. T. Echeson]	and two
[John Zeele]	<i>A fragment following</i>
[Martinus Zeele]	Officers Nominated for a Comp'y
[Jonson Davis]	draughte from Joakim Stadts's viz]
Garret Bacchar	
Olebertus Bacchar	[Capt] Garret G. Vanderbargh
Peter Bacchar	1 st . L: Frans Nichols
Hendrick Bacchar	2 ^d . L: Johan ^s . Albert Becker
John Storm Bacchar	Ensign Dirk Becker
Herma Bacchar	
Storm Bacchar Jn ^r .	
Onobertus Bacchar	
John Van Wort	
Minort Wine Coop	
Tunis Vrooman	
Isaia Swart	
Arunt Vader	
Jacob Money	

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

New York 5, March 1770

[]

Yesterday. I had my accounts returned me [from] Gen. Gage tho both he and Mr. Maturin gave [me] hopes they should be paid. Capt Maturin in particular said if I would wait till the packet was gone the General would settle it with Me.

Its very Cruel to trifle so with me after so long & faithful Services. I never yet allowed any one to speak disrespectfully of the General & this is my recompense. living alone in this place so long is very expensive but my time is more precious

The ship I go in dont sail till Sunday next & perhaps not then. she has Women & Children passenge[rs] which will add to my Misfortunes

I cannot tell what Course to take concerning my Accounts I attended the General all day but could [not] see him. I have told all my ill treatment in Canada [to] Major Sheriff,¹ & he has informed the General [who he] says was very angry at it, but you see he [] me. I have been very wretched not to hear [from you or any] of the family I have no other hopes [] yet not now draw back your [] me in my present Situation [] have a line from [survey] or General must look upon me as very presuming. to ask [] your patent & not to have any written [authority] I have wrote Co^l. Claus to this purpose & to [] any thing he might procure concerning it to [me.] I am told when Lord Dunmore comes over [there will] be no more Lands Granted.

L^t. Litchfield of 16 Reg^t. run away with [Miss] Scot last Saturday night for the Second time [] are married the father will be reconciled

¹ William Sheriff, major July 25, 1768.

I remain with my best Wishes for your [and your] family's health & prosperity.

The post waits
Excuse my Ink

Dear Sir
Your affectionate
& humble Serv[ant]
B ROB[ERTS]

To
SR WILL^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 5th March 1770

[]

[] the Honor of your agreable Favour of the 22^d Ult^o by [g]lad to hear you have receiv'd safe the sundry small articles [] I am however surpris'd to find the Bottle of [medicine] for the Tooth Ach was all leaked out, for so it must have been [] very confident the bottle was full when I gave it to Mr Shipboy, however [] you another Bottle to the Care of Mr Cartwright

[] think it very reasonable that Mr Deniston's widow or the Creditors [] should have his share in the Oneida purchase, but as I told you [] is all granted away to Mr Oliver DeLancey Some time ago, who has procur'd a patent for it & I am pretty confident will relinquish [] share to you if you will but be pleas'd to write a Line to that [] requesting him to do so which I desire you will do by Return of Post and I will then get the Matter adjusted — The issuing of that [pate]nt only waits for the fees from Mr Robert Adams, Doctor Constable [] David Edgar, to whom I have very frequently wrote on the Subject of [] their fees but in vain. I will by this Post once more write to [] Edgar & shall be much oblig'd to you if you will be pleas'd to speak to [Rob]ert Adams & Doctor Constable & let me know immediately what

they [] to do; I woud with all my soul lay down the Money for those Gent^m [but] it is really out of my Power at this Time, for notwithstanding the [] sums I have out to the amount of near £10,000, it is with Difficulty [I can collect] so much as to keep my House as yet & this I am afraid will be the [] I use next, when I doubt not I shoud have it amply in my power [to ob]lige my friends, but as the Patent must absolutely be issued [] I wish those gentlemen woud contrive to send their quotas [to me or] any other person, in order that those may be no longer Delayed. [M^r] Croghan sett out from hence 10 Days ago for Albany [] Home e'er now, which I should be very glad to [] before He was well able to undertake such a [] Roads and the severity of the Season at the time of his Departure.

Good Pork is not very plenty at present it [] if I had Cash to lay down for it. I am pretty certain [] this for your Gouvernement—

There is no such thing as Spaw Water to be had [] hear of—You may depend on having 2 Barrels of the [] sent you by the first sloops that go up.

I have twice acknowledged the receipt of the [] Governor of Pensilvania wch was £113.18.10. It was [] Croghan, I have given you Credit for it in payment of [the wine] sent you to the care of M^r Thomas Shipboy in Albany. the [sloop in] which it was sent, was froze up a little below Albany, M^r [Shipboy was] therefore obliged to send sleighs for it & He told me that He [asked] & Coll^o Johnson (who likewise had 1 pipe on board said vessel) whether he should send it immediately to M^r Van Eps [] Order, or shoud Keep it in his Cellar untill Spring. Since [I do] not remember to have heard anything further about it, but if you have not already received it, it is very safe in Ship[boys cellar]

I am told by M^r Wallace that Sir John is expected [] shortly, if so, I shoud be happy if He woud make my Home [] during his stay in this City. I cannot promise him the [] but I dare venture to assure him He shall meet

with a very Cordial welcome — My Wife joins me in Sincere
 Resp[ects to you, Sir] John & all your family — I begg you will
 believe me [to be with] Truth

Sir your most Obedient []

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
 Johnson Hall

FROM SYBRANT G. VAN SCHAICK

A. L. S.

Coxsackie March 5 1770

HONORED C^R

I Receivd your favour of the 2 instant by M^r Burn and agree-
 able to your [de]sire Inclose you an Impartial List of [the]
 Names of those men I think the best Qualyfied to sarve as officers
 In the militia Regiment which is to be formed Between the
 Bounds of the Mannor of Ranslear & the South Bounds of the
 County of Albany on the west side of Hudsons River

Your Honour has also Desired me to Let you Know the
 Names of the Justices and their Charactors the first is Marte
 Halenbeeche the Next Stephen Van Dyck the former is [a g]ood
 and well meening man but the Letter [] the Revers tho
 well-Qualyfied but [] Drunk when he administers Jus-
 tice [] con]stantly Compleined of by the people []
 Jury William Dedirak was [] of Van Dyck would Sarve
 [] I think from his Charactor

Your most Obediant

[] G V SCHAICK

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable
 Sir William Johnson Baronet
 att
 Johnson Hall

OFFICERS RECOMMENDED FOR A REGIMENT OF MILITIA

D.

[Coxsackie, March 5, 1770]

[List] of Officers for a Regiment of Militia foot to [be f]ormed within the following Districts *Viz* from [the] South Bounds of the Mannor of Rensselaerswyck [to] the South Bounds of the County of Albany on the west Side of Hudsons River

Colonel Sybrant G. Van Schaick
L^t Co^{ll} Marte Halenbeeck
Major Jacob Halenbeeck

[Capt 1^s] ^t Philip Conine
[first Lieu^t] Thomas Hootelen
[second Lieu^t] Henry Van Bergen
[Ensign] Richard Van Denbergh

[Capt 2nd.] Anthony Van Bergen
[first Lieu^t] Robert Van Denbergh
[second Lieu^t] Casper M Halenbeeck
[Ensign] Isaac Collier

[Capt 3rd] Joh]n L Bronck
[first Lieu^t] Philip] Bronck
[second Lieu^t] Myndert Van] Schaick
[Ensign] Jacob Halen]beeck Jun^r

Capt 4th. William Halenbeeck
first Lie^t. Casper Janse Halenbeeck
Second Lie^t Albert Van Loon
Ensign Arent Van Schaack

Capt 5th. John Witbeeck
first Lieut Tunis Van Veghten

Second Lieut Ensign	John M. Van Loon Jacob Van Loon Junr
Capt 6 th . first Lieut ^t Second Lieut ^t Ensign	Cornelus Duboys Egenus Van Orden Solomon Schutt Dirick Van Dyck
Capt 7 th . first Lieut ^t Second Lieut ^t Ensign	Marten G. Van Bergen David Abeel Phillip Spaan francis Salsbary Junior
Capt 8 th . first Lieut Second Lieut Ensign	Francis Salsbary Jury Laman Samuel Van Veghten Marte Van Bergen
[Capt 9 th . [first Lieut] [Second Lieut] [Ensign]	Jury] William Dedarick William Eligh John Luyks Wessel Ten Broock
[Capt] 10 th . [first Lieut] [Second Lieut] [Ensign]	Goose Van Schaick John Van Orden John Jacob Ten Broock Jacob Mynderse
[]nt	Petrus Conine

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectary the 6th March 1770

[]

[Since] I had last the Honour of parting with you I have [re]solved to Set out for New York next Monday or []eday by Land. I purpose taking a Waggon to carry [] Trunk & bedding untill I reach Some Sloop down [the] River— If you have any Commands at York [it] will give me particular Pleasure to transact them [for] You

I have been thinking two or three times [] that Certain Person¹ who begd you wou'd not [] any Objection to his geting Rank in the Melitia, [I know] his Motives for this, which is, that if Colⁿ Van Slyck [] Langson² should happen to die soon, that then [] having this Rank he would of Course Endeavr [] over] my head which, if he should Succeed [] nor Could put up with it. I am far from Blaming him in Endeavourg to [] its Naturel to most men & therefore when [] Consider that I have been a good many years [] Melitia & now pretty far advanced in the Reg[iment] & have a much more Right then that person [to] Command him, then he to Command me, & I flatter [my]Self you will be of my Opinion & as I have [] the Reason Imeginable to Convince me how [] You have always been my Steady Patron, [] verry late Instances Confirms me fully how [] Inclined You are for my Prosperity which really [] me more solid happiness on the Reflection of [] Assured of Your generous Inclinations to Serve [] any pomp or Ambition I Could have by [] place or Commission.

¹ John Duncan, captain of a grenadier company.

² Gerret A. Lansing, lieutenant colonel of the regiment in which Daniel Campbell was major. See *Third Annual Report of the State Historian*, p. 890.

If I [] favour of you to write by me to the Leu^t Governor [] me the Rank of Colonel in the Melitia [] he will Immedeatly do on Receivng your []

I should not have thought of this [were it] not that M^r Glen¹ has got Col^{ls} Rank & that Person now applying. I shall hope for the favor of a letter from you if any Opportunity oferrs [before] I set out. M^{rs} Campbell begs her [most] Respectfull compliments to you and am

Dear Sir with the Outmost Respect,

Your most humble & Obedient Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

[] Baronet
INDORSED:¹ 10th March

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WILLIAM BAKER ET AL.

A. L. S.

London 7 March 1770

SIR

As Executors of Our late Father Sir William Baker, who Died the 23 January last, We take the Liberty of [] your Account Current made out from his Books the 28 Feby. [in] which You are Credited for the Balance £251.9.11 Stg [] We shall be ready to discharge, whenever You will acknow[ledge] the Account now sent to be right.

We are

Sir

Your most Obed^t Servants

W^M BAKER

R BAKER

SAM^L. BAKER

☞ the Pacquet

[] JOHNSON Bar^t.

¹ John Glen jr., Lieutenant Colonel in Sir John Johnson's regiment of horse.

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at Johnson Hall Albany
New York

☞ Cap^t. Tho Miller

AREN T N. VAN PETTEN'S BILL

A. D. S.

Schonecentady 8th March 1770

[] Johnson Bar^t. Dr.
To Arent N. Van Petten

		s	d
[] Weel & 12 Rivits for a saw mill	£5	0	0
[] del D ^o .	4	0	0
[] & 16 Rivits. D ^o .	0	15	0
	<hr/>		
Total	£9	15	0

INDORSED:¹ Arent N Van Pettens
Acc^t. for mill work
£ 9..15..-

AREN T N. VAN PETTEN'S BILL

A. D. S.

Schonectady 8th March 1770

William Johnson Bar^o. Dr.
To Arent N. Van Petten

		s	d
[] Ragg wheel & 12 Ravits for saw mill	£5	0	0
[] Spindel D ^o . D ^o .	4	0	0
[] Plats & 16 Rivits. D ^o . D ^o .	0	15	0

¹ In Johnson's hand.

[]	Indian Axes.....@	4	₧	₧	20..0..0
[]	D°. Hoos.....@	6	₧	₧	30..0..0
					Total £59..15.0

[Au]gust 17th. 1770 then Rec^d. of Sir W Johnson [the a]bove Sum in full¹—

ARENT N. VAN PETTEN

INDORSED:¹ Arent V Pettens
 Acc^t. £59..15..

FROM WILLIAM GAMBLE

A. L. S.

Albany the 9th. March 1770

I had like to have forgot to acquaint you that Mr Rensselaer has not been able to procure Glass for the Picture frames, in consequence of which nothing is done here—therefore you can with Sutton’s assistance accommodate yourself better at the Hall—You will want Four and twenty—The Frames should be exactly fitted to the paper, the Margins of which will not [per]-mit of a very deep Rabbit—

Notwithstanding writing is one of the greatest bugbears that haunt me, your little Books shall be soon [compl]eted—I believe there is no Lodge under the Canopy that requires [more] scribbling than the Ineffable; I am always at it and never []

I am Sir.

Your ever grateful
 and much obliged humble Servant

WILLIAM GAMBLE

¹ In Johnson’s hand.

FROM JOHN GLEN JR

A. L. S.

Schenectady, March 9th 1770

[]

[Since I re]ceived your favor of the 3^d. Instant, Col. [De Lan-
cey] has order'd me to lease the Lands of [Warrinsburg] for
Twenty five years. I shall write to [] lease for Peter
Conley for three Lewis & [will let] you know when I git his
answer. I was [] Colonel DeLancey that if young
Cain [] pay what his father ow'd, that I should [let] the
lands to another, which he [] upon which I hir'd the
Lands to John Van []ken for Ten pounds Ten Shillings
pr year [] has not pay'd anything yit and has no []
for it As the lease of old Cain is not expir'd [] have the
Interest of it, I think you have [the best] right to it, which you
may be assur'd [] the least Objections to. I shall men-
tion [] Col]onel DeLancey & shall let you Know [when
I re]ceive his answer. I take the Liberty to [] a small
account of Two Battoos I bought [] Doc]tor Stringer by
your order I shall be [] if you will be pleas'd to pay it to
Mr. [] you a receipt for it—

[] Most Obedient & most
[] Servant

[JOHN] GLEN JUN^R

INDORSED:¹ Schenectady 9th: March
1770

Letter from Jn Glen Esqr.

Ansrd.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JAMES TILGHMAN

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall March 10th. 1770*

[DEAR SIR:]

A few days ago only I was favored with yours of the [9th. of Janr]^y, Mr. Croghan having been long detained by Sickness, [I have also] received the Draft of Montours Land and the form for [transferrin]g it, in answer to which I shall tell you Ingeniously [that as] I gave you the first offer I should be very glad to make [the pur]chase as convenient to you as may be Consistent [with] my trust, but Mr. Croghan whom I directed to make [Enqui]rys concerning it Assures me that £800 has been offered [for] it, and from the description that he and others give of it I [have] reason to think it well Worth half of that Sum, I flatter [my]self that I am not so far deceived in these particulars as to [de]mand any thing unreasonable or beyond what Lands so [cir]cumstanced and Situated may be Valued at in your Province [as] it is I do assure you very far from my Intentions to do So. I am satisfied of the Justice of Your Motives in making overtures for the purchase, and can only farther Say that from the good [A]ccot I have of the Land and the Offers made as I am told by some Inhabitant, [to] pay 800 for it, I think my Making a tender of it to you [at] £400 very reasonable, but as you are the best Judge in this [Poin]t I shall wait your farther determination & answer on the [Subject.] Sir John & Col. Johnson send you their [best wishes] and be assured that I am with Esteem,

Sir

Your most Obedt humble Serv^t.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.



JOSEPH BRANT (THAYENDANAGEA)

From the Abbot Collection, New York State Library, Albany

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[Otsego] March the 10th. 1770

[] Night before Last I gott Home
 [] Myself any thing Beter as yett
 [] May Do god only knows
 [] to have aply^d. to your Honor []
 [] Helb to use your Intrest
 [] of the Money^d. pople in Schanacta-
 dy [] Me £1500 on Intrest & a Mordige

a

[] 40,000. Near Cherrey Valley Butt
 [] was Much Hurrey^d. att that Time
 [] aside My aplication I have No []
 edge of any of those pople [] has Mony there Except
 Mr. Campble [] he was Nott att home and if he []
 [] quarey Much if wold have Don itt [] Request.
 Indeed I wold sell that [] Tract att one shilling p acarr
 to Rase [the mon]ey tho I am Shure itt's worth 4/ p []
 Butt Nesesity is the Mother of Invention I Never was in So
 Much Nesesity as [] oweing to an Ingagem^t. I Made
 [to Wharton] & Trent Just before they went []
 promist fathfully to [] Time Butt I Supose y^e. []
 [] met with prevented them []
 whether they will and if they Do Nott I [] that I
 shall Louse this [] thousand pounds More w^h.
 [] True I have property anough [] of
 Ten thousand pounds Due [] But from the Great
 Scaresety [] uterly out of My power to []
 I had £1200 in Tho. & John Ship[boy] when they stopt
 payment w^h. was [] dis]apointm^t. to Me otherwise I
 should [not be] in this Stress att present & tho [] Safe
 yett I must Now Take itt [] with the Rest of this
 Creadators & [] is if I Cant Send that Sume to

Ne[] by ye. 1st. of aprel an Execution will
[] Me

I am Sensable of the Many [] Honor has for Mony
Nor Do I M[uch] Expect that you Can Do itt for [me] My
hopes is that yr. honor Can [] Me throw your Intrest
for wh. [] on those Lands or any thing Else []
will Excuse My Trubling you [] Leter I have No
other frend [] prevents My Going and []
Mony Nor Have I []

I am with []
[]

To the Hon^{ble} []
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM GERRET VAN SANTE JR

A. L. S.

Albany, March 10, 1770

[DEAR] SIR

Agreable to your directions of 28^t. of Feby. Last I have sent
all the pork that was here in store (except four Barrels) which is
Twenty Barrels, and forty four Barrels of flour,. I inclose you
a List of the slay men who carried it up. I am Hond Sir

Your most obed^t. humble Ser^t.

GERRET VAN SANTE JR

[Se]nt to Rudolphus Schonmaker [by] order of Sir William Johnson By	Barrels of Pork	Barrels of Flour
John Hall	2	2
Philip J. Van Patten	2	2
John Van Patten	2	2
Arent Clement	2	2
Wessel Wesselse	2	2
Daniel Cornee	2	2
Carel H. Toll	2	2
John B. Van Eps	0	4
Johannes Vrooman	1	3
John B. Vrooman	1	3
John B. Vrooman	1	3
Teunis Potman	0	4
Johannes Toll	1	3
Daniel Toll	1	3
Jesse De Graef	1	3
Jesse D. De Graef	0	4
16 sleds———Total	20	44

Albany March 5th. 1770

On his Majesty's Service

ADDRESSED: To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 at
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ []
 Letter []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 11th. March, 1770

[]

I just now was favourd with yours of Yesterday. The [] which I have taken about the spot of ground is not worth mentioning & believe me I am happy when it is in my power to [] you or Family. I do not believe the owners of the Ground [have] any other design than that you shall have it at your own [price] as they informed me, & Mr. Hun will be shortly up when [he] will secure it to you — I have a Cargo of Goods, as you [] in the Claws of the Sons of Liberty amounting to about £800 [] I wou'd be glad you wou'd take them if you can get them & at the same time I wou'd gladly have it done so that they [] not be displeas'd at me, which might be attended with bad [conseq]uences perhaps; about this will talk with you I hope now [in a few] days; one necessary thing or other has hitherto prevented [my coming] up as I expected.

I believe you must be wrong with respect to the Widow Cuylers [] saws, however I will enquire tomorrow if there [] thing to be got, which I much doubt because [] them frequently enquired for, & have been []

On the other side is a memorand^m. of the goods Viz.

705 p^r. Kersey Blankets [] very fine
 44 p^s. Strouds different col^{rs}.
 1 p^s. new fashiond Duffield []
 1 p^s. d^o. d^o. 24
 30 p^s. of $\frac{3}{4}$ & y^d. wide Garlix
 20 p^s. of 2 colourd Gurroks large []
 10 p^s. colourd Ribbons
 20 p^s. embossd serge
 30 p^s. purple Moltons
 20 p^s. white Penistons

10 p^s. blue d^o.
 4 p^s. Sax Green d^o.
 4 p^s. red d^o. and

60 Doz: cheap buck handled Kni[ves]

make the whole cargo. if you like them, dont dou[bt] we shall easily agree upon the price, I have always [] at 150 [Ⓕ] C^t. I hope to be up this Week. in [meantime] I am with sincere regards

	Dr. Sr.
P. S. Mrs. Stringer gives her	Y ^r . most []
Comp ^{ts} .	SAM ^L . []

On another page of the letter is a copy, somewhat condensed, of Dr Stringer's list in Johnson's hand; and on the back of this is a memorandum, nearly burned off, of a letter to be written to John Blackburn, Merch^t. London.

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 449, is listed a letter of March 11, written at New York, from Lieutenant Benjamin Roberts about his coming departure, talks with the general, various disappointments and the Boston massacre. Destroyed by fire.

FROM EDWARD DOWNES¹

A. L. S.

Dublin, March 12th. 1770

[]

After so long an absence without doubt my [old friend] Sr. William has forgot there is such a person as [Edward] Downes, which I should be so sorry for, that I [] run the risk of being thought vain, when I tell [you that] I flatter myself you will be glad to hear [I am sti]ll numberd amongst the living.

¹ A captain lieutenant in the 46th regiment.

[] you have been about this long time, finishing [] Town, which I am inform'd is very pritty, [] have provided for a Number of my Cloth by [] them lands thereabouts, my adventures you [] certainly been inform'd at large, that it will be [] trouble you with a repetition, methinks [] I might send you some news, of all people [] calculated for affording any entertainment, [or ev]en of sufficient consequence to dwell [] when I am raised to that pitch, I will make [] upon affairs of state, till then [] little I know, my genius [] sufficient, to make it worth your reading. I have being doing duty here [] Months, & am in the center of your Relations [who from] what I can learn, are all well, your Brother I [] for England in a few days. my native air [] restor'd me to my former health, I am much concern'd to hear you have been confin'd with a sore leg. [If my] good wishes has been of service this will find you [dir]ectly recover'd, I am a little indisposed at present, & were you to see me, you wou'd take me for one of the Kenines, Romans, or some of the Mohawk ge[] being dress'd in my furr cap with a long bear'd, addressing myself to you, upon a Table cover'd with a Skin from America, which often accuses to [me what] a fool I was to leave that Country, without rem[inding] you of your promise, by making me [] my loss, but that you will be kind enough to []

My fair companion wou'd willingly send Com[pliments] a Stranger it may be deem'd impertinent [] you are a friend of mine, I will answer [] wishes, joining to those of

Dr Sr.

[]

P. S.

Pray remember me kindly to Sr. John [] Cap^t. Clause, Cap^t. Johnson, & all [] good Family—

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

New York the 12th. March 1770

There's no News here at present Mr. MacDougal is [in prison] and is visited by all the friends of his party under the Name [of the] American Wilkes. don't it surprize Dayly much that a Scotch man [] have turned a Wilkes. whither it surprizes him or not it does me a [] that such a beggarly Scotchman as him should make so much [] in the World. I'm told the Bostonians espouse his cause very strenuously [] they have burned in effigy the Governor Council and General [Assem]bly of this Province. I hope they exempted you from being one in the [] Conflagration of the Council as you was not present when the [] was given to the Bostonians.¹ I yesterday received two letters from [Niagara] one from Mr. MacLean the Commissary the other from Mr. Pollard [] the following is a Copy of a Paragraph of MacLean's letter. [] friends the Senecas enquires very friendly for you. Poor old Soiwa [] the Chief of the Senecas) came to me the other day with tears in his [eyes and] acquainted me of the Death of your little Girl, thinking I had not [] before and the old Man seemed as much affected as if she had [] own Child. If Government doth not take some effectual method [to put a] stop to these Paxtown boys, they oblige the Indians tho' at []iable disposition to strike a stroke some where for their [] They are now applyed to (meaning the Senecas) by the Delewa[res] avenging the Death of the last Indians that was killed [] those Senecas which makes it very doubtfull what [] the old man is of a Peaceable disposition and I am

¹ February 28 the Council appointed Whitehead Hicks, James Duane and Thomas Jones to assist the attorney general in the trial of Alexander McDougall for libel of the assembly.—*Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 481.

sure if they follow his council all will be well but [you know what] sort of beings they are. So far says MacLean.

I know what sort of beings they are pritty well and I kn[ow] the old People be as peaceably inclined as possible these young [] very far from being so and that they would rather Join Dela[wares against] the English than Join the English against any enemy whatever.

Mr. Pollard writes as follows. Your none appearance has hurt me [with the] Chiefs N. B. He talks of the Messesagas and Chippawas. I assured [them you] would be here last fall and that they would then be received as usual [] of which they Came in but on a Second disappointment I was never believed any more. I realy expected you last fall. I could not immag[in the] Provinces could have neglected an affair of such consequence one [] and therefore concluded you would have been reinstated before [the] communication was shut up, but I find things still Remains in [] of suspence¹ which they will dearly pay for very soon. So much [for Pollard] I think all this shows no very peaceable inclination in the Indians, and [if the] Colonys pay Dearly for it and the Government too, they deserve it.

It seems they have had a severe winter at Niagara as the River [] froze across so that People went on the Ice from the Fort to [] Cap^t. Brown was Cast away 40 miles from Niagara lost his [] but saved their Cargoes he marched by land to the Fort [] St Andrew's day with a humming Pox for the Cure [of which he] was Confined several weeks, and the People at Ni[agara] the Doctor very heartily for ever leting him out. [] the old way playing the Divil with the Traders [] else, 'While Cap^t. Stevenson was in [command the Indians brought in ve]nison and were well paid

¹ January 27, 1770 New York appointed Philip Livingston, Henry Holland, Isaac Low, John Alsop, William McAdam and John Thurman commissioners to meet commissioners from neighboring colonies to arrange a plan for regulating Indian trade.—*Laws of the Colony of New York*, 5:66.

and pleased but the moment [the Ba]ld Eagle was arrived they seldom or ever come near [and the] few that do are pulled about as usual and draged [to] the great mans House where what they have is took from [them] much surprized why he dont gain the affections of the Indians [] is no damned troublesome Indian Commissary there to [] with his wise schemes, he has been often told he was taking [the worst] methods possible for gaining his point but he is still obstinate [] take his own way, for which his bald pate will suffer [if the] Indians once brake out as they really hate him most cordially [Steven]son and he don't agree at all, Mrs MacLeod sends you and your [] her best respects I beg leave to trouble you with Mine to Sir [John and] the other two Colonels, Dayly, Byrn &^{ca}. I shall have the [pleasu]re of waiting upon you as soon as I can beg borrow or steal [as much] money as will pay my Debts in this Damned Town

I am

Sir

With the greatest respect

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

[] JOHNSON Bart.

NOR^d. MACLEOD

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 12th March 1770

[]

[] ed your favour ☞ Last Post, in answer to which am [] that there is no such Thing as Hanging Paper to [] at present, but I imagine there will be plenty [] ships, when they arrive I will send you what you desire [] by which I fancy you mean writing Paper shall be [] Allen who says he will venture to Sail this Week, but [] Scarcely go untill next Week, as I do not expect the [river will be] open before that time — I now send you the enclosed Letter

[from Mr Rob]erts who saild this morning at 9 oClock in the Britannia [Cap^t.] Munds & He has directed me to give you a Hint about the Law [suit] commenced against Mess Henry & Abbot for their Bond [for selling] Rum amongst the Indians — In Consequence of his Orders [to the] Attorney Generall before He came here & since He has been here [] the Atorney Generall to issue his Writts which was accordingly done [The] Matter will rest unless You or the Generall should give Mr Kempe Orders about it, which I understood was to be done & that you [] Mr Roberts to write to the Generall & Mr Kempe respecting [it]—I should therefore be glad you woud Say Something to me [] because otherways I am liable for the Expences and because [Mr] Kempe will not know what He is to do as Mr Roberts is gone away [] has left me His Power of Attorney to transact Business [] absence, particularly with Respect to an Officer's Right for [land] for Him, which He locates somewhere in a purchase of [] Coll^o. Claus. Application has been made in Consequence to [the Survey] or Generall, but He will not make a Return unless [] sent; as this appears to be an Object of Mr. [] about. I wish you and he pleased [] for his satisfaction, signifying [] for Mr Roberts 2000^a. [] got out speedily

My Wife joins me in best Wishes for your [] you will believe me to be most sincerely

Sir your most obedient []

JOHN WETHER []

I take the Liberty of sending you the Enclosed Letter to [] I beg you will send on to him as quick as possible as it is of Consequence

No Medicine for the Tooth Ach to be had, Hamilton having left the Town Some time ago and is not yet returned.

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[Otsego] March the 17th. 1770

[DEAR] SIR

I am feavord with y^r. honors very Kind Leter of the 13th. for which I Return you My Sincear Thanks and [I a]m Truly Sencable if itt was Convenent to you to Lett Me have that Some of Mony your Honour wold Do itt.

I am Greatly oblidg^d. to you for the Truble you have Taken to Indeavor to procure itt for Me w^h. if to be had I am presweaded will be gott as None of those userers will Refuse y^r. honor if they have itt

If Coll Fitch M^r Chew & M^r Pomery be [y]ett with you plese to present My Compliments to them

Ever Sence I gott hear to My Hutt^t [] have been as full of visitors at itt [will] hold of the Good pople of the Cuntry [besides(?) my] frends the Indians [] that I have Nott had a Moment [to my] Self Till this Evening & this Mom[ent a] party of Indians are Coming Down []

I sent a Small Account of y^e. Smiths & Inerpreters att Fort pitt & Detroit [] adams to be putt into y^r. honors a[counts] the Ginerall will Nott pay them un[less] they are Included in y^r. Acounts w^h. I [] you will Do that I May have y^r. hon[or's] draght for itt when Convenint

I am greatly att a Loss what to [] about My feet the swelen is pas[sing] Down Butt a feebleness Remains [] have very Litle Use of them & the [want of] being able to take that Exercise w^h. [I] to Do has brought a voilant pain [] hart w^h. Makes Me very Low Spirit[ed]

Plase to present My Complim^{ts}. to [] and Gentlemen with you & am with

Greatest Respect

Most H[]

To the Hon^{ble}.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

[]

¹ On a tract of 100,000 acres purchased by Croghan and associates west of Otsego lake.—*Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 480.

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

Albany 17 March 1770

[]

[I] shall make imediate inquiry after the wafers and [] them as soon as I can obtain them. I have not received [the bottle from] Mr Weatherhead but he wrote me he should sent one next post, [] a good Ox & Some Sheep as Soon as possible.

[] Letter Directed to J^{no} Taylor Esq^r. it was taken out the Office [] thought it was for his brother in law, but found his mistake [when] he saw a Letter for you & one for Sr John on his [] I paid him the postage and now send you the letter

[Col. Fitch and Pomer¹]oy are both here & talk of seting out to morrow morning they [] maderia and oblidge me to stop writing to drink S^t Patrick [and friends] at the Hall— bad news from Boston the Papers will give [] its Past 12 oClock the Post in hast

I am with due respect

Hon^d. Sir Your most Obed^t. hum^l Servant

RICH CARTWRIGHT

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

[Albany 17 March 1770]

[In the present] instance I trouble you with a private destress [] multiplicity of publick and other Concerns that [] atten]tion. But my Scituation is such as will I hope [] measure for this Application

¹ Supplied from Johnson Calendar.

[] when he was at the Hall he tells me he Communicated [] of thirty years in this place and on the verge of fifty [] my]self reduced to the Callamitous prospect of a prison [Neither extrava]gance or neglect have bro't. this load of misfortune on [me.] weighed down by Engagements for other People who have [] enor-]mously. Crofton, Howard & M^cCracken involve me in [] £1200. these with other losses have Compleated my ruin. [] ciless Creditor is a Jew who is the only one that has sued [If I cou]ld by any means Quiet him my Other Creditors seem well enough [] a favourable settlement.

[] hou]se & Lott as pleasantly Scituated as any in town next door [to Ro]b^t. Sander^s. late dwelling that I would Sell for £600. that Sum [] the Jew. & I could manage well enough with my other [creditors]

[] ask if such a purchase would suit Sir William or any of his [] 19 feet by 35 two story a fine warm cellar under the whole with a good kitchen in the rear with a pleasant bed chamber over it, 2[] above that. In the front is a neat Shop Completely fitted up [] Stair Case, behind which is a large Parlour well finished [] above Stairs is very Pleasant, a bed place adjoining behind, behind [] bed chamber and above two fine Garrets English fireplaces [] house Kitchen & Stable Cost me lately in building £548— [] Stabling for 3 horses & a Cow, from which is a passage [] the Whole in the best repair & will require none for many [years.] could always keep a good tenant in it & if ever [] Sustained in Case it was Disposed of [] with all Duty humility & [] Your most Obed^t & most hum^le Serv^t

[RICHARD] CARTWRIGHT

FROM JOHN SANDERS

A. L. S.

Schenectady March 18th 1770

I Rec^d. your most Esteemed favour of the [] Ins^t Last night, And in Answer to your Desire [I am sor]ry that I must Let you know that I Cannot [let your] friend have the money he wants, and do [not know] where to Direct your Honour To be Likely [that your] friend might be Supplied, I am After Due Respects

Your Honours Most Affectionate
Friend and Humb Serv^t.

JOHN SANDERS

ADDRESSED: The Honourable Sir William
Johnson Bar^t.

att

Johnson Hall

Q D C

INDORSED:¹ Schenectady 18th March 1770
Letter from M^r. Sanders

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

L. S.¹*New York March 18th. 1770*

DEAR SIR,

I have lately received Letters from M^r. Stewart His Majesty's Superintendant of the Southern District, of which I think it right to Send you some Extracts; as they concern the Meeting at Onondaga between the Cherokees and the Six Nations. Likewise the Draught of the Head, which M^r. Steuart imagines to have been stole; and that it was given by the Cherokees, present at the

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

above Meeting, to the Six Nations. I also inclose an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Cameron, one of Mr. Stewart's Deputy's, to him, on the Same Subject of the Cherokees who attended the Meeting at Onandaga.

I furnish you with these Lights concerning the Cherokee Deputy's, which you will know how to make the best use of, and what Relyance is to be had upon the Treaty those Deputy's have made, and the Engagements they have entered into on behalf of their Nation.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THOS. GAGE

SR. WM. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York 18th. March 1770

Gen^l. Gages Letter
wth. Inclosures

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 19th. March 1770

[]

I am favoured with yours of the 15th. Ins^t. with Memorandum Inclosed for some Iron and Steel that you desire to be sent you, which Iron I now send According to your Order to the Care of Mr. Van Eps at Schonectady to be forwarded to you

I have also According to your Request Inclosed you your Account Amounting to £85..5..11 including the Iron now sent. I am upon all Occasions with great Respect

Sir

Your Most Oblidged
& Most Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

JOHN STEVENSON'S BILL

A. D.

[Wi]lliam Johnson Baronet

To John Stevenson D^r:

[]	of Steel as	⌘ Bill Sent	£46..17..3
[]	Ditto as	⌘ " Ditto	16.. 6..6
		C Q #	
[]	Bars Iron W ^t :	10..0..16	
	@ 36/	£18.. 5..2	
[]	Share Moulds	1/	2..0
		#	
[]	bars German Steel W ^t .	50	
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			£85...5..11

TO AN UNKNOWN PERSON

A. L. S.¹*Monday Evening, March 19, 1770*

SIR/

I this Moment rec^d. yours, and am obliged to You for the trouble You have taken about the Battoes, and as my Horses are greatly fatuiged, would be glad You would get them rid in by other Sleds but pray order them to put long poles under them as they do when then ride Hay & Bunches of Straw behind, & before well tyed to Save them from rubbing or thumping against the Sleay which would damage them much.

Yr. Compliance will oblidge

Sir Yr. Welwisher

& Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

¹ In New York State Library.

INDORSED: Sir Willems Johnson
 Brief Van de
 patts na Sackondago
 1770
 Mert 19¹

EDWARD POLLARD'S ACCOUNT AGAINST CAPTAIN JAMES STEVENSON

In the Johnson Calendar under date of March 20, 1770, written at Niagara, Edward Pollard's account against Capt. James Stevenson for the Indian department; receipted. Destroyed by fire.

DAVID VAN DER HEYDEN'S BILL.

A. D. S.

[Johnson Hall, March 22, 1770]

Hon^{ble}: Sir Will^m: Johnson Bart:

To David Van der Heyden D^r:

[	]	[To] 1. Ax, 4/, & 1. Sail 14/	}	£	..18
		[to] Kayaderoene, P Order			
		C Q ^r H			
[	]	To 1 1 5 Sweedts Iron 36/			2.. 6
[	]	To 63 H Steel @ 1/			3.. 3
[	]	To Cash p ^d . W ^m . Van Den Bergh	}		1.. 0
		For Riding an Indian Aserigo			
		And his Comp ^y to the Half Moon			
		To 1 Bale Blankets Q ^t . 25, P ^r	}		31.. 5.. 0
		Of 111 p ^{ts} @ 25/6 P P			
[	]	To 15 H Bth Beeds @ 4/			3.. 0..
		To 7 H White Thread 8/3			2..17..9
		To 2 H Colour'd d ^o . 6/			0..12..
		To 12 dozen Knives 5/			3.. 0
				£	48 1..9

[at Jo]hnson Hall 22^d March 1770 the Above [co]ntents
 in full for M^r. Vanderheyden

SAM^l. STRINGER

¹ Letter concerning the bateaux near Sacondaga, 1770, March 19.

TO ISAAC LOW

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall, March 22^d. 1770*

[]
 [] soon to hold a General Congress with the Indians on [] consequence to the public, I have made enquiry in order [a pro]per Assortment of Goods for that occasion, In consequence of [which I have met] with none that will Answer the purpose excepting a [] to Doctr Sam^l Stringer of Albany & marked S S From [] which & the Accot he has given me, they will Answer, but [] that they were stored by a resolution of the Sons of Liberty [] was then Chairman. The occasion of my Writing therefore [w]hether these Goods will be delivered up to my Order for the [] beforementioned in case I purchase them. If they are [] for them without delay, and as the Service requires my holding [a Congr]ess forthwith which I cannot do without a Suitable present as [] Occasion I make no doubt that you will favor me with [an Answ]er as soon as possible.

I am &c

TO THOMAS WHARTON

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall, March 22^d. 1770*

[]
 Having occasion for some Blank Testimonials to give [to chie]fs of the Indians, I have used the freedom with you [] the inclosed form, and drawing requesting that you will [] good Artist to Engrave the same, and also to Engrave [] emblematical figures at the Top of the Testimonial, and as [] take up too much room if of the size

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

in the inclosed [] please to direct the Engraver to draw it a Little shorter, [] correct the shape, features &c of the personages or things in the best manner he can, the Gentleman whose drawing it is [not] having Sufficient Skill in these matters. The blanks in [the] Testimonial may be the same as in the inclosed, and the [spa]ce at the Top larger than I have left it tho' Smaller than the [dra]wing, the Edges of which he can Embellish as he pleases When it is Engraved I would have Two hundred Copies of it [] on parchment, which with the Copper plate you will please [to] forward to me with the Expence attending it which I shall pay [imme]diately and shall be much obliged to you if it is convenient for [you] to get this necessary Affair executed for me.

I have orders to ratify the Fort Stanwix Treaty in his Majesty's Name, [] that the Traders Grant and Mr. Croghans, are still [] farther Consideration, however I am in hopes that they [mus]t meet with Approbation to obtain which I have wrote [] about it. I wrote your Brother sometime ago but [] nothing from him for a Considerable time, I heartily [] may find his Affair has had an []

[] much esteem
Sir

A RECEIPT TO JOHANNIS WERT

D. S.¹

Johnson Hall, March 22^d. 1770

Received of Johannis Wert of Kingsborough the Sum of Six Pounds Three Shillings New York Currency In full for a Years Rent of his Land to the 25th. of this Instant March also Two Fatt Fowls & a Days Work as Dues.—

W. JOHNSON

F C . . 3 . . —

¹ In Johnstown Historical Society, Johnstown, N. Y.

TO SAMUEL WHARTON

Df.¹*Johnson hall March 23^d. 1770*

[]

I wrote you long since in Answer to your sev^l. [] have not heard from you for some Months I am [] lest mine should have met with some Accident, as I [] have wrote me since May which was the [] last I received from you, Mine was [] off in Dec^r. last.

I have since received his Majestys Orders to ratify the Fort Stanwix Treaty with the Indians, in his name, Excepting the [gran]ts to the Traders and to Mr. Croghan which are reserved [for] other Consideration “when the persons interested shall [ask] for his Majesty’s Confirmation of them.”—This I suppose [is alre]ady done, but probably by the foregoing Words, is meant [that] they have not Applied in the way required,— & as I take it, []ns to be that the Application to Indians first, & founding [pre]tensions on their Grants gives some offence, but as I honestly & Clearly Explained all that affair, & as there was no other way []ting the precedent of a retribution from the Indians but in [] I proceeded. I am hopefull that your Application will [meet] with Success,— I shall very soon meet the [Indian Confed]eracy as well to declare the ratification of the Treaty [] with their earnest request, to have my [] Directions on a proposal made to them by the [] Some of the Western & Southern [] of some importance [] is a very ticklish affair [] they sho^d. be encouraged [] to permit it []

Which at any rate it will be [] the Complaints of the Indians [] on the frontiers & a Variety of other Intellig[ence] showing that they are much ag-

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

grieved, full of [] thereto from the Missisipi, Nothing is yet done, nor is there a prospect of any thing for [] The frontier [] usual, and the result is not difficult to [] little leisure as ever but however I have [] Material that occurs here at present, [the Squabble] at our Capitals which you will know from the [papers (?) better] than I can inform you. I have wrote Gov. [Pownal in answer] to his kind Letter and received another from [him which I shall] make a return to soon—I am in daily Exp[ectation of one] from you, and therefore shall deferr saying [] have a Letter, Croghan is at the Lake [] he was long indisposed at New York, The New [Englanders are] eager about Lands, and Scheming, some have been [] about Townships, and some plans are on foot [] for Cutting masts for the Navy, but the havock [] the Timber about Hudson River for these 6 years Oblige them to go up farther this Way to Carry it [on. I am] Assured that two or three of them near Saratoga [cut] a Vast Quantity of Timber of the Size reserved [which] they intended for plank & boards, but una[ble to get it] Away, near 4000 of them lye rotting [] & much more in different parts, this is [] & hurtfull to the Country that it ought [] past I rec^d a Commission from Gov^r [Colden as Surveyor?] of the Woods for this Extensive [] put it out[] I could get none []

¹]

either for this province in Gen^l. or rather this [] in which case I wish my Son was Appointed [] him some business to do, & at the same time be [] with a Sallery that would prevent him from laying [out mo]ney in the discharge of his duty. I have not suggested [this to any] person but yourself, tho' I should be glad that you [] te it to my Friend D^r Franklin, or to any other [you th]ink proper by which means those in power Might hint of the Utility of such

¹ Several lines missing.

an Appointment, which if [] of they Might Signify that they were authorized to [] such a person for it.

I shall not be unmindfull of any thing that may [la]ter occur that will be of service to you or your affairs. heartily Wishing you all imaginable Success and that I may [] hear from you, I remain

D^r Sir your Sincere friend
& very humble Servt

[]re to be
[re]membered,
[] to tell
[] you twice, the
[] Letter by M^r.
[]

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York 26 March 1770

[]
[] of the 15 & 17th instant lay before [] you may be assured I will mention the [matter to Mr DeLancey], but I cannot help thinking but that Gentⁿ [] much greater Regard to a Line from You [than] to any thing I can say to Him; however as it is [] he] should comply with your Request, I make no []] Chearfully do so— by next Post I will write you [] I have seen M^r Campbell concerning the Pork [] no Orders about that Article, but only desired me [] the price, I had not purchased any untill I coud [] orders as to the Quantity you woud want which you [have not] mentioned to me. M^r Campbell however says He will [] He has Money to receive for you from M^r Mortier to [] consented, as I doubt not He will do it full as well as [] a good deal vexed to hear that the 3 pipes Wine []]

your Hands in Such bad condition, which must have been [] very great Negligence in Mr Shipboy under whose Care [] The Vessell they were on board of unfortunately froze [] but Mr Shipboy assured me he had sent sleighs [] Wine & that it was safer in his Cellar— but the truth [is it] seems to be impossible to rely upon any body to do any [thing unless] they themselves have an Interest in it— It is very [] received any Letter from me about the £113.18.10s [received from Mr Pen] I mentioned it in 3 severall Letters—The Wine [] £40 ⁷/₈ pipe, by a Letter I received from [] he has sold Cartwright One of them [] to allow him [] can be purchased [] Rum

I have taken Notice of the [order for mill saws and will send¹] them by the first sloops which [will sail when the river ?] is open, they shall packed up as you direct [] In the Mean time I remain with great []

Sir your most Hble []

JOHN W[ETHERHEAD]

I begg you will not forgett to write a Line to Mr [Kemp and the] Generall about the Location² for Mr Roberts & C^{ol} [Claus] He will not else make any Return without you []

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 26 March 1770

[]
[] received your favor 16 Ins^t. & [] pleasure to inform you that your [Indian] Deed³ having been laid before

¹ Words supplied from the Johnson Calendar, p. 450.

² See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 504, 505 and *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 550.

³ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 486 and 492, also *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 547.

the [Council] it was approved of & y^e. petition [for the] Land granted, the Warrant for the [surv]ey will be sent Mr. Colden, & all will [be] done as soon as possible, & you may [be assu]red the Pattend for the Part of it [there]under shall be completed with all [possi]ble haste — I am glad to find Sr. John [cho]oses being here soon — I cannot get [the] Survey & Pattend for the additionall Lands at Zedeghquida¹ yet settled, so cannot [] any Answer to the Germans, but will [] to lett you know in about 14 days as [] that time all will be finished — [] have accounts from all Quarters [that the] Land is excellent on the South [] Mowhack River so that [] 10^s/. ¶ Acre, as [] soon will rise [] I think [] The Packett not yet arrived [] write you — My Compl^{ts} to all [] the Mowhack River & believe me []

D^r Sir

Your obliged [&]

Hu[]

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her best respects to you & all the family —

ADDRESSED: To
 The Honorable
 Sir William Johnson Bart^t
 at Johnson Hall
 Albany

¹ Sedachqueda, Sauquoit.

FROM PETER SYLVESTER

A. L. S.

Tuesday Albany the 27th. March, 1770

[]

I Received your favor Yesterday [of the] 25th. Instant by the bearer of it Mr Nellus [wh]om I had some conversation with relative to the matter on which I was to give my Opinion he was to have called on me this morning at eight oClock to receive it and an answer to Your letter But as I have not seen him since I cant tell the occasion of it or whether he is gone back or where he is wherefore I have Inclosed the opinion which I drew for him & was ready before the above hour. the Instrument is certainly an original of its kind—Dead men are made party's to it—no consideration in it—& divers other faults might [be] pointed out—In order to set the partys right [you] will please to observe by the Inclosed what is []

As I was apprehensive the [] not yet come to your hand I [] naturalization act that you [] ment before & when [] is not set until the [] probability of a Mayors Court, [] which is the periodical [] of the City for holding [] to the words of the act as [] I think the Business spoken of can be as well done in that []

I am Sir

Your most obedi[ent and]

very Hum[]

PETER [SYLVESTER]

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Albany, 27th. March, 1770

[]

[Col?] Schuyler & my self have been [at gre]at pains to find out if the money [paid to] Col Butler in 1756 was repaid me [by] you; we cannot find any Credit [] nor have I charg'd it to the Public: [I beg] leave to trouble you with a Copy of [Col] Butlers receipt, and to know if you have [or can] find any Charge against me, or receipt for that payment—you if you have not I will charge it in my Department to the Treasury.

I am sorry I shall not succeed in the affair of the Flatts.

ADDRESSED To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William [Johnson]

JOHN BUTLER'S RECEIPT

A. D. S.¹

[I] hereby Acknowledge to have rec^d. from [John] Bradstreet Esq. Three Hundred & [] pounds two Shillings & six pence [for the pay of In]dians sent under my Command [Sir] William Johnson to serve as Scouts [to the] battoe Men on their first Trip to Oswego [in Ap]ril 1756 and have Sign'd two of this [tenor] & date to serve for one as Witness my [hand]

May 20th. 1756

J. B.

¹ Inclosed in Bradstreet to Johnson, March 27, 1770.

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

A. L. S.¹*New York, March 28, 1770.*

WORTHY SIR,

I am favoured with yours of the 16th. of last Month, for which please to accept my best Thanks. It gives me singular pleasure to find that you view the Measure I mentioned in the same Light I did, & that you interest Yourself in it. Should it be attended with Success, it must be intirely owing to Your Influence & Interest; both which you have often exerted in Behalf of the Church of England, thereby laying its Members in these parts under great Obligations.

On the Receipt of your Letter, I wrote in the most pressing Manner I could to the Society to second your Application to the Ministry for the Appointment of a Missionary to the Indians. As a Body, it may not be in their power to do much. But the Interest of some particular Members may be of Service. Whether you may think it expedient to acquaint the Society with it, I know not; but as you frequently correspond with them, mentioning it in one of your Letters might not be amiss; for they want to be roused sometimes; or rather to be informed about American Affairs.

Your Observations with Regard to the Scarcity of Clergymen are very just. To that, & to the Want of a Bishop here, more than to the Smallness of the Salary, is owing the Want of Missionaries in America. Even in England at present they can scarce procure Clergymen enough to serve in the several Cures; for which I have heard the following, among other Reasons assigned—Dr. Blackstone has lately published a Commentary on the Common Law of England; a Work which is executed with great Perspicuity & Judgment, & has made the Study of the Law easy & agreeable, instead of being dry, disgusting & intri-

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

cate as formerly. So that Numbers of young Gentlemen at the Universities chuse to study the Law instead of going into Orders.

I have often wished for the pleasure of an Interview with You, & on this Account among others—to know your Sentiments about the most probable & effectual Measures for Converting the Indians to Christianity. I have their State much at Heart; & it were devoutly to be wished that some Method were fallen upon to accomplish so desireable an Event. Several plausible Schemes for this Purpose have been offered to the Society by Clergymen; but this Misfortune attended them in general—that they were drawn up by Men who knew very little of Indian Affairs; & like many other Hypotheses, were fair & easy in Speculation, but very difficult to be reduced to Practice, & probably insufficient for the End. I too was desirous of laying a Scheme of this Sort before the Society; but was prevented by this Reflection—that in all Probability it would share the same Fate with others, & for the same Reasons—I was not sufficiently acquainted with Indian Affairs to form a right Judgment of the most practicable plan; the Success of which, humanly speaking, can only be insured by an Attention to Circumstances, & making them subservient to the Design; which Circumstances cannot be known but by long Experience & an Intercourse with the Indians.

No Person living is so well qualified, on many Accounts, to form & execute such a plan as Yourself. Your good Sense, your thorough Knowledge of Indian affairs, Your Influence & Authority with the Indians, with the Government & Society, conspire to point You out as the properest person. Could you have Leisure from Public Affairs to think of this Matter, & digest Your Thoughts, it is well worthy your Attention. Even supposing the Scheme should not take Place at present, it would be of Service hereafter, by pointing out to those who might have it in their Power to carry it into Execution, what Steps & Measures they ought to pursue.

Many Difficulties, I confess, start up at present to obstruct such a Design. But the principal is the Want of a sufficient

Fund to support those who might be employed; for I do not doubt but Missionaries & Schoolmasters could be procured, were a regular Plan once formed, & a Fund provided. There are several worthy young Gentlemen here now preparing for Holy Orders, to whom I have often mentioned the Indian Missions; & altho they seemed to be discouraged from entering upon such an Undertaking singly; yet shewed Willingness enough in Conjunction with others.

As to a Fund, I know no other Resources from which to expect it, than the Government & the Society; unless something could be done by appropriating Lands to that purpose. The venerable Society always have been, & I am persuaded always will be, ready to do every Thing in their Power. Whether the Government, upon a just Representation of such a Scheme, of its extensive Utility & Advantages to the State, & the many good Consequences that would attend it, might not be induced to bear a Part of the Burden, cannot be fully known but by a Trial. Many Things might be said with the utmost Truth to engage the Government's Attention to such a Measure; yet I own, "Whilst the present plan of Oeconomy subsists," as you observe, the Prospect is discouraging enough.

It is the Opinion of the most sensible Writers on this Subject that I have met with, That it is necessary to civilize Savages before they can be converted to Christianity; & that in order to make them *Christians*, they must first be made *Men*. How far this, in the present Instance, may be practicable or necessary — & if both, what Measures are to be pursued for the Purpose — what Number of Missionaries, Schoolmasters or others would be necessary — where fixed, & under what Regulations — whether it would be necessary to educate some young Indians for the Ministry, & teach others Agriculture & some of the Mechanic Arts, in Case they could be brought to consent —: These are Matters of which you are the best Judge & ought to be considered in this Scheme.

Civilizing the Indians would undoubtedly be a considerable Step to their Conversion — would further it much, & be of great

Advantage in other Respects. But that it is essentially necessary to their Conversion, is in some Instances contrary to Fact. Both we & the French have made many Converts, tho the Indians were not in other Respects civilized. But I confess it appears necessary to take them from their present vagrant Kind of Life in some Measure, in order to christianize them effectually, & expect any permanent good Effects.

It would be visionary to expect that every particular of such a plan could be put in Execution immediately; yet were it regularly digested & laid before the Public, Providence might, & in all Probability would raise Friends for its Support. It is certain that until some Begining, some vigorous Efforts of this Sort are made to draw the Attention of well disposed persons, we can expect but little done for the poor Savages in their present forlorn State. A single Mission, in the old, beaten Way, makes no Noise, & few will pay any Regard to it; but a regular, extensive Plan, with a Person of your eminent Station at the Head of it, & promising Success, would command Attention & awaken the slumbering Charity of Christians. There can be no Doubt, from the Liberality which the Society annually experience, but many pious People would afford their Assistance to it. In Queen Anne's Reign the Government was at a considerable Expence to support the Indian Mission near Albany; & at a Time when many Obstructions were in the Way, from the Vicinity & Influence of the French, & the small Number of British Settlers in those parts. These Obstructions are now intirely removed, & every Thing seems to insure Success, were a proper Attempt made. Is it not a mortifying Reflection therefore that the Government should lay aside every Thought about it? Or may we not flatter ourselves that those in Power would listen to Proposals for the above Purpose, if vigorously urged, & the Example of Government formerly, laid before them?

It does great Honour to the Memory of the worthy Governor Spotswood of Virginia, that he formed a benevolent Scheme for the Conversion of the Indians, which had probably been attended with Success, if some Persons in London, from mercenary Views,

had not interposed & prevented the Execution. The Design, it is true, miscarried; but it will embalm his Memory nevertheless to future Ages, when perhaps every other Circumstance of his Life will be forgotten. And indeed, Sir, it will reflect peculiar Lustre on Your Name, that after having by your Counsels & Arms been greatly instrumental in reducing so considerable a Part of North America, & adding it to the British Dominions, You should be instrumental also in reducing its Savage Natives under Subjection to the Messiah, & adding them to his Fold. Such an Attempt, even should it fail, is praiseworthy & glorious; & He that will not let a Cup of Water, given to a Disciple, go without a Reward; will not be unmindful of such an Effort to extend the Limits of his Kingdom.

With the utmost Deference I submit the Whole of this Affair to your better Judgment. Perhaps my being sanguine is only owing to Inexperience. I would fain hope not; but were it the Case, I hope you will pardon what proceeds from a sincere Desire that the Indians, those miserable Outcasts of Humanity, should share in what I believe to be the greatest Benefit & Blessing—a true Knowledge of the Redeemer. I should not be so free & explicit, did I not presume much on the Goodness of Your Heart, & were I not persuaded that You ardently wish that such a Measure should be carried into Execution; & Providence seems to mark You out as the only proper Instrument to set it on Foot. My Situation in this place is such that I cannot flatter myself with the Hope of seeing You, unless you should favour New York with a Visit. You would therefore oblige me much by letting me know Your Sentiments of this Affair in a Letter, Nothing could give me greater Happiness than having it in my Power to contribute to the Design.

Agreeable to Your Desire I send You the Society's Sermon for 1769. It was preached by the excellent Bishop Newton, who is justly celebrated for his *Dissertations on the Prophecies*. In the Sermon You will find several Reflections to animate our Endeavours in spreading the Light of the Gospel among the Indians. Be pleased also to accept of a *Discourse* written by

the great & good Dr. Cudworth¹ which I had lately reprinted here to counteract some Enthusiastic Notions in Religion which gained Ground among us.

Party Spirit ranges still with great Violence. Our good Friends, the Whigs will neither be quiet themselves, nor suffer others to live in Peace. A late Transaction about our *Liberty-Pole*² gave Rise to a *Cantata* which I send, because it may divert You. It is written with much Spirit, Wit & Humour; & has mortified the Whigs to the last Degree. The Merit of such Things, you are sensible, must be in a great Measure local, & depends on a Knowledge of the Characters that are introduced. I have added in the Margin the Names at Length of the Persons Described, as you might not be able to guess at them by the initial Letters. It must not however be known that I wrote the Names.

With sincere Wishes for Your Welfare, & for Prosperity on all Your Undertakings; & with the truest Esteem, I am,

Sir,

Your most affectionate,

and obedient, humble Serv^t

CHARLES INGLIS

To SIR W^m. JOHNSON.

INDORSED:³ N. York 28th. March 1770

The Rev^d. Mr. Inglis's

Letter

Ans^d. 18th. April

¹ Ralph Cudworth, 1617–88, a celebrated English philosopher of the Platonic school.

² The affray of Golden Hill, January 19–20, 1770.

³ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[Claver]ack 28th March 1770

[]

I have the Honor of your Letter of the 26th instant this moment—I [] began upon the List you have requested of me and I am happy that [my senti]ments in regard to Col^o. Rensselaer coincide with yours.—I suppose he [] refuse to accept of the Command of the Regiment now it is new modelled. in [that] case youll be pleased at foot of the List to see the alterations proposed. The [Peo]ple here about are a very Divided set it is therefor by no manner of means prudent to advise with many People I have therefor confined myself for intelligence to a few individuals and I am perswaded the inclosed List is as impartial a one as can possibly be made out. It is true there is three or four of Captain Hogebooms family in the List but be assured Sir this is done for reasons perfectly Justifiable and will answer salutary purposes. I have had some difficulty with my Friend Hogeboom to curb him a little he was rather impetuous in his Resentments and wanted (now the opportunity offered) [to] exclude his Enemies altogether: But I at length perswaded him that this would be following an example that has of late been much condemned. I strove hard to perswade him that it would be best to recommend John Ten Broeck (Col^o. Rensselaers Nephew) as first Captain that he might be Major in case the Col^o. should decline. But Jeremie could not be perswaded to this as it would [] a Domineering Family at the head of Military Affairs in this Quarter in time. My Reason for [not agr]eeing with this opinion is that I do not think Col^o. Rensselaer used the Ten Broeck Family [well in n]eglecting them and putting in John A. Van Alen in for Major—I shall not [ani]ma]dvert upon the Character of this¹ More than to tell you

¹ An omission in the manuscript.

Sr. that he was a proper Tool to carry [] schemes against the Setlers upon the Contested lands into Execution.— Thus much I have [] to tell you in regard to those matters that you may be properly informed. It [] and the Time precious for Your Express to return from Kinderhook. In haste I [] with the truest Love Esteem and Respect

Sir
Your most obedient
[] Humble Servant
[H. V.] SCHAACK

HENRY VAN SCHAACK'S LIST OF OFFICERS

A. D.

Claverack, [March 28, 1770]

[¹A List of Persons recomanded for Officering] a Regiment of Militia Foot within the following District [viz to comprehend all the Inhabitants Living] North of the Manor of Livingston and South of an East [Line from the first Falls on the Creek which begins] by Major Abraham Staats's, to the extent of the Colony²

¹ Words burned away supplied from the Johnson Calendar, p. 450.

² See map following Van Schaack to Johnson, letter of January 28, 1770. Compare list with *Third Report of State Historian*, p. 761 and 770–71.

[Names]	[Rank]	[Places of [R]esidence]
[John Van-Rensselaer]	[Colonel]	Green Bush
[]	[Lt Col.]	Claverack
[]	[Major]	D ^o .
[]	Adjutant	D ^o .
[]	Q ^r Master	D ^o .
[]	Captain	D ^o .
[]	1 st Lieut.	D ^o .
[]	2 ^d D ^o .	D ^o .
[]	Ensign	D ^o .
[]	Captain	D ^o .
[]	1 st Lieut.	D ^o .
[]	2 ^d D ^o .	D ^o .
[]	Ensign	D ^o .
[]	3 ^d Captain	D ^o .
[]	1 st Lieutenant	D ^o .
[]	2 ^d D ^o .	D ^o .
[]	Ensign	D ^o .
[]	4 Captain	D ^o .
[]	1 ^s Lieut.	D ^o .

Cap^t. of Grenedeers.

[	2 ^d D ^o .	D ^o .	
[	3 ^d Lt.	D ^o .	
[	5 Capt.	D ^o .	
[	1 ^s Lieut.	D ^o .	[If Col ^o . Rensselaer] declines to accept then
[	2 D ^o .	D ^o .	Jeremiah Hogeboom to be Col ^o . []
[	Ensign	D ^o .	L ^t Col ^o . Jacobus De La Meter Major and
[	6 Captain	Nobles	Jeremiah [] to be the youngest cap-
[	1 st Lieut.	Town	tain William Van Ness (now the second [
[	2 D ^o .	D ^o.	] Henry Miller (now the Ensign)
[	Ensign	D ^o .	to be second Lieut. and []
[	[ ] Captain	D ^o .	Ensign.
[	[1 st Lieut.]	D ^o .	
[	[2 ^d Lieut.]	D ^o .	
[	[Ensign]	D ^o .	
[	[ ]	Claverack	
[	[ ]	Nobles	
[	[ ]	Town	
[[]	[]	
[[]	[]	
[[]	[]	
[[]	[]	

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New Haven March 29th 1770

[]
 [] to my friend Mr Robinsons¹ the [] leav-
 ing Col^o Johnsons and had the [worst roads] I ever saw from
 Albany to his house, [] from thence here—I stayed
 with []ys in order to recover my mair and do[]
 Bussiness,—he was Extremely Glad to hear [] and
 desired me the first time I wrote to [you to] make his best Com-
 pliments and assure [you that] no Person Can have a greater
 Respect [for anoth]er then he has for you, he sets out [for New]
 York in two or three days from this time [He has] been so good
 as to undertake to get the [] wanted there done for me—
 This is [] hoped and wished when I Left you he []
] take the charge of and will I [flatter] my self be a great
 means of Enabling [me to] leave this pious Colony very soon.
 the Boston papers have been forwarded [by the] Post—by
 them you will see that [there has be]en a small Rumpus² in the
 great [] have only one side of the []
 Printer dare not [] hold that Cap^t.
 [Preston³] that many []
 had Resolutions []
 under Cover to you one of []
 got upon the Road and []
 the Sundry Engagements []
 I am not able to hear any [] New]
 London—hope to be there []
 make my Family happy [] of
 your great and Extrodinary g[oodness] which I will Studdy and
 Endeavour [] for, during my whole Life—
 I beg [to] my] Compliments to Col^o. Johnson and

¹ Beverly Robinson's house on the Hudson.

² Known as the Boston Massacre, which occurred on March 5, 1770.

³ Captain Thomas Preston, of the 29th regiment.

the [] his neighbourhood to Mr. Daly¹ and []
] at the Hall. and that you will [accept my] most sincer
 wishes for your Health [] and believe that I am with
 the [] and Respect

Dear Sir

Your m[ost]

[]

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM []

FROM THOMAS BARTON

A. L. S.²

Philadelphia March 31st. 1770

WORTHY SIR,

The obliging Letter, which you did me the Favour to write on the 16th. of last Month, I received here — That which you wrote soon after your Return from the Treaty at Fort Stanwix, I never had the Pleasure of seeing — Nothing should have prevented me from taking proper Notice of it, had it reached me — It will ever be the Study and the Ambition of my Life to deserve your kind Regards; & you may therefore be assured that no Avocations whatever shall interrupt that Correspondence, with which you have been pleased to honour me. —

I design this Scrawl as an Apology only — I shall do myself the Favour to write fully as soon as I can retire from the Scene of Noise & Confusion which presents itself to me at present. —

I am, Hon^d. & most Worthy Sir,

Your obliged, affect^e. & obedient humble Serv^t.

THO BARTON

Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON —

INDORSED:³ March 31st. 1770

Mr. Bartons letter

☞ Mr. Stuart —

¹ Dr Daly, Johnson's physician.—J. R. Simms, *Trappers of New York*.

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

³ In Johnson's hand.

FROM RICHARD PETERS

A. L. S.¹*Philadelphia 31 Mar 1770*

HONOUR AND DEAR SIR

I have joind in a Letter with D^r Smith & M^r Barton in favour of a very worthy man M^r Steward. As we judgd he woud answer your purpose in the Indian Mission we have sent him to you and we hope he will answer our Character & Expectations.

There happened to be a Number of Subscriptions going on at the time the Mohock Petition came to my hand however I attempted it but soon found I coud make no great Progress in it. I afterwards resumd it & was still disappointed. If we have any good Success in having the differences accomodated with our Mother Country I will make one more Essay & hope for better Success.

You may think us tardy in not getting you some proper persons for Chatechists & Missionaries but really the people of the Church of England are averse to let their Children study for the Ministry. The Dissenters take advantage of this & tho it is very mortifying & we remonstrate against this negligence yet we cannot put a better Spirit into any of our people. This is truth & a very lamentable one.

The two young men who engaged to undertake Schools in the Indian Country & to put themselves on such a fair Tryal hoping their Conduct woud recommend them to the Ministry cruelly disappointed me there was such a Scarcity of German Ministers y^t their Friends woud not part with them. The person mentiond in our joint Letter is a promising youth well educated— & says he will devote his whole Life to make himself useful in any department you shall assign him. His Father is a Magistrate one M^r Hall in the Neighbourhood of this City but is thro misfor-

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

tunes but in low Circumstances this makes him consent to part with a Son for whom he has an overweening tenderness & I hope both of them will be the better for it.

My health ebbs & flows & I study to be quiet & not to mix with the hurly burly of the times. We all mean well & think we can do good but we are duped out of that serenity & thoughtfulness w^{ch} is necessary to preserve our Union with a much better Spirit & Nature which are in us; not to be drown'd and extinguish'd by the Concerns of a trouble some woud but to be tried by them & to get the better of them. Pardon these Reflexions. they arise in a mind that has been tossed to & fro with honest & good but worldly & tumultuous Desires respecting a world that will take its own Courses — in spite of what a few good men can say or do to mend it. I am with very kind respects to Col Johnson Mr Croghan & Mr Clause

D^r Sir

Y^r Affectionate humble

Servant

RICHARD PETERS

INDORSED:¹ March 31st 1770

Revr^d. Mr. Peter's letter

↳ Mr. Stuart —

FROM WILLIAM SMITH

A. L. S.²

Philad^a. March 31st. 1770

HON^d & WORTHY SIR/

I ought long ago to have troubled you with a letter, but as I could not find fit Persons to recommend (the two we first mentioned having declined to go) I was willing to wait till we could find others.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

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

In Conjunction with M^r Peters & M^r Barton, who is now at my House, I have recommended the Bearer M^r Stuart, who, I think, I can answer for, on long Experience, as an excellent Scholar, a fine Temper, & great Prudence, & I am persuaded you will be happy in Him, & he in you, if a tolerable Settlement can be got for him, under your Protection.

I have mentioned, at the Bottom of our joint Letter, another Young Gentleman, M^r Jacob Hall, who is to take his first Degree in our College next May, of whom I can say every Thing that is good, & I have never known a Young Man of a Zeal, Piety & Prudence, more promising for a faithful Indian Missionary. If a Support can be contrived for him, he is willing to spend two Years as a Catechist & Schoolmaster among the Indians, where you shall place him, to learn their Language before he embarks for *holy Orders*, he being yet but 22 years of Age.

I send, by M^r Stuart, 6 Copies of my *Sermon* before "the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows & Children of our distress'd Clergy;" in which Corporation we have done ourselves the Honor to insert your Name, knowing your great Readiness to countenance every humane & Charitable Work. Perhaps you have received the *Sermon* already from Dr. Auchmuty. If so, those I send may be put into the Hands of some of your Friends, if you should think the *Sermon* worthy of that Honor.

I am sorry we could not this Winter forward the Subscription M^r Croghan proposed for the Benefit of the Indian Mission. There happened to be our *Widows Fund*, & two or three more Subscriptions on foot at the Time, & we thought it best to delay till these were a little over, expecting then to have more Success, & we hope it may not then be too late, as no Missionary is yet appointed.

I am obliged to you for what you write to M^r Barton that you have not lost Sight of the Matter relative to the Tract of Land we hope to get by your kind Offices. You would favor us much

by pointing out where we could apply to Advantage as soon as convenient. I am Hon^d Sir/

Your obliged & obed^t humble Servant

WILLIAM SMITH

INDORSED:¹ Phid^{pa}. March 31st 1770

Doctor Smiths Letter

☞ Mr. Stuart —

FROM DAVID VAN DER HEYDEN

A. L. S.

Albany, 2 April, 1770

[]
 [] is moment I was favoured with yours []
 inclosing] a Commission for John Winne, which []
 [] Letter you mention to have wrote a month [ago in
 behalf] of your Friend, has never come to hand, or [I should
]ly have answered it; however I never knew []
 of Cash more than I do at present, & wish it [were in] my power
 to oblige you. If you should be [in want of] any of the fol-
 lowing goods I can supply you, [] Peniston, 1 p^c. red
 Ratteen, Embossed Serge 4 p^c. some linens, large scalping Knives,
 200 p^s. Gartering of [] to Vermilion, Callicos a few p^c.
 [] Der desires I am Sr.
 [] Y^r most Obed^t. Serv^t:
 DAVID VAN DER HEYDEN

FROM JOHN DE PEYSTER

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 450, under date of April 2, is listed a letter from John De Peyster, Albany, relating to a probate of the will of Daniel Danneston. Mostly burned.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 450, is listed a letter under April from Daniel Claus, concerning a request from Assarigoa and Saghsanagegte, that Thayayake may be furnished with a gorget and a coat, and an order on Vanderheyden. Destroyed by fire.

ORDER ON DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall April 3^d. 1770

DANIEL CAMPBELL

please to pay unto Mr John Stevenson of Albany, or to his order the Sum of Eighty five Pounds, Five Shillings, and Eleven pence New York Curr^y, & charge it to Acc^t. of your

Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

[] Above in full from

[Dan]iel Campbell

JOHN STEVENSON

PERRY, HAYES & SHERBROOKE'S BILL

D. S.

New York April 3^d. 1770

[Daniel Camp]bell

Bo^t. of Perry Hayes & Sherbrooke

[10 barrels of] Pork85/

£ 42.10

[Received payment] at same time for Mess^{rs}. [Perry Hayes & Sherb]rooke

JOHN FARRAH

FROM THOMAS WHARTON

A. L. S.

Philad^e. April 3^d. 1770

Thy two favors of the 22 & 23^d Ult^o. I received [] since, and Agreeable thereto, I have Ordered [the] plate to be Engraved by One Dawkins who is [] our best Artist; He Assures Me He will Use [his ut]most Endeavors to compleat it, in a Manner [which] shall be satisfactory to thee; as soon as the plate [is fini]shed, I will have the Testimonials Printed. I [will] have the whole Completed in two or three Weeks. I shall send them in a Box to New York ^{to} stage [an]d to the Care of My friend John Alsop whom I [shall] request to forward it to thee by a Proper Conveyance.

Shall embrace the first opportunity [to forward] thy favor to My Brother Samuel, And am sorry [that] he has been so remiss, as not to write More fully [to his best?] Friend; but I Presume it May in part be [owing] to the want of Opportunities; We have not [] li]ne from Him since the 6th Decem^r. when He [] spirits, and doubted not He should succeed [] tion

[] Can the General Boundary be Adopted by the British Court, And [] of those two Grants not take place? Si[n]ce the Indians conveyed those lands to G Croghan an[d the sufferers of] 1763¹ before they Confirmed to the Crow[n the Boun]dary And of Consequence the Land wi[thin it. I] rather Expect that the King would not [have approved] of a Confirmation of the Boundary had [he not meant] to have ratified those Grants—

¹ See Hillsborough to Johnson, May 13, 1769 and Johnson to Hillsborough, August 21, 1769, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, VIII:166 and 181.

We have certain l[etters] which inform, that, the Duke of Grafton¹ [has resigned] its not Mentioned Whither Any other Ch[] place, or who was to succeed Him —

I remain with []
thy real []

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM THOMAS PENN

L. S.

[*London 3*] *April 1770*

DEAR SIR

Yesterday I received [] Packet of the 30th: January inclos[ing a bill on Harley] & Drummond for £545. .4.4 which rep[ays] I paid for your Grant.

This Letter was a Duplicate [] was sent by Lieutenant Roberts who is not [] whenever he comes to me you may be assured I [shall render] him all the good offices in my power as I [] person recommended to me by you.

I am very much concerned to find that [the] Administration here, has droped the Scheme for regu[lating] the Indian Trade, as I am very sensible other sort [of] People should be employed than they will give proper [] Allowances to in the several Colonies and that will be necessary to Superintend the sort of people that will be employed in the Indian Trade.

I return you my thanks for sending me the two pamphlets by Mr. Roberts published by the people of Connecticut as also for your resolution to oppose the Steps they have taken. I also return you my thanks for your good wishes of the Restoration of my Health. I continue gradually gaining strength, & am going to Bath in a fortnight's time, in hopes of a perfect [] as

¹ The retirement of the Duke of Grafton from the premiership occurred on January 22, 1770. He was succeeded by Frederick, Earl of Guilford, Lord North.

yet cannot write or I should [] another hand. I
 desire my Compts [] with much esteem

Dear Sir

Your most Affectionate F^d.
 & most Obedient Servant

THO PENN

ADDRESSED: To Charg^d in London
 The Honourable Sir William Johnson [Bar^t.]

INDORSED:¹ London 3^d. April 1770
 Mr. Penns letter acknowledging
 y^e. Recp^t. of my Bill
 for the Expence of y^e. Grant
 Ans^d. 4th July

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London April 4th, 1770

[]

I got home the day after I wrote [from] New Haven and had
 the happiness to find [] woman and Family Very well,
 who are [] happy by your great goodness to me.
 I [] imploied in getting Every thing finished []
 and flater my self I shall be able to see [you] again in may.

We Can hear nothing from [London?] Except what is printed
 in the papers and [that] is all on one side the Question. I yester-
 day saw [a let]ter from a Committee of Eight Gentlemen [in]
 New York Chose by a Society of Bill of Rights []al
 New York who have Enter'd into divers [ques]tions for the sup-
 port of as they say their [lives?] Libertys property &ca and have
 appointed [] committee to Correspond with all the Sons
 of [Liberty] in America and Else where, and they []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Sons of Liberty in New London & Connect^t [] their
 sentim^s & opinions upon [] and Tyrannical methods
 taken by [the ministry] with the province of the Massa[chussets
 Bay &] Town of Boston—in Consequence of this a Grand
 meeting [] here and a Committee appoin[ted to let
 the] Society in New York know the [] and so the
 Ball is to be keep[t rolling. It] is Very Plain that several
 Peo]ple in] N York and Boston are making a f[ortune out] of
 it by advancing the price of the[ir] their will be a Vessel
 from here [] in a few days when I shall send
 you [] of young trees and some other things [in the]
 Gardening way as well as a few [] Black and orchard
 Grass seeds—

with the papers I have [] a small
 pamphlet wrote by an Hon[est] Churchman upon the Right
 of this [province to] the Susquehanna Lands I have not []
 but am told it is pretty well do[ne Give] my Compliments to
 Col^o Johnson [and the other] Gentlemen in his Neighbour [hood.
 M^{rs}] Chew prays you'l Accept [her best] Compliments and
 sincere [] health which may [] restore
 I am with the [great]est truth and Regard

Dear Sir

Your most obed^t. & most
 Hble Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

I have wrote to Col^o Gardiner and Expect [to] have his
 answer in time to forward by the Next Post with Respect to His
 land

M^r Terrill spent a day or two in this town is now over at Long
 Island & I am told Expected here again.

[Honora]ble SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.



"Ugh! I no dream any more. White chief dream better than Indian"

Sir William Johnson and King Hendrick, illustrating the legend of the dream

From Martha J. Lamb's *History of New York City*, vol. 1, p. 558



TO THOMAS GAGE

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall, April 6, 1770]

[]
 [] favour of yours with the Letters from
 [] the pipe therein mentioned I have had
 a [] de]scription of it from sev^l. and find
 it does not [] by him. The principal of the
 Cherokees on this [embassy is a m]an of some Consequence
 well known to be Such [] the Indians & furnished
 with belts from all the Tribes, [] the known
 Caution of Indians in these Matters, and their [apprehe]nsion
 that probably they would have been dissuaded from their
 [] I am not at all Surprized at their Concealing
 part of their [object] from Mr. Stuart, which certainly is
 principally with a design [of] an Alliance for carrying on a
 War against some of [the We]stern Indians &ca², & this is
 admitted in a great measure in Camerons Letter, but that it is not
 against the Chactaws, now [I am] induced to think that the
 Chactaws are not the people the [Chero]kees have for their
 object; but that that comes from the [Six Na]tions inclination
 to carry on a War against them rather than [again]st the Western
 Ind^s. but be this circumstance as it will a Union [to carry] on
 War in Conjunction is the principal Object of their [Embass]y.
 I should by all means inform you that I have rec^d. [the] Intelli-
 gence which I think I can rely on, That the Kickapous,
 [Piankash]aws & Wawiaghtonos with some others do intend
 In the [] of summer or sooner to attempt the
 reduction of the Illinois, this I [] many Circum-
 stances from some Indians of credit [] confid]ence

¹ In Guy Johnson's handwriting.

² See Johnson to Hillsborough, February 10, 1770, in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:203-4.

which they repose in me & which has induced them []
 thing the discovery of [] the publick & therefore
 I have no reason [] material sho^d. []
 [] up to the 25th. [of March?]
 []¹
 Exceed the Allowance [] it as to retrench my
 Expences [] settlement; I hope to be favor[ed
] Ammount of the Accts now sent and []
 Esteem Dear Sir, &ca

Mr. Croghan tells me that on his representation of their
 Necessity you were pleased to desire the Continuance of the
 Smiths at Fort Pitt, & Detroit, in Consequence of which he has
 sent me an Acct of their² pay, to be transmitted to you, as you
 were pleased to say you would take upon you that expence.—

Goods for Indⁿ. presents being (by the new agreement
 amongst the Trading People) Scarce & dear, in so much that I
 am great[ly] any, I will therefore be glad to have a
 Credit [] wherewith to purchase in England Su[ch
 as are] most wanted, & necessary for carrying on []
 Department, and that in time, So as [] be here by
 the latter end of summer.

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

A. Df.

[*Johnson Hall April 6, 1770*]

[] favored with your Letter concerning [some
 money] formerly advanced to Capt. Tho^s. Butler in [1756³ for
 whi]ch I have looked over all my papers & books [] at
 le]ngth find in one of my old Books of account [] en]try

¹ Several lines missing.

² From this point the letter is in Johnson's handwriting.

³ Date supplied from Johnson Calendar, p. 451.

in the Year 1757 ["March 14th"] To Capt. Phil. [Schuyler] Capt Bradstreets Letter & by order of Lord Loudon the sum of []

I have not been able to discover any thing else relative [] from the Multifarious business of my Department [and] other particulars There are indeed Many of my papers & [] &ca of that period Still remaining at Fort Johnson², which [I have not] removed to this place as Judging I should have little or no [] to recurr to them, These I have not had an opportunity [of exam]ining since the rect. of your Letter, but, as the above Entry [] my Book of Public Expences for that period I apprehend [will] Sufficiently clear up the matter for I have always [been] Carefull to make no Charge or Entry that could not be []

Col. Johnson acquainted you sometime ago about [] the flatts, which I find are estimated beyond their [] at present I see no prospect of coming to any terms [] with them in the manner I could have wished for [] with Much Esteem

Sir
Etc.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

April 8th 1770

[Yeste]rday I was feavar^d. with boath [your] honors Leters by the Mandring [gentle]man you Menshon whome I know well. [I am] Greatly oblidge^d. to you for y^e. Truble [you] have Taken to procure Me y^e. Mony [I wan]ted & was aperehensife itt wold [be dif]fecult to be gott as I well Know [y^e. scarce]ty of Mony Every where I am [not] the first that has been dipt in law So it

¹ Crossed out in the original.

² Cf. I:xiv, History of the Manuscripts.

Must Take its Course Till [] Do something with part of those [lands?] of wh. I have two Much for I Neaver [] to Keep above 20,000 for My[self &] Prevost that is 10,000 Each Butt [] them I Must Do y^e. Best I can [] of My hands

[] packett is a Long while out [] to hear from Mr. Wharton and Mr. Trent If they succeed [in getting the grant¹] to the Traders Confirm^d. & [] My preporcion thereof it will [] as to My own Grant for the [] [] fairly & openly & paid Honestly [] posesion of twenty years I Doubt [] will confirm them att present [] Made by Lord Hillsburgh, However [] Nott to Give up My property because [he] or any other Minister Should think [] I only wait to hear the Event of [] To Take Some Steps to Secure ti[tle] for those Lands with the Improve[ments] Made on them Stands Me in M[] Pensylvaïne Mony wh. is To [] because a Minister of State Sa[ys] If his Majesty be Determind th[] them I Must Louse them yett [I do not] acknol-edge the Justuse Don [] & giveing itt to a Nother Sub[ject] of my Labors for twenty ye[ars] was Inform^d. from Cherryvally [of a fray²] Boston wh. y^r. honor Menshuns [] those small things will [] Greater the pople No where [in the] Colonys Seem plase^d. with y^e. Conduct [of] the army. there Must be a fault [som]ewhere If itt be in the pople [they] ought to be Dragoon^d. into thire [duty?] wh. Nesesity in Such Cases Require [] Ever So Disagreeable & in that Case [there] Seems to be a Want of power [] en^t. or Sperret in the Kings [Ge]neals to Do itt, if a Spanish & [Fre]nch Warr Dont Settle y^t. Diference [be]tween his Majsty & Subjects att home [] abroad & that Soon he Must have [] butt a Trublesome Time

¹ To compensate for traders' losses by Indian depredations in 1763.

² Supplied from the Johnson Calendar. It relates to the "Boston Massacre."

of itt [] st forgive Me for Diping into [] &
 blive Me with the Greatest [] y^r. honors Most obedient
 Humble Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

P. S. I am Truly Sencable [] Wishiss
 & frendshipe for Me [] My Sinclear thanks for all y^r.
 [] that of Makeing Me a Justuse [] Must
 beg Lave to Decline itt as I [] I have Nott the Least
 ambition to [] publick in any Station whatsoever.
 [When I] form'd My plan for Setleing in [this region?¹] itt was
 with a Viwe of retirement & [my] ambition was to become a
 Sim[ple in] y^r. Niborhood where I Might [have the]
 plesher of Visiting y^r. honor onst in [] Months for I
 ashure you I have N[ot] Viwe to Richess or honours

I am yett very Lame & Like I think [to] So the Snow
 is yett hear in y^e. woods and my felds all Coverd with Ise [I
 seem ?] an old Criples begining y^e. World a [new] blive Me Ever
 y^{rs}.

I must give [you the trouble of ?] Sending the Inclos^d. Leter
 to [] & if any Leter Comes by y^e. []

[SIR WILLIAM] JOHNSON Barr^t.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York, April 8, 1770]

[] favoured] With your acceptable favour of the []
 which I] have duly observed & in answer [] once] sitt
 down & write out your Account [] Can wish from the
 Commencement of the [] which] I will send you the In-
 stant it is finished which [] this week—The Severall
 Articles you orderd [M^r Campbell has] taken Note of from me
 & has desid^d He might [bring] up with him, which I consented
 to the rather because [he] will take Care of them & forward

¹ Otsego.

them safe to you [I have] ransacked this City for the Mill Saws, but have [been able] to find but one Single Saw of the right Sort to Suit [] the Saws must be Dutch, the English Ones will only [] Saw mills, they being too thick for a frame mill [] happy in communicating the Enclosed paper to you [] inform you where to meet with them in Albany, it [] to write immediately for them to some person in Albany [] some other person will purchase them, as they are an Article [] Demand & as you See very scarce; for which Reason I will [] write to Mr Ship-boy & desire him to purchase them for [] you to write him immediately to confirm it. [] Tongues and Biscuit shall be sent by first Sloop [] Campbell or Mr Ellice who are both here [] write a Line to Mr Oliver De Lancey¹ [] in the Oneida purchase.

JAMES RIVINGTON'S LETTER

In the Johnson Calendar under date of April 8, 1770, written at New York City, is listed a letter from James Rivington on the resignation of the Duke of Grafton, "the prevalence of the Chatham Rockingham and the old whigg Squadron," Lord North and Lord Morden. Destroyed by fire.

HUGH HENEY TO DANIEL CLAUS

*Extract*²

La chine 8th Apr^l 1770

Philip the Caghnawagey Interpr^r. desires me [in] behalf of the chiefs to let you know, that young Carleton³ & they are not upon

¹ Regarding Deniston's share — Johnson Calendar, p. 451.

² Preceded by Claus' explanation to Johnson:

[] in my Absence is to receive
 [] District when upon Business
 [] Intelligence acquaints me as
 [follows]

³ Captain Lieutenant Christopher Carleton of the 31st regiment; Major of the 29th in the War of the Revolution.

a good Understand^s. []ther, for in every Council he calls them to [he] does nothing but scold them & upbraid them [for] their supposed Insincerity in not telling him [all th]at passes among them — Philip says he []ts to have all the ruling Governmt of the [wh]ole Village, & that nothing should be done there but by [his] Directions, he is jealous with them on your [acc]^t and says if you were here they would soon [] to you & tell you all things. The chiefs & [

]came Mr. La Rumiers & Clinyncours familys [have been put]ting mischief in his head, and have asked him [] times, who it was told them such strange [] he never will tell them his Author, which [] the chiefs & they tell him it must be the [] gone to Quebec ab^t. 3 weeks ago, they [] They likewise say their father [] a Smith to be in their Village []¹ ago their Village [trembling w^{ch}. made [] Issue of w^{ch}. they now can [] you know their pain & fear [] was born nothing could frighten [] father the Gov^r. threatens them [] Priest out of their Village as he [] Brethⁿ. at St. Regis, they would be [] they have done & why their grievances are not heard & redressed [] promised to enjoy their Liberty of Conscience [as] in the french time & cant account for [] should be deprived of it without reason [] speedy Redress, for fear their Village [] so long might at last tumble and crush [] & children.

The chiefs bid me to acquaint you [for] they could pretty nigh guess the reason of [it] that young Mr. Carleton expected they [would] him in the Light they do you, w^{ch}. they th[ink un]reasonable of a Stranger whom they [] yesterday, when on the contrary you was [more] than 9 years managing their Aff^{rs}. [with] Satisfaction.

¹ Several lines burned off.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK ETC.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 242, are listed the following letters and documents which were destroyed by fire: a letter of April 9, 1770, from Henry Van Schaack, Kinderhook regarding a charge against Captain Hogeboom, an aspersion on Van Schaack, a scheme of Justice Quackinboss and Isaac Goes to remove the place of town meeting, and fees for commissions; a letter from Jeremiah Hogeboom, Claverack, April 9, 1770, regarding a charge that he has incited Indians to make unjust claims and disturbances; a receipted bill of Ury Janner, Claverack, April 9, 1770; a receipted bill of Hugh Gain, New York City, April 10, 1770; and a bill of Dirk Potman, New York City, April 10, 1770, for shoes.

FROM GUY CARLETON

L. S.¹

Quebec 10th. April 1770.

SIR

I herewith transmit You a Copy of the Bond and Licence granted to the Indian Traders that set out from this Province this Summer, in which all possible Precaution is taken, as far as in my Power lies, to guard against every Abuse that I have had any Information of, and specially that of delivering Belts or Messages, or holding Councils on any other Account than that of their private Trade; if any Thing else could be suggested more likely to produce the desired Effect, I should be always ready to attend to it, as I ever am to Cooperate with His Majesty's other Servants on this Side of the Water in every Point that tends to His Service.

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant

GUY CARLETON

The Honorable SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

Superintendent of Indian
Affairs in the Northern District.

¹ In the collection of Willis T. Hanson, jr, Schenectady, N. Y.

TO JEREMIAH HOGEBOOM

*A. Df. S.**Johnson Hall April 10th. 1770 — 2 P M*

SIR

Your letter of yesterday I this moment rec^d. and unluckily am so emerg'd at present in business of a very consequential nature, that I have only time to assure you, I am extremely concerned to hear, that, some designing, Ill disposed Person has endeavoured to traduce your Character at New York, and that my time will not possibly admit of my saying, or writing in your favour what my long acquaintance with you as an officer &^{ca}. entitles you to. — I presume you will think it necessary to proceed imediately to New York, and endeavour to find out y^e. Author of so malicious an Aspersion, and to Satisfy the L^t. Governour of the Injustice of the accusation, to whom I have (from a thorough knowledge of y^r. merit as an officer these 20 Years) recommended you. & which I flatter myself will still have due weight with him, upon your appearing there & clearing up the matter.— I am so hurried that I cant spare a moment to add more than that I am,— Sir,

P. S. as to y^e. report of y^r. Setting up
Indians to claims of Land, I beleive
it not, as in such case, I should most
certainly have heard of it from them,
as they never conceal any thing of the
kind from me.—

Your Welwisher
& Humble Servant
W. JOHNSON

CAP^t. HOGEBOOM

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.¹April 10th 1770

SIR/

I am extremely sorry to find that such Illnitured & malicious aspersions have lately been made use of to Capt. Hogebooms² prejudice; and much so, that I am so immensely hurried at present as not to have it possibly in my power to say as much in his favour, as my long acquaintance with him, (as an officer &ca) entitles him to.

However I doubt not, but his immediate appearance at N. York with a proper Instrument Signed by the respectable part of the Inhabitants, (Contradicting the charge made agst. him) will remove all doubts with the Gov^r. &ca.— when I hope he may be able to find out the Author, and treat him as he deserves.— I am glad to hear that you carried y^r. point in the Election of Supervisors, as I am also that y^e. Coms^{ns}. are ready. Sending the Fees before the Coms^{ns}. are distributed is new & unprecedented, and must arise from the backwardness of some in paying their Fees, or the Officer in remitting it. I could not have said more (with propriety in favour of Cap^t. Hogeboom than I did in my Several letters for this time past & should be extremely sorry was it to prove ineffectual, w^h. I hope will not be the case.— My kind respects to M^{rs}. Vanschaack to whom I send some of my Seed, and wish it may flourish, I would have Sent her more, but as many are desirous of partaking of it, I was oblidged to be sparing of it. Excuse my brevity, & beleive me Y^{rs}

Sincerely —

W. JOHNSON

H VANSCHAACK Esq^r.

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Autograph Letters, vol. x.

² Captain Jeremiah Hogeboom, of the Claverack militia.

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S ACCOUNT


A. D. S.

April 11, 1770

Sir William Johnson B^tD^r To Jn^o. WetherheadCash paid Holt¹ the Printer for papers To N^o.

1406 £ 4. 4. 9

Balance on 3 pipes Wine..... 6. 1. 2

Sundries Sent you Viz. Silk Hkfs &^{ca}  Post 4

Sir John Johnson for 2 fine Pier Glasses Sent up

to that Gentⁿ. in 1766..... 51.18

£66. 3.11

Receivd the 11th April 1770 from the Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t by the Hands of Daniel Campbell Esq^r. Sixty Six pounds three Shillings and Eleven pence being in full of S^r Williams Act to this Day

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:²Wetherheads Acc^t.& Recp^t. April 1770

£66. .3. .11

paid—

¹ John Holt, born in 1721 in Williamsburg, Va., died January 30, 1784, in New York City. He established, with James Parker in 1759, *The Gazette and Post Boy*. In 1766 he founded the *New York Journal*. During the Revolution Holt conducted newspapers in support of the American cause at Norfolk, Va., New York, Fishkill, Esopus, Hudson and Poughkeepsie.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Albany 12th. April 1770

[SIR]

I am told by Mr. Banyar I must [have] my Indian Deed prov'd by you as one of the Council, a Master in Chancery or one of the Judges of the Suprem Court—as Coll. Butler & Mr. Tice are near you, I have taken the liberty of desiring they would apply to You for that purpose—and

Also to make oath that the Lands were agreed for before the signing the late Treaty (otherwise I stand a Chance of coming but badly of) It is certain the Indians gave two Deeds for the Lands at Fort Stanwix, which I burt¹ at your House on the Indians signing the present Deed wherein the Whole was comprehended, and those Deeds were signd antecedant to the Treaty for Setling the line between the Colonys & the Indians—Colonells Croghan & Butler with Mr. Adams & others were present at the burning the Two Deeds above mention'd, and the former was the person who obtain'd the Deeds. Col. Morris, Gov^r. Franklin, Co^l. Croghan & Mr. Weatherhead were upon the same foot with me in respect to the Indian Deeds, agreed on at Fort Stanwix but not certified by the Gov^r. till Feb^y. at your house—and Gov^r. Colden has granted Patents for all those [] of Council, it appearing [] the Lands had been Bona fide a[greed upon] before the Treaty was sign'd.

I hope you will excuse my [being so] frequently troublesome to you, and be assur'd I shall always have great pleasure in proving to you by actions that I am with great esteem

Sir

Your Most obedient

& very humble Servant

JN^o BRADSTREET

¹ Burnt.

P. S

Since writing the above I have received your favor of the 6th Instant and am perfectly well satisfied with what you say respecting the money Col^l. Butler had from me and am sorry you have had so much trouble.

If you would please to give a Certificate that the Lands mention'd in my Deed was agreed for with the Indians before the Treaty was s[ign'd] at Fort Stanwix it would be of great service

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.¹*London 13 Ap^l. 1770*

DEAR SIR

I took a passage in a Deck'd Boat wch came On board us off the Isle of Wight. on the 7 Ins. Mr James & I lay at Portsmouth & arrived here the 8th Our passage was turbulent the 15th. & 16 ult^o. a Violent Storm lay too under a Mizzin Stay Sail, Our Boats & all our Hogs Sheep W^e. Wash'd off the Main Deck, & all our Hen Coops wash'd aft. many of the Poultry drown'd, however we were so plentifully Stock'd felt no lack.

I presented your Letter to Lord Hilsborough the 10th. he Asked me some few Questions relative to N. York, desired me to leave my directions that he might know where to find me as he should want to speak with me, offerd me his Service & assistance, in any respect I should want.

Mr. Penn² received me Very Friendly, he is in Such a bad State of health that he has not been able to Wait upon any of the Ministry about his Own affairs, tho he say's he has an affair of great Consequence depending. he cannot walk without being

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York.

² Richard Penn, proprietary and titular governor of Pennsylvania, died in 1771.

Supported nor has he wrote anything except his name for some monthls. & that he can hardly make intelligible, he sets off for Bath on Tuseday next where he is to remain for 6 Weeks. he desires me to call tomorrow for a Note he will have wrote, to recommend me to Mr. Pownal who is dep^y. Secretary to Lord Hilsborough I wish him well as he seems much your friend

Rogers is just got Out of the Kings Bench prison on Bail, he fought his Way thro the jaylers & turnkeys. would pay no fees. I have met with Frank Wade who says he swears Vengeance against me, it's intirely false his having Kiss'd the Kings hand, he has received upwards of £100 pay as Governer, up to the 25 of Dec^r. & hear it is Continued, they have also granted him £4,000 to pay his Debts, there are various reports what further they will do for him, but from the best authority I can find he is universally despised & if he can Keep his pay, they think him well off

Lieut: Sinclair is likely to get the Direction of the Lakes, Loring to have Captains half pay Phil. Levingston has got Secretary, to the Governor of Pensecola, also some Other places in all about £600 str ⁷ An. Mr. Touchet¹ seems very fond of his mining plan, the Expences as he was laying out matters would arise to as much as all our department, they are going to have an immense grant of Lands & priviledges in that Country some people are solíciting to have Michilimackinak & Detroit made in Governments that they may enjoy them. Lord Hilsborough has received Complaints against Mr. Glazier², he mentioned to the Canada traders if a body of them would prove anything against a Commandant he should be removed

It seems Government took some notice of the Regimentals Capt &c. that were ordered for Sir Johns Troop, wch brought on some discourse about you when Lord Hilsborough said he look'd upon you to be the Best Subject his Majesty has.

I have waited on Mr. Pownal, who asked me many Questions concerning Our department, he seems to think the allowance

¹ Samuel Touchet.

² Captain Beamsly Glasier.

made a very great Sum, that if the Expence was unlimited it would not avail if the French or Spaniards Out Bid us. that as to what the traders has been representing, the Want of Civil Judicature, it is best the upper posts should be thrown into Some Government & mentiond Canada

He spoke of General Gages Letter importing his having Consented to a Congress. that 'twas a disagreeable alternative, to give His Majesty's Sanction to Setting the Nations at War with each other, but yet 'twas better than their falling upon the White people, that the Indians will never want pretexts for congresses if they are Indulged, upon the whole I have heard every one of his arguments used by Gen^l. G— & his Sec^y.—the General is a great favorite, there is nothing he can Ask but he'll get, I am heartily sorry for my journey. I find there is no hopes from services, as I have no body to thunder it in their Ear, Was I a Brettainer, some of the Clans would Bellow for me, I have no resource the Qubekers have carried Out vast Quantitys of goods £70,000 str & upwards to Montreal alone besides what are Chartered for Quebeck its imagined above 150,000 worth of Goods in all.

Tuesday 17

Yesterday Saw the King Review Burgoynes & Elliott. a most noble Sight, to day met with Goreham. who tells me Rogers has been very Voceferous chiefly against you. & intends to sue me however that he & some Friends have made him Quiet. Gorham has got a 10/ Govrnment in N. F Land & is to get rank of L^t. Colonel I am heartily tired of London its dreadfull to see how abusive the papers are against the King vast preparations for Wilks enlargement its said. the L— M—y—r. has got a number to sirve him & will draw all they Can out of the Bank. he makes an Entertainment Cost £10000— is thought the draft on the Bank will be for many Millions

I wish you & your family every kind of happiness & remain

Your most affectionate

humble Servant

B ROBERTS

pray favor me with a Line
on Receipt of this

To

SR. WM. JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED: London 13th. April 1770

L^t. Robert's Letter

FROM LORD HILLSBOROUGH

L. S.

Whitehall April 14th: 1770

SIR,

I have received and laid before the King your Dispatch of the 10th. of Febr̄y N^o. 12.

The matter proposed to the Confederacy of the six Nations by the Cherokees is of great Importance, and it is with Concern His Majesty observes that the answer to be given to the Cherokees is made to depend upon your opinion and Advice, by which the King will stand committed in measures which, if they adopt the proposition of a War against the Southern & Western Indians, are irreconcilable with the principles of humanity and if on the contrary they tend to Union of Indian Interests and Politicks, endanger the Security of His Majesty's Colonies by enabling the Savages to turn their Arms against Us.

This consequence however, which you seem to think would follow from discouraging a War against the Southern and Western Indians, is certainly to be avoided if possible, and therefore the King, however unwillingly, cannot but approve of your adopting the Alternative, and making the Security of His Subjects [and] the principal Object of your Attent[ion] but it would be most pleasing to His Maj[esty] could be attained without encouraging [the] Savages in their barbarous Attacks on each [other]

It would have been more fortunate, upon every consideration, that this Congress could have been avoided, not only as it does in its consequences involve His Majesty as a Party in a Business of so disagreeable a Nature, but also as it will, I find, be attended with an expence beyond what your stated allowance will admit of.

The King however relies upon your Assurances on the one hand, that this expence is unavoidable, and, on the other, that the Service shall be conducted with all the Frugality and Oeconomy that is possible, consistent with the public Safety; and, under these Assurances, His Majesty approves of your applying to Major General Gage who will have Orders to defray what Expence shall be absolutely necessary on this occasion.

It is to be hoped that it will not be long before those Colonies, whose Security depends upon [the good Will] and Affection of the Savages, will see the necessity of such regulations as will be effectual to prevent those Abuses which at present give so much Discontent to them. In the meantime you will not fail to exert every Influence in your Power to prevent these Abuses from having such an Operation upon the Minds of the Indians, as to disturb that Tranquillity which is so essential to their true Interests.

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

HILLSBOROUGH

[SIR] WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹ White Hall April 14. 1770

L^d. Hillsboroughs letter

N. 13 -

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

Df.¹Ap^l. 15th 1770

SIR/

I would not let Mr Stuart return without a Line to you, tho' I have not at present time to say much, but Must deferr it till another opportunity, when I shall Answer Your last Letter which I have also received.—

The recommendations I have had with Mr Stuart Must intitle him to my Approbation & as he appears very hearty in the undertaking I have pointed out the Mohock Mission to him, and I dare say he will be approved of & ordained from the Testimonials he is to Carry over in his favor.—²

I sincerely wish he may turn out to be a Man of Zeal and Attention proportionable to his Size as you observe, in which Case he may be of great Service, the Clergy of Philad^a. recommend also a Mr Hall who is extremely desirous of taking orders & devoting himself to the Service of the Indians, and I am thinking that if he was at Conajoharee for a time where a Church is now building it might be of Service to him & them but I must deferr any thing farther till another oppor^y, assuring you that I am Most sincerely D^r Sir

Your true Well Wisher
& very humble Serv^t.

D^R. AUCHMUTY.

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

² *A Memoir of the Rev. John Stuart, D.D.* is printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:505-20; Q, 4:313-22. Several letters of Dr John Stuart are included in a paper on the Rev. George Okill Stuart contributed by Professor A. H. Young, of Trinity College, Toronto, to the *Ontario Historical Society's "Papers and Records,"* vol. XXIV, 1927. The paper is reprinted in pamphlet form.

TO MYLES COOPER

*Df.*¹*Ap^l. 15th. 1770*D^R S^R/

I have Just time before the departure of M^r Stuart to give you thanks for your favor by him, His Character is such that I think he will Answer very Well for the Mohock Mission at Fort Hunter & I dare say from the recomendations he will Carry that he will be ordained & approved of & that he will prove usefull in a place where a Missionary is very much Wanted.— As I am at present Circumstanced in point of time I can only Say that I have rec^d. M^r Inglis's Letter which I shall Answer by the post and that you and he may be Assured that as I am very sensible of the reasonableness of the proposal, it shall meet with all the support I can give it, But the Zeal with which all endeavors for our Church is opposed, and the Lukewarmness of many in power in Matters of Religion Joined to other Circumstances must render it very uncertain to determine concerning the Success of any such Application, however I shall write in a few days more fully and shall at all Events do every thing in my power in a Cause that Stands so much in Need of Support, & that is of such real importance.

I am persuaded that you will never Lose sight of any thing that may be Conducive to the Church & be Assured that I am always with great regard D^r Sir

&ca

D^R. COOPER.

INDORSED: *Ap^l. 15th. 1770*
to D^r. Auchmuty &
Cooper

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

the Commanding Officer of the next Fort. _____

Provided Always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to give any Authority to the said A B _____ to do any Act or Thing, or to trade to any Place, contrary to such Regulations as His Majesty may have been pleased to make, or shall hereafter think proper to make, by Himself or by the Commander in Chief, or by any Person properly authorized to give Directions concerning the Indian Trade _____

Provided also, That he the said A B _____ and also all and every the Master or Masters of, and all other Persons concerned in navigating the said Canoe _____ shall first have taken and subscribed the Oaths endorsed on this Licence, in the Presence of the Commanding Officer at *Montreal*, and shall also have given Security to observe and keep the same, and also that he the said A B _____ will not take with him, or permit any of his People to

Quantity and Quality take with them, any other Person or of Merchandize, viz. Persons, but such as usually have []—Gallons of followed, or intend hereafter to follow, Rum and Brandy. the Occupation of navigating Battoes or _____Gallons of Canoes; and further, that he the said Wine. A B _____ and all such _____Fusils. Persons as he shall take with him, shall, [] hundred Pounds and will immediately on his or their of Gun-Powder Return to the City of *Montreal*, present _____ Hundred themselves to, and personally appear

Weight of Shotbefore, the Officer commanding at
and Balls. Montreal, and take a Certificate from
[] Seventy Bales, him in Writing, of their having so per-
Ten Kegs, and five sonally appeared, Death, or any other
Boxes of other Mer- unavoidable Accident, only excepted.
chandize, in all _____

amounting to Five These Securities being given, this
hundred []nds Licence to be in force for Twelve
—lawful Money Months, otherwise to be null and void to
of the said Province, all Intents and Purposes. _____
or thereabouts,

Oath of

(Signed) A B.

Sworn before me,
at Montreal, this
15th April

P Q J^s. P^s.

Given under my Hand and Seal
at Arms, at the Castle of Saint
Lewis, in the City of Quebec,
this Tenth Day of April One
Thousand Seven Hundred
and Seventy _____

(Signed) GUY CARLETON

I []
and bear true Allegiance [to His Majesty]
send, to the utmost of my Power []

I _____ []
or do anything prejudicial to the Interest of His Majesty [King
] directly; and if any Matter or Thing shall come to
my Knowledge [] Government is or
may be affected or injured, I will immediately give intelligence
[] Commander in Chief of this Province, and also to the
Commanding Officer [] the Time of
making such Discovery, particularly if I shall know or hear of any
[] that I shall conceive to be to the Prejudice of
His Majesty's Service; I will do my []
known such Matter to the Governor and Commanding
Officer aforesaid. And I do further []
That in all my Dealings with the several Nations or Tribes
of Indians to whom I [] will confine myself entirely
to the sole Purposes of Traffick and Commerce; and I will [at no

time [] publick Talk with any of their Chiefs; nor enter into any of their Councils, nor make any [] them, or any of them, save and except such as are merely relative to the Purposes aforesaid, [] particular Manner I will not deliver, or cause to be delivered, or consent to the being delivered, [] Wampum, or other Belts, or Strings, to any Indian Chief or Chiefs, or other Indian or Indians, [] Course of Trade, or merely for the Purposes of Trade, and for no other Purpose whatsoever, and [] will not directly or indirectly instigate or stir up any Strife or Mischief amongst the Indians, but as much [] me lies will promote Peace and Union amongst His Majesty's Old and New Subjects and the Savage N[at]ions and I will in all Things behave and demean myself as a good and faithful Subject of His Majesty [King] George the Third ought to do.

