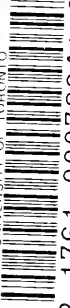


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PREFACE

Volume VIII of the *Sir William Johnson Papers* covers the period from March 1771 to the death of Sir William at Johnson Hall on July 11, 1774, at the age of 59. It also includes all of the salvaged supplementary materials in the Johnson manuscripts in the New York State Library from July 12, 1774, to March 30, 1808.

The last three years of Sir William's life paralleled the beginnings of the War for Independence. He witnessed the joyous observance of the anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act and the coming of Governor Tryon in 1771, the suggestion by Franklin for a general American congress and the ferment over the tea tax in 1773, the election of extra-legal committees, New York's tea party and the call of the first Continental Congress in 1774. But he does not seem to have been fully conscious of the approaching storm. As far as his immersion in Indian affairs, land matters and personal interests would permit, he kept an eye on local and imperial politics. He congratulated Lieutenant Governor Colden on the assumption of his fifth term of service as head of the province, and hoped General Gage would bring to their senses the refractory Boston people who were too much encouraged in London. He had Hugh Gaine keep him supplied with the acts of the Assembly as they were printed, together with other books, but there is no evidence of any interest in revolutionary committees and congresses. Had Johnson lived there can be little doubt that he would have become a Loyalist of the type of Colden.

The papers of this later phase of Johnson's life reveal his wide interests and the multiplicity of his duties. One notes his unusual interest in religion and education. Among his correspondents were clergymen like Samuel Auchmuty, John Stuart, William Andrews, Charles Inglis, Samuel Kirkland, Jonathan

Lee, William Hanna, Daniel Burton, Richard Mosley, Harry Munro and Richard Hind. Besides helping to establish churches in the Mohawk valley and supply them with ministers, he was eager to send trustworthy missionaries to instruct the Indians, for which Robert Lowth, bishop of Oxford, praised him.

Educational efforts were encouraged likewise. Schoolmasters like Samuel Peisley, Thomas Erving, John Blackler, Robert David and ——— Carpenter applied to him for positions as teachers. Henry Babcock wished to found a seminary among the Six Nations, and William Andrews solicited patronage for an academy in Schenectady.

Naturally his work as Superintendent of Indian Affairs monopolized most of his time. He kept an eye on the French in the Mississippi valley and the forts they were building. Treaties with the red men were safeguarded and Indian conferences held. He sought to prevent whites from encroaching on Indian lands and aimed to limit the sale of rum. He kept Guy Johnson, Daniel Claus, Robert Rogers and Alexander McKee busy with Indian relations. An alliance of western Indians against the English was thwarted. He urged the need of a government on the Ohio and opposed the movement of the western Indians for a superintendent of their own.

Next to Indian affairs Johnson was busied with land matters. His time was consumed not only with his own large holdings which he was continually selling and trading, but also with new purchases in which he was involved as far west as the Ohio valley concerning which a quarrel with Virginia resulted. He seemed to be ever on the lookout for new land bargains. Many disputed claims were submitted to him for advice and adjustment by both whites and Indians.

Johnson initiated the movement for a division of Albany county, interested Philip Schuyler in the project and had Tryon county set off in 1772 with Johnstown as the county seat. Sir William had much to do with the origin of the county government.

These letters also reveal a keen interest by Johnson in imperial and European affairs. He kept in touch with prominent men in England and in the colonies, and his comments on international relations show a remarkable grasp of public affairs in Canada, in the French and Spanish colonies, in Great Britain and on the continent.

Johnson was successful in business as well as in land speculation and invested some of his savings in England. His Indian trade was extensive and profitable and his able business agents were chosen with care. The general opinion prevailed that he was a rich man, that he was exceptionally keen in commercial matters, that he stood in favor with the powers in the province and in London, and that his hold over the Indians was marvelous.

Johnson's death removed from the stage a recognized empire-builder, and his demise was lamented by red men and white.

Although the bulk of the *Sir William Johnson Papers* consists of source materials in the possession of the State of New York, yet during the course of publication a number of letters to and from Johnson have been located in other depositories in Europe and America. As far as possible these letters have been inserted in their proper chronological place and due acknowledgment has been made of their owners. Those letters that were received too late for inclusion have been saved for a supplementary volume.

The exacting and laborious task of collation and annotation of this volume has been performed by Dr Almon Wheeler Lauber, editorial assistant in the Division of Archives and History.

Attention is called to an error in volume VII. In the list of illustrations on page v and below the illustration facing page 900 the name "Major F. C. Ornsby" should be "Major F. C. Ornsby-Johnson."

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SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON PAPERS

TO MYLES COOPER AND JOHN OGILVIE

In the Johnson Calendar, page 480, is listed a letter written at Johnson Hall, March 1, 1771, by Sir William Johnson to Myles Cooper and Rev. John Ogilvie concerning Rev. David Griffith's refusal of the Schenectady church, a suitable missionary for Johnstown and the success of Mr Stewart and Mr Andrews. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:440-41; Q, 4.275.)

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹

Teronto March 1st 1771

SIR WILLIAM

We had the Honour of Writing You the 29 of December Last which we hope You have Rec^d. since which we have Verry Little to Communicate to You.

We Mentioned to You then, that the Wheather was Like spring. it Continued so Untill the 29 Jan^{ry}. at night when it begun to blow and snow prodigiously. our house being Covered with bark and that not Verry tight, without Any Ceiling, the snow blew In and was above a foot Deep in the house and on the goods before Morning. it Continued so all the Next day, in which time we suffered Verry much, and had a severe job the Next day to get the snow out & Clean our Goods from it it Came in the same Manner a Week after & the third Week also but not so Violent so that Last Month made Us pay severely for the pleasantness of the former Ones. You Cant Imagine what fatigue we Undergo In Getting fire Wood which we are Oblidged to draw Nigh a mile In a sled. we should have

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

[had] Enough had it not been for the Indⁿ. who Lives [] who with his Son Lyes in the Outward room & burns [] the Whole Night. it is at present fine Winter Wheather. We have had some Indians hear (which is four days journey) from where Monsiur St. John the In[dian] trades who seemed Verry well pleased with [] traded with them. Lately we have had a Visit from Phochickey the Great Chief with four Others, who Spoke to Us by ten Strings of Wampum. the Old Man told Us, that when he saw Us in the Spring he Imagined we only came for a Little time, but was Verry glad he found we Continued, that we might be Assured he would tell all his people and Others to trade with Us, and Indeed we have no reason to Misdoubt it for As yet they all have, he and his party traded off When we made the Old Man a present of a two Gallⁿ. Cag of rum, salt and a Little Tobacco, for which they will go two or three days journey for, they went off highly satisfied. the Indians are all Verry Civil and Supplys Us Continually with plenty of Venison which Costs Us a mere trifle. they kill them all Round our house. but we are such bad hunters or [] we have not killed One & the Indian who [] Us but two. we Consume a Vast Quantity of [prov]isions being Obliged to feed All the Indians that [come] hear wheather they trade or not.

We had two Casks of Kettles from Mr. Campbell in the spring which we had no [occas]ion to Examine, Except what we wanted for Our Own Use, Untill now when there is a demand for them. What we took for Use was not Used above a Week before there was holes in them. you may judge from this, that Out of six we have but One tolerable One & only One we Can Use at Any rate, which is Verry Expensive to Us. We are Certain they must be Old Shop keepers that he Could not get off to Any One Else. its Impossible they could receive the Damage In the Carrage. at any Rate they are not the kind nor Merchantable. they Come to £26:6- which would be a Vast sum to pay for Nothing besides the Disapointment. we have wrote to Mr. Campbell that we Intend to return them. a Word

from You will be a means to prevent Disputes. we would Send you a List of What Furr's & Skins we have if it was Not to troublesome this time of Year to Weigh them off & Reckon. but I believe we will not be Disappointed We have had our share. The Indian who is with Us having nothing [] We have send him with this to Niagara as [] Miss no Oper-tunity of Letting you hear from Us [] hearty & well, thank God. this is the Last we [] have an Opertunity to trouble You Until the [] Arrives. Our Sincere Wishes Attend Sir John [] Rest of Your family. Wishing you many happy Years we are. —

My Dear Sir William
Your Most Oblidged & Most Obd^t
Servants

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. We are Verry
Great Men. the Indians
Makes formal speeches
to Us Verry Often by Strings
of Wampum.—

The Indian who is with Us Understands this Language tolerable Well. but he much Addicted to Liquor. but I keep him pritty tight and in Good Order. he is Cuting & Hawling Every day. I make them all know there Duty If I did not there would be no Manageing them

INDORSED:¹

Toronto March
the 1st. 1771 —

Mess^{rs}. Wade & Keiser[s Letter]
Ansrd. 12th April
verry fully —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

COUNCIL MINUTES

D.

At a Council held at Fort George the City of New York on Monday the fourth day of March 1771.

Present

His Excellency the R^t: Hon^{ble}. John Earl of Dunmore Cap^t: Gen^l: &c^a:

Mr. Watts

Mr. Cruger

Mr. De Lancey

Mr. Wallace

Mr. Morris

Mr. White

Mr. Smith

The petition of Edward Jessup and Ebenezer Jessup in Behalf of themselves and their Associates was presented to the Board and read, praying His Excellency's permission to make purchase at their own Expence in the usual Form of the Quantity of Forty thousand Acres of a certain Tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the West side of the most Northerly Branch of Hudsons River, Beginning about five Miles above the upper Patent (on the East side of the said Branch) granted to the said Ebenezer Jessup and others: and runs up the River from thence about twelve Miles, and back into the Woods a considerable distance, or such Quanty as the purchase will admit of, in order to enable them to obtain his Majesty's Letters patent for the Lands comprised therein.

On reading whereof and the said petition having been referred to a Committee and Mr. White reporting their Opinion thereon that his Excellency might grant the prayer of the said petition, It is Ordered by his Excellency with the Advice of the Council that the petitioners have Liberty to make such purchase in the Manner prescribed by his Majestys proclamation of the 7th: October, 1763 or that the petitioners procure a Certificate signed by Sir William Johnson Baronet [] brought down before his Excellency for [] said Lands are Chiefs

of or belonging to [] Nation Owners or proprietors
of the said Lands [] that they have Authority from
such Tribes or [] to dispose thereof

Ex^d. A true Copy Exam^d. by
 G^w BANYAR D Cl Con

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London March 5th. 1771

DEAR SIR

As soon as I got home I wrote to Mr. Fitch to know whether he had heard anything from Virginia about Thomas Byrne who came from Ireland in the ship King of Prussia, and am Sorry to find by his answer (which I inclose that my friend Mr Byrne may see I have not been unmindfull of the affair) that he has not as soon as Mr. Fitches Letter Came to hand believing that there was not much dependance to be put on Mr Griffin I wrote to Mr Calvert the mayor of Norfolk and two other Gentlemen in Virginia who I flater myself will be able to Give me some accot of this young man. I wrote likewise to Col^o Cole to make inquiry of a Gentleman from Virginia now in Newport and if I Can hear any thing will advise you by the next Post

So many People Came to inquire of me about the Lands they heard you had advertised in the New York paper, that I believed it best to publish that matter in the New London paper, and I believe as soon as they think they Can see the land many people from these parts will be with you

two days ago we had a Very great fall of Snow but as it Came with a sound North Easter it is Very much Drifted along the seashore in case you have the Same Quantity it must make Very good slaying.