So help me God.

	A. B. _____
Sworn before me, at	C. D. _____
Montreal	E. F. _____
this fifteenth Day	G. H. _____
of April - 1770	J. K. _____
	L. M. _____
(Signed) P. Q. J ^s . P ^s .	N. O. _____

I R.S. &^{ca}. _____ Commanding Officer at *Montreal*, do certify that the Oaths indorsed upon this Licence were administered in my Presence, this fifteenth Day of April - 1770 - to the above-mentioned A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. J. K. L. M. and N O _____

whose Names or Marks are thereto set and subscribed, by P. Q. one of his Majesty's, Justices [of] the Peace for the District of Montreal in the Province aforesaid and that the several Names

or Marks of the said A B. C D. E F. G H. J K. L M and NO.

_____ and also the
 Nam[e of the] aforesaid P Q. _____ are
 respectively of their ow[n] Hand-writing, or Marks made with
 their own Hands, in my Presence. _____

Signed R S

BOND TO THE KING

D.

April 15, 1770

[_____]s, That I A B
 of the City of Montreal [_____]
] duty Bound, unto our Sovereign Lord
 [the King] in the full Sum of one Thousand Pounds.
 current Money of this Province, to be [_____]
 and levied of my Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements
 respectively, to the Use of our said Sovereign Lord the King,
 his Heirs and Successors, to the true Payment whereof, I bind
 myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these
 Presents, witness my Hand and Seal, this Fifteenth
 Day of April _____ One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy
 and in the Tenth _____ Year of the Reign of His
 Majesty King George the Third, by the Grace of God, of
 Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith,
 and so forth.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That whereas the
 above-bounden A B _____ has obtained
 a Licence, dated the tenth day of April 1770 to trade with
 the Indian Nations living under His Majesty's Protection, at
 Michilimakinac and from thence to any Markets or Parts which
 he shall find most advantageous for the Sale of his Merchandize,
 for the Space of Twelve Months from the Date thereof. Now
 if the said _____ A B _____ shall well and truly,

in all Things, conform to and perform the several Conditions recited in the Licence before-mentioned, and shall also well and truly keep and observe the Matters and Things enjoyned in the several Oaths endorsed upon the said Licence, a Duplicate of which is hereunto annexed, then this Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and delivered, taken
and acknowledged, before me

(Signed) P Q. J^s. P^s.

(Signed) A B. L.S

A Tous ceux qui ces Presentes []
Negociant [] declare par icelles,
que je Me suis obligé [] envers notre Souverain
Seigneur le Roy pour [la Somme en]tiere de Mille Pounds ou
Livres Monnoye courante de cette
Province, qui fera levée [] tous mes Biens,
Meubles et Immeubles généralement quelconques pour et au
Profit de notre dit Souverain Seigneur le Roy, ses héretiers et
Successeurs, au Payement de la quelle Somme, j'obl[ige]
entierement ma Personne, mes Heritiers, Executeurs Testamen-
taires, et Administrateurs, par ces Présentes, que j'ay signé de
ma Main, et aux quelles j'ay aposé mon Sceau ce quinziesme
Jour du Mois D'avril Mil Sept Cent soixante
Dix et dans la Dixième Année du Règne de sa Majesté
le Roy George Troisieme, par la Grace de Dieu, Roy de la
Grande-Bretagne, de France et d'Irlande, Defenseur de la Foy,
&c. &c.

La Condition de cette Obligation est ainsi qu'il suit, sçavoir, que
si l'Obligé ci dessus (qui a obtenu une Permission en datte du
dix avril 1770 d'aller a
Michilimikimac faire la Traitte avec les Nations
Sauvages, qui sont sous la Protection de Sa Majesté, et de cet
Endroit en tous autres Postes ou Places qu'il jugera lui être plus
avantageux pour la Vente de ses Marchandises, pendant le Tems
et Espace de douze Mois (a compter de la Datte
de la dite Permission) se comporte bien et de bonne Foy en

toutes Choses, execute les differentes Conditions prescrites dans la dite Permission, et qu'il garde et observe bien et fidèlement les Formalités et Choses énonçees dans les differens Serments dont les Doubles font annexés a ces Presentes; alors cette Obligation deviendra nulle, et dans le Contraire elle restera dans toute sa Force et Vigueur.

Scellé et Délivré, pris et
reconnu devant moy.

(Signé) P Q. J^s. P^s.

(Signé) A B. L S

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

Johnson Hall

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New York April 16th. 1770

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 6th Ins^t. with the Accounts inclosed; for which warrants will be made out. With respect to the Smiths and Interpreters at the Posts, I have directed the Officers Commanding to pay them their respective Salarys, which will Save some trouble by avoiding Separate Draughts from every Fort where those Officers are Stationed.

The Sum you want in advance for the Purchase of Indian Goods will be advanced to you when you think proper, tho' I think you will hardly get them till the Autumn if they are not already commisioned.

M^r. Steuart shall be made acquainted with your answer respecting the Pipe; and the Reasons you give why the

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Cherokees concealed part of their Intentions from him. And I have dispatched a Letter to Fort Pitt, to be forwarded to Fort-Chartres, to inform Lieu^t. Colonel Wilkins of the Intelligence you have had concerning the Intentions of the Indians of the ouabache to attempt the Reduction of the Illinois. A Company of the 18th. Reg^t. went down the Ohio the 21st. of March, and I hope by Setting out So early, they will have passed those Nations before they are all assembled from their hunting Grounds, and in Condition to act offensively if Such are their real Designs. And I should hope if they are so inclined, they will find Employment enough at home from the Resolutions taken by the Cherokees and Six Nations at Onandaga.

They write from Fort-Pitt that they have had frequent Meetings with the Chiefs of the different Tribes and what they have learnt from them nearly corresponds with the Intelligence given by Silver Heels some time ago.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

INDORSED: N York April 16th. 1770

Gen^l. Gages letter

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York April 16th. 1770]

[SIR]

[According] to my Promise I now Send you my Account with you [] beginning of my doing Business with you, which I doubt not [you will] find right on Examination, Should there be any thing you do not understand in it—I will with great pleasure explain it to you by Sending you Copys of the

Bills of Parcels—I have now only to make an Apology for the Liberty you will See I have taken to charge you with £51 . 18 on Sir Johns Account, & which is for 2 large Glasses Sent to Coll^o Claus in the year 1766. Which it Seems had been orderd by that Gentleman from M^r Darlington, who had the Dimensions & to whom I was referd—My Clerk accordingly went along with Darlington to choose them out and fixed upon those I sent, which were totally contrary to the orders M^r Claus gave to Darlington who fixed upon them & in Consequence they were bought, paid for & sent up—but as they would by no Means Suit Coll Claus's Room, S^r John took them—I wrote to Coll Claus on the Subject Some time ago, but as He must undoubtedly have remitted me a Bill drawn by you for the Money which I wanted very much, I thought M^r Campbell might just as well pay me the Money—which I therefore flatter myself will not be disagreeable to you, at least that you will pardon me my Freedom in the Matter—M^r DeLancey has not yet given his Consent about the Oneida purchase for Denison's Share, I wish you would be so Kind as Write him on the Subject—Your Gammons & Tongues and Milk Biscake go this Evening with Bloodgood's Sloop—I cannot Send you the Account, because as yet I know not how much they come to—you shall however have an Account of these by first Opportunity—Meantime I remain with great Truth

Sir Your most Hble & obed^t Serv^t

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable S^r William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ April 16th. 1770

Mr. Wetherheads letter
wth. his Acc^{tt}.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 16th April 1770

SIR

I have receiv'd your Letters of 10th and 17th of last Month, and am extremely sorry it was not in my power to send you the whole ballance due to You, in short money is not to be got here at any rate. Mr Newton had by my directions some time ago laid by your ballance, but the 16th Regiment being Embark'd for Pensacola, he was oblig'd to make use of great part of it, to advance them their Susistence, no money can be raised now by the Contractors Agents on their bills, & I fear we shall not be better until something arrives from home, to set Trade a going again. Mess Watts and M^cEvers tell me they expect Specie from home I wish it was come, as I am extremely uneasy at daily being oblig'd to postpone payments due by the Generals Warrants, as I have no other resource but thro' the Contractors Agents, this Sir is really the present case, but hope it will speedily alter, that I may be enabled to make you payments more punctually in the mean time all bills you draw on me shall be punctually accepted I am with a perfect regard

Sir

Your Oblig'd & most Obed^tHumble Serv^t.SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^tAB^m. MORTIER

P. S. Enclos'd is your Account which I hope will be found right, also the vouchers for the Charg[es] therein.

Your two bills to Mr Banyar for £300 and £125 are accepted but not included in the Account

INDORSED:¹ April 16th. 1770

Mr. Mortiers letter

wth. my Acc^t. & his Vouchers

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH ABRAHAM MORTIER

D. S.

Dr Sir William Johnson []

1769

Nov. 23^d To Cash Paid your draft of 11th
and to [] New York
Currency []

25th To Ditto Paid your ditto of Ditto
date to Mr John Roach for
[] []

Dec 1st To Ditto paid your Ditto of 3^d
Novem^r. to Phyn & Ellice for
[] []

4 To Ditto paid your Ditto of 11th
Ditto to Robert Sweney for
[] []

12 To Ditto paid your Ditto of 16th
Ditto to Daniel Campbell for
[] []

1770

Jan^{ry} 3^d To Ditto paid your Ditto of 1st
Dec^r to the Rev^d. Doctor
Auchmuty []

To Ditto paid Commissary Hays
Ditto of 1st. June on Geo
Croghan Esq^r in favor of
Wetherhead & Co. for
£283.12.2 ster^s []

10th To Ditto paid Mr Wallace ^Ɔ
Receipt of this date for a
Bill of Exchange in favor of
the Honorable Thomas Penn
Esq^r Value rec^d. from you as
^Ɔ your Letter to me for
£545.4.4 sterling a 65/ ^Ɔ
Cent is £899:12.1 Y Cury []

	27 th	To Ditto paid your draft of 16 th Instant on me in favor of M ^r William Andrews for £51 Cy.	[]
Mar.	14 th	To Ditto paid your draft of 14 th February on me to James Phyn for £162:18:7 Cy	95	[]
		To Ditto paid your ditto of 24 Ditto on me to Phyn & Ellice for £40 Cy	23	6	[]
	24	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 2 ^d March on me to Dan Campbell for £517.8.6 Cy	301	16	7½
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 10 th Ditto on me to Sir John Johnson for £110.12.3 D ^o .	64	10	6
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 6 th Jan ^y : on me to Jane Lyle for £100 D ^o .	58	6	8
	29 th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 2 ^d Mar on me to John B. V Eps for £140:5:9 D ^o .	81	15	8
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 8 th Ditto on me to Daniel Claus Esq for £315:15:3. D ^o .	184	3	10
April	10 th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 19 th Ditto on me to Joseph Chew Esq for £50 D ^o .	29	3	4
	11 th	To Ditto paid Daniel Campbell Esq ^r : on your acc ^t . as ^{7^d} his Receipt of this date £752.. 4. . D ^o .	438	15	8
			<hr/>		
			2442	19	3¾
Ballance due Sir William Johnson			1121	5	9¾
			<hr/>		
			£3564	5	1½

[	]	Cr
		Sterling
[	]	of this date in your favor for £1448 16 4¼
[	]	of this date in your favor for 1386 16 2¼
[	]	of this date in your favor for 544 8 8
[	]	of this date in your favor for 184 3 11
		£3564 5 1½

New York 16th April 1770

Errors Excepted

ABM MORTIER

INDORSED:¹ Mr. Mortiers Acc^t.
April 16th. 1770

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D. S.

[]
[	]	sent to the Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar ^t 19 Aug ^t 1767
[	]	To 1 pair Dies ^ŕ Mr Byrne £ 4 —
19	To	sundries viz Coating Trimming & 3 Jewelles as ^ŕ Bill 5.12 —
19	To	sundries Indian Goods as ^ŕ Bill parcells 459. 5.¾
		My Commission on the above Indian Goods 11. 9. 6
April 6 th	To	sundries, Viz 2 Quire Imperial & 2 Quire Royall D ^o . Earthenware & Glasses 1 q ^r Ck Lisbon by Sanford sent to the Care of R ^d . Cartwright as ^ŕ Bill paid 18.18 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

	22 ^d	To sundries viz ¹ . 6 Table spoons £8.4 12 skins parchm ¹ 6/	8.10 —
	28	To Two Hhd ^s . Rum 250 Gall @ 2/7 with Cartage 4/	32. 9.10
June	18	To Sundries Viz. Com. Honey Tea Rum Sugar &c ^a . as P^d Bill Parcels sent You P^d Post 22 ^d July	186.10. 7
July	7 th	To sundries by Capt Lans- ing Alexander Stewart 1 pipe Wine £60 Mr ^s Devisme 36 Hams 358 th @ 7 ^d 10. 8.10 4 Barrels best Pork @ ¹ 2/6 18.10 — Cartage 4 — 87. 2.10	
	25	To 300 wt Nails @ 8½ £10.12.6 Cartage 9 10.13. 3	
	29	To a Bolting Cloth sent you by Lansing	3
August	5	To Amount of two Globes from London sent by Swits Freight of d ^o & Cartage	22. 4.11 3. 5 —
	19	To sundries by Capt Cuyler as P^d Bill Parcels Amount of sundry Bills drawn on me by Capt McLeod which Honour me to place to your Account	21. 2. 8 32
			£902. 7. 7¾
Brought over			[]

¹ £4 omitted evidently.

Copy of Acc^t furnished 16 Nov^r 1767

1767		
Aug ^t .	19 To Ballance of Account furnished this day	99.18. []
	26 To a Bill & Cartage	5 — 4
	31 To 4 Barrells of Pork	16. 8 —
Sep.	9 To a Compass &c ^a from Aron Miller	17. 5. 6
	26 To John Van Seis's dft on you	74 — —
	28 To Cash paid Sir John Johnson	17.15. 9
Oct ^r	1 st . To Expences paid for a Dogg from London	1.19. 6
	7 To Cash paid for Iron & Steel for your Smith	5. 7. 4½
	18 To D ^o . for 100 Bushells of Corn a 3/9 & 2/6 In currency	18.17. 6
Nov ^r .	7 To D ^o . for 20 Barrells Cyder @ 10/	10 —.—
	16 To D ^o . for 5 Barrells pickled Cod @ 28/6	7. 2. 6
	To D ^o . for 5 Bls pickled Mackrill @ 32/6	8. 2. 6
	To D ^o . for two Boxes Sperma Ceti Candles	8.10. 9
	Cartage of above	2 —
		<hr/>
		290.12. ¼

Copy of Bill parcells sent 16 March 1768
by Pemberton

1768		
March	16 To 20 Barrells Pork @ 73/ for Cash	£73 —.—
	2 th best Dutch sealing Wax @ 20/	2 —.—
	2 Hhds Common Rum 246 Gallons @ 2/4	28.14 —

	1 Box Glass 7 by 9	3.15 —
	1 Cask single lof ^d Sugar 13 loaves 103 ^{ll} @ 13 ^d	5.11. 7
	Cask & Cooperage	2. 6
	Cartage of 8 loads @ 1	8 —
		<hr/>
		£113.11. 1
April 6	To sundries sent by Pemberton as ^r Bill parcells sent you	80 — 10½
	To Cash paid sundry Patent fees Viz ^t Sr H. Moore the Governor £231 —.— Mr Elliot Receiver Generall for 2 pattents 11.16 — Mr Kempe Attorney Generall 59 —.— Mr Banyar for Clarks Fees 73 —.— Mr Colden Surveyor Generall fees 91. 9. 8 Register fees for 2 patents 2.12 —	468.17. 8
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	Carried Over	£662. [9.7½]
	[Sir William] Johnson Bar ^t . Crd ^t	
[] Received from John Watts Esq ^r	£541.13. 4
[] “ from Sir Henry Moore	60.15. 3
[] “ from Coll Croghan	200.—. 2
		<hr/>
		802. 8. 9
		99.18.10¾
		<hr/>
		£902. 7. 7¾
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[]	14	By Cash for your Draft on A Mortier	150	—	—
Decr.	30	By d ^o for Ballance remitted me your Dr on A Mortier	140	.12.	¼
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			290	.12.	¼

1768

Jan ^y .	28	By Cash for your Draft on A Mortier	500	—	—
April	4	By d ^o for d ^o on D ^o	100	—	—
	27	By d ^o received from M ^r Watts	86	.2.	9½
			<hr/>		
Carried over			£686	.2.	9½

Brought over

April	29	To sundries sent by Captain Kelly to New London as ^τ Bill parcels	[]
		To D ^o sent by Captain Latti- mer to D ^o as ^τ d ^o .	[]
		To Cash paid Edward Ayar for Medicines sent you in Dec ^r . last	[]
		To D ^o paid Freight for Sir Johns bag- gage from London ¹	[]
		To d ^o paid for Methiglin	[]
		To Cash paid for 6 Barrells of Ap- ples sent to London on board the ship Bishop of Osnabrug by order of S ^r John Johnson	4[]
		To Cash paid for Tea sent by Col- lison the 8 feby last	7[]

¹ Compare items of this account with account of February 7, 1769, *supra* VI:619-20.

		To D ^o paid Daniel Ebbits (I believe for putty & oyl) £2.2	
		To D ^o paid Hugh Gainé for 6 leather sliders @ 4/ 1.4	3. 6 —
		To D ^o paid for 5 Keggs Oys- ter Nutmeggs &c ^a ¶ Pem- berton	5.12[]
		To D ^o paid for fireworks £3 & postage of letters 10/	3.10 —
May	5th	To D ^o paid for 2 Cheeses 28¼ th @ 11 ^d	1. 5.10¾
		To D ^o paid Capt Tho ^s Miller for Sr John Johnson ½ Guinea	18 —
		To D ^o paid Postage of Letters at sundry Times this Month	1. 1. 2
June	14	To D ^o sent you inclosed in a Letter to New London ¶ Capt Kelly 7 Bills @ £10	70 —.—
	27	To Michael Byrns's Dft on you	92. 1. 3
July	24	To Cash paid Carage of 7 Canisters snuff & Post from Philad ^a	3. 7
Aug ^t .	10	To Cash paid B. Roberts's Dft on me for your Acc ^t	30 —.—
	17	To d ^o paid fft of two parcells from Philadelphia	4 —
	22 ^d	To D ^o paid Mr Ramsay for a Negro Wench & two Chil- dren	70 —.—
		To D ^o paid sundry Charges on Acc ^t of said Wench p ^d by My Wife for Cloaths purchased at Mr Bonds	6. 9. 1

£1000.17. 8¾

1769

Jan ^y	1 st .	To Ballance brought down	£214.14.11¼
March	10 th .	To Cash paid Doctor Bard ¹ his Bill & sundry other Expences attendg. the lying in and nur- sing of the Negro Wench	7.10[]
	17 th	To sundries sent you by Staats Sloop as P Bill parcells	59.14 —
April	3 ^d	To sundries sent on board V Allen's & Bloodgood Sloop as P Bill parcells	234.16. 2
	26	To Cash paid fft of Trees from New London	8 —
May	13	To Cash paid fft for Sr John's things on board Brittainia ²	
	29	To Cash paid Postage of a Letter from Fairfield	8
June	5 th	To Cash paid for a Bell receiv'd from fairfield & sent you	20 —.—
	29	To d ^o paid for 4 Blls Pork by Troax a 95/. 2 Bls Cod a 35/. 28 th Tea. 2 Bls sugar & Cartage as P Bill parcells sent you	48.10. 2
		Carried over	£606.14. 8¼
		[Sir William Johnson Baronet Brought Over	Crd ^t] £686. 2. 9½
		[] your Dft on A Mortier	100 —.—
			786. 2. 9½
		Ballance due to J W	214.14.11¼
			£1000.17. 8¾

¹ Dr John Bard, noted physician of New York City. See *Memorial History of the City of New York*, ed. James Grant Wilson, IV:392.

² A word here is illegible.

1769

March 27.	By Cash for your Dft on		
		A Mortier	340.—.—
		Carried over	£340
		Brought over	[]

1769

July	17 th	To Cash paid Postage of a Letter from Mr S Wharton for you	[]
Aug ^t .	15	To Cash paid fft from London for You	[]
	29	To Cash paid fft from New London for sundry Articles sent by J Chew	[]
Sep ^t	15	To sundries sent you for a Church for the Indians with 6 Bls pork as ⁷ Bill parcells sent you with the Things	116 []
Nov.	11	To Coll Fitch for 3 pipes Wine sent from New London to Mr Shipboy	120 []
		To Cash paid B Roberts's Dft on you to Harrison	100 []

1770

Jan ^y .	10	To sundrys sent you by the Post, Viz ^t . Hkfs. & tooth Ache Medicine	4 —.—
		To Cash paid Holt the Printer	4. 4. 9
April	1 st .	To 2 large Pier Glasses sent to Coll Claus in the Year 1766, who let Sr John Johnson have them & for which I have not been paid and which you will pardon my Charging to your Account as I have no Account open with Sr John	51.18 .

 £998.13. 7¼

	Brought over	£340
[	] A Mortier	200
[	] from Mr Adams at York for yr Acc ^t	278.12. 2
[	] from Coll Croghan for Acc ^t of Governor Penn by order	113.18.10
[	] from Daniel Campbell for your Acc ^t	66.13.11

£999. 4.11

Ballance due to J W [99. 8. 8¼]¹

I find the above Ballance arises from Roberts' Dft on you to Harrison & £100 which I see Mr Adams paid me the 18 Oct^r. I have therefore altered it & now am indebted to you a few shillings

£998.13. 7¼

Errors Excepted

New York 16 April 1770

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED: Sir William Johnsons Acc^t.

²Accts. Mr. Jⁿ. Wetherhead

April 16th. 1770

Ball: in my fav^r. £. .11. .3¾

¹ Crossed out in the original.

² Second indorsement in Johnson's hand.

TO RICHARD PETERS, WILLIAM SMITH AND THOMAS BARTON

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall April 16th. 1770*

GENTLEMEN

I have had the pleasure of receiving your kind letter by the hands of Mr. Stuart whom you recommend for a Mission here, As this Gentleman appears to me to answer the favourable character you have given of him I cannot but greatly approve of what you propose, and have therefore pointed out to him the Mohawk Village at Fort Hunter as a Mission where he will have an opportunity of exercising his Abilities to his own reputation, and to the advancement of true Religion. I have also sufficiently explained to him the Situation, Allowance and Advantage of that Mission with which he appears Satisfied, so that there only remains for him to be approved of and ordained at London, In all which I make no Doubt of his Succeeding from the recommendations & Testimonials He is to be furnished with, to which I shall readily add Such letters as time will permit me so soon as I hear of his being in readiness to embark, as he tells me that he must first return to Lancaster.

I am glad to find you all so sensible of the Necessity there is for using all possible endeavours to promote a Cause which through many unfortunate Circumstances has hitherto met with little furtherance, I need not enlarge on the many weighty reasons there are for continuing that Spirit, and those endeavours, as it must be obvious that without the utmost zeal and attention to these matters, all our laudable Wishes must (from the variety of Difficulties it has to Struggle with) be rendered abortive.—

The Character you have given of Mr. Hall is sufficient to entitle him to all the countenance I can afford him, and I think he cannot do better than to reside for some time at the Cona-

¹ Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B. Series. Vol. 2. New York 1759–1782. Part II. Transcript in Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

johare Village where they are building a good Church, and I presume that on proper application an allowance would be made for his support until he could be ordained, when probably a mission might be there established for him, as the Scituation is extremely well calculated for the purpose, and the Indians there require one much.—

Mr Andrews is lately gone to take Orders, in Order to obtain the Mission at Schnectady, so that with him & those now mentioned, a proper beginning might be made which would pave the way to a more extensive Plan, whenever the Circumstances of things will permit.—

Be Assured Gentlemen of my warmest endeavours in so good a Cause, And that I am always with unfeigned Regard,

Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
& Verry Humble Servant
W JOHNSON

The REVRD. MESS^{RS}.
PETERS, SMITH, & BARTON

INDORSED: N^o. 8
Sr. W^m Johnson
to Mess^s Peters, Smith
& Barton

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

April 17th 1770

DEAR SIR

three Days¹ I was feaver^d. with yr^s. by Mr. Collins & Shall Send the Mason to you the Last of this week & Blive he will answer as its Equal to him whether he Works in Stoon or Brick

¹ Omission in the manuscript.

I observe what the General Wrote your honer about the Smiths & Interpreters pay, when I was in York Last winter I apply^d. to him for y^e. former half years pay and with Great Difficulty I gott itt he Said I should have Given itt into y^r. honor that the whole Expence of the Department Might be paid to you w^h. I tould him I wold for y^e. futher Now he Says he will pay them him self if I had Nott advanst Most part of the Mony on thire Drafts on Me all ready I should be very Easay about y^e. Mater and as the Mater Stands I Blive I May [] self Easay for I Shall Neaver go to his [] to beg & pray to be Reimbuse^d. what I advanced for those pople

I will be oblidg^d. to y^r. honor to Lett Me Know if Mr Tilghman is to have Cap^t. Montour place on Susquehanna as I have answerd a Good Dail for him besides an old bond of £145 w^h. he owes Me this Six years if Mr. Tilghman Dose Nott Take itt at £400 I will & pay patent Fees I have allready paid the Sur-vair Account .

on the 9th when I thought I was Getting partly well I had a Nother attack of the Gout w^h. Confin^d. Me to bed Ever Sence till this Day that I have attemp^t. to Sett up I am with Great Respect y^r. honors Most Hum^ble Serv^t.

To the Hon^{ble}.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

GEO: CROGHAN

INDORSED: [] 17th.
[] Croghan's letter

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL.

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 18th. April 1770

DEAR SIR

I Arrived from New York Yesterday. I left that Place last Wednesday two of the Clock the Pacquet was not Arrived but looked for any minuet —

Upon my Arrival I waited on Mr Mortier with Your letter (or I may Rather Say Mr Newton who does all his Business as Mr Mortier lives now in the Country—) he told me would do Every thing in his power but was Obliged to part with Some money which he had by him on purpose for Your Account. The Troops which went to Pensecola got all the money which he had but a Small part—there was Scarce a day that I did not put Mr Newton in mind—& all that he was able to advance was £752..4..0—Mr Mortier was to write You by the next post—

Inclosed I Send you three Accounts & the bill [] of John Stevenson the whole Amounting to £197..9..11 the Balance which Remains in my hands is £550.. [] which I Shall Send up when a good Opportunity offers I should have waited on You personally but am so much hurried at present that my time will hardly Allow it—if you should know of ere a Safe hand Coming down please to desire them to Call for it—

I was unhappy to find at New York that You had Recommended Mr Isaac Man for One of the Judges—the Gentlemen of the Council was of Opinion that this man had deceived you, he is not liked at York & I was Inform'd there was not One Vote for him in the Council I was further Informed that he is put out of the Commission of the Peace, Mr Duncan was Working Night & day making Interest—to get in as One of the Judges, I told two or three of the Council that I was verry Certain he would not be liked—& I had the promise of Some of them that he would not put in as Such, Inclosed I Send You a paquet from James Delancy Esq^r

the Governor had a letter from Colⁿ Carleton Governor of Canada Relating to what time the Commissioners Should meet to Settle the Plan for the Indian Trade, the day fixed is the 14th July Next at New York—I find we have all the Members at York in favour of our Petition, that is for Rum to Cross the uper Lakes—& the Commisioners that is Appointed is also in our Interest—

✓ Inclosed I Send you Some New Songs made on the present party affairs — I also Send you an advertisement which is verry humeres — all in the Jokey Stile — I have only that, I am with the Greatest

Respect Dear Sir Your most humble
Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

I Intend to send up your pork this week to Caughnawaga
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Schenectady 18th. April 1770

Mr. Campbells Letter

DANIEL CAMPBELL'S ACCOUNT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 453, under date of April 18, 1770, is listed Daniel Campbell's Account of money received and paid out. Destroyed by fire.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

N London Ap: 18th 1770

Inclosed is a list of some seeds trees &c which I have put on Board a Boat for N York freight paid here to N York I have desired Mr Weatherhead to forward them derictly and hope they will get safe to Hand — I can not add as the Boat waits but pray you to Accept of Mr^s Chews and my best Respects and be assured that I am most truly

Dear Sir

[] 1

N 1.2.3 . 3 Bundles trees

4 Box

A Bundle of Trees for Sir John Johnson

S^R W^M JOHNSON Bar^t

Your most Obed^t. &
Obliged Hble Sert

JOS CHEW

¹ In Johnson's hand.

SIR

I have sent one barrel Pork 4 days ago to Mr fondas & To marro shall send a battoe Lood to D^o: & thouse bundles box and mill Sawes ^{ll}: send for to Albany marro and I have here also 2 Tierses and one barrel all Dray goods the 4 Laste barrels Pork only Came the night before [] with Complements [] your Most Obed^t Hum. Serv^t
 Sunday morning.¹ JN^o B V EPS

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 ⚔^d Capt De Peistre
 with 4 Bundles of trees & a Box to be sent
 to Mr John Van Eps in Schenectady

INDORSED: []
 letter

FROM JAMES COLLINS

A. L. S.

Schenectady 19th. Ap^l. 1770

HON^{BLE}. SIR

I understand you formerly did engage your self for a Certain Sum of money in behalf of One Sponaberger² who lived near you who afterward Run from you & left his wife & Children in your Neighbourhood.

Some time ago, a man of my Acquaintance was in East Town, Bucks County, where the said Sponaberger now lives, and Teaches School who (at his arrival) hid himself Four or five da[ys] fearing least he had some Order's from you,—his concealing himself came to the knowledge of one Colonel Rose in East Town, who did declare if it was money that was in

¹ This second letter is written on the same side of the paper as the address.

² Spangenberg?

Question, he would pay Sixty Pounds on his Acc^t. Now Sir, should this Assertion be true that he is so in debted to you, there is a Great Probability of you getting the best part of your Own — And if this be certain that your demand is as I am inform please let me know by a line, then I shall Observe to you a Ready Method to come by your Own, or the most part thereof, without distressing the person, Should I be deemed Officious in this Information, it won't stop that part of my Duty upon such Occasions.— I am Hon^{ble}. Sir Respectful[ly] your most Obed^t. & most humble Serv^t. to Com^{and}

JAMES COLLINS

P. S. he is now married to a Young Woman of Creditable Parents.

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble}: Sir William
Johnson Barnt
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ []
Mr. Ja^s. Collin's letter

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

April the 19th. 1770

DEAR SIR

The Barrer is the Mason which I Now Send your Honor & hope he will answer the Busness you want him for. Be so Good as to have him Keapt Close to Work and if he Should² a p^r. of Shoes if Mr Adams will Lett him have them I will pay him — as to any other Nesesares I Blive he Takes a Nouff with him I am with Great Respect your Honors

Most Hum^{ble}. Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Word omitted in the manuscript.

To the Hon^{ble}.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t.

ADDRESSED To
The Hon^{ble}
Sir William Johnson Barr^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ []
[] Croghans Letter

FROM THOMAS SHIPBOY

A. L. S.

Albany 20th April 1770

I received a letter a few days ago from M^r Wetherhead requesting me to purchase for you 15 Mill saws, they can be got from M^r Van Schaicks of this place a 17/6 ^ƒ [p]lease let me know if I shall send them to you ^ƒ first opportunity, and likewise will be oblig'd to you to let me know, if I shall Charge you with the Expences of the wine that I sent you last winter, which is £9. .10 as M^r Wetherhead Informs me that you are to pay that sum, your answer will much oblige

Sir your most
obdt Hble Serv^t

THOS SHIPBOY

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble}: Sir W^m. Johnson
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ April 20th. 1770
M^r. Shipboys letter
Ansrd. 24th. Inst.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR

Schenectady the 20th April 1770

Meeting with the Opportunity of Colonel Cole I now Send you £554.14.2 which is just the Balance due you from the £752.4.0 which I received from M^r Mortier. I did my Self the pleasure of writing you two days ago by M^r Steel giving you a particular Account of my transaction with M^r Mortier & also furnished you with your Account of what I Bought for you at York as well as the Cash I paid to M^r Weatherhead & M^r Stevenson

the money which I now send Consists of 3 Bundles—52 half Johanneses & Six Shill^s Change which I wish safe to you, & Dear Sir with the Greatest Respect Your most obedient humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Schenectady y 20th. April, 1770

Letter from Major Campbel
by Co^l. Cole with Cash

COLIN MCLELLAND'S RECEIPT

D. S.²*Johnson Hall April 21st. 1770*

Received of Sir W Johnson Bar^t. the Sum of Twenty five Pounds in full for a years Service as Indian Schoolmaster to the Mohawks, from the 17th. April 1769 to the 17th. of April 1770
£25. . —

COLIN M^cLELLANDINDORSED:³ Collin M^c.Lelands

Recpt^l. for a years Salary
£25—

Endg 17th. April 1770¹ In Johnson's hand.² All but signature in Johnson's hand.³ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES TILGHMAN

A. L. S.

Phila. April 21, 1770

[]

I received your kind favor of the 10th. of March [] acknowledge myself obliged for the offer of Montours [land] so much below your Information of its value in which however I have some reason to think you have been amused I was really candid in laying open to you my views in a purchase and I am afraid those views cannot be answered by giving even the four hundred pounds at which you offer it I must therefore decline the purchase with thanks for your giving me the refusal and delaying the matter so long in my favor Mr Croghan told me he was offered eight hundred pounds for it But when I asked to know by whom, he was not at large to tell me. The New England claim however groundless strikes a damp upon the price of land in that quarter.

The Proprys¹ have been at such expences in making the new purchase and in supporting it against the Connecticut People that their Calls for money have been very urgent and it is really inconvenient to them to go into the expence of runing the purchase line before the Fall when we will go into it as soon as the season is proper in which I should be glad of your advice, and I flatter myself this will be a reason which will keep them quiet till that time especially as we have cloathed a good many of the Susquehannas this winter and were at the Expence of sending our Surveyors up to the bigg Island last October in Expectation of meeting the Indians to go at that time on the service If any thing should be said by the Indians upon the [subj]ect I am persuaded from your readiness upon all occasions to render the

¹ Proprietaries.

Proprys of [] best services in your Power
 that you [] the matter to them in the most favor-
 able light.

Y^r Most oblig^d &

Most ob^t Ser^t

JAMES TILGHMAN

ADDRESSED: To
 The honble
 Sir W^m Johnson Barn^l.

INDORSED:¹ April 21st. 1770
 Mr. Tilghmans letter
 concerng Land

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[*New York*] April 23, 1770

[] day produced us two packets [] January
 & february Mails. [Duke] of Grafton, it seems, resigned
 [] after the protest of the 40 Patriot Peers []
 not stand longer with any hope of solid [] against the
 determined minority. [] Lord Granby has resigned.
 Conway succeeds him, as master general, and, one private Letter,
 tells [] Sir Jeffery Amherst becomes L^t Gen^l. of y^e.
 ordnance. but be that as it may the Knight of the Bath has cer-
 tainly secured a Grant of all the Jesuits Estates in Canada²
 valued at 1500 £ a year.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² The Jesuits held in the districts of Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec 15 properties comprising 616,500 *arpents*. Soon after the occupation of Montreal in 1760 George III promised their estates to Amherst. Amherst renewed his claim in 1786. By the death of Father Cazot, last of the Jesuits in the province in 1800, the right of the order in the lands lapsed; and in 1831 they were placed under the control of the assembly of Lower Canada.—William Kingsford, *History of Canada*, VII:286, 288, 289, 480.

D^r Blakiston the Queen's Solicitor is made a Judge in the Kings bench, vice S^r Ed Clive on whom a pension of 1200 £ a year is settled. General Grame was dismissed from all his Employments thro his Grace of Grafton's means for opposing the Court on a question in parliament, he pleaded Conscience, and was restored thro the interposⁿ of Lord North on which Nobleman devolves the character of the New Premier, it seems the Duke of Grafton has slipped his neck out of the Collar and leaves this son of Earl Guild ford to answer for the late & future, Blunders of the administration. The American affairs were to be brought before the House on the 21 Feby, it was generally agreed at home that all the *late* Revenue Acts would be repealed, that on Tea Excepted, in which case our merchants will consent to import Goods as usual, that article only excepted, trusting to their Natural, Smuggling, Capacities for a supply via Holland.

You will find the enclosed protest heaviest of all that ever [pr]eceded it. Notwithstanding the Confidence of the present [] Ministers it is thought they will be totally [] fortnight after the paquet left Falmth [] Remonstrances are [] minister in support [] of them.

The whole Spanish navy, fit [] That power will not permit a Russ[ian ship to en]ter its ports, they expect Hostilities [in the wa]ters anear on account of that nations fleet appearing there.

The Earl of Halifax is become Lord Privy Seal Sir Gil Elliot Treasurer of the navy, and many other, subordinate offices have been Vacated and filled with Men well affected to the persons and Measures which have for some time past been employed. Yet it is tho't that all will not do, and the Chatham Rockingham¹

¹ Charles Watson-Wentworth, marquis of Rockingham, prime minister in 1765 and 1782.

Rutland¹ Temple² Cavendish³ Pelham⁴ &c &c Interests will command the lead in his Majestys Councils. Tho the King has declared he will sustain his present servants with all the weight of *Friends he has in the World*. The Enclosed Deus lead (?) is attributed to James Duane. Perhaps it were no Compliment to attribute so well wrote a peice to one that has hitherto discovered solid abilities in his profession and is well acquainted with the Subject of this paper. The Protest is the most remarkable that ever yet appeared. I shall send some Magazines Etc the next oppertunity. Sir William Baker⁵ is dead. The Duke of Cumberland packet with the March Mail is expected daily when she appears I will trouble you with another Epistle.

My Humble Respects to the whole family in all its branches.

I am

Sir William

Your faith[ful Servant]

[]

[]

[] is before the grand jury []

]sts of

[L]ispensard, foreman⁶

[] Johnson

[] Mc Evers

Henry Cuyler

[] Folliott

Tho Marsten

Ger^d Walter

Geo Brewerton jun

Jonathan Lawrance

¹ John Manners, Duke of Rutland.

² Richard Temple Grenville, Earl Temple.

³ Lord John Cavendish.

⁴ Thomas Pelham, member of board of trade.

⁵ Johnson's London banker, at one time agent for the colony of New York.

⁶ Jurymen in the proposed trial of Alexander McDougall.

- Sam^l Deal
- Henry Law
- Geo Harrison
- Andrew Barclay
- Chris^r Smith
- John Livingston
- John Ray
- Peter Remsen
- Dirk Brinkerhoff

The three last are the only persons who are likely to shew any tenderness for one who flagitiously flies into the face of Government.

Lord Dunmore, who was in Scotland at the Pacquet's sailing will embark for N York in April or May

ADDRESSED: To
 Sr W^m Johnson Ba^t
 at Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
 Letter

FROM THUNIS D. VAN VECHTEN ET AL.

A. L. S.

Loonenburgh 23^d. April 1770

It is strongly Reported here Among Us, That a Regiment is formed on the West-side of the River Below Albany, And Also that the Commissions for New Officers Are Sent to Y^r. Hon^r. in Blanck to be filled Up As Your Hon^r. Shall Judge Most Just And Equitable According to the Seigniority of former Commissions, As Well As Considering the Most Antient And Able Familys, to All Which we Submissively, And Joyfully Joyn.—

But As We Are farther Informed that the Officers Nominated for Our Company Are Out of the Adjacent Company of

Marten Halenbeeck Esq^e., We have Made a Petition to his Hon^r: M^r: Colden, being that We May have Our Officers of Our Own Company, As We have As Sponcible Deserving Men in Our Own Company As Any Belonging to Marten Halenbeeck, Esq^e.

Our Whole Company Are Jointly Determined to Acquaint Y^r. Hon^r., that We All think Y^r: Hono^r: Hath been Greatly Imposed Upon, As well As We Degraded by such Persons As have Recommended People of A Remote And Distant Company Preferable to Our Own, Against Whom is No Objection by Any of the Company, As Yet Under Cap^t. Jacob Halenbeeck¹—And we Must Also Acquaint Your Hono^r. that Our Present Captain Jacob Halenbeeck Hath Not Taken Any the Least Counsel with His Officers or Company in Regard to New Officers, Which we Must And do, Take As An Imposition Without Example—

We have therefore Unanimously Agreed to Send Herewith to Your Hon^r. the Petition to the Lieutenant Governour by M^r. Matthys Van Loon Jun^r. [the] Bearer hereof,—Earnestly Imploring Y^r. Hon^{rs}. App[roval of] the Same, and that the Gentlemen Nominated for the Same is No Objection Against, But will be Joyfully Accepted by Who are in behalf of Our-selves And Company Y^r. Hon^{rs}. Most Obed' Hum^{le} Servts—

THUNIS D VAN VECHTEN
CASPER JANSE HALLENBEEK
LAN BART VAN VALKENBURG

To the Honourable
S^R: WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED: To
The Honour^{ble} . .
S^r: William Johnston Bar^t.

¹ See *Third Annual Report of the State Historian of New York*, 1897, p. 827–29 for a muster roll of Captain Jacob Halenbeck's company.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

Albany 23 April 1770

[
 Confidence in me to assist [] debts due to my
 Insolvent Estate [] a small acco^t. due to said
 Estate from you [] convenient I shall be glad if
 you will [] the same to my Br. in Law M^r Silves [ter
] to give a discharge. I remain
 with the greatest []

Sir

Your most Obedient
 & most humble Servant
 H V SCHAACK

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

1762 To the Insolvent Estate of Henry Van Schaack D^r

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Niagara 25 April 1770

SIR

I had the honor of receiving your Letter dated the 7 March, covering one for an Indⁿ. at Detroit, which I have forwarded

I am much oblinded to you for the news you gave me, and from what I see in the papers am of opinion there must soon be a Rupture between Great Brittain and the Neighbouring Powers.

Perhaps something of that kind may be conducive towards settling their Private Disputes at home, as well as with the Collonys—

We have nothing remarkable this way. The Ind^{ns} have behaved very Well during the Winter, about a fortnight agoe Some Senekas got Drunk in the Night time near the Burying Ground and they pulled up some of the Pickets to make fire, I

sent for Shawaton a Head Warrior, who was here at the time, and sober, not being of the Party, told him of the impropriety of such behaviour in his young men, However that I would take no farther Nottice of it, but even cause the Pickets be put up Provideing he would prevail upon them to goe to the Woods, and cutt them, and carry them in, Which they did that Same Day — Notwithstanding their good behaviour on that Occasion, yet two young Rascals from Connawagense, three Days agoe Drove one of my Cows into the Woods. I got intelligence of her, but could not find her, however this Day I found some of her Bones I suppose it was owing to liquor, as such of the Sober ones that I have Spoke to on the Subject Seem ashamed of it. It is very ungratefull in them having often fed them during this Winter —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most obedient and
Most humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

P. S. I beg my respects to Sir John and the rest of your
Family —

The Hon^{ble}

SIR W^M JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹ Niagra 25th. April 1770

Cap^t. Browns letter

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*²

Johnson hall April 26th 1770

DEAR SIR,

I wrote you a few Lines the other day by return of M^r Stuart and shall now proceed to Answer your favor of the 5th. March,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

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

which I had not then Leisure to do. In Dec^r. last I sent by Mr. Andrews a long Letter to Dr. Burton with a Sketch of the Land I offered for Religious Uses and I wish they may take proper measures for getting it without delay, for altho it is not immediately capable of raising a fund, 20,000 Acres so situated will be Very Valuable ere long, I have also Wrote the Society thro' Dr Burton by this opportunity wherein I have taken Notice of the great Want there is of a proper fund for carrying on the plan on a footing so Extensive as to produce Solid advantages both to Church & State & Suggested a Means of applying for the Royal Patronage & procuring a Collection for these purposes, which I think it is intituled to in some degree of preference to those who have raised Contributions to Enable them in Effect to oppose the Established Church.—I have also by this opportunity sent a long Letter to Mr. Inglis to which I refer you, on the Subject you Mention, and shall Support the Matter with the Ministry so far as is in my power.—

I am afraid I must Joyn you in Apprehensions of the Luke-warmness of the Heads of the Church at home, but I still hope that when Matters are truly represented & that they more thoroughly know the State of Affairs here, they will act with more Vigour,—If We trace these Neglects & the difficulties under which the Church Labours to the Source we shall find it infidelity. Any Appearance of piety has been long out of fashion amongst the great in General, Forms & Ceremonies are *Priest Craft Human Devices* &ca and the General opinion in favor of Natural Religion & Morality, & that it is no matter what Religion a man professes has done infinitely more harm than we are aware of, for it has opened a Door for people of as little Religion, & but much more Hypocrisy & Zeal to attain their ends, by first alienating their Acquaintances from the religion of their Ancestors, & then establishing their own principles in its Stead;—Ten Dissenters are therefore become a Match for 20 Churchmen and tho' In truth the Principal Dissenters have little or no Religion yet they have a particular aversion to ours, because it is interwoven with the Constitution, & the

best Support to Monarchy, a form of Government agt which they are all Strongly prejudiced, These are the Men who frighten Men in power with their Numbers, their Wealth, & their Strength, & according to their Representations, there are no other people of any Consequence in America, but themselves, & this goes down, because we are instructed to believe that these *who call themselves Whigs*, are the best Security to the Throne, tho' no people went greater lengths than they have done to over-set it, and will all ways do so unless they most unconstitutionally rule every thing.— So that people are deterred from doing anything that may promote the Church, & offend their tender Consciences forgetting that others have a Conscience of as much Delicacy.— If the Church of England is poor and Contemptible here, it deserves the Patronage, Protection & Charity of the Crown, if it is Strong & respectable it demands its attention. But be its state what it will I cannot See how any Application hitherto made if Supported by the Heads of the Church, whose influence *ought* to be great can be refused, and tho' it has been the Case I am of opinion that if the Heads of the Laity here concurred in the Application it must Succeed whether it be for an Episcopate, for Contributions or for both, and I wish some Such Measure was set on foot.

The REV^d. DR. AUCHMUTY.

INDORSED: April 26th 1770.

To D^r. Sam^l Auchmuty.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 26th April 1770

DEAR SIR:

This Morning your ten Barrells Pork goes from Mr Van Epss, with a Small Keg Containing your paper & C^a Brought from York. By a letter which I received this day from Colⁿ

Claus, he Informs me that he heard you mention that you had received Some letters from me, & that I had forgot to Acknowledge the Receipt of a letter lately from you. & that you Immagin'd the letter had miscarred, which is Certainly the Case as I have not had the Pleasure of one letter from you since my Arrival from York.

I sent this morning to Mr Van Eps's to Inquire about it— if your post brought it down its verry probable he took it over to Albany.— no Pacquet yet was arrived at York yesterday week. Bloodgoods Sloop left it then.

I am Dear Sir with the
Outmost Respect Your most

Obedeunt humble Servant
DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ April 26th. 1770

Major Campbels letter

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*²

Johnson hall April 26th. 1770

[] abroad at Sacondaga where I am building a House [] your Letter of the 12th. inst came up & therefore had not an opportunity of seeing or Answering it till now. The Witnesses to [the deed] are not Butler & Tice, but Butler & Adems, as appears []ting it— You may rest Assured that all the Counten^{ce}. I afforded to that Transaction was founded Meerly on my Inclination to Serve you, which I can as fully prove as the Evidences can the Execution of the Deed and I request that you will believe I am of the same way of thinking. But the present Situation of things renders it neces-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In the handwriting of Guy Johnson.

sary to speak more plainly on the Subject and I mean to do it with Candour as a friend.

I ought to tell you that I have incurred not a little Censure for the Countenance I am supposed to have¹ afforded to that transaction but as I am not afraid of producing any of my Transactions to the public, this would be a matter of indifference to me, had I not a more Material Motive that may render it Extremely inconsistent in me to act farther in the affair. The only Censures that any have dared to pass upon me for many Years are Come from your Quarter, & altho', I have too high a Sense of your Honour & Character to Suppose you in the least Capable of Countenancing them yet I cannot persuade the publick into this belief, because from a Variety of Circumstances the Author cannot by them be supposed so ungratefull as to use the least freedom with the Character of a Man for whom you profess a friendship,² & therefore it would be deemed an Acknowledgmt. of Guilt or what is Vulgarly called Hush Money in me to Acquiesce in an Affair wherein I understand that Very person is interested

Some late Information I have received of a Scurrilous paper lately handed about in Albany has induced me to touch upon the Subject, Had I seen it or known its whole Contents I should have Chastized the Author with my Own hands [] Subject, & I expect to discover [] not the first attack I have met with³ [] offended. You own good Sense will suggest [] the impropriety of my promoting any thing [] supposed to have the most distant concern [] Expressed myself thus candidly to you, I ho [] that it is not a pretext for evading anything [] to your Interest, which I

¹ "Am supposed to have" is in Sir William's hand.

² Philip Schuyler whom Johnson believed to be the author of the censures, served under Bradstreet in the expedition to Oswego in the spring of 1756 and in the expedition against Fort Frontenac in 1758.

³ See letter of Hugh Wallace to Johnson, *supra*, VI:570-71, and letter of Johnson to Philip Schuyler, VI:589-90.

should cheerfully promote under any other Circumstances to the utmost of my abilities as a demonstra[tion] how much I am &ca
[]DSTREET

TO DANIEL BURTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall April 26th. 1770.

SIR,

I Wrote you on the 6th of Dec^r. last by Mr. Andrews a Candidate for Orders, and therein gave a particular account with a Sketch of the Land I proposed for Religious uses, all which I hope you have long since received, I also gave you an account of the Establishment of Schools and their progress & I hope it will prove agreeable.— This Letter will be delivered to you by Mr. Stuart, a Gentleman Strongly recommended to me by the Clergy of Pennsylvania, and who now goes to Apply for Orders, that he may become a Missionary, The Character I have of him induces me to think that he will do Very well for the Mission at the Mohocks for which he is willing and desirous to be appointed I understand that he carries over with him sev^l. recommendations and Testimonials to which give me leave to Join mine in his behalf to the Society for his Appointment to that place, after which and Mr. Andrews's Appointment there will be only one at Johns Town Wanting to Compleat what was first proposed as an Introduction to a more Extensive plan, for promoting the protestant Religion in this Country and carrying it into the Indian Nations, after these Establishments are made, Missionaries may be introduced with great prospect of Success amongst the more Distant Indian Towns which will finally reduce thousands to the Church of England, & Civil Society and thereby prove an Advantage to the Nation, I am Let into this

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

from Some Applications made to me by the Clergy, in behalf of so Important & Laudable a plan, but whatever may be done in it in the Way of Lands, as they do not in this Country produce any imediate advantage, a proper Fund is absolutely necessary to render it Effectual, Two, or three people from N England have Collected 10 or 12 thousand pounds for Mr. Wheelocks Schools, and the Government has allowed a Bishop to the Canadians & as I hear established a French Missionary lately in Nova Scotia at £100 Ster ^{per} Ann. I can therefore hardly think from these instances in favor of other Persuasions that a proper Application to his Majesty for his Royal Patronage & Assistance in favor of a plan of such great and Extensive Utility could fail of Success, and I should likewise think that thro' the Interest of His Grace of Canterbury¹ the Bishop & the Society, this might not only be effected, but a handsome Sum Collected in England for these truly laudable purposes, so as to Enable them to Establish on some regular System proper Missionaries & Schools in Most of their Towns which is the only effectual means of Converting & reducing them to Order, a few Stragling Missions or Schools out of their Country will never answer the end proposed, the more distant Ind^s. being Extremely averse to Sending their Children abroad for Instruction, and if they did, they are too Much inclined to relapse afterwards, of which I have seen examples amongst the best of them Suffic^t. to Justify my Opinion, [*I am even well Assured that Mr. Occum the Indⁿ. Miss^y who was one of those that lately in England made the large Collection already mentioned has returned to his former way of Living and Sold his Books & some presents made him by Gentlemen of Consequence in London, to purchase rum.*²—]

¹ Frederick Cornwallis, Archbishop of Canterbury.

² Crossed out in the manuscript. Samson Occum was a missionary among the Oneidas from 1786 to 1792, the year of his death, and at no period after he entered on his ministerial labors in about 1748 do they appear to have been entirely discontinued. Dr Timothy Dwight said: "His character at times labored under some imputations. Yet there is good reason to believe that most, if not all, of them were unfounded."

If any thing that I have above Suggested should meet with the approbation of the Venerable Society, it will give me great pleasure, as it is a plan I have much at heart, being thoroughly persuaded of its Importance and advantage both to the Church & State.—

DR. BURTON

INDORSED: April 26th. 1770.

To D^r Burton

☞ M^r Stuart.

FROM THOMAS WHARTON

A. L. S.¹

[*Philada. April 26, 1770*]

[]

[] on the Ins^t. to Acknowledge [

] when by a very close Attendance on

[] day by day I got the Plate Completed [] agreeable to thy request. I

could have wished [] have been better, but its the very best I could Obtain in the [I have] packed the 200 Testimonials with the Plate in a Box directed to [

] this day sent them ☞ Stage to New York, to the Care of My [] John Alsop to whom have wrote that they may be for[warded] to thee by first safe Opportunity;—the cost of Copperplate [] Workmanship & Box Amount to £14.1.0 as ☞ the account Enclosed, with Each particular Persons Accounts & Receipts, for which have debited thee in Account with my Bro^r. Isaac & Self. I sincerely wish they may Answer thy Expectation, having done the best in my power to obtain that End.

¹ Johnson also received an extract from this letter embracing the third paragraph, which suffered little from the fire. It is in the New York State Library.

I take the liberty to Mention to Sir William, that I am engaged in a partnership with my Brother Isaac and should thou have Occasion at any time for Indian Goods, or any other Articles to furnish a Treaty, or for thy Own Use, We shall be glad to serve thee & will do it on a reasonable Commission, and thou may be assured that Our Utmost Abilities shall be Exerted to Compleat thy Orders to Satisfaction. Coll. Croghan is well Acquainted with Us and knows, that, if any Article is wanted and its in this City, We can Obtain it Equal to any House here; Indeed could We have time, We would Import any Goods thou may have Occasion for and furnish them at the lowest price.

By the last Packet, I have received from Bro^r. Samuel a Letter, giving Me the most Ample State of his Negotiations, And I have not only from thence, but from Dr. Franklin's Letter to his Son the Governor and several Others the Extream satisfaction to Inform thee that He had finished his Business to the Utmost of his Wishes. I find that in Order to get the Traders and Col. Croghans Grants the more readily through, they formed a plan of purchasing of the Crown an Extent of Country, to be granted by Charter to a Number of the Company,¹ who are afterwards to release to the Traders & Col. Croghan their respective parts. the Tract (by their Letters) begins at the Western & Southern Bounds of Pennsylvania & is bounded Eastward by the Alleghany Mountains, Westward by the River Ohio, and runs Southward to a place Opposite to the Scioto River, thence to the Alleghany. The sum agreed with the Treasury therefor is £10,460. . 7.3 Sterling (being the Cost of the Fort Stanwix treaty) and 2/ 7 100 Acres Quitrent to Commence 20 Years after the Grant is made—there are 72 Shareholders, among which, are some of the first Noble Men &c. in the Kingdom & a Number of Gentlemen on this side the Water, but my Brother does not particularize who—they are

¹ See letter of Thomas Pownall to Johnson, April 1770, in *Writings of George Washington*, Jared Sparks, II:484–85.

promised a Charter on the most ample Basis—Capt Trent¹ writes to his Wife of the 7th. of Feb^{ry}. that he sho^d. finish his Buisness to his entire satisfaction []
 thee this state of []
 And as I have not time to []
 so kind as to Inform him thereof []
 I remain with []
 William Johnson Esqr []
 To Thomas & Isaac Wharton []

For the following Articles Obtained at his request viz
 1770

April 20 th . To Cash paid Henry Dawkins f^{d} his Acco ^t . & Receipt for Engraving a Cop- per Plate, for the Impressing of Testi- monials to be given the Indians	£5.. []
25 th . Paid David Hall f^{d} Do. for 25 sheets of Parchment	5.. []
25 th . Paid James Nevill for Printing 200 Testimonials from the foregoing Plate on parchment @ 4 ^d . f^{r} . & Box 2/	} 3 [8..8]
	£14.. [1..0]

Charged T M 14

ADDRESSED: For
 Sir William Johnson
 Baronet
 at
 Johnson Hall

f^{d} post

INDORSED:² Mr. Whartons letter
 April 26th. 1770—

¹ Captain William Trent, who was selected to build and command the Ohio Company's fort at the forks of the Ohio in 1754. In 1770 he was in London, seeking recompense to the traders who suffered by Indian depredations in 1763.

² In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS FITCH

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall, April 26th 1770

[]

I wrote you above ten days ago to Let you know that the Men whom I sent out to View the Land have returned and made me a pritty favorable report of the Quality of [a con]siderable part of it, and the Patent is now Making out for the Same.—And as I am eagerly solicited by a number of very good² people from Boston Government for a Township or 2 in it who are very pressing as well for a preference in the choice of the place, as to get my final determination before the Leaves Shoot out that render surveying difficult, I thought it necessary to Write you again, that I may without loss of time have your Answer whether it will be convenient for you to advance the Cash, and get it surveyed Immediately, as otherwise I cannot well determine with the rest, who are ready to comply with my Terms, so that it may prove a disappointment to us both, as they are to settle by a day fixed in Next Month,—As I should be very glad of an Opportunity of serving You I wish it may suit with your Convenience; you will at all events send me an Answer without delay, as I have put the people off as long as I possibly can, and must either let them have it as mentioned in my last Letter or Lose the benefit of their Purchasing & Immediate Settlem^t.³

To COL^L. FITCH

INDORSED: [Ap]ril 26th. 1770

To Co^l. Fitch

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² "A number of very good" is interlined by Johnson.

³ The words that follow "purchasing," as well as the indorsement, are in Johnson's hand.

TO JAMES DE LANCEY¹Df. S.²

[Johnson Hall, April 26, 1770]

[]
 [] very readily excuse your Not Writing to me
 till [] you were Sufficiently Occupied with
 business for somet[ime]

[] went to Philadelphia, tho' I heard of it, I was not
 [] with the occasion. Tho from your letter
 I should suspe[ct [] might be in the Case.

I am much obliged to you for the Notice & Attention you gave to the Affair of the New County; to obstruct which according to the reasonable Mode proposed in the Memorial from hence, they have had recourse to Many little Artifices, amongst others they represented the matter to the Scohare people as of a dangerous tendency, & that that Settlement was actually to be included in the New County,³ tho' you know that point [] in the Mem^l. submitted to the Discretion of the House & even another Boundary proposed which Leaves it in the Old County, the Scohare pe[ople] on having this point explained express much Satisfaction at the desire [] the Inhabitants of the River & Indeed many of them are indifferent w[hich] County they are in & the people here are so unanimous in their sentim[ents] that I scarcely know a Man of any property within the Limits for the [New] County but eagerly desires it according to the form of the Memorial wh[ich I] hope thro' your assistance & that of your friends will be accomplished.

¹ James DeLancey was a member of the Assembly of 1769–75.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ See Van Schaack to Johnson, December 16, 1769. Also *Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York*, January 3, 1770 (petition).

The Road bill which accompanied your last favor I have peru[sed] & I now send you such Remarks upon it, as my time would permit. I plainly [] the tendency of it which I have very great reason to think was calculated to Correspond with the Claim favored by the Expression of the bounds of the Claverack Regiment,¹ the Contrivor of this & many other things would fain be a Man of some Consequence,² and therefore, as well as in Compliance with his own Natural Inclinations has strongly attached himself to a party, who stand much in Need of Recruits, and who Stick at nothing to attain their [] I have seen several of their Scurrilous performances, and think them [] Intended to deceive the populace, as every Man of Sense or knowledge m[ust] perceive that the manner in which they place Men and things is a misrepresentation [of] facts by which the Majority being unable to Judge as they ought & wanting proper Infor[mation are de]luded. The Conduct of the Printers is of apiece with theirs, most of them [] of that Interest and in effect destroy the so much talked of [liberty of the press (?)] shut against anything on the oth[er

[] where both sides have [] of the Tryal before you took any [] they would make an advantage of [] be best done I should like to see them get []

¹ I shall be glad to hear from you [] Safe in these times, as well as to have your senti[ments on this] or on any other Subject, Being always with great reg[]

INDORSED:³ [] W. JO[HNSON]
[from James De] Lancey Esq^r

¹ See *Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York*, January 8, 13 and 17, 1770 (petitions from Kinderhook and other places in protest). *Idem*, January 10 (counter petition from Claverack).

² Colonel Philip Schuyler evidently.

³ In Johnson's hand.

COMMENTS ON A ROAD BILL

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 454, is listed a draft, inclosed in the foregoing letter to James DeLancey, of Johnson's Remarks upon & Objections to the Proposed Road Bill; mentioning Claverack and Kinderhook, Ranslaerwyck, Schachtikook, Hosick, Saratoga and Cambridge, Argyle, Kingsbury, Kayadarossera, Cocksakie and Kats Kill, West Camp, Tionderoga, Fort Johnson and Queens Borough, North and South Schohare, Brekabeen, Conajoharee and Caghnawaga.

Johnson remarks, as regards the districts of Claverack and Kinderhook, that the act has the appearance, judging by its adjustment of boundaries and the character of the commissioners named, of promoting the land claims of a certain interest (that of the Manor of Rensselaer). He further observes that the improvement of the roads depends more on work than on money, and work is dependent on commissioners independent enough to enforce the law. The draft is largely crossed out, and was much damaged by the fire.

TO CHARLES INGLIS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall April 26th. 1770.*

SIR,

Some days past I was favored with your Letter of the 28th. ult^o. which I had not leisure to answer until now — The Subject has been farther recommended in a few Lines from Dr. Cooper, but I had not an opportunity for saying much to him upon it as I wrote by a Gentleman that was in haste —

I am much obliged as well by your good Opinion of me, as your desire of an Interview, the uncertainty of which for the reasons you Assign I cannot but regret, as that would enable me to Enlarge on the Subject, and Explain many Matters in a Manner that is not to be Expected from a Letter especially from one, whose time is so occupied in other Affairs, however I

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

shall proceed to Consider what you Write on as well as such disagreeable Circumstances will permit.

I cannot but highly commend the plan you are desirous of interesting yourself in, and your Sentiments in general as to the Means are Just and reasonable; to these I shall add the result of my observations wishing they may conduce to your Satisfaction, on this Subject. but Altho' the design must be admitted Good it is necessary to consider some particulars regarding its utility, & the reasons why it has hitherto faild, before I proceed to the Means for carrying it into Execution. The first thing then that occurs is, that if the Indians are to be Civilized in order to be made Christians, which is generally deemed the best, Method to pursue, They would be apt to take the Alarm, being much more averse to that way of Life, than they are to Christianity, and the public would in a little time if the plan should meet with success, and be carried on Extensively lose the benefit of the Furr Trade w^{ch} is a Material Consideration for were our own people equally Qualified for hunting their Absence & Neglect of other Avocations could not be dispensed with in such a Country as this is but as every possible objection ought to Yield where Religion is Concerned we should consider what Objections the Ind^s. may Make to it. & they say that it appears to them to have been ordained from the beginning that the White People should Cultivate the Arts, and themselves pursue hunting, that no other Way of Life is agreable to them, or consistent with their Maxims of policy and the frame of their Constitution, If it may be so called. That they find all those Ind^s. who from their situation and our endeavors are become in some measure Civilized have hitherto derived no advantages from it, that on the Contrary they are poor, abject, full of Avarice, Hypocrisy, & in short have imbibed all our Vices, without any of our Good Qualities and without retaining their former Abilities for gaining a Subsistence in the only way they conceive that Nature intended they should. These & many More are the Observations of all the Uncivilized Indians on that head, and I am sorry to say that they are in General too well

founded & these with the additional Apprehension that their adopting such a plan would be followed by their Annihilation as a people cause them to be extremely Jealous of any Endeavors to promote such a design Neither can I find that any Attempts of that sort have met with Success Sufficient to encourage the prosecution of it immediately in that Way, Not even amongst the Jesuits, whose abilities, Application, & Conduct, Seem better Calculated for attaining this end, than any other, Indeed the endeavors of the Reformed Church have been too feeble to draw any Conclusions from thence, Very few Missions of the Established Church having been appointed in the Indian Country, and of these few or none have resided for any length of time there, this & their Slender knowledge of the Language, have proved Great bars to their Success, & notwithstanding the political Zeal with which the Dissenters have of late prosecuted these matters, they have been able to do nothing but with those half Christianized & Civilized Tribes who had before received Some Instructions & from their present situatⁿ. & other Circumstances are disposed for farther Improvement, for as to what they may say of Converts formerly Made in N England it is only Calculated for a Latitude where these subjects are not well understood, The N Englanders with all their Zeal & piety being more intent on Extirpating the Indians to make room for themselves & wanted More to plant themselves than Religion in the Country, Numbers of the Ind^s, fell in the Wars, either in Arms agt, us, or as Auxiliaries to us, Numbers Left that Country, and the few that remained were so Surrounded by our settlements Those Colonies increasing very fast, that they Naturally & almost Imperceptibly fell into our Manners, Customs & Religion, Tho' I should observe that Notwithstanding the Length of time they have had for improvement & many other Circumstances which as it were Detach them from an Indian Life They have Made such slow advances in everything but Vice & Idleness that I should Sooner Trust 20 Ottawas in a Room with my plate, than one of them.— The Generality Indeed of those who are educated in their principles do (like

their Teachers) carry a great deal of holiness in their Countenances & Exterior deportment *when Sober*; & derive this one Advantage from the little religion they possess that it serves as a pretext for begging or indeed for any thing that may enable them to Exist without much Labour, & the present wretched State of most of these people does not a little contribute to deter the rest from entering upon w^t. they fear may produce the same Effects am^sl. themselves —

I wo^d. not Inferr from all this that a plan so laudable in Speculation is utterly Impracticable, on the Contrary I am persuaded it must one day take place, but for the reasons I have given, & for many others I am of opinion that the Motion must flow from themselves, & that they must fall into it when our increas'd Numbers place them more in our Neighbourhood, & that they discover Superior Advantages in our Way of Living than in their own, which as yet they do not,—The Jealous unsettled disposition of the Ind^s. at present Still farther Excited by the strong prejudices of the public, and the implacable resentm^t. of the frontier Inhabitants of w^{ch} they are daily giving proofs, forbids that reliance on our Motives of Action & that Harmony which sho^d. be the foundatⁿ. of our hopes with them So that had we funds Suffic^t. we must in policy contract our plan till a more favorable period, Confining it to those desirous of receiving Instruction, without losing sight of the Grand object.— If our endeavors meet with success in any of their Nations & that the people shall appear to have received any Material Advantage from them there is no doubt but that the rest will follow their Example, But as they Conceive that Religion is a more perfect System of Morality which together with Reason they possess in a much higher degree than is generally imagined, The Generality will never Cordially relish it, until they find the Effects of their Idea exemplified amongst themselves —

The Ind^s. of Canada were made Christians but not Civilized according to our general Acceptance of the Word, Yet they were as orderly a people as any of our Lower Class are. The

french Considered Hunting as their Trade, in w^{ch} they were More usefull to the Community & happier in themselves than they co^d. have been in any other profession, To this their Genius Led them & in this they Excelled, & When in due time from the failure of Game, or from their becoming more reconciled to our Arts, they sho^d. Incline to alter their profession, They must meet with Ample employment in such a Country as America and this Leads me to observe that In my Opinion a System could be adopted that by Teaching them True Religion & Strengthening & Enlarging their Ideas of Morality would pave the way to all we can desire without endeavoring to alter the present Bias of their Inclinations. The difficulty of carrying this into Execution remains chiefly with ourselves, but it is not the easier overcome from thence, First thro' the Want of a proper fund, Next from the Want of persons of Zeal & Capacity to Undertake, First Let a Certain Number of Missionaries of Good Sense Strict Morals & perseverance be procured to be properly introduced into their Villages, where they could be instructed in their Language & by their good behavior acquire the Confidence & Esteem of the Ind^s. before they entered on the Main design, Let them be furnished with a sum not Exceeding their Ann^l Sallary to be disposed of in Acts of Charity & Benevolence to those in most need of them, which w^d. much endear them to the Whole, Nay, I will go so far as to say that it would be highly proper for them to be Able to Administer to the Sick, A few persons so qualified Might in a little time introduce the subject of their Mission with a Confidence of Success, & then by Opening proper Schools in w^{ch} they co^d. be assisted by Young persons, Intended for the Like Station, or by the best Qualified Ind^s. on whom regards sh^d. be bestowed, they wo^d. at once diffuse Religion & Learning throughout a Nation & give encouragement to the Extension of the plan to others. From Christianity they wo^d. see the Errors of their past Conduct, & from the perusal of Books the disadvantages of their pres^t. situation, & then, as they are a reasonable People this Plan co^d. be revised, Improved & Extended according to the prospects it

afforded, All these points will admit of Much enlargem^t. but this is the only Feasible Scheme accord^g to my Conceptions for introducing Christianity on a promising & Extensive System amongst them. It must be by good Men, detached at least in appearance from all Worldly Concerns, & Residing regularly in their Towns & Conforming in some Measure for a time to their Manner of Living that this is to be done, the Idea of effecting it by the establishm^t. of Schools out of their Country is a Mistaken one, for but few of those Most in Need of Instructⁿ. will come to reside with us, & those that may will allways return to their old way of Living as Soon as they Can. But how to Carry this into Execution is the Question? For the Strength of the Dissenters in England is much, their Zeal more, whilst on the other hand I fear that Many of the Sons of the Church who are in power are Lukewarm in Matters of Religion & unwilling to engage in promoting w^t. may give Offence to those True Whigs, the *Supporters of our freedom the Dissenters*, who they are taught to believe are the only people here for Numbers, power & Importance—Introducing many Churchmen may give Offence to their *tender Consciences*, & *they must not be Offended*, for in all Writings the Americans are represented as a people who came here on acct of their principles, than w^{ch} nothing can be more false except as to a Very few in Some of the Colonies.— The passion for Adventuring, a prospect of Gain, Want of property, Inconstancy of Disposition & some other Circumstances that need not to be ment^d. brought together the Majority Of its Inhabitants to which Wars and Commerce have added a Considerable Number Since, amongst all w^{ch} there are a Considerable body and that of the most respectable people who are Members of our Church, These particulars would deserve to be enlarged upon in a place where they are but little known, to this may be added the German Lutherans a very powerfull body who esteem our Church & The Calvinists am^t. them are no Enemys to it they differing widely from Scotch Presbyterians & Independants. These points Well known & a Ministry settled, Government Might be

induced to Contribute its patronage & Assistance & a Sum of Money might be possibly Collected through the Endeavors of the British Clergy to promote it whilst a proper Application signed by the principal Members of the Church here might be a means of establishing an Episcopate by removing the Insinuation that it is only the desire of the Clergy or of a few Inconsiderable Men. But still an Objection arises as far as this Scheme relates to the Indians in the Want of Missionaries, able & Willing to undertake it. It may be our Misfortune to have some bad Members am^s. us but we do not Accept of Idle Illiterate Provinc^l. Soldiers, & Enthusiasticks, Many of whom make no Sacrifice by living in the Indⁿ. Country, they are better off than they wo^d. have been at home & now receive allowances far exceeding w^t. they might have expected in any other Statⁿ.—but our Clergy, are all Men of regular Education, bred in the Land of Luxury & of ¹ & w^t. ever the Circumstances are Must make many sacrifices to the Way of Living on an Allowance not equal to w^t they might reasonably Expect with Common friends & ordinary Good fortune. If under these disadvantages some can be procured from thence it will do honor to themselves & to the Church, but had we the Means of Ordination here, we should not want for persons who from their being born in the Country would be in that particular better Qualified for the Undertaking. The bounds of a Letter will not permit me to enter farther at present into these Matters, but with regard to my Self you may be assured that I shall Chearfully Contribute my Representations to Sollicit the aid of Government in Support of so Laudable an Undertaking, founded on the Expectation of its peculiar Advantages to reduce the Ind^s. to peace & Good order, and I am still Willing to hope that such United Measures, Joined to what I have already Mentioned may at last produce the desired Effect.

The REV^D M^R. INGLIS

INDORSED: 18th April, 1770.

To the Rev^d. M^r. Cha^s. Inglis —

¹ Illegible.

SAMUEL SUTTON'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

April 26, 1770

[]	
[	]	Decr. 1769 at	ⒻDay	} 30
[	]	masts		
		and Square		0..10..0
[	]	for a field bed, one butt hinge		
		and Screws		0.. 8..6
[	]	Frames at 2 ^s Each		2..10..0
[	]	and wedging Six pair of		
		window Sashes		0.. 8..0
[	]	hands for the Roads		0.. 4..0
[	]	12 Days at the Church at	ⒻDay	
[	]	large Oak bedsteads		4..10..0
[	]	Duck Screws nails & Cord for D ^o	}	3..14..6
		as p ^r Mess ^{rs} . Phyn and Ellice's bill		
[	]	To a Cherry Tree Cradle		1.. 8..0

JOHNSON'S ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

[Johnson Hall] April 27th. 1770

Pay unto M^r. Robert Adems or order
on Demand the Sum of Sixty Pounds
York Cur^{cy}., & charge it to acc^t of
Y^r Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^r.

Dp^y. Pay Master Gen^l.

New York———

ROB^t. ADEMS

VAN WYCK & COMP.

JOHNSON'S ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall 27th. April 1770£100 Cur^{cy}

Pay unto Mr. Robert Adems, or Order on Demand the Sum of One Hundred Pounds New York Cur^{cy}. & charge it to acc^t. of

Y^r. Humble Serv^t.

W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^r.Dp^y. Pay Master Gen^l.

New York———

Pay the above to Mr Gerard Beekman or order

DANIEL CAMPBELL

Recd the above contents New York 12 May 1770

GERARD W^m. BEEKMAN

ROBT. ADEMS

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 27th April 1770

SIR

By Colⁿ Cole I understand that the purport of your letter was to know what Quantity of Indian goods I had by me. Inclosed I send you a memorandum of the Quantities I now have left—and the prices afixed to Each Article. I have sold no strouds this Spring under £11 — what Ever you may have want of those Goods, or if you will have the whole please to let me know soon, as this is the time of the Year that the Traders

is going up—I shall be greatly obliged to you for your orders—this morning I sent Mr Monear a line to send up your Pacquet—I expect by to Morrow it will be here.

I am Dear Sir with

Great Respect Your

most humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ April 27th. 1770

Major Campbels letter
concernng Goods————

HENRY VAN SCHAACK TO ABRAHAM VAN ALSTYNE

Contemporary Copy

Kinderhook 27th April, 1770

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I am Directed by my Father to acquaint you in writing with what I communicated to you by his order on Tuesday last verbally to wit, that the Lieu^t. Governor has been pleased to appoint you Lieu^t. Col^o. to a Regiment of Militia Foot whereof my Father is Colonel, and as he means to Distribute the Commissions to Day to the Respective Officers at the House of Mr. Tobies Van Beuren he hopes to have the pleasure of seeing you there.

He likewise has ordered me to acquaint you that he has heard you have some objections to accepting of the Commission, if so, he hopes you will be good enough to acquaint him therewith that he may take notice of them in the Return he means

¹ In Johnson's hand.

to make of the Regiment immediately after the Officers are Qualified, which is to be to Day.

I remain

Sir

You most humble servant

H. V. SCHAACK

MR. ABRAHAM VAN ALSTYNE

INDORSED:¹ Kinderhook 27 April 1770

Copy of a Letter sent to Mr. Abraham
Van Alstyne by Cap^t. Ch^s. Goodrich

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.²

London 27 Ap^l 1770

DEAR SIR

The packet being back to Falmoth to Stop a Leak gives me this Oppertunity, tho it is Suspected she was brought back by a Cutter, on Account of the Intelligence from Boston.

Everybody seem much allarmed about it the House of Commons did not break up on Wednesday till 12 oClock at Night no one but members admitted after 7 o Clock, Mr. Treeothick spoke in fav^r of the Bostonians. My Lord North has mentioned at Levy that he can raise 5 Millions in Case of a War with France without laying on Any additional tax. they intend to pay off 1½ Million of the National Debt. & he says if there is a peace for 10 years wch he has no reason to doubt he will reduce the Debt lower than it was before last War.

On Tuesday my Lord Hilsborough asked me some Questions concerning Sr John & the Militia also about the Indians, I set

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.

forth to him the Amazing Expence of provision that Article alone sufficient to consume the contingent, that no person being appointed at the Upper posts, the Back Nations would be oblidge to repair to Sr W^m, who must Victual & Cloth them. I spoke to him about the Medals, upon the whole his Answer was that he would not Augment the Expence, that all these things must go thro a number of Officers, that I should write you to lay before him any thing you thought should be done by Letter, & the utmost regard should be paid it. I answerd that you left these matters to me who could Explain them more fully than by Letter as I was an Eye witness & acquainted with the fact, that I thought it my duty to tell him timely that no blame might fall on me, if by any delay the Government was, involved in a larger expense which may be the Consequence of a too Strict Aconomy.

I took an Oppertunity of asking about some Appointments he was making as Surveyors of the Woods & he said they were in the Gift of the treasury in Short I can only gather from him that I have nothing to expect. General Gages interest is all & all merit has no Chance, interest, or being a damn'd rascall the only Step to preferment here I should be glad to have another Line from you to some of your Friends, Mr. Pen is at Bath, nor has he introduced me to Any, that I might be brought into Company where I might make interest for myself, the Scotch party much against Our department I have got into both the American Clubs where I have an Oppertunity of Shewing the Effecacy of such a Department. You may depend upon my Circumspection & attachment in Every thing concerns Your Interests. by every Ship shall send you the political papers. I remain most Sincerely Dear Sir.

Your Friend and Oblidge humble servant

B. ROBERTS

S^R W^M JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED: To
 The Honorable
 Sir William Johnson Baronet
 at Johnson Hall
 New York

Charged in
 London¹
 County¹
 N America¹

INDORSED: London 27th. April 1770
 Lt. Roberts letter

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

*Willms. burg 28th. Apr^l. 1770
 half after 6. p. m*

[SIR]

[The] inclosed three Letters came to me, two yesterday [] and the one directed to be forwarded by me just now by Mr. Shipboy from Albany. I have sent the Bearer on purpose as Campbell desired me to forward it with Speed, Mr. Shipboy I understand is going to Mr. Croghans with one Mr. Morton a Merchant from York in order to secure themselves if possible; his Bills in fav^r. of the former being protested to the Amount of £2900. Sterl.: Protest & all Shipboy is ruind as Campbell says if he cant secure himself;

The family are well & join me in Duty & Respect
 And I remain

Honored Sir
 Your Obed. Son
 DAN. CLAUS

To the Hon^{ble}. SR. W^m. JOHNSON B^t.
 &c. &c. &c.

¹ In a different hand from Roberts'.

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir Will^m. Johnson Baronet
&c. &c. &c.
Johnsonhall

INDORSED¹: April 28th. 177[0]

Col. Clau's Letter

WESSEL VAN SCHAICK'S BILL

A. D. S.

Albany April 28th. 1770

Mr: Thomas Shipboy

Bou^t. of Wessel Van Schaick

s d

15 Mill Saws— a 17/6 p^s £ 13. 2. 6.

R^{ec}d. the above Contents at the Same time For my Father

JN^o: G VAN SCHAICK

INDORSED:¹ A Receipt []
Saws £13. [2.6.]

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[*April 28, 1770*]

[]
[] I Received the Inclos^d Leter []
the Shannas from Mr. M^cKee [] w^h. I Inclose y^r. honor
for your [] itt has been a Long Time on y^e. Way
[] I observe by the privet Information Mr. M^cKee
[] had w^h. he Menshons in his Leter with what they Say
in thire Speech that they Seem to gaskinade or Treeten what

¹ In Johnson's hand.

they May be able [] think thire Speech is Much
Such [a] Nother as they Made the Commanding offiser []
Me in the begining of 1763 w^h. Gave Great offense to Sir
Jeffery Amherst

I have Nott been able to Take Copeys of them and will be
glad y^r. honor will Return them after you have Taken Copeys
with your opinion whether I should Write any thing to M^r.
M^cKee in answer

I am with Great Respect y^r. Honors

Most Humble Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

the Barrer hapening to be hear
& Returning home today I gott him
[to] Take this Leter ¶haps he May [exp]ect Some
Trifle for Carrying itt

INDORSED:¹ []
Mr. C []
with In []

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

[April 29th. 1770]

[Sir]

I wrote to Col^o Gardenir Very Soon after [m]y Return but
have not yet heard from him perhaps [] ey may directly
Send Some Person up to you—there is many in this Colony
who wish to have Land in your Parts but have not got the
Necessary. and those you had better be without—

The Vessel that I mentioned does not Leave this so Soon as I
Expected for Albany—I have therefore Shipt you by one
Rogers (in a Boat from the Harbours mouth who sails
to morrow), a Parcel of very fine fruit trees Seeds &c which I

¹ In Johnson's hand.

have desired Mr Wetherhead to Loose no time in Sending to you—in the Box with your Grass Seed & Garden Seeds is a Bundle for Sr John Col^o Johnson & Col^o Clause Cont^a. a Variety of Garden & Flower Seeds—I have also Sent them a Large Bundle of Flowering trees & Shrubs—there is also a Small Bundle of Seeds for Mr Davis there appears to be a Smart Struggle in this Colony—between the friends of Mr Fitch & those of the present Gov^r. Trumbull to See who they Shall place in the Chair. I don't know so much of their politicks as to be able to say who will Succeed

the Season is Remarkably Cold last night we had A Very Severe Frost—the Backwardness of the Spring and the great demand in the west India Way has made Hay so Extreemly Scarce that I immagine many Farmers must Loose part of their Stock—we have heard nothing from Boston Since the last post I now Send you the Papers and must Refer you to them for News—M^{rs} Chew desires me to present her most Respectfull Compliments to you and I hope you will accept of mine []d Every Sincere wish for your health and Happiness

Respectfully D^r Sir Your most Obed^t.

Hble Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

[SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON] Bar^t

MICHAEL KLYNE'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

[May 1, 1770]

[]		
	[To Michael]	Klyne Gunsmith	Dr
[	]	Gunsmith's work done for	
[	]	as follows, viz	L S. D
		2 Guns and a Lock	
		To a new Gun Stock	0 . 16 . 0
		To a new Heel Plate	3

	To 1 Rammer Rod Loop	1
	To 1 Barrel Loop	9
	To a Side Pin	1
	2 ^d Gun	
	To a new Gun Stock	16..0
	To a new Britch	4..0
	To a Britch Pin	1..0
	To a Trigger Plate	1..0
	y ^e . Lock	
	To a new main Spring	3..0
	To making the Pan close	6
2	1 Gun Lock	
	To mending and hardening Ham- mer	1..6
	To closing the Pan	6
4	1 Gun	
	To straightening and rounding y ^e . Barrel inside	4..0
	To Bushing the Barrel	1..0
	To repairing the Tumbler & Dog	1..0
9	To mending a Steel Trap	3..0
16	1 Gun	
	To a Cock Screw	1..0
17	a Lock for a Gun	
	To Hardening the Hammer	1..0
	To repairing the Dog and Tumbler	1..0
	To a Tumbler Screw	1..0
22	a Gun	
	To Bushing the Barrel another Gun	1..0
	To mending the Dog and Tumbler	1..0
	To mending the Dog Spring & hardens. it	6
	To mending the Trigger	6
	[]	9

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Nov. 29

To a new Gun Stock	[]	
To an Heel Plate	[]	
To mending the Cock	[]	
To a Dog Spring Screw	[]	
To 1 Barrel Loop	[]	
To a new Tumbler	[]	
To mending the Dog			6
To plating and hardening the Hammer			0.. 1..6

Decr. 1st.

a Gun

To a new Gun Stock		16..0
To Brazing the Britch		1..6
To 2 Side Pins		2..0
To Hardening the Hammer		1..0
To mending the Dog and Tumbler		1..0
To a Cock Screw		1..0
To making a new main Spring to a Lock P order		3..0

2 A Gun

To hardening the Hammer		1..0
To a new Britch		4..0
To mending the Cock		1..0
To Bushing the Barrel		1..0

5 3 Guns

To Bushing the Barrel		1..0
To a new Hammer Spring		2..6
To a new Side Pin		1..0

2 Gun

To Bushing the Barrel		1..0
To Hardening the Hammer		1..0
To a new Cock Screw		1..0
To Hardening the Hammer Spring		0..6

3 Gun

a new Cock Screw		1..0
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	To a new Hammer Spring	2..6
	To Bushing the Barrel	1..0
[Dec ^r .] 6	a Gun	
	To a new Gun Stock	16..0
	To 2 Side Pins	[]
	To mending []	[]
	[]	£7..19..0
	[] Hammer	1..0
	[] Cock	1..0
	[] Side Pin	1..0
	To closing the Pan and Harden ^g .	
	Hammer Spring	1..0
	2d Gun	
	To a new Gun Stock	16..0
	To 1 Hammer Loop	1..0
	To mending & hardening the Ham-	
	mer	1..6
	To mending the Dog and Tumbler	1..0
	To Hardening the Hammer Spring	6
	To Brazing the Pan	1..0
12	To a Rifled Gun for Thomas King	
	Indian	3.. 0..0
27	a Gun	
	To a new Gun Stock	16..0
	To Brazing the Gun Barrel	4..0
29	A Gun	
	To a new Gun Stock	16..0
	To Hardening the Hammer	1..0
	To mending the Dog & Tumbler	1..0
	To a Side Pin	1..0
	To a Britch Pin	1..0
1770	3 Guns	
Jan ^y . 6	To a new Stock for a Rifle	1.. 0..0
	To a Side Pin	1..0
	To a new Cock	4..0
	To mending the Tumbler	6

		To a Britch Pin	1..0
		To 2 Sights put to the Rifle	2..0
		2 Gun	
		To a new Britch	4..0
		To Bushing the Barrel	1..0
		To a new Dog Spring	1..6
		To hardening the Hammer	1..0
		3 Gun	
		To Hardening the Hammer Spring	6
		To closing the Pan	6
		To mending the Cock	1..0
			<hr/>
			£13.. 2..0
Jan ^y .	12	To Sums brought forward	[]
		2 Guns	
		To a new Gun Stock	[]
		2 ^d Gun	
		To a new Stock	16..0
		To closing the Pan	[]
		To mending the Dog Spring	6
		To a new Gun mounting	10..0
	23	2 Guns	
		To a new Gun Stock	16..0
		To 2 Rammer Loops	2..0
		To 2 Side Pins	2..0
		To a new Britch Pin	1..0
		To a Trigger Plate	1..0
		To Bushing the Barrel	1..0
		2 ^d Gun	
		To a new Gun Stock	16..0
		To a new Cock Screw	1..0
		To 2 Side Pins	2..0
		To a Britch Pin and Trigger Plate	2..0
		To a Gun Mounting	10..0
	25 th .	To Bushing the Barrel of a Gun	1..0
	26	To a Tumbler Screw	1..0

	To Bushing the Barrel of the other Gun	1..0
	To closing the Pan of D ^o .	6
	To Hardening the Hammer	1: 0
19	a Gun	
	To a new Gun Stock	16: 0
	To a new Guard	3..0
	To 2 Rammer Loops	2: 0
	To a Britch Pin and Trigger Plate	2. 0
	To a new Tricker	1..0
	To 1 Side Pin	1..0
21	a Rifel	
	To a new Stock	1.. 0..0
	To a large Sight	1..6
	To 2 Barrel Loops	1..6
	To 1 Breech Pin	1..0
	To 1 Side Pin	1..0
	To Brazing the Guard	1..0
	To hardening the Hammer	1..0
	To mending the Cock	1..0
24	4 Guns & a Lock	
	To Brazing the Breech	1..6
	[]	6
	To Sums brought forward []	
	To cutting a piece of y ^e . Barrel []	[]
	To 1 Barrel Loop []	[]
	4th Gun	
	To drawing a Rifle []	[]
	To a Side Pin	1..0
	To mending the Dog and Tumbler y ^e . Lock	1..0
	To a Side Pin	1..0
	To mending the Cock	1..0
25	To a Gun	
	To a new Cock and Tumbler Screw	5..0

	To a Rammer Loop	1..0
	To Hardening the Hammer	1..0
[March] 26	1 Gun & 3 Locks	
	To a new Gun Stock	16..0
	To Brazing the Breech	1..6
	To Bushing the Barrel	1..0
	To closing the Pan	6
	To mending the Dog and Tumbler	1..0
	1 st . of the Locks	
	To Brazing the Cock	1..0
	To a New Tumbler	4..0
	To closing the Pan	6
	2 ^d Lock	
	To Hardening the Hammer	1..0
	To 1 Side Pin	1..0
	To closing the Pan & harden ^g .	
	Hammer Spring	1..0
	3 ^d Lock	
	To a new Dog	1..6
	To 2 Side Pins	2..0
	To Hardening the Hammer	1..0
	To mending the Cock	1..0
28 th .	A Gun	
	To Bushing the Barrel	1..0
	To closing the pan	6
29	To a new main Spring to a Gun	
	Lock	3..0
30	2 Gun Locks	
	To a new Hammer	4..0
	To mending the Dog and Tumbler []
	[]
	[to Sums brought forward]	£29.. 8..3
	[	] the Tumbler
	To a new Dog	1..6
	To 2 Side pins	2..0

	[]	1 Gun	
		To a new Stock	16..0
		To a new Guard	3..0
		To a new Heel Plate	3..0
		To a Britch Pin	1..0
		To a Tricker Plate and Tricker	2..0
		To 2 Side Pins	2..0
		To a Cock Screw and Cock plate	1..6
April	2 ^d	1 Gun & a Lock	
		To a new Stock	16..0
		To Bushing the Barrel the Lock	1..0
		To 2 Side Pins	2..0
	4	a Gun	
		To a new Gun Stock	16..0
		To 1 Side Pin	1..0
		To closing the Pan	6
		To 1 Barrel Loop	9
	6	A Gun	
		To a new Gun Stock	16..0
		To a Side Pin	1..0
		To mending the Tumbler	6
	9	3 Guns & 3 Locks	
		To hardening Hammer	1..0
		To closing the Pan	6
		To putting a piece to the Stock	2..0
		To a new Dog	1..6
		To mending the Tumbler	6
		To a New Main Spring	3..0
		To 2 Side Pins	2..0
		2 ^d . Gun	
		To hardening an Hammer	1..0
		To a Cock Screw	1..0
		[]	1..0
		[]	[]

April	9	[]	
		To drawing a Rifle	[]
		To making [] Straight	[]
		To hardening the Hammer	[]
		To a Hammer Screw	[]
		To a new Dog		1..6
		To a new Dog Spring		1..6
		1 st . Lock		
		To hardening the Hammer		1..0
		To closing the Pan		6
		To a new Hammer Spring & Screw		
		for it		3..0
		To a Cock Screw		1..0
		To mending the Dog & Tumbler		1..0
		To 1 Side Pin		1..0
		2 ^d Lock		
		To hardening the Hammer		1..0
		To an Hammer Screw		9
		To hardening the Hammer Spring		6
		3 ^d Lock		
		To a new Main Spring		3..0
25 th .		To brazing a Barrel which was		
		oblig'd to cut of and lay one		
		piece over the other an Inch		10..0
26		To a new Dog and mending the		
		Tumbler		2..0
28		To Stocking a very long Gun	1..	0..0
		To a new Breech for d ^o .		4..0
		To 4 Rammer Loops to d ^o .		4..0
		To a Side for d ^o .		2..0
		To a Breech pin and Tricker plate		2..0
		To a Tricker		1..0
		To 2 Side Pins		2..0
30		To mending the Tumbler & Dog		1..0

[To] 12 th White Beads	3/	1..16..—	
“ 1 Doz ⁿ . Girls Stockings (more)		18..—	
		<hr/>	176..12.. 6
“ 4 hh ^{ds} . Rum 436 gall ^s . a			
3/		65.. 8..—	
“ 2 Nests Tin Kettles	45/	4..10..—	
“ 1 piece green Rateen	25 ¹ / ₂		
y ^{ds} . 8/6		10..16.. 9	
“ 1 Barrell W:I Rum	35		
gall ^s . 4/6		7..12.. 6	
“ 12000 Black wampom	28/	16..16..—	
“ 2000 White ditto	24/	2.. 8..—	
“ Silver work		14..—.. 6	
“ 6 Loves Sugar W ^t . 60 th			
1/4		4..—..—	
“ 1 Keg Brown Sugar			
C q #			
1..0..17	58/	3.. 6.. 9	
“ 1 Tea Kettle W ^t . 3 th	5/6	16.. 6	
“ 20 y ^{ds} . Black Strouds	9/6	9..10..—	
“ 1 Cask Gammons w ^t .			
286 th /8 ¹ / ₂		10.. 2.. 7	
“ 2 th . Bohea Tea		14..—	
		<hr/>	150.. 1.. 7
			<hr/>
			£326..14.. 1
Amount brought over		[]
“ 4 C Bisquet	25/	5..—..—	
“ 6 th Chocolet	2/2	13..—	
“ 1 Oyl Cloth		3..14..—	
“ 4 Pair mens Shoes (fine)			
11/		2.. 4..—	

" 100 Goos Shott.....	2.. 9..—
" 1 Keg 6 gallons Lisbon wine 8/	2.. 8..—
" 5½ gross pipes 3/6	19.. 3..—
" 400 Fish hooks (large) 4/9	19.. 0..—
" 2 pair Shamey Gloves 3/	6..—
" ½ Doz ⁿ . Pewter Spoons.	3..—
" 20 th Mould Candles.....	1.. 3.. 4
" 20 th Soap /10	16.. 8
" 27 Mens Indian Shirts 6/6	8..15.. 6
" 25 Ditto. Ditto 7/6	9.. 7.. 6
" 8 Fine Ruffil.d ditto 11/4	4..10.. 8
" 6 Check ditto 10/	3..—..—
" 4 th Pepper 6/	1.. 4..—
" 4 quire writing paper 2/	8..—

48.. 1.. 3

" 20 th Coffee 1/10	1..16.. 8
" 1 quart & 1 pint Pewter mug	9.. 6
" ½ Skiple fine Salt	2.. 2
" 2 Tumblers 1/4	2.. 8
" 5 th Twine 4/	1..—..—
" 500 Needles	5..—
" a Powder horn & Shot Bag	7..—
" 2 Caps	6..—
" 2 papers Ink powder	2.. 8
" Sealing wax	2..—
" a pair Stilyards	14..—
" 4 yards Ribbond 1/6	6..—
" 1 Cheese W ^t . 35 th /10	1.. 9.. 2
" 1 Keg Vinegar 2¾ gallons	5.. 6

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£[]

[To] [Amount] brought over		382.. 3.. 8
“ [] yard wide Linnen		
25y ^{ds} . 3/6	4.. 7.. 6	
“ [] Trunk	1.. 4..—	
“ 1 Box	2..—	
“ 4 Ditto	6..—	
“ 2 Cases	8..—	
“ 1 ditto	2..—	
“ 3 large Bags	14..—	
“ 1 Tearce	4..—	
“ 3 Small Bags (more) 3/9	11.. 3	
“ 2 half Barrels 3/6	7..—	
“ 2 Large Kegs 2 6	5..—	
“ 2 ditto Small ditto 2	4..—	
“ 4 Barrells	1..—..—	
“ 117 Kegs for the Rum. 2	11.. 14..—	
“ 2 Battoes £7	14..—..—	
“ Pols Paddles & Oars for do.	2.. 15..—	
“ 1 Rug	19..—	
“ 3 Blankets	2.. 2..—	
“ 1 Pot	6.. 6	
“ 1 Long handle Frying pan	5..—	
“ 2 th Flemish Thread 9	18..—	
“ 1 th Brown ditto	7..—	
“ 1/2 th Fine Thread	7..—	
“ 1 Case 12 Bottles with 9 Full of Holland Gineva	2..—..—	
“ Pepper Box	7[]
	—————	45.. 8.. 10
“ 2 Barrels Pork 95 /	9.. 10..—	
“ 150 ^{lb} : Bread 25 /	1.. 17.. 6	
“ 24 Gallons Rum to the Bat- toemen 3/	3.. 12..—	
“ 8 Kegs for ditto	16..—	

" 2 Doz ⁿ Sugars	4/	8..—	
" 3 Doz ⁿ . ditto	4/6	13.. 6	
			<u>16..17..—</u>
			<u>£444.. 9.. 6</u>
Amount brought over		[]
" 1 Grid Iron	[]	
" 28 th Leaf Tobacco..... 6		14—	
" 1 Tap Boarer.....		1.. 6	
" 4 Skiple Pease..... 4/		16..—	
" 24 yards Duck	2 4	2..16..—	
" 1 quarter sugar	1	15..—	
" 1 Keg for ditto.....		2..—	
" 2 Pillows	1	—..—	
" 1/2 quarter Sugar		8..—	
" 1 Razor Strap		3..—	
" 1 Matross	1	4..—	
" 1 Black Trunk		12..—	
" 7 Large Bags more.....	1—	8..—	
" 1 Small Book		5..—	
" 1 Barlow Best Pen knives		2..—	
" 2 Barcelona handkerchiefs	1	—..—	
" 6 th Shoot	8/	4..—	
" 2 th Powder		6..—	
" 1 Keg for y ^e . Vinigar		2..—	
			<u>12.. 2..—</u>
Cash paid for making 9 Indian gowns		6.. 9	
Cash paid Carriage to the water side		3..—	
2 painters		5..—	
15 th Beef		5..10	
			<u>1..—.. 7</u>
y ^e . 4 last articles was not in the Invoice			<u>457..12.. 1</u>

Ditto Cr.
 By Deduction of the Penn-
 iston @ 2^d $\frac{3}{4}$ y^d. 1..10..—

£ 456.. 2.. 1

INDORSED:¹ Wade & Creu[ser]
 Acc^t. wth. D[]
 Campbell ———

MICHAEL KLEIN'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

1769

		s	d
Nov ^r y ^e 18 th	To Making a Key for the Storehouse Door	£ 0	5 - 0
D ^o y ^e 25 th	To a Key for a Large Pad Lock	0	2 - 0
D ^o y ^e 29 th	To Tining 2 Sauce pans	0	6 - 0
Dec ^r 21 st	To Six wood Screws for a Smal Box for Leters	0	3 - 0
		£ 0 - 16 - 0	

May 1st. 1770 Rec^d. the above Sum in full of all
 Demands to this Day

MICHAEL KLEIN

INDORSED:¹ Michael Klyne's
 Acc^t. £ . 16^s p^d.

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

A. Df. S.

[Johnson Hall, May 1, 1770]

Your favor of []
 me by your []

] Delivered to
] went to Mr. Butlers,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

and brought me [] acquainting me that
 he had sent the Deed [in care of Maj] Fonda.—
 & Mr. Adems went yesterday to Schenectady []

I can readily beleive [] was con-
 cerned or encouraged any of the Scurrility so []
 [] now a Days to the great discredit of the
 Au[thors [] can I say that Mr. Schyler had
 any hand in it [] spirit of opposition
 to me in other things (for what [] know not)
 there is a great probability of it.—

I am so streightened in point of time by the []
 Dispatches received by the last Post & other business that I realy
 have [not] time to answer you as satisfactorily as I wish to
 do [] will in three of four days write you fully. In the
 mean[time be] assured that I am with much Esteem,

Truly Your Welwisher
 & verry Humble Servant
 W J[OHNSON]

FROM MARGARET DARLINGTON

A. L. S.

New York May th. 2^d: 1770

[SIR]

[I] cannot reproach myself of want of Industry as far as
 [] my power to get an honest livelihood; nor am I sensible of
 [extr]avagance of my own. but have always to the utmost of
 [] endeavour'd to maintain (as far as in me lay) in as
 [] a way as possible my family in Credit: which I hope
 you a[re] sensible of, yet still it has pleas'd the Almighty to lay
 his hand very heavy on me) Darlington has now his trade up again
 and has a great deal of Custom so that I am hopes by next spring
 he will be able to Clear himself of his Debts. . . directly after you
 withdrew your bussiness from him (the reason I shall not enquire

into) but hope no part of the blame or misconduct you attribute to any mismanagement of mine) Every Creditor he had sued him the payment of which and the law Charges was our undoing: (so that we was oblig'd to Sell the house I now live in and pay 50 pounds a year for to m^r: Alsop. to who I am indebted for a y^{rs}: rent and know not were to gett it.) and mortgage all the furniture for 3 years have been almost reduc'd to the want of the common necessarys of life the hopes of relief and to keep up the Credit of my family and fear of being troublesome to my friends made me conceal my wants as long as possible I now trust to your secresy as you are the only one I have made application to. (and as I always thought that you look'd on me as worthy your notice. so am still in hopes of your assistance)—
 D^r: S^r: I have therefore to entreat you for the loan of 70: or 80 pounds) which if you will at present favour me with shall endeavour Gratefully to return as soon as it lays in my power in as private a manner as possible: as darlington who is entirely unacquainted, with my writing may not know it, nor no other person unless one you are pleas'd to appoint.) D^r: Sir for the former services and friendship I have heretofore receiv'd (tho you should not have pity on me now) I shall always aknowledge

So Conclude with my best wishes for yourself Son and family and be assur'd that I am with all respect —

Y^r most. Oblig'd Humble Servant—

MARGARET DARLINTON

ADDRESSED: For

Sir W:^m Johnson Bar^t

att

p^r. favor }
 of Mr. } Fort Johnson
 Shugsbery }

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York May 3 1770

SIR WILLIAM

AN arrival in 6 Weeks at Boston tells us the Acts are repealed except that of Tea the Division upon the question of a General repeal was 61 against it but the question on y^e repeal of the Paper paint & Glass was carried for it *without* any Division. The Ministry are unshaken. they had a majority of 98 on a ministerial Question about y^e 8 or 9 March. Lord Granby¹ was carried by Calcraft² to the minority but the ministry have found means to get him back and he is to be reinstated in his posts, the Duke his father paying £104,000 which he owed to Calcraft. Lords Ligonier³ & Albemarle⁴ were at deaths door. Jo Goreham has got the L^t Government of Newfoundland vice Otho Hamilton. Sr Fra^s Barnard has procured the Massachusetts Government for Mr Hutchinson. Mr Oliver is made L^t Gov & Flucker⁵ Secretary, Sr Francis is a Bencher of the Temple with £600 a year. Pownal told the H^o Com^s that the Cause of the Distractions in Boston arose from the Licentiousness of the troops, Brig^g Mackay⁶ rose & told the House they Originated in that House for many Seditious Letters exciting the N Englandmen to fly in the face of Government were written by Members of the House in particular by Mr Pownal & he assured the House there was not one word of truth in that Gentlemans whole Speech. General

¹ John Manners, Marquis, son of the Duke of Rutland, born in 1721, died in 1770.

² John Calcraft, member of parliament, born in 1726, died in 1772.

³ John, first Earl of Ligonier, celebrated soldier, born in 1679, died in 1770.

⁴ George Keppel, third Earl of Albemarle, distinguished soldier, born in 1724, died in 1772.

⁵ Thomas Flucker, provincial secretary.

⁶ Hon. Alexander Mackay, colonel of the 65th regiment, 1769–1770, major general in 1770, lieutenant general in 1777.

Toovey is dead, his regim^t given to Col Home. The citizens of London have carried [] a most Extraordinary remonstrance to [] the Nation is in a state of Distraction and [] the Sovereign will neither dissolve his parliament nor abandon his ministry it is expected this summer will be producted of [] lamentable Evils. The packet is just now come in but the Letters not being de[li]vered & myself afraid Dr Shuckburgh will be sailed I must defer to another oppertunity what may be interesting enough for a second Epistle.

I am with great deference

Sir William

Your most humble serv^t

JAS RIVINGTON

Mr Blackburne¹ desires
me to present his humble
Respects to yourself Sr John
Col Guy & Cap Claus.

Mungo Campbell after sentence of Death passed, Hanged himself, he shot Lord Eglington.² A Spanish war is expected³ & the Whole Nation agree in opinion that the French have struck a blow in the East Indies that will produce immediate hostilities.

ADDRESSED: To

Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t
at Johnson hall

¹ John Blackburn, London merchant, agent of Johnson.

² Alexander Montgomerie, 10th Earl of Eglinton, born in 1723, died in 1769. He was shot in a dispute with Mungo Campbell, whom he accused of poaching on his grounds and sought to disarm.—*Dictionary of National Biography*.

³ Trouble arose over the occupation of Port Egmont in the Falkland Islands in 1770 by Spaniards in disregard of a British claim to possession of the islands. War did not follow, Spain yielding Port Egmont to England.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

May the 3^d. 1770

DEAR SIR

yesterday I was feavor^d. with¹ honors of the 30th. april by an Indian for w^h. I am Much oblig^d. to you y^e. Leter you Sent Me was from Wharton & Trent and much Less agreeable than I had Reson to Expect, I Dont find that they had the 10 of Jan^y. Gott y^e. Indian Grant to the Traders Confirm^d. or Even aply^d. for itt or Mine, yett they Write as if they Did not Doubt of Success, there Delays they say is oweing to the Confusion of the State of the Nation & the Great partys Now Subsisting in parlament w^h. prevents any Business being Don in any of y^e offises this they say & Lord Hillsburgh objections is the only barr to thire Success.

I obtain^d. for Mr Banyar when I was in Philadelphia Some Ranger offisers Rights and his Excelency General Gage Gave [] Certificat that they had Served as Rang[ers and] was discarg^d. as Such, Mr Banyar wanted two More & I promist to gett them if I meet any in those parts if I had I was to aply to your Honor to Send there Names Down to y^e. General to desier a Certificat for them such as his Excelency had granted Mr Butt as have Nott Meet with any Such I Did Nott Truble you with the affair there are Several of those Ranger Cap^{ts}. on y^e. frontiers of pensylvaine & that way w^h. was Employ^d. in 1758.59.60.61 & 62 to Serve with the Indians that way

If y^r. honor pleses to Write to y^e. General for a Certificat to oblidge Mr. Banyar I inclose² the names of two w^h. I will Ingage will be Convaid to him —

as I find Myself very Litle beter I begin to Suspect that there is Some Complicated Disorder fallen in My feet wherefore I³ Inclined to Try the Warm Springs in Virginia, and [

¹ Word omitted in the original.

² See following paper.

³ A word omitted in the original.

AN ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall May 4th. 1770

£236. . 12 Cur^{ry}. Pay unto Goldsborrow Banyar Esq^{re}.
or order on Demand the Sum of
Two Hundred & Thirty Six Pounds
Twelve Shillings New York Currc^y. &
Charge it to Acc^t. of

Y^r. Humble Servant
W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^{re}.
Dep^y. Pay Master Gen^l.
New York

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*¹*Johnson-hall May 4th. 1770*

[]
Mr Adems one of the Evidences to the Deed was gone down the Country on some business when your servt came, who went to Mr Butlers & returned with a few Lines informing me that your Deed had been Sent down as Mentioned in the few Lines I then wrote you which my present hurry making up my dispatches for the Post will not allow me to enlarge upon as I could have wished.

The little dirty performance you spoke of I have since seen, it is a Composition so false & Contemptible that I don't think it worth bestowing a Word upon it, farther than to say that I heard *it came from the Pasture*, & that there was something more than a probability of its having at least received the Countenance of the Gent² you mention, [as well from his

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Colonel Philip Schuyler.

Conduct in the Assembly where he said much more (according to the accounts of those who assure me they are ready to tell him so) than he Mentioned in his Letter to me, as from his engaging with great zeal in a party amongst whom I never expect to have any friends by whom I have had the honor to be often Calumniated but as I know how to Chastise the Author of any scurrilous productions of that sort when I discover them, I need¹] however I shall not detain you on a subject so trifling longer than to Assure you that whosoever was the Author I never conceived it had your Sanction & that it cannot influence me in any Matter wherein you are concerned On the Contrary I am ready to Serve you but give me leave to Assure you that I am condemned for the little part I am supposed to have had in your Affair & that by the Misrepresentations of those whom you do not suspect, but tho' this would not deterr me I know you would not desire that I sho^d. furnish them with farther Subject for Slander however unjust. For as the Deed bears Sr H Moore's Testimony in the usual Manner it might [] in my opinion unnecessary to do more than [] before any Magistrate & when you produce it [] should desire any thing from me I shall be ready to [] I know upon the occasion. This was the very [] which I put a Similar affair on the Application of [] Consequence of N York for whom I have a great Esteem [and I] dare say that it will sufficiently Answer your purpose I hope that the plainness & Candour which has governed My Correspondence with you upon this Subject will testify my ready Inclination to Serve you as far as yourself can desire, as well as that I am with much Esteem

Sir

INDORSED:² May 4th. 1770

To Col. Bradstreet

¹ Crossed out in the original. See Hugh Wallace to Johnson, January 7, 1769, VI:571, for comment on Schuyler's behavior.

² In Johnson's hand.

AN ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall May 5th. 1770

Pay unto Col. Guy Johnson of Guy
[] 152..16 Cur^{ry}. Park or order on Demand the
Sum of One Hundred & fifty Two
Pounds Sixteen Shillings New York
Currency & charge it to Acc^t. of
Y^r. Humble Servant
W JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER ESQ^R.
Dep^y. Pay Master Gen^l.
New York—

G JOHNSON
New York May 21st. 1770
Received the Contents
FRAN^S: CHILD

FROM ALLAN GRANT

A. L. S.

Ontario 5th May 1770

[DEAR] SIR

I take the opportunity of Wemple to acquaint you that he has behaved very well in both Capacities as Interpreter & Smith whilst here, he was on his way down last fall and returned back when he meet M^r Brown who had a message to him from you to that purpose I can't prevail on him to remain here any longer I have just got the Generals orders to go to Niagara with the garrison as soon as all the stores are removed there which will be soon in about three weeks, all the Indian Chiefs about here have payed me a visit last winter, they seem to be peaceably Inclined, the rumour of a Congress raises their spirits and I think

would be a good help to keep peace if there was one every spring appointed, Mr Brown is to have a Corp^l. & four men only to take care of the Buildings

Please to remember me to Mr Byrnes

I am Sir with great Respect

P. S: Nothing new from
Detroit of late of the 18th
of Ap^l.

Your most Humb:

& Ob^l. Ser^l

ALLAN GRANT

INDORSED:¹ L^t. Grants letter 5th. May 1770

Ansrd. 12th. May

by Mess^{rs}. Wade & Creiser

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

W^{ms}.burg 5th. May 1770

[]

^ Last Night I recei^d Letters from Canada Copies of which I hereby inclose you. If the Indians there are dealt with in the Manner these Letters give an Acco^l. of it must be allowed by every Body cruel & despotic, shamefull Behaviour to People we perhaps think to have in our power w^{ch} however may have bad Impressions upon distant Nations; Had they recollected what I told them with Regard of what & how far Gen^l. Carleton had any Bus^s. with them they might have avoided the Abuses they rece^d. from young Carleton,² His Uncle must either have separate Instructions ab^l. Indⁿ Matters in Canada or he must act very much out of his sphere w^{ch}. perhaps he is ignorant of thinking the whole Management of Indⁿ. Aff^{rs}. consisted in Trade, w^{ch}. he is

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Christopher Carleton, captain lieutenant in the 31st regiment. In the War of the Revolution, as Major of the 29th British regiment, he was active in Northern New York, and in 1780 he captured Fort Ann and Fort George.

to regulate, & God knows little it is minded. he pretends to be fond of Ind^{ns}. but they must Obey else be treated a la mili[taire] ;
] severals have tried but to little purpose.

My Family joins me in Duty & Respect And remain

Honored Sir
 Your Obed^t. Son
 DAN. CLAUS

To
 The Hon^{ble} SIR WM JOHNSON Bar^t
 & Knht.

INDORSED:¹ Letter from Mr. Claus
 May 1770

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

A. L. S.²

Johnson Hall May 5th. 1770

DEAR SIR/

I have received your verry kind favour of ye. 22^d. Ult^o. with the letters from the Secretary of State, one of which was only a Duplicate, & the other contained the Kings Speech &^{ca} with verry little else of moment, I can most readily Excuse my worthy & most esteemed Freinds not writing so often as formerly, well knowing that it does not arise from disinclination, but from business and other Circumstances which we all must experience at a Certain time of Life.—Our Freind Banyar has been so kind as to Supply that by writing me verry punctually & fully on such subjects as You have thought proper, as I have done to him, however I cannot but particularly thank You for your kind Attention to my Recommendations of Magistrates & ^{ca}. and I

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

hope they will be found worthy.—Mr. Banyar has given me an Account of Mr. Ranslears¹ Menacing letter, on which I have answered him, and referr You thereto, The Stile is pritty extraordinary, I am sure it is not his own, nor would he have so expressed himself but from hopes his party may have from Lord Dunmores Countenance, which, if proper measures are taken, they will never have.—the great Objection to his Regiment is from the manifest Tendency of its Bounds as expressed in the Commission, Tho the People complain both of the Officers & the Manner in which they were appointed, otherwise Indeed it might have been Sufficient to alter the Boundary without removing all the Officers, however he now deserves little favour.—I fancy it will not be an easy task to procure an Union of Sentiment between the Quebec & N York Commissioners. Their Interests differ greatly, and consequently it may be apprehended they will do verry little.

In All probability the Government will soon allow the Act for Emitting Bills,—they ought always to acknowledge Your Services, & the firmness you shewed in most alarming Periods, If the Crown Expects more, Its Servants must be better Supported, The Spirit of Party, & Confusion of the Times are disagreeable Prospects to a Wise Man, Some Vigorous Effort only will overcome them, but the point is delicate, & those who create these Disorders well know, how tender it is to apply the proper Remedy.

I shall now & then write my Dear Freind, when I think him most disengaged without desireing a Return but when it is quite convenient. I sincerely wish You a Continuance of Health & Happiness, and shall always think myself happy If I can promote your Interest and contribute to your Satisfaction, being with the most Cordial regard, & affection. Dear Sir,

Your Most Sincere Freind
& oblidged Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

¹ Colonel John Van Rensselaer, of the Claverack militia.

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Sunday Morning [May 6 1770]

[]

As I am now ready and intend soon to apply to the Governor & Council to appoint a day for obliging the Patentees of the Patent commonly call'd the Hardenbergh Patent to make good their claim;¹ I am on my way to Colonel Butler to obtain from him a Certificate that the Lands was agreed for before the signing the late Treaty at Fort Stanwix; and must beg the favor to know from You, if you have any objections to is² giving said Certificate or otherwise.

I have let Schuyler see your letters; and he assures me on his honor, he never wrote nor spoke to your disadvantage in his life.

I am with much esteem & regard

Sir

Your most obedient

&

very humble servant

JN BRADSTREET

SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:³ May 6th 1770 —

Co^l. Bradstreets letter

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, pp. 500, 508, 518, 520, 524, 525 *et seq.*

² Evidently intended for "his."

³ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.¹*Albany 6th May 1770*

SIR

I was at New York a few Days ago and shewed the L^t. Governor (by my Father's directions) a list of such officers as my Father² recommended to your notice of which he approved provided you had no objections and he was so obliging as to deliver me the Commissions to be kept by me until Your pleasure was known, which my Father tells me you have signified to him by Letter. Col^o. Bradstreet and I arrived at New York much about the same, he had scarce been Six hours there; but the whole Town was full of invidious reflections against Col^o. Hogeboom³ — He was called a dirty dram shop keeper. had been a follower of the Army and sold rum to the Soldiers — a Man of a mean and despicable Character and a Dependent of Col^o. Rensselaer's. The Col^o. was so very industrious in propogating these calumnies that the Governor and many of his Council were told that Col^o. Rensselaer *A Man of a fair and amiable Character* was superseded by such a Man as Hogeboom — All these things had no other effect then to make their late abuses in filling up S^r Harry Moores Commissions more publickly known than they were before. The Governor enquired particularly of me about M^r Hogeboom what kind of a Character he bore and whether he kept a Dirty Tavern. I assured his Honer that M^r. Bradstreet had injured him very much that he kep't no Tavern nor had he done it for a considerable time before and at a time he did do it he was in a manner under a necessity on Account of the vast concourse of People that used to pass through Claverack. That M^r. Hogeboom Sold Liquor by the Pint quart &^{ca} to his Shop Customers that this was common among all the Country Shop-

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

² Colonel Cornelius Van Schaack.

³ Colonel Jeremiah Hogeboom, of the Claverack militia.

keepers and absolutely unavoidable. His Honor & Such of the Gentlemen of the Council as spoke to me on the Subject told me that this by no means Degraded the Man—Whether he had any interest among the People & whether he was a Man of Property? I satisfied them fully in these points and I now do assure You Sir that he has more personal interest than any Man at Claverack and in point of property he is the third upon the Tax List (his L^t Col^o. the first) and pays as much again as Col^o. Rensselaer's eldest Son who lives at Claverack The Col^{os}. drift it is supposed was to cast a Reflection on the Recommender. Hogeboom will say some hard things and I really think they had done much better to have let him alone. He has wrote the L^t. Governor of which the inclosed is a Copy. I trouble you Sir with these things that you may be Satisfied that you have not been abused in the Lists that have been sent up to you from Kinderhook and Claverack. Our friends at New York have advised us to be prepared upon the arrival of the expected Governor¹ to lay the proceedings of those People in the late administration before him. It is apprehended they will attempt to procure alterations at Claverack & that our joining will be of Service to the Cause.

Your Friends at New York are extremely desirous of Your coming down to York upon the arrival of My Lord Dunmore it is imagined every act of a certain disappointed faction will be Employ'd to impress his Lordship with unfavorable Sentiments about the Claverack Appointments. To prevent this my Friends at New York have requested of me to send down a full State of the late Regiment for that part of the Manor of Rensselaer which lies at Claverack which I will immediately do on my return home.

My Father will with all possible Speed furnish You with the Return of the Regiment agreeable to the Order he received two Days ago.

¹ John Murray, fourth Earl of Dunmore, was appointed January 2, 1770, to succeed Sir Henry Moore.

There was a report at New York that very few of the Justices would be qualified in that case. Mr. Banyar thought it would be best to have some New Ones recommended. A larger number have qualified than was immaged but still it is thought some new ones will be wanted. Should that be the case I humbly beg leave to hint a few Persons living in Town that would gladly accept of the office—they are good Men and in the opposition. Dirck B. Van Schonhoven, Samuel Pruyn & Abraham I Lansingh—I hint these three People as I know them to be Staunch.—The Caul Bell rings I have therefor only time to add that I am with great truth & Sincerity, in haste

Respectfully Sir
 Your most Obliged & Obedient
 humble Servant
 H VSCHAACK

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable
 Sir William Johnson Baronet
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Albany. 6th. [May] June 1770
 Major H Vanschaacks
 Letter wth. an Inclosure

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London May 7th. 1770

[DEA]R SIR

By Cap^t Killy bound directly to Albany I have sent you to the Care of Mr Cartwright a Box with sundry trees & Vines from the West Indies as ⁷ the inclosed list at the Bottom of which I have given some directions about the management of them. A Coop with a young Pea Cock and Hen and a Box

FROM HUGH DENISTON

A. L. S.

Catts Kill may 7th 1770

yours I was honourd with & Came to hand the forth instant and note the Contents I was with Mr Samuel Broom & Comp^y. Merch^s. in New York who I am indebted to the £20—which your honour was so good to pass your word for which I may say wase a friend^y. turn in truth

When I went to him I offer^d. him Double Interest and amortgage for ten tiem^s. his Sum And that he onely Should wait to the return of Mr Thomas Lynott from Ierland which is expected the last of this month who I expect to receive 2000^t. Dollars from for land^s. I gave him a pow^r. to Dispose [] but all I Could Say or Do was to no purpose as he was in want of [] Cash and since that I have & am using all the Indagations [in] my power to get it on amortgage

notwithstand^g. I have Debts Due me on note & bond^s. to three times the Sum which I am promis^d. to receive in five weeks

If Mr. Peter Silvester would wait to the later end of this month I think it will be in my power to pay the Cash rather than let Your honour^s. godness Suffer I shall put it if Requested in the power of Mr. Peter Sylvester to make sells of anything I am possessed of Should it bring but halfe its Value

and am with best Respects Your honour^s most

Obedient humble Servant

HUGH DENISTON

To SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED: To

Sir Will^m. Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ Katts Kill May 7th. 17[70]

Mr. Hugh Dennistons []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHNSON'S POSTAGE ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

Dr. Sir William Johnson Bar^t. To His Majestys Post Office at Albany

1769		dw ^{ts}	G ^r	New York Curr ^y
June 3 ^d	2 Letters.....	10	..	
9	3 ditto.....	26		
12	3 ditto.....	30	16	
July 7 ^h	1 Ditto.....	5	8	
29	1 ditto.....	9	8	
August 4	2 ditto.....	14	8	
12	4 ditto.....	28	16	
"	1 ditto.....	12	..	
26	2 ditto.....	23	8	
Sept 10	2 ditto.....	14	..	
16	1 Packet.....	121	8	
"	2 Letters.....	19	8	
17	2 ditto.....	43	8	
"	1 ditto.....	14	..	
Nov ^r , 18	1 ditto.....	5	8	
26	1 ditto.....	9	8	
Dec ^r 3 ^d	1 ditto.....	5	8	

JOHNSON'S POSTAGE ACCOUNT — continued

			dw ^{ts}	G ^r		New York Curry
1769	Decr	9	1 ditto.....	5	8	
			1 ditto.....	3	8	
		16	2 ditto.....	5	8	
		23	1 ditto.....	5	8	
		30	1 ditto.....	5	16	
1770	Jan ^y	3	ditto.....	23	8	
		14	1 ditto.....	4	16	
	Feb ^y	25	3 ditto.....	16	..	
	Ap	8	1 ditto.....	2	..	
		14	2 ditto.....	14	16	
		28	4 ditto.....	27	8	
	May	4	1 ditto.....	23	8	
		6	1 ditto.....	14	..	
				543	..	at 3 ^d Sterling P ^r penny W ^t . is
						£11 12 8½

INDORSED: Sir William Johnson Bar^r.
his Account of Postage
up to the 8th May 1770
£11..12..8½

Albany 8th May 1770 Errors Excepted
J^N°. MONIER
D P Mr.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London, May 9th. 1770

DEAR SIR:

By Cap^t Kelley bound to Albany I sent you a Box of young trees and vines from the west Indies, a coop with a pea Cock & Hen and a Box Containing sundries — an Acco^t. of which you have in a Letter sent by the Cap^t. under Cover to Mr Cartwright. I hope they may get safe to hand and gave the Captain a Very strict Charge to be Carefull of them.

most People here are engaged in Party, at Present to morrow is the day that is to decide who is to be Governor who Lieut Gov^t. & who Counellors &c — Fitch^s Friends say he will surely Come in but they have often been two sure — I have sent you the papers and having yesterday Caught a most unsufferable Cold which almost Confines me I Can only add that I am with Every Respect and sincere wish for your health and happiness most truly

Dear Sir

The Hon^{ble}

SIR WM JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED: To

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

Johnson Hall

Your most Obed^t

most Hble Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

INDORSED:² [New Lo]ndon May 9th. 1770

Mr. Chews Letter with
an Inclosure

¹ Thomas Fitch was Governor of Connecticut from 1754 to 1766; William Pitkin from 1766 to 1769; Jonathan Trumbull from 1769 to 1784.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS MONCRIEFFE

*Copy*¹*New York, May 9th 1770.*

DEAR SIR WILLIAM,

I am happy in the opportunity of writing to you by Mr Forbes to enquire of your health & hope to hear from you on his return. He is a sensible good man & a much admired preacher. He is the son of an Alderman Forbes who was Lord Mayor of Dublin. His curiosity is great. He had been to South Carolina by land & back again. He expected to have found Croghan here, to have gone with him to Fort Pit: to have proceeded from thence to Detroit. We are all wrong at home — the times are out of tune. What will it end in? If some heads had been lopped off long ago, the King would not be insulted now. Any War for me, before a civil one. I wish your days may be long, & that those things may not happen either in your day or mine.

I am, Dear Sir,

Most sincerely yours,

T. MONCRIEFFE

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

*A. L. S.**May the 10th 1770*

DEAR SIR

yesterday Mr Prevost Delivered Me your Honers feaver of thusday with the agreeable News Comunitated to you by Tho: Wharton for w^h. I Return you My Sinclear thanks, itt is Carteanly the More agreeable att this Time then itt wold have been att any other period of my Life as Sam Wharton & Mr.

¹ In Library of Congress, Force Transcripts.

Trent Left Me Much Involve^d. on thire acount when they Left this Cuntry & has Kept Me in the Dark Since august last for thire Leter of the 10 & 11 of Jan^y. has very Litle in itt Either Intilgent or agreeable, Butt I Now find out the Rason is they Must have aply^d. the Mony I Drew for to the payment of this purchass to Secure the Grants & by that Step Suffer My Bills to Come back protested, w^h. will be atten[ded] with a Considerable Loss to Me as well as a Reflection on My Reputation as few people in Trade in Such Cases butt is apt to Judge on the Ill Natur^d. Side, yett as things Seem to have Stood & Litle hopes of y^e. Confirmation but by purchass its beter for Me to Sufer then Louse the futer advantedge for I shall have with My own purchass & what I shall have out of the Traders Grant Near 500.000¹ [] and there is No beter Land in Amerrica Nor so Even plesent & helthey a Clime^t & Nothing Can prevent its Imedeat Settlem^t. Butt an Indian Broyle with the western Nations w^h. I am Extreamly afrade will Soon Take place

as your Honor Corresponds with M^r. Hugh Wallice I will be much oblidge^d. to you to Menshon this Curcumstance of M^r. Wharton being oblidge^d. to advance y^e Mony for this Purches w^h. was the ocaⁿ of my bills Coming Back. this from you will apease the Clamer, & which I am Confedent Must have been y^e. Case and w^h. No Doubt My Leters by y^e. March packet will bring Me a full acount of

y^r. honor Desers My thoughts fully on the Subject of M^r. McKees Leter & Intilgence I ashure you I have been very unesey Ever Sence I received them, as from My own Knoledge of those Nations I am apt to blive they are Come to a Resolusion of Difering with us, the Repeted Murders of thire pople on the frontiers of Verginia Marreyland & Pensilvaine with y^e Total Neglect of those Goverments Taking any Notice of them with the Houtey Coredge of the Commanding offisers att y^e. Several out posts & Dismision of the Comiserys with the Neglect of y^e.

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, pp. 447, 469, 490, and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, VII:983 (note), VIII:128.

Six Nations att Fort Stanwix to y^e five Deputys who Came from Ohio, who Say the Six Nations Never Call^d. them Into privet Counsel, has Disgusted them & Now y^e. Repairing of our forts, wh. they will Luck upon as a preperation for warr, will No Doubt Make them Duple thire Delegence & putt them on there Gard, I have been Long Inform^d. of thire General plan & gave the Intiligents to y^r honor, itt Tuck its Rise att Chinisee in the year 1765 on the Return of y^e. Deputys that Came to y^r house to Make thire paice,¹ the Sinicaes then Imploy^d. y^e Shawnas & Dallaways to go to all the Western Nations to Seliseat a Ginerall Union in order to putt a Stop to the English Coming into thire Cuntry to Setle any further, & y^e. Deputys of y^e. Shannas & Dallaways when they Came to fort Stanwix brought back y^e answers of all the Westren Nations & Deliverd them to the Sinicas, this I inform^d. you of att Fort Stanwix, the Charroky paice then haveing Taken place itt enlarged thire plan, and Sence thet Time the Shannas & Dallaways have been imploy^d. to Make a paice for y^e Charrokeys with y^e Wabauce Indians and Hurns & other Nations over y^e Leeks wh. has been very Dificult to bring about those Nations being very averst to Makeing paice with y^e Southren Nations If this be onst acomplised as M^r McKee has been Inform^d. itt is. I think there is No Doubt butt a very Severe Blow will be Struck on y^e Suthren provinces Soon, I have Now Inform^d. y^r. honor of Every thing Worth Notice that has Ever come to My Knoledge of y^e. Indians Causes of Complaint, & Designs, & I am of opinion that if they have Succeeded with the Wabouse & Detroit Nations that No Negosions Nor presents tho Ever So Greatt will prevent thire Makeing a Tryel of thire Strength—Nothing Butt Deviding thire Counsels & giveing Suspisions [] other Can be Effectial to prevent thire Designs— and if I am Nott Much Misteken the Sinicas will putt themselves att the Head of this Confederacy, itt Seems [] od that the Rest of y^e. Six Nations Should Nott be aquainted with itt in purtic[] the Mohocks wh. I think wold in

¹ The peace treaty of July 4–14, 1765.

Gratitude Inform y^r honor of itt I am perswaded the Cayugaes & onondagoes Do know itt, A Litle Time will prove to Me whether I have been Deceived in the Several Inteligenses I have had, if I be I shall think Myself very hapy as No Individual in America Can Suffer half as Much as I Must in My Intrest if a Warr Takes place to y^e. Southerd w^h. I Must Confess I am Much affrede of when I Consider, that all Nations of Indians are a Restless pople who Never forgett Nor forgive Injureys & often think they are Injured when they are the agreserors from thire Natuerall Disposition of Rambling they must Employ themselves against us if they be att paice with one another Another thing is they can have No Dependence in any thing we promiss from the Suden Changes of Meshers w^h. they Cant be Made to understand & w^h. Must allways Make against the British Intrest, with all Nations, as Long as No uniform plan is adopted, by y^e. Ministers, who Seem to Me to know No More of the Mater, then they wold the use of a fifth wheel to a Coach

It is the fear of a Broyle with the Indians, that has Determind Me, to Sett of this Month for fort pitt, in order to Dispose of Some Goods, w^h. I tuck from the Company, as Soon as posable, & to Sell Some vallueable Improvem^{ts}. I have there if posable, before any Disturbence broke out, I Dont think of Staying there above Ten Days while I am there, if any thing Worth y^r. knoledge, Comes to Mine I will Nott fail to Give you the Earliest advise

I Wrote y^r honor Some Time ago & Requested to know if M^r. Tilghman had agree^d. with you for Montours place on y^e. West branch Susquehanna & wold be Glad to Know before I Sett of

The Ginerals Not Chuseing to pay Me y^e. Smiths and Interpreters pay Most part of w^h. I have unready paid, has been Some Disapointm^t. & Bears Me of Cash & oblidges Me to aply to your Honor for to Lend Me about £ 150 to pay Some Trifels I owe in y^e. Cuntry before I go w^h. if Convent I will be oblidg^d. to you to Send by M^r Prevost who will Deliver your Honor

this & please to give him y^e. patent & Deeds I left in y^r. Study

I am Dear Sir with the Greatest Respect

y^r. Honors Most Obeident &

Most Hum^{bl}: Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

To the Hon^{ble}.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

Inclos^d. is M^r Whartons Leter

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 10th. 1770

[]

I have had the favor of yours of the 16th. ult^o. Since which I have received sev^l. Accots from Canada of the dissatisfaction of the Caghnawaga Indians for some reasons I am not inclined to enlarge upon, The same is also Manifest amongst the Ind^s. of S^t. Regis who are daily in disputes with the Abenakis who have intruded upon them, & as it is said thro' the Means of two or three frenchmen there have endeavored to impose on Gov^r Carleton in order to obtain his countenance tho' that place is out of the Govt of Quebec.

I have also heard of the General discontent Expressd by the Shawanese & others of Ohio, on sev^l. heads, That is, that altho' they do not Steal any horses from the White People yet their horses are constantly Stolen & no Satisfaction made them, That Some of their people were killed last year, & many are so ill treated daily by us that they can² longer bear with it. They have also received three different Messages, the last of which was during the last Winter, from the French of the Misisipi to encourage them to attack us, with many Assurances of Assistance,

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² An omission in the manuscript.

and it is said only wait for a favorable opportunity to Commence hostilities as Soon as possible after the Meeting which is to be held by y^e. Western Ind^s. & them at the Lower Shawanese Town.¹ The Information in general agrees much with what I have of late heard from other quarters, and their motives are represented to be nearly the same. I have protracted as much as I possibly Could the Meeting so much desired between the Six Nations & the Cherokee Dep^{ys}. which I thought it best to do, but I apprehend it cant be put off much longer & therefore I Must do the best I can when it takes place to prevent its having any ill effects, tho' how to meet them I cannot tell for the Sons of Liberty have all the Indian Goods, in their possession [

] elsewhere, tho' without them there is nothing [to be done] with the Indians—Tho' I may not be able to procure Goods from [England] in sufficient time to answer any Material purposes this [] it will be of great advantage to have them ready by the [] and therefore I should be much obliged to you for Inform[ation] how I am to settle about the payment of the £2000, to be advanced me, & whether it is convenient for you to give a bill [] England for that ammount.

INDORSED: May 10th. 1770
To General Gage.

TO GEORGE CROGHAN

*Df.*²

Johnson hall May 11th. 1770

[]

I think it necessary now to answer you on the Subject of the Intelligence transmitted to me regarding Indian affairs to y^e. Westward³ There is no doubt but many of the Nations are dis-

¹ On the Scioto river. See A Map of the Country on the Ohio & Muskingum Rivers. By Thomas Hutchins, engineer.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ The words, "to y^e. Westward" interlined by Johnson.

posed to quarrel with us, and indeed some of them have had what appears to them a sufficient cause for so doing, but I do not conceive it is in the least owing to the flimsy pretext that some of them may Make use of, of the Sale made by the 6 Nations, because we have not as yet availed ourselves of it & because they well know from the Experience they have had of the Conduct of the frontier Inhabitants, that had it not been purchased they would have Settled on it in a little time. The Expressions the Shawanese make use of in their Speech, are also Vain & Idle.—It is a new Dialect, they of late Assume, since it is Notorious that that Country has for Ages been deemed the property of the Six Nations, a circumstance which formerly they never attempted to contradict.—The thing is, the frontier Inhabitants Vex & often Injure¹ them, and the Govt does not incline to be at a sufficient Expence to restore them to a good humour, But as you purpose going to the southward for your health, I think you can at the same time do a good deal of Service by your Enquirys & Conduct at Fort Pitt, to which end I would have you to follow, as nearly as you can, the Instructions I gave you last fall & amongst other Things Shewing them the Indifference of his Majesty respecting them very Lands, & The public & Regular Management of the Treaty to which they were duely Summoned, Governing yourself herein & in all other Matters, as far as the Limited State of Things will permit for continuing the public Tranquillity.

P. S. Col. Bradstreet has been with Guy & requests you will give him a Certificate Setting forth your knowledge of his Indⁿ. purchase, & that it was made previous to the Treaty — which you can Send him.

[] Esq^r

INDORSED²: May 11th 1770.

To G Croghan Esq^r

¹ “& often Injure” interlined by Johnson.

² In Johnson’s hand.

FROM WESSEL VAN SCHAICK

A. L. S.

Albany May 11th. 1770

[] day I rec^d: your favour of 7th. instant []
 Brads which I have completed [] as at foot and
 agreeable to your request [] them along with this to
 the Care of M^r. Van [E]ps in Schenectady who I have desired
 to send them to you and hope will prove to Satisfaction

I am with Esteem

Sir

Your very humble Servant

WESSEL VAN SCHAICK

W. J.	} 1 small Cask Cont ^g .		
& directed		10 ^m . 2 inch Brads	8/3 £4. 3. 4
to M ^r V ⁿ .		10 ^m . 1½ inch d ^o	5/3 2. 12. 6
Eps	} 1 ^m . inch d ^o		0. 4. 0
			<hr/> £6. 19. 10

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED: To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 at
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ May 11th. 1770
 M^r. Wessel Van Schaicks
 Acc^t. for Brads
 £6. . 19. . 10

¹ In Johnson's hand.

AN ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall May 11th. 1770

£ 14..1..2 p^{na}. Cur^{cy}. Pay unto Mr. Thomas Wharton
of Philadelphia Merc^t., or order
on Demand the Sum of Fourteen
Pounds, One Shilling & Two
pence Pensilvania Cur^{cy}., and
Charge it to Acc^t. of

Y^r. Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^t.Dep^y. Pay Master Gen^l.

New York —

THOMAS WHARTON

Please to pay the within Contents to Mess^{rs}.
Benjⁿ. & Amos Underhill Or their Order²

CHARLES WHARTON

Rec^d the Contents of the Bill²

BENJ & AMOS UNDERHILL

INDORSED: Sir W^m. Johnson's draft
of 11 May to Mr Tho^s.

Wharton for £14.1.2

Pen^{sa} Cur^{cy}.

TO THOMAS WHARTON

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall May 11th 1770.*

[S]IR

I have received your 2 Letters the Last with the Testimonials,
the Execution of which I am well pleased with & I now inclose

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Written on reverse side of paper.

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

A. D. S.

New York May the 11th 1770

WORTHY SIR

Your two last favors of the 16th. and 26th of April came safe to my hands, and shall be particularly answered by the next good opportunity. The reason of my troubling you at present is at the request of a worthy Brother the Bearer of this, Mr Forbes, who is rambling about to satisfy his curiosity. He intends to pay his respects to you. Considering his good Character, and agreeable behavior I venture to recommend him to your notice; you will, as he is a Gentleman & a Scholar be greatly pleased with him. He is now waiting for this, therefore shall only add, that I hope you will pardon this freedom, I have taken, and be assured that I have the honor to be—

Worthy Sir

P. S. Your Letter to the Secretary of the Society was immediately sent to Mr Stuart,¹ as you desired.

Your much obliged ob^t Serv^t

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED²: May 11th. 1770

Doctor Auchmutys Letter

☞ Mr. Forbes

¹ Mr. John Stuart went to England in 1770 to receive ordination. For a memoir of this clergyman see *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:505–20; Q, 4:313–22.

² In Johnson's hand.

AN ACCOUNT OF GRAIN

A. D.¹

May 11, 1770

		The Honorable Sir William John[son]	
		to Peter Young Miller		Dr
1769				
April	11 th	To Wheat to George Branter as p ^r		
		order	[]
	20	To Wheat to Joseph Bloomer as p ^r		
		order	[]
	26	To D ^o . to M ^r Byrns as p ^r D ^o .	[]
May	6	To D ^o . to John Bracken as p ^r D ^o .	[]
	10	To D ^o . to Frederick Kuss as p ^r D ^o .		15
	15	To D ^o . to John Fluno & Peter Foster		
		as p ^r D ^o .		3
	30 th	To D ^o . to M ^r Preston as p ^r order		6
June	26	To D ^o to M ^r Byrns as p ^r D ^o		16
August	12	To D ^o . to Cap ^t . Tice		6
1770				
February	14	To D ^o . to Lorenz Emon		25
	27 th	To D ^o & Corn to M ^r Davis		4
March	1 st	To Wheat to M ^r Davis as p ^r order		6
	7	To D ^o to Isaac Lawson for 1000		
		Shingles		10
		To D ^o to Thomas Addams when		
		he cut his leg p ^r od ^r		2
	10	To D ^o to Simon Shreeder as p ^r order		12
April	6 th	To D ^o . to M ^{rs} Harris as p ^r D ^o .		6
	6	To D ^o to John Miers as p ^r D ^o .		2
	10	To D ^o . to Jacob Waggoner as p ^r . D ^o		12
1769		This your honor had for your use		
		that the overseer had		

¹ The original much faded.

Nov ^r	6 th	To (18?) indian corn	12
	9	To D ^o	3
	29	To D ^o	2
		To Wheat & Corn	3
		To D ^o	[]
The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart.			
		to Peter Young Miller	Dr.
[]		brought forward	179
[]		To Indian Corn	6
		To D ^o	4
Feb ^{ry}	21 st	To D ^o	3
		To D ^o	3
March	9 th	To D ^o	2½
		To D ^o	2½
April		To D ^o	4½
1769		This your Honor had for your own use	
April	20 th	To Righ	1
May	20 th	To D ^o	1
July	31 st	To D ^o	1
8 ber	2 ^d	To D ^o	1
Nov ^r	14 th	To D ^o	1
		To D ^o	1
		To D ^o	4
1770			
March	17	To Wheat that M ^r Picken had	12
April	16 th	To Wheat to John Mier as p ^r order	7
	23	To Wheat to John Braken as p ^r order	10
	25	To Wheat to Jacob Froechay as p ^r order	9
	25	To Wheat to Philip Pilate as p ^r order	8
	25	To Wheat to Peter McGrigor & Peter Finney p ^r order	15
	26	To Wheat to Thomas Morgan as p ^r order	12

27	To Wheat to Hans Yery Creitz as p ^r order	7
30	To D ^o to Adam Garlick for Corn M ^r Flott had	3
[]	To d ^o to M ^r . Davis	4
[]	To d ^o to Jacob Harris	6

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INDORSED:¹ Peter Youngs Acc^t. of
Grain to the 11th May 1770
307 Skipples —
p^d. & Settled & he
rem^s. greatly in my Debt
as £ Books —

AN ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall May 12th. 1770

SIR

£60. Cur^{cy}.

Pay unto M^r. John Wetherhead of
New York or Order on Demand
the Sum of Sixty Pounds Cur^{cy}., &
charge it to Acc^t. of

Your Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^{re}.

Dep^y. Pay Master Gen^l.

New York —

Rec^d. New York 2^d. June 1770 the within Contents for M^r.
Jn^o. Wetherhead £60

ALLAN MCDUGALL

INDORSED: Sir W^m. Johnsons draft of
12 May to M^r John
Wetherhead for £60 Cur^y.

¹ The last three lines of the indorsement are in Johnson's hand.

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 12th May 1770

Last week your Mill Stones arived from Eusopus, and according to my opinion are fine ones; I have measured them, & they agree very well with the dimensions you sent me. The price of them is £19. .5. ., and £3/. for the freight. Immediately on their arival I wrote to Mr Van Eps, beging him to send down for them the next morning, as they could be more conveniently put on a waggon out of the sloop, than after they had been landed; but he let me know that it was impossible to have them rid before it rained, the Road being so dry & sandy. I have this day sent to him again, leting him know you were in great want of them.

I hope before this, you have experienced some good Effects, as to your Health, from your Sackendaga Amusements.

My Comp^t. to Mr. Daily if you please.

I am Sr.

Y^r. most Obed^t. Hum^l. Serv^t.

SAM^l. STRINGER

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble}
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ Alby. 12th. May []
Doctor Stringers l[]

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM MATTHIAS VANDERHEYDEN

A. L. S.

[Sik]hawik 12th. of May 1770

DEAR SIR

Yours of the 30th of March I have received in Which You desier me to Send You the price of Milstons Which Your pepel have taken from the Dok in Albany Which I have bin [w]anting beter then three Years past to my Dameje as I had Work enofe for them and More then thay Could do I have bought a pare of Millstons of Mr Seath Dean for forty Pounds New York Currency In Order to Supply the place of the Milstouns Which You have had of mine Which I Exspect You Will pay With Lawfull Intrest frome the time You have had the Milstons and if that is not Agreeable to You I desier You to Send me the Millstons home Emedieatly

My Son John thells me that You thould him that I Should Buy apare of Millstons of the Same Demensions & if thay Cost ahundred pounds You Whold Pay them & that Mr Butler Mr Burnes & Mr Dimler was Present

I am

S^r

Your Very humble Ser^{vt}

att Command

MATHIAS VANDERHEYDEN

ADDRESSED: To

Sir

William Johnson

att Johnson Hal

INDORSED:¹ May 12th. 1770

Mathias VanDerheydens

Letter concerning

Millstones —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN DANIEL MULLER'S ACCOUNT

A. D.

[May 12, 1770]

An Account of Monies Expended by John Dan^l. [Muller] in Building a Church at Canajohary for the use of the Indians by the direction of the Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson. to Witt.

To Cash Paid for Cutting the Timber	23..17.. 6
To ditto p ^d . for Rum used at the Cutting &c	1..12..—
To ditto p ^d . Jacob Josant for 84½ days @ 4/	16..17.. 7
To ditto p ^d . Rudolph Fox for 66 ditto @ 4/	13.. 4..—
To ditto p ^d . Joh ^s . Wallarad for 51½ ditto @ 4/	10.. 7..—
To ditto p ^d . Nicholas Bard for 99 ditto @ 3/	14..18.. 6
To ditto p ^d . Balthaser Dillenbag 9½ ditto 5/	2.. 7.. 6
To ditto p ^d . Johannes Sifert for 20 ditto @ 5/	5..—..—
To ditto p ^d . Joh ^s . Hallines for 82¼ ditto @ 2/	8.. 4.. 5
To ditto p ^d . Jost Fox for 34½ ditto @ 3/	5.. 2.. 6
To ditto paid Michael Litchma for making the windo saches	10.. 8..—
To ditto p ^d . Philip Sheard for 30 ditto @ 3/	4..10..—
To ditto p ^d . Joh ^s . Nelles for Provisions &c	14..15..11
To ditto p ^d . Gerlach Mayer for ditto	14.. 2.. 6
To ditto p ^d . Nicholas Bard for Butter	2..16..—
To ditto p ^d . Andreas Wyman for oyl	6..10..—
To ditto p ^d . William Fox for 25 skiple wh ^t .	4.. 7..16
To ditto for 40 Skiple of wheat	7..—..—
To ditto p ^d . Lowrantz Zimmerman for sundys.	1.. 4.. 9
To ditto p ^d . Philip Fox for 3 sk ^l . Pease	9..—
To ditto p ^d . for Rideing of Lyme from ye. Fill- ing (?)	3..—..—
To ditto p ^d . George Klock for Boards	36..15..—
To ditto p ^d . Warner Deygart for Provision	1.. 9..—
To ditto p ^d . Hendrick Hergheimer for a sheep	16..—
To ditto p ^d . ditto for door hinges	1..—..—

To ditto p ^d . different persons for walling the Church inside	10..—..—
To Cash p ^d . for Rydeing the Boards from the saw Mill	6..10..—
Carried over and Continued	£227.. 4.. 7
Brought Forward	[]
To Cash p ^d . Frances Wild for []	[]
To ditto p ^d . ditto for sugar	[]
To ditto p ^d . for 80 gallons of Rum @	[]
To ditto p ^d . for 10 Gall ^s . and 3 q ^{ts} . @ 5	[]
To ditto p ^d . Mr Reebar for 200 ^{ll} white Lead @ 9 ^d	[]
To ditto p ^d . ditto for 450 ^{ll} nails	15 []
To ditto p ^d . ditto for 100 ^{ll} ditto @ 13	11 []
To ditto p ^d . ditto for Lamp Black	[]
To ditto p ^d . ditto for Freight from N. York	1.. 4.. []
To ditto p ^d . step ⁿ . March for 47 days work 6/6	15.. 5 []
To ditto p ^d . Admester for 27 ditto @ 5/	6..15..—
To ditto p ^d . Jacob Bartholomew 11½ days Mason work @ 6/	3.. 9..—
To ditto p ^d . William Lighthal 5 ditto @ 6/	1 .10..—
To ditto p ^d . Arthur Wallace for 10½ days @ 5/	2..12.. 6
To ditto p ^d . Frans Freba for Boards	3.. 1..—
To ditto p ^d . Joh ^s . Nelles for more Provision	1..17.. 6
To ditto p ^d . Joh ^s . Bellinger for ditto	3.. 6..—
To ditto p ^d . Gerlach Mayer for ditto	1..14.. 6
To ditto p ^d . Hend ^k . Nelles for Butter	1.. 1..—
To ditto p ^d . for Butter	17..—
To ditto p ^d . for 2 ^{ll} tea @ 8/	16..—
To ditto p ^d . Solomon Mayers son for more White lead & oyl	3.. 2..—
To ditto p ^d . Caspr. Gordon for Turners work	2..—..—
To ditto p ^d . Ebenezer Cox for 12 thick Boards	15..—
To ditto p ^d . for Rydeing the Boards &c. this Last spring	2.. 2..—

To ditto p ^d . Cap ^t . Seber for Glass	6..—
To ditto p ^d . Mr. Reber for more nails	2..10..—
To ditto p ^d . David smith and Adam Thurn for smiths work	2..—..—
To ditto p ^d . for attendance in plastering	4..10..—
To ditto p ^d . Sovia Paar for Cooking 250 days @ 1/	12..10..—
To 279 days work performed by self @ 7/	97..13..—
	£459.. 1.. []

INDORSED:¹ Dan^l. Millar's Acc^t.
of w^t. y^e. expences of building
Canajohare Church came to.
Delivered July 11th. 1770

TO GEORGE CROGHAN

*Df.*²

May 14th. 1770

SIR

Last Night Major Prevost delivered me y^r. Letter of the 10th Ins^t. I am extreemly glad to learn from him that you are some what better, & wish you a Continuance of it;—I shall write Mr. Wallace as you desire, & indeed I have (since y^e. recp^t of Whartons Letter) made y^e. Affair here as publick already, & as much to your Advantage as in my power, w^h. I am happy to find has greatly Silenced y^e. Clamor of many ill natured persons, who in such cases are too apt to Shew their Inside Spleen.

I had a Letter lately from Mr. Tilghman who does not chuse to give £400 for Montours place.

In a Letter lately of Gen^l. Gages of the 16th Ult^o. is the following paragraph in answer to a letter of mine concerning the Pay of the Interpreters & Smiths. Viz^t. "With respect to y^e.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson. A postscript to the draft of May 11, 1770.

Smiths & Interpreters at the Posts, I have directed the Officers Commanding to pay them [] w^h. will save some trouble by avoiding [] from every Fort, where those Officers are Stationed. [] by Major Prevost the 2 Patents &ca left in my [] the Sum of £150, as desired by your letter. & should I not [have] y^e. pleasure of Seeing you before you set of, I sincerely wish you all the happiness, & Success imaginable & am

Dear Sir

Your Sincere & Affect. Friend

P. S. You will remember me to the Shawanese & Delaware Chiefs, & tell them that I Conjure them for their own good & Safety, & that of their Women & Children to remember the Solemn Engagements they entered into wth. me under their hands & Seals, & afterwards wth. Col^o. Bouequet & not to be led away by people who may leave them in y^e. lurch. tell them I have a great regard for them & all Ind^s. Wherefore would wish them to pay a due regard to my Advice, & not bring themselves into a Scrape inconsiderately for the Caprice of others, w^h. they may repent of all the days of their Life.

INDORSED:¹ Letter to Col^l. Croghan
 May 13th. 14th. 1770—
 P Major Prevost

GILBERT TICE'S BILL

A. D.

th^e. 14 May, 1770

Farrel Wade		Dr. to Gilbt Tice
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¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 14th. May 1770

DR. SR.

I have by Cap^t. Richards a few Lines from Mr. Penn with a Second Bill of Lading for your favourite Grant from his Majesty which is on board Cap^t. Miller who woud follow soon, when it arrives I shall take particular care of it, till I receive your Commands how to dispose of it—Our friend Sr William Baker after many false reports is at last dead in earnest, & I am told has left his Sons a large Estate, which is highly probable, as he had both abilitys & application, for making Money, & rare opportunities — His Son Samuel succeeds him in business, but I shoud guess will hardly come up to the father —

We have strange party Work here, His Lordship¹ who will arrive some time about Midsummer, must have his Eye teeth & be a good State pilot in the Bargain, to steer clear of the shoals & quicksands that lye in his way, 'tis true they have as many at home & that may have taught him his trade — My Compliments to Sr. John the Colonel & believe me

Dr. Sr.

Y^r. Most Ob^t. Humb^l. Serv^t.JN^o. WATTS

ADDRESSED: To
 Sir William Johnson
 Bar^t.
 Johnson Hall
 Mohawks River

To the Care of
 Mr. Monier

¹ Lord Dunmore, Governor of New York, October 19, 1770–July 9, 1771.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[May 15th, 1770]

S WILLIAM

On Saturday and Sunday three Vessells arrived from England in ballast, dissappointed of their Loadings from the partial repeal of the Revenue Acts. I received four papers by them called the *Whisperer*, written by an insolent son of sedition who is under prosecution for the atrocious Contents of them I have sent them up by this opportunity.

The Remonstrance has been answered as you will find by the *New York Mercury*,¹ but the people are vastly dissatisfied at the Reply, and it seems to be their general Intention to refuse payment of the Land Tax, in short all our Letters are replete with apprehensions of very Violent Consequences.

The Great Events in favor of the Russian arms may serve to awe the Natural Enemies of England & prevent either France or Spain from pursuing measures they seemed disposed to act against us in the present lamentable Conjunction.

In this City party runs very high the Republicans grow vastly troublesome to the friends of Government, they want to continue an association against bringing European manufactures to this Country, but I fancy they will be overruled as the Merchants of Philadelphia have determined by a Majority of Sixty in Sixty one Voices to send for all Sorts of Goods,² Tea Excepted. The 26th Regiment will march into our Barracks next Tuesday by way of Garrison in the room of the 16th that was sent to

¹ Founded and printed by Hugh Gaine.

² See *Preliminaries of the Revolution*, by G. E. Howard, p. 244-45. Also *Lieutenant Governor Colden to Lord Hillsborough*, August 18, 1770, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:245.

pensacola. The 29 is coming from Boston to Jersey vice the 26th.
My humble Respects to every Branch of the family.

I am,

Sir William,

Your most humble Serv^t

JA RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED: To

S^r Wm Johnson Bart
at Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ May 15th. 1770

M^r. Rivingtons letter

OFFICERS TO BE PROMOTED

D. S.

Kinderhook, 15th May 1770

[²]

Alterations proposed in consequence of []

Major Peter Vosburgh . . . to be Lieu^t. Colonel
 Cap^t. Henry Van Schaack . . . Major
 Lieu^t. Johanis L. Van Alen . . . Cap^t. of the Grenediers
 Lieu^t. John Pruyn 3^d. Lieu^t. in the Grened^{rs}. to be
1st. Lt. of []
 Abraham I. Van Vleck 2^d. Lt. in []
 Luke Van Alen Jur^t. 3^d Lieu^t. in []
 Ensign Ephraim Van Buren in Cap^t. Goes's Company
 Promoted to a Second Lieu^t. in Said Company
 Lucas I Goes to be Ensign in his room
 Ensign Silvester Salsberry in Cap^t. Witbecks Comp^y.
 to be Second Lieu^t in Said Company
 Lambert Borgardt to be an Ensign in his Room
 Sir

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In this burned portion were names of officers who declined commissions.—Johnson Calendar, p. 457.

The above promotions are in favour of people who are real friends to the Intrest and welfare of the township, and as they are men of Charecter I take the Liberty to Recommend them as Such to You. I remain with much Respect

Sir

Your Most ob^t. Servant
CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK

INDORSED:¹ List of Officers to
be appointed ——
In the Stead of those who
declined Com^s. in the
Kinderhook Reg^t.
June 1770.

List of Names

Capt. Cornelius De Bois
Capt. Martin Gerritse Van Bergen
Leiut. John Luykse
Leiut. Solomon Shutt
Leiut. Tunis Van Veighen
Leiut. Egenus Van Orden
Ensign Arent Van Schaack
Ensign Isaac Collier
Ensign Wessell Ten Broeck

INDORSED:¹ List of Officers who
declined Commissions
in Coll. Syb^t. V Schaacks
Regt. at Coksaky

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK

Copy¹Kinderhook, 15th May 1770

SIR,

I have deferred writing you about the receipt of the commissions for my Regiment until the officers were qualified which they have all done except a few a list of whom I take the freedom of enclosing & at the same time to beg of you, Sir, to recommend the alterations I have proposed in the said list. I can not forbear to express my surprise at the conduct of the Lt. Colonel.² He was consulted with & agreed to accept of the commission sometime before the list for officering the Regiment was sent up to you. I hear indeed that he says he has no other objection to serve than that he finds himself infirm & unfit for duty. By the enclosed copy of a letter, wrote by my directions, you'll be pleased to observe that the proper & necessary steps have been taken to acquaint Mr. Van Alstyne with his being appointed Lt. Colonel for the regiment. As for the inferior officers that have declined accepting of their commissions, no particular reason has been assigned; I am inclined to believe their refusal proceeds from no other motive, than that they have been tampered with by the emissaries of a certain family those & their patrons upon all occasions endeavor to blacken every action & every measure of the Lieut. Governor's inasmuch as that some credulous people are made to believe that upon the arrival of the expected Governor³ every appointment here & at Claverack (which have taken place through your recommendation) will be superseded. I have however the pleasure to assure you, Sir, that notwithstanding all the artful attempts that have been made to divide & disunite the people of this township, they

¹ In Library of Congress, Force Transcripts.

² Abraham Van Alstyne.—*Third Annual Report of the State Historian*, p. 762.

³ The Earl of Dunmore.

are now, more unanimous than I ever knew them & in general very sensible of the notice you have taken of them. As soon as I am furnished with the proper lists of the inhabitants within the district of my Regiment I shall not fail to make the return to the Adjutant-General immediately.

The favorable attention you have been pleased to give to the desires of the people here in general as well as the particular notice you have taken of me & my family merits & deserves my acknowledgements & be assured, Sir, that I shall be happy to manifest the sense I have of those obligations upon every occasion — & am,

very respectfully, Sir,
your most obedient & very humble
servant,

CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK.

P. S. Quarter-master Hugunine¹, Ensigns Thurston² & Hurd³ are still to be qualified. Two of them were sick when the rest of the officers were qualified & the other was out of the way.

To the Hon. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON — at Johnson Hall.

FROM THOMAS BRUCE⁴

*A. L. S.*⁵

SIR

Detroit May 16th 1770

It is with great pleasure that I have the honor of acquainting you that all the Indians in this country have remained in perfect tranquillity all this winter, nor do they at present seem in the least inclin'd to raise any disturbances. Tho' I find it has been

¹ Abraham Hugunine, second lieutenant in Cornelis Van Schaack's regiment at Kinderhook.

² Job Thurston.

³ Wallace Hurd.

⁴ Hon. Thomas Bruce, Lieutenant Colonel, 65th regiment.

⁵ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

stand to it, and if not, there is no harm done to either side.—
But I can hardly entertain the least doubt of your disliking my
proposal when you consider the difference between 1500 Acres
for Your Family & that of 150, besides the £200 in Cash

I will expect your answer as soon as you can & hope it will be
agreeable & Short, as I cant think of adding more to my proposal—

I om Y^{rs}
W J

MR. CHRISTOPHER SERVIS —

INDORSED: May 16th 1770

Proposals made to
Christopher Servis

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

Kinderhook 16th May 1770

My father has showed me a Letter which he has done himself
the honor [] you yesterday, by which I perceive
that he has not been quite so full about the Conduct of Abraham
Van Alstyne as I could wish; I shall therefore take the liberty of
explaining myself a little upon that head. As soon as we
perceived that it was likely a Regiment would be formed here
Major Vosburgh and I waited upon M^r Van Alstyne with a
List of such Persons as we thought best Qualified for Officering
the Regiment he made no objection (except as to himself) to
any one: he desired that his name might be left out and either
Major Vosburghs or mine substituted in the place of it — that
we were both better Qualified than he was. We told him that
our motives for expediting the affair were by no means selfish and
that we thought his being in would not be objected to but on the
contrary would give satisfaction to some that otherwise would
not perhaps be pleased—Upon this he appeared to be entirely
satisfied and desired that the recommendation in his favor might
go on.—A few days after the List was sent up to you Sir One

James Noughton came from Col^o. Rensselaers where he was told that the Kinderhook People had recommended Mr. Van Alstyne for their Lieu^t. Col^o. but that he would refuse to serve.— This intelligence from a quarter so very unexpected staggered me a good deal and I was much at a loss to account for it, upon the whole I gave no credit to my informer.—Here the matter rested till the arrival of the Commissions, I then waited upon him by my Fathers orders to inform him of it & to desire him to meet the Col^o. & the rest of the officers on the Friday following in order to be qualified,—he told me that he had more maturely considered the affair and Declined accepting of the Commission —I then expostulated with him upon the impropriety of his conduct and pressed him for his reasons to decline Accepting of an appointment, the procuring of which, he had himself encouraged.— I have no other reasons for refusing, than that I am old and infirm & find myself not able to act in case there should be a call for the Militia, I hastily gave my consent to you and Major Vosburgh, tis true, but I must now decline the honor of accepting of the Commission for the above reason.—When I consider that his Son and two of his Nephews readily accepted of their Commissions and are extremely well pleased with them I am almost inclined to think that he has assigned the true reasons for refusing his Commission; but perhaps he is made to believe that none of the New appointments will stand after the arrival of my Lord Dunmore — much pains is taken to make the People believe that his Lordship, upon Col^o. Rensselaers application will annihilate all the Commissions, in this Neighborhood, that have been granted in this administration. As Mr. Van Alstynes being recommended was in a great measure owing to me I thought it my duty Sir to inform you of every particular that I may not be blamed for the unnessary trouble you have had about this Man. I shall set out for New York to morrow. I shall wait upon his honor the L^t. Governor [and] acquaint him of the above particulars, in the mean time Sir I hope you will be so kind as to take the alterations [my] Father has proposed into consideration and that they may be approved of by you.

A few days ago I was down at Claverack where I qualified Col^o. Hogebooms & his Regiment, the People in opposition to him had tried everything in their power [] number of the Officers not to accept of their Commissions that they would only [] of another Governor and then all would be overset and a good deal more of such [] three of the Whole number refused, the rest were all sworn in.

Col^o. Hogeboom has been face to face, before the Council, With the Person who [] traduced his Character he was no less a Man than a C—l—n— he desired time perhaps the Charge could be proved. Some of the Council observed that they did not doubt but Fellows could be got to swear a Man out of his Character—but that Col^o. Hogeboom had brought such Testimonials in support of his Character as no one Person in the List of Justices had offered to the Council Board, his name was therefor ordered immediately to be put in the List of Justices¹.

Major Vosburgh has desired me to acquaint you that he has been over at [Cox]sackie and that he has enquired into the causes of the uneasiness that has been among some of the people there and that he finds those murmurs originated in a Supposition that some of the Discontented (who thought themselves entitled to Commissions) were neglected. That they find [] and things are settled again.

I remain with Great Respect and Esteem
Sir

Your most Obliged and Obedient Servant
H V SCHAACK

ADDRESSED: To
The Honorable
Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:² Kinderhook
Henry Van Schaack's Letter

¹ *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 481.

² In Johnson's hand.

JAMES HILL CLARCK'S BILL

A. D. S.

[Sir Will]iam Johnson Baronet Dr:

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[To] 2 Battoes by James Hill Clarck	£15 . . 0 . . 0

P Johannes Van Antwerpe
& Necolas A^{ct}. De Graaf & Comp:

[] Orders John B: Van Ep^s.

¹ Johnson Hall May 18th. 1770 Rec^d. of Sir W Johnson
Bar^t. the above sum in full

JOHN VANTWERPE

A RECEIPT FROM PLOWMEN

D. S.

May 18th 1770

Rec^d. from Sir William Johnson by the hands of Tho^s. Flood
the sum of three pounds foure shilling New York Currency for
seven days plowing done by us at Nine shilling p^r day Martain
Wellldorf Peter Crouse Danel Service

DANEIL SERVOS

his

PETER × CROUSE

mark

INDORSED:² Recp^t. for 7 Days
ploughing ———
£3 . . 3 . . —

¹ Receipt in Johnson's hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

AN ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall May 18th. 1770

SIR

Pay unto Mr. John Wetherhead of New York
 £80 Merchant, or order, on Demand, the sum of Eighty
 Pounds New York Curr^{cy}. & Charge it to Acc^t. of
 Y^r. Humble Servant
 W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^r.

Dep: Pay M^r. General
 New York

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[Niagara, May 18, 1770]

DEAR SIR

I was favoured with your very obliging letter of the 7th. of March by the Indians & return you a thousand thanks for the news, yours being the only particular Acc^{ts}. receiv'd in the Garrison—

In consequence of your kind offer, I now trouble you with my Acc^t., it is but small, & whether it will be paid or not, I shall always gratefully acknowledge your good intentions to serve me. As I fortunately live without the new fort the Indians have free access to my house, without laying me under the necessity of applying to His Excellency our Governor¹ for passes, which every officer in the new-works is obliged to do when he finds the spirit move him for a Squaw—My convenient situation for the Savages has however led me into an extraordinary expence since

¹ Captain John Brown, the commandant.

I resigned the Command, for I may with propriety affirm that I have given the Indians more since Cap^t. Brown arriv'd than he has done — but as that was a voluntary act of my own I cannot properly charge it to the acc^t. of Government, indeed self interest had some share in it, as I have been married since November to an *Amiable Seneca Grand daughter of Mons^r. Chabert*, but even in this act I hope you will allow the good of the service was concern'd, from the absolute necessity of changing the french blood & divert it into an English channel — this *accomplish'd young lady* is soon going to the Castle to *plant* Corn, & in order to keep up the good name of the English I will load her with presents — You see by this that even in my *amours* I have still the good of the *publick* in view — I hope [I] have not taken your name in vain when I have frequently mention'd to the Indians that you was a great friend to me, for in consequence of this they pay as much attention to me, as they do to our Governor who they distinguish by the appellation of the *white head*, or the *Bald-Eagle* —

Since I had the honour to write to you last, the Gov^r. paid a visit to Mr Pfister. I seiz'd the occasion to contradict his orders (verbally) in respect to the Indians, & since that time they have not been stop'd at the gates or their packs search'd, the beneficial effects of which we have been sensible of, for we have been over stock'd with venison — My Father in law alone has brought to this Garrison no less than forty Carcases of venison — that you may know him should he come in your way, his name is Ra, on, ta, wa, neh — Old Serretoas is expected here in fifteen days, when I shall not fail of delivering your message & inforce it with a keg of On[] I am very well acquainted with him & have several times sent him away from this happy — The first visit I ever had from him he told me he was glad to see a man command at Niagara without a White-head —

A Chief of the Seneca Warriors (Sa, we, toa) leaves this to morrow, he tells me he soon intends you a visit, perhaps he may be with you before this letter arrives — from all the information I have been able to procure, it appears the Senecas are still of a

disposition to be quiet, should their intentions be otherwise I can only say they are good *Free-Masons* —

From the Licentiousness of the people (which is evident by the paper you inclosed me) I am afraid it will become necessary to apply violent remedies to such desperate disorders — Comp^{ts}. to Sr John and the rest of your family — I am D^r Sir Your most Obed^t. & oblig'd humble Ser^t.

JAS. STEVENSON

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Niagara May 18th; 1770

DEAR SIR

Since I had the honour of writing to you last old Serehoa has been here to whom I delivered your message — he told me he was glad you keep't him in remembrance & that he would not fail to profit by your advice & promis'd to keep his people in peace & quietness —

From any intelligence I have been able to procure it does not appear that the Indians have an intention to disturb us this spring.

At the repeated requests of my very great friend Ra,on,ta,wa,neh, I have given him a recommendation to your notice, which will be produced to you at any future congress or whenever he may come in your way; I must therefore beg you will be so good as to shew him some countenan[ce] he is a man of some note amongst their Warriors [& is] really a very good Indian —

I hope the Saints will turn out good tenants on your Estate, but of all Kingdoms that I have ever read of, I have the greatest aversion to the establishment of theirs — I am so prejudiced in favour of Episcopalians that I hope they will always be the majority of your Tenants —

Should the Gen^l. be pleas'd to allow my Acc^t. may I beg you will order it to be paid to my Brother? My best comp^{ts}. to Sr.

John & the rest of your family — M^{rs}. Stevenson begs her respects to you

D^r: Sir

Your very humble Servant

J^A. STEVENSON

S^R. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Cap^t. J^s. Stevensons Letter
from Niagra

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

Albany 18 May 1770

HON^D. SIR

Last night a Sloop arrived from New London M^r Chew has sent in her a Coop with 2 Pea fowls a small box &c D^o. with some trees which I fear are Dead Shall Send them by first Conveyance I have also Consigned me a few Casks Choice Claret they say a few boxes Oyl a few Caggs old french Brandy & box frontineac² if you or your good family should want any they Shall be Sent on the first notice by Sir

Your most Obed^t. humble Serv^t to Command

R CARTWRIGHT³

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{le}. S^r. Will^m Johnson Bar^t.
at Johnson Hall

INDORSED:⁴ M^r. Cartwrights letter

Ansrd. —

May 1770

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Frontignac, a French wine.

³ For later history of Richard Cartwright see *Minutes of the Commissioners for Conspiracies*, p. 170, 171, 176, 191, 197, 209, 834.

⁴ In Johnson's hand.

ALEXANDER MC KEE TO GEORGE CROGHAN

*Extract*¹

Extract of Mr. McKees Leter

There is one Pindergrass and one Elliot who have prevail'd upon Montour in his drunken frolicks to obtain Liberty from a fue Indians of Setleing on the opisiat Side of ohio under pretence of ferrying them over to y^e. fort Butt I understand they Clame a Large Tract of Land by vertue of this Liberty, this will Soon be another Cause of Complaint when itt Comes to be Generally known I Spoke to the Commanding officer about itt as itt is Don in the face of the Garison & thought itt Might be in his power to prevent it as an Infrengment of the General Boundry fixed by the Kings orders & the Body of the Six Nations besides there is other people aplying in y^e Same Maner therefore I thought proper to acquaint you of itt as ¶haps itt May be thought proper to putt a Stop to check proceedings before it goes any farther

INDORSED:² Mr Croghans letter

wth an Inclosure

May 19th. 1770

Ansrd.

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 19th. May 1770

I received your favour of the 14th. Inst. with the Cash for the Milstones, of which there is 1/6 too much;

I know not what to say to you about the Goods, which I have not hitherto been able to get out of the Hands of the Committee of Trade at York, but hope, soon shall now, as I am informd, the Merchants there were to meet sometime this week in order to open

¹ Inclosed in Croghan's letter of May 19 to Johnson.

² In Johnson's hand.

the Importation of Goods, except Tea. I should have been glad to have heard what was the reply made to your Letter; perhaps another at this juncture from you, woud have the desired Effect; w^{ch}: however I am afraid to request, least the Answer you rec^d: might make it inconsistent to write again.

As I have had no opportunity to forward the Articles you were pleased to order, I have sent them ^{by} your Post, all but the Emp: Diachylon, Mellilot, & Roborans, w^{ch}: I happen at present to be out of but expect a supply by the next Ships. M^{rs}: Stringer desires her Comp^{ts}. to you, & with great Esteem I remain

S^r. y^r. most Obed^t. Serv^t.

SAM^l. STRINGER

P. S. The Merchants here yesterday voted Nem:
Con: to import Goods immediately

INDORSED:¹ May 19th. 1770

D^r. Stringer's Letter

FROM JOSEPH BLANCHARD

A. L. S.

Albany May 19th. 1770

SIR

I hear you have administered on the Estate of Daniel Deniston. I wou'd therefore acquaint you that he own'd about 2000 acres of Land in the first Catts Kill Patent—the owners are the Heirs of S^r. H. Moore Dec^d. Jn^o M Scott Esq, Thurman and Husk, Atwood and Brown, Thomas Lynott Will^m Kane Hugh Deniston M. G. Van Bergin and My self—the Land was devided on the Map and Balloted for and Deeds of Partition are Executed, and the Deed made to D. Deniston is with M^r. Scott of New York, the Attorney—the owners of the Land have agreed to have the Lines Run and marked according the Partition already made and have advanced each a Sum to enable me to do the work

¹ In Johnson's hand.

and have also Promised to pay the Remainder when I have finished the work I should therefore be glad of your direction in regard of D. Denistons share in the Tract above mentioned—the whole Expence of this deviation for his share will not exceed £5. . — he had some further Interest in the second Patent which I am to divide before I return. I must therefore beg the fav^r. of a Line [∩] the return of your Post what you'd have done in the affair—which shall be Carefully Attended to [∩] your

Most Obed^t. and Very Hum^{ble} Servant

JOSEPH BLANCHARD

P. S. Please to direct for the Letter to be
Left at Mr W^m. Kamis—

SIR WM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED: To
Sir William Johnson Baronet
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ May 19th. 1770
Mr. Joseph Blanchards letter

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

[May 19, 1770] Albany Saturday Night 12 oClock

SIR

Mr. Farringer has just this moment delivered me your Letter.

In answer to which, I made it my Business to deliver your Letter directed for Alexander Colden to Captain Isaac Bogart, who must now be at New York and who promised to be very careful of said Letter.

I also delivered Doctor Stringer a Letter from you with money Inclosed.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Your Draft on New York for yr Postage will answer very well, or just as you Please

I Remain Very Respectfully Sir
Your very hu Servant

JN^o: MONIER

P. S. Mr. Farringer setts
off from this immediately
£11—12—8½ ster^s.

17— 2—10¾

1—14— 3¾

18—17— 1¾

1— 0— 6¾ (?)

1— 1¾

19—18—10¾

ADDRESSED: To
Sir William Johnson Baronet
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ May 19th 1770
Mr. Moniers Let[ter]
Ansrd. May 26th
& Sent him a Draft
for £19..18..10¾

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

May the 19th. 1770

DEAR SIR

two Days ago I was feavor^d. with yours by Mr. Prevost and
Shall when I gett to Fort Pitt attend to Every thing you Desier,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

as to the Speech of the Shannas I have had the Same opinion, I Dont Luck on itt Intierly thus he that Made itt is an ashuming fellow & if I have any Knoledge of that Nation I think they will Nott readily quarel with us, they are proud & So iss y^e. Dalla-ways and if any thing Tempts them to Difer with us, itt will be on account of the frequent Murder of thire pople staling thire horses & other abuses w^h. I fair they have two Much Rason for,

I have had a Leter yesterday from M^r. M^cKee about My Settlem^{ts}. in them parts, in w^h. he Menshons that he had Seen Several of y^e. Cheeffs of the Diferent Nations who he Says Seems Rather afread of a Warr than Desiering itt, in purtickler the Shannas & Dalaways, he Says they Expect thire Great Counsel will be in June & that they have received a belt from M^r. St. ange¹ Informing them that thire old father y^e. King of france was gott on his feet onst More & wold soon face his Comon Enemy y^e. English the Corn Cob & a frenchman from y^e. Ilinoes is to be att this Councel, this is all M^cKee Menshons Except the Inclos^d. abstract² and Make^s a Complaint of the Scarcety of provisions, as the Commanding officer Cant give y^e. Indians any he says he has been oblig'd to Give them all he Rase^d. Last year & what I had likewise So I fair I shall be Ill of on that account tho I Shant Send for any Butt Such as I Meet there will Expect Some from Me

Y^r. honor May be ashur^d. I will use any Influence I have with those Nations to Preserve Paice & Tranquility between them and his Majesty's Subjects & Shall be very Hapy if I Can be of any use as My own privat Intrest att present Depend Much thereon & I Cant Help thinking that if y^e. officers att that post was to Take a Little More Notice of the Indians there they Might prevent Many abuses & Deter Many Stragling fellows from Steling thire Horses.

Y^r. honor No Doubt has been Inform^d. of the Several Large partys from the Cayugoes & onondagoes Lately gon to the

¹ Louis St Ange de Belrive, captain, in command of Fort Chartres, 1764-65

² See preceding paper.

for the safety of the Nation, are involed in false politics — rack their invention, & exert their utmost abilities to aggrandize themselves and their Families, and suffer, for want of true principles, their sovereign & their Country to be tossed to & fro' with every wind of popular discontent without guiding the Helm with prudence, caution and *Resolution*. The Lords temporal are wholly engrossed in a System of Politics which must end if persevered in, in the ruin of themselves, and their Country; and the Lords Spiritual while they can unmolested enjoy their opulence, & weight in the Government, pay too little attention to the distresses and injustice that the members of the best church in the world labor under, in America. The true principles of a good Church man, are, a true regard to the Laws of his God, and a zealous attachment to his lawful sovereign. The Opposers of a Monar[chi]cal Government (too many of which our Nation are cursed with) are a direct Contrast, which every Man's experience, if he has ten grains of sense or five of honesty, must convince him of. These men are ever assuming at power, have once had it — made a diabolical use of it, & yet have the *audaciousness* — the *wickedness* to attempt¹ usurp it again, under the best of princes. The Clergy are much indebted to you, worthy Sir, for your strong attachment to the present happy Establishment in Church and State; and for your animated Letters to the Ministry, setting forth the necessity of an American Episcopate, and a proper Notice of and regard for the American Churches; which at present, are left destitute of Countenance & support subject to the vile Ravages of Goths & Vandals — or what is worse — *inveterate malice* from those that dare to stile themselves Christians — May God reform them. I forgive them, but forget them, I hope I never shall! — I am ordered in the Name of our Convention, which met at my house, the last week, to thank you [for] the many good Services you have honoured us with, and to assure you that we should esteem it as a most providential Event, if your power to serve us, was adequate to your Inclination — happy should we be was this

¹ Omission in the manuscript.

in Case. I therefore Sir, as president of the Convention pro tempore return you our most sincere and grateful Thanks, for the exertion of your Interest, in favor of the Church of England in America; and, for the many favours we have received from you, as Clergymen. We have still to beg, that the discouragements you have met with, may not slacken your generous ardor; or provoke you to cease your application at Home in our favor—i. e. for the preservation of the present happy establishment in Church & State, which ought to be as firmly settled here as in Great Britain. We most ardently wish you every Temporal & Spiritual Blessing; & beg leave to assure you that we retain a grateful sense of the honor you have done us, in becoming our Friend & Patron.

This will be delivered to you, by my worthy Brothers, Cooper & Inglis. The latter travels for Health, the former because he has too much. I almost envy them their happiness.

I have received a Letter from M^r Stuart, who is now I imagine ploughing the Ocean. He got your Letter a few days after it came to my hands.

I have not had any late Letters from the Secretary of the Society. I wish that good Body would adopt the salutary advice you have given them; which would enable them to be further useful.

I hope you will pardon this long Epistle; and be assured that I am worthy Sir with great sincerity & truth

Your Much Obliged & Most ob^t Serv^t.

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM DANIEL BURTON

A. L. S.¹*Abingdon street, Westminster May–21–1770.*

SIR,

Your very obliging letter of December last, repeating the generous offer which you made us last year, together with the draught of the lands intended for the benefit of the Society was yesterday laid before our Board, & received with the most sincere gratitude.— It is with very real concern that I must acquaint You, that We have not been able to advance one step, on our application to Government, in this most important affair. The Archbishop, as I told You above a year ago, presented the Society's petition to Lord Hillsboro' for his advice & direction, but He has not yet obtained any answer, tho' reminded of it by his Grace more than once. Lord Hillsboro is very civil indeed, but says, He has not yet had any proper opportunity. However, We shall never loose sight of this object, & tho' We must not disgust any of our friends by unseasonable importunity, Yet We shall try every method for so valuable an acquisition, which will put the Church of England at once on a very respectable footing in America.

(The Society have, in pursuance of your recommendation, appointed Mr Colin Mc Leland, & Mr Edward Wall their School-masters, the former at the Mohawks, & the latter at John-town, & will allow them such a salary, as You have according to the discretionary power given You last year been pleased to allot to them. Mr William Andrews is also appointed to the mission of Schenectady with a salary of £40 per ann^m. We have directed his to visit the Indians occasionally, 'till a Missionary be procured for that department; & hope, that Mr Munro & Mr Andrews taking their turns this way successively may be able to supply in a tolerable manner the want of a regular Minister among them for some time): And We shall certainly make inquiry for some

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

proper person in that channel which You direct. If I can hear of a person perfectly qualified in all respects for the Indian mission, or if the Society receives a favourable answer from L^d Hillsboro', I shall take the earliest opportunity of doing myself the honour of writing to You, Being with the highest respect & esteem, Sir,

Your most Obedient
& very humble Servant
D BURTON

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: London May 21st. 1770

Dr. Burtons Letter

ELBT. WILLETT'S BILL

A. D. S.¹

Albany the 22^d: May 1770

Hon^{bl}: Sir Will^m. Johnston

To Elb^t Willett

To a Spotted Swan Skin Saddle cloth	£..16..—
To a Girthing Girth Straps & Stirrup Leather	6.. 6
To Pannaling Saddle 6/6 Repairing Saddle 4/	10.. 6
To Paid Smith for plates to Saddle tree	6..—
	<hr/>
	£1..19..—

Hon^{bl}. Sir There is no proper Saddle Cloth to be had Swan Skin Comes very high but I thought it the Neatest I could put in & I hope it may sute

Your most Hum^{bl}. Serv^t.

ELB^t. WILLETT

INDORSED:² Willett's Acc^t. 1770

£1..19..—

¹ Manuscript much faded.

² In Johnson's hand.

AN ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall May 26th. 1770

Pay unto Mr. John Monier of
 £19..18..11½ Curcy. Albany or Order on Demand
 the Sum of £11..12..8½ Sterling,
 or York Currency, £19..18..11½,
 & Charge it to Acc^t. of Sir
 Your Humble Servant
 W JOHNSON

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^r.
 Dep: Pay Master Gen^l.
 New York

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 459, is listed a letter of May 27th to Dr Auchmuty, thanking for the letter introducing Dr Cooper and Mr Inglis and declaring attachment to the National Church and thanks for the sentiments of the convention (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:426; Q, 4:267).

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 27th May 1770

SIR

To put up with Mr. Farringer's Insolence as being Non Compos Mentis last Night, is what I should have done, but upon my being called this morning to look at the Two half Doors of my Kitchen, I found them off the Hinges and the Door's Split in several places, not to say much of the Front Door which has the print of several seven Knocks.—but this is rather too much, and if I had seen the Damage done before he sett off, I think my Patience woud not have been good enough to have withheld my hands from him.—He

said he cou'd not make us here him, and it may be the case, but even if it was so, and it really was, I dont think he cou'd Claim the least Merit in striving to break open my Doors, his design too, appearing uncommon and alarming.—I hope you will not take it amiss that I mention this matter, I do it because Sleep may overtake me at a time when that fellow may be Instigated to serve me so again.

I remain very Respectfully

Sir

Your Obed^t. & very hu Ser^t

JN^o. MONIER

P. S. I have called in several Gentlemen to see Mr. Farringers works, he and I was always upon good Terms and I every post furnished him with a News paper to Read to his Countrymen as he said, and to serve me so.—yet I forgive the Effects of Madness &c &c —

To WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED: To
Sir William Johnson
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ Alby, May 27 [1770]
Mr. Moniers Letter

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*²

Johnson hall, May 27th. 1770

DEAR SIR

On the Arrival of Dr. Cooper & Mr. Inglis I was favored with your last, and am very thankfull to you for the Trouble which you have already taken about my Grant from the King, request-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

ing that you will when it comes to hand forward it by some good opportunity by Land, or by Sloop to Dr. Samuel Stringer at Albany. I have heard of the death of Sir W^m Baker by Letter from his Sons. I believe it will not be an easy task for them to equal him in the Talents of Attention to & dispatch of business.

Your party disputes at York I find go on as usual, I don't well see how it will be possible for any Governor who shall arrive at such a time to avoid engaging or at least Countenancing some side of the Question, his Judgment will be discovered in the Choice he makes on that occasion, which in general hath been, that side which is most Capable of rendering pecuniary Services, but I know so little of the Character of the Nobleman appointed to the Government, that I cannot pretend to Judge of his principles.

As the Gent are for going down the Country I must for the present Conclude with assuring you that I am Steadfastly with great Truth

Dr Sir

Sir John, the Colonel &c desire to be particularly remembered to you & family

[The Honor]able

[JOHN] WATTS Esqr.

INDORSED:¹ [M]ay 27th 1770—
To Mr. Watts

ORDER OF ROBERT PICKEN

*A. D. S.*²

May 27th 1770—

Pay Mr Gilbert Tice the Sum of five [pounds New York] Cur^y — which charge to the [account of your] humble Serv^t—
[RO.] PICKEN

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Inclosed with Account with Gilbert Tice.

FROM DAVID COLDEN¹

A. L. S.

Fort George May 28th 1770

SIR

By my Father's directions I have the honour of addressing you in consequence of an application just now made to him by Col. Tenbrook² of Dutchess County, for Commissions to establish a Troop of Horse in that County—Col. Tenbrook has mentioned John Rutsen for the Captain—John Stoutenbergh and Morris Graham (of the Morrisenia Family) for lieutenants and Herman Hoffam for the Cornett.—My father wishes Sir to know your Sentiments particularly on this matter, and has defer'd his Answer till he hears from you—His affectionate Compliments wait on you—

It gives me great Pleasure to have this opportunity to declare the high Esteem and Regard with which I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Serv^t.

DAVID COLDEN

[] S^R W^M JOHNSON

While I was writing what proceeds another application, in which the Representatives of Dutchess are joined, has been made to my father to divide the Melitia of that County into two Regiments; and as it is presented for officering the South Regiment, which includes Rumbout, South, Beekmans and Pawlings Pre-sincts—John Brinkerhoff Henry Rosekrans Jun^r. and Charles le Roux are proposed for the Col., Leut. Col. and Major—and Captains and other officers for 18 Companies, of which the Regt.

¹ Youngest son of Cadwallader Colden. See for sketch of family Samuel W. Eager's *History of Orange County*, p. 236–48.

² An officer of the First Dutchess county regiment in the Revolution.

is to consist, are named— The Post just going out does not allow
Time to be more particular

D. C.

INDORSED: David Colden Esq^{rs}.

Letter. May 28th. 1770

Ans^d. June 12th

ORDER OF JAMES CARROLL

*A. D. S.*¹

Johnstown the 28 may 1770

[Please] to pay to Gilbert Tice the sum of ten pounds—
N Yorke Currenecy wich Charge to the account of your humbl
Sarvent

JAMES CARELL

the Honorabel

[SIR] WILLIAM JOHNSON

ORDER OF SAMUEL SUTTON

*A. D. S.*¹

May the 28th 1770

[Pay] Captain Gilbert Tice or Order [four] pounds ten
Shillings on Acct [of Your] obed^t Ser^t

SAMUEL SUTTON

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ACCOUNT WITH GILBERT TICE

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[May 29, 1770]

[]	August 1768	Sir William Johnson	Dr		
[]	Gilbert Tice to Clob at Loge		£	0	5
[]	2 Dobel Bowls punch	@ 3/		0	6
[]	1 D ^o .	punch @ 3/		0	3

¹ Inclosed with Account with Gilbert Tice.

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[Mr Den]	astons Buriel	18	12	6
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[]	ordor	5	0	0
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[]	ordor & washing	9	12	6
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[]		4	8	0
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A BILL FOR BURIAL EXPENSES

D¹

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[]		1	17	0
[]	breakf]asts	4	3	0
[]	horses	1	9	6
[]	ex]pences wilst he was			
[]	Coffen	0	7	6
			<hr/>		
			£	18	3 0
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A BILL FOR LIQUORS ETC.

D.²

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			21	11	6

¹ The total, £154, 17s, 8d.—Johnson Calendar, p. 459.

² Inclosed with Account with Gilbert Tice.

FROM JEHU HAY

A. L. S.

Niagara May 29 1770

By a Letter I receiv'd from Col^o Croghan the 2^d. of Oct^r. 1769 I was inform'd that my Pay as Commissary of Indian Affairs would not be allowed from 24th March 1769 to the 31 of July following; which is the day I left acting by an Order I then receiv'd, which has hurt me a good deal as it has been the occasion of one or two of my Bills not being paid, but believe me Sir I would not have drawn for it, had I not thought it my due and that there would not have been the least Scruple made about it, Mr Croghan has likewise charged me £32. 15. 4 for a Bill I drew on you for expences of forwarding some Effects of Mr Roberts, together with Mr Johnston the Indian Smith for Michilimackinac, for which Sum Mr Roberts desir'd me to draw on you at that time, as it was a thing that did not concern my Accounts or affairs; and if I must loose it I can only say I did not expect such ungeteel behavior from a person who seemed to enjoy your Esteem, and in whom I had Confidence, but when I assure you [] accidents lost lately more than [] while I was Commissary of Indian affairs [] I have a large Family to support upon [] day, I hope you will use your endeavours [to] assist me to settle these affairs to my Interest [] you should have it in your Power hereafter to [] me that I shall not be forgot.

I left Detroit with the expectation of having the pleasure of seeing you, but my Private affairs oblige me to return Immediately. I have made a purchase of some goods upon Credit with which I must try to gain as much as will at least support my Family for the present; in Expectation of some change that may be more favourable to me.¹

¹ See *infra* Frederick Haldimand to Johnson, February 18, 1774, Jehu Hay to Johnson, March 8, 1774, and Haldimand to Johnson, April 29, 1774.

The day before I left Detroit the Hurons came to speak to Major Bruce¹ and after they had finished their discourse beg'd him to let the Interpreter go with them to my house, where they beg'd me to take you by the hand for them, & to tell you that their young men — Women & Children Saluted you, but said nothing more; tho' I had been inform'd that they intended to speak about the Bell that had been prom[ised] them,

[]

[] this far with me on his way to []

] If I remember I inform'd you last year of an Indian who had been taken Prisonner by the Indians on the Wabache and had made his Escape from them. this is the Man, he told me he had been sent by you with some other Deputys to the Cherokee country when he was taken Prisonner by the above Indians; he will proceed from this to morrow if I can prevail on the Battoe Men to take him on board.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient
most Humble Servant
JEHU HAY

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:² Detroit May 9th 1770

Jehu Hay's Letter

FROM WILLIAM GAMBLE

A. L. S.

Albany the 30th. May, 1770

SIR:

The Indian Medal you were pleased to order me to get made, in your favour of the 18th Instant, is now in hands; and would have been sooner, had not the Operator Mr Lansing's Wife died

¹ Thomas Bruce, lieutenant colonel of the 65th regiment.

² In Johnson's hand.

very lately; and, for seven provincial reasons, he was obliged to abstain from work an unreasonable time — as soon as it is finished, it shall be sent up — Mr. Jeremiah V. Rensselaer assists him, so, between them I hope the person for whom it is designed will have no cause to find fault with it.

Mr. Stringer wrote yesterday to you by Mr Steel, which I hope will be forwarded in time, as it adverted to the ensuing festival — And what I have undertaken to do, shall be finished by that [time]

I am

Sir

[your] most obliged,

Humble Servant

[WILLIAM GAMBLE]

INDORSED: Mr Gambles letter

May 1770

JOHN FARLINGER'S BILL

A. D. S.

[June 1, 1770]

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Dr.

To 23 Trips to Albany since Settlement @ 16/ Ⓕ £10.8

To 1 d^o. to Sacondaga

Please your Honor/

I am sorry that I have been so unfortunate as to incur your Honor's Displeasure by my Misconduct when last at Albany, and tho' I confess that I am blameable yet I assure your Honor that the Matter has been much worse represented than it deserv'd. Therefore I beg your Honor will Pardon me for this Time and permit me to carry the Express as usual. I sincerely promise, to your Honor, that my Behaviour for the future shall be such as not to give Cause for Complaint of any Sort.

As I do not remember what Money I have receiv'd I hope your Honor will give the Ballance of the above Act. to my Wife, as it stands on your Books & I am, Sir

your Honor's, very Humble Serv^t

JOHN FARLINGER

INDORSED:¹ June 1st. 1770

John Farlingers Acct^t. 23 Trips at 16 [Ⓕ]

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall June 1st. 1770

DEAR SIR

I have had the favor of yours of the 20th. ult^o. and with regard to the discontents of the Ind^s. I mentioned in Canada, I only spoke of them generally in my letter to you, well knowing that they arise from circumstances that can not easily be removed, and that Gen^l. Carlton's situation rendering him liable to Misinformation on these Subjects, they cannot be sufficiently explained to produce the desired effect.

I have heard Much of the proceedings amongst the Indians to the southward, their Motives will be better understood hereafter. The Shawanese Claim to the Lands ceded I have already observed was without any Color of pretension. It must be allowed that Indians are very easily offended & that whether they have pretensions, or not, they will readily become Clamorous at any Transaction which may affect their Ease, or Convenience, but as we know that no Cession can be made w^{ch} does not in some measure affect them, & as I have before ment^d. my thoughts on the Subject I need not to Enlarge upon it — I don't know what to say as yet farther concerning the Cherokees Deputys, but I ought to remark that if they are about to Act without the Authority of their Nation for so doing, in an affair of so important a Nature, it is the first Instance of the kind that has ever come to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

my knowledge, an Indian May sometimes alter a Message or deviate in some Measure from his Instructions but no body of Dep^{ys}. ever yet attempted to form a Solemn League of such a Nature, unauthorized and Expressly Contrary to the Inclinations of their people, Tho' there are [] Instances of Nations denying the Acts of Dep^{ys}. who pursued their Instructions, according as policy [] all be better understood so soon as the Meeting [] Concerning which I am at a loss what to say & [] of Indian Goods of w^h. there are none here already wrote to the Chairman [of] the Committee where the Goods I mentioned are stored ([which] is the only Assortment I know of fitting for the purpose) his Ans^r. is that they cannot be given without the Consent & desire of the person¹ to whom they are Consigned, and he knowing the Tendency of such an Answer, is for sev^l. reasons unwi[lling] to risk their resentment by demanding them, from this you will Judge how Matters are Circumstanced, & what must be the Situation of things when all the Goods on the frontiers are disposed of.

The Manner in which you propose my receiving a Credit upon England will answer provided no time is lost, so that, if you will please to issue a Warrant for £2000, I shall proceed as you direct.

I have a small Account of between £20, & 30 sent me by Capt Stevenson Incurred during his Command at Niagara which appears to me so reasonable that I cannot but recommend it to you for payment. L^t. Roberts on Sailing for England transmitted me an Acct. of £112.5.— which he says you directed him to transmit for my Approbation. As I believe him to have been latterly at a good deal of Expense & from what he has said to me on the subject, I would willingly recommend it to your attention.

INDORSED: June 1st. 1770

To Gen^l. Gage

¹ Dr Samuel Stringer; afterward a member of the Albany Committee of Correspondence, and commissioner for conspiracies.

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall June [1] 1770*

SIR

The favourable Character & Recommendation of my Son, Sir John, & the Esteem he expresses for You, induced me some time ago to make use of your Offices in the Execution of some Commissions for me in England, altho my business is of late of much less consequence than it has been, but the Affair of Mr. Campbels Goods² with which I had no concern whatsoever made so much noise, & was so represented here, that altho I am extremely indifferent as to any Consequences regarding it, I could not help being dissatisfied as to the mention made of my Name, until I found it so Satisfactorily Explained.—I now therefore agreable to my former resolution inclose You a List of Indian Goods &ca which I shall be glad you will procure for me wth. all possible Dispatch, hoping that You will be careful in the Choice of them, which will be a farther inducement to me to purchase the like from the same Hands, as they are to be distributed in favour & presents to all the Nations in my Department many of whom are at present competent Judges of y^e. Quality of them. The whole will go but a very little way amongst so many Nations as are to partake of it, but it is as much as can be spared from the other Incidental Expences of my Departm^t. The present verry Slender Allowance for which, renders me under the necessity of making it go as far as possible, & was I to purchase those Articles here, the whole sum would fall far Short of what the Service requires, especially at a Period so Critical as is the present, when we have the Strongest reasons for apprehending the Defection of Several Nations from our Interest, unless they should be diverted therefrom by the Steps I am now taking; These circumstances considered, I make no

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 24323. fo. 1, London, England.

² See Daniel Campbell to Sons of Liberty, November 14, 1769.

doubt of Your procuring them as Cheap and as good as possible. —

The General Want of Indian Goods here at present & the Difficulty of procuring them from the Resolutions taken in America are most alarming Circumstances, as they must shortly produce a general discontent amongst the most freindly Indians who have constantly been assured that they should always have an open Trade, & plenty of Goods, but I am in hopes that in a little time these unhappy differences will be Settled, otherwise the consequences are obvious. —

Inclosed I send You a Bill on Harley and Drummond for the payment of those Articles now wrote for, Also a Draft on Mess^{rs}. Baker for the sum of Eighty Pounds which is to pay for those Articles wrote for, for the use of my Slaves, As the Post Waits, and the Pacquet is to sail the 8th. of this Month, I can add nothing farther at present than to assure You that I am,

Sir, Your Welwisher
& verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON.

P. S. If Captⁿ. Miller of the *Britannia*, or *Chambers*¹ of the London should be ready to sail at the time the Goods are purchased, I would in that case have the freight given to them or to either of them —

MR. JOHN BLACKBURNE.

INDORSED Johnson Hall June 1770

Sr. W^m. Johnston

rece^d 17th. Aug^t. 1770

Answ^d. 12th Sep^r. 1770²

¹ For the association of Captain Chambers with an attempt to introduce the East India Company's tea into New York City, see *Memorial History of the City of New York*, 2:432, ed James Grant Wilson.

² The draft of this letter is in the New York State Library, *Johnson Papers*, 19:101.

TO CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson hall June 1, 1770*]

[
with my recommendatio[ns]²]
which I dare say they will []
surprised that a few should have []
doubt that they have been practised upon []
discontented at the late alterations, but as all []
any hand in respecting these affairs has been []

] thought best for the General satisfaction & real
Int[erests of the] people, So I trust that it will produce happy
effe[cts] that harmony which I sincerely wish
may Subsist [] the Inhabitants, to promote which I
am persuaded your Endea[vours] will always be directed —
Col. Johnson has now [] your Orders respecting
a return & I shall be glad that those [] who could
not attend before, are qualified as soon as Con[]

I shall allways be happy in any Opportunity that may offer
for Serv[ing] Your Township,³ or Testifying the Esteem with
which I am

Sir &ca

COLL. COR^s. VAN SCHAACK

INDORSED: June 1st. 1770

To Coll. Cor^s. V. Schaack

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² "Recommendations for commissions, which he has transmitted to the Governor."—Johnson Calendar, p. 459.

³ Kinderhook.

AN ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall June 2^d 1770

SIR

£ 88 . . 17 . . 4 Cur^{ry}. Pay unto Col. Guy Johnson or Order
on Demand the Sum of Eighty Eight
pounds Seventeen & four pence Cur^{ry}.,
& charge it to Acc^t. of

Y^r. Humble Servant
W JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^{re}.Dp^y Pay Mr. Gen^l.

New York

G JOHNSON

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 3^d June 1770

DEAR SIR

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you for some time — I am daily teasing Alex^r. Colden for the Maps of Adiquetange,¹ & he daily promises to give it me, he is realy hurried out of his Life at present, however I will have it soon & send it you, M^r Banyar &^c are about to take out a Pattennt for the remainder of the Tract, but we find that Col^o. Bradstreet now here claims all the S. & East Side of Susquehanah, by virtue of an Indian Purchase, & says you know it, & promised him he should have it, this will take off one half of what you intended us, but I cannot think it will turn out as he says, I fancy he will write you on the Subject, so be cautious of any promise to him. His Indian Deed² I have seen, & your Mile on the River is not

¹ Named Charlotte river by Johnson. See W. M. Beauchamp, *Aboriginal Place Names of New York*, p. 51.

² See Bradstreet to Johnson, April 12, 1770.



COLONEL GUY JOHNSON

From the John Ross Collection, Toronto Public Library



mentioned in it — I should be glad to hear from you on that Subject —

I gave an order of Cap^t Glaziers on you to Mr. Adams when here for £165. 13. 4½ which was put into your Acc^t 6th Octobr. last. I beg you'll be so good as send me an Order on Mr. Mortier for the same. a Warrant passed for the Acc^t in which this [] cluded 16 Dec^r. last — little News here [] what you see in the Papers — Lord Dunm[ore is] expected here in July, by all Accounts he is [] very good natured Jolly Fellow & loves his Bottle [] bring a Cap^t. Foy of the artillery with him as [] Secretary — This is the Cap^t. Foy who had Prince Ferdinands seperate thanks as I am told. —

I am ever with much regard

D^r Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

I ordered the Hautboy & Jews Harps for you from Dublin — & have recd them, they are sent up to Albany to the Care of Mr. Cartwright for you in a small Box directed — there is no Jews Harps made with Silver Tongues, they write us they would not sound so well as Steel tongues —

Groce of Jews Harps	cost Irish	£1. 17 —
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The Haut Boy	cost	1. 4 —
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£3. 1 —

Currency £4. 12. 9

ADDRESSED: To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 at Johnson Hall
 Albany

INDORSED:¹ N York 3^d. June [1770]
 Mr. H. Wallaces Letter
 Ans^d. 12th June

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS FITCH

A. L. S.¹*Windham 4th June 1770*

SIR

Your favour of the 26th Ult^o. came to hand last Week And by what means it Should have been so long delay'd I am Not able to Account; The other Letter which you refer To, I have not rec^d. even to this day.

I am very sorry that I am obliged to return for Answer to this Letter, That the many disappointments I have mett with render it absolutely impossible for me to advance any Cash For Lands immediately, And as I would by no Means disappoint You in the Sale & Settlement of any of the Lands in Question, I must desire you not to delay the Matter one Moment on My Account.

(You may be assured I shall ever remember with the strongest Gratitude your kind Intentions to serve me in the Landed Way, and shall always regret, it was not in my Power to Comply with the Terms by advancing the money, But as that could not be done, I must give over all Pretentions, unless it should Be agreeable to you to reserve me some few thousand Acres and Allow me to pay you in the Way I mentioned when Last with you,) which I cannot desire you to do unless It can be effected perfectly consistent with your Interest.

I am with the greatest respect Your most Obed^t.
& most Hble Servant ———

THO FITCH

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson Baro^t

att

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Windham 4th. June 1770

Col Fitch's Letter ———

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR

New York 5th. June 1770

I am favourd with yours by the Parsons & agreeable to your request, I send up the grant to Doctor Stringers particular Care by a good Skipper, I am told, call'd Hendrick Wendell, who carries this Letter with it inclos'd to the Doctor — You have been lucky in the Conveyance from England, for Capt. Kemble who saild with Miller is lost on Little Egg Harbour shoals & all the Papers & Passengers Baggage, Cloaths &c: lost with her Mr. Izard¹ & Bayard are just come to Town. Have you thought of recording your Patent or is it already done in England, the risque will be too great to trust to the single chance of One Original Instrument —

I am afraid Sir Will. Bakers Son's will not equal the father in application to Business, he has laboured for them too much made them too rich. With regard to Talents & cleaverness few people were his equals & Providence has not thought fit to make genious an Inheritance as the Law does Money —

Our party disputes are high, indeed & are bitter as they are high, it will be a Masterly stroke in our New Ruler² if he can ballance them well to subserve Government & will require a reach of discretion & judgment that does not fall to every Mans share, more especially to great Folks bred in the pride of Life & us'd to implicit Obedience from their inferiors —

I am always with great truth —

There is not any particular
News, our Advices come down
to the middle of April & I send
you a bundle of News papers——

Dr. Sr.
Yr. Most Ob^t. Serv^t.

JN^o. WATTS

¹ Ralph Izard, of South Carolina, born in 1742, died in 1804, diplomat, member of Continental Congress, 1782–83, United States senate, 1789–95.

² John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, was Governor of New York from October 19, 1770 to July 9, 1771.

SR. WILL: JOHNSON Barr^t—

ADDRESSED: To
 Sr. William Johnson Barr^t
 Johnson Hall —
 Mohawks River

INDORSED:¹ N York 5th June 17[70]
 Mr. Watts Letter
 relative to my Patent
 ans^d. June 12th.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 6th June 1770

DEAR SIR

I ask your Pardon a Hundred Times for Neglecting to Send your Surtout Coat I had given directions to my clark, when the Gun powder & Shott went up in the Battoe, to send it, & till this verry day I thought it had been sent. I now send it by John Brant, with directions to leave it at Colⁿ Clauses the bill of percal I now inclose you Amounting to £3. . 11. . 10

As you wrote me some time ago to send you an Inventory of Indian Goods, which at that time I was verry scarce of. I have just received a letter from London informing me that my Indian Goods were to Come in a Vessel Bound to Montreal which was to Sail about the 20th April at the farthest the most of my Goods were then Shiped. as I understand you were intended to meet the Indians some where above only [

] for Goods to Meet them, I can supply with Goods to be delivered either at Oswego Fort Stanwix or the German Flatts.² the difference of the Expence

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² July 16 to 23, 1770, Johnson held a congress with the Six Nations, Canadian Indians and Cherokees at the German Flats.

will scarc be anything I supose I Could Spare 1000 French Blankets & 60 pieces Blue Strouds — 150 ll Vermillion 10 p^s emboss'd Serge 100 ll brass kittles properly assorted 700 ll Gunpowder 3000 ll Ball & Shott 100 dozen Scalping knives besid other things. if any these Articles were wanted I should be happy to serve you with them, hope you will Consider Something Concerning it, as I shall shortly send a man from here on purpose to Conduct those Goods to Detroit, & Ohio—— there has been some Indian Traders speaking to me for some of those goods . but as there is some little Risque . I would not make them any promise before I spoke to you to know whither you would want or not —— I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you next week as I purpose going up with M^{rs} Campbell who begs her best Compliments

I am Dear Sir with Great
 Respect your most
 Obedient humble
 Servant
 DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ June 6th. 1770
 Major Campbels letter
 Ans^d. 12th ——

JOHN BROWN TO THOMAS GAGE

Extracts

Letters from Captain Brown to General Gage

Dated *Niagara June 8th: 1770*

(1)

On the 3^d. Instant a considerable Number of Chippewas appeared in their Canoes in the Mouth of the River, fired several

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Vollys on coming near the Garrison, which Compliment was returned with Our Guns, Landed on the Opposite side of the River, but soon after Embarked and came here without their Arms, sent Word that they wanted to speak with me, accordingly they came up, when their Chief known by the Name of A,mi,na,beau,jeu, told me that he was glad to see me well, that he had something to Communicate, but that it would be two Nights before that he would speak, gave a String of Wampum and told me that he and his Children were very hungry, I gave them Provisions and a little Rum, and Tobacco. On the 5th: they sent me Word that some of their Men were Drunk, so could not speak untill next Day, Asked more Provisions, which I gave them, It is necessary to inform your Excellency, that they brought neither Women nor Children to this Place, a thing very uncommon amongst them.

On the 6th: they came to my Quarters, when A,mi,na,beau,jeu, Spoke (as he expressed himself) at the desire of His Children, saying, That Sir William Johnson always want [ed him to] come to this Place when he wanted to [] that he could depend upon, said that his [] been Shut up for a long time, then addressed himself to some of the Six Nations that were present, desiring them to open their Ears and hear and likewise to look at his Young Men, for that they were like themselves, if they wanted their Blood they might take it, that they spoke before me that I might hear that their hearts were good, that they did not intend any Mischief, that his Young Men were still quiet, that if they (the Six Nations) intended any Mischief, they might go to the Detroit, for that there was Men there as badly disposed as themselves, That he spoke in the open Air whilst the Sun was Shining very bright, and that altho' his Skin was Black, his heart was still good, and concluded by giving them some Strings of Wampum, and desiring them to repeat what he had said in their Village. They were betwixt Forty and Fifty in Number, I again gave them Provisions, Pipes, Tobacco, and Rum, they have been continually begging since their arrival, and this Day the last of them went off.

This Morning a Seneca brought me Three Arm Bands which he informed me were bought this Spring from One Mr: — Va[] Trader from Albany on his way to Detroit, who received value for them as if good Silver, they prove to be a mixed Metal only washed over. The Indian complains greatly of the Cheat, has left the Armbands with me, and begs that I will get him redressed.

I thought it my Duty to write the Inclosed Letter to the Governor of New York, which may be delivered or not, as you Excellency may Judge proper.

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Niagara 15th: June 1770

On the 12th: a Battoe with Six Men arrived here from Toronto, on Examining them, they informed me that they had been carrying Rum and other Merchandize there for Mess^{rs}: Wade and Keyzer to Trade with the Indians, that in going there they were ordered to keep at a Distance from this Fort, and pass in the Night. I immediately wrote to them, and sent the Indian Interpreter with the same Battoe to deliver the Letter, a Copy of which with their Answer I have the honor of inclosing to your Excellency.

I believe that those Gentlemen have no Pass from the Governor, And if Rum is allowed to be carried among the Indians in that Manner, I make no doubt, but that we shall soon hear of Mischief being done in some of their Drunken Frolicks.

INDORSED: Extracts from Two Letters
from Captain Browne to
General Gage.
Dated at Niagara the
8th. and 15th. of June 1770—

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Albany 8th June 1770

I return'd from New York this day. The Governor & Council have appointed the 26^h Sep^r. next for the Patentees of Hardenbergs Patent to make good their claim to the Lands between the two Branches of Papaconk & Mohawk.¹

I give you joy of the arrival of your Patent at the easy rate of a Bever skin if demanded.

The struggle amongst the great was not over seven weeks sence at home, nor the confusion amongst the People.

Lord Dunmore is soon expected at New York; half his Baggage came in Miller & the other in Kimble but much damaged by the latter ship being run on shore near Egg harbour & her stern hove in

I found, at New York, you had or intended to apply for the Lands along the Susquehanna River from Harpers line² to opposite Tionundara³ on the side I purchas'd from the Indians—I did not expect this, tho I knew you had an Indian gift or deed for it as considering it given up to me out of your regard for me—you are sensible how I paid my money for a very bad Tract of Land [] I understood was a very good one and am inv[olved] in a troublesome & expensive affair—If you want any of the Lands they are at your service, but taking the edge of the River will make the rest on that side useless to me, which I am persuaded you would be sorry for.

¹ The case was reached December 10th and continued from time to time.

² See Sauthier map of 1779.

³ Tienaderha river, *Idem*

I hope you enjoy your health and that you believe me with
sincer regard & esteem

Sir
Your most obedient
&
very humble servant
JNO BRADSTREET

INDORSED:¹ [] 1770
 [] etts letter

FROM SYBRANT G. VAN SCHAICK

*Copy*²

Albany, 8th June 1770

SIR,

I have rec'd from His Honor, the governor, commissions for
completing a Regiment from the southermost bounds of the
Manor of Rensselaerwick to the southermost bound of the county
of Albany on the west side of Hudson's River. Upon the con-
vening of the Officers agreeable to his Honor's commission there
were nine of them refused acceptance without assigning any
reason for their refusal.

The rest appointed, accepted & were qualified. I also
enclose you an exact list of those persons names who refused to
accept or qualify.

I have acquainted the Governor with the names of the persons
that refused to accept upon which His Honor directed me to send
down the names of such persons as I thought proper. I thought
proper to acquaint you with this & have your approbation of it.
As I am now in Albany, when I return home I shall transmit
the names to the Governor & as soon as the commissions arrive,
I shall send Sir William a regular list of the names of the officers,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Library of Congress, Force Transcripts.

their ranks & Regiment. I return you thanks for the notice you have been pleased to take of me in the appointment.

& am, Sir, with great esteem,
your most obd't. humble servant
SYBRANT G. VAN SCHAICK

The Hon. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Bart. at Johnson Hall.

TO HARRY MUNRO

*Df. S.*¹

SIR/ *Johnson Hall, June 8th 1770*

I am requested by the two Mohawk Villages to let you know, that, they are verry desireous of having you to preach in the new Church at Conajohare on Sunday the 17th. of this Inst., It being quite finished, & they all returned from Hunting.

I hope nothing may happen to prevent y^r. coming, as it would be a great disapointment to them, & many others who propose to attend Divine Service there that Day

I shall be glad to know from you as Soon as convenient whether we are to Expect you that Day, or not, that notice may be given accordingly to Whites & Indians.

I am with much Esteem,
Revr^d. Sir,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
W^M JOHNSON

REVR^D. MR MUNRO—

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

[SIR] *Albany 9th. June 1770*

I this Moment receivd a Letter from Jn^o. Watts Esq^r. at [] York, (with one inclosed for you) with two Paper Parcels,

¹ Letter and signature not in Johnson's hand.

whi[c]h he says are a Box, & a Bundle of Papers. He desires me to forward this Letter to you with the Bundle of Papers by first opportunity, & says nothing of the Box more than "How it is to be disposed of no doubt he (meaning yourself) will inform you."—As I have never had any directions from you, am at a loss whether to keep the Box until I hear from you, or to forward it; however if I do not hear from you before I have a safe opportunity to forward it, shall then do so

I am Sr. (with the greatest Respect)

Yr. most Obedt. Huml Servt.

SAM^L. STRINGER

[P.]S. The Box may be about
[] Inches square, & 4 thick
I was favourd with your Letter by
Mr. Adams; & have given a Letter
to Mr. Low—

ADDRESSED: To

The Honble

Sir William Johnson Bart.
at Johnson Hall

George Chago¹

INDORSEMED:²

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.³

DEAR SIR,

New york June 10th. 1770

I have received your's of the 1st. Inst., and shall order the Warrant for £2000. Sterling to be made out immediately. The Contractors have no Money, but as this Sum is wanted in London they will give Bills on England, in Lieu of Cash, at Par.