I am preparing Every thing to set out Sometime this month and that as Early As I Can and hope I Shall find you relieved from that very severe pain in your thigh which took of most

of the pleasure I should otherways have had when I was at the Hall. I also hope Col^o Johnson has got the Better of his disorder that he M^{rs} Johnson Sir John Col^o. Claus his Lady and their Family, are Very well, to whome please to make my best Compliments as well as to M^r Byrne M^r Dayly and the Gentlemen of Johnstown M^{rs} Chew and miss Fann present their best Complements and Respects to you and I am with my Earnest prayers for your health

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t &
most H^{ble} Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

The Honble SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INFORMATION CONCERNING AN INDIAN CONSPIRACY

L.

[*Fort Pitt*] *March 7th 1771.*

This Day Mohikin John and Joseph two Stockbridge Indians who have resided above a Year amongst the Shawnese and Delawares gave me the following Intelligence before M^r. Croghan & M^r. M^c.Kee which they desired might be kept a Secret from the Indians otherwise it might Cost them their Lives. —

Mohikin John says that during his Stay in the Indian Country he was present at all their Councils and that he saw the Belts of all Nations that were sent to the Shawnese; That the Six Nations since the Treaty of Fort Stanwix told the Shawnese and Delawares that they had not sold the Lands on the South Side of the Ohio to the English, that the English had forced and Stolen them & was encroaching into their Country (the Shawnese and Delawares) and therefore desired them to make Peace with all the Western Nations as fast as they could and fixed four Years for doing it in, and that as soon as that was done they would all strike the English at once & drive them out of their Country; That the Shawnese and Delawares have been ever

since that Treaty employed Negotiating with the Western & Southern Indians, and that early in the Fall, the following Nations were all of one Mind & determined to strike the English, which was agreed on at the Plains of Sciota.

The Delawares, Shawnese, Hurons, Ottowas, Putiwatimees, Chipawas, Twightwees, Wawcoughtenoes, Piankeshaws, Kicapoes, & Musquetons, and that when all was thus Settled, they said they only waited for the Six Nations to come, who had prom[ised] at the Council, he says their Plan is for all the Western Nations & Six Nations, Shawnese and Delawares to strike at Fort Chartres, Detroit, Michilimackinac, and this Place; The Cherokees and all other Southern Nations to strike on the Frontiers of the Carolina's & Virginia all at the same time; that the time was not fixed when he left that Country, as they waited for the Six Nation Deputy's who were at the Head of this Enterprize and the promoters of it, which said Mohikin John says he is Certain of, and further says that the Mohawks is as much concerned, as any other Tribe of the Six Nations; On Mr. Croghan's telling Mohikin John it was very odd that the Six Nations and Mohawks in particular shou'd have a Hand in such Measures, He answered, We might believe him or not, but what he said was true and we would soon find it so, for that all the Nations had received Belts from the Spaniards and French giving them great Encouragement to prepare and get Ready for that they intended to make War this Spring or Summer on the English themselves — which the Indians were all very glad to hear, and which he said he thought would make them strike before the time they had first agreed on, which was four Years. Mr. Croghan then asked him what the Indians meant by coming here and speaking so fair, to which he said the Delawares and Shawnese had agreed to speak fair to the English, but it was from their Lips only, and not from their Hearts; th'o he says he is sure that the Delawares and Shawnese would not Strike but for the Six Nations, nor does he believe any of the other Nations would; And that whether we believed him or not, it would not be a great While, till We would find his Words come true.

He then said it was not for nothing so many Parties of the Six Nations went last Fall and this Winter to the Cherokee Country that some of them had told the Shawnese that they were going against the Cuttabas, and that the English were cross, as the Cuttabas Lived amongst them, that they would Strike the English likewise, & perhaps you may soon hear of some mischief being done that Way —

INDORSED:

Intelligence recieved
from Mohikin John and
Joseph, two Stockbridge
Indians.—

INTELLIGENCE OF AN INDIAN CONSPIRACY

L.

[*Fort Pitt, March 7, 1771*]

After hearing Mohikin Johns Information, Mr. Croghan sent of to the Shawnese Village at Logs Town for a Chief of that Nation, a particular Friend of His who had always given him the best Intelligence and had never deceived him, and after telling him by the Interpreter that he had heard such and such Things (as Mohikin John had inform'd him) and upbraiding him for keeping such Measures a Secret from him who had been always his particular Friend, the Indian seemed much Confused, paus'd a While and then Spoke as follows —

My Friend it is very true what you say, and as you have hear'd it, I will tell you all I know, and would have told it you before, but I was afraid you would tell it to the White People; It is true we have all agreed last Fall to strike the English, it has been a long time in Agitation now Nine Years since We first thought of it, about that Time the Six Nations saw the Moravians coming to Susquhannah and Building Churches and learning some of the People to sing Psalms, which they said was only to steal their Lands, and soon after the White People came over the

Mountains here to Redstone Creek & Cheat River to settle on our hunting Country that was the Occasion of our Striking you Seven Years ago, but the Six Nations who began first, deceived us and made Peace for themselves, the French likewise deceived us & the Six Nations both, for they promised to supply us with every thing & gave us Nothing, so that We made Peace then, and since the Council at Fort Stanwix, the six Nations sent us & the Delawares a Hatchet under Ground which [] in our Town at Scioto; They told us to be strong and Cour[] with the several Nations towards the Sun-setting, and be all of one Mind, and with the Southern Nations, and if in four Years time we was all agreed, that then they would Join us and drive the English out of the Country Over the Great Mountain, for they never had sold the Lands, and that the English had forced them out of their Hands and Stolen them; last Winter they sent us another Belt telling us that as soon as we were all agreed they would send Deputy's to fix the time to Strike, for the Southern Indians are to Strike you as well as the Six Nations, And us to the Sun Setting; This my Brother is all I know, and when the Council which the Six Nation Deputy's has now called at Scioto is Over, I will come and tell you when you are to be Struck, I love the English and wish there was to be no War, and by telling you this I have put my Life in your Hands, for if the Indians Knew that I have told you they would Kill me.

CHARLES EDMONSTONE TO THOMAS GAGE

*Contemporary Copy*¹

[Extract] of a Letter from Captain Edmonstone to General Gage —

Dated *Fort Pitt March 9th. 1771*

A party of Six Nation Indians who had been here some time, to whom I behaved with the utmost Civility; on the 2^d. Ins^t. took

¹ This and the two preceding documents containing information concerning an Indian conspiracy, are in the same handwriting.

their Leave of me, and when at a Small Distance from the Fort, met with a Soldier of the Train, who they instantly attacked, nearly Cut of his Nose, and entirely Split his upper Lip; on his making off, they pursued him, and no doubt would have Killed him, had they not been a little in Liquor, so were incapable of overtaking him.—

On the 7th: Inst. Mohikin John, Joseph, two Stockbridge Indians who have been amongst the Delawares and Shawnese, for more than a Year, Came to me, and gave the Intelligence, I herewith Inclose to your Excellency, also another from a Shawnese Chief, who Mr. Croghan Sent for to Enquire, as he could not give Credit to all John had told.

Those Informations Correspond, and indeed a Confirmation of all the former Intelligence forwarded to your Exc^y., which indicates, that something is in Agitation among the different Nations, that Bode no good to His Majesty's Interest.—

For my part, I can assure your Excell^y. that I have taken all the Care I could to please the Indians, and in particular the Six Nations, Most of the Party's that comes, bring Pass's and other Papers from Sir W^m. Johnson; Setting forth, their being particular Friends; and their steady Attachment to the English; and the Chief [] that is made at this Post, is given to that ungrateful and perfidious People.

The Shawnese and Delawares, as I observed in my former Letters, appear'd Sulky and disgusted; Yet have always behaved Civil at this Post, and indeed to all the Inhabitants about, the difference that happened here, the Summer 1769 and last Year; was entirely owing to the Six Nations; And the Quantity of Spirituous Liquors, sold them by our Traders. They purchase nothing else but Liquors, and when Intoxicated never fail to Insult and abuse White Men; Either Soldiers or Country People, which convinces me, they Study Mischief when Sober, and put it in Execution when Drunk.

After the Differences which happened last Summer the Six Nations, who live down the River promised to myself and Mr. Croghan in the Strongest Terms, that their future Conduct would

Convince us, of their Inclination to promote Peace and Tranquility; Yet those very People, with the Party's, which pass from the Six Nation Country, have been exceedingly Troublesome: They are always as Naked as Beggars to what other Indians are, and Constantly applying for different Things, and if refus'd get very Angry; and Contest with me, the Reason why I should refuse them any Thing; and have told me, I was Sent here only to take Care of them —

I should not have dwelt so long on this disagreeable Subject, but to give your Excellency a just Account of those People's Conduct, along with those two Papers of Intelligence

I have frequently Spoke to M^r: Croghan, on this Subject, of the Different Pieces of Intelligence, which We have had, to get his Opinion which he has always avoided giving; in particular Yesterday, when he told me, he had, and always would give me, every Information that came to his Knowledge, for the good of his Majesty's Service, but would not give his Opinion, as he Knew by Experience, it would not be well taken; That it was both his Duty and Interest to prevent an Indian War, if in his Power; for that he had more property to Loose by one, near this Post, than any other private Subject His Majesty had, in this Country —

INDORSED:

Extract of a Letter from
Captain Edmonstone to
General Gage.
Dated
Fort Pitt March 9th: 1771

DAVID BECKER'S BILL

D. S.

The Hon^{bl} Sir William JonsonTo David Becker D^rMay 1770. To Work done for the Indians p^r his order

Viz. To Making 18 large hoes @ 8 s	£7..4
To Making 7 large axes @ 8 s	2..16
To Making 6 Axes at 5 s	1..10
To Making 4 Axes @ 4 s	0..16
To Making a Spaid 9 s	0..9
	<hr/>
	£12..15

4 Small Axes & 2 fish }
 Spears not Charged }

Errors Excepted p^r. MeDAVID BECKER¹March 9th. 1771Rec^d. of Sir W Johnson Bar^t. the above Sum in full²—DAVID BECKER³INDORSED:⁴Mr. David Becker's Acc^t.

£12..15..—

Sir Williams

Account

£12. 15

¹ In same hand as the bill; evidently not written by Becker.² Receipt in Johnson's hand.³ Becker's autograph.⁴ In Johnson's hand.

EDWARD COLE TO JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

Newport March 11th. 1771

DEAR SIR

Your Favor of the 27th. Ult^o. came Safe to Hand. Should have answered it by Last Post but was out of Town. I came Home just time enough to Engage Hunter in the affair and I think properly, as he is to Credit a friends Acco^t. of mine for whatever Expences he may be at in procuring the young man, who has a Large Sum of money in his Hunter's Hands, which I thought much better then drawing on me as you are Sensible nothing Makes the Mare go like the Visibles—I chearfully undertook this business and find our Mutuall Friend Sir W^m. Interests himself in this Matter besides Mr. Byrne is a Bro^r. Commissary of Mine—Should be Extreemly Glad you would Let me Know when You purpose to go to the Hall, as I shall write by You.— if Mr. Hunter finds the young man he Will Send [] and I shall forward him to the Hall with [the] utmost Expedition.

I am with much
Esteem

Dear Sir Your
Most ob^t. Hum^l Serv^t.

EDW^D: COLE

JOS. CHEW, Esq^r.