¹ Next to address on back of manuscript occurs this name.

² Indorsement destroyed by fire.

³ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

This will be some Saving to the Crown, as Bills are now greatly below Par.

Mr Roberts had Some Accounts paid him before he went away, for Expences which strictly speaking, he was not author-

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ized to incurr, I do not recollect the Acc^t. of 112. .5. .0. which you mention to have been transmitted for your Approbation, but shall enquire about it. Nor have I heard more than what you tell me concerning Cap^t: Stevenson's Account, which if you will please to transmit, it shall be examined, to See in what Shape it can be paid.

The last Accounts from the Illinois were of the 30th. of Jan^{ry}. No News of Indians, and of Course every thing quiet. The French on the opposite shore by no means relish the Spanish Government, and it's thought many will come over to our Side, But they will have a Company of French amongst them under St. Ange & other French officers. The 500 Spanish Troops left at New-Orleans, desert in Bodys, 130 of them already in West-Florida. The Inhabitants complain that the Trade is cramped, and of rigorous Treatment, but I have not yet heard how they Manage with Indians.

Letters from Fort-Pitt of 13th May, take Notice of Numbers of Indians hovering about the Fort, in expectation of a Congress. That the Shawnese were busy counselling in their Towns with the Cherokees. And I hear from the Southward that some of them were amongst the Creeks, but not attended to by the principal Chiefs.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

SR: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t:

THO^S. GAGE

INDORSED: June 10th 1770

JOURNAL OF WADE AND KEIUSER'S TRADING EXPEDITION
FROM FONDA TO TORONTO.

A. L. S.¹

[May 13- June 10, 1770]

[] Sett of from Major Funda's on Our
[] Damaged one of Our boats on Conajoharey
[] Oblidged to Leave it there and take a boat
[] to Finn & Ellis. Lodged at Dunns.

Monday 14. Was Detained at Dunns by a heavy Rain Untill
[] Clock P. M. when we sett off and got to Adam Clocks.

Tuesday 15. Sett of from Clocks before sun Rise. Arrived
at the Little falls abt. 12 Clock. got rid Over and Our Boats
reloaded Incamped.

Wensday 16. Sett off Verry Early and got to William Tigers
Were we Lodged.

Thursday 17. Sett of D°. and got to a place Called Croner
point Incamped.

Friday 18. Sett of D°. and [arrived at] Indian Fields
Within two Miles of Fort Stanwix. Incamped.

Saturday 19. Got Rid Over the Carrying place by 9 Clock
Morning.

Stoped the Sluice and Expected to have Got a piece Down
Wood Creek Next Morning which we should have Effected
had it not been for one Broadhucks Son who Opened the Sluice
when we were all Asleep which Done Us great Damage his reason
for so Doing was because we gave a Load to ride Over to
Another Man.

Sunday 20. Waited the gathering of the Water, Untill 3
Clock P. M. Sett off and got a Mile beyond Fort Bull.² tolerable
Well When we found it Impractable to proceed Any
farther. [] the Lowness of the Water, sent ahand

¹ In Ferrell Wade's hand.

² On Wood Creek between Fort Stanwix and Oneida Lake.

to Fort Stanwix [] horses to assist us. This day Her-
rick V Der Wercken, One of Our hands Left []
Harbert V Dusen In his place.

Monday 21. had the Horses with Us before Day []
Sluice. put a horse before Each boat besides two []
Water. drew our boats Over the Stones ab^t. 2 miles []
were Oblidged to put the 2 horses before One boat []
With the Mens Assistance drew it to Fish Creek []
Deal fatigue, sent the Men & horses back for the other boat &
Drew it In the same Manner. Incamped.

Thursday¹ 22. Sett of Verry Early and had Verry Laborious
Work Dragging over Stones and Logs. ab^t. 4 Clock P. M. I
Was sleeping in the boat. the Men through Negligence forgot
to Acquaint of a log we were to go Under. Untill the boat was
Under such Way that it was Impossible to Stop it I had no
Alternative but Either to throw myself Over board side Ways
or be Crushed to Death. I had presence of mind to do it,
swang² asshore Striped and Shifted. proceeded on and Arrived
Within Eight Miles of Oneida Lake Incamped

Wensday 23. Sett off Verry Early. had to draw Our boats
over Several Logs for 3 Miles. then came Into Deep Water so
as to row. got over Oneida Lake and 2 Miles in Osswego River
ab^t. 10 Clock Night Incamped.

Thursday 24. Sett off before Day and proceeded Verry
pleasantly Untill we came to three River Rift, were we had like
to Loos one of Our boats, she being Under great Way and ran
against a Large Rock, which Knocked part of her Bow off with
[out] Doing her further Damage that we Imediately R[

] Arrived at Osswego Falls, where there
were [] Salmon from
who we bought some [] It rained
Verry hard Untill 12 Clock which [prevente]d Our Unloading
our boats. Cleared up Unloaded [] has bread and

¹ Should read "Tuesday."

² For "swam" evidently.

Dry Goods Carried over by the Indians [for] which paid them a Cag of rum. Our boats got down [the] falls Verry Well, reloaded and sett off for Osswego, got fast On Several Rifts and had Laborious Work to get off. came Down Osswego Rift which is the most Dangerous Verry Well Arrived at Osswego. Waited on Lieut Grant the Commanding Officer who treated Us with great politeness. Lay at the Fort. Our men suffered greatly for want of a tent it rained & blew Verry hard the Wind Westerly.

Saturday 26. the Rain & Wind Continued. Lodged at the Fort.

Sunday 27. The Rain & Wind Continued in the same point. Lodged at the Fort.

Monday 28. The Rain & Wind Continued in the same point. Lodged at the Fort

Monday 28. The Wind and Rain Continued Untill 12 Clock Cleared up. We Sett of and Got to Little Sodus Incamped Thursday.¹ 29. The Wind & Rain Continued in the same point which Detained Us this Day

Wensday 30. Sett of Verry Early rained all this Day and Arrived at Orondequat which we thought a great Days journey Incamped.

Thursday 31. Sett of Verry Early was Overtaken by a Verry [] Gale of Wind Westerly took In Water, but was so [] to get into Braddocks bay ab^t. ten Clock [] we saw some Deer but could not [] Near them. 3 French Canoes Incamped.

Friday June 1 Set off before day in Company [] Cannoes kept up with them alltho they had [] Our three got to Sandy Creek Breakfasted just [] Were going to set off the Wind rose in the Usual point. Detained Us Untill 3 Clock P. M. when we Ventured [] but had not gone by Computation more than a Leauge [when] the Wind rose in a perfect storm, return we could not

¹ Should read "Tuesday."

nor had we a Safe harbour forwards for several Miles. we [Kept] up Our spirits and Worked Against Wind & Waves [] In Water fast. Worked Under the Greatest Anxiety for Our bo[ats] after a Vast Fatigue got Under a point were we hauled up Our Boats and Incamped. N. B. the Wind Lulled after Sun Down. our boats Lay safe.

Saturday June¹ 2. Sett of before Day & proceeded to a place Called the Orchard by Computation 12 Miles. the Wind as Usualy it did² rose ab^t. ten Clock, which Detained [] this Day. 2 French Battoes came to our Camp at 12 Clock at Night. Killed a porcupine which was Dressed under the Direction of Mr. Spenser & proved to be Delicious food to us.

Sunday 3. We Sett of Verry Early in Company with the 2 French Battoes. ab^t. 11 Clock an Easterly Wind sprung up When we hoisted sail, and beat the French no Match ab^t. six hours we went at a great Rate when the Wind Lulled. took to Our Oars. and Got at the Old Landing place 4 miles from Niagara two hours before sun sett. [] Landed and Cooked. Stayed there Untill an hour after Night [] proceeded in the Lake Distance from the Land [] Untill we past the Fort about two Miles [] land and arrived at a Creek ab^t. 4 Miles from [] but could not get In from the Lowness of the Water [] Landed on a sandy beach & put two Men In Each boat for [prevent] any Accident.

[Mon]day 4. Sett off at sun Rise and got ab^t. Eight Miles to a Verry fine Harbour, which was Extreemly fortunate for Us. The Wind having sprung up at the Usual hour & point and Blew Verry hard. at Night it blew a mere Hurricane & Rained Verry heavy which Distressed Us [Ver]ry much not having a tent all Our beding was Wet which Oblidged Us to sit up all night. was Carefull to have Our bread & Goods Carefully Covered. There Did not a drop come to them

¹ "June" crossed out in manuscript.

² "Did" crossed out in manuscript.

Thursday¹ 5. The Wind Continued in the same point Untill abt. 3 Clock P. M. then Lulled but the swell was so high no possibility of proceeding on Our Way.

Wensday 6. Sett of as Usual the Wind Continued as Usual but not so hard as to prevent our Working the Boats We were in great Expectations of seeing Teronto this Night, but was Greatly Mistaken. Was Oblidged to ply along shore as the Wind would not permit Us to Cross from point to point. indeed it the safest & Surest Way for people who are Unacquainted with the [] at 5 Clock P. M. Arrived at the Uttermost End [] Lake at one Corner was a fine Creek into [] Went and Incamped. after we Settled our Boats &ca. We Walked along [] a Great Number of Hutts, opposite to [] a Number of Graves Curiously Stockeaded [] In Warr, painted Nicely on Long poles, we had [] []sity to pull a stick out off them to see the Insi[de] we found Bags of paint, and several Other In [] things, which we Left in the same manner we found them, we Also saw one horse with his back sore, which we judged the Indians Used to carry There packs [] the Carrying place.

Thursday 7. Sett of as Usual and got Round a Long [] abt. 10 Clock, When we perceived English Colours flying on our Nearer Approach a Number of Indians who Hallood to Us and Imediately made to^{wd}. the shore. they came in the Water to Assist Us to Haul our boats in a small Cr[EEK] After a Little Ceremony, they brought Us a Deer, a Bowl of Corn., 2 Sturgeons. we gave them in return a Dozen of Biscuit, & three Quarts of rum, the Oldest Men made Us a speech and told Us they were all greatly rejoiced at seeing Us Among them, at the same time were Verry Unhappy Among themselves having Lost there Chief a few Days before Our Arrival, and that seven of there Village was gone to Niagara to Solicit the Commanding Officer to make or Appoint them a Chief in the place [of the]

¹ Should read "Tuesday."

Disceased, that they might Rest Easy, after []
 Tobacco & a Long pause they proce[]
 [] at our Coming among them which honerd
 [B]rothers the English did not Intirely forget them. []
 Niagara was a great Way for them to go, that our
 [] entirely Wiped the tears from there Eyes, that
 they Would assist Us in Everything in there power and Would
 send one of their Young men before Us to pull bark for Our
 house, to keep up Our spirits we would have trade Enough and
 had we Come 3 Weeks sooner all our Goods would be gone,
 that they Would acquaint the Indians farr & Nigh of Our being
 there. So Ended. About 3 Clock P. M. When we were
 ready to sett off, the above Mentioned Indians brought Us a
 bowl of powdered Indian sugar, and One of there party In Each
 Boat to show Us Teronto and to Give Us Any Assistance we
 might Want One of them shuck hands at parting & told Us
 he was at Sir W^m. Johnsons, that he was a great & Good Chief
 & treatly him Verry kindly. we proceeded on Our Way in ab^t.
 4 Miles Distance we came Opposite another Village of Indians
 which we past. Imediately one of there Canoes with 4 of there
 Young men came After Us with a bowl of sugar, a bear Skin,
 a p^r. of Shoes for which we gave them a Little rum, a Biscuit
 apiece with Which they were Verry Well Satisfied, and told Us
 they Would come and see us, when we were Settled & so forth.
 We proceeded ab^t. Eight Miles from thence, and Arrived at a
 fine Large Creek, where there was a Large Camp [of Ind]ians.
 Incamped. Imediately a Number of them waited on Us and
 Expressed there Satisfaction [] Amongst them, but
 told Us had we been there [] We should
 have had a great trade, that they [Expected a] Body of Indians
 soon with trade & would Acquaint them [] Our being
 at Teronto. We told them what we had [come for]
 at present was Only to make Trial and that if they would
 Encourage Us we would Supply them Continually, gave them a
 Little Tobacco & paints.

Friday. Got up before Day, but the Indians were before [] With Us, having Waited Our Getting up, they presented Us with a bag of Corn, Nine Deer Skin for which we gave them 9 Quarts of rum. sett off and proceeded by Computation about Eight Miles when the Wind rose Easterly abt. 10 Clock A. M. (which was the Wind we Wanted at the Other side of the Lake but was here Directly in Our Teeth) which oblided Us to put Ashore, put on Our Kettles for Breakfast but before they were boiled, preseived a Canoe which proved to be 3 Young Men from the Village we Incamped at who brought Us 18 Musquash skins, 1 fisher, 1 Deer Skin, 1 p^r. of Deer Skin Stock^s., a Verry fine Salmon, with 1/2 Dozen Eels, for which we gave them 1 Gallⁿ. of rum, & parted abt. 2 Clock P. M. Sett off and Got Within Sight of Teronto Distance about Six Miles when the Wind rose Verry High which Oblidged Us to put to the Shore we got to a Sandy beach where we Drew up Our boats as farr as possible Unloaded Our Dry Goods & Bread, Left [] Liquors & Articles that would not take Damage [] Boats for Expectation the Wind would [] hours it blew a hurricane, filled Our boats [and] Oblidged Us to Unload Intirely abt. sun Down it [began] to rain which Distressed as formerly for want of [tents.]

Sunday 9. reloaded our boats, sett off and Arrived at Teronto abt. ten Clock. Immediately a Number of Indians Soon Incamped at a point Oppisite to Us abt. 2 Miles Distance came to Us, after We gave them a Little Tobacco they pulled Out 4 Strings of Wampum, which they gave Us, with some fish & sugar that they were Glad to see Us &ca, What fish or Other Game they Got they would bring. we gave them 2 quarts rum. there Was nothing Left of Coll^o. Butlers & Funda's House but the Chimney and abt. 4 foot of a good stone Wall, round which is Verry Sersicable use Imeadiately sett about Our House & shall have a Verry Comfortable One.

Sunday 10. Sett about Our house Again which we have finished Verry Commodious as to the Wood part have Sent an Indian for bark to Cover it. 9 Clock P. M. So the Indians has brought Us a battoe Load bark.

INDORSED:¹ Journal kept by Wade
& Keyser — 1770

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23.. 4.. 9

£1867.. 10.. 8²

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 10th June 1770

DR SIR

Your favour of the 8th Instant I have had the pleasure of receiving, by your Post—by whome I now Send you $\frac{1}{4}$ C white lead—which is all I have in the World—Except a litle left in a Keg—this Article is so Scarce that I Could not procure half, nor quar[t]er enough to finish my House, & as that was the Case I have proposed to finish the Out Side Only—untill there is a fres[h] Importation.

I Shall have all the particulars of Farrell Wades Account drawn out & Send it to you, all the Judges were Sworn in Except the mayor, & his reasons I know, if I am not mistaken, which is—I fancy owing to the Expence he is at Every Court—as the Justices have always met at his House & Drank punch & eat Cheese,—we are now Four in number. I came from Albany yesterday Cap^t. Mc Leod & Mrs Mc Leod is Arrived at Albany & will be here tomorrow—, Cap^t Eitherinton, & Ensign Price passed through Albany yesterday with Seventy Recruits for the 1st Battlion Royal Americans. Major Bruce at Detroit has got

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² On back of manuscript occurs this computation.

promoted to a Lieu^t Colonel, So that he will be Soon down & Cap^t Turnbull will have to Return from Missilimackna to take the Command Again at Detroit.

The Ship Edward Cap^t Kimble General Gages's Brother in law has been a Shore on some part of long Island—but its hoped She will be got off Mr William Bayard & Mr Igard Came passengers with him—

I am Dear Sir with Great
Respect your most Obedeant
Humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

Mr Kinor from Amboy and another young gentleman is gone to Schorie to look after land¹

INDORSED:² Schnectady 10th. June 1770

Major Campbell's Letter
Ansrd. 12th—

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

London 12 June 1770

DEAR SIR

Since my last I waited upon Lord Hillsborough Several times, & saw him twice but he Scarce recollected you mentioned me in your Letter. I mentioned the great Expense of provisions to Indians coming so far to see you that the whole contingent Expense is not Sufficient to defray that Article, that when officers up the Country could grant them them some trifling presents & provisions it prevented them coming some thousands of miles to see you, that formerly you had provisions from the King's Stores

¹ This sentence is written in margin of manuscript.

² In Johnson's hand.

but now you bought it from y^r. Contingent fund. this seem'd to be unknown to him & he ordered me to lay it before Mr. pownall, that some further provision should be made, also the article of the Medals, but he Still persisted in thinking a limit Should be fix'd to the Expense. I explained the difference between the Northern & Southern districts the Vast plentiful, hunting Country the Savages go thro to the Southward, & the barren Country to the N. West that the lakes required all travelers to bring everything with them, w[hi]ch would increase the Expense wonderfully. he said that all affairs of Expense came more properly before my Lord North, but if I would Set it forth fully, it may not look so like a request of his, he would do what lay in his power, that he was very Sorry he could not recompence my Services, that it made him very uneasy to See what he thought I had a right to expect, & not in his power to Serve me, I told him I was not asking anything in particular for myself, that Seeing Rogers rewarded, Accounts to the Amount of £3000—paid, besides other Sums given him, I thought I had a right to Expect something that what I said concerning the smallness of the Contingent allowance of Our Department, that no blame might be on the officers Employ'd, if the Service was not effectually carried on, that his Lordship might see, timely, how insufficient the Sum allowed was.

I have not yet See pownall. Every tuesday is Lord Hillsboroughs Levy. I was to have an Answer to day but they were at the Cockpit about Johnson's affair with the Mohiccons Indians

Rogers reported I was turned out of my Employment for the Ill treatment I gave him. he has been to much believed. It was a little unfortunate I was not recommended to more people that I might be introduced to the head people where I could contradict in person what I am obliged to do thro various Channels. it is thought Rogers will get a Battallion in the India Company's Service. 'tis a little odd how he has procured Certificates from Amhurst, Abercrombie, in short almost every field officer that Served in America, of his good behavior & Courage,

it seems a party against General Gage, but time will clear it up, & honesty triumph.

I should think myself happy in hearing from you I begin to despair of making you believe I always shall deserve your confidence & am with the greatest [respect]

Dear Sir

Your Most affectiona[te]

&

Friend & hum^{bl} Servant

B ROBERTS

To

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED TO:

To

Sir William Johnson Baronet

at Johnson Hall

New York

INDORSED:¹

London 12th. June 1770

L^t. Roberts Letter

FROM WILLIAM KELLY

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR,

London June 12th. 1770

As I flatter myself that you rank me among those, who respect and esteem you; I shall not trouble you with an apology for the freedom I now take in informing you, that I shall remain here a few years, 'till I Establish a House connected, and in partnership with one in New York, to carry on extensive Business on both sides, in a direct ready money Trade, between the two places: The reasons which Induced me to go into this new Scheme, after having quit Business with what I then thought a Competency, I beg leave to mention.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

The whole of the Goods, which I imported from this Country, were ship'd by those who did Business for New York, in the Common way, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ cent and as these people at times, met with heavy losses, and were notwithstanding growing rich, I thought it exceedingly strange, that all this cou'd result from so small a com^o.; I was therefore led to believe, that there must be a secret at bottom, which when here in 65 and 66, I endeavour'd to discover; and which after some time I did, very much to my Satisfaction: I found that after receiving orders, they generally sent them to the different Tradesmen and when the bills of parcels came in, they carried their amount to the credit of the respective Tradesmen, by debitting a General acco^t. of Merchandize, and then credited that acco^t. by the Sale of these Goods to their Friends, at an advanced price of 10 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ct. on an average; and after that, charg'd a com^o. of $2\frac{1}{2}$. This Sir is the way the Generality of them have grown rich; and thus the confidence, together with the Ignorance of the American Importers, has allow'd their Friends to plunder them for many years.

You will observe that by this mode of executing com^o. business there is— 1st a profit of 10 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ct.

2^d. a com^o. of $2\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ct. and

3^d. there is a difference of $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ct. in price between taking Goods in this way, at the rate the Tradesman thinks proper to charge his long winded Customer, and that for which a ready money Customer can purchase at the Fountain Head; notwithstanding what these people used to write, that there cou'd be no advantage had from laying out ready Money, but an allowance of 5 $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ct.; which you know is no temptation to a man, that resides in a Country, where the Common Interest is Seven.

Besides these temptations, permit me to say, that my Youngest Son's Capacity, and turn for business, are strong Incentives with me to reimbark in business; the better to do this in an extensive Spirited manner, I have ever since I returned to America in

August 66 been preparing and winding up my affairs, to enter on the execution of my plan; one Grand step toward which was a Judicious choice of a partner in New York, where I have fix'd on one, as much to my Satisfaction as possible, in Mr. Lott your Treasurer; a gentleman of a fair character, and as much real worth, added to as extensive an Experience, as the province can produce: He has a Son, a very promising lad, whom he is now diligently qualifying for Business; so that in a little time we shall take them into Company, in order to secure the advantages, naturally resulting from this Scheme, in case it shou'd please God to order either Mr. Lott or myself hence; and in the meantime, we shall probably take one on each side into Company, lest the business shou'd receive a check by the death of either, before our Sons are fit for so considerable an Undertaking.

Thus far Sir I have obruded a matter on you, which on any other Score, but the ground of Friendship, wou'd be exceedingly improper; and as I am Induced to believe, that tho' you have no connection with mercantile Business, (except it be some small matter in ordering Supplies or presents for the Indians, and perhaps not even that under the present Regulations), yet you may essentially serve us, by your recommendations to such of your Friends in Business, as can afford to Import for ready money; which Idea led me to open this undertaking: Only desire them to make a Trial, and I will engage that they will thank you for the Suggestion.

I have been here about nine months, and in that time have been to most of the First Tradesmen, in the great Manufacturing Towns, and can now Complete any order to more advantage, than I am sure ever has been done heretofore; and as to safety, Mr. Lott can tell you, that my property in New York and New Jersey, is very considerable, on which there is not, nor ever was, a Shilling Incumbrance, and He who has also got a good Estate, is of course bound for the safety of the House here; so that I apprehend nothing can be on ground more Secure, than Applications to us here, and in New York; as to Integrity I am

flatter'd with an opinion, that ours cannot be Justly Impeached; and as we mean never to take any, not the least advantage to ourselves, but to allow all discounts &c to those for whom we do business, we mean to charge a com^o. of 5 P^{ct}. under which, it is impossible for people, who take the pains we shall, to be reasonably Compensated.

The confidence which you have heretofore placed in me, Induces me, thus to tender yourself and your Friends our Services here, and in New York; and as the Capital we have in Trade will enable us to do almost anything, I am persuaded that the advantages resulting from our doing Business, totally for ready money on both sides, will be found full as much, as this representation can Image. I dare not promise to make an equal return, to those Obligations I so Justly owe you, nor to those favors which I am flatter'd your Friendship and Countenance to our Scheme, will confer on Mr. Lott and myself: I can only therefore have recourse to hopes, that we may not be found unworthy of them — to Sir John, & Cap^t. Johnson & Claus, I beg you will present my best Compliments; and that you will believe me with Cordial Wishes, for your health & happiness, and sentiments of great regard,

Dear Sir

Your most obedient
and most humble Servant

WILLIAM KELLY

(Copy)

Orig'l P packet under cover }
to Abraham Lott, Esq^r. }

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Bar^t.

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall. June 12th. 1770.*

DEAR SIR

I thank you for your Letter of the 5th. Inst. & for the Care you have taken in forwarding My Grant to Dr. Stringer who has acquainted me with the rect of it. It was lucky that it came in Miller on considering the accident that the other Vessel met with, which might have put me to some trouble & expence. Your hint about the getting of it recorded would have been very Necessary but that I understand care was taken about that in London which I dare say is sufficient for the purpose.

I am much obliged to you for the bundle of newspapers, and wish they contained any Matter that might enable us to hope for a speedy period to the Dissentions at home, but I fear we must wait for some time before peace is thoroughly restored either there or amongst ourselves. I hear that our New Governor is a Man of much Affability and good Nature and Sincerely wish he may not have both put too much to the Test at this Critical & disagreeable period.

My House is now full of Indians who are teasing me almost to death about the proposed Congress & interested trifles of their own. I have been interrupted Several times since I began these few Lines so that I know you will excuse my [not] adding more at present than that I am allways with great Truth & regard
Dear Sir &c

[The] Hon^{ble}[JOHN] WATTS Esq^r.

INDORSED:

June 12th. 1770

 To the Honble J. Watts, Esq^r.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.²Johnson Hall, June 13th. 1770

SIR

A few Days ago I received the kind Invitation of your Body, to my self, the Wardens & Bretheren of St. Patricks Lodge² to assist at the approaching Festival, for which on my own & their behalf I return many thanks. But as our Lodge was adjourned from the last time of Meeting until that Festival, & as the members live so dispersed that I cannot Convene them without a good deal of Inconvenience at this time, It is not as yet in my power to transmit an answer from the Body, tho I may safely venture to answer for their Inclination to pay due regard to your Invitation, If the variety of business in the Country, & the particular Dutys of some of the Members will by any means permit. For myself as I have sometime ago called the Indians together on Business of public Importance, I daily expect notice of their being assembled, and therefore verry much doubt If I can have the pleasure of attending at that time but shall recommend to such of the Members as can possibly attend that they Joyn yuir Body on that Occasion.

¹ In Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.

² Sir William Johnson was the founder and the first Master of St Patrick's Lodge with Guy Johnson as Senior Warden and Daniel Claus as Junior Warden, and continued Master until December 6, 1770. The Lodge was organized and met in regular semi-monthly session in Johnson Hall, which had been built by Sir William in 1764. McClenachan, Charles T., *History of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in New York*, 1:218-22; Ross, Peter. *A Standard History of Freemasonry in the State of New York*, p. 40-45; *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, one hundred and twenty-first Annual Communication, May 1902*, p. 101-3.

I am much obliged to you for the Pictures which I have received, & think them verry well Executed, & remain with my sincere regards for yourself, & the Members of your Body,

Dear Sir,

Your most Sincere Friend
& Brother

W. JOHNSON

DOCTOR SAML STRINGER &c.

ADDRESSED: To Doctor Samuel Stringer

in favour

of the Revrd. Mr. Kirkland

Albany.

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹

Teronto, June 14th. 1770

We Arrived hear the 10 Ins^t. After a most fatiguing journey and had Discharged Our Men the 11th. they got on their Way as farr as Niagara when Captⁿ. Brown thought proper to send them back with Dequaney & One Mr. Grant With the Letter We have the Honour of Inclosing to You, with Our Answer, which I expect will Satisfi him.

We have greatly to Regret that we were not hear a month sooner had it been so should have been traded off before Now to great Advantage. 3 french Men Wintered a Little Distance from this & traded off Imediately in the spring. Also One Gordon an English Trader came to a river close by & traded off. for Our part we have done Verry Well for the time. In short, Sir, from the Scituation of the place we cant Miss of having a Great trade. We must Observe to you that Our Assortment is not Adequate to Our Expectations, being allmost Intirely Rum. Inclosed we send you An Invoice which we beg you will Comply with As it will Enable Us if God spares Our Lives to make you Remittances fast. I am sure Again they Come we shall have a

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

boat Load of furs I beg You will not Disapoint Us. Our Intention is if we Winter hear to go Down the River Bemincaninime that is Close by hear were we Cant Miss of great trade & to great Advantage. We found the Chimney and parpet of the stone wall [of] Butlers & Fundas house Standing has built Over it and made a Verry Compleat house. The Indians Are Extremely good Natured Drunk & Sober & Verry proud of Our Wintering Among them, told Us they would Supply Us with Deer & Maze & fuel plenty. When Dequaney Came hear, [they asked him] Whether he came to bring Us Away & told him they would not Suffer it, that they [would go] to Niagara to Solicit the Commanding officer [].

We Cant help Mentioning [] Mr. Campbell has treated us Extremely Ill. The Rum [was] so bad it was with Dificulty we could presuade men to [] the Rum for Our Own Use Either Mixed or of the Worst kind & charged 4/6 p^r. Gallⁿ. the Strouds & In short Every thing [] bad. We send by the boat One pack of Beaver of an Extranar[] kind, Wheight 120^{tt} & 60 Beavers

It would be Advisiable to get One [or more] of the hands that was with Us if they was to get a trifle More we shall Also want Another hand to stay with Funda can hire One by the Month We have sent boat & Every thing to Funda pray Dont Disapoint Us In the Goods as we have so fine a prospect. Our Compliments Attends Sir John, & the Family. We Are with the Greatest Respect

My Dear Sir William
Your Most Oblidged, & Most
Obedient & Humble Serv^{ts}.

WADE & KEIUSER

INDORSED:¹

Toronto, 14th. June 1770

Mess^{rs}. Wade & Keisers

Letter wth. Sundry other papers ———

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM STEPHEN DE LANCEY

A. L. S.

Albany June 14th 1770

Upon searching I have found the Original Certificate from Stone Arabia, & its not being Signd in the book has been a mistake of my Clerk. inclosed is a Copy with y^e. Coms^{sr's}: names & also two other Certificates which is all we have of y^e. roads you write for. The Dedimus is in my hands the names of the Persons appointed you have inclosed with y^e. date of the Dedimus

Mr. Cartwright tells me he expects you in town next week. I must begg of You to make my house your home. we have a Convenient Bed room & would be glad you'd except of it from Dear Sir Your Sinseer friend

& Oblidged Hb^l Ser^t

STEP^N. DE LANCEY

ADDRESSED:

Sir William Johnson, Bar^t:

At

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Ju[ne]

Stephen Delan[cey's]

Letter &

Sundry pa[pers]

¹ In Johnson's hand.

LIST OF GOODS ASKED FOR BY WADE & KEIUSER

A. D.¹[*Teronto June 14th 1770*]

[]

[] Wampum if possible to be had

[s]ilk hands^s.[] p^s. Coarse Linnen[] p^s. or two Duffl^l Blankets

a Good Oil Cloth to Cover the Goods.—if there is Any Other Little Articles we have Omitted & You should think of pray send them.

50^{ll} a few Small Bottles

2 Dozen quart Bottles we want them much to Measure

2 quart Tin Mugs.

2 p^r. of Hinges for Doors2 D^o. for Windows

2 Good Locks

1 Doz. parcel of French Coats Extreme Good Articles

12 Striped Colemanco made In Gowns they will not sell Otherwise Also the Calicoe made In D^o.

the Linnen In shirts

INDORSED:²

List of such goods
as Wade & Kreiser
wrote for rec^d. it the
29th. June 1770—

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand. List was inclosed in letter to Daniel Campbell, Aug. 3, 1770.

² In Johnson's hand.

ENNIS GRAHAM'S BILL TO MR. ADAMS

A. D. S.

N. York, June 15: 1770

Mr. Adams

	For Ennis Graham	Dr.
To 5½ y ^{ds} . blue coating @ 16/	— —	4- 8 ¹
4 doz buttons	1/6 — —	6 —
1 yard fine Shalloon — — — —	— — — —	4 - 6
Silk & thread — — — — — —	— — — —	4 —
32 yards binding	3 ^d — — —	8 —
¼ y ^d . Oznabrigs — — — — — —	— — — —	- 5
The above things are for two Coats		
2 Large 4 thread briches Pattern 24/	— 2	8 —
2 p ^{rs} garters	3/- — —	6 —
Silk thread & twist — — — — — —	— — — —	4 —
2 doz Small buttons — — 9 ^d — — —	— — — —	1 - 6
½ doz Large D ^o — — 1/6 — — —	— — — —	- 9
1 y ^d . Durant — — — — — — — —	— — — —	3 - 3
½ y ^d . Oznabrigs — — — — — — — —	— — — —	- 9
buck ^m . 6 ^d - 2 yards fustian @ 2/9	— —	6 —
		£9 - 1 - 2

1770

June 20 Rec^d. the above Contents in full

ENNIS GRAHAM

INDORSED:²

1770

Ennis Grahams Recpt.
for £9“1“2 ———

¹ Amount blotted out in manuscript.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Niagara, June 15th. 1770

DEAR SIR

Mess^{rs}. Wade & Keyser will doubtless acquaint you with a Manouvre of His Excellency our Governor in respect to them. He condescended before he sent a message to those Gentlemen to consult me, but as is common with him he was before hand determined & of course follow'd his own inclination in direct opposition to my opinion. The good of the Service & trade was the first reason for his conduct. I however made him confess before the Traders that he had only sent for the Gentlemen on acc^t. of the disrespect shewen him in passing his post without paying him a visit. After leading him on thus far I ask'd him—Suppose they refuse to come on the receipt of your order? He reply'd then by God he would send a party of men for them—but the boat is just now return'd & as I conjectured the Gentlemen are not yet dispos'd to come & notwithstanding his threats I don't bleive he will oblige them. He intends writing by this occasion to Gen^l. Gage & perhaps the Governor. A Chief of the Senecas here at present. all peace at the Castles according to his acc^t.. Comp^{ts}. to Sr. John & the rest of your family. I am

D Sir

Your most Obed^t. & Hum^{lc}.
Serv^t.JA^s. STEVENSONINDORSED:¹Niagra June 15th. 1770

 Cap^t. Stevensons Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

WADE & KREUSER TO JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.¹

Toronto June 15, 1770

[] expect that we []
of Waiting On you to be []
we knew had we gone to Niagara []
[] would have followed us to prevent []
[] post. — we are also sure from your
letter [] Would not be biased by any
prejudiced people [] further than
your Duty as Commanding Officer []
Had we the Intention [] pleased to
signify in your Letter Sir W^m Johnson who knew of Our
Coming to this place would [] it, as it
would so Imiadiately Interfere with his Department as Superin-
tendant of Indian Affairs

Fully to Convince you that we had no Intention to Cloack
Our being here from you I have shown the Interpreter & Mr.
Grant a Letter for Sir W^m. Johnson which we had sent under
cover to you beging the favor of you to forward it.——

Agreeable to your Orders One of us Should have done
Ourselves the pleasure of going With the Interpreter, but you
must be Convinced Sir it would be Attended with great
Inconveniency as we could not have Any Opertunity to return.
which I hope will be sufficient to plead Our Excuse for not
Complying, if not we must ab[] to What you think
proper to do. Whatever your Resolu[tions] we should
take it as a particular favour Confered on [us] if you would
Communicate them by a Line with Our Battoe Men to Sir
W^m. Johnson.——

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

CHARLES INGLIS TO DANIEL BURTON

*Copy*¹*New York, June 15, 1770.*REV^D. WORTHY SIR,

By this Conveyance you will receive a joint Letter from the Rev^d. D^r. Cooper, the worthy President of King's College in this City, & myself in Behalf of the Mohawk Indians. As the Circumstances which gave Rise to our Application are particularly related in that Letter, I shall not repeat them here. One principal Reason for my going to Sir William Johnson's, where the Mohawks requested D^r Cooper & me to write to the Society in their Favour, was to converse with Sir William about the State of the Indians; & get what Intelligence I could from him, as well as by seeing the Indians & their Situation. Their Zeal & Anxiety to have a Missionary, their Behaviour, & the Character I had of them from those who knew them well, & whose Veracity I could depend on, gave me much Pleasure; & induced me to stand Sponsor for a Child of one of their principal Sachems which was baptized by D^r Cooper.

In my last Letter I informed you of a Popish Missionary that was appointed to a Tribe of Indians converted by the French. By some late English News papers, I perceive this affair is known among you, & has been made an Handle of by some restless Dissenters. The Appointment of this Missionary was the Act of Governor Carlton only. Those Indians had applied to Sir William Johnson & General Gage for a Missionary; but both refused to do any Thing in the Matter. Their Application to General Carleton was more successful. Doubtless that Gentleman judged it necessary, from political & other Motives, to gratify them. But whatever they were, they will certainly conclude more strongly in Behalf of the Mohawks, our faithful

¹ Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B series. Vol. 2. New York. 1759-82. Part I. Transcript in Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Friends & Allies. And altho the Society have promised to appoint them a Missionary, when a proper Person can be procured; yet that venerable Body should not be burdened with the Expence; the Government should in Justice extend its Indulgence to them, as well as to that other Tribe of Indians.

A worthy Clergyman among the Mohawks would be of great Service. They are well disposed to recieve the Light of the Gospel. But to diffuse that Light among the other Nations which far surpass the Mohawks in Number, & are now in Alliance with us, will require a much more extensive plan, & more vigorous Efforts. That something of this Sort ought to be done, none will dispute. Every Friend to Religion must wish its Benefits were extended to those poor Savages; & in point of policy, the most cogent arguments might be offered to support it. The Difficulty is how to set it on Foot, & procure a sufficient Fund to carry it on.

I have thought much of this Subject lately, & consulted all that were capable of giving me Information about it; particularly Sir William Johnson, who, from his thorough Knowledge of Indian Affairs, is the best qualified perhaps of any to form a proper plan. He is a zealous Churchman. Sensible how closely the Honour of the Church of Welfare of the State are connected with the Execution of such a Scheme, he promises his hearty concurrence, & to do every Thing in his power to further it. He thinks, that a Representation of the State of the Indians, setting forth the advantages that would arise from their Conversion — that a regular plan judiciously formed, in which he will lend his Assistance — that this laid before the Public, and supported by the Society & other Friends of the Church, here & in England; Would draw the attention of well disposed Christians, & awake their Charity — That such a Plan would bid fair to succeed at this Juncture, when so many Circumstances concur to favour it here; such as the Dependance of the Indians on the English, the general Peace that now prevails, & the Inclination which appears in many Tribes to embrace Christianity. To these I may add the very great Influence which Sir William has over the several

Tribes of Indians, the Confidence they repose in him, the Earnestness he expresses to have the Design carried on, & the Vigour with which I am persuaded he would support it.

Sir William has communicated to me in Writing a Sketch of such a plan. Conscious that I was not sufficiently acquainted with Indian Affairs to form it myself, & that its Success, humanly speaking, could only be insured by a strict Attention to Circumstances, & making them subservient to the Design; which Circumstances could only be known by a long Intercourse with the Indians: I applied to him on this Head, as his good Sense & thorough Knowledge of Indian Affairs enabled him to form an accurate Judgment of it. I have collected some Materials relative to the State of the Indians, & other Matters that should be considered; but before any Thing further was done, I thought it necessary to consult the venerable Society. Without their Approbation I would not presume to go on; & if they approve it, I must beg their Direction. I have no End in View, besides the Extension of our Saviour's Kingdom, the Honour of the Society, & of that Church to which I have the Happiness to belong.

It is much to be lamented that the present Dissentions in the State, & the violent opposition to Government, are unfavourable to any such measure, & must draw the attention of the Ministry from it. Yet Things may take another Turn; & if this political Ferment should subside, weighty Arguments are not wanting to evince the Expediency of Christianizing the Indians. The Savages on this Continent are a numerous, fierce & Warlike People. It is of the utmost Consequence to the Colonies to secure their Friendship, & attach them to our Interest. Reason & Experience demonstrate this cannot be so effectually done as by proselyting them to Christianity, as professed in the Church of England. The Mohawks are an incontestible Proof of this. The Popish Missionaries are numerous & active — as zealous as ever to draw them into the Bosom of their Church. Their Labours meet with Success, & they have the greatest Influence over their Proselytes. Dr. Wheelock has his Missionaries, such as they are, at Work among them. One of them in particular,

who is settled among the Oneidas, a numerous Tribe that received some Impressions of Christianity from the Society's Missionaries, is becoming popular, & gains Ground. He has enough of those Missionaries at Command; for indeed they make no Sacrifice by settling among Savages. And altho the Indians discover a greater Inclination to be instructed by the Society's Missionaries or Clergy of the Church than by these; yet if the latter continue among them, & none of the former visit them, Wheelock's Missionaries will succeed; & I can averr on the best & most authentic Evidence, that the Principles inculcated by them, are by no Means favourable to Government. Let these Circumstances be weighed, besides many more of a similar Nature that might be added; & any Person of Discernment must see that they may, & probably will in Time to come, produce the most alarming Consequences—Consequences which it is the Wisdom & Interest of Government to prevent by a timely Interposition. Whether the Government would not do so, & afford its aid in the present Design, upon a due Representation of these Things, cannot, I humbly conceive, be fully known before a Trial is made.

Dr. Wheelock collected large Sums in England for his School — some thousands of pounds by his own Confession. Can it be supposed that well disposed People would be less liberal to this Scheme, when under the Direction of so respectable a Body as the Society, & attended with so many promising Circumstances? Especially if proper Measures be taken to lay them before the Public, & collect Money. I humbly conceive that some vigorous Effort of this Sort is necessary to draw the Attention of People. A single Mission in the old, beaten Way makes no Noise. Few regard it. But an extensive plan, with the Society at its Head, supported by Sir William Johnson's Influence here, & attended with the greatest Probability of Success; would not fail, I imagine, to command Notice & awake the slumbering Charity of many Christians. Many just Objections lie against Dr Wheelocks Scheme. It is too contracted, injudiciously formed, & inadequate to the Design of Christianizing the Indians, to say no worse. Yet it serves the Ends of the

Dissenters well enough, to make a Bustle; & will gain Credit, if no better Scheme is set on Foot.

I request that you, Good Sir, would be pleased to consult the Society & let me know their Sentiments of this Affair. My Intention is to represent the State, Number, Situation & some other Circumstances of the several Tribes of Indians bordering on this Government — to propose the plan laid down by Sir William Johnson for the Conversion of the Indians, which appears the most rational & judicious I have yet seen, & obviate the Objections that may be made to it — to remove some popular Errors that have been propagated by Dissenters of late with Regard to the first Emigrants to America, as if they had been all Dissenters who fled from Episcopal Persecution; which may also serve to obviate some Objections that have been raised to an American Episcopate & to place in as strong a Light as I can the several Circumstances which now concur to insure Success to such an Attempt at Converting the Savages.

This is, in a few Words, the Plan I have in View. If the Society approve it, I shall proceed; & after Sir William Johnson has inspected my Papers, which he has promised to do carefully, & give all the Assistance he can to correct them, I shall send them to the Society for their Perusal, & to do with them whatever they think proper. Should the Society disapprove the Design, & judge it impracticable, I shall desist. In their Determination I shall acquiesce. If they choose that I should go on, I must beg their Direction & Instructions.

I hope you will excuse the Inaccuracies of this Letter. It bears evident Marks of Haste; & as the Bearer, Mr. Griffiths who goes for Holy Orders, sails much sooner than I expected, I have not Time to Transcribe it.

With the sincerest Esteem, I am,

Rev^d Sir,

The Society's

And Your most obedient,
and humble Serv^t.

CHARLES INGLIS.

REV^d. D^r. BURTON.

INDORSED: N^o 19

A letter from the Rev^d.

Mr. Cha^s. Inglis

Dated N. York

June 15. 1770

Read at y^e. Committee

Oct^r: 15: 1770

GERARDUS DUYCKINCK'S BILL TO ROBERT ADAMS

A. D. S.

New York 18th June 1770

Robert Adams

Bo^t of Gerardus Duyckinck

C Q ^{tt} N^t

1 Cask Spanish Brown	2..1..0..	@ 28/-..	£ 3.. 3..—
1 Barrel Linseed Oil	32 Gall ^{ns}	6/6...	10.. 8..—
6 half Casks Lampblack.....		5/-...	1..10..—
1/2 C. Whitting.....			8..—
	^{tt} oz		
4 Pewter Basons	12..7.....	2/-...	1.. 4..10 1/2
			<hr/>
			£ 16..13..10 1/2
Cartage			9
			<hr/>
			£ 16..14.. 7 1/2

Rece^d the Above Contents for Gerardus Duyckinck

WALTER DUGGAN

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 18th. June 1770,

SIR

Your favor of the 4th. Instant by Mr Adems Came safe to Mr Mortiers hands, and Agreeable to your Request the Ballance of your Account will be paid him, for which he is to call to Morrow Morning.

Mr. Mortier being in the Country, I take the First Opportunity of Transmitting you General Gages two Warrants in your favor dated the 3^d of May last (which I did not get 'till this Morning) with the usual Receipts for the Sums of £1184.17.2½ & £983.16.10¾ Sterling, and am with great Regard

Sir,

Your most Obedient, and
most Humble Servant,

W^m. NEWTONN York 18th. June 1770

Mr. Mortiers Letter by
Mr. Newton with
2 Warr^{ts}. & 2 sets of Recp^{ts}.
Ansrd. 29th June
& returned y^c. War^{ts} & Recep^{ts}.
Signed _____

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York June 18. 1770

SIR WILLIAM

I sent by Captⁿ M^c Leod a Sett of Lord Lyttelton's History of Henry 2^d. I hope he is safe arrived with the book.

The Earl of Halifax paquet is arrived but brings no News. The Representation of the ugly affair in Boston, last March,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

from the inflammatory accounts signed by Hancock, Adams, Cushing, &c &c made much impression upon the minds of the people, which was highly enlarged upon and supported by the whole puritan or republican faction and all Wilkes's Troops, in so much as to occasion some very particular orders to be sent to our General, which have not yet come out. The ministry stands firm, their points are carried and a prorogation will ensue 14 days after the packet sailed, but that you may be more particularly informed how things stand in Europe I have forwarded a packet containing the late Newspapers which when you have perused I beg you to order may be immediately, or by first opportunity, forwarded to Niagara directed to Captⁿ Grant Commanding his Majesty's Vessells on the Lakes, this is the most effectual way I can fall upon to Communicate the Minutiae of Occurrences which seldom fail of proving, in some respects, amusing. Old Generals Owen & Toovey are dead consequently two Regiments vacated.

Lord Dunmore knew no more of the time for his Departure than when he got the Government. [He] will bring with him a new act of Parliament enabling the Governors in America to pass Laws for issuing paper Currency.

Our Merchants seem much inclined to import Goods and I fancy an end is almost come to their confederacy against a Communication with England.

I hope, Sr John, the Colonel & Capt McLeod are well I beg leave to present my Respects to all of them and I am,

Sir William

Your faithfull & obed Serv

JAMES RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED: To Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t
at Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

June 18th. 1770

Mr. Rivington's Letter
wth. English papers

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ABRAHAM CUYLER

A. L. S.

Albany June the 18th 1770

SIR

We had expected an answer from you [in] relation to the Lands which we determined to make a purchase of at Schoharrie we still are ready to purchase them if we knew the Terms upon which you would dispose of them we hope you'll please let us know the Quantity and price of them and we shall make you the immediate payment of the money — the sooner your answer came to hand it would suit the Better

From Sir Your
most obedient humble
Servt

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart

AB^{RM} CUYLER

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bart

at

Johnsons Hall

INDORSED:¹June 18th. 1770from Mr. Abr^m. Cuylercover^{ng}. Land at Schoharrie

Ans^d. 25th. that as soon
as I am mad acquainted with
the Quantity & place they want
it, I will let them know my
Terms.—————

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ROBERT ADEMS

A. L. S.

New York 20th June 1770

SIR

I have sent by Cap^t. Pemberton the Articles mentioned in the inclosed list, as I wait the Return of an Express (expected tonight) sent by the Merchants of this place, to the Inhabitants of Philadelphia, to know their Sentiments in regard to the Importation of those Goods, not dutyable, the voice of the people here being for it; and unless they do, am afraid youl be oblidge to meet the Indians without Goods, there being none to be got here, and the Committee does not care to take upon them the ordering Mr. Stringers out of the Store, tho' they allow to the Reasonableness of my geting them; however in a day or two it will be determined on which shall immediately leave this. I am with my Sincere Wishes for Your Welfare

Sir

P. S. No white Lead
to be got. Bohea Tea
from 9/16 to 10/- ⁶/₁₁.

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
ROB^t: ADEMS

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹

N York 20th. June 1770

Mr. Rob^t. Adem's letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹*Teronto June 20th. 1770*

Since we had the Honour of Writing to You Last, We have heard no more from Captⁿ. Brown Which makes Us Imagine he has Intirely Dropped his Suit, we have traded Since for 112^{ll} of Beaver 70^{ll} of Leather a good Many Otters, Martins, Raccoons, fishers & Ratts, which we shall Remit Down the first Opertunity, but are Doubtfull whether we Shall have any Opertunity Untill the Boat we wrote for Comes, there would not an Indian pass Us if we were properly Assorted. you'll find by the Invoice that we have scarce an Article the Indians Want I beg My Dr. Sir, that you will not Disapoint Us as it will be Doubly Securing the property In Our hands. We are in great Hopes that we will have a sufficiency to Return by the boats for the first Cargoe, what we have sold as Yet we had great profits On, the Beaver We sent Down is Remarkably Good & if Sent to New York I am sure would bring a shilling or two a pound More than Common Beaver, if you Did not Chuse to Order it to New York Old V Derheyden would be a Good hand. When the boat Sets off there should be a trusty hand sent to have the Care of the Goods. We have Got Our house In tolarable Good Order, and thinks we Can spend a Winter Verry well hear. Pray Dont forget to get [

] with Us as there Will be no possibility of Doing Without, the Lad we have Intends to [] I forgot to Mention Rid Strouds, Jews harps, [] & a funnel or two. we would be Glad if You would Order [] Inquire Whether Finn & Ellis Got the Boat we Left beh[ind] If You could procure Us a pass it would prevent Any Officer from having any pretentions to Disturb Us, we having

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

no News to Add but Our Compliments to Sir John, the Family
& Gentlemen, and are With the Greatest Respect

My dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Oblidged & Most Obed[ient]
Servants

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. This Goes by a french
Cannoe to Niagara. perhaps
we shall have no Other Oppertunity
of Writing before the boat Comes
if we have shall not miss it

INDORSED:¹

Mes^{rs}. Wade & Keizers
Letter——— June 20, 1770

RECEIPT OF ROBERT ADEMS

D. S.

New York 21st: June 1770

Received of Abraham Mortier Esq^r: Deputy Paymaster
General, Six Hundred & Ninety Five Pounds New York Cur-
rency, on Account of Sir William Johnson Baronet.

ROBI. ADEMS

£695 . . 0

INDORSED:

M^r Adems Recpt Sold
21^t June 1770 on Acct. of
Sir William Johnson
for £695 N. Yk Cy.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ABRAHAM MORTIER'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

Sir William Johnson, Baronet

	New York Curr ^y	
[paid your draft of 27 April last in favor of Mr. [Robert] Adems for £100...Curr ^y .	58	6
Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of Ditto Date on me for £60...D ^o	35	-
Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 1 st May in favor of Col. Guy Johnson for £152:16...Curr ^y .	89	8
To Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 12 th Ditto in favor of John Wetherhead for £60:...Curr ^y .	35	-
To Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 16 th Ditto to Ditto £88...Curr ^y .	46	4
To ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 11 th Ditto to Thd. Wharton for £14:1:2 Pens ^a Curr ^y . 1 Equal to £15 -Yk Cy	8	-
To ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 26 th Ditto, in favor of John Monier for £19:18:11 5/7 Curr ^y .	11	12 8½
11 To Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 2 ^d June in favor of Col Guy Johnson for £88:17:4..Y	51	16 9¼
To Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 3 ^d March in favor of Golds. Banyan Esq for £150...Cy	87	10 -
To Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 10 th Ditto, in favor of Ditto for £300-Cy	175	-
To Ditto paid Ditto Ditto of 4 th May, in favor of Ditto for £236:12-Cy	138	4
	736	17
		5¾

21st: June Ballance Paid Mr Adems this day £695-Cy

New York 21st June 1770
 Errors Excepted for Abraham Mortier Esq
 W^m NEWTON

April 11 By Ballance due you as here shown

384	8	4
1121	5	9 ³ / ₄
[]

INDORSED:¹

June 21st. 1770
 Mr. Mortiers Acc^t. Settled

¹ In Johnson's hand.

RECEIPTS FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. D. S.

[Recd from] Sir William Johnston by the Hands of []
 Rob^t. Adams one Hundred & Sixty-five Pounds thirteen [Shil]-
 lings & four pence in full for Col^o. Gluzzer bill on [] deliverd
 to Mr. Adams in Nov^r. last New York

[] June 1770

HUGH & ALEX^R. WALLACE.£165:13^s:4^d

Rec^d. from Sir William Johnston. Four pounds twelve Shil-
 lings & Nine pence—being the Cost of two dozen of Jews
 Harps & a Hautboy, which we Imported from Dublin for him—
 New York 21st June 1770

£4:12^s:9^dHUGH & ALEX^R. WALLACE

Rec^d. from Guy Johnson Esq^r. by the Hands of Mr. Rob^t.
 Adams Nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings & four pence in full for a
 Sett of Queens Ware Sent him
 New York 21st June 1770

£9:16^s:4^dHUGH & ALEX^R. WALLACE

 £180:2:5
INDORSED:¹

Mr. Wallaces Receipts
 for 3 Different Sums
 £180:2:5 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

A. L. S.¹*New York, June 21, 1770*

WORTHY SIR,

Having so good a Conveyance by Mr. Adams, who sets out for Johnson Hall the latter End of this Week, I sit down to answer your Favour of the 26th. of April, & to return you my best Thanks for your very polite Treatment when I had the Honour of waiting on you. That Journey was unexpected untill a few Days before I set out; & I was not more stimulated to undertake it from a View to recover my Health, than a Desire of seeing a person from whom I had conceived the highest Veneration & Esteem, & of consulting him in person about the State of the Indians, & the proper Means of converting them. This last measure I have much at Heart, as it is so nearly connected with the Interest of Religion, as well as with the Reputation & Honour of the Society, & Church of England. It gives me singular pleasure that you consider it in the same Point of Light; for I assure you, that, under God, I have the greatest Expectations of its Accomplishment under your Direction & Influence.

Agreeable to the Promise made by Dr. Cooper & myself to the Mohawks, we have written a joint Letter to the Society in their Behalf. We mentioned their Application, their earnest Desire to have a Missionary, & sent the Belt of Wampum we recieved from you, in place of that delivered by them. We said every Thing in our power to engage the Society's Attention to their Case, & placed them in the favourable Light which we thought they deserved. Of this I hope you will be pleased to inform the Mohawks when you have an Opportunity. Nor did we neglect to represent Sir William Johnson, as Truth, Justice & Duty required — "as the most zealous Friend, & ablest Advocate the Church of England has in America."

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

Besides this joint Letter concerning the Mohawks, I wrote a long Letter to the Society relative to the general plan about which I consulted you. I informed Dr. Burton of the Expediency & Necessity of setting some such general Scheme on Foot—that not only Motives of Religion, but the Activity of the popish Missionaries, as well as those of Dr. Wheelock, loudly demanded it. I told him the plan would be of your forming, as your thorough Knowledge of Indian Affairs enabled you the best of any to judge with Accuracy of the properest Methods to be pursued. I mentioned in general the favourable Circumstances that concurred at this Time to promise Success to an attempt at christianizing the Savages; particularly the Zeal with which you patronize it; but Delicacy forbids me to repeat what I said on this Head.

The Support of the Society is of great Consequence in carrying on a Thing of this Sort; especially in procuring jointly with you the Assistance of Government if possible, & in collecting Money in England. Doubtless their Interest is greatly superior to Dr. Wheelock's, who raised considerable Sums; & if they would exert themselves with Vigour, they might raise much more. This made it necessary to be urgent with Dr. Burton, & lay before him a general Sketch of what I proposed; viz.—“To represent the State, Number & other Circumstances of the five Nations, who are first to be considered—to propose the plan laid down by yourself, of the Number of Missionaries & Schoolmasters to be employed, where fixed & under what Regulations—to remove some popular Objections lately propagated by Dissenters, with Regard to the first Emigrants to America, as if they were all Dissenters who fled from Episcopal Persecution, & that the Dissenters are the only People of Consequence at present in the Colonies—& to represent in as striking a Light as I could the several Circumstances which conspire at this Time to insure Success to this Scheme.”

These are the particulars, which, with your Approbation, I propose considering; & requested Dr. Burton to let me know the

Society's Sentiments of it; whether or no they would exert themselves on the Occasion. From what I know of them, it is my Opinion they will; & indeed I cannot see how they can with any Consistency let the present Opportunity slip. Should they neglect it, they will be inexcusable, & give a just Handle to Dissenters to arraign their Conduct.

For what relates to the Indians & the plan of procedure, I must be wholly indebted to you; of which I informed Dr. Burton. The plan is in Truth yours, & whatever Honour results from it is your just Due. I am now collecting the Materials for drawing up my papers. After they have undergone your Inspection & Correction, I propose to transmit them to the Society. It will be of Consequence to remove the Fiction propagated by Dissenters about the first Settlers of America, & their Interest at present in the Colonies. You have in a few Words, & with the utmost Truth & Judgment, assigned the Causes of European's emigrating to the Colonies, & their rapid Growth — "The passion for adventuring, a prospect of Gain, Want of property, Inconstancy of Disposition, & some other Circumstances that need not be mentioned, brought together a Majority of its (America's) Inhabitants, to which Wars & Commerce have added a considerable Number since." This is the Truth, which an Induction of Facts will demonstrate; & had there not been a Dissenter in the Nation our Colonies had notwithstanding been peopled. Your last Letter contains many other excellent Sentiments, of which I shall avail myself, & give you Credit for them.

I must request you, Good Sir, to turn your Thoughts to the proposed plan, of which your last Letter contains a general Sketch. It will be necessary, I conceive, to be particular as to the Number of Missionaries & Schoolmasters to be employed, & the places where they are to reside — what Regulations they are to be under, & what Salaries they should have. When these Things are specified, it will command the more Attention, & will produce Regularity in future proceedings. How far it will be practicable to carry it into Execution in all its parts, & adhere to

every particular, must be determined by the Sums that may be procured for the purpose, & other Circumstances.

In the mean Time, I beg you would inform me of the Number, as near as you judge, of each of the Five Nations; where each is settled; the computed Distance between those Settlements, & the Dispositions of each to recieve the Gospel. Considering the Multiplicity of Business you have on your Hands, I would not trespass so much on your Time, or give you this Trouble; did I not know that you have this Affair at Heart, & that your Disposition inclines you do any Thing in your power for the Good of Mankind. There are many Things which Your own good sense, & extensive Knowledge will suggest on this Head; & therefore I shall not be more particular.

Nothing should be omitted that could tend to engage the Government to take part in this Scheme. Besides the Arguments that may be drawn from the general Obligations that Christians are under to communicate the Light of the Gospel to Heathens (& which by the Bye will probably have no great Weight with many in Authority) the following I think may be of Service — 1. The ill Consequences that may result from the Indians falling into the Hands of popish Missionaries, They are active, their Converts are strictly attached to them, & much under their Influence. Should a Majority of the Indians be converted by them, which will probably be the Case if we do Nothing, it may be attended with the most alarming Consequences to the Colonies. 2. The Conversion of the Indians would be an Advantage to Commerce; as they would thereby become sober, would multiply, & be more attentive to Business. 3. The Charters given to the several Colonies — a Majority of them at least, expressly mention the Conversion of the Savages, & assign it as a principal Reason for granting the Charters.

Of the Validity of the second Argument you are the best Judge. To me it appears conclusive. The third indeed respects the Colonies themselves, & seems to lay them under an Obligation to do something in this Way. I believe however

they are in no Danger of impoverishing themselves to christianize Indians. This Argument notwithstanding may be urged with propriety to the Government Home. The first Argument may be much enlarged; & to tell you the Truth, I think we have as much Reason to be apprehensive of Wheelock's Converts, as of those made by the infallible Church; tho it will not do to tell the public so. But after all the Arguments that can be urged, with what Truth or Weight soever, I have more Hopes from your Influence & the Society's with the Government, than from all those Arguments; & as many more put together.

Besides the Histories of America, (of which I have a tolerable Collection) the Society's Abstracts, Sermons & History (which with a good Deal of Trouble I have collected also) that must be consulted on this Occasion; I shall be under a Necessity of turning over a Variety of Authors, ancient & modern, that serve to elucidate this Subject. With the utmost Cheerfulness however I shall submit to & go thro the Labour, if it contributes any Thing to the Enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, the Honour of our Church & Society & Welfare of Our Nation. I mention these Circumstances only to shew you I am not inattentive to any Thing that may help to make this Scheme appear with Advantage. You are in Reality the Spring & Soul of the Whole; the person, under God, as I said before, on whom its Success most depends. I freely own myself possessed in some Degree of that Attachment which most Men have to their *native* Land, & to those born there. I had the Honour of drawing my first Breath where you did; & as you are to make the principal Figure in this Business, I was willing to fall into your Train. This, tho only a secondary Motive, makes me engage with more Alacrity, & Willingness to contribute my poor Mite. May he that has promised "the Heathen for an Inheritance" to his Son, smile on, & prosper the Undertaking.

I mentioned to You, when at Johnson Hall, a little History of England written by Lord Omry, & lately published. It is the best History of the English Constitution I have met with; &

gives, in a nervous, elegant Style, a judicious Account of its gradual Progress & Advances to its present State. It observes a proper Medium between the exorbitant Claims of Prerogative, which would make our Kings absolute; & the levelling principles of Republicanism, so unfriendly to our Constitution; & subversive of Order, which, I am sorry to say, are rampant at present thro almost all the British Dominions. In the second Volume there is very honourable Mention made of your Military Operations during the last War. I would send you this History; but Mr. Adams thinks you have it already. If not, be pleased to let me know, & I will send it by the first Opportunity.

My best Compliments wait on Sir John Johnson, Colonel Clause & Colonel Johnson; & be assured you have the cordial Esteem & best Wishes of,

Sir,

Your very affectionate & humble Serv^t

CHARLES INGLIS.

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet

INDORSED: June 21st. 1770.

From the Rev^d. Mr Jn^o.
Inglis Concerning a plan
for Extend^g Christianity am^s.
the Indians.¹

BILLS OF EXCHANGE IN FAVOR OF SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

*D. S.*²

Exch^a £1600—Stg. N^o: 106— *New York June 23th, 1770.*

Forty—Days after Sight, pay this second of Exchange (first, third and fourth unpaid) to The Hoñoble Sir William Johnson, Bar^t. or order

¹ Indorsement in an unknown hand.

² Printed forms filled in.

One Thousand, Six hundred pounds, Sterling
 Value received, and place it to Account
 as advised by

Gentlemen, Your very Hum^e: Serv^t:

To the Right Hoñoble Thomas Harley, JN^o. WATTS
 & John Drummond, Esq^r. CHAR^s. MC.EVERS
 London

60 ₧ Ct.

Exch^a £400—Stg. N^o: 107— *New York June 23th, 1770.*

Forty—Days after Sight, pay this second of Exchange (first,
 third and fourth unpaid) to The Hoñoble Sr. William Johnson,
 Bar^t. or order

Four Hundred pounds, Sterling
 Value and place it to Account
 as advised by

Gentlemen, Your Very Hum^e Serv^{ts}:

To The Right Hoñoble Thomas Harley,
 & John Drummond, Esq^r. JN^o. WATTS
 London CHA^s. MC.EVERS

60 ₧ Ct.

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 23^d June 1770

SIR

Mr. Newton wrote you the 18th Instant, & Inclosed you the
 Generals two Warrants for £1184:17:2½ & £983:16:10¾,
 & has since Paid Mr. Adems £695—Cur^v. being the Amount of
 the Ballance due to you from the time of your last Account
 Transmitted the 15th of April. Mr. Adems has Got the Acco^t.
 and the Vouchers I shall transmit you next Post,—you have
 now Credit with me for the two Warrants as above; As Mr.
 Adems Informs me you are in Real want of Money I shall send
 you by him £1500. .C^y. on Account thereof.

I Inclose you the Generals Warrant of the 18th. Inst. in your favor with the Receipts for £2000 — Sterling, which Mr. Adems has According to your Order Invested in Bills of Exchange which he will bring up to you. As the Packet Sails the 7th. of next Month, I should be much Oblidged to you if you could before that time transmit me these Warrants with the Receipts, to Enable me to bring those payments into my Acc^t. to Go by her, & I shall take care the Ballance shall be Ready to be paid to your Order. I am with great Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

A^{BRM}. MORTIER

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹

June 23^d. 1770

Mr Mortiers letter
wth. Warr^t. & Receipt^s
for £2000 Sterling
Ansrd. & Returned
the Warr^t. & Receipts

FROM ROBERT ADEMS

A. L. S.

New York 23^d. June 1770

SIR

After return of the Express from Philadelphia finding nothing done in regard to Mr. Stringers Goods, went yesterday Morning to Mr. Lowe, and asked him if he would be kind enough to call a Committee, which he did, and they meeting late in the Evening, went this Morning to know the Result, when he told me that they

¹ In Johnson's hand.

were all of the Opinion to grant the Goods, but that it was best to wait the Return of the Express from Boston (which they expect a Tuesday or Wednesday at farthest) as there would be then a Meeting of all those who Signed for importation, and that it was imagined all the Goods in Store would be ordered out, allowing the non Importation to continue; whereupon have consented to stay which hope will meet with your Approbation, as nothing else should have detained me.

Not having been honored with any particular Orders (otherwise than in Yours of the 12th. Inst.) relating to the Warrant for £2000 Ster^g. have taken out 2 Bills of Ex. which is here inclosed one of 1600 & 1 of £400. my reason for doing so, was from what You Mentioned, in regard to keeping something in hand to pay freight and Transportation.

Knowing the Scarcity of Cash and the great demand youl have for such at the Congress, have taken the liberty of asking Mr. Mortier to advance a Sum on the Warrants sent you last Post, which he immediately consented to, and is to let me have £1500. Six hundred of which shall take in dollars having spcak to Mr. M^c.Evers for them.

The Philadelphians seems fixed for the non importation, from a Letter they lately received from Mr. Franklin desiring them to hold out, tho' not long before it came to hand there was 60 to 1 for Import and its expected the Bostonians will act the same.

If you have not promised the freight of the Goods, would beg it as a favour You would order them to be Shiped on Board the London Cap^t. Chambers a fine New Ship belonging to Mr. M^c.Evers &ca. Your Compliance to this with all other favours will be greatly acknowledged bye

Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
ROB^t. ADEMS

P. S.

Underneath is the State
of the Warrant for 2000 £ Ster.
as will be charg'd by the Gen^l.

Dr. for £2000 Ster. at 71 $\frac{3}{7}$ is Cur^y. £3428:11:5Cr. By £2000 Ster. at 60 $\frac{7}{8}$ £3200By cash rec^d. 228:11:5

 3428:11:5

If you intend writing by the Packet, you must send your Letters by some carefull Skipper as soon as possible, as She Sails the 8th. of next Month.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON BAR^T.INDORSED:¹June 23^d. 1770

 Mr. R Adems letter

TO COLONEL BRADSTREET

*Df.*²*Johnson hall June 23^d. 1770.*

Having been for these 10 days past Chiefly at Canajohare & Sacondaga Where I am making some little improvements it was not in my power to Answer your favor of the 8th Inst till now upon my return. I am getting out a Patent for the Lands you Mention as I have already Expended too much on them to neglect it any Longer. You may be assured I should have willingly obliged you in that matter as far as I would any Man, but the Case is this; When all the Late Purchases about the Susque-

¹ In Johnson's hand.
² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

hanna were made, Some of the Parties being desirous to have the River as a Boundary I consented to it to oblige them they Giving me Bonds to release My part which they readily complied with, & Mr. Croghan on your behalf assured me that he would engage to See it performed. I farther promised that if I sold that part you should have the preference, but I can't find that anything has been done in the matter, & therefore, in conjunction with other Gentlemen am now about patenting the whole of my purchase, and I hope that when your Lands are thoroughly known, it won't affect them, for I should never have taken any such Step, had the Case been otherwise than I have now represented it. I thank you for the particulars of news communicated in your Letter, & for your obliging inquiry concerning my health which is much as usual, and heartily wishing you well

I remain,

INDORSED:¹

[June] 23^d. 1770

To Col. Bradstreet

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 24 June 1770

DEAR SIR

Agreeable to your desire I now Inclose the particulars of the Account which Mess^{rs} Wade & Cryzer had, Amounting to £456:2:1

The Judges & Lawyers are Arrived at Albany yesterday. M^{rs} Campbell & my self would have waited on you to pay our respects but that Business Called you to Canajharie & therefore I Could not think of going to the Hall at so unseasonable a time.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Mrs. Campbell begs her most respectfull Compliments & am
Dear Sir with

great truth & Sincerity
Respectfully your most
Obedient humble Servant
DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

June 24th. 1770

Daniel Campbell Esq^{rs}
Letter wth. Wade & Creizers
Acc^{tt}. ———

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 25 June 1770

[SIR]

I hope you have long eir now receivd the Articles I Sent you. [Suc]h of the rest as can be come at Shall be Sent by Mr Adams [but] you are not to expect either Blanketts or Snuff-boxes, there are none to be met with in this City.

The Errand of this is to cover the two enclosed Letters I receivd for Coll^o Croghan by the last packett. I take the Liberty of Sending them to You, not knowing what else to do with them as I have been informed that Gentleman is gone to the Southward & in Hopes it may be in your Power to forward them to Him by Some Method or other, which I am very anxious for, because perhaps they may contain Some Comfort for him. Let me therefore begg of you Good Sir to Send them to him by the most early Opportunity you Can meet with.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

By Letter I have just now receivd from Detroit, I understand Mr Jehu Hays is on the Road down to Johnson Hall & I fancy from Some Circumstances He must be with you before you will receive this Letter, let me therefore Desire you will be so kind as [to] mention to him the Affair I wrote to you last about the Bill He drew on Mr Croghan & £100 to Alexander Grant, paid by Grant to Roberts & now in my Hands, in order that He may contrive to Settle it with you or me

I begg my best Respects to all your good Family & remain with Sincere Regard.

Sir your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

June [25 1770]

Mr. Wet[herheads letter]

Ans^wd. []

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

*Copy*²

Albany, 27 June 1770.

SIR,

I have received your favor of 23^d. instant. What you mention concerning Col. Croghan is new to me, except when I was at your house & that Col. Guy Johnson was making out the bounds of the lands I was to have, he, Col: Croghan said to me; I was to sign off to you one mile along the River Susquehanna from Harper's Corner to opposite Tionandera³ which I refused to do,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Library of Congress, Force Transcripts.

³ Unadilla.

but said you could have as much of the lands as you pleased in a way that was not so prejudicial to me;— there it ended and as I heard no more of it during my stay at your house I thought it all over & given up to me. I have partly engaged people for a Township of 5 or 6 miles square at the above place on the following conditions, viz: all those persons that are able pay 18^d sterling per acre; others one third for the quantity they take up with 7 pr. ct. interest for the remainder & the lands for security — & such as choose to pay 3£ York money 7^d hundred acres down & 2^d sterling 7^d acre annual rent & four years free are to have it in that way.

I beg to know if your claim is as I have described it, & if it is, whether you are willing that as much of your part as shall fall into the Township shall go upon the terms above mentioned — if you should not, I must drop all thoughts of settlements in that quarter, as I shall never be able to succeed under such circumstances.

I am with great regard, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
JN^o. BRADSTREET.

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹

Teronto June 27th. 1770

[SIR]

As there is Indians Going to Niagara We Would not Miss the Opertunity of Leting You know we are Well, we trade something Every Day & I am sure if we Winter hear we Cant help but made a great hand off it—send us no more peniston Red Leghngs is the Chief they wear hear, or purple pray dont Disapoint Us in Our Goods, and Let Us have them as soon as possible, we have a Good parcel of Beaver Leather & peltry at

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

present.—We wrote you a few Days ago, & Inclosed Your Letter to Captⁿ Stevenson which I hope you have Rece^d. Ere this. have nothing New to Acquaint You with but that we are Visited by a great Number of Indians Every Day. Our Compliments attend Sir John &ca — and we are with great Respect

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Ob^t. & Most Hum Serv^{ts}.

WADE & KEIUSER

INDORSED:¹

Toronto June 27th. [1770]

Wade & Kreisers letter

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S. ²

Toronto June 29th 1770

[Sir]

We done Ourselves the Honour of Writing You two Days Ago, so have nothing New to Communicate Now We cant help Complaining to You of Mr. Dequaney's Behaviour toward Us. When hear, he told the Indians he did not know Us and that we stole hear, that we [would] Not give them Credit and if they traded With Us they Would be drove Away from Niagara whenever they came there such Discourse to Indians prejudices them Against You

We are with the greatest Respect

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Obedient & Most Hum.

Serv^{ts}.

WADE & KEIUSER

INDORSED:¹

Toronto 29th. June 1770

From Wade & Kreiser

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Ferrall Wade's hand.

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S BILL

A. D.

New York 29 June 1770

[Hono]rable Sir William Johnson Bar

Bo^t of John Wetherhead

on board Van Allen's Sloop

Directed	{	6 Quart Decanters a 9/	£2:14:—
		1½ Doz Freemason Glasses a 15/	1: 2: 6
		Box	—: 2:—
Caisse Directed	{	1 Peice 9/8 Wide Irish Sheeting 76 Yds a 2/10	10:15: 4
		6 best 9 Inch Brass Locks a 32/	10: 2:—
		1 best 10 Inch Iron Rimmed a 24/	1: 4:—
		2 large Matrasses Box	15:10:— —:13:—
		[] 2 Boxes Hard Soap 100 th a 10 ^d	4: 3: 4
		Boxes a 2/ cost	—: 4:—
			<hr/> £46:10: 2

EDWARD NICOLL JUN'S BILL

A. D. S.

[New York, June 29, 1770]

[Sir Willia]m Johnstoon

Bo^t. of Edward Nicoll Jun

[J]une — 1 Sett Cream Couleur

Dishes £1 .. 12 .. 0
4 doz. d^o . . . plates at 10/ . . . 2 .. 0 .. 0

2 doz. d ^o ...Soupes d ^o.....1.. 0..0	
2 pr. Saus Boats & 1 doz. butter plates.....16..0	
3 qt Muggs.....3/3.....9..9	
1 pickle Stand .....5..0	
6 patty panns .....6..0	
1 Saus Boat & Spooone.....4..6	

	£6..13..3

Recei^d the Contents at the same time

EDW^D NICOLL Jun

INDORSED:¹

1770

Edw^d. Nicols Recept.

for £6:13:3 —

TO JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.²

Johnson Hall June 29th. 1770

SIR/

I received a letter from You a few days ago concerning Williams³ behaviour at your House which I am sorry to hear, after the repeated Admonitions given to him by me, and his Assurance of Amendment. However, as I have not the least doubt of what You write on the Subject, I am determined to take no farther notice of him, which he may repent when too late. Should he ever offer to use You or yr. Family ill again I shall be glad to give him the Correction he deserves.

As to the Goods Sent by Mr. Van Eps for me I am realy at a loss w^{ch}. of them to order up here, until Mr. Adems Arrives who only knows the Contents of them, except the following Articles

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

³ Tagawirunte, of Canajoharie, Mohawk boy.

Viz^t. the Pork, Sugar, oil, paint, Chairs, & Basons w^h. I would have up here. the rest may remain there until Mr. Adems (who is hourly expected) arrives.—

Mess^{rs}. Wade & Creizer write me that they have Sent You a pack of 120^l of choice Bever &ca, and also that they want another Cargo of Goods, I should be glad to know from You whether such can be now got, I know that I cant get such Articles for my use either in Albany or York—

I am Sir Y^r. Welwisher
& Humble Servant

MAJOR FONDA

W JOHNSON

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 2^d July 1770

[]

Mr. Mortier wrote you the 23^d last Month Inclosing you Warrant & Receipt in your favor of 18th. of said Month for £2000—Sterling.

I take the Opportunity by Mr. Adems of Inclosing you Eleven Bills & one Receipt, being the Vouchers for the Acco^t. Settled with him, and of Informing you that I have Paid him on your new Account £1604:13:3 New York Currency.

I am with Great Regard

Sir,

Yours most Obedient &
most Humble Servant

W^m. NEWTON

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet.

INDORSED:¹

July 2^d. 1770. Mr.

Mortiers Acc^t. wth. Vouchers—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

SCRAP OF MEMORANDUM¹

D.²

2½ p ^{ts} 8/6 7 ^d	375
3 p ^t D ^o . 10/6	12
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7	4500
1000 pair 11 ^s 7 ^d	£550
1000 D ^o . 8/6	450
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	£1000

Dirk Brinkerhoof
D^o. ————— D^o.
John Lamb ———
Nicholas Low ———
Hendrick Tenyck Sherff

375	1800
7	9
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12/2625	16200
218	

- []
- [] r D^o. ———
- [] 2 D^o. ———
- [] Kettles ———
- [] Guns ———
- [] Gunpowder
- [] Shot & Lead ———
- [] Flints ———
- 74 p^{rs}. of Linnen ———
- 100 Hats ———
- 20 Groce of Knives ———

¹ On the same page of the manuscript with this memorandum is a hand drawn sketch map of Ireland.

² In Johnson's hand.

MEMORANDUM

A. D.¹October 24th. 1769

Memorandum of Sundry Articles for the Indians—

[] Thousand weight of good Gunpowder in Hundreds, and Half Hundred Casks well hooped & Secured

9 Thousand of Shot, Sorted, Viz^t. Half goose shot & ½ Pidgeon D^o.

6 Thousand weight of leaden barrs of 1½ pound Each Barr

10 Thousand of good Common Flints for Fusees

20 Fusees at 16 Shillings ^ƒ	} pray let these Arms be good of their kind, and well secured, as the Indians Hunting or living really depends thereon
D ^o . D ^o . at 20 Shillings ^ƒ	
D ^o . D ^o . at 10 Shillings ^ƒ	

20 Groce of Buckhorn Clasped knives for Men pritty large

20 Groce of the Smallest brass Jews Harps

10 p^s. of black Strouds10 p^s. of the best Walsh Cottons

200 French Blankets of 2 points & a Half

50 pound of black Glass Wampum, or Beeds	} exactly to pattern Sent
50 D ^o . of White D ^o .	

200 Shirts for men, of linnen at 20 ^s ^ƒ peice	} There are to be no button holes to the Neck or Collars—
100 D ^o . Ruffled, of linnen at 50 ^s ^ƒ D ^o .	

3 peices of good Irish Holland at £5 ^ƒ peice, thread & Cambrick Suitable.

10 peices of the best & thickest Walsh Cottons, 5 White, & 5 Deep Blew.

10 Chests of Bristol Pipes

10 D^o. of long Holland Glazed D^o.

1 peice of fine Sayon Green Cloath, with Shalloon suitable for it, also Hair [] & Buttons large & Small Sufficient to make it up into Suits of Cloths.

[] peice of Stout Scarlet Cloath, & Shalloon for lineing D^o.¹ In Johnson's hand.

Goods to Send for to London for the Family and Servants—
Viz^t.¹—

- 4 p^s. of Strong brown Oznabrigs
- 3 p^s. of Walsh Cottons Blew
- 3 p^s. of thick blew Duffils
- 4 p^s. of Cotton Romals
- 2 p^s. of the thickest flowered Serge
- 1 p^s. of Green Frize
- 1 p^s. of blew Bayz, a thick lining for Negroes Cloaths
- 2 D^o. of Flannels 1 White & 1 Yellow
- 2 p^s. of Irish Sheeting—at 14^d 7^d y^d.
- 2 p^s. of Dark ground, or purple Calicoe 18 y^{ds}. Each dift.

Pattern

- 2 p^s. of Chintz 1 at 45^s & 1 at 50^s fashionable Colours
- 2 Dozen of Wollen Hats for Men
- 2 Dozen of Red Coarse Milled Caps for men
- 3 Dozen of large Strong Yarn Stock^{gs} for Men
- 2 Dozen of D^o. for Boys
- 2 Dozen of blew Yarn Hoose for Women
- 2 Dozen D^o. for Girls
- 1 Dozen of Girls blew worsted Hose wth. white Clocks
- 1 Dozen of D^o. Smaller
- 1 Dozen of White thread Hose for a Boy of 14 Years
- 1 Dozen of D^o. for Women
- 2 verry large Cheshire Cheeses of the best in wooden Cases
- 6 Gloucester D^o.
- 1 Groce of German Spaw Water
- 1 Quadrant of Hadleys ——— wth. a Q^o. Book

Copia Vera July 2^d. 1770

¹ In Johnson's hand.

MEMORANDUM OF ARTICLES WITH QUANTITIES, PRICES &
TOTAL VALUE

A. D. S.

3 M. Gunpowder @ £4. 5	Ⓕ Ct.	£212:10:--
6 M Shot.	14/ Ⓕ d°.	42: --:--
3 M leaden barrs.	15/ Ⓕ d°.	45
10 M Oil Flints.	16/ Ⓕ M	8
400 Fusees at 16 ^s Ⓕ		320
150 D°. at 20 Ⓕ		150
50 D°. at 30 Ⓕ		75
20 Groce of buck Clasp knives	42/	42
20 D°. of Small Jews Harps.	10/	10
4 Ct. of Virmillion.	4/ Ⓕ ll.	80
3 p ^s . 400 plain Shirts for Men of linnen at 20 ^s Ⓕ p ^s		40
5 p ^s . 200 D°. for . . . D°. of D°. at 40 Ⓕ ruffled		50
8 Chests of Bristol pipes.	26/	13
1 D°. of long glazed Holland Pipes.		1:16
20 Doz. of Mens Scarlet Worsted Caps Double 18/		18
100 Castor Hatts for Men.	6/6	32:10
20 p ^s . of black Strouds.	80/	80
400 French Blankets 111 Stripes }	9/6.	118
400 D°. 111 D°. } 216 in Miller 7/9.		96:17:6
400 D°. 11 D°. }	6/..	75
15 p ^s . of white penniston.		87
1 M of Brass Kettles Sorted.	1/4 Ⓕ ll.	66:13
		£1163: 6:6
20 p ^s . of blew Strouds w th . a narrow white Stripe 85 ^s Ⓕ		85: --:--
20 Groce of brass thimbles £3 40 Groce brass Rings plain & Stone		9: --:--
20 Groce of Hawk Bells		4: --:--

Freight to York
 to Albany.
 to Schenectady
 to my House
 from there to wherever wanted }
 3 M wg^t. of Virginia Tobacco & Freight
 2 p^s. Cambrick for ruffling, also thread Suff^t. for making them
 all up.
 [] 1/4 of a Ct. of Battle, or Strongest Gun Powder,
 1 Ct. of Small, or Bird Shot

Copia Vera July 2^d. 1770

WJ _____

MEMORANDUM OF ARTICLES SENT BY CAPTAIN PEMBERTON
 TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

D.

Memorandum of Sundrys sent by Cap^t. Pemberton

- 1 hhd. West India Rum
- 2 d^o. New York d^o.
- 1 d^o. Tobacco
- 1 Teirce Loaf Sugar
- 1 Barrel brown d^o.
- 1 d^o. Lintseed Oyl
- 1 Box Pipes
- 1 Cask Spanish Brown
- 6 half Casks Lampblack
- 1/2 Ct. Whiting
- 4 Pewter Basons
- 12 Chairs

INDORSED:¹

Sundry articles by Captⁿ.
 Pemberton, bought by Mr.
 Rob^t. Adems _____

June 1770 _____

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO WILLIAM, RICHARD AND SAMUEL BAKER

A. Df. S.

Johnson Hall July 2^d. 1770

I was favoured Some Days ago with Your letter of the 7th. of March, inclosing the State of My Acc^t. to the 28th. February last. I have examined the Same & find it without error.

Your late verry worthy Father (for whose Death I am heartily Sorry, & Sincerely condole with you for the loss) had directions from me to purchase into the 3 p C^t. Consolidated Annuities as fast as he received y^e. Half Yearly Dividends, and I should be glad, that you would on Receipt of this (After paying a Draft w^h. I have given to Mr. John Blackburn of London Merc^t. on you for Eighty Pounds) put the Ballance due to me, as also the am^t. of the Inclosed Bills being £435 Sterlg. in the like purchase, and continue so to do, until countermanded.

As I fear this will hardly reach the Pacquet w^h. is to Sail the 8th. of this Month, I am oblidged (from the Multiplicity of other Business) to be Shorter than I wish, and Conclude with perfect Esteem,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

& verry Humble Serv^t.

W J—————

MES^{RS}. W^M. RIC^D. & SAM^L. BAKER —

TO THOMAS PENN

Df.¹

Johnson hall July 4th. 1770.

Last Month I had the pleasure of receiving your kind favor with the Grant from his Majesty which was Safely forwarded to my hands by Mr. Watts. On this occasion give me leave to repeat my Most Sincere thanks to you for your friendly assist-

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

ance in Sollicitting & Obtaining it for me which I shall always consider as the greatest Obligation—I am since favored with your Letter of the 3^d. of April, from which I am glad to hear that you have received the bill on Harley & Drummond for the Money you was so very Obliging as to advance on my Acco^t.

I am now preparing to Set out for the Upper Settlements In Order to Meet the Six Nations with some Deputys from the Southern Indians, on the business Mentioned In a former Letter. I foresee that besides the one Cause Assigned for this Congress Namely the conferring on a Offensive & Defensive Alliance with some Southern Tribes against their Enemies, that there will be many other Matters of importance to attend to, as the Indians grow more & more convinced that we are trifling with them & neither mean to regulate Trade or prevent Any of the abuses they daily complain of. I am greatly distressed upon this occasion for the Want of a Suitable present, there being No Indian Goods to be had but what are in Custody of Committees who will not deliver them up, & the few Articles remaining in Shops are Extremely dear, & of the worst Quality, which is a very Unlucky Circumstance at this time.

I hear with pleasure of the prospect you have of the speedy restoration of your health, on which I most sincerely felicitate you, and I shall at all times be happy in Corresponding with you []ting anything in My power that might demonstrate the [] & Sincere Attachment with which I Am, Dear Sir &c

[Comp]lim^s.
 []
 [] others

INDORSED:¹
 July 4th. 1770

To the Honble Tho^s. Penn Esqr.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS POWNALL

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall July 5th. 1770.*

DEAR SIR,

I have had the pleasure of your Very friendly Letter of the 15th. April, & am very Glad to find that your health is so much improved Since your favor of Dec^r. last.

Be assured that I shall always Esteem your Correspondence so much that it cannot fail of proving agreable be the Subject what it will, more especially if it is at any time interesting to yourself. The Affair of the large Tract upon the Ohio on which you now write, I think I have before heard of. I could wish it was in my power to offer anything that might be conducive to its Advantage as a Government. There is no doubt that a Charter which affords the most freedom & encouragem^t. to the Planters, will be most advantagious to the proprietors in draw^e the greatest numbers to it. Whether his Majestys Ministers will approve of Charters of that nature after the Experience they daily have of their consequence is the Question. Such a Govt will without doubt have much Connection & Intercourse with the Indians, but it is pretty clear that they will not be able to go to any Expense adequate thereto nor could it be expected that if they were, a People living under a Charter of much Indulgence would agree to raise a proper fund for these purposes, at least they wont do it in any of the old Colonies In many of which it is much wanted, So that I don't See how it is to be done but by the Governor of such Colony with the Assistance of his Council regulating the Commerce with them on some principles that may as far as Circumstances will permit cooperate with the Regulations of the Neighbouring Colonies (when such are made). This being the only part of Indian affairs that does or can consistently [] under the direction of the Colonies, such power for its more Speedy [] be best Lodged in the Princip^l. officers of the Colony, but to []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

of any Utility it will be necessary first to enquire Whether there is any, or What fund for defraying the [] Subordinate officers, because their Numbers & Office will [] entirely thereon, and for this I know of no provision so that I am at a Loss what to add on this Subject for these reasons. Indeed [my] Own Avocations, the Dutys of my Office & the State of my health as they totally engross my time & Attention so they of necessity Compell me to decline any private Concern in the proposed Colony or its Establishments, tho' I should gladly contribute any advice that might be serviceable, to those Friends who are interested therein particularly Yourself.

I am now preparing to set out for the Upper Settlements to Meet the 6 Nations, Ind^s. of Canada & Dep^{ys} from the Cherokees who are come on an Important Embassy. I shall have work enough upon my hands as the Indians almost universally Now think that it is not our intentions to perform any of those Engagem^{ts}. which were promised them on our parts, and the discontents which these & other Matters equally Affecting to them daily produce are of an Alarming Tendency. A number of Ind^s. from Canada are this Moment arrived here on their way to the place of Congress, which necessarily compells me to break of for this time with assuring you that I find great satisfaction in your agreeable Correspondence & that I am Unalterably
D^r Sir

&c

INDORSED:

July 5th. 1770.

To Tho^s. Pownall Esq^r.

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall, July 5th. 1770.*

SIR,

I have your favor of the 27th ult^o. and I am very sorry to find that Col Croghan did not so fully explain the Affair of the Land to you, because it was but reasonable to Suppose that I should chuse to avail myself of a Tract which from its Situation is Valuable, and on which I had Expended a large Sum of Money Many Years ago besides what it has Cost Me since — relying on Mr. Croghans assurance who knew my Intent^{ns}. respecting the Tract I waited a Considerable time, [*without doing anything in it but at Length I entered into Engagements with Mr. Wallace & Mr. Banyar who are about patenting the Lower part you Mention, the remainder I take a patent for, to my own use.* Until Indeed from [a former] Letter of yours I really undestood that you had declined patenting the Land at that place, on wch I gave up the Lower part to Mess^{rs}. Wallace & Banyar, & applied for a Pat^t for the upper part for myself. Had I understood then that you were disposed to purchase it, I should have certainly given you a preference, but Judging the Case to be otherwise I disposed of all my Right to the Lower part of the purchase as far as Tienaderha on both Sides the River to the Gentlemen I have Mentioned, with whom probably you May agree for such part as you want. In this point I do assure you that I have been as much disappointed as yourself otherwise I should not have let the Lands lye Idle Since the time you Mention — I wish you may be able Still to do something in it that will Answer the design you had in View as I am with great regard, Sir

[COL^o. BRAD]STREET

INDORSED:

July 5th. 1770

To Coll Bradstreet

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall July 6th. 1770.*

DEAR SIR,

I have the favor of Yours of the 10th. ult^o. and have procured the bills on London for £2000 Ster., & at the Same time sent for such Articles as will be most wanted & Acceptable to the Indians with directions that they be forwarded with all possible dispatch.—L^t. Roberts Acc^ot mentioned in my last for £112:5:0 was left in my hands wch I shall forward to you in case you cannot hear farther of it.

I have thro' hurry Mislaid Cap^t. Stevensons acc^t., if I don't find it by Next post, I shall write to him for another in order to be Sent you.

I am making what preparations I can from the situation of things for the intended Congress, being in daily Expectation of a Messenger to inform me of the Arrival of the Indians, but considering the scarcity & difficulty of Supplying them, I shall not set out till I hear they are near the place Appointed, to prevent the additional Expense of many hangers on previous to the Congress. Thirty Dep^{ys} from Canada are already on the Road by the Way of Albany & will be here in a day or two. Many More are Coming from thence by the way of Oswego, to attend the Congress & We have the prospect of so bad a Harvest this year upon the Mohock River, Worms destroying both Corn, Oats & Hay that it is almost impossible to procure anything even at the most Extravagant price.

The Rigour of the Spanish Gov^t. after the late behavior of the French, and the disagreement between the Lower Class of these Nations may be of some use to us. The French may incline to Come to us to avoid the Spanish Authority, but the Misfortune is that they will never be quiet so long as it is in their power to be other wise

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

As agreeable to your kind advice I long since represented to [] of State that It would be impossible to Spare the Expence of the ensuing Treaty out of the Limited Sum for the [] I have now a Letter wherein Lord Hillsborough tells me that under the Assurances I have given, [his] Majesty approves of my Applying to you, who will have orders to Defray what Expence shall be absolutely necessary on this occasion.

INDORSED:

July 6th. 1770.

To Gen^l. Gage

FROM ALEXANDER BAXTER

A. L. S.

Gloster in the River St. Marys July 6th. 1770

SIR WILL^M. JOHNSON Bart:

SIR.

The inclosed letter came to my hands some days agoe by a Canoe from Montreal which I remit to you by Mr. Edward Chinn of that Place, in whose favour I have drawn upon you of this date for the £55 – – Sterl. therein marked, to him or his order, at Ten days Sight, which I hope you will duely honour, & shall be placed to your Credit, in the Mine adventure. I did propose to have done myself the honour of writing to you at this time (as is my Duty) with an Account of my proceedings & Success in the Lake, for it has not been in my power to do it Sooner; I left London in April last year, and before I could return from the Rivers Antonagan & Iron, on the South Side of the Lake whither I went last Autumn, it was too late for any conveyance (to wit the 14th Octbre) and I am now but latly returned from a trip to the North Side, so that I am under the necessity of drawing upon you by the first letter I have the honour to write to you, which I hope you'll excuse.

In my trip last Autumn to the South Side of the Lake, in Company with Lieut. Nordberg of the Royal Americans and Mr. Bostwick, I took Specimens of all the Mineral Matters that came under my inspection especially in the above said Two Rivers which with an Account of them & the places I viewed I have transmitted to the Committee for the Concerned, in order to get the Opinion of the Skillful, being in great hopes that the objects are considerable & the prospects good in more places than one.

But having no Miner nor Skill sufficient either myself or those with me to determine where or how to begin to Work, I settled myself at this place which is a small Bay in the River, Two Leagues from the falls of St. Maries and Two from the Lake, in order to build some Craft fitter for Navigation than the Canoes or Batteaux used here having brought with me a Carpenter for that purpose.

This place I honoured with the tittle of His Royal Highness, the Duke calling it Gloster; & it is very well situated for the purpose intended.

I had a flatt Bottomed Boat about 12 or 14 Tuns burthen ready to put into the Water by the Middle of May, & when the Lake was open made a Trip in her to the North Side of the Lake, visiting the Coast as far as the further side of Michipicoton Bay, the Island of that name & an other which lies further towards the Middle of the Lake, and has brought away Specimens as from the South Side, which I intend to send home Soon.

And here I have the pleasure to inform you that the prospects are still better than on the South Side, there are more Different places, the[y] lie close to the edge of the Water, they will be easier wrought, the matters seem as rich, they are nearer at hand, and there are either no Indians to lay any pretensions, to them, or if there be they will be more easy to deall with than those of the South, being the Land Indians whose Characters I need not truble you with who knows them better than I can. However, I found those of the South Side very friendly having received me very well, in consequence of the agreement with them by Mes^{rs}: Bostwick & Chinn, Cadotte & Henry last Summer a Copy of which they transmitted to you as I did to the Committee, but was

too late for an Indian who they left at the falls to conduct me to one of the principal places, who left it despairing of my arrival, by which means I did not see the place mentioned, but as it seems essential shall take the first good opportunity to view it.

As advised by the Committee I dayly expect a Miner or Two by whose judgement I shall regulate my future proceedings, and as occasion Serves Shall hold you duely advised.

In the mean time as this is a place where the Indians all stop & often in there return from Michilimakinac get drunk & are very troublesome with no small danger to a Vessel that may be on the Stocks & for many other reasons of conveniency & security I have inclosed this house & as much ground as to Build a Small Vessel, with Stocades. A Smith Bellows, Anville & Veese which belongs to you or to your Department, which Mr. Roberts talked of Selling I have in Loan. It would be a great conveniency to me if you can give orders to let me have them at a reasonable price for the use of the concerns.

I shall be very happy to be honoured with your orders & advice how to conduct myself wither as to the Indians or others by every opportunity that your more weighy concerns may allow you to take. Mr. Bostwick joins me in most respectfull Compliments, having the honour to be

Sir

Your most humble
& most Obed^t Servt

ALEX^R. BAXTER

ADDRESSED:

Sir Will^m. Johnson

INDORSED:¹

Gloster in the River S^t. Marys

July 6th. 1770

Mr. Alexd^r. Baxters letter

wth. Inclosures ———

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 7th July 1770

SIR

I have the pleasure of yours of the 6th Inst. & Agreeable to your desire I have been Among the Wheat Merchants Endeavoring to Compleat the Quantity you wanted but as yet have made but little progress as the principal dealers in that Article were busey with there Hay, & M^r Sanders is at Schoray

I Shall be glad if I Can get it at 4/ the Skiple, & they are verry ready at raising the market when they think there is any demand — I Shall loose no time to Accomplish this matter & as your Express is waiting for this letter, I would not hinder him.

I Can Assure you that M^r Whitfield is now at Albany & is to be here On Munday & its also said he [] you a Visit but this I am not Certain of.

I am Dear Sir with Great
Respect your most
Obedeant humble
servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

INDORSED:¹

Daniel Campbell Esqr^s.

Letter 7th. July

1770

¹ In Johnson's hand.

THOMAS FLOOD'S RECEIPT

A. D. S.

July 8th 1770

Recd from John Mitchim 4 Scaiths at

[] p^r Scaith £2: 0:0

s

4 Shyds at 9 p^r Shyde. 1:16:0

£3:16:0Rec^d the above Artigles by me THO^s FLOOD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable. —

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Att Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹p^d. 7^{br}. 10th 1770as p Recp^t. inMy Recp^t. Book

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 9th July 1770.

SIR,

I was favored with your Letter of 29th Past the 7th Instant, by the Post, returning the Generals two Warrants & Receipts in your favor, Inclosed by me to you the 18th of the same Month, & desiring to know when the Money will be ready for your last Half Years Acco^t. & in what Specie.

I hope before you Receive this Mr. Adems will be safe Arrived, he brings you £1604:13:3 New York Curr^y. on the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

above Account, and by M^r Mortiers desire I shall take care the Ballance shall be ready to be paid to your order, Part of it in Gold if it will be agreeable to you. I believe Half Johannes's will be Best, as the Guineas & Moydores Sometime Ago were Advanced by the Chamber of Commerce. I shall not fail presenting your Compliments to M^r Mortier, and am with Great Regard,

Sir,

Yours most Obedient and
most Hum^{ble} Servant.

W^m. NEWTON

INDORSED:¹

July 9th. 1770

Mr. Mortiers² letter

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 9 July 1770

[]

The Errand of this is only to accompany the Enclosed Bill of Parcells pr Amount of which he pleased to give me Credit. I am distressed about the Indian Corn, which I have been this Severale days in Expectation of receiving from the Jerseys, it having been bespoke the moment I got home. I have now Sent a Speciale Messenger of about it, & I hope he will come along with [it] to morrow or next Day, when I Shall do myself the Pleasure of writing you again Sir the meantime remain

Sir Your most Obedient Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Should read "Newton's;" evidently Johnson's mistake, since the indorsement is on the same sheet as the letter.

This moment your favor of the 29 Ult^o has been deliverd me by Cap^t Sharp Luckily the Sailing of the Packett is postponed untill Wednesday, So that your Letter [can] go by her. I observe what you Say concerning Mr Roberts Affair, with Henry Ferrell & Abbot and I can assure You those gentlemen have orderd W^m Smith Esq to prosecute the Suite against Roberts with all the vigour imaginable. I shall therefore leave it to you to do as you Shall think the best

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
Johnson Hall

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New York July 9th 1770

DEAR SIR,

I have received lately some Letters from Niagara, but as no mention is made that the Contents had been transmitted to you, I transmit them herewith. The Albany Trader should be prosecuted if it is possible to procure the Necessary Evidence, but should that even be found impracticable, he may perhaps be terrified, so as to make Restitution which will be a Piece of Justice very pleasing to the Indians. I don't know if the Lieut. Gov^r. will give himself much trouble in it, or what Methods he will take with the Traders; who give themselves little Care whether they have Passes or not. I mean those from this Province, for they are kept in better order in Canada.

Lord Hillsborough has wrote to me concerning the Expences of your Congress. You will best understand whether the Fears of the Chippewas, of the bad Designs of the Six Nations towards

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

them, are well or ill founded. It appears from Cap^t. Brown's Letters that their Apprehensions of those Nations was their only Business at the Detroit.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: N York July 9th. 1770

Gen^l. Gages letter with
Inclosures —

RECEIPTS TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 463, are entered under date of July 9, 1770, three receipts given by Johnson to Abraham Mortier for the pay-

	218	107
ment of the following sums: 5077 —	dollars,	4216 —
	224	dollars and
		224

24
8571 — dollars. Destroyed by fire.
56

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 11th. July 1770

DEAR SIR

I have engaged 1000 Schiple Wheat 250 of which I Bought from Ryneer Mynderse at 4/ & 750 from Abraham Fonda at 4/2—If Mr Sanders had been at Home its probable I might have got it 4/ but I was afraid to Risque it on any uncertainty as the Reports from different Quarters of a bad appearance of the Crops in General, began to Alarm people here & of Coarse

would raise the expectation of those who held the Wheat. At Albany the merchants I am informed, wont Sell on any Account — the Wheat which I have Bought has been through the Harp Several times and is verry Clean — there is no Such thing as Indian Corn to be had. I now Send you two peices Osnabzugs by the Bearer William Johnston the Smith — he has promised me to forward it to you. Inclosed is the invoice of the Same. Mr Adems has Recevd the Indian Goods from the Committee at York. We have a melincolly Account of the Island of Highspannola being Almost entirely Sunk by an Earquak & that there is about fourteen Small Villages Sunk & in One of those Small Towns, 500 people were perished. Would You belive that Mr^s Dimler has Eloped from her bed and Board & is taken up with one Welch a Docters mate in the Royal Americans — poor Dimler is gone to York with the Children — if you have any Commands to Canada I Expect to Set out for there in a few days. Mr Clark will be ready to Execute any of your orders about the Wheat or otherwise.

I am Dear with the Outmost

Respect Your most

Humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

July 11th 1770

Mr. Campbells Letter concerning Wheat

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 463, is entered a letter of July 12th to the Earl of Hillsborough, expressing pleasure at the king's approval of Johnson's course and mentioning the coming Indian congress, destruction of crops by caterpillars, goods released by the committee of nonimporters

¹ In Johnson's hand.

at New York, Indian misunderstanding of trade restriction, the Fort Stanwix treaty and a contemplated alliance between the Cherokees and northern Indians (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:97-72; Q. 2:562-63 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:222-23).

A TREATY AT THE GERMAN FLATS

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:227-44, is an account of Johnson's proceedings with the Six Nations, the Indians of Canada, the several dependent tribes and the deputies from the Cherokee nation, held near the German Flats from July 16th to the 23d, Richard Shuckburgh Indian secretary.

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 16 July 1770

SIR WILLIAM

I have the Favour of Your letter of 2^d inst Enclosing Gen^l Gages Warrant of 18th June in your favor for £2000 S^{tg} also a sett of Receipts for the same sign'd by You, for which I thank you. The two Warrants & Receipts for the last Years Sallary & Disbursements are receiv'd, & you have credit for the Amount in my Books.

Hope before You receive this You have seen Mr Adams to whom Mr Newton paid £1604:13:3 Cy on Acco^t. Enclosd is your Acco^t. with me as it now stands, the Ballance ready to be paid to your Order

The Packet Saild the 11th having been detaind three days at the Merchant's request, & the Sense of the City has been taken, whether Importation from England of Goods (Tea excepted) should take place or not, it was carried for Importation by a large Majority, & large orders are now sent home for goods. I hope this may be a means of conciliating the differences between Gr^t Britain and her Colonies, as I presume the other Colonies for their own Sakes will addopt the same measure. I beg my best

compliments to your son Sr John I shall be proud of any Com-
mands You or he may have here, and remain with great Regard
& Esteem

Sir

Your Oblig'd and most Obedt
Humble Servant

AB^M MORTIER

P. S. Since closing your Acc^t
have paid your draft to
Mr Price for £100 Cu^y

INDORSED:¹

New York 16th. July 1770

Mr Mortiers Letter
& Acc^t. _____

¹ In Johnson's hand.



DOCTOR JOHN OGILVIE

From Morgan Dix's *History of the Parish of Trinity Church*



ABRAHAM MORTIER'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

Sir William Johnson, Baronet		1770		Contra	
		Sterling			
||	|| your draft of 29 May to Capt. Gilbert 140 New York Cur ^y	81	13 4	By General Gages Warrant of the 3 of May [in] your favor for	[81 13 4]
||	|| Paid Mr. Robert Adems on your Account this Receipt of this Date £1604:9:3 C ^y	936	4 4 ³ / ₄	By Ditto of Ditto date in your favor for	936 [4 4 ³ / ₄]
||	|| Ditto paid Mr. Adems on your Account as £ his receipt of 23 Inst ^t	2000		By Ditto of 18 June in your favor for	2000
	To Balance Due	4168	14 1 ¹ / ₄		4168 14 1 ¹ / ₄

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Mortier's Acc^t.

Ball. to me £1150:16:4¹/₄ Ster^{lg}.

July 16th. 1770 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

New York 16th. July 1770

Errors Excepted

For Abraham Mortier

Draft to Price £100 Cur^y

W^m. NEWTON

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Niagara July 17th. 1770

SIR

With this I send you a letter inclos'd to me by Mr. Wade. I have this day receiv'd Gen^l. Gages orders to go and take the command at Detroit — Cap^t. Brown to remain here, which surprises me much, for Detroit is the Head-Quarters of the Reg^t. & he commands it at present, Major Bruce being promoted to the rank of Lieu^t. Col^o.

As I am unacquainted with the Indians up the Country, I shall be glad to receive your advice for my conduct towards them. I should have been glad to have had the command here as I began to get acquainted with the Senecas & took some means to please them — besides the frequent change of officers is disagreeable to the Savages. I beg my best comp^{ts}. to Sr. John & the rest of your family — I am

D Sir

with truth and regard

Your most Obed^t. Hum^l Serv^t.JA^s. STEVENSON

P. S.

By acc^{ts}. from Mackinac some of the Traders have been imprudent enough to kill an Indian Chief. One would imagine an Indian War would be agreeable to such people.

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.—

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S BILL

A. D.

*New York 23 July 1770*The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t.Bo^t. of John Wetherhead

200 Bushells of Indian Corn

a 4/6

£45: :

half measuring 5/ Cartage 8/

13

	5 Barrells Pork a 90/	22	10
	Cartage of d ^o		1
not to be	} 2 Doz Spelling Books		
had		} 2 th Best chewing Tobacco 2/6	5
	2 Boxes of Ryans Worm powder with Direction		16
		<hr/>	
		£69: 5	

The above Articles on board
Cap^t Marsealu's Sloop

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

*A. L. S.*¹

New York the 24 July 1770

[] yesterday by the Post & in Consequence I now Send you the Bill [of] the Several Articles you order^d, except the Spelling Books which [] not yet meet with. I have given orders to Captain Merseillis to Store [] Some, but to Send the other Things immediately forward to Mr Van Eps according to your Directions

I likewise now Send you a Memorandum from M^r Kempe for the Several papers necessary for the Defence of M^r Roberts ad Mess Henry Farrell & Abbot, which I begg you will not forget to Send down as Soon as you Can, the Tryal must come in the October Term & as M^r Roberts has left no papers either with me or M^r Kempe we conclude He has left them all with you — & if He has not left them with you, I do not know what Can be done for him, unless the Action be Immediately removd into Chancery which will be very Expensive,—As I wrote you before the above Parties are resolved to proceed ag^t M^r Roberts with all the Vigour imaginable I suppose they take Advantage of his Absence — I wish you would take the earliest Opportunity of writing the General in order that this Affair may be taken off my Shoulders, until M^r Roberts returns here I Should be glad you

¹ One page of the manuscript is illegible.

would write me whether you are certain Mr Roberts will come back hither & at what Time, because Mr Kempe may then probably get the Tryal put off Untill another Term, when Mr Roberts may be on the Spot *in propria Persona*, in the meantime however if you Can furnish Mr Kempe with those papers, I fancy the Matter may be tryed & the Defence will be thereby made good.

I am with the greatest Esteem & Regard
Your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:¹

New York 24th. July 1770

Mr Wetherheads letter
wth. ye. Attorney Generals
Notes —

Benjamin Roberts

ad

Robert Henry James Abbot
and John Farrell

} Papers & other Proofs wanting for
the Defence in an Action of
Trove brought against him for
[] Rum.

1. The Appointment of him to the Office He held at Michilimacinac

2. The Orders given him in 1767 to Send to the Bay River &ca and Seize and bring any Persons and their Effects found trading contrary to orders.

3. Those Orders regulating or concerning the Trade.

4. The Authority or Commission for giving Such Orders concerning the Trade.

5. The Proceedings of the Meeting, Treaty or Council when the Indians of that Country demanded that no Rum should be Sent amongst them as mention[ed by] Mr Roberts in his Letter to Mr Wetherhead.

6. The Orders or Authority by which Bonds were exacted from the Traders not [to] carry any Rum directly or indirectly over and above the Allowance Specified in their Passes.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

7. Proof that Some Indians came to M^r Roberts and informed him they had found a Quantity of Rum in the Woods, & that they feared the Indians of [the] Village would find it, get drunk & prejudice 7 or 8 Canon of People [and] Traders Weather-bound there.

8. Proof of the Application of those People representing their Danger, and desiring it might be brought away.

9. That Major Rogers Sent a file of Men to Seize it, and bring it him.

10. That Rogers order^d it into the Custody of the Deputy Commissary of pro[visions.]

11. That M^r Roberts objected to it, because there was a Store appointed by [the] General for the Indians — of which the Indian Commissary was to keep one [] & the Traders another.

12. That thereupon Rogers order^d a file of Men to Carry M^r Roberts to his R[] and then put the Rum into the provision Store.

13. That two or three Days afterwards Major Rogers order^d a Court of In[quiry] Officers and twelve Traders — that the owners of the Rum might [] and that no Claim was then made.

14. That thereupon Major Rogers order^d the Rum to be put [] appointed for [the] Traders of which M^r Roberts h[] this [] of taking [] charge of Defence [migh]t have been [] Some measures or steps had been [] with it without his knowledge.

[] Major Rogers forced M^r Roberts from Michilmacnac [] 1767 [] ed on Roger's being made Prisoner, that the other Store fell into the [hands of] Captain Speirs [].

[When] did M^r Roberts return here ta Machilimacinac again? [] Andrews [] (Roger's Servant) claimed this Rum as being gi[ven] [] Rogers in 1678 [1768] —

that He carried it out of the [Fort] by Night & [hid] it in the place where it was found.

[] That Stewart claimed the Rum again in 1769 and desired Mr Roberts to Change some of the Keggs which were rotten and leaky for New ones and give the leaky [] and that this was also requested by Captain Speirs [].

[] That Mr Roberts made change of Kegs [of] Rum [] the Sergeant Major had the liker []

[] That [on the] Application of Stewart [] house [] Major from time to time as he had Occasion to give Rum to the Indians [] Some of these Kegs of Rum and prevent the Rum being entirely lost by Leakage who got in this Way [] Gallons for the Indians for which He left a Receipt to return the liker promptly on Demand — and this He is ready to pay for to whoever may [claim] the Rum

[] That Abbot did not claim till 1769 aludging He was afraid to claim being under a Bond of £500 St^s penalty not to carry out Rum.

When did Capt Speirs take the Command at Michilimakinac? fort [] send a written claim for the Rum by Letter.

[] Mr Roberts frequently to send the 83 Gallons of Rum to the Store Since [] body would receive it.

[] That Mr Roberts told Farrell that Captain Speirs might do what he pleased [with] the Rum that the 83 Gallons were ready and always would be []

[] to his order.

[] Gallons Arriv'd and f[] were half Water and one Keg [] Water.

A. D. S.

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Barⁿ.
to Rudolph Shoemaker

[July 25, 1770]

Dr.

	£	S	d
[] To 9 Days lodging & Viduals &c for Yor Hon ^r . & Company	43	3	0
Viduals, & Licquor		12	0
To Oats, hay & pastaring for Horses	15	0	0
To 100 Skipple of Intians Corn at 3 ^s /p ^r	8	2	0
To 54 Skipple of pease.....at 3/p ^r	24	4	0
To 121 Skipple of pease.....at 4 p ^r	218	12	0
To 56 Catle	4	7	6
To 25 Skipple of Corn.....at 4 ^s 6 ^d	1	14	0
To Brat givin to the Intians	1	0	0
To 4 Gall ^{ns} of Rum at 5 ^s /p ^r Gall ⁿ	3	3	9
To 85 pounds of Tobco at 9 ^d /p ^r ll	5	12	0
To 7 Waggons to Stonraby 2 Days 8 ^s /p ^r Day	1	0	0
To linnig for 2 par of Bridgees & to the Daler for makng	0	16	0
To hire of a Rower George wans & a bat	0	4	0
To Thomes folmer one Days Work 4 ^s /	1	0	0
To Peter Hund 5 Days 4/p ^r Day			

RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER'S BILL — continued

To Josep meyer 5 Days	1	0	0
To Fritrich Shoemaker 2 Days	0	8	0
To 2 trip to Canagohare Jacob folmer for Conl Butler	0	12	0
To Conrath Arrendorf 4/ Day	0	16	0
To Conrath Folmer 10 day	2	0	0
To a Coffin mak [er], Nals & Borts mad for an Intian	0	10	0
To Victuals for this man	3	18	0
To Victuals for 4 Batto man 4 Days	2	8	0
To a Waggoner wo brot up your think Victuals	0	6	0
To Cartage of Stores to the Hous & from Hous to ye river	0	16	0
	£344	4	3
	[344	4	3]
To 2 fat Swines	[[[
To the Smets	[[[
To Christian Idig for Bastam 4 of the mohawk Horses	[[[
To 1 Haffar to Saguarisera a Tiscarore	[[[
To my own Tim & Labour procuring povision for ye Congress	3	0	0
			0

ound Bor^t
Brot over £

April 4	days 8 ^s / p ^r Day & storing of provision To 5 Gall ^{ns} of Rum & 4 lovs of Breat p ^r ortor	12	0	0
	To 2 Gall ^{ns} of Rum & half 5 ^s / p ^r ortor	1	9	0
	28 To 3 Gall ^{ns} of Rum p ^r ortor	0	12	0
May 17	To 6 Shillings wort of povision p ^r ortor	0	15	0
18	To 2 Gall ^{ns} of Rum 5 ^s / p ^r ortor	0	6	0
June 5	To one Skipple of flower 4 ^s / p ^r ortor	0	10	0
6	To 2 Intians wo want to Call the Intians Doun povision	0	4	0
12	To 2 Gall ^{ns} of Rum p ^r ortor	1	0	0
Marth 17	To 2 Victuals to this Intian in ther return	0	10	0
	To 7 Gall ^{ns} of Rum & one plankit by ortor Cornel Croehen	2	4	0
April 11	To 2 Gall ^{ns} of Rum	0	7	0
14	To 2 Gall ^{ns} of Rum & one Cag	0	10	0
26	To 2 Gall ^{ns} of Rum p ^r ortor	0	12	0
May 17	To 2 Gall ^{ns} of & one Cag	0	10	0
	To 1 half gallen rom by ortor 0.3.0	0	12	0
		£ 35	16	6
		344	7	3
		£ 380	3	9

RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR W^m. JOHNSON, Bar^{nt}.
at Joh[nson Hall]

INDORSED:¹

[
Rudolph Shoemaker Esq^r.
His acc^{tt}.
£380:3:9—

FROM THOMAS BARTON

*A. L. S.*²

Lancaster, July 26th. 1770—

WORTHY SIR,

I had the Honour of a very obliging Letter from you, dated in Feb: last, the Receipt of which I soon after acknowledged in a few hasty Lines from Philadelphia, sent by Mr. Stuart, who was likewise the Bearer of a joint Letter to you from Mr. Peters, Dr. Smith & myself.—I intended, upon my Return Home, to have wrote you more fully; but a bilious Disorder, which has afflicted me almost ever since, deprived me of that pleasure.

I have often lamented the Loss of the Letter you wrote me *last Summer*, which, by some Misfortune, miscarried or was interrupted. I need not assure you that I would have answered it, had it reach'd me—A Man seldom neglects that which brings him either Honour or Advantage And I can truly say that I had Motives still more engaging than those, that would have influenced me —I had Affection & Esteem for you.—Besides, the Value which I set upon your Correspondence would never suffer me to omit any Opportunity of improving it.— You do me Justice, therefore, in “not imputing my Silence to Neglect.”

¹ In Johnson's hand.

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

I cannot express the Happiness I feel in being told by you, that I have such a Share in your Friendship & good Opinion, as *no Attempts can lessen*. May it be my good Fortune (as I am certain it will be the Endeavour of my future Life) to deserve them!— Permit me to assure you, from a Heart that dictates what I write, that my Attachments to you are such, as Make me daily regret the Distance of my Situation from you; in which Nothing, but the Prospect of educating a Number of Children, who have no other Inheritance to expect, could possibly detain me.—

I heard of your Indisposition with much Concern.— It is hoped, for the Sake of your Friends & your Country, that you have conquer'd it — I pray God to grant you a long Continuance of Health, *det Salutem, det Opes; Animam aequam tibi ipse parabis*.— I give you Horace's Wish, in which, I am sure, every Friend of the Church will join me.— The Society, I find, have turn'd their Eyes upon you, as the principal Patron of their Cause in America — They mention you in their Letters in Terms of the highest Respect; & hope, thro' your Influence & Assistance, to accomplish at last what they have so long wish'd, namely, to carry the glad Tidings of the Gospel into the Heathen Country.— For this truly pious Purpose they seem dispos'd to give every Encouragement that their scanty Finances will admit of — Mr. Stuart received your Letter to the Society on the 21st. of May, & embark'd on the 27th.—As he determined to make as quick Dispatch as possible his Return may be expected about the End of October—He is a worthy Man, an agreeable Companion, & an excellent Scholar, & I make no Doubt will give entire Satisfaction in the Discharge of his Duty —He seems to have a particular Desire to enter upon an *Indian Mission*, & departed full of Joy at the Prospect of being placed under your Direction.—

Mr. Andrews, who went Home for the Mission of Schenectady, may also be soon expected in — I know but little of this Gentleman, except that he received a good Classical Education,

& left Trinity College with a *Bené decessit* — I hope he will be useful at Schenectady; but I should think that Place *alone* too small to be form'd into a separate Mission, unless there are some Places in the Country which may be annex'd to it; If not, there can be no Doubt but that an able and diligent Missionary might supply both Albany & Schenectady — There is not a Mission in Pennsylvania, which is not much more laborious than this would be — I take the Liberty to mention this, because I know the Society's Funds are so inadequate to the Designs, which they wish to carry into Execution that wherever a Shilling can be spar'd it should be done, in Order to enable them the better to prosecute their Plan among the Indians —

Mr. Hall, a young Gentleman educated at the College of Philadelphia, intends to settle among the Mohawks, 'till he is of Age to take holy Orders, with a View to form an Acquaintance among them, & to learn their Language.— There are some others, who seem desirous of entering upon the same Scheme — So that it is hoped a sufficient Number of Labourors will at last be found to enter into this *rude & uncultivated Vineyard* — Though all this may be look'd upon as a good Beginning, yet in the Civilization & Conversion of Savages, I am of Opinion no Means will ever be effectual, without employing some of their own people — If Mr. Stuart will undertake an Indian School, & so fit two or three sober & ingenious Lads for the *Sacred Function*, we may then hope for every Success.— Whatever may be the Issue, the hearty Zeal & Attention which you, Sir, have shewn to promote this great Work deserve the Thanks of every Christian; & can not fail in the End to bring you a Reward, more permanent than any you received for the eminent & distinguished Services which you have rendered to your Country.

Dr. Smith never communicated to me the Letter you mention your having wrote to him, soon after the Treaty at Fort Stanwix, “about a Tract of Land. I am sorry, Sir, that you received any Trouble in this Matter — I am fully convinced that your Inclination was good enough to have procured me a Spot of Ground for

one of my Children, could it have been conveniently done. I, therefore, thankfully accept the Will for the Deed— The Governor has been pleas'd to allow me to farm the Plantation, known by the Name of the Indian Town in Conestogo, which I once mentioned in a Letter to you— This Indulgence would be of considerable Advantage to me, had I any Certainty of holding the place for a few Years: But the Dutch who live near it, are so greedy to get it into their possession, that I am afraid they will offer such a *Rent* or *Purchase*, as will tempt the Proprietary Agents, & so oblige me to relinquish — I wish this place could have been secured towards the Support of the *Indian Missions*; but, I suppose, it is now too late.— Thro' the Assistance of some of my Friends at Philadelphia, I obtained two good Plantations, of 300 A^s. each, in the New purchase: But a Number of People, from the Government of Connecticut, have *Vi et Armis* taken possession of that Part of the Country where they lay, So that I am again reduced to my primitive State — I would not, however, be understood as if I was entirely destitute of *Land* — That is not the Case — I have a snug, little Garden with this Motto, *Laudato ingentia Rura, exiguum Colito* — My Spot is well cultivated, & yields me Variety of Vegetables, Fruit, & Flowers — I don't know whether Plato or Seneca (Diogenes, I am sure, had not) as much Ground as I have.— Why then should I not be contented?— Only because my Stock of Philosophy is not as large as theirs was —

Mr. Whitefield¹, when here, told me he intended to pay you a Visit — You will find him a good Companion, but a rambling Divine — His Popularity is almost expired — There is Nothing *new* in him, & without Change we are soon surfeited — He has, however, still a Zeal that would qualify him for an Indian Missionary — I wish he would settle among the Senecas —

¹ Rev. George Whitefield's seventh and last visit to this country was made in September 1769. He died at Newburyport, Mass., on September 30, 1770.

I have trespass'd too long upon you, for which I beg your Pardon—Allow me to present my humble Service to Sir John, & Captain Johnson; And to assure you, Worthy & dear Sir, that I am, with the most perfect and affectionate Regard,

Your most faithful & obedient humble
Serv^t.

THO BARTON

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet

INDORSED: Lancaster July 26th. 1770

From the Rev^d. Tho^s. Barton.

THOMAS CAINE'S BILL

A. D. S.

[Johnson Hall 28th. July 1770

[]	Sir W ^m . Johnson To Thomas Caine D ^r			
			£	s	D
[]	To Ballance Due to me	7	0	0
[]	To Coll. Guy Johnson on your Acc ^t .. for 7½ Load of Hay at 40/0 p ^r L ^d .	15	0	0
[]				
				S	D
		Total	£23	15	0

[Errors] Excepted

p^r me THOMAS CAINE

[Rec^d. payment] of the above

[in full] of all

[accounts] Witness

[]ine

INDORSED: Thomas Cain Acc^t. &
Recpt. in full for £23.15.—

FROM WILLIAM McADAM

A. L. S.

N. York July 30th. 70

SIR

The Inclosed 2 Bills Drawn on you by Major Gorham for £200 Sterling were Transmitted to me by Mr Ja^s Syme, who desired me to Convey his respectfull Compliments to you — If it Should so Happen that you Cannot accept the Bill — He begs your assistance to have a protest taken by a Notary Publick or Some proper person That he may have recourse on the Indorser: for the money The Governor, L. Dunmore is Expected daily: With much Respect I am

Your most obed^t & very hu^m Servant

W McADAM

ADDRESSED:

To

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

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹July 30th. 1770Mr McAdams Letter wth.

2 Drafts of Major Gorhams

for £200 Sterlg —

Ans^{wd}. & Paid August16th. 1770 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall August [July] 31st. 1770.*

DEAR SIR,

I arrived here two days ago from the Treaty attended by a large party of Indians who return home by this rout, & for that reason left Several matters unfinished which must be now attended to,— The Misisagaes & sev^l. others are likewise on their way here & may be Expected this Night or tomorrow. The issue of the Congress has proved more favorable than I at first Expected, the proposed War is put off, till they take some farther Steps with the Wabache Indians, and the rest of the business Notwithstanding the dissatisfaction of so many Tribes on sev^l. Subjects, wherein they Expect relief has been Satisfactorily concluded & will I believe prove so, if their representations are regarded— Tho' the Congress was a very troublesome one, near 2400 Indians attend^g which was more than I met at one time for many Years Except at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix, this was owing to the Number of Senecas that came, with all their people & Connections from the Head of the Ohio & tho it added greatly to the Expence, I own I was pleased to send see² a Sett from that Quarter as few of them have attended at any late Treatys of which Circumstance they have been too ready to avail themselves as an Excuse for their irregularities.

I have had so much & such constant Trouble with those that returned with me who are to receive their presents here, & have a 1000 little Affairs to settle That I have not been able to attend to any thing but them since I came home, and as sev^l are Still behind, It will not be in my power to prepare & Send you the Transactions for a few days, so that I have only been able

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

² The writer plainly intended to substitute "see" for "send". A force Transcript of the letter signed has "send".

to Snatch a Moment to acquaint you with my return & that I Expect to transmit you the particulars next Week being always with perfect regard Dear Sir, &c

His Excell^y GEN^L GAGE.

CHIEFS OF THE SEVEN NATIONS TO DANIEL CLAUS

D.

Tuesday 31st July 1770

The Chiefs of the 7 Nations of Canada []
 Mons^r. Hertel with 20 Abenauquis []
 way of Lake Ontario to Sr W^m. Johnson as []
 their errand, but could not wait their Coming,¹ []
 then on their way home addressed Col. Claus Dep[uty Indian
 agent for] Canada as follows

Brother

Having heard that a party of Abenauquis accomp[anied] by a Frenchman are coming to you, We imediately concluded [that] it must be Mr. Hertel with those Abenauquis who have so [often] disturbed the peace of our Village at St Regis, We see plainly that according to their usual practise they want to take advantage of our not being present in order to misrepresent matters, We know that it is not so much their [], as the Words which Mr Hertel puts in their Mouths, We heard sometime ago that he intended to come this way, and the Chiefs of St. Regis When we passed that Village on the Way to the Treaty entreated us to caution you against listening to them.

Brother,

¹ The chiefs of the Seven Nations were returning from the Congress of July 16–23 at German Flats. They had learned that the Abenauquis were on their way to Johnson Hall to present a statement of their quarrel with the St Regis Indians. See A Meeting with Aughquisasnes, August 21, 1769. The Abenauquis met Johnson August 6–11. The proceedings are in the Canadian Archives, Loose Leaf Manuscripts, Ottawa, Canada.

You know from what we have already represented to you, how the Affair Stands, & how these people obtrude themselves upon us And [] on your favor & protection, as we are [] me & Cannot stay their coming we beg [] the Engagements you entered into with us [in Canada formerly] as well as since, and that agreeable [] you will not attend to their Misrepresentations, but [will pro]tect our rights, & give Security to our people at St. Regis
 Brother,

As we cannot Wait for an Answer [or attend] their Coming We beg that it may be transmitted to us by Col. Claus, that we may be enabled to communicate it to the Chiefs at St Regis
 Gave 5 Strings.

To which Col: Claus Ans^d.
 Brothers

I have attended to your Speech and as I am well Acquainted with matter in dispute at St. Regis, I now [] imm]ediately to Sir W Johnson, who you may be Assured will allways be disposed to protect you, and from whom I make no doubt that you will shortly receive a very favorable Answer.

INDORSED: 31st. July 1770
 Speech of the Ind^s.
 at Caghnawaga to
 [Col. Claus]

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL
 A. L. S.

DEAR SIR *Montreal the 3^d August 1770*

Meeting the Opportunity of the post I do my Self the pleasure of writing you this letter, altho there is no great news to be communicated. I will give what little there is—General Carelton is Sailed from Quebec the first of this month for England Accompanied by Lady Susan Obrin & hir Husband, Cap^t. Obrin & his

Wife & Several Other Gentlemen, the General has left this Country with the Ill will of all the English merchants owing to an Ordinance that he published, that was much Callculated to favour the French from paying their debts. The merchants Sent him their Remonerances against it, which he never answered — & when a Committee waited on him to hear his Answer — he gave them no other reply then that he would be allways Glad to See them, however they have Sent it Home & intend laying it before the King & his Council — he has Surprisenly Attached himself to the Canadians — which has made the English verry Jealous — there is a flying report that he Intends applying at home to have a Regiment Raised to Consist intirely of Canadians. One of Mr Saint Lucks Soninlaws is gone Home with General Carelton & its Said it is on this Scheme.

Colonel Robinson is daily expected here from York, & his Business it Seems is well known before he Arrives. its Said for Certain that the King has made General Amhurst a Gift of all the Jesuits Estate which they posses in Canada — but that he is not to get the possession of it before they are all dead — but in order to get over this Colonel Robinson will Endeavor to purchase them Out with money for Account of General Amhurst

Colonel Christy is involved in Law Suits that his life must be verry unhappy. I beleve he would be verry glad to have the money his lands & Improvements cost him to be rid of so much truble as what he is daily plunged in, he has one Law Suit in Chancery which may remain ther Twenty Years — this is with his partner one Captain Hasen

I have been here this Fortnight waiting the Arrival of my goods from Quebec which nothing but a Strong northerly wind can bring up.

There has been great Remittanes Come down from the upper Country this Year, & large parcels daily expected, but the price keeps up owing to the high prices which peltry Sold for last Year at Home, all the passes which are given here to the Indian Traders are free for them to go among the Indians where ever they please, without being Confin'd to any one Post. Since I

have been here I have been Arrested by One Mr Chinn for a Certifycate of Lieut. Lesley for £119:11s.0 York Currency with Six Years Interest on it. This Certifycate Harry Vanschack put into your hands at that time but Some way or other it was mislaid. it was for a B[] Account at Missilimackna, & was Sent to Mr. [] and my Self to pay us a debt which Mr. Chinn & [] owed us — I beleve if I pay the principal I will be gi[] up the Interest, but If I go to Law I dont know what the Consequence may be. besides the truble [] particularly my living in Another Province if Colonel Claus he can Acquaint You with every Circumstance relative to this affair — as it was he that brought the Certify from Canada.

I hope this will find You Safe returned from the Flatts & that you had as [] Agreeable Jaunt as Could be expected upon Such an Occasion I am Dear Sir with my best respects to all Friends — with truth Respectfully Your

most Obedient humble
Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barnt

INDORSED:¹

Dan^l. Campbel Esq^{rs}. [Letter]
Montreal 3^d. Aug^t. 1770

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.²

Teronto August 6th. 1770

[] SIR WILLIAM

Since we wrote You Last we have had no Opertunity Untill Now off Leting you hear from Us We are In Continual Expectations of a boat or two Arriving to Us from You. if they do not, we must Soon move from hear for Want of pro-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Farrall Wade's hand.

visions which Would be a Verry great prejudice to Us, as the hunting Season is just Coming in, the Indians hunt all round Us, that it Is Impossible off missing a Great trade, but if we are Disappointed in the boat or boats Coming we must sink Considerably, our Charges & Necessarys run so high. We beg You will Not Disapoint Us. It would be Verry Mortifying to be Oblidged to Leave this after being at so much Expençe & trouble about our house, which we have In Good Order Now, having Cut a Number of Linden & Ash planks to make partitions, &ca. We Sell a three Gallⁿ. Cag for 3 Beavers, a Stroud Blanket for 3 D^o. a Kersey D^o. for 3, & Everything Else in propotion Except small Articles on which we have more.

Inclosed we send You a Copy off a Letter Mr. Brown wrote Us since we had the Honour of Writing you. he Mentions Our Sending an [] which we never did. the Indians having gone [] Business.

The Bearer tells Us he is going Down to see You [] heard a Great Deal about You. we told him that You [would] Receive him kindly. he is a Great Chief Among the []saguas, also his Son who has 60 Young Warriors Under him & has been Verry kind to Us. if he should go do[wn] a Word or two In Our favour from You would be off Infinite Service to us. We Wonced more beg You will not Disapoint Us In Goods for we are positively sure that we will Double Our Money Against Spring.— Our Compliments to Sir John & the Family. We have the Honour to be

My dear Sir William
Your Most Oblidged & Most Obe^t
Humble Servants

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. We have wrote to Mr. Campbell which we send Open to You. if You think proper to sent it its well, if not Youll Destroy it. if the Boat is not sett off please to Order half a Dozen of knifs & forks, a hammer a Good saw.

Whether Mr. Campbell Complys with the Inclosed or not Youll be pleased to send Us what we wrote for.

Dont forget to order Funda to hire a man to Stay with Us the Winter, if the Boat has set off & that You have forgot it, pray write Mr. Campbell ab^t. it.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Bart
att
Johnson Hall

WADE & KEIUSER TO DANIEL CAMPBELL

*A. L. S.*¹

[] DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR

Teronto August 6th. 1770

As we have a prospect of a Verry Great trade hear, Indeed its Allmost Impossible we Can Miss, as the Indians hunt all round Us we Inclose You an Invoice for Sundry Goods we Shall Want, which if You think proper to Comply with you need not be the Least Apprehensive off having punctual remittances, if You Can send them this fall it would be so much the Better. if You Cannot send them the first Boats that sett off In the Spring. I have inclosed this to Sir W^m. & has Acquainted him for what we Wrote to You for. We trade to Verry Good Advantage, & has a Verry Comfortable house. Our Compliments to Mr^s. Campbell.

We are

Sir

Your Verry Humble Servants

WADE & KEIUSER

INDORSED:²

[]

Wade & Keizers letter to
Mr. D^l. Campbel for Goods

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

ARTICLES REQUESTED BY WADE & KEIUSER

*A. D. S.*¹

- [] of Sundry Articles sent for to Mr. Campbell
- [] Blue Strouds
- [] Black D^o. —
- 4 d^o. Red D^o. —
- 4 d^o. of Scarlet Aurora
- 100 Kersey Blankets first size
- 100 D^o. Second D^o. —
- [] French Coats ———
- [] 5 Calicoe Gowns ———
- 25 Calicoe Shirts ———
- 25 Calimancoe Gowns ———
- [] 4 p^s. of purple Stock^gs. Stuff
- [] 4 d^o. Red D^o. ———
- 100 Shirts all Ruffled & Middling Good ———
- [] of White Beads ———
- [] 2 Dozen of Looking Glasses ———
- [] 25 pound Vermillion
- []th Red Lead ———
- []th Verdigrace ———
- [] 2th Glass Wampum if to be had — & 6 of White
- [] Dozen of the best Scalping Knives
- [] Hogsheads Rum in 2 Gallⁿ. & six quart Cags
- [] Barrel of good Jamaica Spirits
- [] Loaf Sugar ———
- [] & 20th Coffee ———
- [] & 4 skipple of Bouling pease
- [Sho]tt not Buck shott as you sent before
- Gartering in proportion to the Strouds []
- ½ Dozen plates & 2^d Dishes
- ½ Dozen knives & Forks ———

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

- 1 Barrel pork — provide the Men Yourself
 1 Cask of Good Gammons. ———
 1 Chest of Guns of a Good sort. ———
 ½th Nutmegs — 4th pepper. ———
 Garden seeds of all sorts. ———
 40th Soap. ———
 400th Weight Bread for our Own use ———
 2 Skipple salt. ———
 4 quire paper & a Box of Wafers. ———
 ½ dozen thread Stockings
 a few p^r. of Silver Rist & Arm Bands. — 6 p^{rs}. of Ea [rings]
 have Oil Cloaths to Each Boat — & a good Car of []
 hand to have an Eye on the Others also sails —
 a Barrel of paper Tobacco
 ½ Dozen of pricks of Good tobacco if to be had for [] Own
 use.
 a few Bottles of Lurlintens Drops, with some Other []
 With Directions
 20th of Double Nails. ———
 a spade. ———
 ½ Dozen of Milled Stock^{rs}. ———
 ½ Dozen p^r. of Good Neat Shoes a small size smaller []
 sent Mr Keiuser. ———
 a Green Battern Waistcoat for Mr. Keiuser []
 than What fits Yourself
 [] Jack Buckles a Neat pattren
 []. ———
 [] Flowered Serge a good pattren ———

WADE & KEIUSER

ADDRESSED:

Sir W^m. Johnson B^t.

INDORSED:

[]
 [] 16th. 1770 —

SAMUEL STRINGER'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

Sir William Johnson
bt. of Saml. Stringer

[1]	[] contain ^d .	9 p ^c .	Strouds	@ 76/		£34..4..0
[2]	d ^o .	9 p ^c .	d ^o .	76/		34..4..0
[3]	d ^o .	9 p ^c .	d ^o .	76/		34..4..0
4	d ^o .	50 p ^c .	Kersey Blankets	2½ points	8/2	20..8..4
5	d ^o .	50 p ^c .	d ^o .	2½ d ^o .	8/2	20..8..4
6	d ^o .	50 p ^c .	d ^o .	2½ d ^o .	8/2	20..8..4
7	d ^o .	50 p ^c .	d ^o .	3 d ^o .	10/3	25.12..6
8	d ^o .	54 p ^c .	d ^o .	2 d ^o .	7/3	
8	d ^o .	16 p ^c .	d ^o .	small 2 d ^o .	6/9	
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					5: 8:0	24:19:6
9	d ^o .	50 p ^c .	d ^o .	best 2½ d ^o .	8/6	21: 5:0
10	d ^o .	50 p ^c .	d ^o .	2½ d ^o .	8/6	21: 5:0
11	d ^o .	50 p ^c .	d ^o .	2 d ^o .	8/6	21: 5:0
12	d ^o .	30 p ^c .	d ^o .	2 d ^o .	6/9	
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					14: 7:6	24:10:0

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		55..5	d ^o .		25/6	6:7:6
		60..5	d ^o .		26/	6:10
		35..2	Y ^d . wide		41/	4: 2
		40..2	d ^o .		42/	4: 4
		45..2	d ^o .		43/	4: 6
		50..2	d ^o .		44/	4: 8:0
		55..2	d ^o .		45/	4:10
			20..2	Colour Currahs	33/	33: 0
			7 Ells	Pomerania Linen	7 ^d	4:1
			10 p ^c .	Coloured 12 ^d Sarsanet	16/	8: 0:0
				Ribbons		
14	Bale	20	p ^c . fine	Emboss'd Serges	758 ¹ / ₂	87..19..1
			y ^{ds}.	.....	15 ¹ / ₂ ^d	
15	d ^o .	30	p ^c . purple	Moltons	45/	48..19..9
16	d ^o .	20	p ^c . white	Penistons	966 ¹ / ₂ y ^{ds} ...	67..10..0
17	d ^o .	10	p ^c . blue	d ^o ...468 y ^{ds}	14 ¹ / ₂ ^d	50...6..9
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[]		4	p ^c . red.....	d ^o ...187 y ^{ds} ...14 ¹ / ₂ ^d		11:4:1
						11:5:11

SAMUEL STRINGER'S ACCOUNT—Continued

[] d°.	10 pc. different col ^d . Strouds	80/	40....0...0
[] d°.	7 pc. d°.....d°.	80/	28....0...0
[] []	1 pc. new fashion ^d Duffields	} 87/.....8:14:0	
[] []	20 Blankets		
[] []	1 pc. d°. 24 d°.		
[] []	25 pc. Kersey Blankets 1½ Point	4/6	5:12:6
[] []	24 pc. d°. 2/ d°.	5/9	6:18:0
[] []	16 pc. d°. 2½ d°.	8/3	18:19:6
[] []	[] d°. S. fine 2 d°.	7/2	7: 3:4

47...7..4

 £723..19..4

Carried over

21 a Bale	50 pc. Kersey []]
22 d°.50 pc. d°.	[]]
23 a Box N°.	1 20 doz. buck Handled Penknives	[]]
	2 10 capt. buck Spring Boys	[]]
	3 18 d°.	[]]

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				[SAM ^L . STRIN]GER	

INDORSED:¹

Doctor Stringers Acc^t.
 £1844:5:11 1/2

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

London 8 August 1770

DEAR SIR

I have looked for the happiness of a Line from you or Some of the Gentlemen of your family, but have not had the good fortune to receive one by any Oppertunity Since my Arrival

I flatterd myself on the Opening of the Trade you would have Sent your Order to me, tho I should have put no money in my pocket by it, 'twould have given me some Credit amongst the people of the Citty. Indeed you could not have Sent it to a more Worthy man than Blackburn. I believe he has your Interest very much at heart, he express the Strongest friendship for Sir John, with whom he was very intimate

Blackburn had the first Account of the Revolution of the Yorkers. he Communicated it directly to Lord North, & then sent Expresses to Bristoll, Liverpoole, &c. w^{ch} disinterested proceeding gained him friends at Court, & General Applause. The bill of rights people Gave Out at first it was a Scheme of Lord North, & Blackburns, but they are now convinced, & decline apace, as it must establish the present Ministry beyond their power to Shake

My Lord Hilsborough is Still in Ireland. he seems to forget your Commendation of me but he says he will pay the utmost Attention to any Letter you shall write him, the ministry being new [] I hope you'll not think me importunate to entreat you'll send me Letters to Lord North & others [of the] Ministry, as also to any other Noblemen you [] might introduce me. Lord Holland has great interest notwithstanding the Clamors against him.

Vile as Rogers is, his Story is much Attended to amongst Some of the Great, who are glad to Censure Any Characters, as they can't bear to See any without a Blemish, 'twould be so different to their Own, So 'till that fellow is sent some where, I shall be continually plagued with contradicting his vile Storys

I shall wait in London 'till I am favord with an Answer from

you. I shall think it very hard to give up my Services in America w^{ch} I think should entitle me to Some provision. I have lost my Rank in my Regiment, & the money not yet paid for my Exchange. Oblidge to take Out a writ against S[] Phillips who Changed with me. So that with my Exp[enses], &c. I shall be many hundreds worse than when I enterd your department besides my loss of time

I have already Experienced so much of your Goodness, that I assure myself I shall hear f[rom you] to my Satisfaction. I have no Other dependance than you nor will I cleave to Any Other. there is a Man who [] you have befriended has been vastly great with Rogers [] wanted much to introduce me to some members [of] parliament, but beg'd I would not speak agai[] as 'twould be much disservice to myself. I dec[lined the] offer as I could not hear anything to [] of your or Gen^l. Gages oper[]

People when they come to this side of the Water, they Alter their Way of thinking with their Cloaths; they seek their Own advantage in everything they do. Mr. Carleton is daily expected, & it is thought he wont return to Canada again. I suppose he'll be Strong against Our department. I wish you would procure a recommendation for me from Gen^l. Gage, which I think I have deserved: he is much in favor here with the Ministry

I hope you'll excuse my giving you this trouble. You know the ultimate of my wish is to have a small pittance to enable me to Spend the remainder of my Life in your Neighborhood

I remain

My Comp^{ts}. to all
Friends at the Hall

Dear Sir
Your most affectionate
humble Servant

To
[] WILLIAM JOHNSON BARONET

B ROBERTS

INDORSED:¹

London 8th. August 1770

L^t. Robert's Letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN B. VAN EPS ACCOUNT

D.

Sir William Johnson to Jn^o. B. V. Eps

For the Treaty at Burnets Field.....£

Dr. S D

	£	S	D
To 20 Waggon Loads ridg from Albany @ 10/	10	00	00
To Jelles Clute with his waggon to the Hall 2 Days @ 10/	1	00	00
To In ^d . I. Vroman for Riding the ottewae Indian & man from Albany	0	4	00
To Isaack I. Switts for Riding 1 Barl of Limbs from D ^o .	0	3	00
To the Battoe Charge to Cagnawagoe	17	11	6
To 100 Indian Axes @ 4/	20	00	00
To 100 Ditto Hoese @ 6/	30	00	00
To 2 Boxes for D ^o . 5/	0	5	00
To Elyis Post & Joseph Edge for Stocking and Repairing 2 Sineckoe Indians 2 Guns	1	13	03
To Ditto Indians & others for Victuals & Drink	0	9	00
To the Coffen & Digging the Grave & for Liquor	0	19	6
To the Barring of the Sacham of Tringsowene			

To Victuals & Drink to the 40 Cagnawagoe Indians }
 And for 6 Days on there Road & A Cag of Rum }
 To Receiving Storing & Forwarding & paying the people

27

Errors Excepted by Jn^o. B. V.Eps
 To Elias Post for mending the Drunkerds Gunns

7	13	3
1	16	0
£91	14	6
2	5	00
£93	19	6

INDORSED:¹

John B Van Ep's Acct.
 for Waggoning Battowing &ca.
 £93:19:6

¹ In Johnson's hand.

WILLIAM SEEBER'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

[Canajohary, August 10, 1770]

[Sir William Johnson] Barronet

[	]	Seeber Viz Sent it op to the	
[	]	Casks 1 ad 2/.....	£0. 4.0
		Batoe 4— for two man to bring er op	0.12.0
[	]	man to fetch the ¹ from Cachnewago....	0. 6.0
			<hr/>
		1 ad 3/ Sum	£1. 2.0
[	]	18th 2 gallings wine 1 ad 10/6.....	1. 1.0
		2 galling oil row 1 ad 7/6.....	15.0
		2 ^{ll} white sugor 1 ad 1/8.....	3.4
			<hr/>

2 Casks 1 ad 2/ by 18s the Indian and
order Sum is £3. 1.4

August 10th. 1170 then Rec^d. the Above Sum in full P me²

WILLIAM SEEBER

ADDRESSED: For the Honorable
Sir wilm Johnson
Barronet

INDORSED:² Cap^t. W^m. Sebers Acc^{tt}.
p^d. August 10th. 1770
£3.1.4

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR

Philada. 11th. Aug^t. 1770

Having so good an oporty. of writ^g. by two gentⁿ. of my Acquaintance who goes as far as Albany on their way to Cannada

¹ Omission in the manuscript.

² In Johnson's hand.

have taken the liberty once more to adress myself to you, not withstand^g. I have been so unfortunate as to be out of your good graces, as I have been inform'd, for what reason I am realy at a loss to Conjecture, being Consious I have always acted the part of an honest man & on all Occasions made it my peculiar study to give you & yours all possable satisfaction, which if I have been so unfortunate as not to have fallen on the right plann to have done so, I am thoroughly satisfied from the Experience I have had of your goodness to others, you'l make all reasonable allowances for my deficiency, if my head is not so Clare of understand^g. as those that has superseded me in your fav^{rs}. I can safely affirm my heart means as well to you as any, & were I to enter into farther particulars of what I have been inform'd has given you offense I might thereby Incur your farther displeasure, which I have to much reason to fear from your long silence is fixed yet on the other hand when I Come to Consider your late unbounded goodness to one who I Can [] was so deserving, it gives me some hopes, at [] Can sincerely declare I have nothing more in View [than] to be thought worthy of your Esteem & Confidence for what must my frinds think of me when they Come to learn that I should forfeit your Esteem, I allow all mankind has their enemies, but surely none has been so base as to say I have ever been yours whatever I may have done to have been guilty of an Error inadvertantly, but this Cant possable be the Cause of your displeasure, as I am Entirely Ignorant of the Cause only by some hints I some time ago rec'd I hope you'l not take amiss my solicensing you on that head. I have on all Occasions & hopes I ever shall retain a greatful sense of the fav^{rs}. rec'd by the famely from your hands, you have doubled the obligations by your late goodness to that unfortunate broth^r. who I hear you rec'd into your fav^r. that deserv'd so little from your hands, & had I not a thorough knowledge of your goodness of heart I Could scarce belive what I have heard on that head as I have had no Account of what Employ you have put him in if you'l Condecend to write me on that head you'l add much to the obligations I am already under.

I have lately had a letter from Colo^l. Eyre M[] from Dublin who Verry particularly desires to be rem[embered] to you. he writes me he's Verry hapely situated at s[] he longs to see some of his American frinds, he has got a young daught^r. & is in hopes he's in a fair way of hav^g a son, my best wishes attend you & famely. I am anxxious to hear whats become of that unfortunate broth^r. F W I pray you to gratifie me so far as to let me hear from you on that head which will Confer a last^s obligation on

Deare Sir

Your sincere welwish^t.
& most Obliged &
most Humble Serv^t.

FRAN^s WADE

SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Barn^t.

INDORSED:¹

Philadelphia 12th Aug^t. 1770

Mr. Francis Wades Letter

JELLES FONDA'S ACCOUNT

A. D.

[] Hon ^{ble} . Sir William Johnson, Bar ^t . &c ^a . &c ^a . &c ^a .	
To Jelles Fonda	Dr.
To 4 Laps of Strouds f order by the Cherekees 6/.....	£1: 4:0
To 4 Shirts .....to d ^o....12/	2: 8:0
To 1 lb Vermillon 14/ & 1 Looking Glass 4/	0:18:0
14 To 2 Shirts f order by a Turke Indian 14/	1: 8:0
To 2 Laps to d ^o . 12/ & 1 Kettle 10/.	1: 2:0

¹ In Johnson's hand.

15	To Cash p ^d . a Negro for helping Mr. Abbit	0: 2:0
17	To 1 Barrell Limes & Carriage here from Albany }	2:14:0
	To 1 large Chest Bound w th . Iron hoops to put gods in when going to y ^e Congress }	1: 4:0
	To 74 pieces Gartering ⁷ Mr. Adems 6/6	24: 1:0
	To 1 dozen Large Looking Glasses d ^o ..	2: 2:0
	To 3 dozen Smaller d ^o . 38/.....	5:14:0
	To 12 dozen Jell Cups painted d ^o . 12/.	7: 4:0
	To 30 pieces Silk & Worsted Gimp d ^o 7/9	11:12:6
	To 1/2 Cwt. Gun Powder.....d ^o	7: 0:0
	To 1 Cwt. :3qrs :0 Shott....d ^o ..55/	4:16:3
	To 0:3:7 Lead	2: 4:8 1/4
	To 12 men a Trip from hence to Shoemakers with Stores for the Indians a 34/ Each }	21: 0:0
	To the hire of 4 Battows from hence to Shoemakers having first to Caulk them all anew, Tools, &c ^a . } 12/	2: 8:0
	To 5 Gall ^s Rum for Battowmen 20/ & Keg 2/	1: 2:0
26	To Pork, Sheep & Bread at Sundy times given the Otawas, Cachnewagos & other Indians ⁷ order of Col ^o . Clouse & Col ^o . Butler }	6: 4:0
	To 20 Blankits of 111 p ^{ts} . at the Flatts ⁷ order of Mr. Adems } 16/..	16: 0:0
	[] Gall ^s Rum 12/6 & 1 Lap ⁷ d ^o . 6/	18:6

£123: 6:11 1/4

Brought Forward.....£123: 6:11¼

1770

July

27	To ½ Ct. Gunpowder P order by a Cahuga.....	£7: 0:0
	To 1 dozen Large Looking Glasses P d ^o	2: 2:0
	To 4 men 7 days de- tained at Shoemakers helping to Kill Cattle &c ^a .	} 4/. 5: 12:0
31	To 25 Gall ^s . Rum P order by the Musesagoes4/.....		5: 0:0
	To 10 Kegs with d ^o....2/.....	1: 0:0
	To 3 Gall ^s . Rum P order of Col ^o . Butler d ^o.....4/.....	0:12:0
	To Mutton & Bread P d ^o	0:14:0
	To 6 Setting poles 15/ & 4 pad- dles P d ^o . 6/.....	1: 1:0
10	To 1 Black Ox P Mr Abbit....	5: 0:0
11	To ½ Ct. Gun Powder P order Ctqr	7: 0:0
	To 0:3:2 Lead, Swan & Small Shott 55/.....	2: 2:11½
	To 13 Kegs of Rum 38 Gall ^s to the Otwas 4/.....	7:12:0
	To 13 Kegs with d ^o....2/....	1: 6:0

 46: 1:11½

3 Kegs of Rum to be Deducted

 £169: 8:10½
INDORSED:¹

Majors Fondas Acct

August 11th. 1770

£169:8:10½

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Aug 13-1770

S WILLIAM

The principal Intelligence brought by the Lord Hide packet yesterday are the Princess Dowager of Wales's Embarkation for Germany She is arrived at Brussels, on her way to Brunswick, Mechlenburgh, Saxegotha &c whether or not she will return to England is doubtfull.

The Middlesex freeholders mutter extreemly at his Majesty's Neglect of their second Remonstrance and still threaten to refuse Payment of y^e Land Tax.

Lord Townsend is grown unusually odious to [] shires of Ireland.

[] oppres[sion] so thick & then to carry ministerial points, he is to be succeeded, 'tis said, by Lord Sandwich who will not be much more acceptable in that Kingdom.

The Administration, by a prosecution of one Almon a Westminster Freeholder and Bookseller have increased the General Disgust of y^e people, the particulars of this Suit will be sent ^T next post in a quantity of London newspapers.

The Turkish affairs in Greece have a better aspect than we thought from former accounts, however Romanzow, Stoffeln, Panin & Tottleben are preparing to attack the Ottoman Empire at four different Sides The Administration will remain unchanged, in all probability, untill the next sessions. Tho the Dukes of Bedford & Grafton and the latter and Lord North have lately had a good deal of altercation touching the disposal of some public offices.

The Bill enabling the governor of N York to pass Currency Bills is passed [and] brought over

Lord Dunmore was to set sail a few weeks after y^e 12 June

An Hundred Thousand pounds Ster^s for y^e public Service is ordered in the Tweed man of war for this place

Lord Colvil is dead

Trecothick, a native of Boston, is to be Lord Mayor of London next year, he is married to a Sister of [] W^m Meredith.

Lord Holland is returned and has been well received at Court. Lord Bute is expected again in London.

Our Agent in London, M^r Charles, cutt his Throat from Ear to Ear the motive to this desperate deed is not known.

I hope this will find you in perfect health and safety, and that you have completed the Business which carried you from home to your own perfect satisfaction, and, I am with []

Respects to Sr John & the Colonel

Sir William,
Your most faithfu[ll]
JA RIVING[TON]

ADDRESSED:

To

W^m Johnson Bart
at Johnson Hall

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 465, is entered a letter of August 14th to the Earl of Hillsborough, reporting on the late Indian congress, the expense, frontier outrages, the want of trade regulations, the bearing of the nonimportation agreement on Indian affairs, injury to the Indians from the sale of rum, their need of religious teachers, and the coming Indian congress on the plains of Scioto (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:973-78; Q, 2:563-66 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:224-27).

FROM DANIEL BURTON

A. L. S.¹

Abingdon Street, Westminster, Aug. 17-1770

SIR,

The letter, which You favoured me with on the 26th of April, I have laid before our board, & hope soon to return a satisfactory

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

answer to all the parts of It. At present I have only to acquaint You, that Mr. Stuart's recommendation is most readily accepted, & He is appointed Miss^{ry} to the Mohawk Indians at Fort-hunter. Mr Hall's scheme of going among the Indians next spring for 2 years to learn their language & to be their Catechist & School-master, 'till He shall be of age to take holy Orders, & become a Miss^{ry}, is very much approved: He is directed to reside at Conajohare.

I am desired to assure You, that the Society have the most grateful sense of your constant good offices in their favour, & will take every opportunity of pursuing & recommending your Plans to the best advantage —

I have the honour to be with great respect

Your most Obed^t humble Servant

D BURTON

To SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹ London Augst. 17th. 1770

[Doc]tor Burtons letter

(by¹) Mr. Stuart—

UNKNOWN PERSON TO ANTHONY GORDON

Oswego Agust [1770]

REVERENT SIR

I am veray sooray to give you the trubell of those few Lines Sir the partay of Indanes that have bene at the great meating of Sir William Johnson from your Plass When they Returned home agen from the Congres affter I did all that Lay in my pour for them they Stool my new boot out of the Ponde and Carride hir of withem that I am Veray well asured of the other Indianes tould mee after they wer gone with hir the stool the boot In the Night but if they dow not return the Sead boot I shall aqunte Sir william Johnson with ther behavior

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Sir no mor from your friend and well wisher

[]

Sir the Cheaffe of the Partay his Neame is Grundadicka as I
am informed

ADDRESSED: To
the Reevert Minester
of the Goospalle
Att Okuesasney
By a indane

ANTHONY GORDON TO UNKNOWN PERSON

*Copy*¹

St regis 2g^{bre} 1770

MONSIEUR

il est vrai que les sauvages de St regis ont pris votre batteau ils
en sont bien faché mais c'est la necessité qui les y a forcé
parcequ'on leur avoit pris leur canot. et ils vous auroient bien
demandé votre batteau mais leur ayant refusé des vivres ils ont
pensé que vous leur auriés encor bien plus refusé un batteau qui
etoit bien plus cher que les vivres qu'ils vous avoient demande.
Cependant il est juste que si on ne vous remene pas votre batteau
on vous donne du moins l argent qu'on en pourra retirer en le
vendant a quelqu'un C'est a quoy j irai travailler

Je suis parfaitement

Monsieur

Votre tres humble

Serviteur

A GORDON Jesuite

¹ On back of preceding letter.

Translation

St Regis, October 2, 1770

SIR:

It is true that the Indians of St Regis have taken your boat. They are very sorry for it, but necessity forced them to it because some one had taken their canoe. And they would certainly have asked for your boat, but, having refused them provisions, they thought that you would all the more have refused them a boat, which was much more valuable than the provisions which they had asked you for. Nevertheless, it is only just that, if your boat is not brought back to you, you should be given at least the money which might be got for it by selling it to some one. That is what I am going to try to do.

I am sincerely

Sir.

Your very humble

Servant

A. GORDON, Jesuit

ROBERT ADEM'S ACCOUNT

D.

Dr. Account of Cash received in New York

1770		£		
June	To Cash gave Sir William Johnson	1974	1	3
	To d ^o . paid Hugh & Alexander Wallace as p Recp ^{ts} . the following Articles for the Congress	180	2	[]
	6 Ct. Gunpowder@ £12 ⁷ / ₈ £72.—.—			
	10 d ^o . Shott	48/..		24.—.—
	107 th Virmillion	13/..		69.11.—
	11½ Groce Brass Jews Harps	26/..		14.19.—
	30 doz Clasp'd Knives	8/..		12.—.—
	17½ d ^o d ^o	6/6.		5.13. 9
	5¾ d ^o . French Cutteau d ^o ... C Q th	5/3.		1.10. 1¾
	1 hh ^d . Tobacco 4:3:12 N ^t ...	40/..		9.14. 5
	1 Box Pipes 30 Groce.....	2/5.		3.12. 6
	10 th Verdegrease	8/..		4.—.—
	1 M Oil flints.....			2. 4
	3½ doz Stone Rings			— 5. 3
	Barl. 2/. Cooprage & Nails 2/.....	219	14	¾

To Gerrardus Dyckinck as £ Bill.....	16	14	7½
To Ennis Graham	9	1	2
To 2 doz Chairs@ 108/.....	10	16	—
To 1 Teirce Loaf Sugar Wt. 251 ^h @ 14 ^d £ & Cash 3/6.....	14	16	4
To 4 Table Cloths 26/.....	5	4	—
To 2 .. d°. 15/.....	1	16	—
C Q ^h			
To 1 Barrel Sugar Wt. 2: 1: 9 Nt. 55/.....	6	9	[]
To Edward Nicoll as £ Bill.....	6	13	[]
To 6 Silver Spoons	1	16	[]
To 2 Looking Glasses & Box.....	4	[]	[]
To 1 doz Cups & Saucers	[]	[]	[]
To 2 China Bowls 1 @ 13/. & 1 at 7/.....	[]	[]	[]
Carried [Forward]			
<hr/>			
1770	[]	[]	[]
June	[]	[]	[]
<hr/>			
Brought Over	[20]	[6]	—
To 1 hhd. West Indian Rum qt. 116 Gall. @ 3/6 £	25	[8]	[8]
To 2 d°. New York d°. 218 d°. 2/4....	6	12	—
To 12 water plates			
To 2 Boxes Spermacitta Candles 63 ^h Nt. 2/3 £			
Boxes 5/	7	6	9

ROBERT ADEM'S ACCOUNT — Continued

To 3 Chamber Potts	6/.....	—	18	—
To 1 Snuff Box 20/. & mending one 5/.....		1	5	—
To 2 Teapotts 10/. Sugar dish 5/6 & Creampot 4/6.		1	—	—
To 2 Quart & 2 pint black Jacks.....		—	10	—
To 6 Wash Balls		—	6	—
To 6 th pepper 30/. Bag 1/. & 12 Cannisters		2	6	—
Mustard 15/		1	3	—
To 1 doz Knives & 1 doz forks.....		1	—	—
To Cartage in New York.....		2	10	—
To Cash p ^d . for 5 Waggon to Schenectady.....		—	9	—
To d ^o . p ^d . Mr. Clinch for the Ottawa Chief.....		1	2	—
To d ^o . p ^d . the Express.....				—
		£2525	17	6¼
		2	7	1¾
Ballance due.....		£2528	4	8

[Sir] William Johnson Baronet

Cr.

June	By Cash rec ^d . from Abraham Mortier Esq ^r .	£ 695		
	By d ^o from d ^o	1604	13	3
	By d ^o from Charles M ^c . Evers Esq ^r	228	11	5
	Carried forward	£2528	4	8

ROBERT ADEM'S ACCOUNT — Continued

Brought Over	£2528	4	8
Ballance	£2528	4	8

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Adem's Acct^t.

August 17th. 1770

Rec^d. it this Day —

£2528 . 4 . 80 —

Ball: — 2 . 7 . 1³/₄ to me

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO PARTRIDGE THATCHER

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Aug^t. 18, 1770.

SIR,

I inclose you a Sketch which Col. Johnson has in the utmost hurry drawn agreeable to your desire, tho' the Scale is small it will I imagine be Expressive enough for your purpose, as it Comprehends a greater Extent of Country by farr than your business requires, and after a farther Consideration of the Subject I must say that I am still of opinion that however reasonable your Argument may be in favor of the Limits you Express from the desires of the people, There is very little prospect of success according to that description, whilst on the other hand Should you Carry the Southern Limits as far to the Northward of the Patented Lands as might in some degree obviate the Exceptions that will otherwise be made to it, The remainder may not be judged answerable to your Wishes, or those interested with you. However as you will be the better able to Judge of this after proper Application, I wish you may find it to be more favorable to your Expectations and the desires of the people being Sir
Your hearty wellwisher &ca

INDORSED:

Aug^t. 18th. 1770.

To Mr. Partridge Thatcher

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

*Caughnawaga August 19th
1770*

SIR

I am extremely Sorry that my present situation obliges me to trouble you with this letter.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

After returning you my most grateful and sincere thanks for [the] Farm I now live upon; I must beg leave to acquaint you that I have neither Cattle or utensils of any kind to work it with or any stock whatever to support my family, and what is worse than all I have no money wherewith to purchase my wants or even to pay the expences already incured upon the place. An unfortunate mistake in accompts between me and Mess^{rs} Phyn and Ellice last Winter has brought me into this dilemma. Yet if Mr. Decouaigne's order upon you and some money stoped out of my last Indian accompt could conveniently be paid I might make a shift to have things in some little order, Or if your Conveniency could allow you to stock the place with Cattle and Utensils and make some repairs about the House (which in Winter will otherways be uninhabitable) the Barn and the fences, I will then not only be accountable for the Stock you are pleased to put upon it but also pay you any reasonable rent. As things are now, without your assistance my family must starve. At present for want of Horses &ca I have it not in my power to work the land; I know where cattle may be purchased but know not where to find money without your goodness prompts you to assist me.

I need not tell you that the season is now far advanced for ploughing &ca and that delays will be prejudicial to the land. Therefore pardon me Sir for expecting your answer as soon as your time will allow you to send it. I have often attempted telling you the above by word of Mouth but could not on account of the many obligations I already ly under to you, as I have no friend in this part of the World to apply to but you and that it's necessity that prompts. I hope you will pardon my troubling you and not look upon it as presumption, I am

Sir

Your most obedient
and most Humble
Servant

NOR^d. MAC LEOD

To
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM ABRAHAM LOTT

A. L. S.

New York August 22^d. 1770

SIR

The last Packet from London having brought me the inclosed Letter to you from Mr. Kelly, an Opportunity is thereby given me of addressing a Gentleman for whom I have always had the highest veneration and Esteem, tho' to my Misfortune but a Slender Acquaintance, but which from the Contents of the Inclosed Letter I am fond of flattering myself will in future be more extensive, as you will find thereby that Mr. Kelly and myself have entered into a Copartnership in Trade to be carried on between this City and London in the ready money way.—

As I have long been, and still am fully convinced that the advantages pointed out by Mr. Kelly are not imaginary but real, I could not hesitate to join him in his Scheme; and as you, Sir, must also be sensible, by the large fortunes that the London merchants trading to American have made, that they must have taken a larger Profit than their Commission, I flatter myself you will be so well Satisfied with the Utility and Advantages of Such a Trade as at least to make a Trial, and that you will be pleased (the prospect of the advantages considered) to recommend an Experiment to your Friends also; especially as they will run no more, if so much, risque by Entrusting their property in our hands than in other merchants in London, whose Estates are less Responsible, and have at least a good prospect of a larger Profit.—

Capt. Jillis Fonda ships a Considerable Quantity of Furr and Potash, and imports goods for their proceeds — I know your influence with him is so great, that one word would induce him to ship to, and order Goods from our House

I intended to have had the Honor to be the bringer of the Inclosed, but the Public business, and the daily Expectation of my Lord Dunmoore's arrival, prevents me that pleasure.— I have

therefore thought it my Duty in writing to join my humble request to Mr. Kelly's praying your pardon for the intrusion, beg leave with all due respect, and great Sincerity to Subscribe myself

Sir

Your most Obedient & very
Humble Servant

Copy

ABR^m LOTT

and also copy of Mr. Kelly's

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet.

INDORSED:¹

8 br. 3d. 1770

Mr. Kelly & Lott's letters

Ans^{wd}. —

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson Hall Aug^t. 22^d. 1770

DEAR SIR,

My situation as Mentioned in my last Surrounded by Some hundreds of Indians who followed me to this place on the private Affairs of each Nation & a Severe Indisposition in my family rendered it impossible for me to transmit the proceedings herewith inclosed until this time.—They Contain the whole of the Transactions at the publick Conferences, tho' as I have formerly Observed to you, that Is a very small part of the Debates, Arguments & discourses at the private Conferences where the principal Subjects are first Agitated & Determined upon.—My Concern at being reduced to the disagreeable Alternative of either Approving in his Majestys name of the War proposed, or risquing the public Safety by a disapprobatⁿ. of it, was much farther

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

increased on My arrival at the German flatts upon finding that they had resolved in Consequence of their Alliance with us, & of the Assistance they had formerly afforded to make a publick requisition of Men & Amunition for the Support of the War, Not from any real Want of our Aid but merely to put our friendship to the Test, That in case our Ans^r. Should be unfavorable or Evasive their Suspicions might be Confirmed & their Resentment wear the Appearance of Justice.— The Disaffected & Designing amongst them had represented this in so reasonable a Light to the rest, that they had very nigh effected their purpose, & would most Certainly have Succeeded but for the pains I took, & the Extraordinary Good behavior of Some of the Chiefs, Thro' whose Endeavors Joined to my own, I have at last prevailed that after a farther [Consider]ation of the Matter, they will send Messages to the Nations to the Southward, and wait the result. [] best thing, that I could think of or Effect, under the Circumstances that I found myself in, and I hope you will approve of it.— I Then Agreeable to his Majesty's Orders proceeded to the Ratification of the Fort Stanwix Treaty, after which they Stated their Grievances on the Score of Trade, the behavior of the frontier Inhabitants & many other Matters of an Inferior Nature some of which are Contained in the Sheets herewith inclosed & others being Spoken of at private Meetings were too voluminous to be Inserted.— with respect to the Treatment they complain of on the frontier I need say nothing in addition to what I have formerly Ment^d. for the Conduct of our Settlers to them is much the same & since my return home I have an Acc^t. from Mr Croghan at Fort Pitt that 2 Ind^s. were lately murdered in that Neighborhood — I observed in publick to the whole, but particularly in private to the Chiefs, that this was often occasioned by their bad behavior, but altho' that is sometimes the Case, I am very certain that it is often meerly thro' the Licenciousness of Our Frontier Settlers, whose hatred & ill timed resentment are not Easily to be removed, and I Wish they may not Smart for it.— The Affairs of Trade I can Say as little about, for there is no prospect of the Colon[ies]

adopting any One Certain Well digested plan or indeed [one] that will be attended with the Necessary Expence which [the] Ind^s. Consider as a Willful Neglect, arising, from our Con[duct] & aversion for them, but the Great Scarcity of Goods [for] Some time past, & the disappointment of such Mer[] have of late brought down peltry was a very dis[] Circumstance, more especially as they [] keepers & Traders that it was the [] Nothing could have a more dangerous tendency, This too which I was desirous to remove at all Events, together with the peculiar Notice I found myself obliged to take of those Chiefs who had Acted well the Very great Number of the Indians, & the Extravagant prices of most articles from the General failure of the Crops this Year, has made the Expences of the Treaty to Exceed my Expectations, but when all these points are thoroughly considered I believe it cannot be deemed Extraordinary, & I Very well know that to Lessen it I took all possible pains, & Sat up for Sev^l. Whole Nights in Conference to Expedite the Affair as their daily Maintenance ammt^d. to a large Sum.—

I shall not at present take up more of your time with a repetition of any other Matters of a Subordinate Nature, only to Observe that thro' the Measures I pursued, Supported by the good Conduct & Influence of the best disposed amongst the Chiefs, I have removed Some Very unfavorable impressions, diverted them from a Very dangerous & disagreeable requisition & disposed them to Judge more favorably of the friendship & disposition of Government, but tho' it is practicable & highly necessary to Continue them in this belief, Yet I fear it depends on too many Circumstances to be duly attended to, All which I have touched upon in my Letter to Lord Hillsborough, wch accompanies a Copy of the proceedings.—

I have good Expectations that the Matters Settled, & resolutions entered into at this Treaty, will prove a Severe blow to the ill disposed who are now busied at the great Congress at Scioto plains in endeavoring to Alienate the Affections of the Six

Nations &ca & to form dangerous Confederacies, concerning all which I have taken measures to be easily apprised of their determinations.— [] I have been obliged to advance a good deal of Cash on acct of the [] incurred, which his Majesty has been pleased to allow of [] allow^{ce} for the Departm^t. I also herewith inclose you the [] the paym^t of which I am necessitated to [] done with Convenience.

INDORSED:

Aug^t. 22. 1770.

To Gen^l. Gage
 With a copy of Indⁿ. Transactions
 & Acc^t. of Expences.—

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Fort pitt August 24th. 1770

DEAR SIR.

Since my last Nothing Remarkable has hapen^d. hear. by a Dallaway Indian from Siola I hear y^e. Indians are Meet at there own Councel Butt Nott So Many as was Expected, I hope in a about three Weeks we Shall hear what they will Agree on

Last fall when y^r. honer Sent Me of to proceed to this post I was Taken with the Gout & Could Nott proceed the General advised Me to Send My Instructions to Cap^t. Edmonstone & Mr. McKee, & to Direct Mr. McKee to Make the Neserary Speechess to y^e. Diferent Tribes agreeable to these Instructions wh^b. I Did & a quantity of Wampum was Taken up on My account for y^e. Speechess which I have been oblidge^d. to pay this Day to the Hon^{ble}: Sir William Johnson Barr^t. & Draw on y^r. honer for y^e. amount

Inclos^d. is the account Certify^d. by Cap^t. Edmonstone & Mr. McKee. I Dont Know whether y^r. honor or the General ought to pay itt, Butt if the General be to pay itt I have No way of geting itt butt throu your hands as you Know he will pay Nothing for y^r. Department Butt to y^r. self and itt wold be very hard that I Should Louse the Mony as the Expençe was Incurd for his Majestys Service.

I am with Great Respect your
 Honers Most obeident
 and most Hum^{ble}. Servent.
 GEO. CROGHAN

To the Honorable
 SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Barr^t.

INDORSED:
 Ft Pitt Aug^t. 24th. 1770.

From Mr. Croghan with
 an Acc^t. Inclosed.

JOHN CAMPBELL'S BILL
 A. D. S.

George Croghan Esq^r. D^r. To John Campbell for Council
 [] Wampum deliverd Mr. McKee by your Order

1770

Jan ^y .	25 th	To 6000.....	@ 60/.....	£18..—
Feb ^y .	15 th	To 9000.....	@ 60/.....	27..—
March	12 th	To 5400.....	@ 60/.....	16.. 4
				£61 4

We do Certify that the Above Acconpt is just & that the Above Wampum was expended¹ in Speeches to the different

¹ Intended for "expended," evidently.

Tribes when we explained to them the Honorable Sir William Johnstons Instructions to George Croghan which was Sent here for that Purpose by said Croghan

CHA^s. EDMONSTONE Cap^t.

Commanding

ALEX^r. M KEE

Fort Pitt August the 24th. 1770 Received the Above Contents from George Croghan

JOHN CAMPBELL

INDORSED:

Aug^t. 24th. 1770.

Acc^t of Expences from Mr. Croghan

£61:4 referred to in a Letter

of this date.

INVOICE OF GOODS CONSIGNED BY JOHN BLACKBURN TO JOHN WEATHERHEAD

A. D. S.

[] by order & for account of the []
 [] Johnson Bar^t, at]
 [] Expedition to Mr. John Weatherhead at N York vz]

[] N ^o	a	16/-	.....	16	—	—	—	—	—
[] 1.....	a	15/-	.....	15	—	—	—	—	—
[] 2.....	a	15/-	.....	15	—	—	—	—	—
[] 12 Casks	30/-	30/-	.....	3	—	—	—	—	—
[] Small Barr Lead.....	15/-	15/-	.....	22	10	—	—	—	—
[] 6 Casks .....	.....	.....	.....	—	15	—	—	—	—
[] Small Bird Shot N ^o . 5.....	15/-	15/-	.....	—	15	—	—	—	—
[] Cask 1/- Bag 6 ^d.....	.....	.....	.....	5	1	6	—	—	—
[] Cocket fees & Clearing.....	.....	.....	.....	—	3	—	—	—	—
[] Jage Wharfage, Portorage & Lighterage.....	.....	.....	.....	—	18	—	79	2	6
C									
[] 150 Brass Indian Kettles 10.....	17 is 1137 th	@ 16 ^d.....	.....	75	16	—	—	—	—
[] 2 Casks &ca.....	.....	.....	.....	—	11	—	76	7	—
[] 150 p ^s . 7/8 Garlix Sorted from N ^o . 11	a	20 p ^s . of each	a	20/-	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
[] 1 Piece Hessen	20/-	packing	2/-	.....	.....	.....	51	2	—

INVOICE OF GOODS CONSIGNED BY JOHN BLACKBURN TO JOHN WEATHERHEAD — Concluded

400 th Vermillion in 1 th Leather Bags.....	@ 4/-5.....	88	6	8	88	10	8
Box & Cord.....		—	4	—			
25 p ^s . yd. wide Irish Linen 625 yds. a 16 ^d on board.....		41	13	4			
[] 8 th White Thread.....	a 2/-4.....	—	18	8			
Trunk Matt & Cord.....		—	18	—	43	10	—
[In] This trunk there are several Parcels for your							
Servants &ca as [£] Invoice herewith		127	10	—			
[] Barrells C Gunpowder in	@ 85/-.....						
[] 1¼ Battle Powder a 150 ^s /- Barrell 7 ^d		1	18	—			
Waterage.....		—	10	1			
Deduct Bounty on 30 Barrs.....	£6:15—	129	18	2			
less Charges of Deventure	10—	6	5	—	123	13	2
[] Demy Cambricks Viz. N ^o . 3.....		—	19	—			
5		1		6	1	19	6
					£635	17	7

[] count allow'd for paymt. of the undermentioned articles viz

[] Kettles	76	7	—
[] Garlix	51	2	—
[] Castor hats	28	11	6
[]	18	3	4
[]	88	10	8
[]	43	10	—
[]	123	13	2
[]	72	10	10
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	502	8	6

Fees of [] Teamsters []
 Cartage, Wharfage, Portorage & []
 Primage 30s/- Bills of Lading 9^d
 Commission £ 617:7:2 @ 2½ ʒ Ct
 Insurance on £640 — @ 2½ ʒ wth. Comm & []

London 25th August 1770

Errors Excepted
 JOHN BLACKBURN

INVOICE OF GOODS CONSIGNED BY JOHN BLACKBURN TO JOHN WETHERHEAD
A. D. S.

[	[	Johnson Bar. For the Use of his Servants							
	[	78 th a 4½		1	9	3			
		170 a 5½		3	18	—			
		3 Tubs for ditto	a 2/-6	—	7	6		5	14
								9	
	[	Water a 12/-		7	4	—		7	10
		4 Basketts		—	6	—			
	[	Hempen Oznabrigos 105		14	7	4			
		105	418 Ells. 8¼						
		105							
		103							
	[	p ^s . Ell wide Irish 36 & 36 is 72 Yds a 14¼		4	5	6		18	18
		8 Ells Hessen. 9d		—	6	—		10	
	1	piece Printed Callico Two purple gd. 18½ yds. No. 1		1	16	—			
	1	piece ditto 2		1	17	6			
	1	p ^{ce} . dark Ground full Chintz 12 yds 3		2	5	—			

1 p ^{cc} . fine ditto.....	4	2	12	—
4 p ^{cc} . Blue Cotton Romals.....	10/-	2	—	—
Case &c		—	1	—
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2 doz. Red milld Caps	6/-9	—	13	6
1 doz. Girls Blue Yard hose.....	N ^o 1.....	—	7	3
1 doz. d ^o	2.....	—	8	—
1 doz. Wom ^s . d ^o	3.....	—	10	3
1 doz.....d ^o	4.....	—	11	3
1 doz. Boys yarn d ^o	5.....	—	7	—
1 doz.....d ^o	6.....	—	8	—
2 doz. Mens d ^o	7.....	—	18	—
1 doz.....d ^o	8.....	—	12	—
6 p ^r . Girls blue worsted hose w th . w ^{te} Clocks.....	1.....	—	8	3
1 doz.....d ^o	2.....	—	19	—
6 p ^r.....d ^o	3.....	—	10	6
1 doz Youths 3 ^d Thd for 14 Years.....	4.....	1	5	—
1 doz Womens D ^o	5.....	1	10	—
2 doz Mens Felt Hats.....	16/-6	1	13	—

All the above packed in a Trunk SWI² N^o. 22

¹ Line burned off.

² Initials on the trunk to indicate ownership.

INVOICE OF GOODS CONSIGNED BY JOHN BLACKBURN TO JOHN WETHERHEAD—Concluded

Charges Viz—

Fees of Entry Searchers &ca.....	—	13	—
Cartage Wharfrage Portage & Lighterage.....	—	17	3
Primage & Bills of Lading.....	—	5	9
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Commission on £55..12..1 a 2½ p C ^t		1	7
		<hr/>	
		£56	19 10
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London 25th August 1770
 Errors Excepted
 JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:
 []
 []
 Amt. £ []

WILLIAM FOX'S ACCOUNT


D. S.

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

To William Fox Dr.

[]	14 th . . . To 24 tb. of butter Del ^d . to Marg th . Brant as p ^r . Request	£— . 18. —
	15 th . . . To 37 tb. d ^o . Del ^d . to an Indian who took it to Oswego in Behalf of Sr. William Johnson . . . a 9 ^d }	1 . 7 . 9
[]	th . . . To 3 gall ^s . of Rum as p ^r . order answ ^d . in Stead of Isaac Paris — . 19 . 6	
	To 5 Ind ^s . 3 bowls punch £— . 3. —	} As p ^r . order of M ^s . Molly — . 12 . 1
	To 5 gall ^s . of Rum to d ^o . — . 2 . 1	
	To meals of victuals & } — . 5. — pasture for their horses }	
	67. To 1 qt. Rum — . 2. —	
	26 th . . . To 6. Sk ^{le} . of Wheat to Abraham Solomon, as p ^r . order a 4/	1 . 4. —
	d ^o . To 6. d ^o . to George Kreutz . . . a 4/	1 . 4. —
	1 st . To 4. d ^o . to John Kearn a 4/	— . 16. —
		£7 . 1 . 4

Johnson Hall 25th Augst. 1770 Then Rec^d. the Contents
of the above in full of all demands to this Ins^t. as
Witness my hand

her
MARGARET  FOX
Mark

INDORSED:
William Fox Acct.
deliver'd in 25 Augst. 1770
£7:1:4

paid

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 26 Aug. 1770

SIR

I had the Pleasure of writing you the 13 Instant Since which I am depriv'd of your Agreeable Favours. The present serves to accompany Account of the Griddle and the Spelling Books which I hope you will receive Safe— They are on board Capt. Staats Sloop— As I wrote you last the 20 Busheles Winter Barley were deliver^d to me & which woud have been Sent you before now but the Farmer from whom I had it having inadver[tently] but unluckily mentioned that [] ground was full of [] I w[ould b]y no means Send it [] taind it on his Honor as I woud not intail upon myself the Curse of all the [Mo]hawk Country for introducing so great a plague amongst them— I have Since apply'd to all the Brewers in Town to try to procure it from them, but in Vain, they do not expect any till some time next month when the Farmers have finished Sowing till which time they tell me they do not begin to thrash & Send to Markett— I have likewise applyd to Mr David Johnson to try if I coud get it from him, but He tells me his Barley will not do for Seed as it is grown or Sprouted— I have likewise Sent over this Day to Bergen in the Jerseys where I am told their Barly is excellent & free from Weeds & have rec^d fresh [

] that they will not take off their hands from Sowing for double the Value of 20 Busheles of Barley but that in a few Days they will come to Markett when I may have as much as I please—as Soon therefore as I can get it I will with great Pleasure send it to you & remain in the Meantime with great Truth

Sir Your most Obedient Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart.

Johnson Hall

[] riddle &

[] Parcell

INDORSED:¹

August 26th. 1770

Mr. Wetherheads Letter

RECEIPTS OF JOB BULLINGHAM AND SON, INDIANS

D. S.

August 27th 1770

Rec^d from the Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson by the hands of Tho^s Flood three pound Seventeen Shillings five pence being Due for Mowing at Johnson Hall & at Sacondayga I Say Rec^d. by me

his

Job + BULLINGHAM
mark

£3:17:5

August 27th 1770

Rec^d from the Honourable Sir William Johnson by the hands of Tho^s Flood three pound fiveteen Shilling & tow pence being Due to me for Mowing at Johnson Hall & Saccondauga I Say Rec^d by me

his

JOE + BULLINGHAM
mark

£3:14:2

INDORSED:¹

Job the Indⁿ. & his

Sons Recpt. for

Work £7:11:7

7^{br}. 1770

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN SEARSON

A. L. S.

New York Augt. 28th. 1770

HONOURED SIR

Tho' I have not the Honor of any personal Acquaintance with you, to intitle me to address you, even by Letter; yet from the Human & Benevolent Disposition you have the Character to Bear, I am Emboldened to acquaint you, that from being a merchant in good Credit, & having a Handsome Fortune, am reduc'd (by a series of the most unforeseen Misfortunes) to the necessity of Seeking a place in a Compting House, or Teaching a School, & being inform'd 'Tis Probable you might want a Person in Some Such Employ I would Willingly serve you in either, for Such Encouragement as you thought I merited. I liv'd with Oliver De Lancy Esqr. in his Family for about 14 Months, Some years ago both as an Accomptant & Tutor to his Children for which I had £50 ⁷/₉ Annum, and every necessary found me, except Clothes. Mr. De Lancey or the Reverend Doctor Auchmuty who hath known me several Years can give me a Recommendation, So can Benjamin Verte, Benjamin Chew, John Dickinson, or Joseph Galloway [] at Philadelphia, to whom I may take the Liberty to refer you.

The R^t. Honorable Francis Andrews Provost of Trinity College Dublin is my Friend & Honors me with his Correspondence. Should I be indulg'd with an Ans^r. I beg you'll Transmit it to the Care of Doct^r Auchmuty of New York & am Honor'd Sir (tho' a Stranger) with all Possible Regard & proper Esteem

Your very Devoted & Obed^t.

Humble Servant

JN^o. SEARSON

ADDRESSED: To
Sr. William Johnson Baronet
at Johnson Hall, near
Schenectady

INDORSED:¹
New York August 28th. 1770

Mr. John Searsons letter

STEPHEN DELANCEY'S CERTIFICATE

A. D. S.

I Do Certify that on the day of the date hereof I Administered the sev^l. Oaths by Law directed to Sir William Johnson Baronet as a Justice of the peace & Quorum for the City and County of Albany.—

Given under my hand at Johnson hall the third day of September 1770

STEP^N. DELANCEY

INDORSED:

Certificate that
the State Oaths &ca
were Administered to
Sir Will^m. Johnson Bar^t
3^d Sept^r. 1770.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[September] 3, 1770

[SIR] WILLIAM

The Pacquet arrived yesterday morning. There was nothing material going []wards in England; The Death of [Beck]ford²

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Right Honorable William Beckford, Esq., Lord Mayor of London died June 21, 1770. *Annual Register*, 1770, p. 188.

Mayor of London disconcerts the designs of the Remonstrants and Lord Chatham has, in him, lost the mouthpiece of the City.

The Russians will divide the Turkish Empire with the Sophi of Persia who is going to act against the Ottomans; that fair Country, old Greece, is almost conquered and Constantinople in great Jeopardy. If the Czarina's Generals can but command Susislanie for their Troops the Sultan must fall. France and Spain are both arming, the King of Prussia has demanded a large Arrear of y^e Dutch for Support of their Troops in 1670. the Elector Palatine has a quarrel too with the Hollanders. The Duke of Cumberland has remonstrated to the King upon the wretched & ruincous state of the English Navy, but our folks at home seem too intent on objects of their own to avail themselves of the present threatning posture of foreign nations, insomuch as to allow our Ambassador and all our Merchants to be treated most Cavalierly by the futile Portuguese.

Lord Dunmore some say was indisposed whilst others pronounce he would leave Portsmouth about y^e 10 July.

My next pacquet on y^e 10th shall envelope some London papers I now forward a []w list of y^e army and I am with great respect, Sir William,

Your most Obed^t & obligd Serv^t

[] is with me, he desires

JA RIVINGTON

[]ments, he longs to hear
from Sir William.

INDORSED:¹

7^{br}. 3^d. 1770

Mr. Rivingtons letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM COLLIN ANDREWS

A. L. S.

[] *Detroit 3^d. Sept^m. 1770*

I understand by Mr. Campbell's letter of the 9th. July That you have been good enough to advance my Brother thirty pounds Sterling, which I could wish it Would ever ly in my Power to merit your Service.

Sir Inclos'd is a Draft for thirty Pounds Sterling on Dan^l. Campbell Esq^r. at Sight and I return you my hartly Thanks, for your kindness.

I am Sir

With respect your
most Ob^t. Hub^l Sevan^t

COLLIN ANDREWS

The Hon^{bl}

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t.

INDORSED:¹

Detroit 3^d. 7^{br}. 1770

Mr. Collin Andrew's letter
wth. a Draft on Mr. Campbel
for £30 Sterlg

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²

New york Sept. 3^d. 1770.

DEAR SIR,

I am to thank you for your Letters of the 1st and 22^d: of August, with the Proceedings at your late Congress; which I am

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

sincerely glad has been finished so much to your Satisfaction. I have not yet had time to peruse the Proceedings, but hope the Calling the Nations of the ouabache to a Serious Account, may bring them to their Senses without the Necessity of Spilling Blood: and think it might be usefull were they made Sensible that the lenient Measures hitherto pursued in their respect is entirely owing to your Management. They accuse us of setting Some Nations upon them by whom they have been Struck, and when they see the Danger they have escaped thro' our Means, they may be better disposed towards us, and behave better than they have lately done, for you will remember the Attacks upon our Traders, and plundering their Stores at Post Vincent.

Three white Men have been killed Some Leagues above Fort Chastres in the House of one Hanson a Trader. My Letter does not mention of what Nation the Indians were, who committed the Murther, they were Suspected to belong to the ouabache, but other Accounts Say, they were of a Nation near Lake Michigan, no doubt the Pouteatamies, who every year have done Mischief at the Illinois: and have committed Such repeated Murthers in different Places as to deserve a Serious Talk and to be brought to a strict Account for their Actions: which I am to beg you to take into Consideration.

Mr Croghan has informed me of the Disorders on the Frontiers near Fort-Pitt, and I must confess I am as much at a Loss as Matters stand, to fall upon any Means to restrain the Licentiousness of the Frontier People, as to check the violence and Brutality of a drunken Indian. I understand the Disturbances took their Rise from Rum.

Mr. Croghan informs me he has drawn on me for a Sum of Money expended at Fort-Pitt, which is not as Indian affairs are now Situated, in my Power to defray and I have desired him to transmit his Account to you to be inserted in the Expences of your Department.

A Warrant shall be made out as Soon as possible for the Expences contracted at your late Congress.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York 7^{br}. 3^d. 1770

Gen^l. Gages letter

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

Highlands Sept^r. 4th. 1770—

DEAR SIR

My not writing to you long before this time, is owing to the hopes and Expectations I was in almost Every week of setting out for Johnson Hall; and having the happiness of Seeing you but I have been, by one means or other detained at New London, Contrary to my inclynations, which place I Left a few days ago and am now at my good friend M^r. Beverley Robinsons, who has been Endeavouring to settle my Affairs in New York, which I am Extramly sorry to say is not yet Completed; but I hope will in a Little time by his and M^r. Charles M^cEver's means who has been Very kind in this matter.

The Surperior Court setting at New London this month where I have a Case or two that I am promised shall be finished, prevents my Continuing my Journey to the Hall, and the season advancing I must Loose no time in preparing to remove my Family, as I would not by any means Continue at New London another winter, which place if it is possible I hope to leave Early next month, at the Same time I am under the greatest Concern

on acco^t. of the Small Pox which I am told prevails much at Albany and Schonectady for not one soul in my Family has Ever had it Except my Self. am therefore greatly destres't to know how to mannage about getting by those places and must beg the Favour of you to inform me what would be the best method for me to take to Escape that disorder, untill such time as I Could get a Little Settled when might be able to have my Family or part of them at least Inoculated, and the Sooner I have a Line from you the greater will be the Favour.

I left Mr^s. Chew and Children Little William Excepted Very well, he we hope was only Ill with Cutting teeth, and wish we were once well out of New England, and am sure while we Live we Shall pay the most thankfull acknowledgements for your unbounded goodness to whome we owe Every prospect of Comfort or Happiness in this world, and if our Earnest prayers Succeed you will long Live and enjoy health and Happiness which Heaven in its Supreme goodness Grant I am with the Utmost duty and Respect

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t &

most Hble Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

PS. I Set out in the morning for N London.

Mr Robinson and his Lady desire their best Compliments to you & Col^o. Johnson—hope he St. John Col^o. Clause Mr. Adams Mr. Byrne & Mr. Daly will Accept of mine.

The Hon^{ble} S^R WILL^M JOHNSON Barr^t

INDORSED:¹

7^{br}. 4th. 1770

Mr. Chews letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN INGLIS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Sept. 4th. 1770.*

DEAR SIR,

When your kind favor of June last arrived here I was prepared and just Setting out to hold a Congress with the Northern Nations & some Cherokee Deputys at the Germnn flatts² so that it was not then in my power to Answer it. And as Sev^l hundreds of the Indians returned from the Treaty with me to this place on the Private Affairs of particular Nations, which they only Ended a few days past, I could not take the subject of your Letter into Consideration until this day. I am much pleased to See you so Zealously attached to promote the Laudable plan that has been the subject of our Correspondence, but I wish that you may not have overrated both my Abilities and Interest in your prospect of its Execution, however I shall gladly endeavor at some Merit in so good an Undertaking, & neglect no means within my power. The subject of Religion is not meerly a Consideration of our Own. The Mohocks & sev^l. others Educated in the Communion of the Church of England after having repeatedly Applied to me in private at Length made a publick Concern of it & at the late Congress where 2400 Ind^s. attended, busied themselves in interesting the rest to make a positive requisition of Clergymen, for altho' the Greatest part of that Confederacy are as yet Extremely indifferent as to Religion themselves, They Nevertheless think that those amongst them who are desirous of it, more Especially the Mohocks who have meritted so much from us, should be heard, & their request granted.—These matters I have laid before his Majesty's Sec^y. of State, recommended in such a Manner, as may I trust be deemed worthy some attention. In the mean time I shall agreeable to your desire give my farther

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² From July 16 to 23, 1770, Johnson held a congress with the Six Nations, Canadian Indians and Cherokees at the German Flats.

thoughts on the projected plan, as far as I have hitherto been able to attend to it. In which there are some heads not necessary [] to Enlarge upon, and amongst the rest, one Concerning []

Popular objections that may now be propogated by Diss[enters] the first Emigrants to America, on which I shall I[n]sist [] nothing can be more false, than from the Mode of Faith of [] the first planters of Massachusetts Bay, to endeavour to [] the doctrine of Presbyterians, or rather Independ^{ts}. as the General Religion of all America. It is a doctrine of a dangerous Tendency and the Roman Catholicks of Maryland might make use of the same Argument with almost as much propriety, for all Understanding people who have read at all must very well know that even in the N England Col^s. where alone the Independ^{ts} flourish, It had very little to do with the Settlem^t. of the Country. Some few discontented people did at first come on that head, but the rest came on principles at present more interesting than Religion, whatever pretences they Make to it. Religion can never be in Want of Teachers where they predominate, but it was Confessedly so under the Reign of K William, a Prince who surely was no Enemy to their Interests, therefore they did not then predominate. No, their Tenets as they differ So much from other Dissenters were Confined to a Small Spot of America, Where it again subdivided, & branched into sev^l. little Sects, disagreeing in every thing, but in their hatred of Authority & Order, & so let us leave them— The first thing then that occurs for laying down the proposed System is the Situation, State & Numbers of the Indians, That is as I suppose of the Six Nations & their Dependants, for these are the most Conveniently situated & of the most Consequence to be first Christianized. Of these the Mohocks our faithfull Allies who have been greatly reduced in our Cause, are now in point of Numbers, few, but from their Authority & Situation, are of much Consequence. They have [] Three Towns, Fort Hunter, near which are 32—Houses & about 160—

of both Sexes, Canajoharee, where I have built a N[ew] Church lately, at present containing 38 Houses & ab^t. 180 [], Scohare where there are not above 16 familys. [] Towns are far within the Settlem^{ts}. & the Two Former [] of the Mohock River. The Oneidas are the n[] about 50 miles beyond the Canajoharee [] they have two Towns, about 16 Miles apart & Contain about 400 Souls — Inhabitants. at The one of their Towns, a Young Missionary of Mr. Wheelocks now resides & has made some progress amongst them, owing Indeed to their being favorably disposed to embrace Christⁿ. knowledge many of them having been baptized & Instructed formerly by Mr. Ogilvie & others of the Church of England. These Two Nations with the dependant Tribes on the Susquehannah, are ready at Present to attend to Instruction. The Mohocks understand the service of the Church tolerably well, and so do some of the Oneidas but they will Soon forget it under their present Teacher whose persuasion is so different. One Good Missionary might serve both the Mohawk village and that at Scoharee, and another might reside at old Oneida, the Chief Town of that people without any difference with the N England Mission^y. who hav^g but little Interest at the Old Town resides at another place.— The Onondagas live 40 miles beyond Oneida, The Cayugas ab^t as many Miles beyond them, & the Senecas ab^t. the same distance still farther, but some of their Settlements (they being the most numerous of any) Extend to & along the Ohio These 3 Last Nations at present do not afford much prospects but the reason is Ams^t others I made in a former Letter, that they wait to see the fruits of Religion upon the rest, for nothing is more Certain than that the Successfull progress of Christianity in one Town is its best introduction to another, for which reason as well as from my experience of the Thoughts & reflections of the Ind^s. on these matters, I should not be desirous to push it farther than the Two first ment^d. Nations for some time. Nor can I see any other Method that can at present be fallen upon than what must be founded on the Supposition that a

Sum (Suppose £10000 Ster) could be raised for these purposes. In that case, the Money might be either under the direction of the society alone, or with the addition of some [other] persons on this side the Atlantic particularly the Clergy of N York [

]delphia, to be put out to the best advantage & the [] applied to the Carrying on the Scheme w^{ch} as I observed [] a plan. However thus much Might be done to Establish a Mission at Conajoharee [] Old Oneida Town, (In case Conajoharee & the Mohocks are []) this Mission be Supplied by a Young Man of good Character [] the Language Soon. Subordinate to him That there be a good School furnished with some Useful Tracts printed in the Indⁿ. Language [] enlarge at some other time, £150 Ster ꝓ Ann will be little enough for the purpose, as the Miss^y. Sho^d. as I formerly observed have it in his power to Sh[ow] some Marks of favor to deserving Ind^s. & to relieve their Necessitys at some times. That there be four other Young Men of Zeal & Abilities at a Sallery of [] Ster ꝓ Ann each, Two to be sent to Onondaga, Cayuga & the remain^g T[owns] amongst the Senecas. These I can easily procure Admission for & [] provided they Act with Caution & prudence That they first apply themselves to Learn the Language, which acquired, they may proceed to Instruct them in Reading & by Degrees as they See opportunity introduce the Subject of Religion, That their Allowance be increased in proportion to their Industry & Success & so soon as it may be done that Missions be Established & places of Worship built in these Towns as is proposed at Oneida, & whenever these Ind^s. give encouragement to such an Establishment, the business may be looked upon as half done, & a Colledge erected in some Convenient place for the reception of all those Indⁿ. Youths that shall give proofs of the Superiority of their Genius. That in the Meantime the Indians be encouraged to Send some Young people to be instructed at Oneida (for they don't incline to go far) there to be Maintained & Clothed decently & some little occasional

favor bestowed on those Ind^s. who discover the most Disposition thereto.— I have Supposed that the Mission of Schenectady the Mohawks & this place is to be fixed on the old footing. Therefore that at Conajoharee, or old Oneida, is more particularly to bring Religion nearer to them, & the Young Men to be sent to Onondaga & the Towns farther Westward are to pave the Way for the Actual Establishment of it in their Towns. They must at first have each an Interpreter, but this Expense may be soon discontinued & If these Young Men could Joyn to their other Studys some knowledge in Physic, It would greatly dispose the Ind^s. in their favor. The Established Missionary sho^d. not have Less than £ 70 Str [Ⓕ] Ann & be for [] time allowed to the Value of 30, or 40£ more to dispose of in the way I have already ment^d. The Schoolmaster sho^d. have at Least 40£ [Ⓕ] Ann, & as they Succeeded, the best of the Indⁿ. Youth sho^d. be appointed as Usshers &ca at an Allow[ance] with some Compliment to their familys w^{ch} wo^d. have great Weight — In short 400 £ Ster [Ⓕ] Ann wo^d. fully ans^r. the design for some Years.— There are many [] to w^{ch} I have not descended as they w^d. Exceed the bounds of a Letter, & as the fund is [] When this point is once advanced, a plan may be easily digested that will advert [] & Afford a fair prospect of carrying into Effect^l. Execution this great plan []
 [] have my best Wishes.

INVOICE OF MERCHANDISE

A. D. S.

London 5 Sept. 1770

Invoice of Sundry Merchandize Shipd on Board the Britannia Captⁿ. Israel Munds
 New York by Order & for Acc^t & Risque of Sir William Johnson & goes consigné (for
 Expedition) to Mr. John Wetherhead of New York.—viz^t.

a Bale Containing

N ^o 1	3 Blue Welch Cottons N ^o 1.	47				
	2.	47	}	141.2 yds.	14½	8 10 11
	3.	47.2				
1	Blue Thick Duffel.	4		29½	3/2	4 13 5
1	D ^o .	5		24½	3/6	4 4 9
1	D ^o .	6		25¼	3/8	4 12 7
1	Blue Broad Bays.	7	37			3 6 —
1	White Flannel.	8	64.2			2 15 —
1	Yellow. . . D ^o .	9	59.2			3 4 —
1	Green Knap'd Bays.	12		43 yds.	15½	2 15 6
2	Emboss'd Serges	38.2	}	76½ yds ¹	15½	4 18 9
	Measuring folding Packing pressing &c.					1 8 —

40 9 11

Charges Vizt.			
Fees of Entry Searcher &c.....	3	9	
Wharfage Cartage Portage & Lighterage.....	2	8	
Primage & Bill of Lading.....	1	5	7 10

40	17	9
1	—	5
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41	18	2
2	—	6
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£39	17	8

Commission 2½ ₤ Cent

Less 5 ₤ Cent Disc^t on £40.9.11
being an allowance for Ready
Money

Errors Excepted
JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:²
Invoice of Cloathing
for my Negroes from
Mr. Blackburn
£39.17.8

¹ Should read 76.2 yds

² In Johnson's hand.

TO SAMUEL TOUCHET & OTHERS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Sept. 5th. 1770.*

GENTLEMEN,

It was not 'till Yesterday that I was favored with your Letter of Feb^{ry}. last desiring the payment of £55 Ster to Mr. Baxter, who inclosed it to me from Gloucester River near Lake Superior, together with a Letter from himself & a draft which I Judged it most adviseable to decline the payment of as I chuse to do the Share in the proposed Patent.

I think it necessary at the same time to Express my best Acknowledgments for your Civility & for the honor you intended me in Associating me in a Company of Gentlemen of Character & importance on a prospect of much advantage which I should most thankfully have engaged in had it been at all Convenient to me to embark on a business of that nature

But Mr Bostwicks kindness in proposing me Must have been founded on a Mistake, for altho' I should gladly do anything for the service of the Company, I never intended taking a Share in it for, being now Advanced pretty far in Life, and my Constitution greatly impaired thro' the fatigues & hardships I have Experienced in the service of the Crown & public, & having a very troublesome Office to discharge, It is not in my power to find Suffic^t. Leisure from the dutys thereof to attend to my present domestic Concerns as I ought to do, much less to embark in any additional engagements however inviting. The Prospect is indeed fair provided the remoteness of Situation & Expences attending its Execution shall not Exceed the Value of the Commodity, a Circumstance which cannot soon be known, because of its distance & that it is not the Interest of those employed to conduct such an Undertaking to discover any particulars that might abate the Ardour of those whose Cash [] support it.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

And¹ as in business of that Nature []
 involved in many difficulties & depending on other []
 peculiar Circumstances, the Truth cannot easily be []
 So it must Generally happen that the persons who []
 undertake the Agency of it, are Men of too little []
 perhaps to be trusted, & may depend solely on Delusion []
 for Support. I am far from saying that this is the Case [at]
 present, but Gentlemen in London are liable to be greatly imposed
 upon, and the most obscure persons from hence, without Credit
 or Cash, may Acquire both by deluding their employers who
 alone will suffer because they alone have property to Lose. I
 think it is a duty I owe to any Gentlemen to give them a hint that
 may be interes [] tho' I heartily wish that in the present case
 it may be found needless.

But for these & particularly the reasons I first Assigned I must
 beg Leave to decline the honor of being concerned [in the]
 project. At the time Assuring you, Gentlemen, that if at any time
 I can serve your Interest therein or Communicate any thing
 Necessary for your Information I shall do it most Willingly,
 being with much Esteem & hearty Wishes for your Success,

Gentlemⁿ

Y^r. most obed^t. Serv^t.

INDORSED:²

To Sam^l Touchet Esq^r.
 & the rest of the Committee for
 the Lake Superior Mines.—
 declin^g a share.

¹ Crossed out in manuscript from this point to end of paragraph.

² Date of indorsement is torn from manuscript.

TO ALEXANDER BAXTER

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Sept^r. 5th. 1770.*

SIR,

I have just received your favor of the 6th. of July with that from the Gentlemen of the Committee for the Company & the Draft for the Sum therein mentioned has been also tendered to me, with which it is necessary that I acquaint you I could not Comply, for altho' I shall at any time be ready to Serve the Gentlemen concerned as far as may be in my power, It has not been my Intention to accept of a share because the fatigues & Constant attention which my Office requires does not Afford me Sufficient Leisure to attend as I ought even to my present private Concerns. And the Ease which my Impaired Health requires will not permit me to engage in any New Adventure, more especially as the Undertaking besides its present uncertainty is from the remoteness of the situation exposed to Imposition from designing people who may impose even on the best Agents the Company can employ, and altho' at present the Indians may not appear averse to the undertaking, yet from the Nature of the thing I should not be Surprised that ill disposed or Envious persons Should Suggest to them that the whole was calculated to introduce the English into that part of the Country, than which as nothing could be more alarming, the Effects are obvious. These, but particularly the first mentioned reasons induce me after returning my best thanks to the Gentⁿ. for the honor they intended me to decline accepting of a Share therein Assuring them that I shall be glad of any opportunity of promoting their design, to which I wish all possible Success, And remain with esteem

Sir,

Y^r. most humble Serv^t.

INDORSED:

Sep^r 5th., 1770.

To M^r. Alex^r Baxter
Agent for the L. Superior Comp^y,
declin^g a Share.—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[N ^o] 4 a Bale Cont ^s 15 p ^s White Knap'd Cotton	45. 46 47. 46 46. 2.50 47 — 46.2 47. 2 46.2 45. 2 46.2 45. 2 49 48. 372 702½ yds....13 ^d	38 1 —	1 3 3	39 4 3	3
Measuring folding packing Pressing &c.....			1 3 3		
[N ^o] 5 a Bale Cont ^s 50 p ^r 3 Point Kersey Blankets.....	10/10	27 1 8	11 —	27 12 8	8
Packing &c.....					
[I Kersey Blankets	7/9.	19 7 6	11 —	19 18 6	6
Packing &c.....					
[For]ward				£197 6 11	11
Brought Forward				197 6 11	11
7 a Bale Containing 50 pair 2 point Kersey Blankets.....	7/9	19 7 6	11 —	19 18 6	6
Packing &c.....					

INVOICE OF MERCANDISE—Continued

8 a Bale qt					
50 p ^r 2 p ^t.....d ^o	7/9	19	7	6	
Packing &c.....		11	—	—	19 18 6
9 a Bale qt.....2 p ^s.....d ^o	7/9	19	7	6	
Packing &c.....		11	—	—	19 18 6
10 a Bale Qt.....2 1/2 p ^t.....d ^o	8/9	21	17	6	
Packing &c.....		11	—	—	22 8 6
11 a Bale Qt.....2 1/2 p ^t.....d ^o	8/9	21	17	6	
Packing &c.....		11	—	—	22 8 6
12 a Case qt					
5 doz. Scarlet Worsted Caps.....N ^o.....31.....	14/	3	10	—	
7 doz. ....D ^o.....34.....	16/	5	12	—	
3 doz. ....D.....35.....	18/	2	14	—	
5 doz. ....D.....36.....	20/	5	—	—	
Case &c		4	6	6	17 0 6
13 a 28 16 Cases cont ^g					
400 Indian Fuseses London provd blue Barrels }	16/	320	—	—	
Walnut Stocks polishd Locks Brass Furniture }					

400 List Cases.....	6 ^d	10	—	—
16 Cases	6/	4	16	—
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29 a 34 6 Cases q ^t				
150 Indian Fuseses 4 feet glazd bore barrels bridle Locks &c	20/	150	—	—
150 List Cases.....	6/	3	15	—
6 Cases	6/	1	16	—
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35 & 36 2 Cases q ^t				
50 Neat Fowling peices Lon ⁿ provd Blue Barrels Silver	} 30/	75	—	—
Sights Walnut Stocks Bridle Lock wrought.....				
Brass Furniture		1	5	—
50 List Cases.....	6 ^d		12	—
2 Cases	6/		76	17
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37 & 38 ¹ 2 Casks q ^t				
10 m Good Gun Flint.....	14/	7	—	—
2 Casks 1/6.....			3	—
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			7	3

¹ Crossed out in manuscript.

44 a d ^o q ^t								
50 pair 2½ point...d ^o	8	9	21	17	6	22	8	6
Packing &c.....			11		—			
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Charges Viz ^t								
Fees of Entry Searchers &c.....	3	8	9					
Wharfage Cartage Portage & Lighterage.....	3	15	8					
Primage & Bills of Loading.....	1	18	9	9	3	2		
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Commission 2½ p Ct on £1038:17:11.....	25	19	5					
Insurance on £1040 } 2½ p Ct with Com & Policy 10/6	27	10	6	53	9	11		
& on 40								
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Less 5 p Ct Disc ^t on £1029:14:9 being an allowance for Ready Money						1092	9	10
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						51	9	9
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						1040	18	1
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Errors Excepted
JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹
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Mr Blackburns Invoice
£1040:18:1

¹ In Johnson's hand.

PETITION TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

D. S.

Johnstown Sept^r 10th. 1770

To the Honorable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

This Petition of Jacob Sheet George Kough & Jacob Myres humbly sheweth, .

That Whereas your Petitioners and the other Inhabitants of New Philadelphia had employ'd a Schoolmaster for one Year, of which Time the said Schoolmaster taught four Months at the End of which four Months the other Inhabitants quarrel'd with him, and afterwards their Wives beat and abus'd him very much by which means he was disabled to attend his School—but the School Master now demands pay of them for Six Months, two Month[s] of which they have rec'd no Benefit by; and as they were by no Means aiding or abetting in abusing or beating the said Schoolmaster, they think they are not oblig'd (at farthest) to pay for more than the four Months which he serv'd, and farther think that in Justice they ought not to pay any part, as they are still willing to continue him for the whole Year; and in Case he leaves them their Children will lose all they have learned—and have no Prospect of getting another Schoolmaster by which Reason their Children will lose the Opportunity of getting any Learning, as they (being poor Men) will not be able to spare them when they will be able to help them in Working on their Lands; which will be of the Greatest Detriment to their Children during their [] And as they are not desirous of being litigious but would be Sorry to put their Neighbors or themselves to any Trouble, they Humbly beg your Houour's Advice [] are to redress themselves, as the Education of their [Children] is of the last Moment to them, and your Petitioners [] ever pray &c &c

JACOB S[]

JACHT KO[]

JACOB MAY[ER]

INDORSED:¹
 Petition of
 Jacob Sheet
 George Kough
 Jacob Myres

CHEVALIER HERTEL'S ACCOUNT

D. S.

Memoire des avenues Et deboursé que Jay fait
 pour les abenakis pour leurs retours deché monsieur
 Janssons a St Regis Ayent Eté obligé de revenir
 par terre leurs canots ayent Eté volée

Savoir

Un batteau	48''	
pour Vivres	102	10 ^s
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	150''	10 ^s
	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	

Je Certifie Le present memoire veritable
 montant a Cent cinquante chelings dix sols
 de La province Montreal Le 10^e 7^{bre} 1770

Che^r. HERTEL

To a Battoe	48''	£3. 4
To provisions	102''	6. 16. 9
		<hr/>
		£10.—.9

I Certify the present Acc^{ot}. to be just
 amounting to 150/10 Curr^y. of the prov^e. of Quebec.

This 10th. 7^{br}. 1770

Ch^r. HERTEL

¹ By writer of the petition.

The indorsement by Johnson's representative on the manuscript has been almost entirely destroyed by fire.