FROM ROBERT LETTIS HOOPER, JR

A. L. S.

Trenton March 11th. 1771

SIR,

I wrote to you the 9th. Ultimo apologizeing for my long silence, since which I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you—

I have sent you in a small Box to the care of Mr. Weatherhed, Merch^t. in N. York, a collection of Scions for grafting which were cut in good season and if you have proper Stocks doubt not but they will succeed —

In each Bundle of Scions is a Talley stick notch'd, which when compared with the Numbers on the inclosed List will shew You the different kinds —

You will be pleased to make my Compliments to Mr. Dailey and Mr. Davis, & to inform Mr. Davis that I have engaged a Gentleman to procure some Illenois Tobacco seed for him, but fear it will not be in my power to forward it very soon —

I am apprehensive some Person, more curious than my self, has robed me of the Elks Horns you was pleased to Compliment me with, as I have had no account of them since my return — I shall be glad to hear from You, and with great respect, I am,

Sir, Your most obed^t. hum^le Serv^t.

ROBT. LETTES HOOPER, Jun^r

ADDRESSED:

Trenton 4der
To
The Honorable,
Sir William Johnson, Baronet
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Trenton March 11th. 1771

Mr. Hoopers Letter wth.
A Box of Scions.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN GLEN

A. L. S.

Schonectady, 12th. March 1771

SIR.

I have Received Your favor some Time ago, would have answerd it Sooner, but the Time I got it I was much Indispos'd, having Such Sore Eyes that I was not able to See for upwards of Ten days and as Soon as I got a Little better I was Oblig'd to go down to New York on Busie of the Kayaderossaros Patent. You mention in Your Letter That if I would mention a Day that You would Endeavour to be home & have the Indians There for which I Return You my Sincere thanks. Should it be Agreeable to You I would Come up a Monday now next, and may I beg the favor of You to have the Indians there. Here is Nothing Strange. Col. Bradstreet's Cause against Hardenberg was to be tryd Yesterday & by Mr Cagburn & other avadav[] it is thought he will Gain it.—

From Your Most Obedient

and most Hum[]

JOHN [GLEN]

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:¹

March 12th 1771

Jⁿ. Glens Esqr^s. letter

Ansrd the 15th. In[s^t]

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Detroit 13th. March 1771

DEAR SIR/

I am honour'd with your favour of the 12th. Jan^y. & am to return you thanks for prevailing on the Gen^l. to pay my Acc^t. I did not keep a copy of it, but as I had the Articles from M^r Polloard I suppose he can furnish one which I have wrote to him for —

The Hurons will return from hunting next Month when I shall deliver your message, which I am persuaded will make them happy —

As usual at this season of the year reports begin to prevail that the Indians intend mischief, & 'tho I don't give any credit to it, I shall be as well prepared as possible in so rotten rascally a Fort —

I must again be troublesome to you (but it is entre nous) altho I have been so lately, but as it will be doing me a most singular favour, I hope you will excuse the liberty I take — the case is I have a fine Boy amongst the Senecas & would be glad to get him from them, altho it should be attended with some expence — now I should be glad of your advice & assistance in this matter, for I cannot think of leaving him amongst them —

A Batteau will leave this about the middle of April, if any thing worth your notice happens in the mean time, it shall be communicated —

My best respects to S^r. John & the rest of your family —
Comp^{ts}. to Cap^t. McCleod — I am

Dear Sir

Your most Obedient &
Obliged humble Servant

JA^s: STEVENSONS^R. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:

Detroit 13th. March 1771

 Cap^t. Stevensons Letter

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.¹Niagara 13th. March 1771

SIR

On Monday last I had the honor of receiveing yours of the 1st Febr^y with the Generals Packets for Captⁿ Stevenson and myself by *Peter* an Indian, who brought the same in very good order — *Peter* and his Comarade *Cornelius* were Join'd by a Cayouga, who brought some Strings of Wampum, from *Con,na,wa,gense* to Old *Soy,e,wa*, of the *Ge,ne,se,o* Village desireing him to return to the Castle to assist with his advice &ca in chooseing a Person to replace Old *Cas,tesh*, or *A,gas,ta,ran*, dead some years ago, — *Soy, e, wa*, made Answer in my presence that he would not go on any such bussiness, and returnd the Wampum desireing him to give it back to the Person he got it from I understand nothing of this business but thought it my duty to inform you of all that I knew of the Matter —

I think the Indians this way appear well affected, at least I can observe nothing to the Contrary from their present behaviour —

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and
Most humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

P. S. I have the honor of enclosing you a Le^r rec^d from Mess^{rs} Wade & Keiuser

The Honb^{le}

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

INDORSED:¹Niagara 13th. March 1771

 Capt. Browns letter

FROM SAMUEL PEISLEY

A. L. S.

New York 14th March 1771

SIR

Having Read an Advertisement in last Mondays paper Desiring Some person of Abilities for Teaching Writing and Arithemetick to apply, make bold to trouble you, that as I am A Stranger but just Arrived from Dublin would be glad of the employment if I Should have the honour of being feavour'd by your patronage. And as writing is the worst of my Abilities, hope this may Suffise, and if you think a poor Stranger Worthy your Care, beg Sir you may Honour me with your proposals as Arithemetick and Bookkeeping is my Chiefest Abilities and as I can have a good Recommendation. If you Chuse S^r to employ me in your Service A line from you with your proposals Directed for Samuel Peisley at Mr. John Johnson's Sadler in the broadway New York Shall be duly attended to,

I am Sir with Due
Defference your
Obedient Serv^t

SAM^l. PEISLEY

ADDRESSED:

To
S^r William Johnson Bar^t.—
at Johnson hall Near
Johnstown

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹

[] 1771 —
 Mr. Sam^l Peisly's letter
 Schoolmaster —

TO HUGH WALLACE

A. Df.

[*March 15, 1771*]¹

Having upon a late Enquiry found that most part of the Land which is to be sold by Mr. Moore [*for Mr. Lane*] is but very Indifferent, I am now quite so, as to the purchase of it except Lot 44 w^h. as it Joins my Land, I hope you will be able to Secure for me: Some of the Patentees of Sacondaga now offer to Sell their Shares, (which are realy much better in quality & Situation than Mr. Lanes) [*for a dollar P Acre*] very cheap, besides there is one Lot of his, N^o. 58 out of the bounds of the Patent, for w^h. I cant see how He can give a Warrantee. I imagine there will be few or no Bidders for y^t. Land from the Scarcity of Money &^{ca.}, So that I am of opinion that it will go for a lower price than Mr. Moore Expects. In that case I would have you bid for the whole, that is all Mr. Lanes Right & Title to, or in that Patent. (as there is a Small peice yet unsettled & to be divided amongst the whole w^h. I would willingly have included with y^e. Six Lots, & for w^h. I will give the £500 in y^r. hands, or Something more, Should that be offered for it that is by any other person,

INDORSED:²

Letter to Mr. Wallace
 to go by the next Post viz^t.
 March 15th. 1771 —
 wth. Sundry Alterations

¹ Date supplied from Johnson Calendar.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM ROBERT DAVIS

*A. L. S.**New York March the 15th. 1771*

SIR,

These few lines is to your honour to inform you that as you have Advtis'd for a schoolmaster I hope that I shall have the Honour to Serve you in the Same as I have Teach'd these two years in the Province of Pennsylvania and Can have a good Recommendation so that I Can teach reading writing and arithmetick and several other Branches but none of the Languages three years from Ireland Aged twenty five years therefore I hope that you will favour me with yours

I am

My lord

your most

Humble Serv^t. ROBERT DAVIS

Direct your Answer if any to Mr. Hugh Gayne printer in New york.

PETITION FROM INDIANS OF SCHOHARIE

*D. S.**Schoharre March 15th. 1771*

[To] the Honourable Sir William Jonson Knight & Bart & Superintendant of the Indian affairs in America &ca

The Humble Petition of us the Subscribing Indians being part Owners of a Tract of Low Land Situate in Schoharre Humbly Sheweth That Your Petitionrs having heard that Some part of our fellow Indians have Sold all our Lands in Schoharre without our Consent, or Knowledge, to the Vrowmans We therefore Pray that our part of Said Tract may not be Made over to any person without our Consent, as We look on our Selves to be

Propriators of Said Tract in Common with the Indians that have sold Said Lands, the Sale of Which We do disapprove of. Your Honour's Noticing our Petition will be greatly Acknowledged, by Your Honour's Dutiful and Sincere Friends

	his	ELIZABETH	her		his
JOSEPH	+		+	DAVID	+
	mark		Mark		Mark
	her	HANSYEURRY	his		her
SUSANNAH	+		+	SARAH	×
	mark		Mark		Mark
	his	TREYTA	his		his
JACOB	+		+	YAN	+
	Mark		Mark		Mark
	his	LEWEEN	his		his
CORNELIUS	+		+	DAVID	+
	Mark		Mark		Mark
	his	MERITA	her		his
BRANT	+		+	JOHANNIS	+
	Mark		Mark		Mark
	his	YANN	his		his
PETER SMART	+		+	MOSES	+
	Mark		Mark		Mark
	her	MARTINUS	his		his
MERIAH	+		+	WILLIAM	+
	Mark		Mark		Mark
	his				
ANTHONY	+				
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	his				
THOMAS	+				
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	his				
ANTHONY	+				
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her
 CHRISTEEN +
 Mark
 his
 WILLIAM +
 Mark
 her
 CATHARINE +
 Mark
 his
 SETH +
 Mark
 her
 EVAH +
 Mark

INDORSED:¹

Petition from the
 Indians of Schohare
 June 22^d 1771 rec^d.
 it from the Mohawks ———

¹ In Johnson's hand.

On the back of the manuscript is written in Johnson's hand the following:

"abt ye Schohare []
 abt ye Lands to []
 abt ye French Men []
 all Duty.
 abt ye Schohare Inds La [nds which]
 I promised to give them []
 as Soon as I have leisure
 June 22^d 1771 —"

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schenectady 16th }
March 1771 }

[HONOU]RED SIR

This to acquaint you that we had a Meeting Yesterday Concerning our Patten, for an Alottment Mr. Vrooman had Layd is out in 500 Ackers, so that I woud be Glad that your Honour whoud Let me know Your Sentiment about it, as I had it Prolong'd untill wensday Next

Here is one Waldrum Blaw sent up from New York to act for them there, but Contrary as we think, as Collⁿ John Glen will Inform you Monday Next, as I Refere him to You

And if your Honour Shou'd Incline to have your 5000 Ackers to Joine Your Line, as I have Allready Started the Question, I Did not hare many Objections

Abraham Fonda is Verry uneasy, as his name is not in the Patten, who is a man to push Things forward and has pay'd his Devedent every time, I think he is not res'd well

I am Sir Your most

Obedient & Verry
Humble Serv^t

JN^o B V EPS

P. S. Mr. Glen will acquaint }
You how Mr. Duncan has }
Manneg'd with the forty }
Dollers Due to Joseph }

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honrb^l.
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹March 16th 1771 —

 Mr. Van Ep's Letter

TO THOMAS MONCRIEFFE

*Df.*²*Johnson hall March 16th. 1771.*

DEAR MONCRIEFFE

Yours of this Day Month was delivered to me by Mr Duffield, who appears to me to be a very Worthy Young Gentleman, and I have during two Visits he made me shewed him all the Civilities. I do assure you I am much obliged to the Occasion that has produced a Letter from you after a long Silence on both Sides—Indeed different Avocations must be our mutual Apology, for I know your Sincerity and Shall allways retain the Strongest esteem for you, and whilst I truly believe & thank you for your good Wishes, I can Safely Assure you that they are reciprocal.—

With regard to my Son, As the Yankees say Why he did not feel bold enough to encounter such Roads & bad Weather as we have had for the greatest part of the Winter, during which there was little or no Sledding and indeed from your representation for which the Ladies are much obliged to you, a man must be possessed of not a little temerity to Venture his heart amongst such a Lovely Groupe as it would be difficult to fix an Affection where there are so many rival beauties, and dangerous to withstand them all.—

Your description does them Justice and I dare say no more, I own that was I able to shake a Leg as formerly, you have Expressed yourself so feelingly that I might be tempted, at least to feast my Eyes with So lovely a Sight — Sir John is however

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

much obliged to you for that part of your Letter, and will probably say more to you upon it in a little time, and I am very sensible (Jesting apart) of the Friendly Motives which induced you to recommend that Subject to his attention.— I fancy that we may have a War if our Enemys are ready, perhaps not otherwise. If it takes place they will doubtless try to favor us with a Visit in some part of America.