Translation

Memoir of the receipts and disbursement that I have made for the Abenakis for their return from Mr Johnsons to St. Regis having been obliged to return by land their canoes having been stolen.

to wit

THOMAS GAGE'S WARRANT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 466, under date of the 10th of September, New York, is entered the following document, which was destroyed by fire: General Thomas Gage's warrant for payment of £3319, 15s, 4½d, New York currency, to Sir William Johnson for expenses of the general congress at the German Flats.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 12th Sept^r 1770

SIR

I am Honoured with the receipt of Your letter of 24 June last, which Came to my Hands on the 17 August, enclosing two Bills viz. one drawn by Yourself on Sir Will^m Baker Ex^r for Eighty Pounds & the other on Mess^s Harley & Drummond for Sixteen Hundred pounds, both of which are Honoured & to Your Credit in said respective Sums—I am much obliged to my Friend Sir John for this further Instance of His Respect by introducing me to Your Correspondence, & You may be assured, Sir, that I am very happy in the Honour You have conferr'd upon me, & that I shall execute this & every other Commission You may Entrust to my Care with such attention & punctuality, as I flatter myself will Secure Your Approbation, & reflect some Credit to my Friend Sir John for His kind interposition in my Favour—

Upon the receipt of Your order I immediately dispatchd a person down to Witney in order to prepare the Blankets & another to Birmingham to get the Guns made with all Expedition—& I

expect the whole will be finish'd to go in Capt Munds who departs from here in 5 or 6 days.— I have shippd on Board the Britannia Capt Tho^s Miller addressd to the Care of Mr John Wetherhead of New York, sundry Goods as ^ᶕ Invoice enclosd which hope will arrive safe & be found to answer Your purpose in Your order You say 50 prs Yard wide Garlicks; formerly that Kind used to be a very comon Article, but of late the Manufacturers in Hamburg have discontinued sending any over, owing to Yd wide Irish Linnens coming much Cheaper. as such I took the Liberty of substituting the Irish Linnen in lieu of them— Having a few Kersey Blankets ready I thought it prudent to dispatch them as they came to Hand, as You may be in Want of such Articles for the purposes You describe—

The Manufacturers in the Woollen Branch are so Elevated with this sudden Alteration of demand to New York that they can hardly tell what prices to Ask for their Commodities. However I am in no doubt of obtaining Yours upon the usual Terms without the least advance—

I am in great Hopes from some Expressions droppd by Lord Hilsborough before His departure to Ireland that His Majesty's Ministry will shortly extend their allowance for the Indian Service, & what leads me at present to be pretty certain of such a Measure taking Place is the good opinion which His Majesty & His Ministry have entertaind of Your Colony by the late Resolutions of importing Goods—for those two Years past have been a Sort of a Warfare between this Country & Her Colonies, insomuch as to give great Umbrage to the Landed Interest in this Kingdom, & thereby created a difficulty in His Maj^s Servants to propose any further Allowance for the Colonies seeing every Expence was examind with the most critical inspection— now that we are reunited I have hopes everything will run Smooth— Capt Roberts Calls upon me very often, & I have proposd accompanying Him to Lord Hilsboroughs when He returns upon the Subject of Indian Affairs—

Should You, Sir William, or any part of Your Family have occasion to Employ my small Share of Interest Here, or to be in

Want of anything within the line of my Power, You will do me an Honour & withal a particular pleasure in laying Your Command upon me — I hear that Capt Lewis Gage commanding one of His Maj^s Vessels upon the Lakes, is dead. I have wrote my Friend Mr White that if Government should incline to substitute one or more Vessels for that department to Consult You on the Choice of a proper officer to Comand them — I do this with no other View than that of knowing You must be the best Judge of the Service — I shall not interrupt Your Attention further at this time save to thank You for Your last Favour & to Sollicit the continuance of Your further Comands. I have the Honor to Subscribe myself with all possible deference & respect

Sir

Your much obliged and most
obedient Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:¹

London 12th. 7^{br}. 1770

Mr. Blackburns letter
with an Invoice of Sundry
Articles for the use of y^e. Crown
& also Some for myself —

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

La chine 12th. Sept^r. 1770

SIR

Thom Wileman going hunting to Lake George [and] intending from thence of paying you a Visit, I take the opportunity of writing by him and acquainting you that I arrived at this Place

¹ In Johnson's hand.

last Sunday Even^g. after a tedious passage over the Lakes. Sir William Draper & Comp^y. I met on their Return from hence the same Evening I arrived at Lake George, and Col^o. Robinson invited me from Sr. W^{ms}. to sup with him, he questioned me ab^t. the Congress¹ you held, and regretted much of not having been able to see it being too long detained in Virginia by some Indisposition, was surpris'd at the great Number that met on the Occasⁿ. & said was present at a Meeting of Mr. Stuards but not quarter that Number met he asked whether the Treaty of Fort Stanw^x. with regard to the Line was confirmed I said it was, and could find that Mr. Stuard prejudiced him against it and told him it would occasion a war with Southern Indians and Virginians. I hope Sir William is gone to pay you a Visit as he partly promised me, and I repeated your Invitation to Cap^m. Colins next Morn^g. who assured me if possible to persuade Sr. W^m. to take a Ride to the hall, if they have not, it is swaggering Col^o. Robinson that prevented it. I think I guessed right that the latter would not succeed in his Scheme with the Jesuits who dont intend to put Gen^l. Amherst in possession of their Estate during their Lifetime, unless forced to it.

Mr. Antell spoke to me ab^t. Sanguinets Certificate and I am apprehensive the latter will make a handle of your not sending it upon his own Letter, as he now says if he could have sent it to England it might have been [] with the rest.

Mr. Hertell says he did not carry the french Answer to the Abinaquis, but that [] essential as Your last Reply upon their asking [] two years time allowd them to establish themse[lves [] Misisqui, and their house finished at St. Regis [] they say you granted, I should be glad to have [] of it as son as possible that I may acquaint [the Augh] quisasne Ind^{ns}. wth. the Truth of y^e Matter. Hertell says [that] 2. Birch Canoes were stole from him at W^m. Fox's which occasioned much Distress delay & Expence to him,

¹ The congress held from July 16 to 23, 1770, with the Six Nations, Canadian Indians and Cherokees at the German Flats.

he & party being obliged to foot it to Oswego, where with much ado he got an old Battoe to purchase, but no Provisi[ons] & must have starved were it not that he met a fr^{ch}. Trader who gave him a few Bisquits, I should think the Canoes may easily be found out there being none like them in these parts, he suspects the Germans, whoever took them deserves punishment, one of the Abinaquis being sick leaving the hall, died by the Way thro fatigue, he begd of me to inclose you his Acco^t. of Exp^s. over & above what you gave them [for] Prov^s.

The Ottawa young chief to my Surprise waited [my] Arrival very impatiently, I was told by St. Luc and others that he behaved very well till within these few days, when they say he got drunk, killed some hogs & threatened [] but when I enquired y^e Truth of him by an Interp^r. of his own chusing (: w^{ch}. is one of Folmers Bro^{rs}. at the flatts spea[king] the Nipisink tongue perfectly well:) for he said he mis[trusted] the french; I found he was ill used by some people [in] the Suburbs on Acc^{ot}. as he says of Talking in pra[ise] of the English & the good Usage he rece'd from them [on a] Tour thro their Country, he could not point me [out any] of those that abused him there being a great Mob [of them] beating him & tearing his Cloaths, & telling [] to the English, he has a cousin german here [] Riviers the Interp^r. I hear his Gr^d. father [] Arbrecroche; I hear even St. Luc did not like his [tal]king so much of the English. I took him to my Lodging [in] the Country, and shall get him a passage in one of the provisⁿ. Boats going to Swegachy in a few days and recommend him to get on board the Vessells over the Lakes. The Traders murdering the Indⁿ. near Michil^c. this Summer I hear will pass over unrevenged, he being a Vagrant & despised by the rest.

Maj^r. Fondas Goods are just arrived at Quebec, and may perhaps be here these 8 or 10 days, and the Cargoe for Toronto ought now to be on the Spot, to furnish the Ind^{ns} for their Winters hunt otherwise the best Opportunity is lost, besides the sending Battoes of Goods from hence by french hands is a risque,

there being none to be got able enough to answer for such a Cargoe. I am told that the Misisageys intend Having all the Rum brought among them this fall for fear of its keeping them from hunting so that its difficult how to act in that case; Ferral ought to be upon the Spot himself & conduct the Boats to the place he wants them.

The real Motive of Thom Wilemans going down is on Acc^o. of an unhappy Party Affair that divided the Caghnaw^s. for some time past, Envy & Jealousy are the Sources of it & the following is a brief Detail of its rise;

About 2 years ago the chiefs appointed a Committee of the principal warr^s. to prevent any spirituuous Liquors being brought to the Town in order to maintain Sobriety & good Order, it happens however that Philips had Occasion for some Rum to give his haymakers & brought a small Cag full over the River, his Canoe being examined by those people & the Cag found, it was seized & staved on the Spot. This Affronted Philip to that Degree, that by some means or other he got a Bottle of Rum in Town, rode thro the Streets [on] horseback defying any one to touch him, this vexed [] so much as to exclude him the Council, of which [] acquaint me hoping I would no more keep him as Interp^r. I told them that I thought both [] rather a hasty & precipited part, and advised that [] of it cooly & deliberately, that I was convinced [] would be sorry for what he did & make it up, at [] to them in public & by a Belt of Wamp^m. recommending [] & Unanimity to them in the Strongest Terms they [have] with Difficulty settled Matters in all appearance peace [] But it seems the cinders of Jealusy & Envy were then [not] wholly extinguished, Philip & few others by Industry and superior cleverness getting in better circumstances then the rest, were always suspected of being secretly assisted & encouraged by Us, & they at last taking it for granted for fact, their Jealousy encreased and at last broke out anew as bad or rather worse than

before, And I was no sooner arrived here but the Committee came to me making heavy Complaints of Philip & others bearing your Testimony for unbraiding the whole Town of their Superiority over [the] Rest on acc^{ot}. of the Papers & Stations they were in desp[] every body in the Town, by w^{ch}. Means the Town was kept in a continual ferment & Disturbance; And unless Philip who was the Instigator of his Adherents was not put out of his Employ they would no longer support their charge but let the place fall into its former s[tate] of Drunkenness & Debauchery, which must be atten[ded] wth. sorrowfull Circumstances. I told them I would enquire into the Matter, but all in vain they persisted of Ph[ilip] being out of Employ, at last acquiesced in leaving it to you[r] Decision which engaged Tom to go down he being one of the Ringleaders. Philip denied the charge and told me [it was] nothing but Jealousy & hatred that brought on all this [] that some even went the length of telling him they ha[d] those that were attached to the English, upon w^{ch}. I pointed [] to the others the Suites of such dangerous & disaff[] Discourses, but they jointly & absolutely denied [] quite contrary Sentiments towards us; however [] that Bostonlike they forcibly entered As a [] ding their papers, the former gave up a [] pass in place of his Testimonial which they committed to the flames, but the latter having nothing to give up but his p[] chment it shared the same fate; I shall on the first Meeting with them give them a little Explanation of such unprecedented & outrageous doings. To Morrow I intend going to Caneghsadagey; I hear just now that a Number of St. Francis Ind^{ns}. are come to Town. Cap^{tn}. Coghron at Crⁿ. point gives his Compl^{ts}. & hopes for an Answer to a Letter he lately wrote you I beg to be remembered to all the family and remain with duty & Respect

Dear & honored sir

Your Obedient son

DAN. CLAUS



SIR JOHN JOHNSON

From a pastel portrait in the possession of Major F. C. Ormsby, Weymouth, England



ADDRESSED: Qt^r. Mr. Service
 To the Honorable
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 his Majestys sole Agent and Superintendant
 for Indian Affair in the Northⁿ. District of
 N. America &ca &ca &ca
 Johnson hall.

INDORSED:¹
 []
 [] with
 .. []tels —

JOHN GARRILL'S RECEIPT

D. S.

Scpb^r 14th 1770

Rec^d from Sir William Johnson by the hands
 of Tho^s Flood foure pounds foure pence being
 In full of my part for Mowing at Johnson
 Hall & Saccondauga & foure days Cuting
 & Spletting Wood for the brick Kill I Say Rec^d by
 me in full of all Acc^{ts}

£4..0..4

his
 JOHN × GARRILL
 Mark

INDORSED:¹
 John Garrills Recept.
 for Work £4..—..4

7^{br}. 1770

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S BILL

A. D.

[1770] *Sepbr. 14th.*

[M]^r John Wetherhead bought of the Estate
 [of] Peter Marschalk Dec^d. 1 Tierce Milk bread
 N^o 1—1—3—17—40

1—12

1—2— 5 N^t @ 38/p^r C^t £2—18—0¹/₄
 Cask & Nails @ 25/6 p^r Tun 0— 3—2¹/₄

 £3— 1—2¹/₂

FROM DIRK VAN DER HEYDEN

A. L. S.

London 15th Sep^r. 1770

SIR

To hear that you have ordered a very considerable quantity of goods for Indian presents, that much larger orders are expected for the next Spring, and not to remind you of my being here in a Situation to execute such Commissions as well as any other person whatever, would be the highest neglect of and injustice to myself; as there must be propriety in a retrospect to former times, & the Remembrance of the kind expressions of Friendship with which you have honored as well my Family in general, as my late Father & me.—permit me, Sir W^m. upon these foundations to solicit at least a share of the favors which you may have to dispose of to persons here in that Trade which I have been so long engaged in.—to say anything of my ability therein would be needless, as I presume you can have no doubt on that score—M^r. Stringer will be charged with the delivery of this, & I shall upon the whole rest with hope that you will be so obliging as to gratify my wish.—

Sold a 6^d Each & but Very poor ones — We Should next Month have white lead enough As the Ships I fancy will arrive in about the Middle of the [] there will be time enough to Send it you up the River. I shall therefore pin up a Memorandum of it, & Send it you as Soon As any comes over, which I am pretty Sure will be by the first Ships as it is an Article So much wanted that all the Druggists shops have been ransacked for it — I am in pain about your Barley it is not yet come from the Jerseys, tho I fully expect it from no less than 3 different people — the Devills in it if the people disappoint me

I am very much obliged to you good Sir for your Kind Offer of Service in the Sale of my [La]nds in the Oneida purchase. I have [] what of News I [] and [] Kane which Amounts to no more than []¹

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S BILL

A. D.

New York the 16 Sept. 1770

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

Bo^t. of John Wetherh[ead]

[] Cask [] []
[] 10..—..—
[] —.. 4..10
[] 3.. 1.. 1½
[] —.. []..—
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£16..17..8½	

¹ Remainder of the letter illegible.

JOHN BRACKAN'S RECEIPT

D. S.

Sept^r 17th 1770

[] Sir William Johnson by the hands of Tho^s Flood
 [] pound five Shillings & Eight pence for his part
 [] at Johnson Hall & Saccondauga I Say Rec^d by me

his

[£4] . . 5 . . 0

JOHN × BRACKAN
 mark

INDORSED:¹

John Brackans Recpt
 for Work £4. . 5 . . —

7^{br}. 1770 —

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Sept 17. 1770.

[SIR] WILLIAM

This short Epistle accompanies [some] English newspapers, which when []d be pleased to order them to be [sen]t up the Country after the former [Cap]tⁿ Preston & the unfortunate Soldiers were []igned, unmolested, last week at Boston, their trial will not be brought on [] next month. They all pleaded not Guilty. [] daily expect advices from that place [] their Charter being taken away from the Colony, [] new form of Government substituted. [] is consequent to some intelligence [pri]vate persons brought by the last packet. [] Hillsborough has made some folks [] out of humour with the fate of the Late [] Assembly relative to the Seat for the [] of Livingston which was annulled at []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

for Niagara to know whether there is Any Account from below and to get provisions to Enable us to stay hear as long as possible. We are so unluckly [as] to be Oblidged to Winter at Niagara our [] will go in Expences—you may [] we are having the prospect and not the power to make []

Our Compliments Attends Sir John & the Family. We are with the greatest Respect.

My dear Sir William

Your Most Hum: & Most []

Servants

ADDRESSED:

WADE & KEIUSER

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bart

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[]

Wade & Kreisers letter

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Detroit 18th Sep^r. 1770

D SIR

I hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing from you, which I have not had for some time past—I flatter myself that the Congress has turn'd out to your wishes & that the Savages are peaceably dispos'd, for I do assure you that I have not the least ambition to display my military talents in an Indian War—

My Children here are quiet at present, they have all been to pay me a visit & suck my breast, to which they made so close an

¹ In Johnson's hand.

application that I told them I was afraid they would throw me in a consumption— They are very happy at having free access to my house, which my predecessor's delicacy would not admit— One Maskas a Chief of the Chippeways begg'd that I would write to you for a Silver medal, which he says you promis'd him at Onterio— Mr. Ellice proposes to send an Express to Niagara in the Winter, where I shall have one ready to receive the letters for this place— May I beg you will assist him in procureing an Indian—

My best compliments to your family— I am with truth & regard D. Sir

Your most Obedient &
humble Servant
JA^s. STEVENSON

To

S^R. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:

Detroit 18th Sept^r. 1770.

From Capt Stevenson
rec^d. 18th. Oct^r.

FROM ALEXANDER BAXTER

A. L. S.

Gloster St Maries 20th. Sept^r. 1770

[] had the Honour to write to you the 6th July
[] upon you in favour Edw^d Chinn for £55 Sterl^g
[] of a letter from the Committee of the C^o for
[] which I sent you at same time inclosed.

I have now the honour to inform you that since [July] last, the two miners who were sent to me from England [have] visited the South Side of this Lake, and in one place [have] found one Vein of Coppar Ore and two of an Ore they [are] not acquainted with, (for they know no Mettals but [those] that

are found commonly in Cornwall) of which [I] have sent Specimens with the proper descriptions to the Committee. At another place, they dug pits, in [the] line of a great piece which lies open, up the hill & [] ind very rich and regular Shodes, which it seems all[w]ays lead to the Vein, which they declare to be near at [ha]nd, & must be rich & large. But as the Season [was ad]vanced, & they had no Smith nor tooles that were pro[] they were obliged to desist till Spring, when I in[tend] to have them very early to Work at it: And in [the] mean time I have dispatched them to the North [Side] to visit it, where I intend to join them myself [when] I have all my dispatches for London & other places

As the total []
 Venture to say that []
 more so. On the Whole I []
 be made of getting enough of Ore of []
 kinds. In the mean time I have my []
 working at a Vessel of from 30 to 40 tuns, the []
 & anchors of which are on the Road.

I have had the honor to write to Gen^l. Gage informing him of my having inclosed with [Logs] this place for the security of the Vessel & property here, as we are Subject to drunken Indians who [] with their rum from Makina. And shall be obliged to you if you will be so good as write to him on the head, & let him know that he shall be satisfied about it from England, if you judge it proper, & that it may be of use.

You shall hear from time to time of my prog[ress] And should be happy to be honoured with you[r] Correspondance, your Orders & Good Advice having the honour to be with the most profound respect & esteem

Sir

Your most humble & most ob[edient]

Servant

ALEX^R. BAXTER

INDORSED:

[] Sep^t.
 [] letter

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. D. S.

London 20 September 1770

At Thirty Days Sight pay this my first of Exchange my Second or third not paid, unto Mr. John Blackburn or Order. the Sum of One hundred pounds Sterling. for vallue rec^d. of him & place to Account as [] advice from

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

B ROBERTS

INDORSED:

[]
to the Credit of my []
[John Blackburn]

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Sept^r. 21st. 1770.*

DEAR SIR

I am favored with your last Letter of the ² Inst and hope that by this time you may have had an opportunity of looking over the Heads of the late proceedings,³ and that they will be found agreeable to you. It gives me much pleasure to find that you think they may operate in the manner I wished for, with the Ind^s. to the South & Westward by shewing them our humanity and pacific intentions. I aimed thro' the whole of my Conferences with the Chiefs of every Nation as well before, & at the

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

² Blank space in the draft.

³ July 16-23 at the German Flats.

Treaty, as Since to make them Sensible of our present power & Abilities at the same time that I shewed them our disposition to Cultivate & Improve our Friendship with the Indians & to persuade them to live Quietly amongst themselves, and I did not forget the Conduct of the Powtewatemies & some others, I having within the Course of a few Months Sent so many belts & Messages to them & to their Neighbours that I have reason to think they will take better Care for the time to Come, & Not increase our resentment, or at least that the rest will not allow them to do mischief, and I likewise hope that the Issue of the Great Council at Scioto will at last prove more favorable than was Expected from the pains that have been taken in so many Quarters,—Mr Groghan's proceed^s. and Expences in consequence thereof appear to me So Necessary that I shall as you desire include them in My Accots from hence. Capt. Glasier also shewed me an acco^t. which I take the Liberty to say that I look upon it to have been necessarily incurred.—

In a few days I purpose to make an Excursion by Way of Oneida Lake to the Indian Country & shall be absent about a Month during which time, you will please to transmit Your Comm^{ds}. to Col Guy Johnson, who will Transact affairs in my Absence.—

I was so Occupied for sometime past that I had not Leisure till after Writing my last to peruse any of the prints otherwise I should have taken earlier notice of your promotion to the Rank of Lieu^t Gen^l. I now beg leave to Congratulate you upon the occasion; Assuring you that every Addition of honor, or Advantage to you will allways afford me real pleasure as I Am &ca I inclose you the Accot of the Smith & Interpreter at Ontario for 6 Months, he having been kept up during that time Agreeable to your Letter,

LIEU^T GEN^L. GAGE

FROM PHYN & ELLICE

A. D.

Schenectady 22 September 1770

SIR

Before the Battoe left this Yesterday we had just time to copy out the Invoice of such things as we could get of your order, either here, or in Albany; we are sorry we had it not in our power to execute the whole, neither cou'd we get the peice Strouds with a nerrow Cord. Lisbon Wine has been scarce in N. York for some Mon[ths] & none this way of any sort—we suspect the gammons are none of the best but them or none, & we cou'd get no more of them, neither of the Tongues, there is not a Bag of Shot to be had in York, we have rec^d. some Gun-Powder, which you may have if agreeable, you will also be disappointed in not getting a Cheese, but none of any sort can be found just Now

Our agreement with the Battoemen is 4/ $\frac{1}{2}$ day & to be found but in case of their being detain'd & lying by without your giving them any employment $\frac{3}{6}$ The Common allowance of Rum from this to Ontario is $1\frac{1}{2}$ Gallon for each & to Niagara 3 Gallons but as the weather begins to grow cold they think it scanty however [we] told them if they behaved well you wou'd order them aneough when you Return please to let us know how many Days the men has been emplied, & we will pay them if agreeable to you, having advanced them something before they went up; they have received a little Pork, Biskake Tea & Sugar which is enter'd in the acco^t. transmitted [in] our last.

We was obliged to take the Cutt Tobaco altho' not paper'd as there was none else to be had

Give us leave to wish you a pleasant jaunt & safe return we have the Honor to be with the greatest Regard

Sir

Your most obed^t & much Oblig'd
Hum^l. Serv^{ts}.

PHYN & ELLICE

Cap^l. Calderwood the Young Gentleman who visited you so lately is dead, his sickness was of a short Standing, & Cap^l. Stobo has shot himself dead—Sinclair we have reason to suspect is disappointed of his expected appointment of Superintendent on the Lakes we Inclose the key of the Brand Case having omitted it formerly

To the Honb^l. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[N York Sept 24, 1770]

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[
[] on Saturday last from
[] enabled to send the following
[]
[] affairs continue to prosper
[] Turkey and a very few weeks
[] decide the fate of the Ottoman Empire un—
[less] the Catholic powers, our natural Enemies
[shou]ld interpose.

Portsmouth Arsenal has sustained an heavy loss by a Conflagration, ascribed to French Emissaries, which destroyed all the Boats Yards & rigging for all the first rate powers Navy.

The Ministry stands unshaken, but it is expected our Nation will be forced into Hostilities by foreign powers.

Lord Dunmore will be here in a fortnight and this week Sr W^m Draper K. B. will be married to Col Oliver De Lanceys eldest daughter, Miss Sukey, a match that surprizes everybody here. He is a most amiable Character and beloved by all the World. Lord Mansfield is likely to last but a short

[
up. [
Governor Dinwiddie [
dead.

Parson Horne seems to have [
]

letters of George Onslow in a []
at Guildford Assizes.

The Farce of non importation is over []
the three principal Colonies having determined to open the
Channel with Great Britain as usual.

Government has sent very spirited & strict orders to Gov
Hutchinson which will reduce the Inhabitants of N England to
an humbler Tone than ever.

I am

Sir William,

Your most obed^t & obliged

Serv^t.

JA RIVINGTON

[P. S.] []
[] if possible
[] English News papers to y^e
[]

ADDRESSED:

To

St. W^m Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[]

Mr. Rivingtons letter

JOHN V. DOUW AND JOHN WINNE'S BILL

D.

[Sept. 24], 1770

Mr. Henry Glen

Bot. of John V. Douw & John Winne

S. D.

A Fishing Nett @ £15 £15:— :—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York, Sept. 24, 1770]

[]

Deprivd of your agreeable [] I now take [the] Liberty of putting you in Mind of Lie[ut Roberts] Affair, begg [you] will be so obliging as [to] do Something in it, either by writing [to] the General or giving Mr Kempe Such Directions concerning it, as that He may Know in what manner to proceed—Mess Henry, Farrell & Abbot it Seems intend bringing the Matter to Tryall in the next October term which is now at Hand, and as I took the Liberty of acquainting you before that Mr [] by a most unaccountable Inadvertancy has neglected to leave his Severall Vouchers and papers necessary for [the] Defence [of the] Sute, it will be absolutely necessary [] Supplied with Such Proofs as I have [] you in a Lisst I Sent you, also it [] in to [] wine [] agai[nst] me for the [] they [] inevitably be the Case unless I can do [] which is totally out of my Power un[] can be furnished with the above mentioned [] that Mr Roberts himself was on the Spot—for as the Mater now stands neither Mr Kempe nor myself know anything farther about the matter than what [Mr Rob]erts [] in a Letter He [] [] Arrival [] Carried [] ting me [] the Attorney General [] out of [] Major's Court in Albany into [] New York [] this Letter will [] of the Facts [] alledged for Mr Roberts [] the Above People— [] for Something to be [] myself Sir you will be so [] [] Mess Henry, Farrell] Abbott

[] to [] of [] on Account of []
 Roberts A[]
 [] I [] from [] with a Subject
 []
 remain with []
 [] bed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:¹7^{br}. 25th. 1770

Mr. Wetherheads letter
 concer^g. Lt. Robert's Action

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 24th Sept^r 1770

SIR

Enclos'd with this, is General Gage's Warrant in your favor, dated 10th instant, for £1736. . 10. . 7½ Sterl^g. it was not receiv'd at my Office 'til Saturday last, as usual, is also Enclos'd a sett of Receipts, & for which Sum. I have given your Account Current with me Credit, ready to be paid to Your Order.

I remain with great Regard and Esteem

Sir

Your Oblig'd & most Obedient

Humble Servant

AB... MORTIER

P. S. By last Packet Bills of
 Exch^e were Sold at 172½ & it's
 thought they will rise

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹

N York 24th. 7^{br}. 1770

Mr. Mortiers letter with
Gen^l. Gages Warr^t. dated 7^{br}.
10th. 1770—

£3319..15..4 Ans^{wd}

8^{br}. 30th 1770 & returned
y^e War^t. & Recp^{ts}.—

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Niagara Sept^r. 29th. 1770

SIR W^m

In Our Last I wrote you that Mr. Keiuser Went to Niagara where he Lookily met with Mr. Campbell, as soon as he came home he Acquainted me there with, I immiadiately set off for Niagara and Arrived hear Yesterday ab^t. two hours afterwards Mr. Campbell Arrived hear, from whom we have got Supplied with all most all the Necessarys we want Except rum which I hope is On the way to Us, & we have Some packs by Us which Intend sending Down by the Road I take from thence. Captⁿ. Brown Rec^d. Us with great politeness & Indeed I believe is Verry sorry that he mentioned Any thing about Us to the General. he has rec^d. the Generals Answer which he read to me the General writes him that he has wrote to You On the Subject. I am in hopes there will be no more of it. In short we have a Great prospect and all the Indians are Continually pressing Us to Stay the winter I am Certain we shall have a great trade [] [what we] shall be at a Loss for is rum, which I hope we may Get. I will refer you to [] for further particulars.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I am Extreamly [] Loss In your family, to whom you will
be [] to give my Sincere Respects. I have the Honour

My Dear Sir W^m.

With Great Respect

Your Most Oblidged & Mo[st]

Obedient Hum. Serv[^t]

FERRALL WADE

P. S. Mr. Campbell is
just seting off Otherwise
would be more particular
had we goods we should have
above thirty packs by this time —

INDORSED:¹

Niagara 7^{br}. 29th. 1770

Mr. Ferral Wades letter
Concern^g. goods he rec^d.
from Mr. D. Campbel —

THOMAS FLOOD'S ACCOUNT

D.

Rec ^d at Defrent times Cash	£17.. 8..0
Cash paid to John Garrill for mowing at Johnson Hall & at Sacondauga	3.. 4..1
4 Days Cuting & Spliting wood for the Brick Kill	12..0
1 day making Hea at Sacondauga	3..0
	£3..19..1

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Cash paid to John Brackan in orders & Money	4.. 5..8
Cash paid to Old Jobe as above mineined	3..17..7
Cash paid to young Jobe as D ^o .	3..15 2
	<hr/>
	£16..16..7 ¹
Cash paid to Inden Sam at Sacondauga	£0..12..6
Cash paid to James Cotter at D ^o .	0.. 4..8
Cash paid to Tho ^s . Scoot for 2 days Work at D ^o .	0.. 6..0
to milk & bread bought from Wormed at D ^o .	0..16..6
[] Hornbick at Sacondauga	0.. 4..8
[] Jacub Horris for 3 Days work at D ^o .	0.. 9..0
[] his broder for Carrng Home the Ox Yocks	0.. 2..0
[] Cash to Old Jobe for half a Gallon Rum at D ^o .	0.. 2..3
Philip Phellits Wife for Spining Wool	0.. 8..0
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	£ 3.. 5..7
	16..16..7
	<hr/>
	£20.. 2..2

CERTIFICATE OF ANTHONY GORDON

A. D. S.

Le soussigné Missionnaire a S^t. Regis Certifie que sur la fin de l'année derniere Monsieur le chevalier Hertel obtint des iroquois de S^t. Regis la permission de se battre une maison de bois aux conditions suivantes qu'il proposa luy meme en ma presence voulant que je luy servisse de temoin et d'interprete et que je donnasse connoissance de sa parole a Monsieur Le General afin que les sauvages fussent parfaitement convaincu qu'il ne vouloit point les tromper — voici donc ses conditions

¹ Computation incorrect.

1^o qu'il ne vendroit sa maison a qui que ce soit, anglois, françois ou sauvage sans la permission et l'agrement des iroquois.

2^o que quand il partiroit il laisseroit sa d^{te}. maison aux chefs iroquois et a leur Missionnaire pour la vendre a qui bon leur sembleroit moyennant qu on luy tiendroît compte de l'argent qu' on en trouveroit.

3^o que quand les Abenaquis quitteroient St. Regis il Partiroit aussitot luy meme de St. Regis sans que la maison invandue ni les credits non payés pussent etre pour luy un pretexte d'y rester plus longtems.

J'atteste et certifie aussi que les surdites propositions ecrites de ma main ont été Remises a Monsieur le General Carleton par m^r hertel. C'est Monsieur Carleton luy meme qui me l'a dit en presence Du d^t. M^r Hertel, en foy dequoy J'ay signe le Present certificate Au Sault St. louis ce 30 7^{bre} 1770

A. GORDON Jesuite

Translation

The undersigned, missionary at St Regis, certifies that at the end of last year Mr Hertel obtained from the Iroquois of St Regis permission to build himself a house of wood on the following conditions, which he proposed himself in my presence, desiring me to serve as witness and interpreter and to inform the General of his engagement, in order that the Indians might be perfectly convinced that he had no wish to deceive them. Here are his conditions:

1st That he would not sell his house to anyone whatsoever, English, French or Indian, without the permission and consent of the Iroquois.

2^d That, when he departed, he would leave his said house to the Iroquois chiefs and their missionary to sell to anyone whom they might approve, provided they would account to him for the money they would receive from it.

3^d That, when the Abénaquis should leave St Regis, he would depart from St Regis himself at once, without making the unsold house or the unpaid debts a pretext for his remaining there longer.

I witness and certify also that the above-said propositions, written by my hand, have been submitted to General Carleton by Mr Hertel. Mr Carleton himself told me so in the presence of the said Mr Hertel, trusting in which I have signed the present certificate. At Sault St Louis this 30th day of September, 1770.

A. GORDON, Jesuit

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Niagara October 2th, 1770

I wrote You by Mr. Campbell, but as Mr Ellis is going Down, I would miss no Opertunity of Acquainting you of Our proceedings. We have Sorted Ourselves tolerably well with Goods for the Winter & I have been so Looky as to get Well supplied with provisions for the Winter & I hope we will be Able to give a good Account Again spring. I Assure you Sir, it would be of great prejudice to Us had we been Oblidged to have Left this place and [not] to have Wintered hear (all we want is rum) to morrow I set off with a battoe well Loaded, & I beleive we shall be Enabled to send at Least 12 packs with her on her return, I cant be Verry particular Untill I return home from where I shall do Myself the Honour of writing you more fully. My Compliments attends Sir John & the Family & remain

With the Greatest Respect
& Gratitude

My dear Sir W^m.

Your Ever Oblidged hum. servant

FERRALL WADE

P. S.

Cap. Brown has [ren]dered
me Every service
[in] his power.

DANIEL CLAUS' REPORT OF A COUNCIL

A. D. S.

Au Sault St. Louis le 2. 8^{br} 1770

Conceil tenu a la Maison d' Asarunkaghta chef du Village de Sault St Louis en Presence de Daniel Claus Esq Dep^é de Sir William Johnson Bar^t. Surintendant de tous les Affaires Sauvages du District du Nord dans L'Amérique Septentrio^{le}. pour Sa Majesté Brittanique; Si bien que les Rev^{ds}. Peres Gordon et Huguet, Mons. Hertel, Beaubasin et tous les princepeaux Sauv^s du d^t. Village & Garegôhe chef de St. Regis Perthuis Interprete du Roy pour les Iroquois.

Après avoir bien consideré & digesté la Residence et Établissement des Abinaquis & Mons. Hertell a St. Regis; Les chefs en general et Unanimement prirent la Resolution que les Abinaquis et en Consequence M^r. Hertell se retirassent sans delay du dit Village pour les Raisons suivantes

1^{me} Que depuis la Residence de Mons^r. Hertell et les Abinaquis a St Regis ils causent de Disputes jalousies et troubles continuelles dans le Village ainsi qu'à la fin ils furent Perturbateurs de la Paix du dit Vill. menaserent des Violences & Meurtres memes.

2. Que les Iroquois de St. Regis come Proprietaires du d^t. Endroit s'appellent aux Conventions faits a la Prise du pays avec Sr W^m Johnson de la part du Roy, aussi bien que a la Proclamation Royale du 3.d' Octobr. 1763 (?) confirmé & publié par son Excell^{ce}. Mon^s. de General Carleton l'anné 1766.

Je certifie que ceux sont les vraies Sentiments et determinations de tous les Iroquois du Sault et [St.] Regis Fait au Sault St Louis le 2^d. Oct. 1770.

DAN. CLAUS

Translation

At Sault St Louis 2d October 1770

Council held at the house of Asarunkaghta, chief of the village of Sault St Louis in the presence of Daniel Claus, Esq., deputy of Sir William Johnson, Baronet, superintendent of all the Indian affairs of the northern district of North America for his Britannic Majesty, as well as the Reverend Fathers Gordon and Huguet, Messrs Hertel and Beaubasin and all the principal Indians of the said village and Garagóhe, chief of St Regis Perthuis, king's interpreter for the Iroquois.

Having well considered and weighed the residence and settlement of the Abenakis and Mr Hertel at St Regis, the chiefs in general and unanimously reached the conclusion that the Abenakis and consequently Mr Hertel should quit the village without delay, for the following reasons:

1st That from the beginning of the residence of Mr Hertel and the Abenakis at St Regis they have been the cause of continual disputes, jealousies and troubles in the village, with the result that they at last became disturbers of the peace of the said village, threatening acts of violence and even murders.

2d That the Iroquois of St Regis as proprietors of the place appeal to the agreements made at the conquest of the country with Sir William Johnson as representing the king,¹ as well as to the Royal Proclamation of October 3, 1763,² confirmed and published by his Excellency, General Carleton in the year 1766.

I certify that those are the true sentiments and conclusions of all the Iroquois of the Sault and St Regis.

Done at the Sault St Louis the 2d of October, 1770.

DAN. CLAUS

¹ See supra III:272–73, Johnson to Pitt, October 24, 1760.

² Should be October 7. The proclamation is printed in *American Archives*, 4th ser., I:172–75.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Oct 2, 1770

SR WILLIAM

These Papers will communicate all the late Occurances of the Great Wold and give you the present state of the leading powers of Europe.

Sr W^m Draper will be married next week to Col Oliver De Lanceys eldest Unmarried Daughter Miss Sukey He has taken the Cabbin of the Dutchess of Gorden Cap^t Winn & will embark for London in three weeks carrying his Young bride with him

Last Satarday a Struggle was made by the M^cDougal party to get the better in City Elections, of the Royalists, but the latter prevailed and Established an Everlasting and invincible Superiority. The former are a restless, turbulent, mischievous pack of animals but the next news they receive from Boston will convince them that Government will no longer be insulted and their Constitution will undergo a thorough refermation.

The agents have this week received Ten thousand pounds in specie from London and the Contractors promise to supply them continually that the price of Exchange may be supported, it is now 172 & 4 & will soon be 175.

The Rev^d M^r Forbes is safe arrived in N York by way of Fortpitt.

I have nothing more to communicate but my humble Respects to Sr John & the Colonels and to assure you, Sir William, that I am

Your most humble Serv^t

JA RIVINGTON

When the Importation of goods takes place I shall not be obliged to write upon such Execrable paper as is this.

Lord Mansfield is dangerously ill and expected to die, it is generally thought that Lord Camden will have the Seals again.

ADDRESSED:

On his Majesty's Service

To

Sr W^m Johnson Bart^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

8^{br}. 2^d. 1770 —

Mr. Rivingtons letter

FROM ABRAHAM LOTT

A. L. S.

New York October 3^d. 1770

SIR

On the 22^d. August I had the honor of addressing a few Lines to you, inclosing a Letter from Mr. Kelly, of both which I have now the pleasure to send you copies.

You have no doubt Sir been long ago informed of the Death of Rob^t. Charles Esq^r. late Agent of this Colony at the Court of Great Britain; hence it will be necessary at the next meeting of our Assembly that they appoint another. Various are the opinions as to the person who is to be Mr. Charles's Successor, and no one that I can find out fixed on: Among others our mutual Friend Mr. Kelly has been mentioned as a person very properly qualified for filling that office, both upon account of his good connexions at home and acc^t. of that natural good Sense and Sound Judgment he possesses.—As a speciman of the good opinion the people at Home have of him, and how well he acquitted himself in the House of Commons before the Repeal

¹ In Johnson's hand.

of the Stamp-Act, I beg leave to refer you to the extract inclosed; As this needs no comment, I hope I may be permitted Sir to address you, for your Interest & Influence in his behalf; and as he has the honor to be well known to you it would be impertinent if I should offer to Say any thing in his favor in addition to what is Said of him in Said Extract.— In short Sir I hope to be so happy as to find that this humble request will not only meet your approbation, but also meet your friendly Assistance.— To which I only beg leave to add that if you give Mr. Kelly Your Interest, without taking notice of me, it will have the greater weight & Influence.

Pray pardon this Intrusion in

Sir

Your most Obedt. & very hble. Servt.

ABR^m LOTT

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barn^t

INDORSED:

Oct^r. 3^d 1770

From Ab^m Lott Esq^r ——

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

London 3^d October 1770

DEAR SIR

I do'nt Know how to Aphologise for the Liberty I have taken which the utmost necssity urged

Mr. Blackburn advanced me some money Over & above what I lodged in his hands I being oblided to pay money wch I thought had been paid long ago Out of the Exchange of my Commission the Person's having waited for it till Lieu^t. John Phillips who bought of me Sold Out. this money was lodged in Cox & Drummond's hands. yet tho they had his Letter to pay me, & my creditor had my Bill & his they allow'd him to get the money, which he said he would pay to me if he went Out of

Town immediately, & has ever since When in Town been in the Verge of the Court, denys himself to me or any body from me. I have a writ against him, but fear I cant get at him to execute it

I have therefore been under the necessity of drawing on you for £100 in favr. of Blackburn, which I hope will not displese you. it will gain me time till I can recover my money either from Phillips or Colonel Howe who is to make my money good in case Phillips is not to be had. My Lord Hilsborough received me kinder than usual yesterday, & has given me hopes that I shall have an allowance equal to my former Sallery till something can be done for me. You may depend I will lodge to first money with Blackburn for you. I could not think of being obliged to a Stranger. I would have all my obligations lie with my Benefactor.

I am informed by good Authority that three of the ministry intend providing for Rogers. I am in great hopes some Letters will arrive from you that will remind Lord Hilsborough & my Lord North of my Services, as I am confident if there is a War I shall be wanted

I send a Large pacquet of daily papers by this to Co^l. Johnson. the people here most Knowing in Polliticks think no War yet a while

I am extreemely unhappy at not hearing from you or any of the Family, but as I am conscious of never doing anything to merit this Silence attribute it to hurry of business.

I am with the greatest regard & respect

Your most obedient

affect humb. Servant

B. ROBERTS

To

SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Bart.

INDORSED:¹

London 3^d. 8^{br}. 1770

L^t. Roberts Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

L. S.

Montreal 3 Oct^r. 1770

In Sept^r 1769 His Exc^y. Gen^l. Carleton ordered me to be present with some principal Men of the Sault St Louis Nation at the fixing of a boundary Line between the Seigneurie of Prairrie de la Madeleine and that Claimd by one René Cartié, by John Colins Esq^r. D^y. Surv^r. Gen^l. of this Prov^{ce}. w^{ch}. Bounderies being fixed with the usual customs & Ceremonies, the Indians returned very well contented & satisfied and accordingly directed their Receiver of Rents to collect them as comprehended in the Line fixed by s^d. Mr. Colins, but to their Surprise they found that s^d. Cartié whose Front Line Making their Rear having obtained an Order of Survey for s^d. Boundaries of the late Gen^l. Burton by which Line the Difference is so great as to deprive the Savages of near Forty Inhabitants agreable to the Surveyor Generals Bounds, w^{ch}. he will make appear more fully & clearly by his Survey when called upon.—

It is therefore the Petition & request of the Sault St. Louis Ind^s. to His Maj^s. President & Council at Quebec that [you] woud please to lay an Injunction upon [s^d. *Inhabitants between the Lines in dispute*] to prevent s^d. Cartié from receiv^g. more Rents from said Inhabitants between the Lines in dispute untill such time as they may be lawfully revised examined and finally adjusted. Which Petition said Indians in a full Meeting held at the Sault St. Louis desired me to make to you in their behalf as Presid^t. & Comd^r. in chief of this Prov^{ce}. I am likewise to acquaint you that the Disputes of the Iroquois at St. Regis wth. the Abinaquis & Mr. Hertell who persist of establishing themselves there in Opposition to His Maj^s. Proclamation published in 1766, are come to that crisis that I apprehend Bloodshed must soon ensue w^{ch}. may be attended wth. dangerous Consequences if not guarded agst to this Prov^{ce}. in particular & perhaps to the other Colonies in General it is my h^{ble} Opinion that was Mr.

Hertell to desist or be prevented from going there Matters would not go that length since while he remains from [] the Abinaquis are quiet & would soon quit the place, but his persisting [in remain]ing there provokes the Iroquois & encourages the Abinaq^s [] the former in conjunction wth. those of St. St. Louis [] have now enjoined the latter to leave [] promise 3 year ago, w^{ch}. the Iroquois persist [] have complied with their first [] had they not been provoked [] Hertell to remain & should they refuse [] it will come to extremities.

By Indian Intelligence received from those that [] imployed by the Traders of this place to hunt for them [] this Fall some from the Illinois & some from [] Michilim^c: I learn that the Indian Nations living at those places are not so peaceably inclined as could be wished, having heard them frequently mu[tter] & complain agst. the whites ab^t. the Murder at Michilim^c & other ill usages and and what made them suspect [] ill Intentions the more was that they in a manner prohibited them to come for the future in the white peo[ples] Employ intimating y^t at some time or other they might thro' a Mo[] hurt i. e. kill them when under the Protection of White people, intending thereby Mischief or plunder of the Traders Canoes. I am with great Esteem

Sir

Your Most Obed^t. & most Hbl^e.

Servant

D. C. D.^y to Sr. W^m. Johnsⁿ. Esq

P. S. In case an Injunction is granted the Sauv^s of St. Louis it ought to be put in force before the Term of Cartié's collecting his Rents w^{ch}. is on St. Martins day the 11 of Nov^r next.

D^R S^R

Agreeable to your Directions I discoursed wth. Mr. Panet ab^t. obtain^g an Injunc[tion] upon the Rents in Dispute between Cartié & the Savages w^{ch}. he engaged to do, accordingly I called

upon him agⁿ. sometime after but said he had as yet done nothing in it & seemed to me rather indifferent ab^t. y^e. aff^r. I happend afterwards in Comp^y. wth. Mr. Martell the Judge & Mr. Collins, the latter explaining [every]thing to him thoroughly who gave it as his Opinion that an Injunction [] be obtained from the president & Council & did not doubt of its being [] upon due Application Instances of the kind occurring very often, & that the court [] Pleas would not med^le. in the aff^r. I therefore wrote by Mr. Collins to Mr. Cras [] in behalf of the Savages who will be best able to explain the Matter to him in its proper light I have hitherto been innocently accused of giving an [] Survey to Raymont Cartié for y^e Indⁿ. Land obtain^d it from Gen^l. Burton & I only ordered the former Rent Roll for y^e. Savages on Mr. Panets refus^l. to act any more for them [] as I discovered by a Copy of my paper to Raymont the Original Gen^l. [] demanded of him for what reason I cant conceive I am clear in my Conscience to [] acted for the Interest of the Ind^s as far in my Power lay my opposing Gen^l. Burton ord^r. f [] who was bound to see the Ind^{ns}. Justice done must have been looked upon by every one as conceited [] in me. If Cartié & Raymont meant to defraud the Ind^s. of their Rent or drew a defective [] it can never [] for Government to rectify it wthout the least prejudice to those that rectified the Survey [] ding upon the Veracity of a sworn Survey^r. I have now settled & specified with [] & shall prepare for my Return most of Ind^s. being gone hunting [] be happy to hear from & give our News While I remain with great Regard

D^r Sir

Your most []
[]

To

HENERY KNELLER Esq^r

Le Soursigné Missionnaire a St. Regis Certifie que Sur la fin de l'année Derniere Monsieur le chevalier hertel obtint des iro-

the following terms which he proposed himself in my presence provided I serve him as witness & interpreter and that I inform the General of the agreement made by him in order that the Savages would be perfectly convinced that he would not cheat them. His conditions are as follows.

1. That he would not sell his house to any one whether English, French or Indian, without the permission & consent of the Iroquois.

2. That when left he would leave the said house to the Iroquois chiefs and to their missionary to sell it to whomsoever they pleased, provided that they would render account to him of the money received for it.

3. When the Abenakis should leave St. Regis he would immediately leave without making his unsold house or his unpaid debts a pretext for staying any longer.

I attest and certify also that the above written propositions written with my hand have been delivered to General Carleton by Mr. Hertel. Mr. Carleton himself told me so in the presence of the said Mr. Hertel.

In witness whereof I have signed the present certificate at Sault. St. Louis Sept. 30, 1770.

A. GORDON Jesuit

To HENERY KNELLER Esq^r.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹

London 4th October 1770

SIR

Foregoing is a Ccopy of what I had the pleasure of writing you on the 12th Ult^o.² since which am without any of Your favors — enclosd You have Invoice of sundry Goods shipp'd on Board the

¹ Missing parts supplied from the copy in the Johnson Manuscripts which is not printed.

² See *supra*, VII.

Britannia Captⁿ. Munds Amount whereof being One thousand & forty pounds Eighteen Shillings & one penny I place to your debit. You have also another small Invoice for Your Servants, amount whereof being Thirty nine pounds Seventeen Shillings & Eight pence is Carried to your debit accordingly — I have paid ready Money for all those Articles & Receiv^d. the usual discount thereon, which you will find Deducted from the Invoice — in short you have every allowance made to me — the Blankets are higher Charg'd then the last owing to that advance made by the Manufacturers — but I insisted on their giving me the 5 P Ct. discount — I was sorry to find that the mate of Captⁿ. Millers Ship Could not receive the Gunpowder on Board owing as He writes me to the Vessel's being too full — I hope however that its being sent P this Conveyance will make Little or no Difference — the Insurance upon Captⁿ Munds I got done at the Usual peaceable premium, whereas if I had Staid untill this time, I must have given 4 Guineas P Cent —

A War in my opinion is inevitable, & from the operations now Carried on by our Court there is little reason to doubt it — in short We have gone so far that we cannot retract & the Spaniards are so haughty that they will never submit to what they look upon as an Insult — I find the Courier sent from hence will not return before the 14th of this Month, when we shall know the answer from the Court of Spain — I shall do myself the Pleasure of writing You by every Conveyance & at same time convey to you every piece of [Intelligence] worthy your Attention — I now take the Liberty [to inclose you] Captⁿ. Robert's Bill on you for One Hundred [pounds Sterling being money I have advanc'd that] Gent^m. & hope it is with your approbation —

I have the Honor to subscribe myself with much [Esteem]

Sir

Your most obliged & most
Obedient Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

formement les promesses de M^r. Hertell] en ma presence c' est a dire qu'il se retirera du bon printems & n'y restera sans Excuse ou prete[xte qui]ce soit, que vous aurez la bonté d[] aux Iroquois leur priant si possible de passer l'hyver tranquillement avec M^r hertell j'ai l'honneur d'etre

Mon Rev^d.

Translation

[7th of October, 1770]

REV. SIR

Messrs Collins and Mc[Neill?] judges [] being informed of the troubles [] warned Mr Hertell, showing him the danger to himself and to the public of his going to St Regis [] Iroquois. He represented to them his situation, one to be pitied in case he could not return, having in that place [] his effects, his animals, his provisions for the winter and, what was most important, accounts due him amounting to 7000 livres; and knowing not where to go, he prayed them to intercede for him with the [Iroquois] for leave to pass the winter there is order that he might settle his affairs and remove in early spring, which he would do without any excuse or pretext whatever. The judges found this proposal of Mr Hertell's fairly reasonable and consulted me. I told them that I had already employed my efforts with the Indians and suggested that they use theirs in asking you to explain to the Iroquois of St Regis the situation of Mr Hertell in order that he might stay this winter. At that they gave him a recommendation — which however is not in agreement with the promises of Mr [Hertell], in my presence, viz. to remove in early spring and not linger on any excuse or pretext whatever — that you will have the kindness to [] the Iroquois, begging them if possible to pass the winter peaceably with Mr Hertell.

I have the honor to be

Reverend Sir

FROM PETER SYLVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 8th. October 1770 —

HON^D SIR

I take the Liberty of reminding You of your engagement to pay the debt & costs in a suit of Daniel Phoenix & Samuel Broome against Hugh Deniston for which he was taken in custody on execution—The more especially at this time as the action has been long in my hands and I ought in point of justice to my clients satisfy them whom I expect to see at New York the approaching October Term I am Hon^d Sir

Your most obedient &
very humble Servant

P SILVESTER

The Debt is	£23..11..7
costs	4..15..0
	<hr/>
	28..6..7

I have made Inquiries about the person your debtor that you wrote to me about sometime past but have not learnt where he is

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baron^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Octobr 8th. 1770 —

Mr. Silvesters Letter Demand-
ing £28..6..7 for Denniston

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 9th. Oct^r. 1770

As Bills of Exchange have considerably advanced, []
 the Importation agreement has taken place at York, and as it
 []ble upon the arrival of the Ships with Goods they will still
 [] If it is convenient for you, I shall be greatly obliged
 if you [would be] pleased to forward me a Draught to the
 amount of the Goods [] Mr. Walter Butler, the Bearer.

I should have done myself the Honor to have waited upon
 [you] in person, but am so circumstanced, by being engaged in
 Inoculation, [that] I cannot possibly quit my Patients at this
 time. M^{rs}. Stringer [joins] me in Comp^{ts}. to yourself & the
 Family.

I remain with the greatest Respect

Sir

Y^r. most Obed^t. Serv^t.SAM^l. STRINGERINDORSED:¹8^{br}. 9th. 1770

Doctor Stringers letter
 for a Bill——

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. D. S.

Montreal 10 Oct^r. 1770

SIR

Please to pay Mr. Jacob Vander Heyden or Order the Sum
 of Twenty Three [Pou]nds four Shil & 9^d. N. Y. Cur^y &
 place the []ance to Acco^t. of

Sir

Your most h^{bl} Servant

DAN CLAUS

¹ In Johnson's hand.

To
The Hon^{ble}.
SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.
&c &c &c

INDORSED:

Pay Doctor Sam []
or order JACOB VANDER HEYDEN

Johnson Hall 7th. Nov^r. 1770 Rec^d.
The Contents of the within Draught
SAM^t. STRINGER

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London Oct^r. 10th. 1770

DEAR SIR

The Foregoing¹ is a Copy of my Letter of the [4th of] Sept^r. Sent that day from Mr Robinsons to the Albany Rider, on my Return home I found my Little Family pretty well and have been making what preparations I Could to Leave N London this Fall—We are still destressed on Acc^t of the small pox—Several persons [in] this and other Towns along the sound who have been [in] York have taken the infection most of whom have dyed [due to] mismannagement almost intirely—notwithstanding the Hazzard the people of this Colony run who go abroad [] no prevailing with the wise Rulers of it to Suffer the most [] tho they Every day see and feel the fatal Effects of the disorder in the natural way, as I have [not been] so happy as to hear from you I remain under uncertainty and dread the Consequence of Continuing [the] Winter hear— if I have no Letter this week [] to set out for

¹ Since the letter of Sept. 4th has already been printed it is here omitted. See *supra*, VII: 873–74.

the Hall when hope to find you [and] the rest of the Family in Perfect health and [] with Mrs. Chew and my best Respects

Dear Sir

[]

The Hon^{ble}

SIR W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t

Some Expresses arrived last week from Susquehannah & Bring Very dismal Acco^{ts}. some Persons from M^r Penn have taken and dispersed all the Heroes — and that without one Life being Lost — Col^o Dyer says they surprised them in the night.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[]

Ansrd. Novbr. 3^d. —

FROM THOMAS FLOOD

A. D. S.

Rec^d. / Johnson Hall this 11th Day of october 1770/ from Mr. Hugh Fraser 329^{ll} of Beef at three pence p^r. ^{ll} which I promise to pay on demand. —

THOS FLOOD

£4. .2. .3

INDORSED:¹

[]

[] p & M^r. Flood

329^{ll}. Beef

paid —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹

Teronto October 12th. 1770

SIR W^m.

We done Ourselves the Honour of Writing to You from Niagara, Acquainting you that we got a supply of Goods from Mr. Campbell, the Uncertainty of a Boat coming to Us from below, has Oblidged Us to Supply Ourselves with rum and All Other Necessarys Untill May Next, which has Mounted to a Considerable Sum, all which we have paid for. Otherwise should have made a Better remittance than Any traders in those parts. Notwithstanding which we have Made Mr. Campbell a Remittance of 7 packs 2 of which is small furr's & Beaver the Rest Leather Each pack W^{gt}. from 106^{ll} to 104, Bear skin &ca. We are In hopes you will not be Disoblidged at Our Making this Remittance. be assured we shall make the Remittance the Other way punctually In the Spring, if God spares Our Lives, if we had not met with Campbell it would be a great Disapointment for we should have Lost all the prime of the trade which we Cant Miss off, besides Abandoning Our house. I hope we may not be Disapointed In the spring. what we have Done it was in the Most []dent Manner. Our Compliments to Sr. John [] & we are with Great Respect

Your Most Oblidged & Most Ob^t, Serv^{ts}

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S.

We hope you will not be Discoured from sending Us [] Spring. Blankets we have Enough off. the Ski [] allready a List off

INDORSED:²

[]

[] Mess^{rs}. Wade
& Kreiser ———

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

JOHN BROWN TO THOMAS GAGE

Df.

[Draft] of a Letter from Captain Brown to General Gage.

Dated *Niagara 16th. October 1770.*

An Ottawa Chief recommended by the Governors of Philadelphia and New York and Sir. William Johnson is now with me, he went from Fort Chartres by the Way of New Orleans, Pensacola, St. Augustine New York and Montreal, and now returns with Letters said to be of a publick Nature, and Belts by the way of Lake Michigan to Fort Chartres, His Name is Okeyawess, I showed him all kind of Civility by making him Eat and Sleep in my Quarters &ca.

FROM JOHN BROWN

*A. L. S.**Niagara 17 Oct^r 1770*

SIR

I am to inform you that on the 12th Ins^t Lieut Grandidier Comm^s at Fort Erie having occasion to send a Battoe to Little Niagara for Provisions, they were hail'd from the Beach about one mile & a half below Fort Erie by two Traders whose tent near that place had been plundered by five Seneka Ind^{ns} and the Traders obliged to run to save themselves on going ashore they went to the Tent and found that four of the Ind^{ns} had carryed their Battoe to one Island in the River nearly opposite, they beggd of the Corp^l of the Party to Ferry them to the Island in order to get their Battoe which he did, on getting the same, with a Kegg of Vinegar which the Ind^{ns} had Carryed off the Traders immediately pushed off, the Ind^{ns} then applyed to the Corp^l to be fferryed over to the main which he agreed to,—on the Corp^{ls} pushing off from the opposite Shore the Ind^{ns}. immediately Discharged their peices at them Shott the Man through the Body with a Ball, and wounded some oy^{rs} slightly with small Shott, The Ball was extracted at this place next day by the Surgeon

whether the wound will prove Mortall or not, he cannot yet pretend to say.

This behavior of our neighbours the Senekas is very unjustifiable, considering the good treatment they receive from all Quarters —

Okeyawess Cheif Warrior at Arbre Croche has been here for some days, He Eat, Drank, and Slept at my Quarters during the time, and behaved well. He Setts off this morn^g for Fort E[rie] in order to pass on Board the [] Detroit —

Allow me to Offer my respects to Sir John Johnson, and the rest of your Family, and to Assure you that I am with great truth and regard

Sir
Your Most Obedient
and Most humble Serv^t
JOHN BROWN

The Hon^{ble}
SIR W^m JOHNSON

P. S. The Traders were the Van Epp's from Schenectady

INDORSED:¹

Niagra 17[th. 8^{br}. 1770]

Cap^t. Browns l[etter]

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Niagara 18th October 1770

SIR

Yesterday the Indians concern'd in firing on the Men in the Batteau on the 12th. instant arrived here — I immediately went to them and took them to See the wounded man who knew them perfectly well and pointed out the particular man that Shot him — I had two of the Dutch Traders along with me, who understand their Language, with the Interpreter's Servant who Speaks the Language well (the Interpreter having been out of the Gar-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

riſon on public buſineſs) I told them that ſince they had, without the Smalleſt provocation, fir'd on the Soldiers after they had been Serving them in a friendly manner, and that they themſelves ſaw one of their Lives in the Utmoſt danger, I was in duty oblig'd to detain them Priſoners until I Shou'd acquaint the Commander in Chief with the Same—and that I wou'd likewiſe Acquaint you & Their Sachems with the Affair—they wanted much to know what kind of Room it was that I propos'd for them—I told them it was a place where I confin'd Soldiers in When they miſ-behaved—at laſt I got them to the Stone Building, but in the paſſage when they Obſerved the Entry dark, they were unwilling to proceed further—However I told them they muſt go, that they Shou'd not want for either Victuals or Drink during their Confinement, and they are [] Safely lodged—

This day I ſent off the Interpreter in [] Indian that belong'd to the Same Party but Who was not concern'd in firing on the Man (he having been beaſtly drunk at the time) to the Genesee Caſtle, to inform their Sachems of the Affair, and I expect that Some of them will be here in eight or ten days—

I Shall Act in the Affair with all the prudence and diſcretion I am Maſter of, taking care at the Same time to convince them (if poſſible) that they are not wantonly to fire on any British Subject particularly on his Maſteſty's Troops who are here to keep up good order and protect them from any Inſults that may be done them by the Traders &c^a.

I have the honor to be with great reſpect

Sir

Your moſt Obed^t and moſt
humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

The Honbl^e
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

Niagara 18th. 8^{br}. 1770

Cap^t. Browns letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Oct. 22 1770

SIR WILLIAM

General Romanzow on the 15th of July gained a brilliant Victory over Eighty thousand Turks commanded by the Kan of Crimean Tartary and those of the Sultan's ablest Bashaws, his Letter is dated from the Enemys Camp, which he possessed, with an abundance of provisions, Artillery, Ammunition and other valueable acquisitions, it was won on the River Larga a branch of the Pruth near Bender, and on the 19th the pursuit of the Vanquished was not over. This was the Ottoman Grand Army on which the fate of European Turkey almost totally depended. The Town of Bender, it is expected will fall to the Conquerors, which effected there is no place of Strength but the Castle of Brailow and the Dispute of the Danube by the Turks to prevent the Successfull Troops marching to Adrianople & Constantinople, but their approach to the latter City must be postponed as the plague at present rages violently there.

Admiral Elphinstone has beat the Turkish Fleet taken three, Sunk two, and disabled and despersed the greatest part of the rest of their Ships; the Turkish Commander narrowly escaped falling into his hands after his Ship Sunk. Lord Dunmore is arrived, he appears to be Six or Seven & thirty, Short, Strong built, well shaped with a most frank and open Countenance, easy and affable in his manners, very temperate, and a great Lover of field Sports, indefatigable and constant in pursuit of them. In short he seems Very likely to secure the affections of the Gentlemen of this Country.

Sr W^m Draper with his Bride will embark for London next Tuesday.

The Eldest of the DeLancey Family Mr Peter died three days ago, an Abcess in his Liver, with some other maladies that had long stuck close carried him off.

The passangers with Lord Dunmore tell us that our Ministry, from intelligence of the French designs to fall on the Russians in the Mediterranean, have ordered the *Edgar Augusta* and *Dorsetshire* with the utmost Expedition to that part and others to follow, and they add that a War is now Verry likely to happen, for the Danes are determined to embark in the quarrel against France.

Benzell¹, of the Royal, has sold his Lieuten^{cy} and is promoted to a Surveyorship of the Woods in America.

The Ministry is in a very tottering Situation and it is thought every one, excepting Lord Hillsborough, who does not agree well with them will relinquish their posts.

The News of our agreement to import Goods was received with uncommon Satisfaction by all sorts of people in London, the Citizens went to work with vast alacrity and London Streets never were known to appear so full of busy bustle before the intelligence arrived.

I am with humble Respect to Sir John the Colonels & Cap^t M^cLeod,

Your most obedient servant
JA RIVINGTON

We expect Vessells with fresh Goods from London in a Week when I shall Get better Pens & better paper than these I now am forced to make use of

INDORSED:²

8^{br}. 22^d. 1770

Mr. Rivington's letter

¹ Adolphus Benzell.

² In Johnson's hand.

JOURNAL OF DANIEL CLAUS

A. D.

Journal to & during
[] Canada in 1770 }

Caghnawagey 9th Sept^r 1770

4 p. m.

[] Arrived at this place after a journey of 14 days from my house, called the principals together and shook hands with them giving them the Reason of my Delay, they were glad to see me as they almost despaired seeing me this Year. After discoursing a while wth. them I crossed the River to my Lodging at Mr. Haneys.

[Sep]^r. 10th. The Warriors that pretend to maintain Sobriety & good Order in the Town came to make their Complaint agst. Philip Assaregoa &c. Vide my Letter to Sr. W^m. Johnson.— Went to Montreal to see my Acquaintance, Okeawess the Ottawa came to me wth. a joyfull countenance to see me; St. Luc & St. Jeans Compl^{ts}. agst. him

11th. heard his Compl^{ts}. w^{ch}. differed wide from the others took him with me to my Lodging. Mr. Hertell came with me to la Chine telling me of his misfortunes on his Return from the Hall & the Manner the Abinaquis settled wth. Sr. W^m. ab^t. their leaving St. Regis viz^t in 2 Years & Liberty to erect their house.

12. This Morning all the Chiefs & Warr^{rs}. of Caghnaw^y. came to condole with me, Ordered them a Meal of Vict^s. pipes & Tobacco & Dram.

Wrote to Sr. Will^m. Johnson by Thom Wileman.¹

¹ See supra VII: 896-900.

13. Set out in Comp^y. wth. Major & M^{rs}. Whar-
ton, M^r. Kneller, [] Mess. Price Fits-
gerald, Rochat, S^t. Scot Art^y. & Ensⁿ. Hosser
for the Lake of 2 M^{hs}. at Caneghsad^y. got as
far as Pilons the Tavern.
14. A heavy fog could not cross the Lake before
it cleard away had the Musick of 1st Battⁿ.
R. A. wth. us, arrived at the Village ab^t. 11.
all the Indians went in Procession to the
† [] } Calvary † so that the place was empty, about
today } Noon returnd & after Dinner Saluted us, I
condoled wth. them for their chief, Jacque who
was near 100 year old [] last Spring, &
ordered their Feast to be dressed this []
[] after Matins they returned me
the Condolence then [] Arundas &
Nipisins Sr. W^{ms} Belt & pipe w^{ch}. they had
not Understood []
ded to them to have it will cause []
Set off wth. a strong head Wind reached []
[] wth. difficulty.
- Sep^r. 16th. Ab^t, 10 a. m. got to my Lodging settled. M^r.
[] M^r. Kneller ab^t. the Caghaw^s:
Rent Aff^r. [] naquis of S^t. Francis
left a Message [] Lod^s:
yesterday that they arrived at Montreal []
[] Thursday & the Messengers were
now at Caghawagey waiting for me there, I
sent them word to come over & in the After-
noon 2 of them came & I expect them to be
wth. me early in the Morn^g. This Evening M^r.
Gillion arrived here from [] & Solo-
mon the Jew from Michilic. The former gave
me the follow^g Intelligence; That the English
and Spaniards lived in very good Harmony

together & frequently came to see each other, that this was not the case wth. the french & the Latter who could not agree & were allways at Variance —

That the Chipway chief called grand Sautoux from the great Island near Michil^c. had settled himself [] with his party of ab^t. 15 or 20 Warr^{rs}. and threatned Vengeance to the English, that there were frequent Murders & Scalping between the Cherakees & the Nations in that Neighborhood the former being very active & troublesome, that an English Trade house not far from the Fort was robbd & four Eng^{sh}. Men killed & Scalped not known by what [] That at the same time the Chikasaws & Cherokees were making continual Incursions upon the [] & Ind^{ns}. on the East Side of the Misisipy having killed several french, & was reported were encouraged in it by Mr. Stuard Superint^d. in the Southeⁿ. Distr^t.

Ains & other french men being concerned [] the Indⁿ. at Michl^c. makes the Canadian [] liked by the Ind^{ns}.

Lachine 17. Sep^t. 1770.—

The Indians of St. Francis having sent me a Deputation acquainting me that notwithstanding my assuring them in behalf of Gen^l. Carleton that they should possess their lands at that place peaceably & that the Seign^r. of St. Francois was not to molest them for the future; He the said Seigneur of St. Fr^s. in a full Meeting of all their people then present told them that within a few days time he intended to lay out

the Land they had in possession into Lots on both Sides of the River and grant it away to the Inhabitants.—

Whereupon the chiefs sent these Deputies to inform me of what passed & to have my Answer sent them in writing that they might show it to the people that threatened to dispossess them.—

I told them in Answer that I should write to the Lt. Gov^r. ab^l. their Complaint by this days post and therefore intended going to Montreal for that purpose desiring them to wait my Return Till to Morrow. On my coming to Town I found Mr. Kneller (acting as Kings Attorney in the Absence of Mr. Messeres¹ who went to England;) not gone to Quebec yet, whom I waited upon about some Bus^s. of the Caghnav^s. concerning the Line of their Seigneurie & the Rents and then mentioned the Abinaquis Complaint to him. He was perfectly acquainted with the Manner Gen^l. Carleton had settled Matters with the Seign^r. of St. Fran^s. & was surprised of the Ind^{ns}. being molested by him on that Acc^ot. desiring me to tell the Ind^{ns}. to make themselves [] on that head that he would write the Seign^r of St. Fr^s. such a Letter as would soon [] desist from giving them any Trouble [] that they took the Advantage of the [] but he would soon convince them that [] charged to act in these Matters by his Author[ity]

¹ Francis Masères, appointed attorney general of Quebec, March 6, 1766; went to England with the intention of not returning to Canada, in October 1769. Kingsford, William, *The History of Canada*, v:165–66.

Sep^r. 18th. I then gave the Abinaq^s. Dep^s. my answer mentioning to them what M^r. Kneller told me to & gave them the following Writing.

Complaint having been made me by the Indians of St. Franc^s. that the Seigneur of said Place intended to lay out the Lands near the Indian Village on both Sides of the River St. Francis into Lotts in order to rent them out to Tenants as soon as such would Offer themselves.—

And whereas His Excell^{cy}. Gen^l. Carleton ordered me 2 y^{rs}. ago to acquaint the Abinaquis of St. Francis of his having settled Matters with the Seigneurs of St. Francis shire in such a Manner as not to Molest the Abinaquis of St. Fran^s. in the quiet & peaceful Possession of the Lands they occupied in the Seign^{rie}. these many Years past It is hoped & expected that His Excellencys promise to the said Indians will by no Means be violated by the Seign^{rs}. of St. Fran^s. or any one whatsoever as it could not fail of being productive of such dangerous Consequences as disturbing the peace. the Inhabitants in s^d. Neighborhood & the Indians.

& perhaps the Colony in General.

Given under my hand at La Chine the 18th. day of Sep^r. 1770.

DAN. CLAUS

Dep^y to S^r. W^m. Johnson

Then they took their Leave after my [] to their Interp^r. some Cash to [] they parted very well satisfied []

N. B. They begg^d me & chiefs of Cagh^y. to [] Death of their Chief till their []

Went to Montr^l. to settle Matters wth. M^r. Panet Rec^r. of the Ind^{ns}. Rent agreeable to M^r. Knellers direction how to proceed at the Court of Commⁿ. pleas wth. regard to the Lines in Dispute betwⁿ. the Ind^{ns}. & Cartie viz^t. to give in a protest if y^e latter receiv^d. any more Rent before M^r. Colins Sr. G^l. & Remonts Line were examined & adjusted, & if the Judges of that Court would not do any thing in it to appeal to Chief Justice Shay at Quebec. M^r. Panet (who is a french Lawyer) promised me to do the Necessary; On my Return found the chiefs of Caneghsadagey at my Lodging to pay me a Visit; one of the Nipisin chiefs that was at the Congress gave me an Acco^t. of their Distress for want of Prov^s. on Their Return that he gave a shirt to an Oneida for a Dog to eat & in Short disposed of all he had for Prov^s. before he got home,

Sr. W^{ms}. Intep^r. Mineas alias Toweahesseax going over a Log for the Arund^s & about Canaj^{re} Slipt & fell upon his Rump so Nipisins []quis that he broke something in his hip of wh^{ch} he is & [] lame ever since & likely will be so all his Life.

20th. I dismissed said chiefs after making all their begging complaints as well as I could & seemingly Satisfied; then crossed over to Caghawagey to return my Answ^r. upon their Condoling wth. me the other day, Maj^r. & M^{rs}. Wharton & M^r. Price came wth. me was disappointed in giving them a Treat the Man I bought a fat Ox of having not brought it they said any other time would do, ordered them some Pork bread &c.

21st. Went to Montreal to see M^r. Colins Sr. G^l. ab^t. the Caghaw. Aff^r. but he was not returnd

levelled at him he doing the same till they came close he asked [] language (w^{ch}. has a resemblance wth the Abinaq Lang^e. w^{ch}. he underst^{ds}.) who they were. they replied Piankishas & in return asked him he rep^d. Natoway [] Nat^s. they then shook hands & asked him where the Cherokees were he was in [] w^h. he put them of and when they were seemingly going away one reached [out] his hand to take leave & he giving his he took a Grip & held him fast [un]till the other took hold of him likewise & notwithstanding. all his Efforts to get at his knife they masterd & tyed him & brought him to their party a little ways off consisting of 7 more where he was fully secured wth. draw cords ab^t. his Neck, Arms & Body, he desired them to Kill & Scalp him on the Spot, but they replied y^t his Meat was too sweet to loose that they longed to taste the flesh of their new Enemy^s the C. Natⁿ. who they heard by a Belt of Wamp^m from the Hurons at Detroit had made a Treaty of peace & Alliance wth. the Cherakees agst. them, & they in that Manner took him along securing him in the most extra^y. way at Night. After 30 days March ab^t. the Midle of Febr^y. they arrived at the Kayenighsa Village they did not beat him but shook him & made him [da]nce but telling him they^d make soon a roasting piece of him, but some french [tra]ders in the Village know^g. him to be a Caghnaw^y with the Assistance of an English Trader residing there purchased his freedom w^{ch}. they obtained the easier as the Indⁿ. he lived wth. wanted to replace him for a Son he lost the fall before by the Chikasaws & he was untied & given to that house. [] he afterwards understood that the Piank^s. of another Village some of whom were wth. the party [that] took him were not satisfied & wanted him to be burned, wherefore he endeavoured to make his Excape & accord^{ly}. one day going to look for horses wth. his adopted Bro^r. he took the Opport^y. of making off as fast as possible for Detroit wth. a little powd^r. and 11 Balls [&] arrived in 20 days hard march at that place. Upon Enquiring b^t. the Belt & Message the Piank^s. told him off of the Detroit

Ind^s. he could not find out who sent it. He says [the] Piank^s. are a proud Natⁿ. & would never make peace with the Cherak^s. & their Allies [the] Chickasaws who made continual Incursions kill^g. & tak^g. both French & Ind^{ns}.

25th. Went to Caghnawagey to give them their Answer upon last Sundays Speech being met I told them by my Speaker Aquirandongwas that I gave Attention to what they said Last Sunday and that they were misinformed of my being angry or displeas^d wth. them that what I mentioned to those that Misrep-resented w^t. I said to them was intended as an Advice for their own Good ppeace among themselves that I could heartily wish they harboured no more hatred & Envy to any Body and in particular to one another; [] that as long as they did not drop that Spirit of party [jealou]sy they must be miserable in this & the other world since all their Going to church & pray[ing] [] as long as they harboured any ill Will to [] that if any of their Brethⁿ. was guilty of [] Pride Boasting &^{ca}. not to condemn immediately [] them gently w^{ch}. was the only means of preserving [] & Tranquility in their Village, and finally strongly [] ding Friendship & unanimity to them &^{ca}. offering the hand [] After which Tyoherode chief & Tehanoghsokoght at the head of the Rum Seizers spoke promising to drop & forget all that was past & live in peace & Harmony for the future; I then told them that if they were Sincere in their promises I would bury all that was past in [ob]livion whereupon they heartily thanked & shook hands wth. me. They then said they would acquaint me wth. what News they had by their people that returned from the Illinois & beyond Michil hav^g. been 2 or 3 years past in the Traders employ in y^t Country; that the Nations about these places were not at all peaceably inclined towards Whites as well as the Six Nations; that the Murder of the Indⁿ. near Michil^c. this Summer & former ill [] ab^t. that place was not forgot or made up as we imagined they being continually murmuring among themselves ab^t. it & even desired the Ind^{ns}. in the white

peoples Employ not to engage themselves for the future to come wth. them as they might comit a Mistake one time [or] other & hurt them in striking the later giving them to understand that this should be the last time of their coming among them wth. the Traders. On the other hand they are much dist[urbed] wth. the 6 Nat^s. mak^g. peace wth. the Cherakees wth. out acquainting them of it, & sent Belts to some Nat^s. last fall to join them in striking the Enemies of the Cherak^s. among w^{ch}. they said they mu[st be] included as they were not made acquainted wth. that []; that therefore they would stop up the road between the Nat^{ns}. to prevent their join^g. one another, that the chief of the [] killed by the Senecas at Niagara was unsettled & unre[] And that the Beginning of their Operations would be [] Revenge for Pondiacs Death by the Ilinois Ind^{ns}. &ca.

They then acquainted me that they had forwarded S^r W^m. [] of last treaty by 3 of their principal y^g. Men to the Indⁿ. [] Sandusky alias Yeanhusne. And then concluded a News spread by a Western Indⁿ. At Aughquis 2 or 3 [] Canada w^{ch}. they immediately buried under [] of News, tho accompanied wth. some [] the River late.

25th. Went to Montr^l. to meet Mr. Colins found him at Fergusons the Coffee house where we discoursed & dined together, got a Copy of my Order to Raymont ab^t. making a Rent Roll for the Caghnowageys. After Dinner came in a Man [from] that part of New hampshire now in the Prov^{ce}. of New York to [announce the] Discovery of a New & Short Road from that [] to Lake Champlain he reckoned it ab^t. 45 miles from his house to said Lake ab^t. 40 of w^{ch}. he came by water on a River emptying itself in Lake Champlⁿ. opposite the South End of Long Island. in s^d. Lake, he has a Subscription from some People in York towards carrying on s^d. Scheme. The College Mr. Banyar & other[s] contributed genteely & several People here are very Sanguine ab^t. it he was much encouraged by Jas. Robertson, Mr. Colins judge Marteihle the Livingstⁿ. Brothers & is sure of

carrying it he says he will engage to deliver the Mail from York or Boston (both being pretty near the same Distance from his house:) in Ten days at Quebec it being ab^t. 50 Miles nearer than the present post road. I got the Caghnawageys to give me a Sketch of that part of the Country between Lake Champlⁿ. & Conect^t. Riv^r. he calls himself Judge Sleeper a night since Mr Collins & I settled ab^t. going to Judge Marteihs in the Morning concer^g. the Injunction to be laid upon the Tenants living upon disputed Land betwⁿ. one Cartier & the Caghnaw^s

27. Went to the Judges ab^t. s^d. Aff^r. he directed me to apply to the L^t. Gov^r. Cramahe & Council & sent it by Mr. Collins who was the properest Person to lay it before the Council. return^d. home to prepare said Letter to Mr. Cramahe & one to Mr. Kneller.

28. Some Chiefs of Caghn^y & Aughquis^{ne}. came to me to acquaint me of the latters being come to Know from me when I would be at Leasure to meet them ab^t. Mr. Hertells Aff^r. I told them I must first finish ab^t. their Land Aff^{rs}. Mr. Colins being

[] to return to Quebec & that I must meet the judge & him to Morrow ab^t. s^d. Bus^s., They s^d. it was well and beg^d. I would not let Mr. Hertell be present at the Meeting but [] Mr. Beaubasin who would hear Reason and [o]ther is along I told them I would give them Prov^s. Pipes & Tobacco got them to []

Country this new Road is to []

29th. Went to Town & Mr. Colins []

30th. Dined at Maj^r. Hughs (N B his Wife []

Mr. Colins was there & told me he was not []

this Town before next Week therefore had time []

the Aughquis^s. sent for Perthuis and told him [] to [bring]

Mr. Beaubasin along. Mr. Todd told me that [] house

being out of [] grand Sauteux []

Mr. Hertell (?) thought to encourage them to []

Oct^r. I Returnd to la Chine found Mr. Beaubasin & Perthuis & Ind^{ns}. waiting for me crossed the River in a very bad Snow Storm dined wth. the Jesuits Huguet & Gordon after dinner the

[] word they were met; I went with the Comp^y
 [] & being seated I begn to repeat what
 was done at [] wth. Mr. Hertell & the
 Abenakis, then Mr. Beaubasin in behalf of his nephew requested
 his passing through only & then to remove the Cagnawagey who
 were Arbiters by the Aughquis^s. to decide for them p[]
 the Gov^{rs}. Proclam^{tn}. of Decr. 22^d 1766 Strictly []
 any traders & others to deal friendly & fairly wth. [] by
 Virtue of the Kings Proclamⁿ. 1763 & if any had established
 themselves among any Natⁿ. to withdraw immediately & in case
 of disobedience to be considered as Disturbers of the Peace of the
 Prov^{ce}. & to be proceeded agst. wth. the utmost Rigour of y^e Law.
 They likewise produced an Agree[ment] of Mr. Hertell by w^{ch}.
 he condemns himself to [] Place & lastly insinuating that
 since his & the Aben[aquis] Residence at St. Regis they did not
 enjoy a peaceable [] the Latter had the Assurance
 lately to there []

Wherefore they the Cagnaw^s had unanimously [] that
 they should leave the place with Mr. Hertell without Loss of Time
 or any Excuse or pretext. Mr. Beaubasin then left the Council
 abruptly [] were surprised at Gen^l. Carletons hav^g.
 encouraged [] to stay at St. Regis after reading his own
 Proc[lamation] left the Council & the weather being so []
 2nd. Lodged at the priests []
 []¹

Take the best Care of their Estate
 during their lives & keep it in as
 good Ord^r as Gen^l. Amhst. possible
 could.

Crossed after Breakfast, Mr. Beaubasin mentioned the Remon-
 strance of the Canad^{ns}. to the King concerning the Lands granted
 to the Jesuits in this Country w^{ch}. were granted towards the
 Education of Youth & therefore could not be considered as
 belong^g. to the Society in General.

¹ One line cut off.

3^d. Snowd all day better than 4 Inch^s. deep & lay for 2 days Denny of the Cedars told me how Mr. Hertell wanted to monopolize all the trade from the Cedars to Swegachy & prevailed upon Gen^l. Carleton to order one Patterson that traded at the last Place since the Reduction wth. out Compl^t. but was convinced of his Error & let him return.

4th. Went to Town to finish my Bus^s. wth. the Surv^r. Gen^l. delivered him my Letter to the Presid^t. & Mr. Kneller.

Mr. Hertell met me in the Streets telling me the Judge had send for him & spoke to him appealing to a Discourse I had wth. him concern^g. his Going to S^t. Regis giving him to consider the Consequences & Risque he ran in case the Ind^{ns}. opposed him Advising him to desist, when he laid before him the distressfull circumstances he laboured under of not having a Place to retire to ab^t. Town where as at St. Regis he had his house & prepared himself wth. his Winters Necessaries, besides Indⁿ. debts due him this Winter to the Am^t. of 7000^{ll}. w^{ch}. he must loose if not pres^t. & a jail must be his Doom, begging of me for Gods sake to prevail upon the Judge to intercede for him wth. the Ind^{ns}. to let him pass the [] & early in the Spring he would leave the Place wth. out any Excuse or Pretext Whatsoever; Told him I was sensible of his Dilemma but he Should have guarded agst. it before going there; however I put the Judge & Mr. Colins in a way to give him a recommendation to y^e. Ind^s. by assuring them on their Parts of Seeing Mr. Hertells Engagem^{ts}. & promises fullfilled & I would write to the Priest to explain it to the Ind^{ns}. to w^{ch}. they agreed.¹

5th. Settled with Mr. Panet ab^t. receiving the Ind^{ns}. Rent and wrote Mr. Livingstone to direct himself accord^{ly}.

6. Left the Town askd Maj^{rs}. Wharton & Hughs & Col^o. M^c. bean to dine wth. me, after dinner the chiefs & ^{ca}. came ab^t. their plantation aff^{rs}. parted in a huff.

¹ For Count de Frontenac's view of the Jesuits policy toward the Indians see Report of the Archivist of Quebec, 1926-1927, p. 34-35.

7. Prepared for my return, gave Mr. Hertell my Letter to the Priest for w^{ch}. he was very thankfull.

[8.]. [] the chiefs & principal Women of Caghnawagey [] r]ectify Matters of last Saturday spoke very penitent & Loyall in particular the Women wth. a [] made a very eloquent & pathetic Speech to the effect that no white People should be allowed to [come &] settle upon their Plantations or Domains [] They being very apprehensive that if once they got a footing it would be difficult to dispossess them. I approved of their Resolves & gave them a pa [] setting forth they agreed & determind upon [for] w^{ch}. they all thanked me most heartily & said that my approving of their proposal would be remembered most gratefully by them & their Posterity and I [never] heard them express more Loyalty & Affection than [upon] my taking leave of them delivering me a Belt [to] remember them most kindly & Affectionately to [Sr.] William (Rocksteaghgoa Songwakowanoh) wishing me a safe & agreeable Return home & that might [see] me in health next spring.

Gave an Order for some provisⁿ. to Tawanniawe on Acco^t. of his being a Cripple.

October 9th. Left my Lodging & passt Caghnawagey in my [] Shook hands wth. those I saw, Mr. Dumusseau and Daughter beg to be remembered to Sr. W^m. [&] their poverty considered.

Assaregoe to be recommended by Sr. W^m. as he [] the Bear Tribe.

10. Left la prairie for St. Jeans; wrote to Ch. [] & Mr. Goddard who goes for England; Got Robins [] give an Order for a half Joh^s. for Tawanniawe.

got on Board the Maskinonshe ab^t. 4 p. m.

was a ground disembarked & was Win [] till the

14th. Ab^t. 3 p. m. got as far as the 2^d. I [] ab^t. 5 miles

15. To the Isle aux Noix &^{ca}. []

24. Arrived at my house in the []

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

A. L. S.¹*New York, Octob. 25, 1770*

WORTHY SIR,

I am favoured with your Letter of the 20th. ult. which, like all others I recieved from you, abounds in good Sense, judicious Observations; & points out, besides, the Outlines of an excellent plan for Christianising the Savages. I am clearly of opinion with you that this plan will be extensive enough to begin with, & that on the Effects produced by Religion among the Mohawks & Oneidoes, will depend, humanly speaking, its Reception among the other Tribes which are more remote.

Your Information that the "Mohawks busied themselves at the late Congress of Indians in interesting the Rest to make a public Requisition of Clergymen",² gave me inexpressible pleasure.

¹ In John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Providence, R. I.

² In June last I had a very Agreeable Journey up the Mohawk River, to Canajoharee the upper Indian Castle, which is Seventy Six miles from Albany; being accompanied thither by Sir William Johnson, & Some of the principal Gentlemen of that Country—In this Castle, Sir William has lately built, as his own Expence, a very neat & elegant Church for the use of the Indians; which being then finished, I had an Invitation from him to perform divine Service in it, & administer the holy Communion for the first time.

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all which I must ascribe, under God, to the pious Care, Assiduity & Patronage of the worthy Sir William Johnson & his family; who Spare no Costs nor pains in promoting the laudable Design of the Society.—And here I am bound in gratitude to mention the infinite Obligations I am under to Col^l. Claus, Sir William's Son in Law;—A Gentleman of a most amiable Character, & highly respected in these parts;—This Gentleman's Influence among the Indians is great; Well acquainted with their Language & Customs; a true friend to Religion, & to the Church of England; The Pains he takes in translating my discourses to the Indians, which he does to their great Satisfaction; The good Example he Sets them in attending divine Service & partaking the holy Com-

This Requisition, supported by your Recommendation to the Secretary of State will, I flatter myself, induce the Government to take this Matter into Consideration, & be at the Expence of carrying this Measure into Execution, which every Law of God, of Nature & Humanity loudly calls for. A late Piece of Intelligence I recieved from England, & which I was anxious to communicate to you, makes me more sanguine in these Expectations. A Gentleman of Veracity, lately arrived, told me that Dr. Samuel Johnson, now in England on some Business relative to Connecticut, & who frequently sees Lord Hillsborough—I say Dr Johnson informed him that Lord Hillsborough in a Conversation about American affairs, let him, Dr Johnson, know that were a proper Application made to Government for having the Quit Rents of this Province appropriated to a religious Use, & particularly for Christianising the Indians, the Government would readily consent to it. How far this Promise is to be relied on I will not take upon me to say; but were you to point out the Method for supporting the Indian Missions, without taking any Notice of this Information, it might be of great Service. The Proposal would come with the utmost Propriety from you, as you transmit the Requisition of the Indians for Clergymen. What the Quit Rents of this Province amount to annually I know not; but probably to more than £400 Sterl. the Sum you mention as necessary to carry on the Scheme we have in View. The Reciever General can let us know, I suppose, what the Annual Amount of the Quit Rents is, & I can transmit it to you, if it will be of any Service.

munion, is truly praiseworthy, & must forever endear him to me, In short, to this Gentleman, in conjunction with Sir William's friendship & Patronage, I owe all my satisfaction among the Indians.—I would therefore humbly propose to the Society, if they think proper, to take Some notice of this Gentleman's Services in promoting the Gospel, & return him their thanks in their first Abstract.—Rev. Harry Munro to Rev. Dr Daniel Burton, Albany, N. Y., September 25, 1770, in papers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B series, Vol. 3. New York, 1759–1782. Part II.

In a Letter I lately recieved from D^r. Burton he gave me a particular Account of the Steps that were taken to settle the popish Missionary in Nova Scotia. It was in Consequence of a Requisition made by the Indians to have a Missionary when their former Missionary died, & threatening to cut off the new Settlers, if they were refused. To prevent any bad Consequences, Government thought proper to comply with their Demand. D^r Burton tells me that Lieutenant Governor Francklin intended, if Lord Hillsboro' would permit him, to publish a Pamphlet in Vindication of the Government & Society relative to this Affair; which it seems made some Noise in England; which pamphlet, when published, he promises to send me. Should it come, you shall see it. The Society promise to second your Application to Government for defraying the Expence of Indian Missionaries; & indeed their Secretary speaks with the highest Approbation of your Measures & Endeavours in this good Cause. I anxiously wait for an Answer to the Letter I wrote to him after my Return from Johnson Hall, in which I sollicitated the Society's Concurrence with the plan we proposed, & which I in part laid before them.

I am greatly obliged to you for informing me so particularly of the situation of the different Tribes of the Six Nations; & of the Number of the Mohawks & Oneidoes. If you can form any Judgment of the Number of the Onondagas, Cayugaes & Senekas, I should be glad to know it also.

There is a great Similarity between all Nations whilst in an uncivilized State. History evinces how slowly Mankind emerge out of Barbarism, & with what Difficulty they are brought to cultivate Arts, throw aside their Savage Manners, & adopt those that are more refined. Experience shews that this is the Case with our Indians. Any Attempt to reduce them suddenly from their present vagrant Kind of Life, to our Manners & Way of Life, I apprehend would be fruitless. Christianizing & Civilizing should go Hand in Hand. They would mutually assist each other. Their Civilization must be the Work of Time, &

altho it should not be wholly neglected, yet the Attempts at first, I think, should not be vigorous, nor go further than may appear necessary to instruct them in Christianity; so that the one may insensibly rise out of, & be subservient to, the other. This Caution is necessary to prevent the Alarm their Jealousy might otherwise raise as you have frequently hinted.

The first Step towards civilizing them is to give them a Turn for cultivating the Earth, & learning some of the more simple & necessary Mechanic Arts. Suppose then something of this Sort were taken into the intended plan—that Encouragement were given to a few Farmers, a Smith, a Taylor, a Carpenter, or some such Mechanics, which would not be attended with much Expence—suppose, I say, Encouragement were given to these to settle at some of the Indian Towns to instruct those who were willing to be instructed in their respective Branches, would it not be proper? You must be the best Judge of the Expediency or Probability of Success in this Measure. and I the rather mention it because it was strongly recommended in a plan of this Sort drawn up by the late pious & judicious Dr. Bray; & because this has been tried by Dr. Wheelock, & much approved in England; tho I cannot tell what Success he has had; for he has published no late Account of his Proceedings, so far as I can learn. I request that in your next you will favour me with your Sentiments on this Head.

By a Letter from Col. Clause written a little before he set out for Canada, I learn that my Godson at Fort Hunter is a fine, thriving Boy, which gives me much pleasure. By Dr. Shuck-burrough I send him a Cap & Tunic, which I imagined would please his parents, & induce them to think I am mindful of the Relation in which I stand to him. I also send a Letter to his Father, John Odeserundy; & as you will probably see him soon, I would beg the Favour of you to interpret it. I would willingly keep up the favourable Opinion those poor, well meaning people seemed to entertain of Dr. Cooper & myself when we waited on you; & it may also contribute to make them think well of the Church Clergy that may be sent among them.

We have Accounts from England that Mr Andrews¹ is ordained & appointed for Skenectady, as is Mr. Steward² for the Mohawk Mission. This Intelligence I hope is true. I know it will give you pleasure & convince the Mohawks that the Society have not forgot them.

Lord Dunmore is arrived. The Whigs had great Expectations from him, thinking he was a Presbyterian. But they are intirely mistaken. No certain Judgment can yet be formed of his Character. He appears to be affable, polite & good natured. Lord Bottetourt, Governor of Virginia, is dead. Sir W^m Draper, who sailed this Day for England with his Lady, Mr. Oliver DeLancey's Daughter, it is thought will succeed him. This however is only Conjecture, founded on Sir William's declared Inclination to settle in America.

By this Time I hope you are returned in Health from the Excursion you mentioned. That Health, & every other Blessing, temporal & spiritual, may attend you, is the sincere, unfeigned Wish & Prayer of,

Worthy Sir,

Your most affectionate,

And much obliged,

humble Servant,

To SIR W^m JOHNSON Baron!

CHARLES INGLIS.

P. S. My best Compliments wait on Sir John—I wish there were any Thing in our City that would induce him to pay us a Visit this Winter—There is much Company—many amiable Ladies—are not these sufficient Inducements?

INDORSED: New York 8^{br}. 25th. 1770

The Revr^d Mr Inglis letter rec^d.

the 13th Novbr. — wth. one for John Mohawk.

¹ Rev. William Andrews.

² Rev. John Stuart.

BENJAMIN ENGLISH'S BILL TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

D.

New York October 26:1770

Mr. John Weatherhed	To Benj ⁿ . English	Dr.
To 12 fire Buckets @ 16/	£9...12...0	
painting and marking 2/6	1...10...0	
To 1 Box to put them in	0...5...6	
	<hr/>	
	£11...7...6	

JOHANNES RUFF'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

The Honorable

Sir William Johnsons Account

To 1 Quart & a pint of Wine.....	£0..6...0
To 5 Bowls of Tody & one Quart Sperr ^{ts}	0..10...6
To 5 Suppers one Loaf of Bread..	0...6...6
To 5 Suppers for the Servents....	0...5...0
To 1 Jill of Rum & Egg dram....	0...2...6
To 1 Loaf of Bread & 6 Qua ^{ts} : of Speretts for Mr Wallace.....	0..19...6
10r. 1 st . To 1 Bair Skin one Jill Sperre ^{ts} & 1 p ^t Wine	0...8...6
To 1 Sheep one Cake & one pair of Buckless	1...4...0
T 3 Loaves of Bread & 19 Quarts of Wine	4...0...6
To 5 Scipple of Potatoes & 1/2 Scipple Turnaps	0..10...6
To 5 Breakfasts for the Gentlemen.	0...5...0
To 4 Breakfasts for Your Serv ^{ts} ...	0...3...0
3 To Sundrys for Sir John & Company Coming & Going	3..14...1

25	To 3 Bowls of Tody to the Servents.	0...4...6
	To 2 Servents Supper & 1 Nip of Tody	0...2...9
	To 2 Breakfasts to your Servents..	0...2...0
	To 6 Servents dinners & 1 Bowl Tody	0...7...6
	To 1 Bowl of Egg Punch.....	0...2...6
	To 1 Bottle of Wine.....	0...4...0
	To 1 Double Bowl Tody.....	0...3...0
	To 5 Dinners	0...7...6
	To 1 Loaf Bread	0...1...6
	To 1 Bowl Egg Punch.....	0...2...6
	To Sugar at Tea.....	0...1...0
	To 1 Bottle of Wine & 1 Doube. Bowl Tody	0...7...0
	To 4 Suppers	0...4...0
	To 4 Servents Suppers & 2 Bowls Tody 1 J. R.....	0...7...4
	To 1 Egg Dram	0...2...0
	To 1 Supper for an Endian & 1 Nip Tody	0...1...6
	[]ing for James & 1 Pint of Rum to Endian	0...3...5
	[] Breakfasts for the Gentlemen.	0...2...0
	[] Servents Breakfasts for the Servents	0...2...0
	[] of Bread	0...3...0
		<hr/>
		£15..18...7

The Honorable

Sir William Johnsons Acc^t. for Riding

[]	To 4 Loads from the Endian Field.	£1...0...0
	To 2 Battoes over this place.....	0...6...0
	To 3 Loads to Reneda Creek....	3...0...0

made & by this Opp[ortunity] [] to you along with
 the Bill Parcels of the Same [] of your] Account Current as
 it Stands this Day [on] my Books. I shall be very glad of
 your fresh Commands & in the meantime I remain with Sincere
 Regards

Sir your most Obedient Servant
 JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bart
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

N York 29th. 8^{br}. 1770

Mr. Wetherheads letter
 wth. his Acct.
 Ansrd. —

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S ACCOUNT

A. D.

[] Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart. in Account
 with John Wetherhead

To Sundry Hams & Tongues as P Bill parcells Sent you	£17...9...9
[] 10 Bls Pork & 76 Gallons Methigtin as P d ^o .	65...2...
[] Sundries as P Bill parcels	46..10...2
[] Sundries as per D ^o .	69...5..5-
[] Sundries, Spelling Books Gridles &c ^a	2...4...
[] Sundries, Raisins Biscuits &c ^a	16..17...8½
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	£217...8...7½

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Pr. Contra Cr.

[]	your Draft on Mr Martin	140
	Ballance due to You	£77...8...7½
[]	paid for 12 fire Bucketts &c ^a as Pr Acc enclosd	11...7...6
	Ballance due to You	£88..16...1½

INDORSED:¹

John Wetherheads Acc^t.

Octbr. 29th. 1770—

Ball to Him £88..16...1½

FROM ROBERT ADEMS

A. L. S.

New York October 30th. 1770

SIR

As I may be detained here 8 or 10 days longer on Account of the London Ships not being Arrived, thought it best to forward the undermentioned Articles, (which have directed to the care of Mr. Thomas Shipboy in Albany) the rest of the Memorandum shall take up with me, as there is some of the principal things not to be had at present. I am with the greatest respect

1 hh^d. Molosses

1 d^o. fine Salt

4 Barrels Coarse d^o.

15 d^o. Scyder

1 d^o. wth. Rhode Island Cheese

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

ROBT. ADEMS

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

¹ In Johnson's hand,

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Bart.

at

Johnson Hall

} Capl.

Henry Wendal }

INDORSED:¹N York October 30th. 1770

Mr. Adem's Letter ———

ORDER TO ROBERT ADEMS

*A. D. S.**Johnson Hall October 31st 1770*

SIR/

Pay unto Mr. Jeles Fonda of the
Mohawk Country Merc^t. or order on
Demand the Sum of Two Hundred Seventy
Nine Pounds, Six Shillings & five Pence
Half penny New York Currc^y, & charge
it to Acc^t. of yr. Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

To M^r ROBERT ADEMS
at New York or Elsewhere

Rec^d. New York 16 Nov^r. 1770

the above Contents ———

DANIEL STEEL

INDORSED:

Major Jeles Fondas Recpt.

for £279...6...51/2

Nov^r. 16th. 1770¹ In Johnson's hand.

JELLES FONDA'S ACCOUNT

D. S.

Caughnawga 5th Sept. 1769 Dr.

[] William Johnson Bart. &c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

[] To Jelles Fonda }
 [] To 72 Cwt. Gun powder @ my Fathers Wag- }
 goner

[] To 2½ dozen Buttens @ order
 [] To 6 Scipple Course Salt @ Van Sicklans ord^d.
 20 To 4 d^o. 6/
 30 1 Tapborrer @ Ser^t. Boy

Decr. 7 To 20 Blankits of 111 points @ order 12/
 To 6 white Shirts 14/
 To 6 d^o. Courser 11/
 To pd. for Carrige to the Hall
 10 To 1 Lock @ Molly

£7.. 0.. 0
 0.. 3.. 9
 1.. 16.. 0
 1.. 4.. 0
 1.. 6
 12.. 0.. 0
 4.. 4.. 0
 3.. 6.. 0
 .. 4.. —
 .. 2..

30.. 1.. 3

To 1 Slay Line 2½ lbs. 1/6
 To 2 Blankits of 111 points @ self 14/

3.. 9
 1.. 8.. 0

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JELLES FONDA'S ACCOUNT — Continued

Janry.	20	To 6 Cotton Hankertchifs $\text{\textcircled{F}}$ order	2/6	15..—
		To 2 pair Womens Leather Shoes	8/	16..—
24	To 6 English Striped Blankits $\text{\textcircled{F}}$ Van Sicklan	15/	4..10.. 0	
25	To 1 pair Womens Leather Shoes $\text{\textcircled{F}}$ order		0.. 8.. 0	
March	7	To 1 Blankit of 111 points ordred to Perry a Seneca Indian		—..12..—
13	To Cash paid Rich ^d . Hansen for Carrying Tho ^s . King and family from hence to Col ^o . Croghan's $\text{\textcircled{F}}$ order		1..—..—	
16	To Cash paid Thicknecked Thomas from Canajoharry for asisting Mr. Mitcaff in a Survey $\text{\textcircled{F}}$ order of Col ^o . Croghan & Col ^o . Buttler		1..12..—	
20	To 3 Oars sent to Sachendago	3/	.. 9..—	
	to 4 paddles sent to d ^o .	1/6	.. 6..—	
	To Cash paid Adam Fonda for riding Battows to Sachendago	16/	1..12..—	
[	Ill Files $\text{\textcircled{F}}$ order by V. Sicklan	2/	.. 4..—

13..15.. 9

43..17.. 0

1770	Brought Forward	[
March	25 To your order favr. the Mohawk Indians for 1 Cwt. Shott]	
	31 To 28 lbs Shott ⌘ order by an Indian]	
April	5 To 3 lbs powder & 4 lbs Shott ⌘ order to a Cahuga Indian]	
	16 To 2 lbs powder & 4 lbs Shott to a Seneca Indian ⌘ order.	}	11..—
	30 To 12 lbs Shott ⌘ order by Mr. Wade.....9d	}	9..—
May	1 To 40 lbs Nails ⌘ Sir John's Order 1/		2.. 0.. 0
	2 To 28 lbs fine pidgen Shott.....		15..—
	To Sunds, per order of Colo. Johnson for the Buriel of Zacheriah a Mohawk	}	
	1 Large Blankit of Stroud.....		1.. 4.. 0
	1 Large fine Shirt.....		16..—
	1¾ Ells of purpell Frize.....4/6		7.. 10½
	2 Gallons of Rum.....4/		8..—
	17 lbs Pork.....7d		9.. 11
	17 lbs Flower.....		3.. 6
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			11.. 7.. []

JELLES FONDA'S ACCOUNT—Continued

The Satchems informed me he was very poor and that it was a Custom amongst them to give provisions at the Funeral of a grown person—

6 Sunds. for Donn the Indians Funeral $\text{\textcircled{f}}$ order

1 Large Blankit of Stroud.....	1.. 4.. 0
1 Large white Shirt.....	..16..—
2 Gallons of Rum.....	.. 8..—
1 Pair Indian Stockings.....	.. 4..—
11 To 42 lbs Iron $\text{\textcircled{f}}$ my Fathers Waggon.....	..15..—
15 To 3 Gallons Rum $\text{\textcircled{f}}$ M ^c . Griger & a Indian boy	12..—
17 To Cash p ^d . Volchert Vudor for Carrige of a Small Battow to Sachendaga	1..—..—
To 3 Poles & 2 paddles for d ^o.....	..10.. 6
21 To 3 Gall ^s . Rum To Tuskorora Indian $\text{\textcircled{f}}$ order	..12..—
28 To 3 Gall ^s . d ^o . & Keg $\text{\textcircled{f}}$ order.....	..14..—
To 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Ells purpell Frize.....	..14.. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
29 To 20 Scipple Wheat $\text{\textcircled{f}}$ order Jeremiah Connly	3..10.. 0
19 To 1 piece Garlix 50/& 2 Knives 2/6 $\text{\textcircled{f}}$ order by a Cahuga Indian	2[]

June

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£68..16.. 8

Brought Forward

[]	Rum to Jacoquenda a Onandaga ☿	0.. 4.. 0
[]	Col. Butlers order.....	0.. 3.. 0
[]	Mr Abbet.....1/6	1..11.. 0
[]	4 pieces Gimp ☿ order by Peter 7/9	0.. 7.. 6
To	5 pair H Hinges ☿ Mr Abbitts order	1.. 4.. 0
To	4 Britch Clouts ☿ order by the Chorikees 6/...	2.. 8.. 0
To	4 Shirts.....d°.....12/...	..14..—
To	1 lb Vermillon.....d°.....	.. 4..—
To	1 Lookinglass.....d°.....	1.. 8.. 0
To	2 white Shirts ☿ order by a Turcke }...14/...	..12..—
	Indian .....	..10..—
To	2 Large Laps.....d°.....6/...	.. 2..—
To	1 Brass Kettle.....d°.....	2..10..—
15	To Cash p ^d . a Negro for asisting Mr Abbit } with the Goods when going to the Flatts	.. 4..—
17	To Cash p ^l . for a Barrell Limes in Albany	1.. 4.. 0
	To Carrige of d°. to Sch ^v	
	To 1 Large Iron Bound Chest	
	Mr. Adems to put goods in	
	when going to the Congress	
	To 74 pieces Gartering ☿ Mr Adems 6/6.....	24.. 1.. 0
		13.. 5.. 6

JELLES FONDA'S ACCOUNT — Continued

To 1 dozen Large Lookinglasses ₧ d°.....	2.. 2.. 0
To 3 dozen Smaller d°..... ₧ d° 38/..	5.. 14.. 0
To 12 dozen Jell Cups, painted..... 12/..	7.. 4.. 0
To 26 pieces Silk & Worsted Gimps..... 7/9..	10.. 1.. 6
To ½ Cwt. Gunpowder.....	7.. 0.. 0
To 1 Ct. 3Qr. 0 Shott..... 55/..	4.. 16.. 3
To 0..3..7 Lead 55/..	2.. 4.. 8¼
To the Hire of 4 Battows and Tools to go } 12/..	2.. 8.. 0
to Rudolf Shoemakers with Store..... }	
To 5 Gallons of Rum to the 4 Boats Crews 4/	1.. 0.. 0
To a Keg with d°.....	.. 2.. —
To 3 Sheep ₧ order of Col°. Clause to the } 14/..	2.. 2.. 0
Caughnawaga & Ottawa Indians..... }	
To ½ Barrell Pork to d°. ₧ d°.....	2.. 10.. 0
[] Bread Pease & Corn..... to d°.	1.. 12.. 0
[] Blankits of 111 points got at } 16/..	16.. 0.. 0
[Germ]an Flatts ₧ order of Mr. Adems }	
[] Rum at d°. 12/6 & 1 Britch Clout 6/	.. 18.. 6

 £171..18..1¼

1770

Brought Forward

July 27	To 1/2 C ^t . Gunpowder ₹ order by a Cahuga	[
	To 1 dozen Large Lookinglasses	[
	To 12 men for their Trip a Battowing		
	from hence to Rudolf Shomakers with		
	Stores for the Congress they finding		21.. 0.. 0
	themselves in Provisions		
	To 4 men detained 7 days at Shoemakers		5.. 12.. 0
	assisting with the Oxen &c ^a is 28 days		
31	To 25 Gallons Rum to the Mussesagoes		6.. —.. —
	4/ & 10 Kegs with d ^o . 2/ ₹ order		
	To 3 Gall ^s . Rum ₹ order of Col ^o . Butler		.. 12.. —
	to a Nother party of the same Nation		
	To 6 Setting poles a 2/6 & 4 Paddles 1/6 to d ^o .		1.. 1.. 0
	₹ order of Col ^o . Butler.....		.. 14.. —
Aug ^t .	To 1 Sheep to d ^o . ₹ order of d ^o.....		.. 1.. —
8	To Cash p ^d . a Seneca Indian for Carrying		.. 3.. —
	a Box Lemons to the Hall.....		.. 3.. —
10	To 1 dozen Cups & Saucers ₹ order.....		
	To 1/2 dozen pewter Spoons ₹ d ^o		44.. 8.. 0

JELLES FONDA'S ACCOUNT—Continued

	To a Black Ox ₥ Mr Abbit.....	5..—..—
11	To 1/2 C: Gunpowder ₥ order.....	7..—..—
	To 0.3 Q ^{rs} . 2lbs. Lead & Shott ₥ d ^o	2.. 2.. 11½
	To 30 Gall's. Rum ₥ d ^o . to the Otwas 4/.....	6..—..—
	To 10 Kegs with d ^o.....2/.....	1..—..—
	To 4 Castor Hatts to the Mussisagoes } 20/..	4.. 0.. 0
	₥ order	
13	To 5 Castor Hatts to the Benekees ₥ order 20/..	5.. 0.. 0
	To 100 Lemons sent you by an Indian.....	1.. 4.. 0
27	To 4 Gallons Rum to 2 Seneca Indians ₥ order	0.. 16.. 0
	To 2 Kegs with d ^o.....2/.....	0.. 4.. 0
30	To J ⁿ ° Mynderson p ^d . for 3 doz Cups & Saucers 3/	0.. 9.. 0
	To Isaac Swits for 2 pewter Teapotts..8/.....	0.. 16.. 0
	To Cash p ^d . J ⁿ ° a Mowhawk Lad for Carrying } the Cups & Saucers to the Hall.....	0.. 1.. 6
8	To 1 Cwt. Lead ₥ order.....	2.. 15.. 0
	To 1/2 Cwt. Gun Powder Bought in Albany for which I paid a high price.....	7.. 5.. 0
	To 1 piece Linen 25 Yards.....3/4.....	[]
Sept.		