Be assured Dr Moncrieffe of my Constant regards, that I shall at all times be glad to hear of your happiness & being with great truth

Your Friend & Serv^t.

[] John, Guy &c
 [] to be kindly remembered.

TO WILLIAM NELSON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall March 16th 1771.

SIR

I am just favored with your Letter of the 5th Ult^o and am heartily sorry that it is not at pres^t in my power to afford you any Satisfaction on the Subject of your enquiry concerning the meeting of Commissioners for regulating the Trade with the Indians not hav^g as yet heard that any other Colony, besides Virg^a & N York have Come to any determined resolutions thereon, I have reason to apprehend that the Idea of the Expence that may attend the necessary Establishments for that purpose, and the difficulty of agreeing upon their proportions of the Charge may Create delays in this most necessary business— I have mentioned the matter by this opportunity to Lord Dunmore and whenever it is in my power I shall gladly Communicate what you require. I hear it is under Consideration in Pennsylvania, but as yet know nothing of their resolutions, nor of the Intentions of the Gov^t. of Quebec —

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

D^r Walker who attended as a Commissioner from y^r Province at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix Carried with him a Copy of some parts of the Treaty; as the whole is very Long, and contains a variety of Matters. I shall transmit you a Copy of that part regarding the bound^y Line & Deed of Cession which I apprehend will Sufficiently Answer your desires —

I am

Sir, &c

The Honble
W^m. NELSON Esq^r Presid^t.
of Virginia

FROM THOMAS ERVING

A. L. S.

Philadelphia 16th March 1771

[]

Encouraged by your Advertisement in the New York [] of the 1st Ins^t) for a person qualified to Teach, Reading, [Writ]ing & Arithmetic; I presume to make you a Tendre [of my] Services. My Abilities in the Scholastic Way can [be] certified by several who keep Academies in this place [who] may be supposed unprejudiced in favor of a person who means to interfere with their proffession. As to my Moral Character I shall refer to Merchants of Eminence here, & at [New] York, to whom I have been recomended in the warmest Manner by their respective correspondents at home— And if being unfortunate may argue in my favor with [S^r] W^m Johnson (which his Character speaks it will) I have surely a claim to his patronage & protection. Born of parents of high Estimation in Ireland, properly Educated & Fifteen years engaged in Trade & Manufactures, which I had studied, in Holland, Sweden & France, I became a Shipwreck after all, lossing a Considerable fortune at one Stroke. This induced me to make a Tryal of this Country (having first settled with my Creditors, who are my

principal recomenders here) leaving my Wife in Dublin with her Relations; Since my arrival I have barely subsisted on a Clerkship, which being precarious bread, I would wish to have a settled place of abode & nowhere sooner than under the wing of Sr. W^m. & that on his own Terms, for indeed my expectations are not Sanguine, I desire little more than the necessarys of Life; And if you please to command me I shall attend your orders on receipt of them & go to your Town []

S^r

Your most []

THOMAS [ERVING]

If I am so happy as to deserve an Answ^r
a letter directed at Mr. Edw^d. Batchelors will
come to hand —

TO THOMAS WHARTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall March 16th 1771

SIR,

I am favored with your Letter by Mr. Harper whom I thank you for introducing to me, he seems to Like the Country and I have conferred with him on the Subject of Lands, In which I shall be glad to Assist him if possible in the manner most agreeable to his Wishes.—At the same time I received your Letter by your brother Carpenter together with one from your Father, which from my Esteem for your family filled me with concern as I am very Sensible how much such a Step as you apprehend he is about to take must affect you all, as besides its imprudence in other respects the Age of the Woman makes it in Some measure an unreasonable or unnatural Affection, which would not be productive of any permanent Satisfaction to himself tho' it must Cause great Affliction to his worthy father, & tender

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Connections. As he appears to me to be an agreeable and Sensible young Gentleman I am still in hopes that distance of place & other avocations and Amusements may afford him an opportunity of withdrawing Affections that appear to be unworthily placed, and to accomplish this I have omitted nothing in my power, referring you for some particulars to the Letter I herein inclose to your father.

I thank you for the particulars you gave me of the proceeding with the Assembly In Consequence of the Gov^{rs} message, What the Gov^t. require, is, That the Colonies will determine on Regulations for the Indian Trade, & make the necessary Appointments for that particular part of Indⁿ Affairs, that the Crown may be eased of the Expen^ce which has long attended it.

Your Brother seems bent on returning home much Sooner than I expected or wished for, alledging that he Expects a large Cargo of Goods from England. I heartily wish that he may not return with the same inclinations, and that you may soon have Agreeable News from y^r brother Sam^l. being with great regard

Sir &c

M^r. THOMAS WHARTON
Merch^t.

TO THE EARL OF DUNMORE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall March 16th 1771

MY LORD

I beg to offer my best Acknowledgments for the Polite Letter with which you honored me in Answer to my first, and to Acquaint your Lordship that your last of the 26th February did not thro' some negligence or delay come to my hands till Yesterday, so that I have not time by this opportunity to over look and Select the sev^l. regulations &c that may be necessary for your Lordships Inspection concerning the Indian Trade.—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

On this Subject I formerly wrote to Sir Hen^y Moore and Transmitted him a State of these matters, but least it may not be found in the Sec^ys. Office I shall again revise the necessary papers in obedience to your Lordships desire. In the mean time I beg leave to acquaint you that I have Just received a Letter from M^r Nelson Presid^t. of Virginia on the Subject of the proposed Congress of Commiss^{rs}. from the sev^l. Colonies for regulating the Indⁿ. Trade, wherein after mentioning that those of that Colony had waited at N York for some time to no purpose he desires to know of me when and where they are to meet, to which it is not in my power to give him a Satisfactory Answer.—

It is also my duty to observe to your Lordship that the Affairs of Trade, which from the weight of the Expence has been seperated from the Indian Department and referred to the Colonies has probably been delayed hitherto by some of them from a knowledge of the Charge that must attend the Sev^l. Establishments of Commisaries, Interpreters, Smiths &c at the Outposts, without whom it is to little purpose to do any thing in the matter, and as such establishments must be attended with a greater charge than the Colonies have been accustomed to, I am apprehensive it will not be easy to Effect a Union of Sentiments, or an agreement about their respective proportions of the Expence.— It was Judged best, That each Colony concerned in the Indⁿ. Trade should take the Charge of it at Certain posts most Convenient, of which Niagara & I think Detroit fell to N York. I made formerly regulations for the barter of Commodities at these posts but the times & price are Changed, so that such Regulations can only answer as to the form. It was likewise proposed to lay a duty upon Rum, & to prevent its going beyond a Certain post In favor of which I could say much, but whilst the people of Quebec Government, from their superior [] Influence with the Ind^s. would approve of this, it would [] profits of many in this Province whose great dependance [] that pernicious Liquor w^{ch} is the Cause of many Murders & disputes besides we find that the other Commis^{rs} [] even attend, and perhaps they may still

Neglect to do so, however [] transmit your Lordship a Copy of my Regulations for the posts I mentioned, and of the Gen^l. Orders to & duty of the Commisarys & [if any] thing farther should Occurr, that may appear necessary I shall take the Liberty to Suggest it, with the hopes that this important business may at last be carried in Execution.—

The Speech from the Oneidas has been occasioned thro the Mistake, or Ignorance of a N England Missionary there;— I have Signified by his Majestys orders to them and to all the Indians, That that part of the Affairs of the Indⁿ. Department w^{ch} regarded Trade was referred to the Colonies who I persuaded myself would as soon as possible concert measures for their regulation, and make such Appointments as were Necessary at the posts of Trade of these as I before observed a BlackSmith was one, but such were intended only for the Posts & as it is impossible to provide all their Villages with such so it is not convenient to Gratify one in particular because it would give umbrage to the rest. The Missionary mistaking this matter, Instead of laying it before me, as he ought to have done, has Conceived that It became a Provincial Concern to Supply the Indⁿ. Villages & therefore gave you the Trouble of that Speech, in which I should add there are some untruths & the Representation of their distress in coming down to have their tools mended is an Idle tale as it is notorious that That Tribe in particular are in great numbers to & fro here under various pretences to get provisions &c, and that they think it nothing to go more than 80 miles (w^{ch} is the real distance) on more trifling occasions. If your Lordship inclines to say anything to them upon the occasion I Shall Cause it to be faithfully delivered.

I cannot but regret that we are so shortly to Lose y^r Lordship whose aimable Character Gave us every thing to hope for, but I must be Silent when I reflect that you go to Receive a more distinguish^g Mark of his Majesty's favor by a promotion to the first American Government.

I am with much respect

My Lord &c

The R Honble the EARL OF DUNMORE

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 17th March 1771

DEAR SIR:

Your Agreeable favour of the 11th Instant have only received this morning. Mr. Davis I think Owes me about £50—& as you Justly Observe he Seems to be in a verry unsettled Situation — I shall readily join you in any way which you think best to put him in a Way to recover himself —

I propose Seting out for New York in the first Sloop, & should you have any commands that Way nothing would give me more pleasure then to have it in my power to do you any Service. I shall make but a short stay there —

M^{rs} Campbell desires me to make her respectfull Compliments
I am

Dear

Sir

with Great Sincerity your most Obe^t humble Sev^t

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM JOHN BLACKLER

A. L. S.

New York

March y^e 18th. 1771 —

SIR

I presume to address you on reading your advertisement in last Mondays Paper which advises me to make application to you, in order to take care of a School that is vacant in your Neighbourhood. As to any recommendation you may desire for my honesty and sobriety it may be obtained, by your Corrispondant's here applying to D^r Sam^l Clossy, Professor of Anatomy at Kings College, who was intimately acquainted with my Family and

Friends in England.— I flatter myself you may remember to have heard of my Father Pheasant Blackler late Barrack-Master of Athlone District. As I had the happiness of a liberal Education, I make no doubt I have Sufficient knowledge to teach Reading, Writing (after the shortest and best Method) and Arithmetic, my Circumstances at present are but low, as I am but just come from St. Augustine where I have sufferd much by Sickness having lost my Wife, and was myself confined near Six Months to my Bed, I came there (with many more) from London with Dennis Rolle Esqr Member for Barnstable who I may safely say trapan'd me from my own native home where I had []
 to feel the severe want of Health []
 in a Barren Country, if you should []
 Encourage me a Line directed to me at []
 Leroy's Hatter in Dock Street near the []
 shall immediately be attended to —

As I am not much in debt should be glad to discharge what little I owe before I leave Town —

I am Sir with respect
 Your Most Obed^t
 Humb^l Servant

JOHN BLACKLER

Gratitude ought ever to be paid where due¹

TO JOSEPH WHARTON

*Df.*²

Johnson Hall March 18th. 1771.

GOOD SIR,

Your Son together with Mr Harper arrived here a few days ago at which time I was favored with your letter of the 10th. of

¹ Evidently intended as a specimen of the writer's best penmanship.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

last Month.—From the regard I really bear to you & your family, it gave me great Concern to hear that your Son Carpenter who in all other respects appears to be a Sensible Wellbred Young Gentleman should entertain Sentiments or Affections so unworthy of himself, and so painful to his family, and from the fruition of which thro' the great Disparity of Years & Circumstances of the Woman he can expect nothing but repentance.—Believe me I feel Sensibly for you on this trying Occasion, and as I am in hopes that reflection & Absence may produce a Change in his Mind, So I would most willingly Contribute to effect it by any Means in my power. to this end I took him out to a Seat of mine Some Miles from hence, and at our return proposed a Second Tour to him farther up the Country, and on hearing that he had resolved to leave this & return home in a day or two I urged his Stay for Sometime with me which he excuses himself from Complying with Alledging that he daily expects a Vessel at Philadelphia with goods Consigned to him or to that effect. Finding this (as you seem'd to desire it, & thro my regard to the family) I took him aside and hinted the matter to him, on wch occasion I set forth all the Inconveniences attending it, with my Wishes that he might Subdue a passion wch could not fail of giving pain to his friends. he seemed fully persuaded of my good intentions in giving him this advice but assured me that matters had gone so far, that he could not consistent with any principle recede. That the woman was but 2 years older than himself & of a good family, &c It is therefore with concern I express my fear that his engagement & Inclinations are so strong as not to be Withdrawn. In wch case I can only Wish That his future Conduct may be more agreeable, and tend to efface the Memory of a Circumstance wch now gives you so much Concern.

Be assured I omitted nothing that I co^d. consistently urge upon this occasion, from the good Wishes I bear your family & the regard with wch I am &c

JOSP^H. WHARTON

Sen^r.

INDORSED:

March 16th 1771 —

 To Mr Josp^h. Wharton Sen^r.
 Philadelphia.

FROM SAMUEL BROWN JR

A. L. S.

Stockbridge 18th of March 1771

SIR WILLIAM

I Rec^d. your Letter Dated y^e 1st day of Nov^r Last, on the 8th Day of the Same month. Imediately wrote an answer wherein I Inform^d you that on the 8th of October Last I & my Partners Met at this Town Prepared to proceed and allot out the Land Agreed for & Compleat the Bargain — but not having Received any Inteligence That you had Obtained your Patent the Major Part was much Discouraged Concluded not to Proceed Untill they Had Certain Inteligence That the Patent was Obtained — They Returned to their Respective Homes Tho Many of them Live a Hundred miles from this Town — That I would Imediately Send To them & have another Meeting []ait on your Self Compleat the Bargain &c — I accordingly [] Wrote to My Partners but Rec^d. no Answer before I [Rec]^d. your Last Letter which was on the 2^d. Day of this Ins[tant.] Since Then we have had a Meeting Tho many Did not Attend As To Those that Did Some are Much Discouraged by Reason That a War is generally Expected very soon — And will not venture to move their Families Into that Country — Three of the men that went with me to veiw & Survey the Land Tho' a Year Since They Sold their Interest Here In order to Settle on your Land, have now Purchased in these Parts — upon the Whole Altho I cant Reasonably Desire you Should wait any Longer if it be to your Damage, yet if I Can git a Few new Partners & you Dont Part with the Land before the

Last of Next Month I am Determined to Wait on you Then & Compleat the Bargain or make a new one

I am Dear Sir William

Your Most Obliged & very H^{ble} Serv^t

SAM BROWN Jun^r

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

P. S. My former Letter I D^d — To a Person who Engaged to D^d — the Same to Mr. VⁿSchaak the Next Day but am since informed by Mr. V Schaack he never rec^d the same

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New york March 18th: 1771.

DEAR SIR,

I have a Letter of your's lying by me dated 31st of Jan^{ry} and expected long e'er now, to have been able to give you some Satisfactory Account respecting the Difference With Spain: But I am at this Moment as ignorant with respect to any Certainty of Peace or War between us and the Spaniards, as yourself, at the time you wrote your Letter. All I can Say is that we follow the old Maxim to Maintain Peace; for we are arming Whilst we Negotiate; and that there were Hopes of an Accomodation. It is not surprizing the Indians should believe the War commenced for Many of our own People have believed the Same, and Accounts Swell to a great Size before they reach the Indians. A French-Man carried like Reports to the Illinois the latter end of October who must have left New-Orleans in August, and they have Spread as far as Fort-Pitt.

The inclosed Letters from Mr. Croghan and Captain Edmonstone will inform you of the Transactions to the Westward, and give you Some Account of Thomas King. You will devine

¹ In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.

better than I can, what all these Mouvements may prognosticate. The Councils May have arisen from the News of War they have received from the Illinois, where the French-Man reported it as certain, and gave out that the Ministers of England France and Spain were recalled to their respective Courts.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

P: S:

Since writing, a Ship from South Carolina has brought me a Letter from M^r. Stuart, from which I transmit you an Extract, that shews the Shawnese are indefatigable in their Endeavors to form a Powerfull Confederacy.

T: G:

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

INDORSED:¹

N York, March 18th 1771

Gen^l. Gages letter

TO THE EARL OF DUNMORE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall March 22^d. 1771 —

MY LORD,

I had the honor to write your Lordship by last post in answer to your Letter concerning the Regulation of the Trade with the Indians, Agreeable to which I herewith inclose you Copies of

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

my Regulations for the Exchange of Commodities at Niagara & Detroit, made on the Spot in 1761. I sho^d. Observe that the Value of Goods is fallen since that period, and of Course the Tariff of Exchange should be adapted to the present times.

I also inclose a Copy of the last Gen^l. Rules regarding the Trade in 1767, as most of those issued before depended on particular events. I therefore presume that the papers I now Transmit will Suffice to give a good general Idea of the Rules that are best to be adopted for the Regulation of Trade. The principal objects of w^{ch} were to do the Indians strict Justice to punish Delinquents, and to restrain the Self Interested from rambling into the Indⁿ. Country at a Vast dist^{ce} from posts or Settlements in the quest of extravagant profits, in w^{ch} pursuit they often exposed themselves to Robberies & Murders & thereby involved in publick Quarrels thro' their private Misconduct. The particulars whereof are well known to many.

I have only to add that at each post of Trade a Commiss^y of good Character with an allow^{ce}. (proportioned to the business of the Post) from £120 to £200 Ster [Ⓕ] Ann. was Established having under him a good Interpreter, & a BlackSmith who was to work for the Ind^s. alone Gratis. which sev^l persons I wish to be [] disingaged from any concerns in Co^merce. And that an Establishment on these principles or Similar thereto is the only one in my Judgment that can produce the advantages we Expect to derive from the Regulation of Trade.—

I have the Honor to be &c

The R^t Honb^{le}

The EARL OF DUNMORE.

INDORSED:

March 22^d. 1771 —

To the Earl of Dunmore
with Copies of the Regulations
for Trade &c

TO HUGH WALLACE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall March 22^d. 1771.*

DEAR SIR,

Having wrote you last post I have only at present to remind you of an Application intended by Major Fonda for Lands sometime ago, on which subject he formerly Spoke to you, he intends by this opportunity to write you and to send down a description of 3 Tracts for himself & his friends to be petit^d. for on which subject he is desirous of sollicitting your friendship, and of obtaining a few lines thereon from me to Strengthen his request.— One of these Tracts he particularly spoke to you upon when you was last here so that youll recollect it imediately, the others are to the Northward.— I know that I need not to say more upon it as I believe you have been kind enough to express a desire to oblige him in that way.—

I am Just Sending off Copies of some of my Regulations for Trade to Lord Dunmore, as he is Shortly to leave us I am glad to hear he is to be Succeeded by a Gentleman of a Good Character.— I am desirous to know when he is to Leave the Government, and for the pres^t. conclude with my kind Compliments to M^{rs}. Wallace Dear Sir

Yours &c

Coll. Johnson desires

I may tranmit his

Compliments.—

& I do the same for the rest
of the family.

Honble H. WALLACE Esqr

INDORSED:

March 22^d. 1771.

To the Honble H Wallace

Esqr.—

concern^g Maj^r. Fondas Affair.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 25th. March 1771 —

SIR

I am favoured with yours of the 22^d. Inst. and beg leave to acquaint you that I Shall Send the Iron you write for to the Care of M^r V Eps by the first Opportunity as also a Screw Plate if any to be had in Town if not I shall send for one to New York

I am much obliged to you for your kind Intelligence about my Brothers Welfare I am

Sir

Your Most Obed^t.

& Most obliged Humb^le.

Serv^t.

JOHN STEVENSON

FROM WILLIAM M^cADAM

A. L. S.

N York March 25th 1771 —

SIR

Major Gorham has sent me a Bill on you for his pay as Deputy Agent from the 23^d of March 70 to the 23^d of March 71. I thought it necessary to Acquaint you of this Circumstance that you might Include it in your Accounts — and give orders for payment at your Conveniency — the Sum is Two hundred pounds Sterling — By a letter I received lately from England, there Seems to be no Certainty of a war M^r Lyme desires me to Convey his respectfull Compliments and offers of Services to you — with much respect I remain Sir

Your most Obed^t and very

Humble Serv^t

W M^cADAM

FROM WALTER MORRIS AND WILLIAM BEVAN

A. L. S.¹*New York March 25th 1771*

SIR We Seeing an Avederistiment in M^r Gains Newspaper of Sum Lands to be Let Out By you We Cam To a Determination To Aquent you Sir that the Smalles Eencouragment from your honour Would Bring Us and Our famleys Ounder your protaction we Be Both Treadsmen and has Wrought in this City Since the Concluson of the Leat Ware We Are Both Lether Breeches Mackers Can Dress Lether Aney Maner that Sutes Mackes Gloves In the Bes Manor and hering Sir that ther is None of Our tread Settled With you We Should be Glad for Embrace the Opertunitey We Can have the Best of Recomendations I Dar Say from the Severil pepol That We have Wrought for and as We are hard Working for and as We are hard Working Pepol and Daleye Working for Our Bread We are In hopes to Meet With Sum Encouragment from you Sir But My partner Desiers that if your Honour pleases for to grant Us on 100 Ackeres of Land Be twixt us as we are But Strangers to that Part of Busness But as Neer to your Seat as Is Conveainent So Sir in hopes that you Will Pardon the freedom that we have tacken We

Subscribe Our Selves your honours humble

Serv^{ts} Whilst WALTER MORRIS
& WILLIAM BEVAN

P. S. If maney Farmes that is Small with a house Situeaited Upon it We Would Sowner Rent it By reson that We Would Doe as much at Our tread as posable We Being United in the Bonds of Frenship I Belonging to ye Orange Lodge N^o 257 upon ye registrey of Irland Bevan Belonging to N^o 15 of the Registrey of Canada

¹ Letter in Morris' hand.