£264.. 2..10³/₄

Brought up

[]	To 1 lbs fine Shott	⌘er Aron.	£ 0.. 1.. 6
[]	To 30 lbs Nails	⌘ Order of Sir John.	1..10.. 0
[]	To 2 Gall's.	Rum & Keg.d°	0..10.. 0
[]	To 2 Scipple Salt	⌘ Mr Abbit.6/	0..12.. 0
[]	To Cash paid Adam Fonda for sending a Fishing Net from hence to Rodolf Shoemakers ⌘ order of Sir John		1..10.. 0
[]	To 1 lb powder 4/ & 4 lbs Lead	⌘ order of } Col°. Guy Johnson to a Seneca.	0.. 7.. 6
[]	To 1 Gall Rum & Keg to d°.		0.. 6.. 0
[]	To Cash paid Thomas the Onida } minister ⌘ order d°.		0..16.. 0
[]	To 1 lb powder 4/ & 2 lbs Lead	⌘ Peter.	0.. 5.. 6
23	To 1 Ax & Crooked Knife	⌘ order of } Col°. Johnson to Kickhowa an nandago }	0.. 5.. 0
	To 9 lbs Lead.	⌘ d°. 9d.	0.. 6.. 9
	To 1 Small Blankit.	. . . . .d°.	0.. 8.. 0
	To 3/4 Ell Strouds.	. . . . .d°.	0.. 7.. 6
	To 1 Worsted Cap.	. . . . .d°.	0.. 4.. 0
	To 1 Gallon of Rum & Keg	d°.	0.. 6.. 0

7..15.. 9

JELLES FONDA'S ACCOUNT — Concluded

To 1 Blankit of Strouds for the burial of Mosses Child ₤ order.....	1..	4..	0
To 2 Ells fine Linen 8/ & 1 Gallon Rum. 4/.....			..12..—
[17]69 Sund ^s . of Sir John's acc ^t . viz			
[Jil 13 To 1 Cheese in Lead Qty 93½ lbs... 10½ ^d	4..	1..	9¾
[J 25 To 24 lbs Nails ₤ order..... 1/.....	1..	4..	0
[J 5 To 6 lbs d ^o . ₤ d ^o 1/.....	..	6..—	5..11.. 9¾

Rec^d. the above Contents by a Bill on Mr Robert Adems

£279.. 6.. 5½

Johnson Hall the
31 Oct. 1770

INDORSED:¹

Sir W^m. Johnson
His acc^t. with

Jelles Fonda
p^d. £279.. 6.. 5½

By a Draft on Mr. Adems

For Mr. Jelles Fonda
DAN^L STEEL

¹ Last line of indorsement in Johnson's hand.

ORDER TO ROBERT ADEMS

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall, Novbr. 1st. 1770

Pay unto Guy Johnson Esq^r. the Sum
of one Hundred Pound York Cur^{cy}. & Charge
it to Acc^t. of Y^r. Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

To M^r. ROBERT ADEMS—

BILL OF JOHN GLEN JR

D. S.

[] 69.	Sir William Johnson Bar ^t .			
	To John Glen Jun ^r .	Dr. S.	d	
April To 2	Battoos @ £7-10	£15...	0...	0...
4	Oars @ 2/6	0...	10...	0...
6	Seting Poles @ 1/6	0...	9...	0...
6	Common Pad ^s . @ 1/2	0...	7...	0...
2	Scoups @ 9 ^d	0...	1...	6
		=====		
		£16...7...6		

Novb. 1st 1770 then Rec^d. the above

Sum of Sir W Johnson in full¹—

JOHN GLEN

INDORSED:²

John Glens Acc^t.

with

Sir W^m. Johnson

Ac^t. paid—

£16..7..6—

¹ Receipt in Johnson's hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

TO THE EARL OF DUNMORE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Nov^r. 1st. 1770*

[] LORD

Upon my return Two days ago from a Tour to the Country of the Senecas I received the agreeable news of your Lordships Safe arrival at the Seat of Government of this Province on which I think it my duty, most Sincerely to congratulate you which I do with the greater pleasure from the very favorable impressions I have received of your Lordship from all my friends.

I shall not in this Letter enter upon any matters of buisness which from the Nature of my Offices may at a more Convenient time be necessary to be Laid before your Lordship, only assuring you that I shall always pay due attention to your Commands and omit no opportunity of demonstrating my inclination to render you any Services within my power.

I have the honor to be

with great Esteem

. My Lord &c

[] Honorable

[] DUNMORE

INDORSED:

To the R^t. hon^{ble}.

The Earl of Dunmore

on his arrival as Gov^r. of N. York

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

*A. L. S.**Schenectady the 2^d November 1770*

DEAR SIR

The Inclosed letter I have Received from Collin Andrews with directions from him to pay you Thirty pounds Sterling which

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

you was so good as to Advance to his Brother — the bill on me for that Sum is Also in your letter which I have Accepted & shall pay the money as you will direct me

I am hapy you have returned Home again in Good health, & hope the jaunt may be a means to make you perfectly well no news here worth your notice. M^{rs} Campbell joins me with her best Respects

I am Dear Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹
Novbr. 2^d 1770

Daniel Campbel Esq^{rs}.
Letter wth. Inclosures
Ansrd. 8th. Inst.

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Niagara 2^d Nov^r 1770

SIR

In my letter of the 10th Ult^o. I had the honor of informing you that I had Sent the Interpreter to the Genesee Village desiring Some of the Sachems of the Seneka Tribe to come in here that I might relate to them the affair that happen'd on the 12th of said month, when four of their People fired upon the Soldiers in the Battoe, They accordingly arrived here on the 30th with their Colours &^{ca} and soon came to my Quarters, The Particulars of what happened that and the Succeeding Days, I have now the honor of enclosing to you, —

I am very happy that the affair has taken so good a turn, the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Chiefs seemd Sincere in what they said,—So,ge,wa, Spoke for the Old Men, and As, ka, che, ang for the Warriors

I have the honor to be with the greatest Esteem and respect
Sir

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

ADDRESSED:

The Honble

Sir W^m Johnson &^{ca}

INDORSED:¹

Niagara 2^d. 9^{br}. 1770

Cap^t. Browns Letter

wth. Inclosure—

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

[Niag]ara 4th Nov^r 1770

SIR

I had the honor of writing to you on the 2^d Instant covering an Acco^t of What pass'd betwixt the Seneka Cheifs, their Warriors and me, relative to their firing on the Soldiers in the Battoe on the 12th of October, —

I am now sorry to inform you, that this morning the Soldier Dyed,—As,ku,che,an, the Cheif Warrior had not left this place, he came to me in the morn^g and desired leave to goe and See the Corpse, which I allowed him,—Soy,e,wa, who had Slept in the woods returnd on hearing the news,—I put him in mind of his promise he appear'd Sorry for the Death of the man and said that he rememberd it well, and would be the Bearer of this letter to you,—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

If they Deliver up the Person that Shot the Soldier, I think that they doe well

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most obed^t and most
humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

[] hon^{ble} }
[] JOHNSON }

P. S. Please to forward the Inclosd—

J. B.

DONALD McGRIGOR'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

The Hon^{able} Sir William Johnson's Acct.

To Don^d. Mc.Grigor Dr.

To Eight p ^r . of Shoes @ 9/ p ^r	}	3-12-0
brought by Petter Service—		
Overseer fore the use of the	}	
Negors in the Year 1767 —		

1770 June 11 th To 2 Gallons of Rum fore	}	0- 8-8
the Party Worked on the Road		

£4- 0-8

Novbr. 5th. 1770, then Received of
Sir W Johnson Bar^t. the above Sum
in full¹

DONALD Mc. GRIGOR

INDORSED:²

Acc^t.

Sir

William Johnson

to Donald Mc.Grigor

.. £4..0..8 paid—

¹ Receipt in Johnson's hand.

² Last two lines in Johnson's hand.

TO ABRAHAM LOTT

Df.¹Johnson hall Nov^r. 7th 1770

[] been favord with Your Letters of the 22^d. Aug^t. and former with M^r. Kellys overtook me on my way to the so that I could not Answer it 'till my return, the latter [] The friendship I have for M^r. Kelly and my [] for your Character and Abilities would alone prove Sufficient Inducements for me to give your Association any Countenance in my power, Whilst the Nature of his Scheme and the very important Commerical Discovery he had made would lay a Just Claim to it,—I can only regret that it is little in my power tho' much in my inclination to promote your design and this I have so fully explained in my Letter to M^r Kelly (which accompanies this & to which being sent open I refer you) [*from the Very Slender ann^l Allowance made at present by the Gov^t. for the Services of my Department, and the Various Expences attending the same that furnishes me of late with very few opportunities of Sending for goods, as well as in that there is a Gentleman in England who has Transacted the little matters I have there so far to my satisfaction that I cannot at present Consistently withdraw them out of his hands*]² That I am persuaded M^r Kelly and yourself will not impute my Want of Capacity to that of Inclination to Serve you and indeed the advantages of his Scheme which he has very Judiciously pointed out will alone render it unnecessary to say more upon that head, However, until it may happen to be more in my own power to serve your undertaking I shall very readily [] my friends, and with the person you mention [] dealings are not exactly known to me: Indeed the [] described by M^r. Kelly Joyned to the Judicious [] Choice of an Associate, and the plan he has laid down for Us [] Such as to require only the being known to be attended with [] Imaginable Success,—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Words italicized and bracketed are crossed out in the manuscript.

The Extract you inclosed me does honor to Mr. Kelly, and Sufficiently point out his Abilities for the Agency of this Colony for which I dare say he will find many friends — for my part I am so little acquainted with the Nature of the business you Mention that I am really at a Loss, how, or in what manner my Interest could be employed, but I dare say for the reasons already given, he will not Stand in Need of my Assistance. After perusal I beg you will Seal & forward my Letter to Mr Kelly whose Joynt Success with you, I shall always be glad to hear of or to promote as far as I can, being with much esteem —

AB^{RM}. LOTT Esq^r.

Sir,

INDORSED:

Nov^r. 7th. 1770 —

To Ab^m. Lott Esq^r. —
with one to Mr Kelly. —

SAMUEL STRINGER'S RECEIPT

D. S.¹

Johnson Hall Novbr. 7th. 1770 then Received of Sir W Johnson Bart. the Sum of Eighteen Hundred Sixty Seven Pounds, Ten & Eight Pence being in full for a Cargoe of English goods sold to him for the Use of the Indians, also in full of a Draft from Dan^l Claus Esq^r. on him for Twenty three Pounds four & Nine pence both inclusive, —

DAN'L STRINGER

£1867. . 10. . 8 Curcy.

INDORSED:²

[]

Recpt. for

£1867. . 10. . 8

¹ Receipt in Johnson's hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

EDWARD KESSEDY'S BILL

D. S.

[	17]70	The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bart.	
		To Edward Kessedy Mason	Dr.
		To 42½ Days Work done in Sept ^r .	
		and October @ 5/ ⁷ d.....	£10..12..6
		Deducted	6..16..9
			<hr/>
			£3..15..9

Johnson Hall Novbr. 7th. 1770
 Rec^d. of Sir W. Johnson Bart. the above Sum¹
 in full of all Demands to this Day

His
 EDWARD × KASSADY
 Mark

Sir Will^m. Johnson's Ac^t.

INDORSED:²

Edward Kassady
 Mason his Bill
 £10..12..6p^d.

TO WILLIAM KELLY

*Df.*³

Johnson hall Nov^r. 7th 1770.

DEAR SIR

On my late Journey to the Country of the Senecas I was overtaken by your favor of June last which I was obliged to deferr answering till my return

I now desire you may be assured that your Letter gave me much satisfaction, and I was very happy to find that you had fallen upon a Scheme which will prove of use to many persons

¹ Receipt and signature in Johnson's hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

³ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

and promises much advantage to yourself. on the former accounts It deserves a more general encouragement, on the latter It interests me much from the Friendship I shall allways retain for you; It is most certain however that upon this occasion and at this Time It is not in my power to give you particular or more Convincing proof of my sincere regards for your interest and indeed I flatter myself that your idea of my friendship does not require a particular demonstration;— You I believe very well know that my Dealings in England are at present very trifling, — It is many years Since I had any thing to do in a Commercial way, and for sometime past the present System of Economy has Limited the Expences of my Department to so small an Annl. Sum for purposes so Extensive that was I not well acquainted with the most advantageous Mode of applying it to attain the ends expected from my Office It would be impossible for me to render the Government any services from so Slender a Stipend, I am therefore obliged after paying the Services of those whose asistance is absolutely Necessary, to apply the residue to the Supplying such wants as are most urgent amongst the Indians and for such other purposes, as the peculiar State of Disposition of particular Nations may require, according to Circumstances; a particular detail of these matters is too tedious to enter into, but I believe you will readily conceive that such a Fund, subject to such various applications, and these so uncertain from their depending on peculiar events and Exigences, will seldom allow me to lay in any Material Assortment of goods for presents, and where it has been done I have employed a Gentleman whose Conduct I am so well Satisfied that I cannot consistently withdraw my slender business from him immediately, At the same time allow me to assure you that [] Shall be in my power thro' more Extensive dealings, or other [] I shall gladly give your undertaking that Countenance, which I wish it was now in my power to afford it, and indeed As far as my Recommendation here will go, you may freely []

I cannot avoid observing that the important discovery [you]

made in the business of Commissions &c^a is a manifest proof [not] only of your great attention but of your peculiar Abilities in affairs [of] Commerce, which as they are so interesting to all Merchants here must redound much to your honor, as well as to your advantage because it not only deserves but demands encouragement, and the Gentleman with whom you have associated yourself, together with [the] Judicious steps you purpose for Conducting your undertaking, give farther Assurance of its Success, on which account I think I may Safely anticipate my felicitations and I hope you will give me frequent opportunities of hearing the progress you make for I shall allways [] your Correspondence, and gladly serve you to the utmost of my power

INDORSED:¹

[]

To W^m. Kelly Esq^r.
London

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Nov^r. 8th. 1770.

DEAR SIR/

On my return home which was about a Week ago, Coll. Johnson delivered me your favor of the 8th. Ult^o., which he had Answered by a few Lines, As to the design of the Indians of Scioto, I Expect to be better informed within a little time, as the Nations in this Quarter are not themselves yet acquainted with the whole designs of these people neither have any but the Six Nations of Ohio Sent Depty^s. to attend it excepting only those who went with the Messages agreed to at the late Treaty which you will find in the Minutes I transmitted, [*these Messengers*

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

passed through the Seneca Country on their way to the Southward, whilst I was there, and those from Canada left home on the same errand about a Month ago.] — I went as far as the Seneca Country, but spent the greatest part of my time at the Cayuga Lake where I was daily Visitted by Indians from all the neighbouring Villages, whilst I was there a party of Senecas & Cayugas who had been to the Southward wth. Design to Attack y^e. Chactaws returned with 4 Scalps taken from that people by the Cherokees who (agreable to a Custom often practised amongst Indians) delivered them to the party on entering their Town, These people add that there were sev^l. parties out against the Chactaws, but whether they mean to prosecute it much farther is uncertain. To keep up a Spirit for War amongst their people is a Maxim of politicks which they never forget, and tho' the Chiefs may approve of forming Alliances together perhaps for no good purposes, they will find it extremely hard to prevail on the generality of the Warriors to lay down their Arms, because the latter do really think they atchieve more reputation in quarrells amongst themselves as Well from the nature of their warfare, as from the Length of their Journeys and the difficulties they have to Surmount.—

I have not been able to discover any present appearances of disaffection in the Six Nations in General, and whatever will be the Issue of the Scioto Meeting I am certain I shall be Sufficiently Informed, to prevent any ill designs from Spreading too far.

I have just now received from Cap^t. Brown [the] disagreeable news That a party of 5 Senecas having plundered [] Traders near Fort Erie & Carried their boat to an Island [

] were relieved and the boat restored thro' means of a p[arty] from that Garrison, who afterwards at the request of the Indians ferryed them to the Main, when the Latter imediately on Landing fired on the party Shot one Man thro' the body & wounded some others slightly with Small Shot, That a few days afterwards these Indians came to Niagara when Capt Brown made them prisoners until your pleasure should be known,

and has since sent an Acco^t. of the Affair to the Chenussio Castle, I have not been particular [as] Cap^t. Brown has wrote to you upon it, neither have I any observation to make upon it, because they deserve to be taught that such Crimes are not to pass with impunity; At the same time I am heartily sorry for it for I know them and their Apprehensions in these Cases so well that I shall not be surprised if it occasions alarming belts to be sent thro' the Nations that we design to attack them &^{ca}.— The Ind^s. had taken a Keg of Vinegar over in the boat imagining it to be Rum. Indeed that Liquor which they have of late more than ever complained of is the foundation of most of our little disputes with them & will remain so till its Sale is more restricted & Limited to particular Garrisons, as under the French Government, for altho Drunkenness from Maxim of policy is no Justification, in a Court of Law, it must greatly Lessen the Offence in a Court of Conscience, especially when the Offenders have no bounds or Government of themselves under these Circumstances and yet thro' our own Avariciousness are daily tempted with Boat Loads of that darling Liquor which in their Cooler moments they beg may be prohibited.

I herewith Transmit you my Accots to 24th. Sept^r. which should have been sent sooner but for my Absence from home,— Andrew Wemple has again requested of me that I may apply for & receive his [] Likewise—I have lately found an Entry of the Acct concerng which I form[erly] wrote you of Expences incurred by Capt Stephenson amt^g to £34 [] which I beg leave to recommend, & also to request the fav^r. of your [] Ammount of my Disbursements.
Honble []

INDORSED:

Novb^r. 8th. 1770.

To Lieut Gen^l Gage
with an Acct of Disbursements &ca.—

TO OLIVER DE LANCEY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 471, is entered a letter of November 9th, to Oliver De Lancey, repeating the assurance that a strict accounting would show the Sir Peter Warren estate to be in Johnson's debt and saying that he will oppose in law any claim from that estate (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:979-80; Q, 2:567).

TO JAMES DE LANCEY

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Nov^r. 9th. 1770.

DEAR SIR,

Agreeable to your desire Expressed in a former Letter, I wrote you on the _____ last, and inclosed you some Remarks on the Bill which had been proposed concerning Highways, wherein was Expressed such matters as occurred to me in the parts with which I was most acquainted, for a great part of it Lay so much out of my Way that my Opinion thereon must have been Chiefly founded on Conjecture; As I had not the pleasure of hearing from you since, and as I am very sensible that there are Curious persons who might be tempted to pry into the Subject of our Correspondence, I have thought it necessary to enquire whether it came Safe to your hands, and to beg the favor of hearing from you on that, or on any other subject,

As the Assembly will I presume be soon called I dare say it will be a busy one, and that one party will make the boldest push in their power, tho' I believe with little Success, provided the rest are properly animated & continue united in Sentiments; one thing recommended to me, That is to speak to a Certain Number shall not be omitted, and I flatter myself that should the Division of the County come before the House, some regard Will be paid to the General desires of all the principal Inhabitants of this County, who notwithstanding the Artifices practised upon some of them are more then ever unanimous for the Division agreeable to the Petition sent to you, Leaving the Settlements of Scohare

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart.

[at]

Johnson [Hall]

INDORSED:¹

Novbr 12th. 1770

Mr. Wetherheads letter

FROM JOHN B. JOHN VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schenectady 10th Novm^r. 1770

HONOURD SIR

Wensday last I recev'd 8 waggon Loads, of goods, belonging to you, the next Day I sent off two battoes to Mr. Fondas Loaded with 1 Hogshed of Salt, 4 Barls D^o. 10 Barls of Sider, 1 half barl, & 1 large Box, and 1 barl of Oisters for Co^{ll}. Guy Johnson. there is about a battoe load Remaining here, which I intend to Send up next Week: my mother joys me in our kind Compliments.

I am Sir

Your most

humb^{le} Serv^t.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

JN^o. B. JN^o. VAN EPS

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honour^{ble}

Sir William Johnson Bart.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Novbr 10th. 1770

Mr Van Eps Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Nov 12 1770

S^R WILLIAM:

By Letter from England we find the Favorite Sloop of war arrived express from the South Sea with advice of the Spaniards having, with a Squadron of Frigates and Transports from Buenos Ayres, forcibly possessed themselves of Falkland's Island, notwithstanding it was Inhabited by British Subjects, this Intelligence occasioned a very hot press and orders for Eight & thirty Line of Battle Ships to be prepared for sea with the greatest Dispatch. A Carrier was expected from Spain in a few days whose arrival would decide for peace or War.

The Account of the total Destruction of the Turkish fleet is confirmed. The Plague has broke out on the Island Hispaniola in y^e West Indies and we in this place from our intimate Connexions in commerce with the Inhabitants of that Country, are full of fears least it should be brought hither.

Lord Dunmore has instituted a Suit in Chancery for half y^e perquisites of Government since y^e Demise of S H Moore against the Lieu^t Governor. It seems Lord Dunmore has brought an order of Government for this purpose.

I beg my humble respects may be given to S^r John and the Colonel. I fancy I shall soon notify a Declaration of War or Hostilities tantamount to it.

I am

S^r. William

Your most Obed Servt

JA RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED:

To

S^r W^m Johnson Bar^t

at Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹N York 9 br. 12th. 1770

Mr Rivingtons letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London Novr. 14th. 1770

[]

Nothing but an unfortunate Accident of a horses kick on my Leg which has laid me up Some time, occasions my writing to you from this place. I hope to be able to Ride in a day or two and Shall set out for Mr. Robinsons and from thence to the Hall. I was in hopes of having an Answer to the Letter I wrote from the Highlands, indeed I am afraid that Letter miscarried had Not Mr Robinson persuaded me to the Contrary I should have seen you before I Returned and am Extreemly Concerned I did not follow my own inclynations at that time — as it would have saved me a great deal of Anxiety and trouble, an Acco^t. of which I will not now trouble you with hoping to see you so soon —

A party from this and the Neighbour^s. towns returned yesterday from towards Susquehanna for which place they Set out Some weeks ago to Dislodge Ogden and his men They say that it was two late in the year to open the Campain but that Early in the Spring they will Carry all before them —

Large Quantities of goods it is said are already arrived at Boston when General Molyneaux at present Cuts a smal Figure and [] they are trying to shift of the Blame from one to a nother, however they have [] matters so well that the ships of war [] a great deal of money in the town and [] Very Plenty while they stay.

I have forwarded you the Papers the most particular news they Contain is the Victories of the Russians over the Turks — Mrs Chew is got pretty well and begs her best and most sincere Compliments to you which with Every wish in my power for your health and Happiness hope you will please to Accept of and be assured that I am most Respectfully with great truth

Dear Sir

Your most Obed & Most Hble Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

My Best Compliments to
 Sir John Col^o Johnson
 Col^o. Claus M^r Adams
 M^r Dayly & M^r Byrne

I shall be Extreemly Happy to have a Line or two from you put under Cover to Rev Robinson Esq^r. at the Highlands where I shall be before that or by the time it gets there —

The Honb^{le}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON BART.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honb^{le}.

Sir William Johnson Bart.

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

N London 9^{br}. 14th. 1770

Mr. Chews Letter

LAVRANCE BENDER'S ACCOUNT

D.

Lavrance Bender hird 15 May 1770 for 6
 Mounths for £6 his time is Expyerd the 15 of
 Nob^r 1770

Cash paid to him.....	0...16...0
1 pear Milled Stockings given by Sir William..	....7...0
Cash pd M ^r Adems for him Ocb ^r 2 S ^d.....	....7...0
	<hr/>
	£2...10...0

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 15th Nov 1770—

SIR

I did myself the Honor of writing You on the 4th Ult^o. ☉
Capt Munds, a Copy whereof I now transmitt You herewith—
sence which am without any of Your Favors—The Court of
Spain has amusd our Ministry with evasive negotiations, at least
it is so imagind. Seeing we have proceded no farther than exert-
ing ourselves in very vigorous Preparations for War—His Maj^s
Speech & the Language of Lord North in the House leave the
Event to be doubtful—Yet in my opinion a War is inevitable &
I look upon it that in 10 days We shall see a Declaration of it—

I am in hopes from the Confidence & Friendship which the
Indians entertain for His Majesty as well as for Yourself that
We shall meet no Interruption from that Quarter—Should it be
otherwise, the Supplies necessary for that Service must be
augmented very considerably—if I can be of any Use or Ser-
vice to You in this part of the World I beg the favour of Your
Commands with assurance of my being very sincerely

Sir

Your Obliged & Devoted Hble Serv

JOHN BLACKBURN

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^tINDORSED:¹London 15th. Novbr. 1770

Mr. Blackburns Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 471, is entered a letter of November 15th from Lord Hillsborough, Whitehall, informing of the King's commands to the governors to impress the assemblies with the need of regulating Indian trade and redressing injuries (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:253-54).

WILLIAM COCKBURN'S ACCOUNT AGAINST JELLAS FONDA

A. D. S.

1769 Mr Jilas Funda Dr To W^m Cockburn

[] 21, 28	To 8 days Surveying the Lands Between Conj and Schohary, on the West side Schohary Kill for Jos. Bowen & others	} £8. .— .— .—
	To a Traverse of Schohary Kill from a former Survey	} 2. .— .— .—
	To 6 days Waiting for the men from the Mohawk River, Rainy Wear. Coming and going out of the Woods	} 3. .— .— .—
	To Making a Return of the Survey to the Surveyor General	} 2. .— .— .—
	To Horse hire and Traveling Charges	— . . 16. .—
	To Bread, Milk, Lodging for Self men and Pasture for the Horse . .	— . . 12. . . 6
	To Sheffer to Shew Bonch & Beckers Bounds on Cabus Kill	} — . . . 4. .—
	To Limage paid by my man	} — . . — . . 6
	To 2 Men 14 days Each . . @ 3/	} 4. . . 4. .—
		<hr/> £20. . 17. .—

Nov^r 1770

To a Resurvey of the old Patent of Schohary the Boundrys being Shew'd me wrong befor 3 days	£3..—..—	
2 Men 3 days 24/& 3 men @ 3/.	2..11..—	
Provision &c	1..4..—	6..15..—
	<hr/>	<hr/>
		£27..12..—

Fort Johnson 15 Nov^r. 1770

Received from S^r William Johnson Bar^t.

the above Acc^t in full

WILL COCKBURN

INDORSED:¹

Acc^{tt}

Mr Jilas Fonda &ca
£27..12.. paid 1769
by Sir W Johnson

RECEIPT OF WILLIAM JOHNSTON, MILLWRIGHT

D. S.

Rec^d from Sir William Johnson by the
hands of Tho^s Flood fiveteen pound five
Shillings being in full of all acc^{ts}
I say Rec^d by me

WILLAM JOHNSTON

INDORSED:¹

W^m. Johnston Milwrights
Recpt^t. for £15..5..—
In full for his Work —
Novbr. 16th. 1770

¹ Last two lines in Johnson's hand.

MICHAEL KLYNE'S ACCOUNT

D.

[Fort Johnson, Nov. 17, 1770]

[] Dr.

[] of Work done for Indians viz.		£	S	D
[	] A Gun	0	1	0
	To a Side pin.....	0	4	—
5 th .	To Stocking a Gun.....	0	16	—
	To a new Side Plate.....	0	2	—
	To 2 Barrel Loops.....	0	1	6
	2 Rammer Loops	0	2	—
	To Brazing a Guard.....	0	1	6
	To repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler...	0	1	—
10.	4 Gun Locks			
	To Hard ^g . Hammer Spring.....	0	0	6
	To Hardening the Hammer.....	0	1	—
	To repair ^g . the Cock.....	0	1	—
	To repair ^g . Tumbler & Closing y ^e . Pan	0	1	—
	2 ^d . Lock			
	To a New Cock.....	0	4	—
	To repair ^g . the Tumbler & Hard ^g . Ham ^r . Spring	0	1	—
	To closing the Pan.....	0	0	6
	To a Side pin.....	0	1	—
	3 ^d . Lock			
	To repair ^g . & Hardening Hammer..	0	2	—
	To repair ^g . tumbler & making a Dog.	0	2	—
	4 th . Lock			
	To repair ^g . the Cock.....	0	1	—
	To repairing the Hammer & Braz ^g . pan	0	2	—

13 th .	A Gun	
	To a new Stock.....	0..16..—
	To Brazing & harden ^g . y ^c . Hammer.	0...2..—
	To a new Tumbler.....	0...4..—
	To Straightening the Barrel.....	0...2..—
	A Lock	
	[	]¹
May 17	A Lock	
	To harden ^g . the Hammer.....	[
	To Braz ^g . the Lock.....	0...1..—
	To Hardening the Hammer & Main Spring	0...1..—
28.	a Lock & 2 Guns	
	To 2 Sides	0...2..—
	To hardening a Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To repair ^g . Dog and Tumbler.....	0...1..—
	A Gun	
	To Stocking a Gun.....	0..16..—
	To Brazing & harden ^g . Hammer...	0...2..—
	To a Sight	0...1..—
	To Brazing the Guard.....	0...1...6
	To 1 Barrel Loop.....	0...0...9
	2 ^d . Gun	
	To Straightening the Barrel & a Sight.	0...4..—
30	2 Gun Locks	
	To a new Tumbler.....	0...4..—
	To a Side Pin.....	0...1..—
	2 ^d	
	To hardening a Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To repair ^g . y ^c . Dog and Tumbler..	0...1..—
	To a Dog Screw.....	0...0...9
June 1 st .	a Gun	
	To Stocking a Gun.....	0..15..—
	To a Britch Pin.....	0...1..—
	To a Tricker Plate.....	0...1..—

¹ Line destroyed by fire.

4	To Stocking a Rifle.....	1...0..—
	To 1 Barrel Loop.....	0...0...9
9	To Stocking a Gun.....	0..16..—
	To 2 Rammer Loops.....	...2..—
	To 1 Barrel Loop.....	0...0...9
11	To Stocking a Gun.....	0..[.....]
	To Harden ^g . Hammer	[.....]
	[.....]	1]
	[.....] Rifle Barrel	
	[To Stoc]king a Rifle.....	1...0..—
	y ^e Barrel	
	[To st]raighten ^g . it & mak ^g . Britch	
	Screw	0...7..—
14	A Gun	
	To Bushing the Barrel.....	0...1..—
	To Straightening d ^o	0...4..—
	To a Side Pin.....	0...1..—
19	2 Gun Locks	
	To Braz ^g . & Harden ^g . the Hammer.	0...2..—
	To a New Mean Spring.....	0...3..—
	To repair ^g . the Dog & Tumbler....	0...1..—
	2 Lock	
	To harden ^g . the Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To a Cock Screw & Cock plate....	0...1...6
	To repair ^g . Dog and Tumbler.....	0...1..—
22	2 Guns & a Lock	
	To Brazing a Barrel.....	0...6..—
	To harden ^g . a Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To repair ^g . Dog and Tumbler....	0...1..—
	2 ^d . Gun	
	To 2 Side pins.....	0...2..—
	To repair ^g . Dog and Tumbler.....	0...1..—
	To a main Spring Screw.....	0...0...6
	the Lock	

¹ Line destroyed by fire.

	To an Hammer	0...4..—
	To a Hammer Screw	0...0...9
27	A Lock	
	To a New Cock Screw & Cock plate	0...1...6
	To a Cock Screw to another Lock..	0...1..—
	A Lock	
	[	]¹
June 30	To stocking a Gun	[]
	To 2 Barrel Loops	[]
	To a Sight	[]
	To harden ^g . a Hammer	[]
July 12	To stocking a Gun	1..16..—
	To a New Britch Screw	0...4..—
14	A Lock	
	To harden ^g . a Hammer	0...1..—
	To a Hammer Screw	0...0...9
	To repair ^g . the Dog & Tumbler	0...1..—
18	2 Guns	
	To Stocking a Gun	0..16..—
	To Bushing the Barrel	0...1..—
	To 1 Barrel Loop	0...0...9
	To 2 Side Pins	0...2..—
	To a Side plate	0...2..—
	To harden ^g . the Hammer	0...1..—
	2 Gun	
	To Stocking a Gun	0..16..—
	To Bushing the Barrel	0...1..—
	To 1 Barrel Loop	0...0...9
	To hardening Hammer	0...1..—
	To repair ^g . the Cock	0...1..—
	To repair ^g . dog & Tumbler	0...1..—
	To Brazing the Pan	0...1..—
	To Brazing the Britch Screw	0...1...6
27	A Gun	

¹ Line destroyed by fire.

	To repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler...	0...1..—
	3 ^d . Gun	
	[To a] Britch Screw.....	0...1..—
	[	¹]
Aug ^t . 1	To Stocking a []	[]
	To bushing the Barrel.....	[]
	To a Side Plate.....	0...3..[]
	To harden ^g . the Hammer & repair ^g ..	0...1..[]
	To harden ^g . the Hammer Spring...	0...0..[]
5	3 Locks & 7 Guns	
	To a New Tumbler	0...4..—
	To harden ^g . the Hammer.....	...1..—
	To harden ^g . the Main Spring.....	0...0...6
	To Closing the Pan.....	0...0...6
	2 ^d . Lock	
	To harden ^g . the Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To harden ^g . the main & hammer Springs .....	...1..—
	To 2 Side Pins.....	0...2..—
	To Brazing the Pan.....	0...1..—
	3 ^d . Lock	
	To an Hammer	0...4..—
	To a Main Spring & Closing pan..	0...4..—
	1 st . Gun	
	To a New Cock Screw.....	0...1..—
	To hardening the Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To harden ^g . the Hammer & main Springs .....	...1..—
	To repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler...	0...1..—
	To bushing the Barrel.....	0...1..—
	2 ^d . Gun	
	To a New Main Spring.....	0...3..—
	To harden ^g . the Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To Closing the pan.....	0...0...6

¹ Line destroyed by fire.

	To a Main Spring Screw.....	0...0...6
	To Bushing the Barrel.....	0...1..[]
	3 ^d . Gun	
	[] Hammer	0...4..—
	To a New Cock Screw.....	0...1..—
	To the Hammer Spring.....	0...2...6
	To the Hammer Spring Screw.....	0...0...6
	Repair ^g . the Cock.....	0...1..—
	5 th . Gun	
	To a new Tumbler.....	0...4..—
	To hardening the Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To Closing the Pan.....	0...0...6
	To a new Dog.....	0...1...6
	To Brazing the Britch Screw.....	0...1...6
	6 th . Gun	
	To hardening the Hammer.....	0...1..—
	To Closing the Pan.....	0...0...6
	To the Main Spring Screw.....	0...0...6
	To hardening the Hammer Spring..	0...0...6
	To a New Dog and repair ^g . Tumbler	0...2..—
	7 th . Gun	
	To a Bridle Screw.....	0...0...9
	To an Hammer Screw.....	0...0...9
	To a Side Pin.....	0...1..—
10 th .	A Gun	
	To a New Tumbler.....	0...4..—
	To a Cock Screw.....	0...1..—
	To harden ^g Hammer	0...1..—
	To Brazing the Pan.....	0...1..—
	To Harden ^g . y ^e . Main & Hammer Springs	0...1..—
11	2 Guns	
	To Stocking a Gun.....	0..16..—
	[]	0...4...0
	[]	1]

¹ Line destroyed by fire.

Aug	11	To Repair ^g . []	
	8	2 ^d . Gun a Rifle	
		To drawboring the Barrel.....	0..[]
		To a new Britch Screw.....	0...4...—
		To a Britch Pin.....	0...1...—
	12	2 Guns	
		To a Gun Stock.....	0..16...—
		To a new Cock Screw.....	0...1...—
		To Closing the Pan.....	0...0...6
		To repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler... 2 ^d . Gun	0...1...—
		To Closing the Pan.....	0...0...6
		To Repair ^g . the Dog and tumbler... 2 ^d . Gun	0...1...—
	13	2 Guns	
		To a new Tumbler.....	0...4...—
		To a Cock Screw & closing the pan. ....	...1...6
		To Repair ^g . Dog and Tumbler.....	0...1...—
		To Closing the pan.....	0...0...6
	15	1 Gun	
		To Brazing the Britch Screw.....	0...1...6
		To a Britch Pin.....	...1...—
	17	A Chest Lock for a Squaw	
		To Brazing the Key.....	...1...6
	18	A Lock and a Gun	
		To harden ^g . the Hammer.....	0...1...—
		To a Hammer Spring.....	...2...6
		To a Dog Spring.....	0...1...6
		The Gun	
		To Stocking a very long Gun.....	1..[].[]
		To Bushing the Barrel.....	[]
		To a Hammer Spring Screw.....	0...0...6
	19	3 Guns	
		To Stocking a Gun.....	0..12...—
		To Bushing the Barrel.....	0...1...—
		To a New Tricker & Tricker plate..	0...2...—

	To Repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler..	0...1...—
	To Closing the Pan.....	0...0...6
	To repair ^g . the Cock.....	0...1...—
	2 ^d . Gun	
	To a Stock for a long Gun.....	0..18...—
	To Bushing the Barrel.....	0...1...—
	To 1 Barrel Loop.....	0...0...9
	To a Cock Screw.....	0...1...—
	3 ^d . Gun	
	To Stocking a Gun.....	0..16...—
	To 3 Rammer Loops.....	0...3...—
	To 2 Barrel Loops.....	0...1...6
	To hardening the Hammer.....	0...1...—
	To Closing the Pan.....	0...0...6
	To Repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler..	0...1...—
21	A Lock	
	Repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler.....	0...1...—
	To 2 Side pins.....	0...2...—
22	To a Gun Stock.....	0..16...—
	To Repair ^g . the Dog and Tumblers.	0...1...—
	To Closing the pan & main Spring Screw .....	....1...—
24	A Lock	
	To a New Main Spring.....	0...3...—
	To a New Cock Screw.....	0...1...—
	[] Gun	
	[]	¹
	To harden. the Main Spring.....	[]
	To piecing the Stock.....	0..[]
	To 2 Rammer Loops.....	0...2...0
Oct ^r . 29	2 Guns	
	To Bushing the Barrel.....	0...1...—
	To 1 Side pin.....	0...1...—
	To 1 Barrel Loop.....	0...0...9

¹ Lines burned off.

	2 ^d . Gun	
	To hardening the Hammer.....	0...1...—
	To Bushing the Barrel.....	0...1...—
	To Brazing the Pan.....	0...1...—
	To Repair ^g . Dog and Tumbler.....	0...1...—
	To 1 Barrel Loop.....	...1...—
Novr. 1 st .	2 Guns	
	To Repairing the Dog and Tumbler.	0...1...—
	To fitting a Lock to the Barrel.....	0...0...6
	2 ^d . Gun	
	To Straightening the Barrel.....	0...2...—
3	To Stocking a Gun.....	0..18...—
	To hardening the Hammer.....	0...1...—
	To repair ^g . the Dog and Tumbler...	0...1...—
4	A Gun	
	To a new Britch Screw.....	0...4...—
	To repair ^g . the Hammer & harden ^g ...	0...1...6
	To 2 Barrel Loops.....	0...1...6
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1770	Cred ^r .	£38...1...3
Aug. 25	By Cash	13..16...—
		<hr/>
	Ball ^a . due	£24...5...3

NDORSED:¹

Novb^r. 16th. 1770

Michael Klynnes Acc^t.

£38..1..3

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 19 November 1770

SIR

On Saturday I had the Honor of a Line from you, the Contents of which I have observed & as to Mr Roberts Affair, the Generale not having written any Notice of it to Mr Kempe & having no News from you about the necessary Proofs to be produced by him in Defence against the Sute — Mr Kempe has been obligd to Stave off the Tryale by an Injunction in Chancery & there it must hang untill we See Mr [Roberts] which I hope will be soon

It gives me no Small pain that you have been so much disappointed in the Winter Barley, there is now enough of it, but it is too late to Send it — I took all the pains in my Power to procure [it] but the Dutch Brutes would not thrash it out for me, as they promised except the Oniony Barly, which came to hand time enough but I woud not Send it

Mr Adams is yet here — if you will not take it amiss I will get him to pay the Ballance of your Account as well as the ff[reigh]t of the London goods arrivd by Miller & Chambers, which will Arrive with Same [] to you, or if He was to take off the money & you Send it me down

I am in daily Expectation of the Arrival of Captain Munds who has some more Goods aboard for you or the family, which I shall take a very particular Care of & in my next you Shall have a List of the Whole — In the meantime I remain with Sincere Esteem

Sir your obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:¹Novbr. 19th. 1770

 Mr. Wetherheads letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*Nov: 19th: 1770. New York.*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 8th. What you relate respecting the Partys gone to the Southward is confirmed by Letters from Fort-Pitt. The officer commanding acquaints me, that Several Partys of Warriors of the Six Nations have passed, in their way to the Cherokee Country, not, they said, to strike the Cherokees, but any Nation they should desire them to strike and I believe the Alliance the Cherokees have made with the Northern Nations, has rendered them more insolent towards their Neighbours, than they used to be, for I have heard of their killing Some Creeks, and also falling on a Party of Chikesaws, which was likely to draw them into Quarrells.

Captain Brown has informed me of the Accident that happened at Niagara, and considering all Circumstances I don't think he could have acted otherwise than he has done, hitherto, it only remains to wish he may finish it properly. He has sent to the Chenessie Castle that some Chiefs might come to the Fort, and assures me he shall act with all the Prudence and Discretion he is Master of. It is so easy to pass Forts and Secrete Rum in the Woods, that all the Pains taken to prevent too great Quantitys being carried up to the Indians is of little use. And unless the Indians would take it upon themselves to stave the Casks, I don't See it can be prevented.

The Account you have transmitted with those paid before, amount nearly to the Sum allowed you for the year 1770. The Sum of £2000 advanced you I suppose you intend to make a part of your Account for next year.

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Andrew Wemple's Acc^t. will be paid as also Captain Stevenson's.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

P: S:

I omitted mentioning
that a warrant will be immediately
made out for the Payment of the
Acc^t. transmitted.

T: G:

S^R: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: N York 9^{br}. 10th. 1770

Gen^l. Gages Letter

THOMAS GAGE'S WARRANTS

On page 471 of the Johnson Calendar, under date of November 23, New York, is entered General Thomas Gage's warrant for payment of £1952, 2s, 6d, New York currency, to Sir William Johnson; account attached. On the same page, of the same date, appears General Thomas Gage's warrant for paying £2317, 10s, 3d to Sir William Johnson; account annexed. Both were destroyed by fire.

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹

Teronto November 24th. 1770

SIR W^M.

We were this day most Agreeably surprised at the Arrival of a Battoe which you Ordered to Us from Canada, the Goods all safe & in Good Order Except the bread, which was

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

all but two Bags Intirely Lost, We are Extreemly Glad to hear the General took no notice of Captⁿ. Browns Information Indeed I dont believe he would have Acted as he did if it was not for the traders, for he has been since that Uncommonly polite to Us. We done Ourselves the Honour of Writing you from Niagara & the Supply of Goods we got there, besides what we had from Mr. Campbell was Oblidged to buy £150 Worth from Others, for which we have paid Otherwise would be Enabled to make a Larger Remittance, the Want of Goods hindered Us a Vast deal of trade, we are now Compleatly sorted for the Winter & we are Certain from our Scituation of having a Great trade Numbers of Indians hunting Round Us, within the circuit of ten Miles all round they just begin to Come in now with trade, Underneath, you have an Account of what furs we have sent to Mr. Jacob V Derheyden Agreeable to Mr. Steel's Directions, we have Also a parcel of Deer Skins but we want them to Line Our house Inside, otherwise should have sent them down. You may Depend on Our Exerting Our-[] on Our punctuality, with Gods Assistance we [] Lest Doubtfull of being Able to Discharge [] we Owe In the Spring, we have three or four packs [] but we Credit none without Valuable pledges In[deed] its Impossible to trade hear In summer without them. The Indians is all verry civil & proud of Our being hear [they] have told Us we sell as Cheap Again at the french & we [] profit Enough, as to provisions we Abound In plenty I wish you had half Our Stock at Johnson Hall, s[uch] as Venisson, salmon, snipes, pattridges, Ducks In[] Geese, &ca. the Indians that were with you were hear & praised you most Agreeably, for your Generosity to them, told Us In there way you was a right Chief among them, they told Us you gave them Several Large Cags of rum a Commodity they are Dearly fond off, as you have justly Observed your Speaking to them will be off great service for they hold your name hear with Veneration, Coll^o. Claus has done Us an Important piece of Service having sent Us a Cagh Nawagay Indian with his son, who speaks good french & this Language, he

recommends him to Us as a Verry honest Discreet man & to be trusted his motive of Com[ing] is to go among the Indians, In the Woods & up the River atrading for Us by which means we will be Enabled [to] Sweep the Country round. We dare say you must have [] Disagreeable time In the summer being our [] Indians, it was full time for the New York [] there Eyes, for they have done this province a vast [] of Injury by there Imprudence. I suppose Er'e this you have heard of the four Senecas being Confined by Capⁿ. Brown, the Indians hear all knows it, and rejoices at it they say the Six Nations is bad Indians & deserves it, they Dont Like them at All, Mr. Keiuser was at Niagara & saw them, the Officers said before him that One of them Cheifs should have said that he wondered how Captⁿ. Brown Could Confine them, for it was not much to Kill an Englishman, & had they been brought to You, you would make it up with them, & make them presents besides I believe you have few friends at that post, as yet we have got nothing Curious, but you may Depend we shall pick up as many Curiousitys as we possibly Can for you. — We sold beaver for 8/6 at Niagara, we are Extreamply sorry for the Loss you have sustained in your family & more so for Your Own Illness, but we hope god will spare you Among Us a Number of Years yet, for what Numbers will lose a Most Generous benefactor Among the Best we who have the Honour of suscribing Ourselves with the sincerest Gratitude.—

P. S. I have wrote My Dear Sir W^m.
 [] by this Opertunity Your Most Oblidged & Most Ob^t.

F. W. — Servants

[] our Winter Wood WADE & KEIUSER

[] we are Oblidged to Work hard.—

We wrote you in the first of Our Letters that []
 to Send down the furrs we had by Us, the Season []
 Advanced the men tells Us that they are not Ce[rtain] Whether they Shall get down with the Battoe, as it would be runing a risk to send them. We have thought [it] more prudent to keep them Untill Spring, When you may be Certain of all of them, I am in

	To 13 Fish Spears made.....	1	0	0
	To 2 Tomehacks laid.....	0	3	0
	To a pare of Biedle rings made.....	0	1	0
[]	8 th To 6 large Tomehacks made.....	1	16	1
	To 4 round Eye Axes made @ 8/...	1	12	0
	To a Waggon Bolt made.....	0	3	0
	To 2 lins pins made.....	0	2	[]
[]	20 th To a hook made to hinch the door...	0	[]	[]
[]	22 ^d To 1 Days work done in his own			
	Sh[]	[]		[]
[ ]	]th To 4 Stone wages made []..	[]		[]
	Martin Wal[].....	[]		[]
	[]			¹

TO JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.²

Johnson Hall Novbr. 25th. 1770

SIR

I am now to thank You for the Venison & Oisters which You were so kind to Send me a few days ago, and which were verry acceptable. When mine come up, I shall be glad you would come and take Share of them any time You can spare.

pray Send me 2 pound of Good Gun powder, and three pounds of Pidgeon Shot, & Charge it to Acc^t. of y^e. Welwisher & Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

MAJOR FONDA —

INDORSED: Sir W^m. Johnson, major general, remarkable for the asendency he gained over the Indians. excellt warrior

¹ Lines burned off.

² In the New York Historical Society, New York City.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 27th November 1770

DEAR SIR

As Mr Van Eps & Mr Wemple is going up to wait on you In behalf of the Trustees of this Township, who are requird by the Assembly to Attend them Concerning Mr Schermerhorn & others who have pitioned for a Devision of the Town Lands,—the purport of their Jurney is to Solicit Your Interest for a Letter to Mr Delaney or Some other leading Gentleman of the House, to Join Mr Mynderse in order that this Petition may be Set a Side, or otherwise to get an Act passed the House that what the Trustees have done should remain so.

I have been with Mr Mynderse & I told him he Could not with any Honour ask you for any favour, Considering in what maner he connected himself with the members of the House, that in all controverted points, or debates, he joined the party who is in direct opposition to Several Gentlemen who You have a Regard of Friendship for, not, that you had anything to ask from the Assembly, in any respect, as Your Exalted Situation, put you farr above any thing depending on An Assembly—but at the Same time I put him in mind of the Friendly Assistance you gave the Town of Schenect^y at two Elections, when closely pushed by Mr Schermerhorn & he absolutely would have Carried this point, & would now be in the House but for your Interest at that time. this was a Convincing proof of your sincere Regard for this Place—I Also pointed out to him that it was well known at New York that Sir William Johnson had been the means of his being the Representative of this Township. & that how Strange it must appear to Gentlemen of Sence, that he Mr Mynderse should be in opposition to those Gentlemen that you had a Regard for—Mr Mynderse endeavored to Excuse himself & said he never would in his life be against you to his knowledge, & I do now beleve he is sorry for what is past—he is to

write you by this opportunity — & hope his conduct for the futer may prove Gratefull — I do Sincerely beleve him to be an Honest man,—but he must be Spoken to in plain terms, all Delicate hints are thrown away — when applyed to him —

Captain Chambers & Richards are both arrived from London but brings nothing new, I understand by Mr Mitchel who is Just Arrived from New York that you have some things Come in Some of those Vessels — Mr Adems will soon be up,

I am Dear Sir with Great
Respect Your most Humble
servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

Sir William Johnson Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Novbr. 27th. 1770

Major Campbells letter
Ansrd.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London Nov^r 28th. 1770

DEAR SIR

I am now so well recoverd from the hurt I got on my Leg as to be able to go Abroad and propose to Set out the Latter End of next week for Beverly Robinsons and flater my Self I shall soon have the Happiness of seeing you Extreably well at the Hall. I had the Very great pleasure of Receiving by the last weeks post your kind favour of the third Instant, it is with great Reluctancy that I am Oblidged to Stay in Connecticut this Winter from whence if the Almighty Spares my Life I will get Early in the Spring and am oblidged to put of Sending you Some most Excellent fruit trees &ca untill that time. Col^o Cole was here last

¹ In Johnson's hand.

week he and I often talked of you and all the Family and if our Earnest wishes take place your health will be perfectly restored. Col^o Cole has a Very Currious peice of painting for you which he is to Send to me and which I shall take great Care of and bring with me—

the Boston saints seem to be Very quiet they have intirely done with the thoughts of Fighting— and are now imployed in making what they Can out of the Fleet and from the Soldiers which will be much more then they deserve.

By the last Account from the other Side of the water it looks as if we Should Soon have a Squable with Spain & of Consequence with France—in the mean time the Russians are Driving the Turks wth. fire and sword from Every fortification they appear before—as I Send you the Papers by this post to them I must Refer you—and am with my best Respects to Sir John, Col^o. Johnson, Col^o. Claus and Every Gentleman at the Hall, and all M^{rs}. Chews and my own Earnest wishes for your health and happiness Dear Sir

Your most Dutifull
Obed^t Hble Serv^t

JOS CHEW

SR. W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:¹

New London Novbr. 28th. 1770

Mr. Chews Letter

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

Bill on Mortier £140

[	]	to you	£17-	9-9
[	]	.....	65-	2-
[	]	.....	10-	2-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

[	]	Brower	}.....	36- 8-2
[	]	Pork Tobacco &c...		69- 5-
[	]	lling Books &c.....		2- 4-
[	]	Reinier Bensike.....		16-17-8½
[	]	Ketts		11- 7-
				<hr/>
				228-15-7½
Rec ^d	in a Bill on Martin.....			160
				<hr/>
		due to J W		88-15-7½
[	]	& Entry.....		67-12-
				<hr/>
				156- 7-7½

[] York this 28 November 1770 from the Hon []
 [] of Mr Robert Adams— One Hundred and fifty six
 pounds [] []clusive of Sixty Seven pounds 12/ for f
 f[reigh]t & Entry of goods of the []

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:¹

Novbr. 28th. 1770

Mr Wetherheads Acc^t &

Recp^t. in full to that Day

for £156::7::7½

FROM RICHARD SHUCKBURGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 472, under the date of Nov. 28, 1770, is listed a letter written at Schenectady from Richard Shuckburgh on politics, mentioning Mr Campbell, [Jacobus Mynderse], Baptist V. Eps, Ryer Wemp, Isaac Vroman and Stopphele Yates. Destroyed by fire.

FROM JACOBUS MYNDERSE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 472, is listed a letter without date from Jacobus Mynderse, asking opposition to the petition of Reyer Schermerhorn for the partition of the township. Harry Munro, introducing Daniel Urquhart, just arrived from Scotland. Destroyed by fire.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HARRY MUNRO

A. L. S.¹

[]ABLE SIR,

The Bearer hereof (Daniel Urquehart) is just arrived from Scotland, & wo^d. fain Settle with his Country-men on Your Estate; I beg leave to introduce him to you Sir, hoping you will find him an honest & industrious man, tho' I can Say nothing from my own knowledge, as my acquaintance with him is but very Slender.

I have Seen a Certificate Signed by his Parish minister, giving him a good Character. I heartily wish you & family all manner of happiness, and have the honour to be most respectfully

Hon^{ble}. Sir

[]

TO CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 472, is entered a letter written in November to Reverend Charles Inglis, regarding a gift to an Indian boy, support of missionary work, the numbers of the Six Nations, instruction of Indians in mechanic arts and farming, Mr Stuart's mission to the Mohocks and Mr Hall's at Conajoharee and threatened trouble with Spain and France (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:426-29; Q, 4:267-69).

TO JAMES DE LANCEY

Df.²*Johnson hall Decr. 1st. 1770.*

HON SIR

On the 9th Ult^o.—I had the pleasure of Writing you a few Lines on the Subject of a former Letter I had addressed to you with Inclosures to which as I have not rec^d. any Ans^r. I was apprehensive that it might not have come to your hands.—The

¹ Undated.² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

occasion of this is thro' the request of most of the principal inhabitants of Schenectady who are disturbed by a Suit instituted by Mr Schermerhorn & others with design to reverse the Titles &ca in that Town under which people have peaceably held for 70 or 80 years, by endeavoring to make a partial partition as I take it of the Town Lands, and oversetting the Grants made by the Trustees of the Town, altho' some of themselves hold Lands in Virtue of the Trustees Deeds on behalf of the Township, and altho' those Trustees thro' whom Schermerhorn &ca set up their pretensions, did certainly exercise the same Authorities at all times during their Lives. The Affair has been for some time in Chancery, but Schermerhorn &ca I believe being fearfull of the Issue, have applied to the Assembly, with design to get an Act for the partition and to that end are endeavoring to secure a Majority in the House, to which end he strove to get a Seat there. As It will Shortly come on when the whole matter will be made publick, I need not to trouble with farther particulars, but only to Sollicit your Friendship on behalf of the present Trustees, which I hope you will the readier excuse, as it proceeds from my opinion of your Consequence & Importance, which as far as I can hereabouts [] my Study to encrease, by pointing out every popular measure to you [] a real inclination I have to be allways united with you in [] promote the Interest of your friends, of which it may be in my [power] to give a more Convincing proof on some future occasion. [] of the County I am persuaded I need not to remind you of, The Road bill prepared by a Certain party was liable to many Objections, but the greatest was that it could not be carried into full Execution. such a Law had better never be attempted. It is certain that the old one should be strengthened, or altered but to digest one adapted to the general Circumstances of the County would require some Time & Attention,— If Militia five [] (by the bye, the Militia bill requires renewal) were, or a part was appropriated to the repair of the Roads, or the Men compelled for certain Crimes & neglect to Work upon them for a proportionate number of Days, It would have its advantages

and fall easy on the people, or if the Overseers were directed to begin at one end of their District, & work regularly by pieces till they had compleatly made the Whole even as the present Act requires, instead of running over the whole in a Slovenly manner, and if these Overseers were paid, or Composed of Chosen Men, who could carry a proper Authority, the roads would soon be improved without giving much farther trouble to the Legislature — I have Suggested these few hints for your farther Consideration reserving the enlarging on them, or other matters to some future time —

The Member of the Town I have mentioned is an Innocent man, he professes to be sensible of his former Error & prom[ises] to amend it, which will be an addition to you, as he has been Sufficiently []mented thereon —

I have only now to add my request to be favored [] Lines from you, and to assure you that I am always with []

JAS. DELANCEY Esq^r.

Dear Sir
&c^a

TO JACOB MYNDERSE

*Df.*¹

[]

Johnson Hall Dec^r. 1st. 1770

[I am] favored with your Letter of the 29th. ult^o. and have Seen & Conversed with the Gent who brought it up to whom I refer you for my Sentiments on the Affair of your Township, to which I have been allways a Friend, and in this case in particular I thought them so far aggrieved, that I readily gave you the Assistance of my family at the late Election that you Might be the better enabled to exert yourself in the defence of the place, and I now write to some of my Friends at York in Support of the Cause agreable to your desire, and that of the Inhabitants

¹ In Johnson's hand.

who have applied to me but I should observe to you, that the event will greatly depend on yourself because those Gent who Constitute the Majority of the House of Assembly may not take it kind that You have hitherto Voted against them, which was a thing that could never have been Expected — As Major Campbell has been speaking to you upon this Subject I need not to add more than my Wishes that you may fully Consider these matters, and act accordingly, for you may be assured that I never recommended any Conduct to any Man of which either he or myself could be ashamed, you may therefore rely on my friendship on this or any other occasion, from the Esteem & friendship which I have allways entertained for you

I am with regard
Sir &ca

JACOB^s. MYNDERSE

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Decbr 3 1770

[S WILLIA]M

[hav]e just time to mention

[] Spaniards are amusing

[] with a Shew of recompense

[] the Hostilities and Insults used

to our Nation, untill the whole Bourbon League can act, united and with their Strongest force, agains[t] us.

Our Preparations for War are unremitted and there is now such an [har]mony & unanimity of the English Irish & Scots nations as was incredible, all tending to Support the Hands of Government against the Enemies of Our Country.

An other pacquet will produce very interesting news.

You will find that the Ottoman Empire is almost utterly ruined & the Sultan retired to Asia.

I shall send some English newspapers next week.

I continue to form a []
 I have not had your Dis []
 ming they are agreable []
 I am wrong they shall []
 I have []

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

Albany. 4 Decr. 1770

[]

Mr Cooper delivered me a letter from you to Mr Robt Adams, & then told me it Contain'd orders for Storeing your goods, and as he was not here he was Sure you would be pleased if I opened the letter and performed your order^s. to Mr Adams I then Opened the letter went to Mr Lansing and we hired Van Sate^s. Store and had all the goods rode into it, except the trunk N^o. 22 which I Sent up to Van Eps by his own waggon & desired it might [be] forwarded to you by the first Opportunity. Since then fryer brought Some few other goods which are put in the same Store all well Secured only one very large hhh^d. Could not be got into any Store its so large that I have brought home and put in my Chair house its I believe Kettles — I hope you'l be pleased tho I know I did rong in Oppening the letter but with a good in[tention] and a Sincere desire to Serve you []
 All times am truly

Hon'd []
 []

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 4th. 1770

Mr. Cartwrights letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DAVID Mc KINNEY

A. L. S.

[]

December 5th 1770

Have Considered of the bargin of Land wh was in Liing a Long the crek whare John bartholame Lines you offored that I mought take it whare the Jarmans maid thare Knives Down in the forks or any other Place whare I wold Chuse so according to your offor I think to take it I shall Rely upon your word for the Choys Exsepting the patton of the Eight hundered acres of the Vromemans which you mentioned you wold Exsept -- I Exspect two or three of my Neabors will Incline to Come up with me.—and if they do I hope you will a Gree with them on as Resonable Terms as with me for in Corregement which I think wold be and advantage to you at the Long Run to have it seteled with Good onest Pepel — I think if helth Promits to be up with you in the spring as soon as I convenently Can
Your humble sarvt

DAVID MCKINNEY

West Jersey hunterdon County

ADDRESSED:

To

The
Honorable
Sir William Johnston
at his seet above
alboney

These

INDORSED:¹

[]br
[] Letter
[] Kenney
[]

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[]

[Albany, Dec. 8, 1770]

I have just now Received your fav^r. of this date and beg leave to inform you that I have all the different Sorts of Iron you mention and Shall send it by the first good Opportunity that offers

I am

Sir

Your Most Obed^t.

& Most Humble

Serv^t.

JOHN STEVENSON

[The] Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baro^{tt}.

PETER SILVESTER'S RECEIPT

A. D. S.

Albany Dec^r. 8 1770

Albany County Common pleas

[]haney & Broom	}
Ag ^t .	
Hugh Deniston	

Received of Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
by the hand of M^r Ad[ams] the sum
of Twenty eight pounds, six Shillings & seven
pence in full [] & Costs in the above
[] day of December []

INDORSED:¹Decbr. 8th. 1770—

M^r. P. Silvesters Receipt
for Hugh Dennistons Debt
£28. .6. .7—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM STEPHEN DE LANCEY

A. L. S.

[]

Albany Dec^r 8 1770

Your favour of y^e 7th Ins^t I have now before me inclosing y^r. Indian Deed which shall be recorded & sent you by a safe hand

Your Mortgage is not recorded there has been a neglect in not having it Acknowledged as soon as it is. which will be done as soon as Either the Evidances come to town when I shall finish it & send it You with the Deed

Your Post is waiting which hinders writing you as fully as I intend. you'll excuse me till next opportunity which will much Oblidge Dear Sir Y^r. Most Affectionate

friend & very H^{ble} Ser^t

STEP^N. DE LANCEY

To S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.— —

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 10th. Decembr. 1770

SIR

Inclosed you have the Account of the Iron you desired me to Send you Amounting to £13. .2. .0.

I now send it to the Care of Mr. John B Van Eps of Schenectady to be forwarded I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged
& Most Humble

Serv^t.

JOHN STEVENSON

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

JOHN STEVENSON'S BILL

A. D.

Albany 10th. Decem^r. 1770

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Baronett
To John Stevenson Dr.

To 14 Bars Flatt Iron W ^t . 3..0..1	
6 bars Square D ^o 2..0..2	
9 bars D ^o....D ^o 2..0..3	
	C 7..0..6 @ 36/ £12..14..0
2 Large flatt files.....	0.. 8..0
	£13.. 2..0

INDORSED:¹Decb^r. 10th. 1770

John Stevensons Acc^t.
£13..2..—

THOMAS SHIPBOY'S ACCOUNT

D.

Albany 25th April 1769²Hon^{ble}. Sir William JohnsonTo Thomas Shipboy Dr^r

To 2¼ y ^{ds} Thicksett....@ 4/4	£—..9.. 9
“ 1¾ y ^{ds} fine Donlap..@ 3/	....5.. 3
“ Buttons & thread.....	....3.. 4
1½ y ^{ds} linnen & thread.....	....6.. 9

1769

March 21	“ Cash paid for sending an Express to Sch ^r.....	....2.. 6
June 15	“ 2 ^c :w ^t . Shott.....@ 46/.....	4..12..—
	“ ¼ ^c Powder.....	3.. 5..—
	box & Cooperage.....	....2..—

¹ In Johnson's hand.² The Johnson Calendar, p. 473, lists this account under date Dec. 10, 1770.

1770

Jan ^y	18	" Cash paid Isaac Bogart for freight and Victuals of a Dog from New York	} 8 . . 3
	26	" 3 dozens Large Gilt Buttons @ 4/ " 3 dozen Small d ^o . Cap ^t Jice. . . . .		. . . 12 . . — . . . . 6 . . —
			=====
			£10 . . 12 . . 10
June	14	" Cash paid for Riding 4 pipes Wine to the hall.	} 9 . . 10 . . —
			£20 . . . 2 . . 10

INDORSED:¹

[Thomas Shi]pboys Ac^t.

£20 . . . 2 . . 10

Decbr. 10th. 1770

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

[*Albany December 13 1770*]

[] ceive your kind favour of the
 [] I would have acknowledged by his
 [] vail on him to wait until I had wrote —
 [] I am much oblidge to you for the Concern you expressed for
 [] I might have been disapointed in the Draft, which I have the
 pleasure to tell you was immediatly honourd. I shoud certainly
 have acquainted you of it in time, but had but a few Days
 [] when I got your Letter, so that no opportunity had

¹ In Johnson's hand.

[] — I wish I could have spared you the two pounds [Con]serve of Roses, which I have not plenty of; however, if after that I sent you is used, you think proper to send for any [] will divide with you all that I may then have by me.

Your Suppositions suspecting a Change of Members for the Assembly, should a Disposition ensue at the Meeting, I believe are very just; but such is the unfortunate State of this County that there are so few men qualified to fill the important Office that it is difficult to say where one will be found that will accept of it, and be agreeable to the Majority of the People [] much I can inform you, that Col: Schuyler is to decline [] Know his interest in favour of the late Mayor, who I am [] has declared with some warmth his intention to car []

[] if this should be true [] where will then Candidates [] you may depend on, but [] no great Consequence; as to [] by unanimity, & I believe care little [] learn of any others that are nominated, when any [] pins, you shall have immediate Notice. I have a [] to propose it to his Brother, Harry since which have []

Your asking My Opinion in the above Matter Sir [] I must Note particularly as some Mark of your Esteem [] me than the augmenting of which, few things would [] to him who with the [] Respect has the Hon[]

Y^r Most Obed[] []

very Hum^l. Serv^t

SAM^l. STRI[NGER]

P. S. I found Mr. Morris employ'd tother day composing a Sermon for the Br——n at Johnson Hall, from 133 Psalm & 1st Verse, in case it should be requir'd — M^{rs}. Stringer & my Daughter desire Comp^{ts}. to yourself and the Family —

30 To Sundaris Delivered to Mr.
 Cartioright 0.. 7.. 0

 £2.. 2.. 6

Plece pay the Above to Mr Cornelus Glen & his Re^t.
 Will be a Sofeant Descharge from your hum^l Serv^t

HENRY STAATS

[1]

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Decr 16, 1770

[] WILLIAM

[] letters which are enclosed I received from on board
 a Vessell w^{ch} arrived, after a long passage, last night, Our last
 accounts from England are from Liverpool, via Philadelphia, and
 we have no reason to doubt, from them, that a War will happen,
 and that very soon. But as we expect a Vessell wth later accounts
 I must beg your patience till her arrival, when you shall be infor-
 med of what has passed since y^e return of the messenger dispatched
 to Madrid. With my humble Respects to S. John the Colonel
 & Cap^t McLeod I am

Sir William

Your faithfull & obed Sev^t

JA RIVINGTON

Some folks think
 that Col Bradstreet will carry
 his point against the Hardenberg
 Patent, the arguments on his Side have been
 Heard and a day in february is appointed for hearing
 the Defence.

INDORSED:²

Mr. Rivingtons

Letter Decbr. 16th. 1770

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 17th Decr 1770

The two enclos'd Warrants in your favor I receiv'd the middle of last Week and take the first opportunity of Transmitting them to you, as also the proper Receipts as usual the amount of which I have carried to your Credit, & is Subject to your drafts or Orders, I am with Respect

Sir

Yours most Obedient and
most Humble Servant

AB^M. MORTIER

SIR W^M JOHNSON Barr^t

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 17th December 1770

SIR

I have been for Some time deprivd of any of your kind Favours — The Present therefore Serves only to acquaint you that the Ship *Brittania* Captain *Israel Munds* arrivd here from London on Saturday last & has brought the Gunpowder which Capt *Miller* Signed a Bill Lading for — I have likewise by the Above Ship received another Bill Lading from Mr *John Blackburn* for 15 Bales, Twenty Six Caisses and three Caisses Merchandise for your Account — the freight of which is £83. [] for which you will be pleased to give me Credit — it is extremely unlucky that *Munds* is arrivd so late that the Goods He has brought can not be Sent up to you this Fall & I Shall therefore putt them in Some Good Store untill Spring — (but the Powder must be Sent to the Magazine on the Commons) untill I Shall be favourd with your Orders & Directions concerning the Goods — I hope you will

have receivd all the other Goods by Captains Lansing & John Fryer Safe & in good order which will give me pleasure—Shoud there be any thing awanting please to let me Know it—I am with Sincere Regard & Esteem

Sir your most Obedient Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

Please to deliver the Enclosd Letter
to Coll^o. Claus

FROM JAMES STEVENSON¹

*A. L. S.*²

Detroit 18th: December 1770

D^R SIR

I cannot let the express go without informing you that my children here are all quiet, nor do I in the least doubt but they will remain so provided the French Vagabonds don't again stir them up—

The Province are very dilatory in arranging the Indian affairs, indeed it is absurd to think they will ever form a rational plan for that purpose, their interest is too divided, nor do they appear from their proceedings to know anything about the matter—their intelligence of the manners & customs of the Savages is generally receiv'd from a parcel of Traders whos Ideas do not extend beyond the Circumference of a Beaver-Skin

The Waindots complain that the french have incroach'd on their Lands, & I bleive they have some cause of discontent—I have promis'd them to mention it to you, & it is probable one of them will be sent in the spring to complain to you in form—I could wish justice might be done them, for take the Indians with all their faults, & I give them infinitely the preference to the Rascally Race of French in this settlement—

The Indians begin to dislike the French, & if some pains was

¹ Captain James Stevenson, of the 60th regiment, in command at Detroit.

² In the Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.

now taken to drive away the French that are amongst them their influence would be intirely at an end—

Cap^t. Brown¹ writes me he has four Senecas in the Black-hole; I bleive retaliation on the spot would have been much better than making them Prisoners— for what law will they try them by? & who are to sit as their judges? If they are hang'd the savages will look upon it as murder in cool blood, & revenge will ensue— But perhaps Cap^t. Brown's *Extraordinary Understanding, Uncommon penetration & amazing command of temper* will manage the affair with such address as to do honour to himself & answer the most salutary purposes to the publick—I beg my best respects to M^{rs}. John & the rest of your family—I am with real esteem

D^r Sir

Your most Obed^t. & most
humble Servant

JAS. STEVENSON

P. S.

Several french families have slip'd away to the Miamis under a pretense to trade, but I am inform'd they are prevailing on the Indians to grant them lands, & they propose to make a settlement there—I have sent them a positive order to desist & acquaint the Gen^l. of it by this opportunity— If they are allow'd to go on at this rate our back settlements will feel the effects of it whenever we have a war with France—they begin to be very disobedient & I suspect them much more than I do the Indians— J.S.

To

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[]

Newyork the 19 December 1770

I have now the pleasure of telling you that the Powder & all the other Goods by the Brittainia Captain Munds, are Safely

¹ In command at Niagara.

Stored in a very Good Store — they are all Come in Very good condition except one Bale of Blanketts which is a little Damaged in the outside Wrapper, which I shall take Care to repair before it goes to Albany —

Captain Kimble is now also arrivd & has brought the two enclosed Letters & a small parcell for Mr Claus — you will be pleased to acquaint that Gentleman with my Compliments that the parcell should have Care taken of it, untill there is an Opportunity of Sending it up to Him — You will also be so kind as deliver the Letters & believe me to be with great Truth

Sir your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

FROM JAMES CUSICK

A. L. S.

Schoharry 19th of Decem^r. 1770

HONOURED S^r,

I Rec^d after I left You P^r. the widow Deniston to the Majestrates of Schoharry a Letter as soon as I Arrived the[y] Met Together I Read Y^r. Letter by there Desire For them, the[y] Gave me no Positive Answer. I told them I never Read Such a Tender Letter in my Life and I Rayly think so as I told them, You wrote more Like a father Then a friend, I got no Satisfaction from any of them I have wrote a Letter from them to Y^r Honour,

Collonell Butler [h]as seen Some of the Majestrates since I seen them Can Give Yo a Better Acc^{pt}. then I can

I Remain with due Respects, and may my Good Wishes Attend You & Famyly from Y^r

Most Obed^t Most Hum Serv^t

JAMES C[USICK]

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

[Albany December 20 1770]

[] Tuesday evening I return'd from New York having had a hearing before the Gov^r. & Council [] my land dispute with Hardenberg &c. The first Tuesday in Febr. Next was granted mye Antagonest to give in their answer — I have push'd them so hard, that it now remains with my Lord Dunmore as Governor whether he will take the advantage I have publickly put into his hands and Break their whole Patent as it is in itself totally Void, being obtained by fraud.

My Antagonest would insinuate that I have Set up the Indians against them, which has prevented their Settling the Lands in dispute — Although I laugh at & Dispise such Idle attempts, Still for the honor of truth, I would have every thing stand in a fair and Just light — I must therefore beg leave to remind You of what the Indians desir'd You would acquaint the late Sir Henry Moore of at Your house when I was present in Febr. 1769, namely, that as they had Sold me the Lands which Hardenberg & others wanted to take from them they had desir'd I would Send a mark with the people I sent to those Lands, that they might treat them well, or words to that effect — If You will please to mention what they said in a letter to me, to be made [] if necessary for the reasons above mention'd [it would] very much oblige

Sir

Your most []

S^R W^M JOHNSON Bar^t

[]

HENRICK MERCKEL'S ACCOUNT

D. S.

Stonraby 12th June, 1770

The Honourable Sir William Johnson

Acc^t. W^t. Hen^k Markell Jun^r.

	To 1 Rifle gun by your Order	£4-12
July	12 36 Suppers to A party Indians p ^r . your Ord ^r . 9 ^d	1- 7
	36 Breackf's to ditto. — 9 ^d	1- 7
	9 Quarts Rum to ditto — 1/6	13-6
	50 ^{lb} Powder — 4/6	11- 5
	55 ^{lb} Bullets Lead & Shott — 9 ^d	2- 1-3
Sept ^r .	5 10 ^{lb} Powder for your order — 4/6	2- 5
7 ^{br}	2 12 dinars to Tho ^s King & party 9 ^d	9
	Victuals & drink to Mr. Flood the time the Was Surveying the Road.....	6
		<hr/> £24- 5-9
	A blancked at Thelf Shilling	12-0
	A Short	8-0
	One bear leackens and a Brigh Clouth	8-0
	Six Gallon Rom at 4s 6d a Gallon....	1- 7-0
		<hr/> £27- 0-9
		2- 5-
		<hr/> £24-15-9

Johnson Hall Decbr. 20th. 1770then Rec^d. of Sir W Johnson Bar^t.the above Sum in full¹—

HENRICK MERCKEL Jun.

INDORSED:²Cap^t. Hend^b. MarkelsAcc^t. £24 . 15 . 9

Paid——

¹ Receipt in Johnson's hand.² In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

A. L. S.

Sinake Creek Dec. 22 1770
23

SIR

With my Sincere Respects to Y^r Honour Will Inform p^r. Bearers a White Lad an[d] a Young Sinake that the Sinake nation in Genearl are Very peacable and Quiet. Usseing me as Yet Very kind and Oblidging: Otoangaut a Chief Warriour of Trariadau Desired me Last Spring which I Omitted in my Last to acquaint You of, Concerning a Gun which You Lent at Y^r House to him: he Says he Lost it at Mr. fondas and was asshamed to acquaint You of it when he Come of—

he pretends to be Very Sorry as he Says it was one of Your own fowling peices. he immagins that if Your honour would make Some Enquiry about Cauthorawawgo the Gun may be possibly found.

our Trade is as We have no Connection with fonda who Shall: (who Espress Y^r honour to Be as Large as he is. Ottrawano has been with us a few Days ago and Declaired himself we might fetch the Bellows as Soon or in a Very Short time from Hen^y Wamp if we thought proper:) I told him I was Supprised he Should So Soon alter his mind when he Wamp and Tudehantan an Onesagorant the one Ey^d. Sacham who was with Your honour not Long ago: I told him Since he has presumed So Long [to] Detaine it Contrary to Your honours []
[]
use of it []
there is one person which []
pleased to Recol^t is Comeing []
Being the person who Described the wound to be []
it was in the Bellows I and My Brother has []
utmost Aurguments to Let them know and in the []
terms that it would be much Better for them to Co[nsent] to []

have a Smith nigh and Between Both Castles []
 Good of Each than for one or either of them to p[]
 was at there pleasure: much more forceing any other []
 to which was Your Honours property which was []
 Beg Y^r honour to the Contrary H^h Wamp has Sir By Informa-
 tion of Indians if True that he thought the Sinakes Very Simple
 in Suffering an Englishman to Cut Timber on there Ground as
 they might from Small Beginigs to Come to Larger from Such
 and Much other Expressions Worse not to be Burthersom on
 this Subject may Sir be attended with Evil Consequence
 Impressed on any Evil minded Indians to Conclude anything of
 Importance Your Honour may to hear at any hazard Y^r
 Honours Ever Hum^{le}. Serv^t

Sir

JOHN JOHNSTON

P. S. I Believe the Young white Lad to be a Very Honest Lad
 I send him Down with a Cayuga for powder one Small Cask
 and a little white peniston to help me in trade which articles I
 have not: It is Said Wamp makes andirons of the Stuff wich
 Your honour Determind Should be to the use of my brother he
 paying for it &ca

as the Indians Says

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnston Bart.

Johnston Hall

INDORSED:¹

Seneca Creek Decbr.

23^d. 1770

 Cap^t. Jⁿ. Johnstons
Letter P a whiteMan & Cayuga Indⁿ.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Dec^r 24 1770

[] WILLIAM

The trifling behavior of the Spanish Court on the Score of the Hostilities Committed against us at Falklands Island, together with the dreadful apprehension of the plague being Carried to England from Dunkirk, where it is said to have made its appearance, have occasion^d a sudden Summons of the Lords & Commons to meet a Month before the last prorogation expired. Our last Accounts from London are by way of Ireland to the 19th of October when it seem^d. to be the General Opinion that a war was Inevitable, and by the same channell we are told that Lord Granby is dead.

The pacquet will produce the Kings Speech & other elucidations of which accounts shall be transmitted

I am wth great Respect,

Sir William,

Your most humble Serv

JA RIVINGTON

FROM HUGH GAINE

A. L. S.

New York {
Dec. 24, 1770 }

[]

Your Favour of the 8th Instant, inclosing your Advertisement, came to Hand the 22^d Moment in the Evening, and you may See by this Days Paper I have inserted the Same, and Shall obey your Orders in every Respect with Regard to that Matter

Your Letter countermanding the first Advertisement, came to Hand too late, to prevent its being inserted in my Paper twice as that Part of the Paper where it was placed, is always printed off on Saturday, and your Orders did not reach before the Evening of Saturday the 8th

I have the Book you mention, and Shall transmit the same to you by Post, in Case he will take Charge of it

By this Post I send you, to the Care of the Post Master at Albany, all the Votes that are yet printed, which I hope will go Safe to hand and am Sir

Your obliged humble Servant

H GAINÉ

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon. Sir William Johnson, Bart.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 24th. 1770—

Mr. Hugh Gaines Letter

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall Decbr. 24th. 1770

SIR/

£825 Curcy.

Pay unto the Hon^{ble}. Hugh Wallace Esq^r.
of New York On Demand the Sum of Eight
Hundred & Twenty Five Pounds New York
Curcy. & charge it to Acc^t. of

Y^r. Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^r.

Dep^y. Pay Master Gener^l.

New York —

Rec^d. the Cont^s. 7th Jan^y. 1771 —

HUGH & ALEX^R. WALLACE

£825 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnsons
draft of 24 Decr. 1770
in favor of Hugh
Wallace Esqr for
£825 Cy

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall Decbr. 27 1770

SIR/

£355 Curcy.

Pay unto the Hon^{ble}. Hugh Wallace Esqr. of
New York on Demand the Sum of Three
Hundred fifty five pounds New York Curcy.
& Charge it to Acc^t.

Y^r. Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esqr.

Depy. Pay M^r. Gen^l

New York —

Rec^d. Cont^s. in full Three Hundred &
fifty five Pounds New York *12th Janry. 1771*

HUGH & ALEX^R. WALLACE

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnsons
draft of 27 Decr. 1770
in favor of Hugh
Wallace Esqr for
£355 Cy.

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall Decbr. 27th. 1770

SIR/

£83:18:11 Curcy.

Pay unto Mr. John Wetherhead of New York
 Merc^t or Order on Demand the Sum of Eighty
 Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eleven
 pence New York Curcy. & charge it to Acc^t.
 of Sir

Your Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^r.Dep^y. Pay Mr. Gen^l.

New York—

Received the 8th January 1771 the Within Contents

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnsons

draft of 27 Dec^r. 1770 in

favor of John Wetherhead

for £83:18:11 Cy

ACCOUNT OF JAMES DAVIS

A. D. S.

[] Johnson Baront

To James Davis D^r

[]	To filing two Setts of Saws for the Saw Miln	0..12..0
[]	30 th To attending the Saw Miln one day	0.. 4..0
[]	10 To attending the Saw Miln 1½ Day	0..10..0
[]	8 th To attending the Saw Miln— d ^o	0..10..0

Jan	13 th	To Filing the Saws and Setting a Sett one & a Half Day	} 0.. 9..0
Septembr.	24	To 3½ days Sawing Oak wood at 6s per day	£2.. 5..0 1.. 1..0
			<hr/>
			£3.. 6..0

Sir William Johnson Barontt

1770

May	16 th	To Ryding a Load of Board to Sanghandago	0..10..0
August	20	To Ryding a load of Braks to d ^o	0..10..0
d ^o	23	To Ryding 2 loads of Breeks to d ^o	1.. 0..0
Sept ^r	7 th	To Ryding three loads of Boards to Col ^o Claus's	} 1.. 4..0
d ^o	10 th	[To Ryding a load of Boards for Sir William Johnson]	[0.. 8..0]
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			3.. 4..0
			[] 3.. 6..0
			<hr/>
			£6..10..0

Decbr. 28th. 1770

Rec^d. of Sir W. Johnson Bart^l. the Sum
of Six pounds Ten Shillings in full of the above & all
other Demands¹—

ISAAC DAVIS

£6..10..—

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnson

to

James David

£6..10..—

Paid—

¹ Receipt in Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN BROWN

*Df.*¹[] *Johnson hall Dec^r. 29th. 1770.*

I have had the favor of your Letters of the 17th and 18th Oct^r. & 2^d. Nov^r. On the Subject of the Unlucky Affair that happened at your Garrison, & Considering the unprovoked bad Conduct of the Indians who attacked the Soldiers I cannot but think you acted Extremely right in making them prisoners, as well as in the steps you took to make their Nation acquainted with the Cause of it; for [] of Violence ought not to be passed over Lightly; but I understand []rect of yours from accts brought down here that the Soldier died after your Conference with the Senecas when You delivered their people up to them, This I must Confess is a little unlucky because on the One hand it is necessary to Support a becoming dignity on such Occasions, & on the other it is Extremely difficult to get them to deliver up Offenders that have Once been restored to them without furnishing them with pretexts for Alarming other Nations or Carrying the matter farther than good policy can at all times Justify under these Circumstances it is not an easy matter to determine what Should be done, and all I can say is that if the matter is not carried through with Spirit, we should make the best we can of it by placing our Indulgence in the most favorable light, as arising from our having previously given them hopes of parden, which even the death of the Man would not induce us to recede from, I say, Something of this nature is best if we do not push the matter with Vigour that the Offender may be delivered up to Justice.

CAPT BROWN.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

occasions. It is not easy to say what should now be done, because we cannot at all times prudently undertake what we ought, and if it is undertaken we certainly should go through with it at all Events.—

I am Sensible that Liquor may be secreted or brought [] the Indians, so as to Elude the Vigilance of [] officers, but Still If the Government, or the [] Induced to take proper Measures for restricting [] or Limitting the quantity of it, It would in a great [] desired ends, especially if proper Officers are enabled to [] occasion without the hazard of a Civil Action when they [] Country.— This was the Case of Lieut Roberts who from what has [been] laid before me, appears to have acted as he ought to do, and [] Comd^s Officer ordered but nevertheless an Action Still [] which has put him to some trouble & Expen^d, tho' I am really [] the Crown sho^d. defray it, and I promised him I should apply [] it.— If the Indians would Stave the Liquor without proceeding [] It might not be amiss but besides that it is difficult to Stop there [] observe that the Temptation is too great for them, and altho' at a public Congress the Chiefs, Sensible of its fatal Effects make heavy Complaints against it, I believe very few of them have virtue enough to resist what they Condemn, when it is brought to their Villages, or to places where their Situation enhances its Value.—

His Excell^y

LIEUT. GEN^L. GAGE

JOHN LONEY'S ACCOUNT

D.

[]	
		To John Loney.....Dr
[	]	of shoes for his Honor of his own uppers 0..9..—
		To d ^o . for Miss Peggy..... 3..—
		To d ^o . for Miss Leny..... 4..—
		To d ^o . for Miss Betsy..... 6..—
		To d ^o . for Mr. Peter..... 6..—
		To d ^o . for Miss Leny..... 6..—
		To mending Miss Betsy's..... 2..—
		To 1 pair of Shoes for Miss Betsy.... 6..—
		To 1 pair of d ^o . for Miss Leny..... 5..—
		To Moving the Quarters of 2 pair of Cork Shoes 8..—
		To 1 pair soled and heeld for Mr. Flood 4..—
		To soling and heeling Mr. Peters..... 2.. 6
		To 1 New Girt and mending the Chair Harness 6..—
		To 1 Shoe for his Honor..... 6..—
		To 1 pair for Miss Betsy..... 6..—
		To 3 pair for Mr. Farrel Wade @ 11/. 1..13..—
		To 1 pair for Miss Betsy..... 6..—
		To 1 d ^o . for Mr. Flood..... 10..—
		To 1 d ^o . Soled and mended for d ^o 4..—
		To 1 pair of Pumps for Mr. Peter.... 7..—
		To 1 d ^o . for Miss Betsy..... 6.. 6
		To 1 d ^o . for Miss Magadalen..... 6..—
		To 1 pair of Pumps for his Honor... 12..—
		To 1 d ^o . for Master Peter..... []
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		[]

1770

To John Loney

To the Sum of the family's Ac ^t . brought forward	£9.. []
To 1 pair of Shoes for Wench Jubo..	8..—
To 1 d ^o . Soled for Patrick Fitzpatrick.	3..—
To 1 d ^o . for Wench Diana	8..—
To 1 d ^o . for Gardener	10..—
To 1 d ^o . for Negro Dick	9..—
To 1 pair new soled and upperd for Jubo	4..—
To 1 pair soled and Heeled for Hester.	3..—
To 1 pair soled and mended for Abram.	4..—
To 1 pair of Shoes for Peter Fonda soled & mended	4..—
To 1 d ^o . for Cork Soled	3..—
To 1 pair Shoes for Peter Fonda . . .	9..—
To 1 pair of Shoes to an Indian ☞ Order	9..—
To 1 pair of d ^o . for Negro Cato	9..—
To 1 pair for the Gardiners Wife . . .	8..—
To 1 pair for little Jemmy	5..—
To 1 d ^o . for Gardeners Wife new upperd & heeltopped	2...6
To 1 d ^o . Soled and Heel piec'd for Peggy the Squa	3..—
To 1 d ^o . Soled welted and new heeld for Negro Jacob	4..—
To 1 d ^o . Soled and heeld for Cork . . .	4..—
To 1 d ^o . soled heeled & welted for Negro Abram	4..—
To 1 pair for Betty the Wench	8..—
To 1 D ^o . for Patrick Fitzpatrick	9..—

To 1 d°. Soled and heeld for Quashy..	4..—
To 1 pair to Tom Jones.....	9..—
	<hr/>
	£16...4...6
[] Sir William Johnson Bar ^t	
[] John Loney.....D ^r	
[] brought forward	£16.. 4.. 6
[] heeled for Adam.....	3.. 6
[] negro Sam	9..—
[] for negro Charley.....	9..—
[] pair for Cork.....	9..—
To 1 pair for Abraham.....	9..—
To 1 pair for Negro Jacob.....	9..—
To 1 pair for Sambo.....	9..—
To 1 d°. for Negro Peter.....	9..—
To 1 pair for Negroes deliverd to Mr. Flood	9..—
To 1 d°. for Gardener soled & mended.	3..—
To 1 pair Shoes for Patrick Fitzpatrick mended etc	3..—
To 1 D°. Soled for the Gardiner.....	3..—
To 1 pair of Shoes for Pontiach.....	7..—
To 1 d°. for Negro Nicholas.....	9..—
To 1 d°. for Cooper Frank.....	9..—
To 2 Straps of Leather for Chair Harness	1..—
To 1 pair of Shoes for Caseider the Negro	9..—
To 1 paid d°. for Quashy.....	9..—
To Mending Chair Harness.....	3..—
To Soling Negro Cato's Shoes.....	4..—
To 1 pair of Pumps for James the Brick- layer	10..—
To 1 pair for Christian.....	9..—
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	£[]

The Honorable Sir William Johnson			
to John Loney		[D ^r]	
1770	To the Sums brought forward	[]
	To Soling and Welting Negro Charleys	[]
	To 1 pair of Thread Stockings for Mr. F[lod]	[]
		£24..10.. []	

Cred^r.

By 2 sides of upper Leather. . .	£1..14..0		
By 2 Skipples Wheat ⌘ order of M. Flood @ 3/3 ⌘ }	..8..6	£2	..2 ..6
		£22 ..8 ..6	
INDOSED: ¹	Ball ^a	£22	..8 ..6
John Loney's Acc ^t .			
£24:10:—			

THOMAS MORGAN'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bar ^t			
to Thomas Morgan		D ^r .	
1769	To making a pair of Breeches for Mr. Peter	£0..6..0	
1770	To part remain ^g . unpaid for yr. Honors Breeches	0..2..0	
	To making a pair for Mr. Flood.	0.10..0	
	To making a pair for Master Peter.	0..6..0	
		£1..4..0	

THO^s: MORGAN []Rec^d the Cont^s at []

INDORSED:¹
Morgans Acc^t
& Recp^t. for
£1..4..—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

D.

For The Hon^{ble} Sr William Johnson Barr^t.

- A Matted Bundle W. I. N^o 1
 Cont^g.
 1 Tierce English W^t. Heart
 Cherry
 1 Virginia White apple
 1 Hughes Crabb the best Cyder
 apple perhaps in the world
 1 Bon Critoner Pear
 2 Bonum magnum Plumb
 a Parcel of white Currents
 White Strawberry plants
 Perry Wincle Roots a fine
 Creeper for Borders & Hedges
 tis best to Nurse these roots at
 First in a Small bed.
- Matted Bundle N^o. 2
 1 St Germain Pear
 1 Vergelew D^o.
 10 young Quinces
 1 fine Curtis Apple from Vir-
 ginia
 Several Sorts flower roots
- a Matted Bundle N^o 3
 Containing a Parcel of young
 trees of Several sorts which Sir
 William will be pleased to
 order his gardner to give a
- Place in one Corner of his Gar-
 den for M^r. Chew
 in the Same Bundle is the Ever-
 lasting Pea root & Several
 Sorts of Flower roots Sev^l Roots
 of Red Sage & two of Thyme
 These Should be parted & Set
 out in Small roots
- A Box Directed & Markd
 W. I. N^o. 4 Cont^g.
 a Bagg Black Sand
 A [] Bagg Black grass Seed
 A Bagg of Orchard Grass Seed
-
- A Bundle for Sr. John Col^o.
 Johnson — Col^o. Claus
 A small Bundle for M^r. Davis
-
- A Bundle Cont^g.
 Dutch Admiral pea the finest
 I ever Saw
 Surmain Beans
 West india Bean
 West India Boneness [?]
 White Kidney Bean
 Large Scarlet Bean
 purple Bean
 Red & White d^o.
 Bush Bean

White Bush Bean
 Virginia Pompion
 Sweet Ditto
 Large Bell Squash

Common Pompion
 A Curious Conch Shell at
 least an

INDORSED:¹

[]
 A List of Seeds from
 Mr. Chew —

ACCOUNT OF WILLIAM BOWEN

D.

1770

	The Hon ^{ble} Sr. William Johnson Bar ^t	
	To William Bowen	D ^r .
1764	To 6 Months & 11 Days Board of Montures Son @ 15/ p ^r Month	£4 15 1
	Monture D ^r . To 2 Axes	0 9 0
	To 1 Skipple of Corn at 3/	0 3 0
		<hr/>
		£5 7 1

INDORSED:¹

[]
 Accounts 1770
 W Bowins Acc^t.
 £5 . 7 . —
 for Montour

[] Honourable Sir John Johnson, D^r. to Will^m Bowen
 [Jan]uary y^e 11th 1765

	£	s	d
To mending a Slayn	0	3	0
To the shoeing a Slayn d ^o	0	18	0

¹ In Johnson's hand.

	£	s	d
To mending of a shovel	0	1	6
To Work for the Mill D ^o	0	2	0
To the Shoeing of Horses	1	4	0
To 24 p ^r . of Hinges	6	10	0
To Work done to a Slayn	1	14	0
To repairing the Palasseds	0	16	0
To work done to a Plough	0	8	0
To Iron Work for a Wagon	3	14	0
To Shoeing of 3 pair of Horses	2	14	0
To Laying of 3 Axes	0	9	0
To Laying a Stubbing Hough	0	3	0
To mending of 2 Axes	0	2	0
To 1 p ^r of Bits	0	6	0
To 1 Wedge & Ring, for an scyth,	0	1	6
To 12 p ^r . of Hooks, for—shutters	3	0	0
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	£22	6	0

The Honourable Sir William Johnson, to W^m. Bowen D^r

	£	s	d
To 4 Spears & 2 Axes	0	17	0
]
	£	s	d
To pointing a Plough-shear	0	6	0
To shoeing of 1 Horse	0	9	0
To Shoing of a Slayn, Entirely	4	0	0
To Shoeing of 1 d ^o .	1	8	0
To Shoeing of 1 p ^r of Horses	0	5	0
To Shoeing of 3 p ^r . d ^o	2	14	0
To mending a Slayn	0	10	6
To Laying an Plough-sheer	0	18	0
To Work done for the Saw-Mill	6	10	0
To Work Done for the greece-Mill	3	14	0
To Laying an Plough-Sheer	0	18	0

INVOICES FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. D.¹

[1770]

An invoice of bales, boxes casks etc. from [John] Blackburn which came in Capt. Miller's and Capt. Munds's ships.²

[In Cap^t Miller's³]

	[]
[]	[]
[	]	[	] Kettles
[	]	[	] of Garlix
[	]	1	Case of Hatts
[	]	9	Boxes Pipes — 16—17—14—19
[	]	1	D ^o . — D ^o .
[	]	a	Bale Strouds
[	]	a	D ^o . D ^o .
[	]	a	Bale Blankets
[	]	a	Bale D ^o .
[	]	a	Box Virmillion
[	]	a	large Trunk
[	]	8	Cheeses
[	]	4	Hampers Spa Water
[	] 11	a	Bale 4 ⁷ / ₈ Ozanbrigs
		& 2	Irish linnen

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² From Johnson Calendar, p. 474.

³ See Two Invoices of Goods Consigned to John Wetherhead, London, August 25, 1770.

In Cap^t Munds¹

N ^o .	1	a Bale of B: Strouds
	2	a Case w th . Hard Ware
	3	a Cask of Knives
	4	a Bale Cottons
	5	a D ^o . Blankets
	6	a D ^o . of D ^o .
	7	a D ^o . of D ^o .
	8	a D ^o . of D ^o .
	9	a D ^o . of D ^o .
	10	a D ^o . of D ^o .
	11	a D ^o . of D ^o .
	12	a Case of Caps
[]	to 28	16 Cases of Guns
[]	to 34	6 Cases of D ^o .
[]	& 36	2 Cases of D ^o .
		2 Casks of flints
[]		a Bale B. Strouds
[]		a Bale Blankets
[]		a D ^o . D ^o .
[]		a D ^o . D ^o .
[]		a D ^o . D ^o .
[]		[] Wollens
		[]

INDORSED: Invoices of Goods
 from Mr. Blackburn
 1770

¹ See Invoice of Merchandise Consigned to John Wetherhead, London, September 5, 1770.

ROBERT PICKEN'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

An Account of Work done for Sir William Johnson Bart.
[by] Robert Picken in 1770 —

To Joseph Irwin 3 Days Chaining the Road to Sacondauga	9
To John M ^c Gee 2 D ^o to Stoneraby	6
To D ^o 2 D ^o to Waters's	6
To D ^o 2 D ^o Chaining a New Road to Whitmores	6
To 4 Men 13 Days on the Northern Tract, & one Man 5 Days at 3 ^s 7 ^d } 8-11	
To 4 Men 6 Days dividing Lots between Lieu ^t . Fraser's and Owen Conner's } 3-12	
To 3 Men 3 Days dividing Street's, Kermer's & Ned Conner's Land } 1- 7	
To 3 Men 2 D ^o laying out Lots at Jonathan Trenches	-18
To 2 Men 4 D ^o Traversing Socandaga Creek &c	1- 4
	<hr/>
	£16-19-
To Self 42 Days as above	21 . . - . .
To D ^o . . 1 D ^o Measuring Meadow Ground at Sacondaga & at the Hall } — . . 10 . .	
To Mapping &c the above Surveys	3 . . — . .
	<hr/>
	£41 . . 9 . . -
Paid at Sundry Times	£34 . . 3 . . -
	<hr/>
Ball.	£7 . . 6 . . -

Rec^d. the above Content in full
T^p Me

INDORSED:
Mr. R Pickens Acct.
£4 . . 9 . . -
Paid —

RO. PICKEN

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.

*Guy Park Wednesday night**Jan^y 2^d 1771 —*MY [] SIR W^M

I now inclose you the Ans^{rs}. to the General, Gov^r Penn & Cap^t Brown. To the former I believe there is enough Said, Except with regard to his last paragraph about your Accot^s, which I was not so particularly acquainted with as to Answer.— I hope you may find M^r. Penns Letter suffic^t. for the the Purpose, It was all that Occurred to me on the Subject, and if you don't Incline to take notice of any Messages or belts that probably might have been Sent up to the Susquehanna,—that Line can be Left out, Tho' I make no doubt, that the belt, the Ind^s. refer to was owing to Some of Francis's Transactions. I believe you carried away one of the papers concerning Cap^t Browns Affair, thro' Mistake, for I find one of the Letters you left indorsed as Cap^t Browns is an old one of Cap^t Stevensons, whose last Letter you did not Leave, If you'll Send it out or any others I shall fall to them immediately, Viz^t. Bradstreets Letter which ought to be answered.—

I most Cordially (for myself & Polly) wish you the Compliments of the Season, and that you may have many agreeable returns of it, as your health and felicity shall allways remain dear to me beyond Expression, being with all Imaginable Sincerity Your Affect^{te} Son & Serv^t

G JOHNSON.

I forget whether you Ans^d. Brown's former Letters Concern^g Wade & Kreuser, but think you did for wch reason I have not ment^d. them.

D^o Die Recd the Sum of FivePounds on Acc^t. of George Kass for a Mare

his

HENDRICK +D DOGSTEADER

mark

£5::—::—

INDORSED:¹Janr^y 4th. 1771Hend^k. DogsteadersAcc^t. £18::17::6

paid—

FROM PETER SYLVESTER

*A. L. S.**Albany the 4th. January 1771.*

[] SIR

I did not receive your favor of the 22^d. ultimo until the evening of this day. From the case as stated therein concerning the purchase of the Lands—mentioned from Philip Pier of Canajoharie—If you are Inclineable to hold the Lands a Court of Equity will I believe compel a Specific performance of the Agreement [] Piers part which is the only way to obtain a title to those Lands for you that I can see—But you may sue him at Law for a breach of the contract in which you can only be Intitled to recover Damages—probably a suit being brought might make him fullfill his Bargain—it does not appear by your letter whether you are in Possession of the Lands or not—If you are keep the possession of it which along with the paper you have—Signed by himself will at least I think Always Preserve your right in equity I wish you happiness in the present & every future year of your life and am Sir—

Your very Humble Servant

P SILVESTER

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*¹[] *Johnson hall Janry. 4th. 1771 —*

I have had the favor of your Letter of the 14th. Ulto with the [] held with the Mounsey Ind^{ns}. and your Message to the Assembly [] &c.—from all which I have great reason to agree in the opinion that their Visit was principally with the view of obtaining some presents, for really these people are of too little consequence in the Confederacy to have been intrusted with any such Message [] the body of the Six Nations, indeed there are of the latter so many Emigrants [] the Ohio, as well as scattered amongst the dependant Tribes at & about the Susquehanna, that I should not be Surprised if at some times thro' Interested or other motives, some of them might Joyn, with the rest in little messages, or it may be from their mention of the belt they received about a year ago, that it was in Consequence of some former belt or Message of a private nature the purport of which they have either misunderstood, or are willing to make it the Subject of a Meeting from the Customary favors bestowed on such Occasions w^{ch} are realy [] away I mention these things because tho' I heard of some Conferences with the Depend^{ts}. not long since, I know of nothing of any Importance that would render a Meeting necessary at least there has been no such resolution agreed to by the Six Nations, tho' you know if they have any good Colour for such a request, they will readily make it, for the reasons already given. The Wants of the Indians of late, draw great numbers to every Meeting, many of whom have no business at them, at my late Congress with them, 2,500 attended in which number were Comprised all the principal Men that were necessary, and as every thing was then agreeably concluded on, and as I did not then even omit any Circumstance wherein the Interests of your Province were Concerned, I am

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Induced to Joyn with you in Opinion as to the motives that induced the Munseys to make you their Application, but should I hear any thing farther on the Subject from the Six Nations, or receive any Intelligence that may be at all interesting to your Government You may rest assured that I shall [] it without delay together with my sentiments thereon, [] with Great truth and regard

Sir

Your most Obed^t.
and very humble Serv^t

The Hoñble T PENN Esq^r.

FROM STEPHEN DE LANCEY

A. L. S.

Albany 5th. Jan^y 1771

[]

I return You thanks & Sincerely wish you many happy Years. I have Spirits & Maderia wine which I think very Good. I shall have a Cask of Each ready to send You by the first oportunity & hope it will meet with Your aprobaton Nothing hinders me from Waiting on You but y^e want of Snow. No News from York & all Quiet here. Some wishing for & others dreading a dissolution. if it happens You will have many Visitors there is Numbers here who will follow Your inclinations from what I can learn I believe our New Mayor¹ will be a Candidate if he has your Interest he must meet with Success.

My Own Sentiments in all cases of this kind will depend entirely on Yours.

If any thing new arrives will lett you know. I am D^r Sir
Yours Most affectionate fr []
& Hbl^e Ser^t

STEP^N: DELANCEY

P. S.M^{rs}: DeLancey joins me in wishing you & [] Happy Year

¹ Abraham C Cuyler, mayor of Albany, 1770–78.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{bl}: Sir W^m: Johnson Bar^t:
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Albany 5th. Janr^y. 1771

Stephen De Lancey Esq^{rs}.
Letter —

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[] *New York the 7 January 1771*

Your esteemd Favour of the 28 December I duly receivd on Saturday Coming along with your Draft on Mr. Mortier for £83:18:11 which when paid will be to your Credit—I shall by next Post Send you Receipts from Capt Munds & Miller—the Receipts I have taken from them are in my Receipt Book, I must therefore get fresh ones to Send to you—You may be Assurd your Goods are well Stored & as I wrote you in my last, are all in exceeding good Order except one Bale of Blanketts which turns out a little Torn & damaged in the Outside Wrapper, which I have repaird & put in order as well as I could—

I Shall not fail to agree with Capt Pemberton as low as I can by the Lump for your Goods—which I shoud have done with the others, had I known those people coud have imposed on you—I always understood there was a Certain price fixed for the different Packages from which there was no Deviation—I shall however know better for the future.

In Obedience to your Commands I have taken pains to inform myself about Virginia Tobacco—I find Mr M^c Ready has Some very good which He will take 5/p^r Cw^t for, I believe it to be

¹ In Johnson's hand.

genuine as it has all been inspected — if you Shoud think proper to have any let me Know immediately what Quantity & I will Stand by to See it packed up — In the meantime I remain with Sincere Regard

Sr Your most Obedient Servant
JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t

att

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

N York 7th. Janr^y. 1771

Mr. Wetherheads Letter

Ansrd. 18th. —

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 7th. January 1771

DEAR SIR

I received your favour 14 Dec^r. & am greatly obliged to you for your kind wishes for Mr^s. Wallace's Health, which thank God is very good at present, She desires her sincere thanks to you, & says she is much pleased with your Country, that its probable she may be troublesome

I heartily thank you for your generous kind offer of 2000 Acres Lands adjoyning my Land of Ledighquida, which I accept of with pleasure & shall get the Deed drawn as you desire

I sent to Ireland for the Jews Harps you orderd & expect they will be in in Spring

We have nothing new here, our Assembly have done little as yet — its expected that Judge Livingston will offer himself to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

the House this week and be rejected — The appointing Mr. Bourke for Agent, was I think ill Judged, it has chagreened our Governor greatly —

I have Just received yours 24 Decr. & shall procure the Bills you want & send them by the next post if to be got, few people are drawing or will draw untill the Packett arrives, which is hourly expected Exch^e. is 75 [] & I believe will continue so untill Spring, when it will probably be higher especially if we make Money which I think will be the Case —

Pray is Sir John coming here this Winter — I heartily wish he would, it will be his Interest I am convinced to be here —

I have a Trunk with News Papers &c. from L^t. Roberts for Col^o Guy Johnson, which shall be sent by first Oppertunity. Many Happy Years to you & all yours

I am D^r Sir

Your obliged & obed Serv^t
HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

N York 7th. Janr^y. 1771

Mr. Hugh Wallaces Letter
Ans^d. fully 18th. Janr^y.
1771 —

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[] *New York Jan 7 1771*

[] this Instant received account []
month Dated y^e 11 Nov^r.