Formerly held at Niagara Belonging to his []
 80th Reg^t of Foot So Sir Nothing Changes Us for
 [] So Sir if you please to inform Us if []
 Sute you for to Let us Becom Settlers With you []
 That you will order a Line or tow Directed Viz To William
 Bevan Breeches Macker Neer y^e New City hall N^w York Or
 Walter Morris at Char[] Meal's Breeches Macker
 BroadWay Neer the [] Markit So with the greatest
 respect we remin y^{rs}

as Before

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

Philad^a. 25th. March 1771 —

[]

I am induced to trouble you at this time on account of a late unhapy affair that hapen'd in this City which is no less than a murder Committed by John Kain the blind harper on a boy about fourteen years old, and as this fellow gives out that he is a servant of yours & has made use of your name on former Occasions, I have thought it necess^y to let you know that in case he gets over this affair you may fall upon some meathod to send him back to Irland, where I understand he would be fond of going, which Cannot be Accomplished without your Consent and a little assistance I shall Endeavour if agreeable to you, to procure him a passage, but no mast^r. of a Vessel will Chuse to take him unless he has a discharge from you as he says you have an Indenture on him, and I am of opinion this would be the best meathod you Could fall upon to get rid of so troublesome a fellow, for you may Exspect him to pay you a Visit if he gets Clear of this affair which I have some reason to think he will, and I am well satisfied it would not be agreeable to you to have so troublesome a fellow about you, he has made free with me on former Occasions and I reliev'd him late in Elizabeth Town in the

Jerseys where I hapend to be for a few days, he has wrote me a lett^r since his Confinement in which he says if agreeable to you & that he gets over this affair he'l go to Irland provided he Can get a passage, if you think this unhapy fellow worthy your notice & that you see fit to have shiped off if I Can render you any service therein you may freely Command me being with great truth

Dear Sir

Your much oblig'd

& most Obed^t. Hble Servant

FRAN^s. WADE

P. S. If any Late Accounts from broth^r. Ferrall should take it as a great fav^r you would be so kind as to favour me with them — — —

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London 26th March 1771

[]

Your Letter of the 22^d of Feb^{ry} only Came by the last post as Soon as I Rec^d it I wrote to Saybrook the Town where the Large oats are raised and Engaged all I Could and hope to be able to make up the hundred Busshells w^{ch}. Mr McCurdy (a Gentleman Mr Adams knows) of Lyme near Saybrook ferry has undertaken to Collect and Ship to New York — they are Very fine and if we Can get them Clear of any Mixture I am Sure will please you tho' the price is pretty Smart 2/ L Money besides Cart^s & freight to N. York I Saw some weighed there was 12^{lb} difERENCE between a Busshell of Them and the Common Oats—the moment the roads Can be travelled which were Never so bad in this Country as at present I Shall Set out for the Hall and will be in time to make a Little Garden — am Very Glad to hear that you had Such good Sport at Johnstown the 14th.

of Febr^y — be pleased to¹ if his namesake is in Virginia we Shall [] find him he will See by the inclosed [] what Pleasure Col Cole takes in Ass[isting me] in this matter I Shall send you and my friends at the River a fine assortment of see[ds] by a Vessell tomorrow for N York have also put up for you and my Self some Very fine Young trees by the time or before they Can be with you I hope to pay my Respects in Person — M^{rs} Chew begs her best Compliments our most Earnest Prayers are offerd Every day for your health and Happiness and I am most Dutifully

Dr Sr

Your most Obed^t. &

Most Hble Serv^t

JOS CHEW

The Honble Sr WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 26th: March 1771

SIR/

Inclosed is the Account of the Iron [I] ordered to be Sent to the Care of M^r V Eps at Schonectady, it is of the best Sort, hope it may be to your liking.

I Cannot find a Screw Plate in Town of the Size you mention I have sent for one to New York as soon as it comes up I shall forward it to you I am

Sir

Your Most Obed^t

& Most Obliged

Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

¹ Evidently an omission in the manuscript here.

PETER STOUTENBURGH'S BILL

D.

Mr John Witherhead

Bo^t. of Peter Stoutenburgh

1771

March 26...20 barrels pork @ 85/..... £85..0..0

WILLIAM PEMBERTON'S RECEIPT

D. S.¹[March 27, 1771] ²

Receivd in good order and Well conditiond on board my Sloop — Twenty Barrels Pork two Hhds Rum one Barrell Vinaiger Three Small Boxes directed, Sixteen Bales twenty Six Boxes marked SWI one Cask two Keggs forty Six Barrells Gunpowder marked with the Same Mark. three Casks Nails directed, all which I promise to deliver in like good order and Condition unto the Honorable Sir William Johnson Barronet at Johnson Hall or to his Agent Mr John Van Eps merchant in Schenectady as witness my Hand this 27 Day of March 1771 I do hereby likewise promise to charge the Freight of those Goods to Sir William Johnson's Satisfaction

WILLIAM PEMBERTON

TO CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, page 482, is listed a letter written at Johnson Hall March 27, 1771, by Sir William Johnson to Rev. Charles Inglis on the unwillingness of English churchmen to promote the growth of their church in the colonies, reasons for extending its work among the Indians and the desire of German Lutherans at Stoneraby to enter its communion. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:441-44; Q, 4:276-77.)

¹ In John Wetherhead's hand.

² Date supplied from Johnson Calendar.

FROM HUGH GAINÉ

A. L. S.

New — York }
March 28, 1771 }

[SIR]

The Box I now send you contains your Leases and Knox's Campaigns in North America, which compleats every Thing you ordered from me, not already sent you

Mr Duane altered your Lease much and examined the same carefully, for which he charged £3:4:0, which I shall pay him Hoping you'll receive the Box in good Order, I am Sir

Your obliged humble Servant

HUGH GAINÉ

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall March 28th. 1771 —

DEAR SIR

I have received your favor of the 18th. of this Inst wth. the Inclosures from which I am concerned to find that the reports amongst the Indians are Universal, and that we have Enemies as I allways observed, who take much pains to disturb their minds, for really the report of a War has a surprising effect upon them, and they have been constantly prepared for that period, as a time when they shall be restored to their former Consequence & Independance of us,— as it is the Interest of our Enemies to Create a diversion in their favor, and as they are much more attentive to these points as well as more Active than we are in matters of negociation, It is no wonder that they should however distant the prospect endeavor to keep up such a Spirit amongst the Indians with whom they have any Intercourse as might become

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson; missing sections supplied from manuscript letter dated March 29th in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

advantagious to them in case of a Rupture, neither wo^d it Surprise me Should other Nations be tainted & withdrawn from us thro' the Influence of the rest, as their expectations from us have not been and cannot be answered, whilst our growing power adds fuel to their resentment and Jealousy,— Under such Circumstances I am of Opinion that after due provision made against any sudden attack, We may greatly alarm those who fall from us with the fears of a general quarrell, & with the resentment of those Nations on whose good Conduct I have much reliance.— as well as by pursuing sudden and Vigorous Measures at the Commencem^t. of hostilities, I mean this in case of a Rupture, for I am inclined to hope that these things may pass over.—As to Tho^s. King from the Nature of his Embassy, and the practice of Ind^s. he will hold Meetings wheresoever he finds any of them, preparatory to the Gen^l. Meeting he is to have with the whole — he is a forward fellow fond of giv^g himself consequence, but he is a Man of very good Address & Abilities in their Way, & I can have no doubt of his fidelity.

I Expect to hear Shortly some Interesting particulars [concerning] their Operations, [*which I shall not fail to Communicate to you*] especially if they have an Imediate ill tendency, which I shall not [fail to] Communicate

I now herewith Transmit my Acc^{ts}, to the [25th. Inst.,] for which I beg to be favored with your Warrt when you ca[] and agreeable to y^r desire I have at the foot of the Acct, [added] Such Acco^{ts} as you were pleased to direct to be bro^t. in as [extra] Charges for w^{ch} you wo^d. Issue a Warr^t —

I have only at present to add that I am with great Truth & regard Dear Sir,

His Excell^{cy} GEN^l. GAGE

ABEL HARDENBROOK'S BILL

A. D. S.

Mr John Witherhead to Abel Hardenbrook	Dr.
for Storage of 15 wh ^o : lb powd ^r @ 4/ 7 ^r p ^s	£3.. -..-
& 30 half lb D ^o @ 3/ 7 ^r p ^s	4..10..-
& 1 Q ^t lb D ^o @	.. 2..-
	<hr/>
	£7..12..-

Delivered out of y^e Citty Maga^s:
y^e 28 march 1771 the Above Contents Rec^d:

7 ABEL HARDENBROOK

INDORSED:

Paid Cartage of the Powder from the Powder Magazine 16/	
Paid Cartage of 20 Bls Pork 2 Hhds Rum 16 Bales 26 Boxes of Arms 3 Casks	£1.2
Paid Storage of 16 Bales @ 6/	4.16
d ^o of 26 Boxes @ 3/	3.18
d ^o of 1 Cask	3
d ^o of 2 Keggs	2
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	7.19

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New york the 29 March 1771

SIR

In obedience to your Agreeable Command I have Shipped all your Goods on board Captain Pemberton upon his Assuring me He would engage to charge the Fft of them intirely to your Satisfaction & has accordingly Signd a Receipt for the Same on Such Terms, which I now have the pleasure of transmitting

you together with the Enclosed Bill of Parcels of all the Articles you orderd me to Send you, which I hope will prove intirely to your Approbation as well in point of Quality as price — Teas of all kinds are extravagantly dear owing to the Non Importation, all we have now come from Holland & are very indifferent — I wish every body woud resolve to do without that Article because I am convinced the True Meaning of not importing any from England is only a villainous Scheme to putt Money into the Pockets of a pack of Smuglers in this City — The Expectation also of a Speedy Warr, has had an effect upon the Nail Merchants inasmuch that it has been with the utmost Difficulty I have been able to procure those 3 Casks I now Send you — they Say they will not Sell any more for less than 10^d q lb — The Pork could not be had for less than 85/ — The Rum is very extraordinary Good — I therefore have resolvd to Send it of New York Manufacture rather than give So high as 4/ for west India which in Fact is very little better than this I now Send you — I am very Sincerely

Sir Your Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

Mr Hooper has Sent you a Box of Grafts which I rec^d & have Sent by Pemberton who will deliver it to You

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.¹

Lake Otsego 29th March 1771

DEAR SIR

The bearer a Mohawk deliverd me your honord Letter, inclosing two Letters from my Father, for which I beg leave to return you my most grateful thanks. permitt me to request youl pardon the freedom of my friends in presuming to direct my Letters to *Johnson Hall*, the many favours you dayly heep on me will never

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

be forgotten; my Father Commands me to make an offer of his respects, asks of me, if I think a Letter to you would be agreeable making due acknowledgement for your repeated marks of friendship to his Son, (& then he knew not the last proof you have offerd to give me of your unbounded goodness) which I have fully informed of.

Yesterday had occasion to Send a Man down who is just now returned & acquaints me how difficult it was to travel, the bridges being all caried away by the freshes, by him had done myself the honor of writting you, but have now deliverd them, to James the mason who wants much to be employed by you, if there is an occasion for him, By my advice this day from the lower End of the Lake, I find they are determind to Continue in their Spirit of Mutiny they have peremptorily refused an Order I sent to their Overseer, which was to Send me one hand to assist my Work, agreeable to Co^l Croghan's injunction to me;— they are determind I am told to Decamp if I attempt any thing against any of them, which puts me at a loss how to act, the Season of the Year aproaching when they will wanted — excuse me kind Sir for again troubling you on this Subject Cap^t Macleod has been a Witness to the Whole he Says I have too much patience & Sincerely pitys me, all I can Say they are not my own;

I beg for the Continuance of your honord friendship, being with the greatest regard

Very Respected Sir

Your most Obed^t

most Oblig^d Humb Serv^t

AUG: PREVOST

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

INDORSED:¹

March 29th. 1771

Major Prevosts letter

Ansrd 31st.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[*Undated*]

SIR WILLIAM

The Din of War begins to abate a little occasioned by a revolution in the french Ministry, Choisal & Praslin, able Counsellors and enterprizing characters, from their attachment to the Spanish favorite Measure, of quarreling with the English, are sent into Exile, the Dukes D'Aguillon & Broglie under the Auspices of Prince Soubise & Madam Barré taking the Helm of Government into their hands, hated and detested as they are by the whole nation. This event cherishes our Administration with hope that the Catholic King may be induced to a pacification rather than singly engage in a war with us. Our Accounts from home are no later than the 6th of January and the particulars brought 3 weeks ago & sent up to Johnson Hall are within a few days of those produced by the pacquet on Thursday.

The 21st Regiment is ordered from Augustine to Philadelphia, there to be joined by other forces forming a Body to act against New Orleans by way of the Ohio & Mississippi rivers, if we break with Spain.

The Duel between Governor Johnstone & Lord George Sackville Germaine was conducted with Ease Elegance and true Gallantry, from which Lord George has greatly recovered himself in the opinion of his Countrymen.

Mynert will in all probability bring you some interesting politicks from London.

My Humble Respects wait on Sr John & the Colonels.

I am, Sir William, Your most faithfull []

JA RIVINGTON

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Aister Sunday [March 31st. 1771]

HOUNERED SIR

I Received Your favore of the 29 Ins^t. I went to M^r Glens for the Map where I thought it was, but he thould me that M^r Vrooman had it, & that he ^{ll}d: sent for ^t: but not Jet Come, houss Ever I Shall See Vrooman this Day on Bartholme Vroomans the blind men^s Burrying who was found dead In his bead with out any Comp^{lt}: My Self and Sonn have been at Every Stoor Even at the Silver Smitts but Know Iron Wire to be had I Shall whrite to M^r. John Stevenson for it, as there is 21 Bars of Iron Not Come Iet the Rest is here which I^{ll}: Send, that and the Cagg of Lead and Sir John^s: Iron will Macke a battoe Lood I will also Observe about the Gunns &c I Never Send Enaything to M^r fonda without a List & always Gitts a Receet according by

Sir I am Your Most Obediant
And Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[]

[*Undated*]

The pacquet arrived on Wednesday [] had been ten weeks out of her advice [] so fresh as those I sent to you Some [time] ago that came via Boston.

Our private Letters from London pronounce War to be inevitable, the King has been, ever since Potters first Return from Madrid with the futile amusing replies to the Demand of our Court, in a State of unconquerable fury at the Insult offered his Crown & Dignity by the Catholic Monarch. War would have been instantly declared but that the whole Newfoundland fishery were in the Spanish Ports, they wait only for Our trade

being Cleared out of their Harbours, on board of which are at least 4000 English Seamen, and then the Rupture will open. The Ministry are Sensible that the Earl of Chatham with Lord Rockingham will remove nineteen in twenty of them, I fancy Lord Halifax will keep his Ground & the Duke of Grafton come in again. They are using the utmost address to keep up the Stocks.

The Parliament has voted an augmentation of the Army 20 Men a Company & a Company of Light Infantry to each Battallion except on the Irish Establishment: a new battallion of Royal artillery is voted, it will be given to Ord Majr, James L Col & Cap^t Tovey Major [] The Half pay list is to [] promoting the officers to the new [com]panies.

The Junto at Carlton House have suffered a loss in the death of Lord Egmont, a strong adherent to the princess Dowager, and a [] bitter opponent of Lord Chatham who seeks to oer leap all opposition.

Lord Dunmore must soon give way to Mr Tryon, an amiable Gentleman, finely accomplished for Government. he is a Captain in the Guards and rose to this promotion thro the princess Dowager's Interest. It is said the Earls Commission came over in the last pacquet but that is not acknowledge[d] at the fort. Four thousand pounds patent fees, for grants of Land, lie ready for his Lordships signing.

I shall not fail to send the products of the January Mail when it is arrived. we expect it daily.

I am with humble Respects to Sr John & the Colonels,

Sir William

Y^r most faithfull Serv^t

JA RIVINGTON

I have wrote to Ireland for some of Watson's almanack & Registry which shall be Sent as soon as I get them. I now inclose the English register.

FROM WILLIAM OPEY

A. L. S.

[] [Undated]

[] xcuse the Freedom I teak in wrighting to
 [] in Mr franks hous he that was Justis []
 has loast his Commission i Com ther at night, and []
 Mear, and I and my wife Loadge ther one [] and the
 next morning I Coald for Liquer and [] for it
 I Drunk a Good healt to King Geoargis and [] oayall
 Subjects Likewis to Sir William and the [] ak Engins
 She Said the Devill might have him and [] Engins
 to for he goot his monny by Rogerry in meaking people paying
 fines Som fiftye pounds [] honderd pounds and
 Som three hunderd pounds And that was the Way that he
 Goot his monny I tould hur She Lied and she tould me i was
 a Laying [] i was yoused verry ill in hur hous by
 the [] and hur Son & too Daughtors and a Sundy
 [] hur man at my Quartors and []
 [] in a Slay and yous me and my wife verry
 [] went to the Justis and Goot a warrent and they
 all put their heds to Geether and the Justis [] find
 me 1 £ . 13s . 3d I had not the monny to pay With that he
 Strained my Mear took hur out of the Steable
 Honerd Sir I Belong to the Most []
 and honorable fatornatty of free and []
 Masons I hoap that your oner will Look []
 An aie of Pitty and meak the Justis []
 Monny to me for I am lying Sick and []
 My Self Like wis Cornal Clous []
 Fouerten pounds for Engin work []
 Sir I Niver was in So much Distress []
 as i am in now Sir i am the Ma []
 Smith at Niagar that mead the Copper []
 your oner Cornall Cloash may Sure []

He plesis and this Shall Be his Receipt []
 Doing I Shall Ever Be in Duty []
 till Death W^m OPEY Soileder []
 Belong to 44th Rid^{mt}

FROM JOHN GLEN

A. L. S.¹

Schonectady 31st. march 1771

SIR.

I take the Liberty to enclose you an account of Dow & Winn of the Seeing I had my Brother to buy for you last year. they have threatned to Sue him for the money at the time I head It was not Good, I wrote my Brother not to pay them, I would be Glad to Know if You would Chuse That I Should pay Them —

I am your Most Obedient
 and most Humble Serv^t.

JOHN GLEN

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Baronet,
 at
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

March 31st 1771 —

Col. Jⁿ. Glens Letter
 concern^g. a Net

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York 1st April 1771

SIR/

I have this Moment receivd your Favour of 22^d Ult^o In Answer to which, I have now the pleasure to acquaint you that Captain Pemberton Saild from hence three Days ago with all your Things on board as well those from London as the Severall Articles you orderd here, the Amount of which with the Charges of Storage & Cartage is £200. 17. 10, the particulars of which you will have by Pemberton together with Bill Lading which is the Method I shall Always observe for the future, for I assure you the Loss or Detention of the Bucketts has given me no Small Uneasiness — However I hope it will at last be found Pemberton has undertaken to examine very particularly & to putt up an Advertizement in Cartwrights House for it — I have only to add that as Soon as it Shall be convenient to You I shall be obligd to you for Amount of the Goods on board him, for all which I have been obligd to pay Cash — Your further Orders Shall be always punctually obeyd by

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart^t
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

April 1st. 1771

Mr. Wetherhead's letter
Ansr^d April 10th.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN WETHERHEAD'S BILL

A. D.

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
To John Wetherhead

[April 1st. 1771]

[	]	Cash paid Cartage of Goods on board Munds	£2..10.—
[Mar]ch 27	d ^o .	paid Storage of the Powder as P Acc ^t	7..12.—
	d ^o .	paid d ^o of the other Goods . . .	7..19.—
	d ^o .	paid Cartage of all the Goods from the Stores on board Pemberton's Sloop . . . }	1..18.—
	d ^o .	paid for 2 Hhds Rum Q ^{ty} . 261 Gallons a 2/7	33..14.. 3
	d ^o .	paid for 20 Barrells pork a 85/	85.—..—
	d ^o .	paid for 1 Barrell Vinegar . . .	1.. 4.—
	d ^o .	paid for 3 Casks Nails Viz ^t . N 8 1 Cask 10 ^d } Nails 364 }	910 a 8 ¹ / ₂ ^d 32— 4.. 7
		N 12 1 d ^o 20 ^d } Nails 390 }	
		N 24 1 d ^o 12 ^d } Nails 216 }	
		Cartage of d ^o . . . . .		1.. 6
	d ^o .	paid for 6 lb Hyson Tea a 26/& Canister	7..16
	d ^o .	paid for 14 lb Bohea . . a 6/3.	4.. 7.. 6
	d ^o .	paid for 12 lb Mustard a 3/..	1..16—
	d ^o .	paid for 2 Barrells Sugar ^c ^{qr} ^{lb} 4—2—21 a 62/	14.. 9—

d ^o paid for two Small Boxes for the Tea & Mustard	4	
		£ 200 . 15 . 10
D ^o paid Carriage of a Box by } the Philadelphia Stage }	2	
		£ 200 . 17 . 10

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Wetherheads Acc^t.
April 1771 —
£ 200—17—10 —

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*²

New York April 1st: 1771

DEAR SIR,

I can give you no more Account of Peace or War With Spain than when I last wrote to you. The inclosed Letter from Captain Edmonstone, with the two Papers of Intelligence from Fort-Pitt, is the Cause of my troubling you at present. You will know best what Judgment to form of the Reports made by the Stock-bridge Indians and the Shawnese Chief, and whether We May believe or not, that the Six Nations are guilty of the Perfidy wherewith they are accused. That they have often Set other Nations against Us has been confirmed from Many parts, and no doubt they have done it in the View of raising their own Consequence with Us; and declaring themselves Friends when we have Bickerings with other Indians. I am at a Loss to know what Reasons Mr: Croghan could have in refusing to give his Opinion upon this Intelligence; there seems to Me to be too much

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

to be all true. The Shawnese are certainly exasperated to a great Degree, and I believe are ready for any thing were they more powerfull. They have been very active, and I may say very ingenious and Sound Politicians if I may Judge of them by their late Transactions. They have raised great Commotions in the Cherokee Country. Oconastota had left Chote,¹ and gone to live at Settaeo, the most dissaffected Town in the Nation; but some of their Chiefs were labouring hard for Peace. The Traders were Countermanding their Orders for Goods, and preparing for Flight. Mr: Steuart adds, "All this is the Effect of the Shawnese Machinations."

All Negotiations for accomplishing a Peace between the Greeks and Chactaws were at an End; and the War continues between them with the usual Animosity. It is to be hoped therefore that those Nations being otherwise employed will not have Leisure to attend to the Intrigues of the Shawnese Deputys.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir,
your most obedient
humble Servant

THO^s. GAGE

INDORSED:²

N York April 1, 1771

Gen^l. Gages Letter

¹ Echota, a Cherokee town.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

April 2, 1771

HONNER^d. SIR

By this appurtunity In Your Battoe by James Carrel Comes the Kagg of Lead and 13 barss flatt & 17 of Square Iron the Rest of the Iron Comes from albany this day

I am Sir Your mst Obed^t. &
Humble Servant

JNO B V EPS

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 483 is listed a letter written April 4, 1771, at Johnson Hall by Sir William Johnson to Rev. Dr Samuel Auchmuty, relative to Mr Stewart's and Mr Andrews's ministry, circumstances which hinder the Church of England, and the disposition of Lutherans at Stoneraby to unite with it. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:444-46; Q, 4:277-78.)