[Lord] Granby is dead & S^r W^m Draper talked for for the blues.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

[] ay to succeed him in y^e ordinance

[] Princess Dowager & D. Gloster returned to London
25th October

[] Knowles has entered into the Russian Service as

[] ater of the marine but is not to Command at sea

[] Duke of Bedford past hopes of recovery; Worn out.

[] not declared y^e 11th Nov^r but much greater preparations than ever: a large fleet fitting out at spit head a great number of Cruizers in the Channel & every measure & every thing has the greatest appearance of war.

The Westminister Electors have come to such resolutions as have occasioned a Councill to be held on their Conduct.

A fleet of twelve Sail is fitting out at Brest and the greatest preparations are making, in all france, for War

In Dublin an Insurrection is dreaded on account of the Suspension of some of the Temporary Laws and the further prorogation of parliament.

All the Troops in Scotland are ordered to march for Plymouth.

The Duke of Grafton has declared he now thought a War was inevitable.

Warm work is expected in parliament upon India and on other affairs.

Lord Egmont is now interesting himself to bring about a Coalition of parties.

Bender is taken after Seven & thirty days Seige. It is expected Judge Livingston will demand his Seat in the N York assembly Tomorrow which will make a noise here as it seems at present to be the Design of the Majority to refuse him to sit.

St Peter Denis with a powerfull Squadron is to []
to the Mediterrean, & Cap^t Elliot with five []
Falkland Islands.

The Spaniards are fortifying []
ting it into the most respects []

These are all I had to Communicate []
 my most most fervent wishes of an []
 & happy New Year to Sir William []
 Sr John & the Colonels

I am

Sir William

Your most faithfull Serv^t.

JA RIVINGTON

I am just informed that
 Gen^l Conway has got y^e
 Blues.

RECEIPTS TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 474-75 under the date of Jan. 8, 1771 are listed two receipts of Sir William Johnson to Abraham Mortier for 5793 43 56 dollars and 4880 70/224 dollars respectively. Destroyed by fire.

FROM JAMES BLOODGOOD

A. L. S.

[]

Albany 11th Ja^{ry}: 1771

Your favour of the Thirty first of Last mounth — Came to hand Last monday. I Shall Obay your order in Giting a Chair finished against the Spring you have wrote me that you have Sent the Old one — But have not menchioned by hue it was Sent I have not Rec^d it nor Cannot find its in Town So I Should be glad if you wold Lett me know by howm it was Sent as I Shall wont to know the height of the Wheels —

I am Sir Your Very Humble

Serv^t JA^s: BLOODGOOD

ADDRESSED:

the Hon: Sir William Johnson

Bart — att

Johnson hall

INDORSED:¹Albany 11th. Janr^y. 1771

Mr. Bloodgoods letter
 ab^t. a New Chair —
 ansrd. ye 18th. —

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²*New york Janr^y: 14th: 1771.*

DEAR SIR,

I have been favoured with your's of the 4th: Inst^{:;}; what the Consequences may be of Making Peace between the Six Nations and Cherokees time must discover, but there is an appearance by the advices from Fort Pitt, that the two Confederacies will make Peace, which may at length terminate in a general union. I transmit you a Copy of Some Proceedings at the Meetings of various Nations at said Fort, which I received on the 10th. Inst^{:;}, and which the Indians desired might be forwarded to you. Mr. Croghan I am informed was ill and not able to attend.

Cap^t. Browne had better have delivered up the Indian Prisoners at first and with a good Grace, or else have persisted in his first Design of detaining them. What to do at present is realy difficult to determine. The Man is dead of his Wounds, and the Sachems have promised to deliver up the Murderers to you. If no Notice is taken Now of their Promise, they will not fail to interpret our Forbearance to our Fears; and Difficulties may arise also, if we insist on the Performance of their Promise. If you chance to go into the Indian Country they might make an offer to deliver the Prisoners they might not bring them to your House in the settled Country.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

What you say concerning Rum may be very just, but as you know, the Colonies have hitherto been very backward in passing Laws relative to Indian Affairs. Notwithstanding, I think, if you on one Side, and Mr: Steuart in his District, should fix upon certain Laws Necessary to be passed and that they came properly recommended by the King to each Province respectively, that the Provinces would enact Such Laws as should be so recommended, without great Difficulty.

Mr: Steuart has fixed the Boundary between Virginia and the Cherokee Country which terminates at the Mouth of the great Kanawa. The Western Indians and Cherokees have had some Skirmishes, but the latter will not own that they entered into any Engagement with the Six Nations &c^a. against any southern Nation.

Andrew Wemple's Acc^t. and another were entirely forgot in your last warrant, please to insert them as extraordinary Charges in your next Account and they will be paid according.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^R: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t:

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[]

[*New York Jan. 14th 1771*]

[] brings advice to the Middle

[George Gre]nvill^t is dead.

[The Duke] of Bedford expected to expire every hour.

[]nd just given over by the faculty.

The King, Gen^l Conway Mr Rigby & Lord Rochfort are all for war. The Prss Dowager, Lord Mansfield & L^d North for peace.

^a Died Nov. 13, 1770. *Annual Register*, 1770, p. 191.

Everything carrying on, with unremitted Spirit, to commence Hostilities.

The Ministry have at length ventured to create [] in the person of Mr De Grey who is succeeded as Attorney by Mr Thurloe, Mr Wallace is Sollicitor General.

The Duke of Gloster will have the command of the Army and the Ordnance vice the brave Lord Granby, Conway has got ye blues.

The Duke of Argyle¹ is dead his Grays are given to Lord Panmure & the latter's Regiment to Brig^r Mackay

Col Scott that was at Johnson Hall sometime ago is married to a fine young Lady Lord Erroll's Daughter on whom he has settled 1500 pounds a Year and 100,000 on the Children she may produce with two thousand pounds for Mourning should he die first.

Lord Harcourt is gone to france & a New Minister [] Paris is sett out for London.

Wilkes & parson Horne have quarell'd, [] is sinking fast.

Peter Rob Livingston []
 On the Assembly []
 to this Colony Lord D[]
 message dissuading them []
 person obnoxious to Government []
 been several days deliberating []
 but I fancy they will not alter []
 In England Insurance fall []
 rise a little yet the most int[]
 ple in trade write us word that []
 most certainly ensue.

I am,
 Sir William,

Your most humble Serv^t

JA RIVINGSTON

¹ Died Nov. 9, 1770. *Ibid.* 1770, p. 191.

INDORSED:¹Janry. 14th. 1771

 Mr. Silvesters letter
 with Piers letter

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF SIMON SCHRADER

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abr^m C Cuyler Esq^r Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify and Make Known to all to whome the same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh Year of King George Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Iréland King Defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Governor the Council & General Assembly of this province made and passed at New York, on the twenty-seventh Day of January One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturalizing the Several persons therein Mentioned Simon Schrader being one of the persons in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized Appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths appointed by Law Instead of the Oaths of Allegance & Supremecy & make repeat swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath in Testimony whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name and Caused the Seal of the s^d Court to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & year first above Written

STEPⁿ. DELANCEY ClerkABR^m: C CUYLER Mayor—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF GEORGE BENDOR

D. S.

January 15, 1771

[I Abraham C] Cuyler Esq^r Mayor of the City [of albany do by these] presents Certify & make Known to all to [whome the] Same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern [that at] a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the Said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh Year of King George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c, Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Govenour of the Council & General Assembly of this province made & passed at New York on the Twenty Seventh Day of January One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the Several Persons therein Mentioned George Bendor being one of the persons in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized Appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths appointed by Law instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & make Repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath in Testimony whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name & caused the Seal of the Said Court to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & year first Above Written

STEPⁿ. DE LANCEY Clerk

ABR^m C CUYLER Mayor —

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF GEORGE RUPPORT

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify & Make Known to all to whome the Same

Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Direction of an Act of the Governor the Council & General Assembly of this Province made & Passed at New York in the twenty Seventh Day of January one thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturalizing the Several persons therein Mentioned George Ruppert being one of the persons in the said Act Mentioned thereby Naturalized Appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths Appointed by Law Instead of the Oaths of Allegence and Supremecy & make Repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath In Testimony whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my Name & Caused the Seal to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & Year first above Written

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

ABR^M C CUYLER Mayor —

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF PHILLIP PELET

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abr^m C Cuyler Esq^r Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify and Make Known to all whome the Same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Before me the said Mayor & aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Directions of an act of the Governor the Council & General Assembly of this province made & passed at New York on the twenty seventh Day of

January One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the Several persons therein Mentioned Phillip Pelet being one of the persons in the said act mentioned & thereby Naturallized appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & Make Repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Adjuration Oath in Testimony whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name & Caused the Seal of the Said Court to be hereunto Affixed in the Day & Year first Above Written

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

ABR^M. C CUYLER Mayor —

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF GEORGE BRONS

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abr^m C Cuyler Esq^r. Mayor of the City of albany do by these Presents certify & make known to all to whome the same shall come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the Said City on tuesday the fifteenth day of January & in the Eleventh Year of King George the third By the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the direction of an Act of the Governor the Councill & General Assembly of this Province made & passed At New York on the twenty seventh Day of January One thousand seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the several Persons therein Mentioned George Brons — being one of the Persons in the Said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized Appeard in an Open Court & in due form did take the oaths Appointed by Law Instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & Make Repeat swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath In Testimony whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name and Caused the Seal of the Said Court to be Hereunto Affixed on the Day & year first above written

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

ABR^M. C CUYLER Mayor —

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF GEORGE SHEEP

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify & make Known to all to whome the same may Come or in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King defender of the faith &c; Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Direction of an act of the Governour the Council & General Assembly of this province made & Passed at New York on the twenty Seventh Day of January one thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the Several persons therein Mentioned George Sheep being one of the persons in the said Act Mentioned thereby Naturalized Appeared in an open Court & in due form did take the Oaths Appointed by Law instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & Make Repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath & In testimony Whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name & caused the seal of the said Court to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & year first above Written

STEP^N. DE LANCEY ClerkABR^M. C. CUYLER Mayor —

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF GEORGE CRITES

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abr^m C Cuyler Mayor of the City of albany do by these Presents Certify & make Known to all to whome the same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the

fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Governour the Council & General Assembly of this Province made & Passed at New York on the twenty Seventh Day of January one thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the Several persons therein Mentioned George Crites being one of the persons in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized Appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oath appointed by Law instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & make Repeat swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath In Testimony Whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name & Caused the Seal of the said Court to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & year first Above Written

ABRM C CUYLER Mayor —

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF JOHN CARREN

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r. Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify & Make Known to all to whome the same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c; Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Governor the Council & General Assembly of this Province made & Passed at New York on the twenty Seventh Day of January one thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an

Act for Naturallizing the Several Persons therein mentioned, John Carren, being one of the Persons in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized Appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths Appointed by Law instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & make Repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath in Testimony whereof The said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name and Caused the Seal of the said Court to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & Year first Above Written

ABR^M. C CUYLER Mayor —

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF PETER YOUNG

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r. Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify & Make Known to all to whome the same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Governor the Council & General Assembly of this Provence made & passed at New York on the twenty Seventh Day of January one Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the Several persons therein Mentioned Peter Young being one of the Persons in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized appeared in an open Court & in due form did Take the Oaths appointed by Law instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & make repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath in testimony whereof I the said

Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name and Caused the Seal of the said Court to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & year first Above Written

ABR.^M C CUYLER Mayor—

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF PETER FOSTER

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r. Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents certify & Make Known to all to whome the same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Governor the Council & General Assembly of this province made and passed at New York on the twenty seventh Day of January One Thousand & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturalizing the several persons therein Mentioned Peter Foster being one of the persons in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturalized appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths Appointed by Law insted of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & make Repeat swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath In testimony Whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name & Caused the seal of the said Court to be hereunto affixed on the Day & year just above Written

ABR.^M C CUYLER Mayor—

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF FREDERICK COUS

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify & Make Known to all to whome the Same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Governour of the Council & General Assembly of this province made & Passed at New York on the Twenty Seventh Day of January One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an act for Naturallizing the Several Persons therein Mentioned Frederick Cous being one of the persons in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized appeared in an open Court & in due form did take the Oaths appointed by Law insted of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & make Repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath in Testimony Whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name & Caused the Seal of the said Court to be hereunto affixed on the Day & year first Above Written

ABR C CUYLER Mayor—

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF MATHEW COOK

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r. Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify & make Known to all to whome the

same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record Held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the eleventh year of King George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Governour Council & General Assembly of this province made & passed at New York on the twenty Seventh Day of January One thousand seven Hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the Several persons therein Mentioned Mathew Cook being one of the persons on the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized appeared in an Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths Appointed by Law instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & Make Repeat swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration oath In testimony Whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed his name & Caused the seal of the said Court to be hereunto Affixed on the Day & year first Above Written

STEP^N. DE LANCEY Clerk

ABR^M: C CUYLER Mayor—

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF GEORGE SHINK

D. S.

January 15, 1771

I Abraham C Cuyler Esq^r. Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents certify & make Known to all to whome the Same Shall come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of January & in the Eleventh year of King George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c Before me the said Mayor & Aldermen of the City pursuant to the Directions of an Act of the Government of the Council and General Assembly of this province made & Passed at New York on the Twenty Seventh

Day of January One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy
 Entitled an Act for Naturallizing the Several Persons therein
 Mentioned George Shink being one of the Persons in the said
 Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized Appeared in Open Court
 & in due form did take the Oaths Appointed by Law instead of
 the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & make repeat Swear to &
 Subscribe the Abjuration Oath in Testimony Whereof & the
 said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed my name & Caused the
 seal of the said Court to be hereunto affixed on the Day & Year
 first above Written

STEP^N. DE LANCEY Clerk

ABR^M. C CUYLER Mayor —

FROM JELLAS FONDA

A. L. S.

Caughnawaga 15th January 1771 —

[] William Johnson Bar^t &c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

[] the Taylor

Bought of Jelles Fonda

5 yards Blue Cloath..@ 24/ £6... 0...0

6 yards Shaloon.....@ 3/ 0...18...0

3 Sticks twist 2/3 & 1 yd

Buchrom2/6 0... 4...9

2 ozs th^d. 1/4 & 15 Scaines

Silk3/9 0... 5...1

1 yard Ozinbrigs 0... 2...0

£7... 9...10

HON^{BLE} SIR

I rec^d. your favour and have given Freel the things he wanted,
 and made a bill of the same, because I thought he had taken more
 Cloath then sufficient for a Coat and Jacket, I am

Your Hon^{rs}.

Most Ob^t & Most Hu^l Sev^t

JELLES FONDA

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bar^t. &c^a. &c^a. &c^a.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Janry. 15th. 1771 —

Major Fondas Letter

THOMAS GAGE'S BILL OF EXCHANGE

A. D. S.

New York January 15th: 1771.

[] for £500 — . . —

Thirty Days after Sight of this my Second Bill [of] Exchange (my First and Third of the same Tenor and Date not paid) be [pleased] to Pay to Mess^{rs}: Hugh & Alexander Wallace or Order the [Sum of] Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, Value received, And [cha]rge the same with or without further Advice to the Account of

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant

THO^s. GAGE

Mess^{rs}: COX & DRUMMOND
Craigs Court
Charing Cross
London

INDORSED:

[]

[] Johnson Baronet
Hugh & Alex Wallace

¹ In Johnson's hand.

THOMAS GAGE'S BILL OF EXCHANGE

A. D. S.

Exchange for £206·16·11

Thirty Days after Sight of this my Second Bill of Exchange (my First and Third of the same Tenor and Date not paid) be pleased to Pay to Mess^{rs}: Hugh and Alexander Wallace or Order the Sum of Two Hundred and Six Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, and Eleven Pence Sterling Value received, And Charge the same with or without further Advice to the Account of.

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

THO^s. GAGETo Mess^{rs}: COX AND DRUMMOND

Craigs Court

Charing Cross

London.

INDORSED:

Pay John Blackburn Esq^r. or order

Value of Sir William Johnson Baronet

Hugh & Alex Wallace

FROM GARRET VAN SANTE JR

L. S.

*Albany January 19th: 1771.*HONR^d. SIR

I received yours and Delivered the four Hampers of Spow water to Captain Pemberton; I am sorry that I did not know at the Time when it was put into Store that there was water in: I would have took it and put it into my Cellar where I have four Barrels of Apples & a Barrel of Matteglin of yours there are 3

or 4 Casks of Shot which are open; and one Box with Paint which is all broke and unfit for carriage; If you think proper I will get them mended as I have built a good Store house for Storage of Goods I shall be glad to serve you at all Times I have no Account of your things which are in the Store as Captain Lansing has put them in without my being present. I am Hon^d: Sir

Your most humble servant

GERRET VAN SANTE Jr

To

The Honorable SIR W^m. JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}: Sir William Johnson

Bart— at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Janr^y. 19th. 1771 —

Mr. Van Santes letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 21st Janr^y 1771

DEAR SIR

Since I wrote you the 7th Ins^t. I did all in my power to procure the Bills for you, & had not Gen^l. Gage wanted to draw, I fancy I could not have got Bills—severall Bills have since I bought those been sold at 80⁰⁰ C^t & I fancy they will still be higher—the Sums we have to pay for Goods imported lately are verry

¹ In Johnson's hand.

large — Inclosed is Gen ^l Gages Bill favour Mess ^r Bakers value of you	£500
fav ^r . John Blackburn Esq ^r . d ^o	206:16:11
	<hr/>
	£706:16:11
	<hr/>
Exch ^e 772 ꝥC ^t	1254:13:—
Your Bills on M ^r Mortier are	1180:—:—
	<hr/>
Ballanced	£74:13:—

I send you the 1st & 2^d Bills, & keep the 3^d Bills till another opportunity, for fear of Accidents. I think its a pity you had not remitted [] some time ago when Bills were at 60ꝥC^t.

I have spoke to M^r Tho W^m Moon about M^r Lane's Lands at Sacondaga, he says he was offered 10^s ꝥ Acre for the whole at [] Sale, but chuses to sell at Vendue. I fancy [he] will be mistaken. I shall attend the Sale & if it comes at your Limitt shall buy it for you. If you would go further lett me have your Orders — Nothing new here — I have been at Mr. Colden this Day for the Mapped, he says I shall have it this Week — the finest best Weather ever seen at this Season of the Year

I am D Sir

Most respectfully

Your obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

Hon^{ble} SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.

Johnson Hall —

INDORSED:¹

N York 21st. Janry. 1771

M^r. Letter with
2 Setts of bills — —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM SAMUEL DEALL

A. L. S.

New York Jan^y. 21st. 1771

SIR

I had the Honour of your Letter of the 4th. Ins^t. and agreeable to your kind order have sent by the Albany Post-man as ⁷ Inclos'd Acc^t. which I hope will come safe to hand, and to your liking, you did not order any quantity of the Essence of Pearl & Pearl Dentifrice, and Brushes so was at a loss to think what would be most agreeable to you, but thought it best to send you 6 Bottles Essence, 6 Boxes of Dentifrice, and 12 Brushes, as every Gentleman or Lady at first takes, one Bottle of Essence, one Box of Pearl Dentifrice and 2 Brushes,—you will please to observe the Brushes are of 2 Shapes, for the inside, and outside of the Mouth, it begins to be in great Esteem here, and hope it will meet with the same approbation with you, your future orders for that or anything else shall be thankfully and punctually Executed by Honour'd Sir

Your most obedient
and most Humble Servant

SAM^l DEALL

ADDRESSED:

To Sir Will^m. Johnson Baro^t.

INDORSED:¹

N York 21st. Jan^y. 1771

Mr. Sam^l Deals letter
& Acc^t. £5..2..—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

SAMUEL DEALL'S BILL

A. D.

New York Jan^y. 21st. 1771

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Bo^t. of Sam^l. Deall

6 Bottles Turlingtons Balsam.....	4/.....	£1..4..0
6 Bottles Essence of Pearl.....	5/.....	1.10..0
6 Boxes Pearl Dentifrice.....	5/.....	1.10..0
1 Doz Tooth Brushes.....		0.12..0
1 Bottle Westons Snuff.....		0..6..0
		<hr/>
		£5..2..0

INDORSED:¹M^r Deals Acc^t

£5..2..—

TO JEAN BAPTIST VAN EPS ET AL.²Df.³Johnson Hall Jan^y 22 1771.

SIR

I have received your Letter and desire you will acquaint the Gent by whose direction you wrote to me that I have perused the proposals &c therein inclosed, and could have wished to have had a Copy of the Resolutions of the House of Assembly touching the Affair of your Township, by which I might be the better Enabled to offer my sentiments or advice.—As it appears to me at present I think you should be particularly Carefull, First, as to the Character, & Connections of the Referrees,; Next as to the

¹ In Johnson's hand.² Trustees of Schenectady.³ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

powers to be Vested in them, On the latter head I am of opinion that provided the House have not determined the powers of the Referrees they sho^d. not have authority to Controvert the Old Town Grants w^{ch} have been peaceably possessed for a Series of Years, but rather to enquire into any that may have been deemed too Extravagant or Extensive or obtained without a reasonable Consideration if any such there are, and also whether the Lands that are not so Circumstanced should be now divided, or not, for It appears to me something Extraordinary that Referrees should have such Extravagant Authority as might impower them to determine in favor of a partition of your whole Township since such Determination appears to threaten your Town with Ruin, altho' it may not appear to affect it so Sensibly in the Eyes of such Referrees as (from the distance of their residence) are unacquainted with the private Motives of your Antagonists.—Whatever Measures you take should be pursued in Consequence of the best Advice you can procure, and the Gentlemen you make use of therein should be persons of Strict Integrity & disinterestedness.—Upon the Whole I cannot but approve in some measure of the paper of Observations you sent me, The whole sho^d. not be Liable to suffer for the Errors of a few I think the Grants that are moderate, & appear to have been fairly obtained sho^d not be risked in the dispute but only those that are Liable to Censure from their Extravagance or Illegality, with those That are yet undivided.—As I am Not acquainted with the particular Resolve of the House of Assembly, It is not in my power at present to add more than my best Wishes for the True Interests of your Township and my Assurances of promoting the same at all times as far as I can being with my kind regard to the Trustees

Sir &ca

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*¹

[]

Johnson hall Jan^y 22^d 1771

In Answer to your favor of last Month which a late Indisposition prevented me from doing Sooner, I think it but Just to Declare that from what I recollect to have passed Concerning your Indian Grant obtained when Sir Henry Moore was here, The Six Nations observed that the Lands West of Possaghtunk branch Claimed by the patent to Mr. Hardenbergh was their Property, and as it was never sold by them Could not be disposed of by any other Nation of Indians, That therefore they would dispose of them to you, that You might obtain a patent for them, and that they would Consider these Lands as your property, and Admit such people as should be Sent properly authorized by you to Settle thereon

If I was sufficiently recovered to have recourse to the Sev^l. proceedings At that time I might possibly be more Circumstantial but I dare say this will prove Satisfactory as to the Ideas the Indians entertained and their Intentions in making the Grant to you I am

Sir

COLL: BRADSTREET —

&ca

FROM WILLIAM WHITLOCK

*A. L. S.**frehold in Munmoth Jennary the 22 1771*

[] Sir When I Saw Captn Tice Last []

[] the great in Curragement to Cum up & Settell [un]der your Jury Diction & Told Me That You Would give the greatest In Curregment of any proprietor In The parts & That Yoo was A gentelman of great inDulgence to honisty &

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

frugality and Told me That he Thought I might be of great Service To You In My Occupation and Meting This Instant with Your Advertisement In the public of Sundrey Lots of Land Upon Difrent Turmes Gives Me So Much In Curragement That I have Concluded with the Love of Providance To Move Up with My family as Soon as The Seasons Will pormit In The Spring hoping That It will be in Your power to help Me to Aninpruement with a Smal flock of Creators To begin with Upon Turms That Will Sute both you Sir & Me Tell I Can have An Opertunity of Seing of Your Lands & gitting Som Acquaintance In The Cuntry I Expect To Bring My Credentiels With me Which May Give You further Satisfaction Captin Tice Can inform You Sir for We wair brought Up in One Neighbourhood I do practise In almost Every branch Of the Wooding bisness & hop That I May Meet With it In plenty In Your Neighbourhood for I do Expect To bring Up more Then My One family That Will Come with the Same Vew That I do pleas Sir To let Capt Tice See Your letter he Told me That he New that You Would Employ Me & all My hands The Season Threw I Would be glad to have a few lines if it be possibel from Either of You Capt Tice Noes Wheir to Direct them To for me

I am Your Most Humbel Servent WILLIAM WHITLOCK

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnston bart

att

His hall in Albine County

p^r faver of

M^r Jeams Evarn

INDORSED:¹

W^m. Whitlocks letter

Janr^y. 22^d. 1771 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall Janry. 23^d. 1771 —

Sir/

£ 138 Curcy

Pay unto Col. Daniel Claus or Order
on Demand the Sum of One Hundred
& Thirty Eight Pounds New York Currency
& Charge it to Acc^t. of

Y^r. Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER Esq^r.Dep^y. Pay Master Gen^rl.

New York —

Pay the Contents to Phyn & Ellis or order

D. W. CLAUS

Pay the Contents to M^r Peter V B Livingston or order Value
received

PHYN & ELLICE

Rec^d. Febr^y. 15th. 1771 of Abraham Mortier Esq^r.
one hundred & thirty Eight pounds in full
for the within bill

P. V. B. LIVINGSTON

£138

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnsons
Draft of 23 Jan^y. 1771 to
Col Claus for £138
Cur

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

Philad^a. 24th. Jan^y 1771 —

DEAR SIR

The recpt of your obligeing lett^r of the 22^d Ult has given me a pleasure scarce Expressable the part you have acted as a mediator & a friend to my unguarded broth^r. exceeds anything he or any of the famely Could have expected, it Confirms me in the opinion I always entertain'd of you, as I Cannot impute it to any merit in himself yet would fain hope & I have the greatest reason to think he is come to a due sense of his past folly so as he may hereafter merit in part so great fav^{rs}. bestowed upon him, you have now put him in the path of fortune which if he lets slip by any misconduct eighther by word or deed he's forever blameable, this I sincerely hope he'l avoid and follow the rules you have & may hereaft^r. lay down for him when I may flater myself with the pleas^g. prospect of seeing him once more as he was, when before under your Care & protection

It gives me the greatest Concern to hear that I should have hinted in any respect so as to doubt your sincerity & regards for me & my Connections after the many proofs I have had from you to the Contrary if I have droped any Expression in my last lett^r. on that head it must have arose from a Jalousy of not hav^g. the pleasure of hearing from you as often as usal to gath^r. with some insinuations that has been dropt to some of my frinds here, that you had withdrawn your frindship, by them that has had a more frequent oport^y. of being about you & Corospond^g with you then I have had the honour of late to have

I for my own part have the greatest sense of the favours you put in my way as well as what you have done for the rest of the famely that Come under your notice, and I well know how little some of them deserve it, this I have often repeated to such of them as I had an oport^y to Converse with, the one you have

now taken so much pains to provide for is no stranger to my sentiments with regard to your friendship to him which was shewn on all Occasions in return for which as well as the fav^{rs}. I have myself rec'd it woud be my greatest ambition to have it [in] my power to render you or any of your Connections any services in this place

I was lately down at my store in Wilmington where I heard of young M^r. Fitzsimons your Nephew being on his way to see you I made Enquiry about him on my return to philad^a. when I heard he was gone which gave me some Concern being inform'd that he was advisd to aply to our Mayor for a pass which I should have prevented there being no necessity for any young gentⁿ. hav^g. the like, hav^g. the pleasure of a Constant Corrospondance with Coln^l. Eyre Massy he in his last lett^r. of the 24th Septemb^r. desires I might present his Sincere regards to you, I have lately been so unfortunate as to loose my motherinlaw and as fine a little boy as possable Could be 4 years & 3 months old with only two days sickness the loss is the greater on Account of his being so promising a Child and the one I took the liberty of Calling after you from the respect I bore the name, the subject I hope will be sufficient to plead my Excuse for the lenth of my letter which shall Close with M^{rs} Wades, Mother and Sisters most respectful Acknowledgements for your great goodness shewn to broth^r. and belive me to be with sincere regards & great truth

Dear Sir

Your assur'd wellwisher
& much oblig'd & most
Obed^t Humble Serv^t

FRAN^s. WADE

The Honourable SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Barn^t.

P. S. I did intend this by a young gentⁿ one M^r Teaf who Called upon me & inform'd me of his intention of going up to you whats his Errand I Cannot learn but in my Opinion he's a wild youth and but indifferent principals I done all I Could to prevent his going up by inform^g. him you was Verry throng this wint^r. & had

lately a great numb^r of young gentⁿ relations &c to provide for what Effect it may have upon him I Cant say however he seems to be weavering I may have been to forward in what I have done which I should not have attempted had he the least recommendatⁿ. to you or anything to recommend himself except being a []

INDORSED:¹

Philadelphia 24th. Jan^y. 1771

Mr. Francis Wades letter

FROM JOHN SANDERS AND JOHN B. V EPS

L. S.

[] *Schonectady Jan^y 26th 1771*

I Rec^d your most Esteemed favour of the 22^d Instant and have According to your Desire therein Acquainted The Gentlemen That Desired me to acquaint you with the Contents of the Letter, They have mutually Considered the Contents of y^r Letter, and Shall Take all the Caution we Possibly Can In[], and whatever Measures we Shall Take we Shall Take Care to have it Persued by Our Best friends & the Best Advice we Can procure, And we Do Hereby Kindly Acknowledge our Joint Tancks to Your Honour for your Advice and Caution Given us, of w^{ch}: All Agree, And Shall Always be Verry much Oblidged to your Honour for Any futer or further Caution & Advice in this weighty Dispute of our Unlucky Town, The Inhabitants and freeholders thereof have presented Us a Petition Signed by A great Number Inclosed we Send Your Honour a True Copy thereof for y^r: perusal, The Inhabitants and freeholders have Also Put up a Liberty pole well Bound with Iron Barrs, Twenty foot Above the Ground in About the Center of our Town and Spiked it with A great Many Iron Nales with the flag at the Top,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

and the words wrote on Each Side (Liberty) which has been Erected & Stood About Three Days, without Being Molested, w^{ch} I am of Opinion if is at Any Time Attempted, will be the worst Trouble that Ever Has Yet Been in Our Town, M^r: John Glen & Duncan Sent for Two or three of the Inhabitants Smits &c^a: who Asked who Employed to work on the Liberty pole they made Answer that they were paid for their work, And now they Tretten Again that the Kings Attorney will make them Suffer for Erecting The pole As it Stands in the Middle of the Street, M^r Duncan Seems one of our Greatest Antigonists & Seems Great at the other Side, And it Seems the Town will Stand out to have their Liberty & privileges As Usual Since the Date of the Original Patent &c^a: And am with Great Reguard Verry Respectfully

Honoured S^r Y^r. most obleidged &
Most Obedeant Humble Serv^{ts}.

JOHN SANDERS
J^N° B V EPS

Sir I Dont Skrupple but you have the votes of the house, but they Recommanded both parties to agree upon the forces & to have it published three Sundays Jontly & that they w^d then pass an actt I am Sir Your Obed^t:

J^N° B V EPS

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bart^t:

att

Mount Johnson

Q D C

INDORSED:¹

Janry. 26th. 1771 —

[] Sanders & Van Eps
 Letter on behalf of ye. Town
 [&] People of Schenectady.—
 Ansrd. Febr^{ry}. 1st.

A PETITION FROM SCHENECTADY

*Contemporary Copy*²

Schenectady, Jan. 26, 1771

[] Jacobus Van Slyck, John Saunders & Isaac Vroman, &
 [] of the Township of Schenectady.—

The Petition of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town-
 ship of Schenectady.—

Humbly Sheweth.—

Whereas We understood that you, & Ryer Schermerhorn
 lately Convened in Order to Settle the Dispute relating to the
 Said Township, by a Reference, & that Ryer Schermerhorn pro-
 posed that all Deeds, Possessions, & other Titles Respecting the
 Same Since the Date of the Patent 1684 Should be Subject to
 the Examination, & Judgement of the Said Referrees, to which
 Proposal we are very apprehensive you will Close at next
 Meeting.—

Your Petitioners Conceive that they are equally Concerned,
 and Interested in Said Township with yourselves, Ryer
 Schermerhorn, or his Adherents, the Major part of us Claiming
 by Purchase, having either by Our Ancestors, or immediately by
 ourselves Purchased, honestly Paid for, & valuably Improved
 Lands in said Township, & have therefore (we presume) an

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² The signatures are in the same handwriting as the text of the document.

Indisputable Right to be Consulted in an Affair of so much Importance.—

We therefore beg Leave to Observe, that if Said Ryer Schermerhorn's Proposal should be Carried into Execution, and the Decision Should be in his favor, the Consequence w^d. be, that a great part of your Pet^{rs}. would lose their just Rights, Houses, and Lots of Ground to a great Number.—Meadows, & Pasture Ground In short, Some of them will be Reduced to Beggary, & be necessitated to leave the Place, for the Poor would be miserably Distressed. It would Deter others from settling in these parts, & be productive of the most Inconceivable, & greatest Anarchy & Confusion if not the loss of the Lives of a great many Persons.—

Your Pet^{rs}. pray you to take the Premises into Consideration, & by no means close with Ryer Schermerhorn's Proposal, but on the Contrary, Concert & Conduct Measures that will be more beneficial to the Community in general—

THASWERUS MARSELUS	And your Pet ^{rs} . as in Duty bound
PETER TRUEX	Shall ever Pray.—
CALEB BECK	
HENDRICK BROUWER	CHRIS ^r . YATES.—
JELLES DERT VAN VORST	CORNELIUS VAN DYCK
JOH ^s . HALL	AKES PEAK
HENDR ^k . H. VEIDER	ARENT N. VAN []
JOHN PEAK	LODOVICUS PEAK
ANDREW WEMPLE	JOHN B. T. VAN VORST
JACOB FUNDA	PETER CORNUE
ISAAC MARSELUS	JOHN TOLL
JOHN B. T. WENDELL	JACOBUS VAN SICE
NICH ^s . HALL	PETER VAN VORST
PETER VEDER	LANCASTER CONNOR
MARTIN VAN SLYCK	CHRIS ⁿ . VOLTHUYSEN
JOHN B. VROMAN	JOHN MARSELIUS
JOHN STEIRS	JOHN MYNDERS
SYBRANT VAN SCHAICK	MATHEW LYNE

FRED ^K . CLUTE	THOMAS B. BANKER
JOSEPH YATES	MAAS V. VRANKE
CORNELIUS BARKEYT	ISAAC TRUEX
JACOB CLUTE	HENRY PEAK
ABRAHAM V. VORST	TUNIS SWART
CORNELIUS PEAK †	JACQ ^S . V. VORST
JOSEPH FLANSBURGH	ISAAC GLEN
CHARLES DENNISTON	ARENT MARSELIUS
GARRET VANNESS	JOHANNES VAN PETTEN
JOH ^S . VAN VORST	JOHANNES H. VEIDER
HENDRIK CORRELL	NICHOLAS SWART
JELLES YATES	JOHANNES BARKEYT
TAKERM VANDER BOGERT	HARMAN MYNDERS
SIMON VAN PETTEN	JOHN THO ^S . HALL
ABRAHAM VAN EPS	JOHN EMPIE
JOHN BARKEYT Jun ^r .	HENDRICUS VEIDER
CLAAS VEDER	JOH ^S . H. VROMAN Jun ^r .
CLAAS DE GRAFE	CORNELIUS VROMAN
JOHANNES VAN ANTWERPE	ALBERT MEBIU
WILLIAM STEPHENS	ISAAC QUACKENBOUSH
JOHANNES JEROM BARKEYT	BARENT MYNDERS
SIMON TOLL	FREDERICK VAN PETTEN Jun ^r .
WILLIAM DE GRAFE	DAN ^L . CORNUE
CARREL H. TOLL Jun ^r .	PETRUS CLUTE
PHILIP T. VAN PETTEN	JOHN POST
PETER FUNDA	ABRAHAM SWETS

FROM CAPTAIN NORMAN MACLEOD

In the Johnson Calendar under date of Jan. 27, 1771, is listed a letter written in New York City from Captain Normand MacLeod to Sir William Johnson mentioning a "scandalous paper signed Brutus," fighting between soldiers and Sons of Liberty and trouble between Governor Franklin and New Jersey Sons and gossiping about various persons. Destroyed by fire.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

Highlands Jan^{ry} 28th 1771

DEAR SIR

The day after I parted from you I reached Albany in time to dine with our friend Mr Delancey I stayed while Tuesday morning at the request of Mr Henry Hollond who had some papers to send to the East End of Long Island w^{ch}. he Could not get ready Sooner I set out then in Company with two or three Gentlemen and the Post and after Riding over the roughest ground I ever saw got here on Thursday after noon and found Mr Robinson and his Family Very well he was Extreemly Glad to hear of you — and talks of paying you a Visit in the Spring — he is so kind as to set out in the morning for New York in order to get my Affairs settled there — and as he does not think it Necessary for me to go with him I shall only keep him Company about Eight or nine mile and then take the New England road, and proceed directly to New London when not one moment shall be Lost in getting Every thing ready for my Return to the Hall where if I am so happy as to get once Settled it shall be the great Endeavour of my Life to behave in such a manner as may make some poor Return for your unbounded goodness to me, and if my most Earnest prayers and Supplications are heard this will find you better in health and more free from that great pain you was in when I left you, Cap^t. Pemberton told me by the weight of the Hampers he hoped a good part of the spaw Water was Safe — I hope you may get it in good order and Heaven Grant it may do you Service. the weather has been Colder sense last Tuesday then Ever I knew it when the Sun Shone & there was no Snow on the Crown, for there's not a grain to be Seen Even in the Highlands the River is Froze over at Rinebeck here it is so full of Ice that no Vessell Could pass — I beg the Fav^r of my best Respects to Sir John; Col Johnson & Col^o Clauss and their

Ladys. I hope Mr^s. Johnson has made the Col^o Happy with a fine son, as Soon as I arrive at New London Mr Daly shall be Supply'd with all the News from the great & wonderfull town of Boston my Compliments to him and all the gentlemen of Johnstown, and be Assured that I am with Every fervent wish for your health & Happiness and Very great duty and Respect

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t &
Most Hble Serv^t

JOS CHEW

Mr & Mr. Robinson desire their
best Compliments and wishes
for your health —

The Hon^{ble}. Sir W^m. Johnson

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bart

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Chews Letter 28th.

Janr^y. 1771 —

Ansrd. 22^d. Feb^{ry} —

FROM STEPHEN DE LANCEY

A. L. S.

[]

Albany January 28 1771 —

I must first begg you'll excuse my not waiting on you this winter which nothing but the misfortunes & Distress in my family should have hinderd. youll please to accept my harty wishes that You may spend this & many years to come in helth & happiness.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I am Informed our Assembly intend dividing this county, if so it will hurt my Office much the only step left for me to take is to begg Your interest to have me appointed Clerk of the New Countyes; If you will be so kind as to interfere I am shure of Succeeding. You may depend I should always Deputise none but such as you should think proper to nominate & approve of Youll please to make my Comp^{ts} to all our friends & wish them a happy New Year. I am D^r: Sir Your Sincere friend & most Oblidgd

Hb^l Ser^t

STEP^N: DELANCEY

If you have any Commands about poor Tice I shall be glad to serve

FROM THOMAS WHARTON

A. L. S.

Philad^l. January 29, 1771.

[] FRIEND

The Bearer hereof John Harper, having informed Me of his Inclination to Visit Your parts, in Order to see if He could meet with a tract of Land to his liking, as well as to see the Country: And finding by an Advertisement in Our papers, that, My Honourd friend Sir William Johnson, inclines to dispose of some parts of his Estate, I did not know, but by taking the liberty of Mentioning John Harpers Name, I might, at the same time, that I served Him, be rendering an Acceptable Service to thee; shall therefore Mention, that, My Friends in England inform Me, He is a Gentleman of fair Character and well Acquainted with Business — should it lay in thy way, to shew Him any Act of Civility, while in Your parts it will add to the Abundant proofs, the publick have had, of thy Humane Disposition & Confer an Obligation on Me.

Our latest Advices from Brother Samuel are the Middle of Novem^r when through the ferment of the Nation, they had not reneiw'd their Application to Government but He did not doubt of Succeeding this Season for Business.

We have yet nothing determinate respecting a War with Spain or France, but it seems to be the Opinion of Most, that Matters will at this time be settled, tho' there is not the least doubt, of an Alliance Offensive & Defensive being Entr'd into between France, Spain & Austria, and that they had Agreed to Commence Hostilities Against Us in 1770, in Consequence of Which Agreement Spain seizd Falkland Island, but the other two Powers, not being ready, have turn'd Mediators between England & Spain; and this Will Explain to thee a part of the Kings Speech where He Mentions the "Disposition of Other Powers" —Our Asembly are now setting, & the Governor [] sent them down a Message (with a letter He had receivd from the Kings Ministry) informing the House, that, his Majesty wa[n]ted that Each Colony would take Upon them the Management [of] their Own Indian Affairs, As was formerly practiced; [] have not Yet Entr'd into the Consideration of the Affairs [] I cannot Say how it will result; but apprehending it would not be disagreeable to thee, to know even this Much, I have venturd to trespass so far on thy time —

If I could be of Service, Sir William, in any particular, I shall be glad [] please to Inform Me

Being with real regard

Thy Assurd friend

THO WHARTON

ADDRESSED:

For

Sir William Johnson

Baronet

at

Johnson hall

Ⓟ favor of }
John Harper }

INDORSED:¹Jan^{ry}. 29th. 1771 ———Mr. Th^s. Whartons letter℥ Mr. Jⁿ. Harper

TO HUGH WALLACE

*A. Df. S.**Johnson Hall Jan^{ry} 29th 1771*

DEAR SIR

I was yesterday favoured wth y^{rs} of the 21st last, and as I wrote you by the last Post, Should not have troubled you now, but on Acc^t. of that Land of Mr. Lanes w^h Mr. Moore is to Sell. I have the purchasing of Lot N^o 44 (which Joins me) so much at heart that I would not by any Means have you miss it, Should it cost me more than it is worth, or much more than Mr. Clarks other part in said Patent (which is much better) cost me viz^t. 8^s ℥ Acre, nay if it cannot be got cheaper I would have You give 12 or 14^s ℥ Acre for that Lot which is 250 Acres, and for Lot 2 & 77 I will give a Dollar ℥ Acre, or for the 3 Lots at an Average I will give 10^s ℥ Acre ready Cash, which I believe is more than any one else will give, especially as they are a good deal Startled here at the likelyhood there seems to be of a War.—The above prices I mention for your guidance in the Affair, and doubt not but you will be able to get them for less w^h. I am sure you will if you can. As Soon as the bargain is made bind it at once, and you will doubtless observe there is a good deal of Quitrent upon it. I thank you for the trouble you took in y^e. Affair of the Bills, and also in y^t. of the Draft w^h. Mr. Colden is to Send me.—I have nothing further to add but to beg that you

¹ In Johnson's hand.

will excuse the trouble I give you, & that you will believe me
Sincerely & Affectly.

I sent him a Draft for
£500 Curr^{cy}.

Your Welwisher
& verry Humble Serv^t.

My kind Respects to
M^{rs}. Wallace —

WJ

I send you a Bill on M^r. Mortier for y^e. payment of y^e. within
mentioned 3 Lots. If you can but get Lot 44 Secured Soon,
You may let y^e. other 2 Lots remain until the Day of public Sale
when probably they will be sold for much less than I have offered

I dont find there is any prospect of y^e. Division of the County
nor indeed do I see that it is pushed as [] Expected it would
by Some of my Freinds [] know what it likely
to be the Issue of the present Session —

INDORSED:¹

Janry. 30th. 1771 —

Letter to Hugh Wallace
Esq^r. with a Bill for
£500 Curc^y on
Mortier for the
purchase of Lands —

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF JOHN FARLINGER

D. S.

January 29, 1771

[I Abr^m C Cuyler Mayor of the City of albany do by
these presents Certify and Make Known to all to whome the
same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court
of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday
the twenty ninth Day of January & in the Eleventh Year of our
Sovereign Lor]d George [Third by the Grace of God of

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Great Britain] france & Ireland [King Defender of the Faith &c, Before me] the said [Mayor & Aldermen of the City Pursuant] to the Directions of [an Act of the Governour of the Council & General] Assembly of this Province made [& passed at New York on the] twenty Seventh Day of January one th[ousand seven hundred and] Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizing [the Several Persons] therein Mentioned John Farlinger being one [of the persons] in the said act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized app[ear'd in an] Open Court & in due form did take the Oaths App[ointed by] Law Instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supremecy & [make repeat] Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration Oath In test[imony where]of I the said Mayor have hereunto Subscribed m[y name & Caused] the Seal of the said Court to be hereunto Affixed [on the Day & Year] first above Written —

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk

ABR^M. C. CUYLER, Mayor]

INDORSED: [] being
 []d

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OF FREDERICK WAGGONER

D. S.

January 29, 1771

[I Abr^m C Cuyler Mayor of the City of albany do by these presents Certify and Make Known to all to whome the same Shall Come or may in any wise Concern that at a Court of Record held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the twenty ninth of January & in the Eleventh Year] of our Sovereign [Lord George Third by the Grace of God of] Great Britain Fra[nce & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c,] Before me the said Ma[yor & Aldermen of the city] Pursuant to the Directions [of an Act of the Governour of the Council] & General Assembly of this Province [made & passed at New York] on the twenty-Seventh Day of January one [thousand]

seven hundred & Seventy Entitled an Act for Naturallizin[g] the Several Persons] therein Mentioned Frederick Waggoner being one [of the persons] in the said Act Mentioned & thereby Naturallized Ap[peared in] an open Court & in due form did take the Oaths App[ointed] by Law Instead of the Oaths of Allegence & Supr[emecy &] Make repeat Swear to & Subscribe the Abjuration [Oath in testi]mony whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto [Subscribed my] name & Caused the seal of the said Court to be [hereunto] Affixed on the Day & Year first above Wri[tten—]

STEP^N. DELANCEY Clerk ABR^M. C C[UYLER, Mayor]

INDORSED: []
 []eing

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall Jan^y. 30th. 1771

SIR/

£500 Curr^y

Pay unto the Hon^{ble}. Hugh Wallace Esq^r.
 of New York or order on Demand the Sum
 of Five Hundred Pounds York Currency
 & Charge it to Acc^t. of

Sir, y^r. Humble Servant
 W. JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM MORTIER
 Dep^y. Pay M^r. General
 New York

[] the Cont^s in full 11th Feb^y 1771 by an
 order on Cha^s M^c Evers

HUGH & ALEX^R WALLACE

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnsons
 draft of 30 Jan^y 1771
 in favor of Hugh
 Wallace Esq^r for
 £500 Curr^y

JOHN BLACKBURN'S INVOICE

D. S.

[	]	Johnson Bar ^t & Consigned to		
[	Mr. John Weatherhead]	at New York —		
[	]	al Octant Qudrant fitted to a three Leggd	}	5 5 —
[]	& Socket for Land Surveying &c —		
		Packing Case for Legs		10
		Porterage &c on board		2 3
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Errors Excepted
 JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Blackburns Acc^t.
 of a Quadrant

TO SAMUEL BAKER

*A. Df.**Johnson Hall January 31st 1771 —*

SIR/

Since my last to You of the 2^d. of July which Inclosed Three bills Amt^g. to £435 Sterl^g. I have not been favoured with a line from You, nor Should I know that my letter had reached You, were it not that Mr. Blackburn acknowledges the receipt of the £80, Which I directed You to pay him.—I herewith Send You

¹ In Johnson's hand.

a Bill of £500 Sterlg. which I would have put into the 3rd C^t. Consolidated Bank Annuities, and request that I may hear from You on the receipt of it & how you disposed of the former Bills, and how my Acc^t. Stands at present.—

I Delivered the letters to Capt^{ns}. Claus and Johnson which you Sent under Cover to me, and Remain

Sir
&^{ca}.

INDORSED:¹

Jan^y. 31st. 1771

To Sam^l. Baker []

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

[] Johnson hall Jan^y 31st. 1771.—

I have received your favors of the 14th and 21st. Inst. the []ompanied with a Copy of the proceedings with the Ind^s. at Fort [] which I am surprised to find that Thomas King had not got [] his way to the Southward.— I dont wonder at his Expressing [] & demands there, for I understand he has revelled at all [] on the way, and Sold his Cloaths &c however I Expe[] will be of a good deal of Service, for the purport of his belts [] the Ind^s. to the Southward, that the Northern Nations appear [gr]eat regard to our advice and Interest.—

If I can possibly fall upon any practicable Step for procuring the delivery up of the Seneca who killed the Soldier I shall not neglect it, convinced of the Truth of your observations on that Subject which perfectly Correspond with my Own, and I shall very readily agree to propose any Leads for a Law restricting, or

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

regulating the Sale of Rum if there is any prospect of its being adopted by the American Legislatures.

With your favor of the 21st. I received 2 Pacquets one which was Mentioned in your Letter, and the other with a note from Cap^t Maturin, and I shall Cause them to be Safely forwarded imediately. The Indⁿ. called Okeyawass Mentioned in Cap^t Browns Letter is a person of Consequence whom I formerly mentioned to you, he came to me before the late Treaty at the German flatts which he attended & returned back to my house from whence he set out for the Westward by the way of Canada, I did not know of his having any dispatches 'till the Morning of his departure, but I have heard from Philadelphia that they were Pacquets from Gen^l. Seabright to Coll. Wilkins &^{ca} The Consideration he is of amongst his own people Joyned to his uncommonly great Character induced me to Charge him with Many Messages & some particulars of the late Treaty to his people to whom I sent the belts, which Cap^t Brown mentions,—I hope agreeable to what you Mention that we shall have early advices in Case of a War, which seems to me an Event that will []

Soon,—I have had some large bodies of Indians [] days past who have been very particular in [] that head, it having lately come to their Ears [] Circumstances, that Induced them to think it [] but concealed from their knowledge.—I gave [] as I Judged most prudent until we shall have []

Lieut Aug^{ne}. Prevost has requested to be [] as he goes for N York in order to Settle matters [] Army, his prospects and intentions will with most pro[] you by himself, but as he is a Young Gentleman [] Character and Conduct, I think him deserving of [] I can give him, and heartily wish he may meet with your kin[] for reinstating him in the Lieutenancy and obtaining the Adjutancy in the Battallion Commanded by his Father.

His Excell^y

LIEUT GEN^l. GAGE.

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 31st. Jany 1771.

Inclosed I have sent a draft of a lease I have taken in every thing that appeared to me to be necessary I hope it will meet with your approbation You can make Such alterations contractions or enlargements as you think Proper—I need not tell you the greater Indulgences given & the easier terms allowed will be the most likely to procure good Tenants and the shorter the lease is the better provided all the requisite covenants are couched in it as people are apt to be frightened at Much writing I am

Sir

Your very

humble Servant

P SILVESTER

TO BENJAMIN ROBERTS

Df.¹

[]

Johnson hall Febr^y 1st. 1771.—

I have received your favors of June August & October last, and altho' a good deal of my time was spent in business abroad Since last Summer, I should have wrote you Sooner had I any thing material to say to you.—I flattered myself that after the Letter of Introduction in your behalf, your being on the Spot would have Sufficiently contributed to promote your designs, and as my Correspondence with men in power is confined to very few persons, I knew that they do not like to be urged,—my good wishes for your Welfare however Induce me to think that you

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

may Still get into Something that may be advantagious to you, & possibly the present prospect of affairs may open a way to your preferment to something that may be handsome, and which a man cannot procure on this Side of the Atlantic.—I have mentioned your Affair here regard^s the Law suit, twice to the General, the last time very lately but have not recived any Ans^r. to them, and the accot you left with me did not Seem agreable to him.—

I was more than ever distressed about Cash at the rec^t. of your last with the Draft upon me, having been obliged then to pay the fees of sev^l. Patents &c, however, rather than your Credit should be affected or that you should suffer thro' the want of the £100, I have now given M^r Blackburne an order for its am^t. which I hope will enable you to prosecute your affairs without farther Inconveniency, I have also answered the fees & taken out your Patent for the 2000 Acres near Sacondaga, and I hope that you may be enabled soon to repay the Same together with the Am^t of y^r late Draft,—In consequence of the late Congress I held at the German flats, Embassys are Sent throughout all the Nations charged with Such belts & Speeches as may prove of great Service to the public, but If a War breaks out, our Enemys will doubtless endeavor all they can to turn our attention to the Interior parts of America, by Setting up all the Ind^s. they can Influence, to attack our frontiers.—Col Claus was about writing you []

Johnson wrote you a Long letter in October []

kindly remembered to you, and says he is []

Correspondent, if he has any thing worth writing []

also desires his kind Compliments, & I remain with []

Wishes for your prosperity

Sir &c

LIEUT ROBERTS.

TO GEORGE CROGHAN

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Feby 1st. 1771.*

DEAR SIR,

I should much Sooner have Answered your Letter but that I have been so totally taken up, not only with public Concerns, but sev^l. interesting points of a private nature that I was obliged to deferr my Intentions of Writing till now. The accot of £477:10:— I shall endeavor to get for you as Soon as I can, the Accots of the last year Including the Goods I sent for to England having exceeding my Ann^l. allowance I could not put it into them, The Sixty odd pounds for the Wampum shall be paid to your Order immediately.—

The General has lately transmitted to me a Copy of a Conference held at Fort Pitt, by which I find that Tho^s King has been getting more Clothing &ca I am in hopes however that if he & his party act a proper part with the belts & messages they are charged with it will shew how far the Northern Nations have adopted our Sentiments, and prove of some advantage.— From what appears to have past at that Conference and from the Speeches of the Shawanese Sentiments of peace & union seem to be general amongst the Ind^s. but if a proper use is not made of this such a union may be dangerous. The Chief Object of the Embassy to the Southward was to bring those Nations who have not only illtreated our people but the Nothⁿ. Confed^y. at the Mississippi & Ohio, to a Just Sense of their bad behavior, and to Engage them to act in a peaceable & friendly Manner for the future both to us, and our Friends, a proper use must be made of this the Indians must be told that the Northⁿ. Confederacy will Consider, our Enemy^s as Enemy^s to themselves, and this I would have you as occasion offers to represent in the Manner that you shall Judge most prudent.—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

This Letter goes by Mr. Prevosts Express, who is Sent to you to Signify his Fathers proposal for his [] Army with some Advantage. The particul[] & Candidly Stated to you, that I need not [] than to offer it as my opinion That I think the [] taking is a prudent one for a Young Gentleman [] wrote to the General in his behalf on the Occasion.

I am heartily Sorry to hear of your Indisposition, [] this will find you better. The family desire their kind Compliments & Col. Johnson who has been indisposed for near 2 months till very lately desires to be particularly remembered to you. Be assured that I wish you health & happiness & hope you will be able to Visit us within a little time being with True Regard

Dr. Sir,

GEO. CROGHAN Esqr.

INDORSED:¹

Feb^y. 1st. 1771

To Geo. Croghan Esqr.

TO JOHN SANDERS AND JOHN B. VAN EPS

*Df.*²

Feby 1st. 1771.

GETL^N.

As It is late & the post Just going off I have only time to acknowledge the rect of your last and to return you the petition which I have perused & think the people mean well,—My regard for your Interest induces me to Wish that you may persist in pursuing firmly but Quietly such regular & Legal relief as your Cause deserves, furnishing no handle to your Enemys to prejudice you with your friends below.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

According to the Votes of the House sent to me I see your Affair was put off to the 24th Ult^o. but I find no mention made of any Reference, So that I take it to have been only given by way of advice.—

I am in haste
Gentlemen
Your hearty Wellwisher
& very humble Servt

Mess^{rs}. SANDERS
& VAN EPPS—

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y. 1st. 1771 ———

Letter to Jⁿ. Sanders John
B Van Eps Esq^{rs}. with their
Petition ———

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

*Df.*²

[] *Johnson hall Feb^y 1st. 1771.—*

I am now to acknowledge the rect of your favors of the 12th. Sept^r. 4th. October & 15th. Nov^r. last and am very much obliged to you for your kind tender of Services which I shall thankfully make use of whenever occasion requires.— I am also well pleased with the dispatch you made use of in procuring the Articles in England that I wrote for, Tho' as yet they have not come to my hands. Those which came in Cap^t Miller, might have reached me long since but for the Extraordinary Season that followed which has not as yet afforded any Snow for Sledding from Albany,— Cap^t Munds late Arrival has unluckily proved a great disappointment to me, as all the Goods on board of his Vessel must remain in Store at N York till the latter end of March or

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

beginning of April and the Powder of which I was in much want is an Article that pays very high Storeage, however these are Circumstances that are at some times unavoidable in matters of that Nature, and I dare say that when I examine the sev^l. Articles I shall find them to my Satisfaction.

I now inclose you a Bill for the ballance of my Acc^t and also for Lieut Roberts's draft being together £206:16:11. I was Sorry to find he had occasion to draw that bill, tho' I did not incline to let him suffer any Inconvenience, as far as that Sum might Serve him & I am obliged to you for shewing him your friendship.

The Manufacturers were doubtless highly pleased with the agreeable news from N York, and it has since been followed by Considerable Orders from other Colonies, who I believe were at bottom equally desirous of Importing, however any little marks of regard shewn by the Govern^t for the Example set by this Provision may be hereafter usefull, and therefore deserves attention.—

I am obliged to you for what you write concerning the Vessells on the Lakes, I am pretty Confident that if there is a War there will be occasion for more Vessells there, Indeed they are so liable to accidents that It can not be otherwise, and I shall always be ready to offer my advice or point out any person that appears to me fitting [] A good deal of the Interior Security of the Colony [] Embassys I have sent thro' the Indian Nations [] late General Treaty I held at the German flats [] War breaks out, the french (Who are daily busy in every [] discontent of the Indians) will prosecute with Vigour their [] of Setting them to attack our Frontiers & divert our attention [] Quarter, and as affairs now stand, their designs are likely to prove Successfull with many of the Indians.—

There is a Large tract on the Ohio which Mr Sam^l Wharton of Philadelphia has been Solliciting a Grant for, for sometime in London & which is likely Soon to take place in favor of him-

self & sundry others who have requested me to be concerned in it, I must therefore desire the favor of you so soon as you find that the Grant is actually issued in their favor to advance the am^t. of my proposition of y^e. Fees which will be about £140, or 150^l to Mr. Wharton for the Amount of which I shall Send you a bill

MR. JOHN BLACKBURNE

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Niagara 3^d Febr^y 1771

[]
 [] the 21st Instant I had the honor []
 4th Jan^{ry}.—There is nothing special happend relative to the Indians since the Death of the Soldier,—The morn^g he dyed [a] Seneca and As, ku, che, an came to me desireing a letter to you and the General, which he promised to take down however he Soc, e, wa, returnd, and said that he was not able for the Journy, but that he had forwarded the Letter to a greater Man than himself, who was to forward the Same to you,—I should be glad to know if ever it came to hand.—I have great reason to beleive that the Indians this way have no bad intentions at present, but if they hear of either a Spanish or French War, it will no doubt require a good deal of address to keep them steady, as no doubt either of those nations will be very busy in sending Emissarys amongst them

I am with great respect

Sir

Your Most Obed^t and most
 humble Servant

The Hon^{ble} SIR W^m JOHNSON

JOHN BROWN

INDORSED:¹

Niagara 3^d Febr^y. 1771

Cap^t. Browns Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 4 Feby 1771

DEAR SIR

I hope you have received the Bills sent you the 21st Inst. safe, & to your Content. Exch^e. 80 £ C^t & expected higher —

I have your favours 18th & 25th Jan^{ry}. I have spoke to M^r Moore, as I before wrote you, he says he can have 10^s/ £ Acre for all M^r Lanes Lands at Sacondaga, but does not chuse to sell any at private Sale, will sell at Vendue as M^r. Lane has orderd him. I shall however try him again, & secure for you if possible the Lotts you want.

Nothing new but what youll see by the Papers—the Judge has demanded his Seat & is rejected, & a New Writt issued. I fancy he will be returned again. I dont think the Governor will interfere. Inclosed is the Judges Speech to the House. perhaps it may not be sent to you—There is a bill before the Councell & will pass, to prevent the Freeholders of y^e Manors of Livingston & Rensselaer, & the Township of Schenectady for¹ voting for Members for the C^o Albany. this bill was brought in by M^r Ten Eyck, who spoke to me about it, & used his Interest to get it passed, he told me it was agreeable to you, which he knew would make it agreeable to me—he seems to have altered his former Sentiments much—

I find the Albany Road Bill is putt off, as a generall Road Bill is preparing for all the Colony, to prevent such Numbers of Road Bills as are yearly passing—I dont find they intend to bring in the Bill for dividing your County, tho' they have talked of it— & propose doing it agreeable to the Petition you sent down—they propose to leave the Choice of the New County Town, to the Justices & Freeholders of the New County—this will I hope be agreeable to you—If not lett me know soon, as the Assembly talk of going home soon—I have got the Mapp of the Adequitaige Lands, & also those on Susquehanna from M^r. Colden & shall

¹ Evidently intended for "from".

send them by Com^s. Grant who goes up your way this week—No Snow here. I hope Sir John can ride in a Chair or on Horseback & that he will be here soon — I shall send you a Cask of Irish Potatoes by first Sloop. there is no White Oats here, I can order what quantity you want from England or Ireland for next Year — Your Letter to your Bro^r. goes by a Ship to Dublin tomorrow — Col^o Guy Johnson is two or three Letters in my debt I hope he has got a Boy by this time — M^{rs}. Wallace desires her best respects to you, & all y^r. family on the River. I am D^r Sir most sincerely yours

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WM JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall.

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y 4th. 1771—

Mr. Wallaces Letter.

Ans^d. 12th. Feby.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 4 February 1771

SIR/

I wrote to Coll^o Claus by the last post, and (as I thought) inclos^d him both the Receipts for the Freight of your Goods from London, but I find I only Sent one — I therefore now Send you the other & begg in your next you will acknowledge the Receipt of both of them, in order that I may be in possession of a voucher for this Latter one.—

Agreeable to your Commands I have wrote to Philadelphia for the 6 Bottles of American Balsam, & as Soon as it arrives you may be assur'd I will Send it you by the first Safe Conveyance.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I observe what you Say about the Tobacco. I have mentioned it to Mr M^c Credy, who Swears it is impossible for any Person to purchase Virginia Tobacco so low — it must be Cowpen — however if you Can get it at New London so very low, you woud certainly be much to blame to give more than double the price here

I am not a little Surprisd at what you write me about the Lisbon Wine I Sent you, I dare venture to affirm that the 2^d Cask I purchased from Mr John Long for you, was as good as ever was imported in this Country — I had a q^r Cask of the Same Cargo I purchased 12 Mo Ago, which was then Newer & is excellent & the one I chose for you, was in my Opinion better — I have been for Some Days much indisposed So that I have been obligd to keep my Rooms as Soon as I can get out again I will shew Mr Long that part of your Letter & make him Answer it himself — My Wife joins me in Respects to you — I remain most Sincerely —

Sir your most obedient Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

I am surprisid you have not recd the Basketts
I wrote to Mr Van Eps when I Sent them
[] to make inquiry after them

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Feb 4 1771

[] WILLIAM, the Expectation of war con[] the preparations for it increase rather than []
[] the West India ships in the Downs are ordered to wait for a Convoy which is appointed for them. []
pacquets were detained at falmouth on the 7th of Dec^r, it was said, to carry to the Several places of their Destination the ultimatum of our Administration. Lord Chatham has crept again

into the Good Graces of his Sovereign Since his Animated Speech to the peers for which, and other particulars, I beg leave to refer you to your N York Gazette. Inclosed are the Judges Speech and Some Strict [] upon it which for the present engage the Attention of our Inhabitants.

It is with the most sincere Concern that I hear of the indifferent State of Col Johnson, I heartily wish him a Speedy Recovery and a Continuance of good Health at Johnson Hall.

I am
Sir William,
Y^r most obed Serv^t
JA RIVINGTON

The Ministry would fain Stave off a Quarrell but it is thought the House of Bourbon will force them into a War, Portugal has been secured by our Enemies, be it so, for it were better to oppose, than Defend, that Scurvy, ingratefull, Nation.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹
Febr^y. 4th 1771

Mr. Rivingtons letter
Ans^d. 13th. Feby.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WILLIAM NELSON¹A. L. S.²*Virginia Feby. 5th. 1771*

SIR:

In consequence of Letters, received last Spring by Lord Botetourt from Governors Penn, Carleton and Colden, appointing the 10th day of July, at the City of New York, for holding a Congress in order to agree upon and settle a Plan for regulating the Trade with the Indians and establishing some Regulations to prevent, if possible, the introducing spirituous Liquors among them; which Letters his Lordship laid before the Legislature of this Colony; who passed an Act appointing Commissioners to attend at the time and place, who were punctual at the City of New York at that time, and waited three weeks there, without seeing or hearing of any Commissioners, except those of that Province.

Having lately received Letters from the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillsborough in which he earnestly recommends the completing this Business, it becomes my Duty, to request, that you will advise me, as soon as possible, of the time and place of meeting, that I may send the Commissioners that are appointed to Act in behalf of this colony.

As no copy of the Treaty at Fort Stanwix hath yet been received by this Government I shall be much obliged if you will favour me with one.

I am
Sir

Your most obed^t. hble Serv^tW^m. NELSON P.

¹ William Nelson, president of the Virginia council, acting governor from the death of Lord Botetourt in October 1770 to the arrival of the Earl of Dunmore in 1772.

² In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

ADDRESSED: To—

Sir William Johnson Baronet
at Mount Johnson in the Province
of New York

INDORSED:¹ Virginia Febr'y 5th. 1771

Mr. Nelson Presid^t. of Virginia
Ans^d. March 16, 1771

FROM JOHN STUART TO THOMAS GAGE

L.

[] from Mr Stuart to General Gage

Dated *Charles Town 8th: Feby. 1771.*

I am at present so far recovered of a violent fit of the Gout, as to be able to acquaint your Excellency that this morning some Letters from the Cherokee Nation were put into my Hands, by which things, there, seem to bear a disagreeable Aspect: the Traders were countermanding their Orders for Goods and preparing for Flight in case of the worst. Occonnastotah has left Chote, & was gone to live at Settaco, the most disaffected Town in the Nation. Wittanawaw, Prince of Chote & several other head Men Labour hard to keep Peace. all this is the Effect of the Shawnese Machinations. I am hourly in Expectation of Letters from Mr: Cameron, who I ordered to go into said Nation, upon Receipt of your Excellencys Letters, on the Subject of the Northern & Western Confederacies, and by his Silence am induced to hope that things are not so bad as represented.

All Negotiations for accomplishing Peace between the Creeks & Chactaws are laid aside, and the War between them Continues with usual Rancour, which in the present Situation of Affairs, is rather a fortunate Circumstance. Upon Receipt of your Excellency's Letter above mentioned, I instructed Mr: Stuart to relax in his Endeavours to accommodate their differ-

¹ The first in Johnson's hand.

ences, which I have the Satisfaction to Learn he had done, without giving offence to either Party, I have had no late Intelligence from the Creek Nation.

FROM ROBERT LETTIS HOOPER JR

A. L. S.

Trenton February 9th. 1771.

SIR

Soon after my return to this Place I was obliged to go to Fort Pitt and from whence I am just returned, which unexpected Journey has occasioned so long a delay of those acknowledgements due from me for the particular kindness and regard you shewed me when I had the pleasure of being with you — It has ever been my ambition to deserve the esteem of good Men, and believe me, worthy Sir, that nothing could more gratefully than the satisfaction of knowing from yourself that you thought me worthy of your Friendship and Patronage —

I was several Days with Colonel Croghan at his Seat near Fort Pitt where he has opened a Land-Office and has already sold, out of his private grants, Land to the amount of £2500 Sterling the payment of One thousand Pounds of which sum I know is well secured and am persuaded that, if the Grants are confirmed this Winter, he will in a short time sell Land to a much more considerable amount —

When I was at the Hall you was pleased to tell me that you was offered a 72^d in the New Government on the Ohio and I then took the liberty to press your engaging in it, since which I have had an opportunity of seeing part of that Country beyond the Laurel Hill as far as Redstone which is full of People, and from circumstances I am convinced that was you to engage in it, your Right, in a short time after the Confirmation might be disposed of greatly to your advantage and with little trouble to yourself —

I have the pleasure to tell you that Governor Franklin, who has ever been Friendly to me, will use his utmost endeavours to

get me appointed Surveyor General of the new Government, and as I know that (as soon as the Charter is granted) there will be many Applying for that office, I shall esteem it a singular favour if you will strengthen my Interest by your kind recommendation of me to Mr. Samuel Wharton —

You will be pleased to make my Compliments to Colonel Johnson and tell him I shall be mindful of my promise to him —

I am, with great respect,

Sir

Your most Obedt. hble Servt.

ROBT. LETTIS HOOPER, Junr.

P. S. I will send you early in next month
a good collection of Scions for grafting —

INDORSED:¹

Trenton 9th. Febr^y. 1771

Mr. Rbt. Lettis Hoopers

Letter —

Ans^d. 16th. March

FROM THOMAS WHARTON

A. L. S.

Philad^a: February 9th. 1771

HONOURD FRIEND

I did Myself the pleasure of writing thee a few lines on the 29th Ult^o. 7^d John Harper, which I hope He will deliver. Did not then expect I should so soon have Occasion to trouble Sir William Johnson with the perusal of another Letter; Yet trust I shall stand Excus'd for taking Up so much of thy time; When I inform thee, the Intent of this Letter is to Introduce to thy Protection the bearer hereof (Carpenter Wharton) My Brother,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Who We have perswaded to Spend a few Months in Your Quarter of the Continent, in hopes that, this Absence, and a Change of Company, May Weane Him, from an Attachment, He has lately Contracted, with a Woman in this City, whose Age and Circumstances, are by No Means Suitable to His.

Being sensible from the repeated Instances of Friendship, thou has been pleas'd to Shew Our Brother Samuel, that every Act of Kindness, thou has an Opportunity of Conferring, renders thee a Solid and permanent pleasure; I therefore hope, thou'l please to Excuse the liberty I have taken in Mentioning My Brother to thee on this Occasion; And be Assured, that if at any time it lays in [] Power to render thee any Acceptable Service, [] with the Utmost Chearfullness, perform it

I remain thy Assured Friend

THO WHARTON

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM JOSEPH WHARTON

L. S.

[] Esteemed
Friend

Philad. 2^{mo}. 10th. 1771 —

SIR, WILLIAM JOHNSON

This day being informed by my Son, Thomas, that there was a Gentleman at New York, who was in a few days going to thee on business — and I having within 4, or 5 days past met one of the most grievous Afflictions, by the vile Conduct of two base Women in this City (a Mother & Daughter) to my poor, unhappy Son, who is about 23 Years of Age, who in the other parts of his Conduct has been of great pleasure & Comfort to me — The Case is this — There is a Widow of one Davis, (who formerly was an Innkeeper here) a likely, tho' crafty & artful Creature & said to be about 40 Years of Age & She has a Daughter with her, about 15 — and a Mother, who is about 60 years — also the Widow of one, who was a Joal keeper — all

of them, now Live together & keep a Tavern — to which I am fully convinced, they drafted my said poor unhappy Son & then treated about Marriage with Him & the Said forty Years old Widow — of which I knew nothing of until within these few days — and therefore, I, and his Brothers, concluded, that the only Method left to Save him from Destruction, would be to get him to leave them for a few Weeks — in order to wean him from their Company — Wherefore, I am from thy great Friendship & Kindness to my Son, Samuel — & being fully persuaded by thy noble & christian Disposition towards helping & relieving the distressed Emboldned, — to request thy kind Advice to him & Assistance to me in admitting him to be a little while at thy House in order for his Recovery from the very brink of Ruin — Fully hoping that they kind Advice & friendly Assistance will with the Mercy of God, prove Effectual in the saving of him. —

This Letter is from One, who thou has no personal Acquaintance with — But, please to be assured, it is from one, who acknowledges himself under deep Obligations to thee, on Several Accounts — & therefore Subscribes, with hearty Wishes for thy Health & Happiness

thy real Friend

JOSEPH WHARTON

P. S. If it would suit with thy Leisure to afford me a Line, or two directed to my Son, Thomas Wharton, it would be extremely acceptable to a much distressed Father.

INDORSED:¹

Philadelphia Febr'y. 9th.

1771 —

Mr. Jos Whartons letter

to his Son Carpenter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO HUGH WALLACE

*Df.*¹

DEAR SIR

Johnson hall Feb^y 12th. 1771 —

As I wrote you on the 30th Ult^o. pretty fully on the Affairs which I have given you the trouble to Negotiate for me, I need not to add more in this, than to observe that M^r Moore in his Advertisement offers to Sell at private Sale, and therefore I hope you will be able to Succeed for me in that way, If that is impracticable I must trust to your Success at the Vendue.—

I imagine the Gov^r. will not interfere in any thing he can possibly avoid with the Assembly, as the Majority entertain and promote such Commercial Sentiments as must prove highly agreeable to Great Britain. I have heard of the bill respecting the freeholders of the Mannors &ca and understand it is much Countenanced by the House of Assembly. I should have been glad to have heard that the bill for Dividing this County was in greater forwardness, the Votes Mention its having been read, a second time but perhaps that was the bill before proposed; — The Utility of it agreeable to the petition sent from hence, renders it an Object much Wished for by the Inhabitants, and the Choice you Speak of for the County Town will be equally agreeable, If left to the determination of the Magistrates, & Certain principal Inhabitants, but amongst such a Scattered Number of Freeholders It would be hard to Collect their Sentiments or bring them to amicable Agreement.

Sir John would have seen you before this time but thro' the want of Snow; we have Just now had a fall of it 2 feet deep how far it Extends down the Country we cant say, at present it shuts us up here.—I thank you for the potatoes and beg the favor of you to get me about a Dozen bushels of the Oats as soon as you Can.—Col. G. Johnson has wrote you lately by Lieut Prevost by w^{ch} you'll See his boy is a Girl, he would have wrote much

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

sooner but for a tedious indisposition, he now begs his kind Compliments to M^{rs}. Wallace & yours, as do all the family, and be assured that I am ever with great truth

HONBLE H. WALLACE	D ^r Sir 3 bushls Horse or field Beans —
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INDORSED:

[]
Feb^y 12th 1771 —

The Honble H. Wallace
Esqr.

TO JAMES RIVINGTON

*Df.*¹

SIR

Johnson hall Feb^y. 13th. 1771

I now sit down to thank you for the Sev^l. Letters which you have been so kind as to write Since my last & for the interesting particulars you Continue to Communicate as well as the inclosures w^{ch} accompany yours of the 4th Inst for which I am much obliged to you.—Appearances are such that a War seems more probable than a Negotiation, if so I wish it may be undertaken and prosecuted with Spirit, we have often been backward at the Commencement of hostilities, and therefore if War is inevitable we certainly Should endeavor to do something at once that may raise the Spirits of the people & depress those of our Enemies, & I think with you that Portugal is a Scurvy Ally, the defence of which may obstruct our other operations, and prove of worse Consequence than the Avowed enmity of that State —

Whenever War commences I have the strongest reasons to apprehend that [our ene]mies will endeavor to Afford us some Employment this Way by inciting all the Ind^s. they can to dis-

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

turb us, Indeed it has been their Study so to do, since the reduction of Canada.— Col. Johnson has had a tedious indisposition else you would have heard from him long since, he is now somewhat better, & desires to be kindly remembered to you.—

I shall be glad to hear farther from you on any occurring Subject as I much esteem your Correspondence, and am

Your Sincere WellWisher & most humble Serv^t.

JA^s. RIVINGTON

INDORSED:

Feb^y 13th 1771

To Mr. Ja^s. Rivington

STEPHEN DE LANCEY'S BILL FOR CLERK'S FEES

D.

	Abraham C: Cuyler Esq ^r .	Dr.
	Stephen De Lancey for the	Clerk's fees
[] th	For Naturalizing Peter Foster and twelve Others	1..19..0
[] ^{ary}	1771 For drawing & Sealing thirteen Cer- tificates	1..19..0
	For fees of the Clerk of the Gen- eral Assembly	6..10..0
	For Naturalizing John Farlinger & Fred ^k . Waggoner.....	0...6..0
	For drawing & sealing the two Cer- tificates	0...6..0
	For the fees of the Clerk of the General Assembly	1...0..0
		<hr/>
		£12...0..0
15 Jan ^y .	By Cash Received.....	2...0..0
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		£10...0..0

Ballance due

Albany 13 Feb^y. 1771. Rec^d the above Ball^{ce}. of ten pounds in full

HEND^k. B. TEN EYCK for
STEPⁿ DE LANCEY —

INDORSED:¹

Stephen De Lancey's Acc^{ts}.
of Fees for Naturalizing
15 of my Ten^{ts}. 1771

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

L. S.

[Sinake Country, Feb. 14, 1771]

[] Kingwaurauto a Letter [] nding
at Niagara, which I recev'd [] Call^d Sunfish of Kariand
in the Sinke the negro Deliverd the Letter to the Bearar. And
I Bleive Sir of a Longe date: I thought and Adjudg^d it most
Necessary for the Immediate Dispatch of the Same. Urging
the Bearar to Dispatch one or Either of his nation to be the for-
warder and Bearar of the Letter to Y^r. Honour, not knowing
what the Consequences might be attended with the Long delay
of the Letter

The Bearar Kingwaurauto undertaking to [Be the Bearar]
himself: I Bleive a Very Good man, and as []
as far as Lies in his power [] which may be
the means of Sedition —

The Sinakes in General which Dayly more or Less Behaves
in there Trade with us Considering the people Extrodanary
kind and Civel: wheras Sir as by a flying report the Cayugas
about 40 odd in number has Been at: where the Wamps and
Newkirks were a Trading Unreasonably Demanding them to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Lower the price of there Goods I beg Sir William not to make mention of my name of my making of this Information: they have Endeavourd as far as I Can Learn to Stop all trade from them untill Such time as they make them Comply with there unreasonable Requests but to the Contrary as hitherto the Sinakes has and does as yet Behave Very kind.

I would Acquaint []
 [] were Indebted unto []
 unavoidably as new Begin[]
 and they Expecting of our []
 assortment with Your honours []
 [] Letter Dated []
 13 days [] Your honours []
 desired which was Very Exceptable as he Express []
 Kingwaurauto: in Some of his drunken frolicks he is
 fond of mentioning it which Creates a Great Deal of []
 among some of his Sort which does not at all times []
 his prudence. the Snow at this time heere is knee [deep] and
 as he thought no one would Encounter the Jou[rney he has]
 [under]taken it himself we [] to be the
 []
 []
 Your honour []

Remain y^r Most Humb^le. Serv^t.

JOHN JOHNSTON

To the Honourable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON: Bar^t

P. S. I would hint to Sir William he has a petition

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I promised any one who would Go with the Express
 5 dollars and as Every one was Dilatory he Engaged
 to Go himself Your Honour Can be pleas'd to act your
 pleasure—I am Very short Sir of paper. I []

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE EARL OF
DUNMORE.

*Contemporary Copy.*¹

Assembly Chamber

[Ci]ty of New York the 15th Feby 1771.

[To his Excellency the Right Honorable John]
Earl of Dunmore Captain General
and Governor in chief in & over the
Colony of New York & the territories
depending thereon in American,
Chancellor & Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the said
Colony

[May] it please Your Excellency.

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects the General
Assembly of the Colony of New York beg leave in answering
your Lordship's Message of the 21st. of January last, to express
the grateful sense we have of his Majestys paternal goodness in
leaving the Indian Commerce to be regulated by the Colonies on
this Continent.

This was signified to y^e General Assembly by your Lordship's
predecessor in his speech of the 28th of October 1768, who com-
municated at that time a Copy of the report of the Lords Com-
missioners for trade & plantations upon that Subject: and we can
assure Your Lordship that it is not from inattention to that im-
portant object, nor for want of a proper sense of His Majestys
Grace & Condescension that the measures recommended have not
as yet been fully carried into execution.

Your Lordship will easily perceive that tho' the respective
Colonies more im[mediately] concerned in the trade to the Western

¹ Missing parts supplied from *Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, from 1766 to 1776, Inclusive.*

country, may concert laws to operate within their several districts, which may, in many respects, tend to accomplish His Majesty's [most gracious intentions, yet] that a Branch of Com[merce, of so wide an] extent requires the cooperation [of several of them] in one general plan, And there[fore, a law, (which] is still in force) was passed by [this colony, on] the 27th. January 1770. appointing [commissioners] to meet Commissioners from other Colonies [for this] salutary purpose.

But it is with the utmost [regret] we are obliged to inform Your Lordship [that none] but the Commissioners of this Colony & [those of] Virginia met on that business at the [time] appointed in July last, who nevertheless [agreed] to meet again at such time & place as [should] be appointed by the Governors of the different Colonies concerned in the Indian trade.

That nothing however might be wanting on the part of this Colony, the General Assembly have in their present Session ordered a Committee to prepare & bring in a bill for this necessary Service; but the business to be conducted by this Colony alone is of so delicate and important a nature, that we cannot positively assure your Lordship of its passing in the course of this Session, more especially as it will be essentially necessary before any law of [this kind be made, to adopt such of the regulations as have been heretofore practiced upon in the Indian Coun]try, of which we remain as [yet unin]formed, that His late Excellency [Sir] Henry Moore in his Speech was pleased to [promise] that those regulations should be communicated to the General Assembly.

Upon the whole, We do assure Your Lordship, that whenever these necessary articles of information are supplied, no time shall be lost in a matter of such consequence to the Colonies in general, and we have no doubt but that Your Lordship will be pleased to represent our Conduct to His Majesty in that favourable point of light which it may be thought to deserve.

By Order of the General Assembly
JOHN CRUGER Speaker

INDORSED:

Assembly's Address

Address

Of the General Assembly
of the Colony of New York
the 15th. Febr^y. 1771.
(Copy)

FROM PETER VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

New York 16th February 1771

SIR

Having been applied to by Mr. Holland and Mr Cruger to draw a [deed for] You for a lot in Schendage Patent, at their Request, I [now] inclose it.—

I am,

Sir

Your most Obedient Serv^t.

PETER VAN SCHAACK

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM THOMAS MONCREIFFE

*Copy.*¹

New York, Feb. 16th 1771

DEAR SIR W^M.

It is almost an age since I heard from you, & you are two in my debt. The bearer of this Mr Duffield, a young gentleman just escaped from Eaton² has a curiosity of paying his respects to you & desired an introduction from me. I readily comply with it in hopes I may by that means hear of you, for believe me

¹ In Library of Congress, Force Transcripts.

² Eaton?

not one of your friends more sincerely wishes you well than I do, nor inquires oftener of your welfare.

What is the reason (if I may be so bold, as the Yankee says) that you don't send Sir Jn^o here—the finest race of Young women I ever saw are at present in New York. I should be glad to see him disposed of to one of these beauties. Polly Watts, Hannah Vanhorne, Betsey her sister, an angel, Sukey Vanhorn, if I was two & twenty, I would not wish for more than her, & six thousand bottles of her father's old wine. I could mention a niece of mine, Jennett Smith, not extravagantly handsome, but she has the finest disposition in the world, & I believe one of the first fortunes in this country. Then there is Phila De Lancey, for beauty unrivalled—Let him come & please himself. I beg my compliments to him, I have given him a short sketch of the country; if he chooses to make me his Cap^t. of the Guides, I will lead him in the best roads my experience can direct. Mr Duffield has seen them all & as he carries it on his shoulders, I take it for granted has been in love with them all. He has great ambitions & I understand wants to intrigue with the Princesses of America. He is a pretty lad, & young enough to make what one would wish of. Excuse my freedom with respect to Sir Jno—but I mean it well & I should be glad to see him happy with some of those fine girls I mentioned. The war still hangs over us. It is not Lord Chatham's fault if we have not one.

I am, Dear Sir W^m. with the utmost respect.

Your sincere & obedient humble servant

T. MONCRIEFFE

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR

New York 17 Feb^y 1771

I have unanswerd your fav^r. 30th Ulto. I observe your earnest desire to have the Lands at Sacondaga, particularly N^o. 44. I

have spoke to M^r Moore again, he says he must sell at Vendue, but assures me I shall have the preferance. I dont chuse to push the Matter further for fear of raising the price, but you may depend on having that Lott, & the other two also, for I dont think they will sell so well as M^r Moore Expects. I recd your Draft of £500 on M^r. Mortier, which shall keep to pay for the above lands as you desire.

Our Assembly have done (as they say) all their Business, & desired to be prorogued, but the Governor expecting some News by the Dec^r & Jan^y Packetts (now daily expected) would not prorogue them, but allowed them to adjourn for 10 days— If nothing material by the Packetts I suppose they will not all be desired to meet, but be prorogued— they all part in good humour, & Our Governor seems to incline to keep them so, he says he will not go to Virginia, as he prefers Health & good Society to a greater Salary—

I send you by the Bearer M^r Prevost the Mapps you want of Adequetange & Susquehanna. I hope they will be satisfactory, they are roughly done, but M^r Colden is always so busy, there is no getting them done better—

Yesterday we had a fine fall of Snow so I expect Sir John down here hourly—

I am sorry you should make the least Apology for your laying any of your Commands on me, be assured I shall always take a pleasure in doing any thing to shew you how gratefull I am for all your favours & friendship to me. & I beg youll command me on all & every occasion in which I can be any wise usefull to you.

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compliments & good Wishes for your Health & Happiness & I hope youll do me the Justice to believe I am most Sincerely

D^r Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed^t Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹Febr^y. 17th. 1771 —

Mr. Wallaces Letter

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

*A. L. S.*SIR, *New York 18 February 1771*

I received your Letter by Lieut Prevost requesting that I would send by him your Ballance in Paper Money, which I delivered to him the 16 Ins^t, together with the Account, Amounting to £2267:13:8 — Currency, Equal to £1384:3 Sterling, I now Inclose you your Bills on me for £1108:19:4½ Sterlg which with the before mentioned Ballance, Amounts to £2490:12:4½ being the Amount of General Gages two Warrants in your favour on me. I am very truly

Sir

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant
AB^M MORTIER

P. S. I have advanced
£10 Curr^y on your Acc^t
to Mr Prevost which is Carried
to the Debit of your New Acc^t

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.INDORSED:¹Febr^y. 17th. 1771 —

 Mr. Mortiers letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

DEAR SIR

New London Febr^y 18th. 1771

I was so lucky after I wrote to you from Mr Robinsons to get home before the bad weather Set in which we have here had great Plenty of for this fortnight past — and two or three Very Severe Storms, as well as the highest Tides known by the oldest People in the place the poverty of New London prevented them Loosing more than a few hogsheads of Sugar a Small Quantity of Salt &ca we have not yet had any Acct^s. from Boston N. Port or New York where we Suppose the[y] have Suffered much.

I had the Pleasure to find M^{rs} Chew and my Little Folks Very well and we are all at present Flatering our Selves that we Shall leave New London Early this Summer I will Surely be with you by the Latter End of next month or Sooner if the Spring Comes on — I wish it might Suit Col^o Johnson to let me have the use of his house a few months I will promise him it Shall not Suffer or be hurt but that I Shall think it my duty to make it as much better as may be in my Power — I Shall be Glad of Such a Neighbour as I am Sure Mr Adems Brother will make but at Present I almost hope he may not take that 50 acre Lott — however much Less will Answer me and that wherever you think Proper I send you the last papers which are mostly filled with Lord Chathams Speeches indeed as we have no Post from Boston this week there is nothing Very Late it is reported here that the Susquehannah adventurers fired upon a Party of Pensilvanians Killed six and wounded several more — that they were so apprehensive of the Consequences, of this transaction, that they all run of the next night and have Come into this Colony Surely if this is true it will At least have that Strange affair Settled — I find the Blueskins & their party at New York are getting that fine piece of Mr Alexanders published in 1756 or 1757 Reprinted in this Colony for which they are much Laughed at by Every good man and will

not in my Opinion get the advantages from it they Expect—tho' I believe this publication is Levelled more against the Delancy Family then you—yet Col^o Babcock and I roasted a Set of Windamites the other Evening pretty Severely and so that the Gentry had not a word to say—

I Shall forward the oats and Some other matters to New York to be ready for the first Vessells—at present its pretty good Slaying here Mrs Chew begs her best Compliments and I offer Every prayer and wish in my Power that you may have got the better of that Severe pain in your thigh and may enjoy a perfect State of health and happiness and Very Long Continue in this World for the Benifit of your Country and good of mankind in General but more Especially those who are so happy As to be included in the List of those you honnour with your Countenance and Regard and am most dutifully and Respectfully

Dear Sir

Your most obed^t & most
Hble Serv^t.

The Hon^{ble}. Sr. W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.

JOS CHEW

INDORSED:¹

Feb^{ry} 18th. 1771 —

Cap^t. Chews Letter

Ans^d. March 13th.

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 479, is listed a letter of February 18th to the Earl of Hillsborough, informing that the Scioto plains council is ended, the influence of the Northern Confederacy favors good relations with the English, a general union of the tribes would be dangerous, French intrigues continue, in the case of a European war he will be able to divide the Indians, and the continuance of the boundary line of 1768 northward will probably be permitted by the nations interested. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:980–83; Q, 2:568–69 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:262–64.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

GEORGE CROGHAN TO CHARLES EDMONSTONE¹

Contemporary Copy.

[Copy of a] Letter from Mr Croghan to Captain Edmonstone

Dated *Feb^y: 19th: 1771.*

Yesterday the Chiefs of the Shawnese who has been some time att the Village at Logstown Came to my House and Inform'd me, that they had come to a Resolution of Braking up that Village some time Next Month & taking all their People down to the Plains of Siota.

I enquired particularly what was their Reason for taking such a sudden Resolution, when they told me, that from all the accounts they had, they were of Opinion there would be a War in this Country Next Spring, for that some of their People was come lately from the Illinois Country, who say that the French & Spaniards has told all the Nations on the Mississippi that they would make War on the English next Spring, and that some Canada Indians has Informed the Hurons the Ottaways & Cheepeyways, that the English was to bring a great number of People from New England next Spring, to settle all the Country about Detroit, & would drive the Indians there over the Mississippi, & that those accounts has given all those Nations great uneasiness, & that it was not them alone, that proposed moving their People off this River, for the Six Nations & Dellawares was likewise come to that Resolution, I told them there could be no Truth in those Reports and that they must be Sensible such Idle Storys [] propagated Every Year Since we have been [in] possession of Fort Chartres, yet always turned [out] to be false, and that I was of Opinion this would turn out in the same Manner.

However I found it was not in my Power to remove their Suspensions, Indeed its Natural for all Indians to give Credit to

¹ Commandant at Fort Pitt.

any ill Reports of the English, which is owing to their Apprehension & Jelousies of the growing Power of His Majesty's Subjects in America; By what those Chiefs tell me there is no doubt but the Shawnese Six Nations Dellawares & Munseys which are Settled on this River in several little Villages, both up & down will Remove back in the Woods Towards Lake Erie, which I think does not promise Tranquility long in those Parts. However as Indians are very unsteady & Restless Something may happen amongst themselves from their Natural Jealousies that may divert any Resolution they may have taken & give things a different Turn.

I have thought it my Duty as you are Commanding Officer to give you every Intelligence that comes to my Knowledge.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 23^d February 1771

SIR

I had the pleasure of receiving your Favour by Mr Fitz Simmons, in obedience to which I made all the necessary Enquiry for a Passage for him either to London or Dublin, to either of which places He told me He was willing to go—both the ships were all Filld to those places & I do not imagine we Shall have any Vessells Sail for either one, untill April or May next—in order therefore to prevent Mr Fitz Simmons laying here idle upon Expences—I have got him an Employ from one of my Customers a large Dealer in the Skin Way for twelve months if he pleases to Stay so long, with which He is very well content—I have got a Letter from Mr Miller printer in Philadelphia, acquainting me there is no Balsam to be had there till the Arrival of the Ships from London, when he will take Care to Send me the Quantity you Order—Permitt me Now to recommend the Bearer Mr John Harpur to your Friendship & kindness—This Gent^m. is an honest Yorkshireman, a Distant Relative of mine & is recommended to me in Strong Terms—He purposes to Settle

accept it; what I have therefore to Offer, is intended to remove any doubt that may possibly have arisen Concerning his Title to those Lands, and on this head I can assure you that he is a Patentee in a Tract of Land lately Patented near Fort Hunter and within a Very few Miles of the Mohock River on the way from hence to Scohare which from its Situation I look upon to be of Value his Share in which will come to about 1800 Acres, — as soon as the Survey is compleated w^{ch} the Severity of the Weather prevents — If this True representation of his property has any Weight with you, I persuade myself that it will Induce you & the other Gent^s. his Cred^{rs}. to give him a little indulgence until the divisions of the Pat^t. are run, so as he may perfect such Conveyances as are required, and I have the greater reason to think this, because any hasty measures, as he is a beginner in these parts may prove his ruin without Serving his Cred^{rs}. whom I really believe he means to Satisfy in the manner I have mentioned

I am,
&c

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y. 23^d. 1771

letter in fav^r. of Mr. Tice
to his Creditors —

INVOICE OF ARTICLES RECEIVED PER JACOBUS SWART

D.

☞ Jacobus Swart

Schenectady 24 Febr^y.

4 tt Threed
2000 Needles
12 Dozen Horn Combs

¹ In Johnson's hand.

18 p^r. Shoes
7 p^r Stockings
1 p^s green Mase
33 Worsted Caps
5 Dozen Razors
12 Dozen Knives
2 Dozen Combs
97 Kettles
a Qua^r. Beefe

CHARLES EDMONSTONE TO THOMAS GAGE

Contemporary Copy.

[Copy] of a Letter from Captain Edmonstone to General Gage

Dated *Fort Pitt 24th: Feby. 1771.*—

Some Indians who are come up from a Village near Sandusky, tells me that the Indians in those Parts, are continually holding private Councils, 4 runners employed carrying Messages over the Lakes, to the Wabash Indians, and back again

The Traders who has been in the Indian Country's wish they had their Effects Safe, from among them; which induces me to think the different Nations have some thing in View, tho' as Mr. Croghan observes, something may happen, which may give a very different turn to their present measures, which certainly means no good to His Majestys Interest.

Thomas King & his Party, has had a private Council about Sixty Miles down the River, at a Six Nation Village, with the Shawnese, Dellaware and Munsey's, but I have not heard the Purport. I shall order the Interpreters to enquire; and as soon as I am inform'd, Shall acquaint your Excellency therewith—

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 25 Feb^y 1771

DEAR SIR

I wrote you by Mr Prevost last Week & sent you the Mapps — Hope you have got them safe — I have since yours 13th Inst. & have had some discourse with Mr Moore since, about the Lands, & find his Orders are to sell at Vendue, his advertising for private Sale, was I fancy only to find out who were likely to be Bidders I think there is no doubt but I shall get the Lotts you want — Our assembly are to meet this day — as the Packett is not come I fancy they will be adjourned another week — there will I fancy be no Bill this Session for dividing your County — as the Albany Co. Members are all gone home, & the Governor has stopt the Bill about the Mannors &c. for some further alteration, in regard to the Manor of Cortland & West Chester Burrow — I hope as you have so much Snow Sir John is on his Way here where he will be heartily wellcome. I am sorry Col^o. Johnson's Boy is turned out to a Girl, better luck I hope next time — I shall send you the Oats & Pease by first Vessell, but they wont be in time to sow this Year. the Potatoes shall go by first Sloop — I fancy there can be no Objection to purchasing Lands from the Indians about Fort Stanwix, severall Petitions for Land to purchase at the back of Sacondage & to the West of Lake George are now before the Governor & Councell, & are granted I suppose you will have some trouble about it next Summer, I shall speak to the Gov^r about purchasing to the North of the Mowhack River about Fort Stanwix & lett you know more hereafter — M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compl^s to you & all the good Familys on the River.

I am always truely

D^r Sir

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bart^t
Johnson Hall

Y^r obliged & Obed^t Serv^t.
HUGH WALLACE

INDORSED:¹

Febry. 25th 1771 —

Mr. Wallaces Letter

Ansrd. fully

March 15th. —————

FROM HUGH GAINE

A. L. S.

New York

Feb. 25, 1771

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I rec^d your Favour too late last Post for to write an Aswer: This may serve to inform you, That your Lease is now in the Hands of James Duane Esq for Perusal, and that I Shall print 100 for you next Week.

A few Days ago I sent you the Receipts by Mr Glen of Schenectady, who promised to take Care of the Same, and I Suppose even now the Conductor Generalis has reached you. I am Sir

Your obliged humble Servant

HUGH GAINE

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Feb 25, 1771

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[] merchant in Dublin has failed for one hundred [] thousand pounds another for sixty & two [] others for 30, 20 & 16000 Each; the Circulating Cash of the Kingdom is not above 250,000£ [] thousand pounds was sent from the Bank of England to reinforce one of the Banks in Dublin just before Christmas

¹ In Johnson's hand.

A Duel was fought at 4 o Clock in the morning in Hyde park between L^d Geo Sackville Germaine & Governor Johnstone in Consequence of some words Spoke by the latter in the House of Commons. Tho Townsend was Second to the former & S^r Ja^s Lowther to the latter. They discharg'd a brace of pistols at each other after which the Seconds interposed and the affair was amicably adjusted. Lord George Called the Governor out.

The people of England do not at all relish the Appearance of War.

All the Regiments of Militia Are ordered to be embodied.

Six Vessells from Liverpool to Dublin & from Dublin to Liverpool are lost & the Crews of three all perished Five or Six Vessells off Glasgow have been lost & the Shipping greatly damaged.

The Differences between the House of Peers & Commons are not Settled & Geo Savile & Lord John Cavendish have declared they will not carry any Bill, even for the City & County of York, up to the Lords.

Lord Geo Lenox & Gen^l Moystyn are sailed for Minorca Fourteen Sail of Spanish Vessells without Convoy but full of troops are just arrived at Porto Rico on the fortifications of which place they work Night & day.

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Rivington's letter

[] the general []

25th Febr'y. 1771 —

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

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N York Feb 25, 1771

[] favored with your Letter

[] days post.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

[I sh]all be attentive to every opportunity of contributing to your amusement.

Severe weather has checked the arrival of any pacquets; The enclosed contains all the particulars we have of late been Supplied with via Boston

I doubt not I shall be enabled to write something new ^{to} next post.

My Humble Respects wait on Sr John & the Colonels

I am

Sir William

Your most obedient & faithfull Serv^t

JAMES RIVINGTON

Lord Dunmore is determined to try his weight at home for permission to Keep this Government in preference of Virginia. He is a Chearfull free liver & an Aguish Climate would ill suit his Convivial Disposition.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 25th Febr^y 1771

SIR

I had the Honor of writing You on the 15th Nov^r last since which I am without any of Your Favours — Inclosed I send You an Acc^t of the Cost of Your Quadrant shippd on Board the Hope Cap^t Davies address'd to the Care of my Friend M^r White Esq^r Merch^t there, with directions to forward it by the first safe Conveyance —

Mr Martin of whom I had the Quadrant declares it is a very good one & will give You Satisfaction —

Mr Roberts Call'd upon me Yesterday & says He is applying to the Treasury for payment of a large Sum of Money which Government owes Him — & has solicited my application in His Favour — I told Him I would speak to Lord North as I had done to Lord Hillsborough, to give directions that the Merritts of this Claim might be attended to — but at same time that I knew nothing of the Matter, of course could not Recommend the Justice of His demand — I am much afraid this Gent^m has been guilty of some imprudent extravagancies since His arrival in England & thereby brought distress upon Himself — His often mentioning Your Name with the highest Respect — & Giving me an Acc^t of Your patronage to Him — induces me to do Him every good & prudent office in my power — the Differences between Spain & Us are apparently Little — for my own part I dont think we shall long enjoy a profound peace — our naval Armaments are too large to admitt of such a Supposition, particularly as our Ministry have declar'd that they don't intend to dismantle one Ship —

I was happy to find that Cap^t Munds arrived before the Rivers were froze up — & hope all the Goods by His Ship got up safe & to Your approbation — Should You find it Necessary to order a further Quantity I shall hope for the Favor of Your Comands with assurance that I will pay a particular Attention to the execution of them — I beg most Respectfull Compt^s to Sir John & am

Sir

Your obliged & most
obedient Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:¹

London 28 Feb^y 1771

Mr. Jⁿ. Blackburns Letter.

wth. a Quadrant —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THE EARL OF DUNMORE

L. S.¹*New York 26th. February 1771*

SIR,

I lately received a letter from Lord Hillsborough with an Extract of a letter from y[ou] to His Lordship dated 14th of August 1770, together with an Extract of a talk from Conoquieson² to you, July 22^d. 1770. His Lordships letter signified His Majestys pleasure that it should be again recommended to the Legislature of this Province, to fall upon effectual means of putting Indian affairs under such regulations as may prevent the frauds and Abuses in trade, & those Violences & Incroachments of which the Indians complain: You will perceive by the Address of the General Assembly, which I herewith inclose, that His Majesty's Orders to me were obeyed without delay. The said Address explains the Sentiments of the General Assembly on the Subject, and you will see that it alludes to certain regulations heretofore practised in the Indian Country, of which the Assembly alledge they are, as yet uninformed; & that are necessary they should be made acquainted with, before a Law can pass that would be sufficient for this important Service; I hav[e] therefore to desire of you, that you will tra[ns]mit to me all such regulations as have be[en] from time to time, successfully, observed, between us and the Indians, & every other intelligence that you may judge proper for our guidance in a matter of so much consequence, and which may enable us effectually, on the part of this Province, to answer His Majesty's Expectations.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

DUNMORE

¹ In the New York Public Library, New York City. John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, became Governor of New York October 19, 1770.

² Conoghquieson, an Oneida chief.

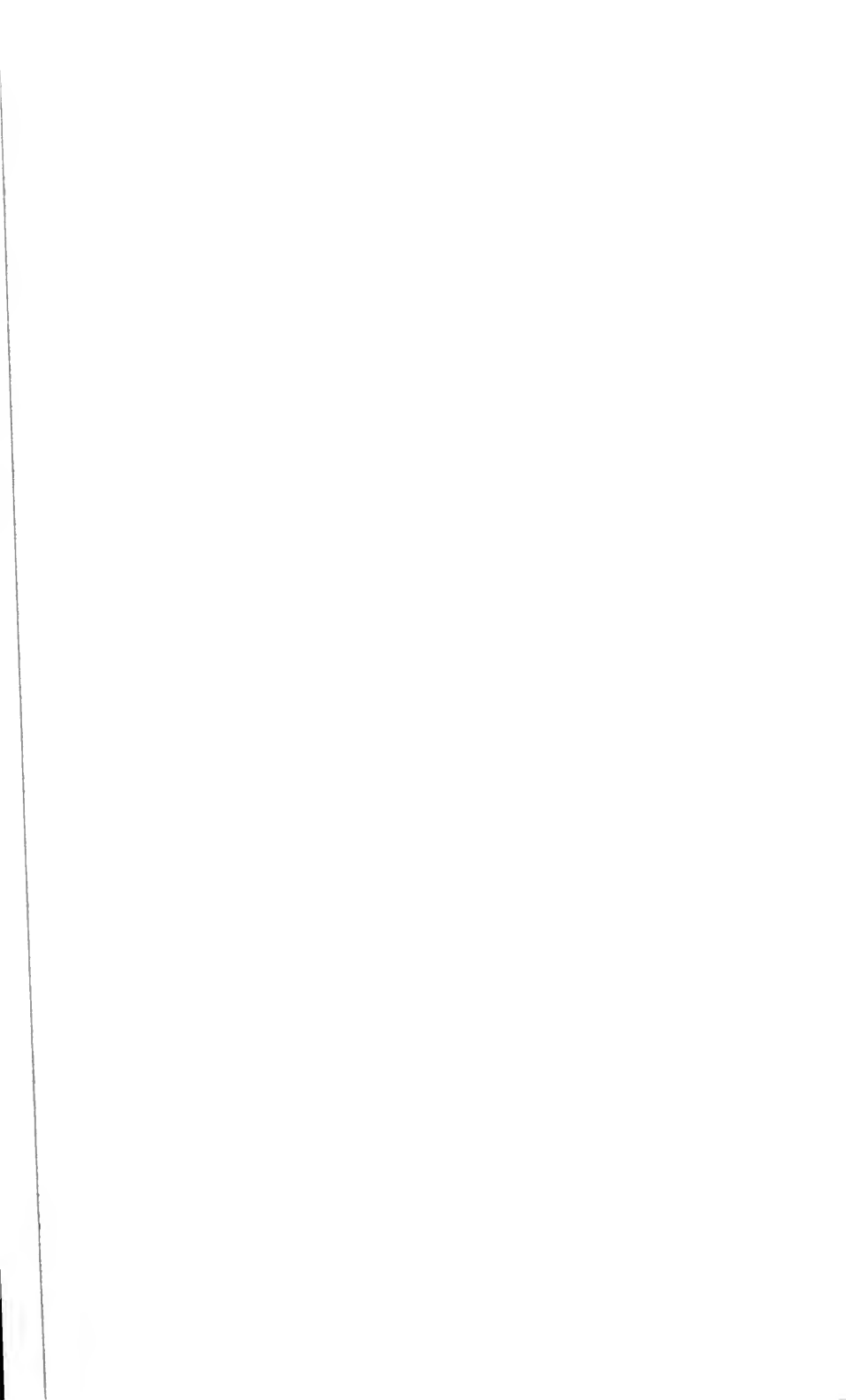
P. S. Inclosed I also send you A Speech from the Chiefs of the Onoide Indians—to which I desire you will send me an Answer.—

TO THOMAS BARTON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 480, is listed a letter of February 28th to Reverend Mr Barton, mentioning the work of Stewart, Hall and Andrews among the Indians and a church Johnson has built at Conajohare as well as one he has projected at Johns Town and discussing land purchase (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:438–39; Q, 4:274).

TO ARTHUR LEE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 480, is listed Johnson's celebrated letter, of February 28th, to Dr Arthur Lee, discussing customs, manners, language and tribal condition of the Indians (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:430–37; Q, 4:269–73 and Stone's *Johnson*, 2:479–86).





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