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 4th April 1771 —

SIR

I did myself the Honor of addressing You on the 25th Febr^y last — since which I have not been favour'd with any from You — The Language of Administration & the general opinion of the People of England, is Peace — My Intelligence makes it very doubtfull, & I have some foundation for my Sentiments —

Cap^t Roberts has not met with that Success in His application which He at first imagind — I spoke to several Gentⁿ in His Favour who are at the Head of affairs — but He wants Vouchers to authorize His demand — I should be glad to know Your opinion of that Gentⁿ & if You would wish that I should

support Him — I wish Sir William You would point out to Me any opportunity of making my Services acceptable to You here, as it will be no small pleasure to Satisfy the respect & Esteem with which I am

Sir

Your much obliged
& most obed hble Serv^t

JOHN BLACKBURN

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall April 5th. 1771.—

DEAR SIR

The Indians whom I dispatched to Niagara by your orders, returned Yesterday and have brought pacquets for you which I forward by this post,—

I have been obliged to advance them something more than I had agreed for & Charged in my Acct, in Consideration of the Extraordinary difficulties they met with during the late general Snow Storm, when they were obliged to hire others to accompany them on Snow Shoes, & this greatly retarded their Journey.—

Since my last nothing material has occurred. The next packet will probably bring us the final resolutions of the Government on the Dispute with Spain, which I shall be glad to be informed of Soon —

I am with perfect Regard, Dear Sir &c

His Excell^{cy}

L^T. GEN^L. GAGE

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

[April 5th 1771]

[] SIR

I Received your favoure of the 3 Ult.

I Spook to Mr Vrooman About the Mapp in the Presence of Mr: Christofell Yattes Vrooman thould me that he had not Quitt Done it, So Says Yattes I am Going up Next Thursday and was promised to him So that I was Easey about it but now will Send for it

after I Chould gite Know Wire here I wrotte to Mr John Stevenson to Send me that Quantedy of wire who writts me back that he Could gite none there, there was some at Wessel van Schaick^s but toe tin Know I have Wrote to van Schaick by the post to Send me 10 lb and for what Use I also Dozyred him to aqu^t. Cap^t pemberton to Stoor all as Derected as for Sending that Iron & Cagg of Lead James Carel Came to Me and asked if aney thing was here to be Sent up and I thould him that I had that So he Sad that he had only 2 or 3 Barrels and that all whould be the Same Charge, So that I thought it a pies of Service I Shall tacke all the Care I poassable Can in transporthing the Gunns Powder &ca I am with Cind Compliments to Mr Johnson & famely Your Most Obediant H: Servant

JN^o B V EPS

I Sent my Jonnie to
Vroomans for y^e Mapp
who Could not Spear it
Jet but w^{ld}: in a fue days
the Deamd Roog
who has 1000 ackers
more then we have
for he farly promis^d
that Mr Yattes whould
have it as above

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t &ca

INDORSED:¹[April 5th.] 1771 —

Mr. Van Ep's Letter

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.²*Teronto April 6, 1771.—*

[]

We are Honoured with your favour of the 12th of Jan^{ry}. Last, and hope you have Rec^d. Ours of March the 1st. You may be assured we will be Circumspect, prudent and saving, and will be as punctual as possible in Our Remittances.— We would most willingly send all our trade to Mr. Funda, but would not deal with him on the same terms Others does, but if he would deal off hand as a merchant should do, then it would be An Inducement for Us & we would Continue but you know Sir those kind of people are Always Clipping something for themselves and then they Charge higher for their Goods Down the Country (& them not so good in quality as we Can buy at Niagara), however we Intent trying him in the Spring.

Agreeable to Your Order we have punctually told what Indians we saw since the Rec^t. of Your Letter, your Intentions without Adding a word, we have Also followed your Other Directions punctually We have had a Visit from three Indians [] back of Us ab^t. 4 days journey and when [] trader Besides, they brought Us 91 lb of to [] Wanted Chiefly tobacco & rum, but we would [] trade with them without they took half Merchandise with which they Complied, and was Verry well Satisfied with our trading, Assuring Us all the Indians that way intends trading hear which we hope May be true, being a Large body, if Steel had Sent

¹ In Johnson's hand.² In Ferrall Wade's hand.

Us 100 pricks of tobacco Instead of the 18 which he sent, we would have made a Glorious hand of it, we get two Otters or two Large Beavers for a three p^d. prick which cost 3/ and they are Glad to jump at it, neither will we sell it Singly there is not an Ounce to be had at Niagara, rum we are Verry scarce off as well as tobacco, we are Oblidged to send our battoe to Niagara for three Barrels of rum, which will Cost Us high there, but its Impossible to do without it, for if we had it not we would Lose all our spring trade, which is the Chief trade hear, we are In hopes Mr. Campbell will not Disapoint Us In Our Boats, we have Now in the house 14 good packs besides bear Skins, which we are In hopes will rise on prospect of War.—

[] to hear Johnston is getting to be a Gay [] as it must give you a great deal of Diversion As for Us we are poor pill Garlixs, no one to Converse with but the Indian Nobility which is not Over Agreeable, however its good for Our Souls. Captⁿ. Brown favoured Us with the Newspapers by which we find the Disputes Subsisting between Us and the Spaniards, we hope if they thus Wantonly force Us to a War, that we will drub them as well as we did the Last, we believe the prophescy of the Down fall of the turkish Empire will come true if the Russians goes on as they have done this while past.— We have Nothing more to Add but Our Compliments to Sir John, (who we hear if Report Can be Credited has Commenced father), to the Rest of the family & Acquaintances & are

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Oblidged & Most

Obedient & Humble Servants

WADE & KEIUSER

INDORSED:¹

Toronto April 6th. 1771

Mr. Ferral Wades letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS SHIPBOY

A. L. S.

Albany 6th April 1771

SIR/

Being much in want of money to pay some small drafts on me, which will be due in a short time, should take it very kind, if you would Remit me the amount of your Acco^t. ^{at} first opportunity; I assure you nothing but pure Necessity would Cause me to do this. Therefore hopes you'l Excuse me, as my late misfortunes has laid me under many Difficulties, if there be anything wrong Charg'd in the Acco^t shall Rectifie it — I am

Sir

your most

Obd^t Humble Serv^tTHO^s. SHIPBOYAm^t Acco^t furnished £20..2..10

Cash paid for Crying

about your Buckets 1..6

 £20..4..4

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Teronto 6 April 1771

I must now say a few things to you in private and Let you know how I am Imbarrassed with the people about me if I was not well Acquainted with my partner, I would not know wheather he was blessed with a tounge or not. when the Indians come atrading not a word will he say to them without its Extorted from him I then say why dont you Welcome the Indians its All the same I am Oblidged to Stammer to them, In short he does not know what we are about, or the price of a single

knife on the Whole he is One of the Most Lazy, Indolent Young fellows I ever saw, the whole Winter he sat at the fire side with his Elbow on his knee & his Chin on his hand picking his nose without speaking a Word he has wore a shirt 13 or 14 weeks without Changing & the Whole time I dont think he Ever Washed, when he took his shirt Off the Man showed it me it swarmed with lice, I gave him a severe Reprimand Let me be Examining the Goods Skins [] the Devil a stirr will he do Except I am [] him which I am Oblidged to do Verry Often [] he would be worse. however he petulant Enough if he wants Anything, I can safely say this that if he had this Cargoe by himself he would never bring One half back. the Indians remarks him believe me Sir I dont make this by way of Complaint but I would be Glad he would get a reproof by another Channel, & I not to Appear in it, I think it would be of Benifit to him & might Rouse him from his Lethargy.—

The Indian who is with Us is a Verry Drunken fellow whenever he can get Liquor he Is drunk, so that he is not to be trusted, Indeed Except the Notion it gives the Ind^{ns}. of Our being people of some Consequence he has done us no Service But he & his Son has been a Very heavy Expence to Us, I never knew what he was to have for Coming hear Untill the Other Day, how great was My Surprise when he told me Mr. Steel Agreed With him for 1000 Liveres I could not Imagine he was to have above 40 Dollars the trade hear will not bear such Charges.

[] weight is on me I am the Slave, my trunk is [] in a Coberd I keep Every thing Under Lock & Key [] we have been the Most part of the Winter at Allowance of 1/2^{lb} bread p^r Day — rum I have Allowed them none for sometime past. butter none at all, be Assured there shall not be a farthing Lost of the property you have Intrusted me with or Anyone Else, what we have traded we have done to Good Advantage, but had I a man with me that Understood trade & the Language I am Morrally sure we would Stop all

the Indians at this side from going to Niagara.—I beg sir this to be private to Yourself. you may be Informed by Others. pardon me for thus troubling you with Nonsense & believe me Ever to be

My Dear Sir W^m.
Your Most Oblidged & Most
Obedient Hum Serv^t

FERRALL WADE

INDORSED:¹

Toronto 6th April 1771

Mr Ferral Wades letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 8 April 1771

DEAR SIR

Youll see by the News Papers that the Sale of the Lands at Sacondago is putt off till the 25 Ins^t. I think there is no doubt I shall get the Lott you want under your Limitts. be assured I shall take Care that you are not disappointed. If the other Lotts go reasonable I will buy them all for you — I have spoke to Lord Dunmore about what you say of purchasing from the Indians a Northern Boundary, but he does not care to do anything at present, as its uncertain whether he remains in the Gover[n]ment or not — tho' he will stay if possible — & in that Case he talks of going to see you & has asked me to accompany him, & I hope we shall see you in June at furthest — You may depend Major Funda or any Friend of yours will allways meet every good Office in my power. I shall write Major Funda fully soon. By the Packett hourly expected we shall know if Lord Dunmore continues here or not of which I shall give you the earlyest Notice.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I sent you up yesterday by Marseiles Two Barrells of a very fine kind of [] Pottatoes for Seed. I thought to have [] you more, but the Frost had touched & spoiled them hope those will answer your purpose. We have nothing new here but what you see in the Papers. I dont think this patched up affair with the Spaniards will last long. it seems a bad affair

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compliments & I beg you will be assured that I am ever

D^r Sir Y^r obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London 9th April 1771

[]

I hope to be at the Hall before this arrives which goes to the Care of M^r Wetherhead with a Box Containing a few Little articles and a Choice Collection of Garden Seeds for you — also six Matted Bundles of Very fine young fruit trees for you and my Self as I Shall be with you with the List of trees & Seeds I only add that I am with the greatest Respect & truth

Dear Sir

Your Dutefull Obed^t

Jo^s CHEW

S^r W^m JOHNSON Bar^t

THOMAS GAGE'S WARRANT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 483, is entered, under date of the 10th of April, 1771, New York, the following document, which was destroyed by fire: General Thomas Gage's warrant for payment of £4421, 19s, 1d, New York currency, to Sir William Johnson.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Sunday Morning [April 14th 1771]

HONOURED SIR

I Recev^d Your feavore of the 12 Ult By the post Comes the Mapp at Last

Mr Vrooman baggs to have it agine. In Eight Days time as Mr Yates & Glen Is then Going Down to New York I Shall Send for Pork to albany to Marro I have hard of None Iet & also for a Good Spead for here is none to be had and Sent up as Soon as Poasable as for the Ammonition the Rood is too bade Iet and the waggoners Axes Such an Extravegant price but it^{ll}: Soon be Over I went out Dorecly & found Arteh^{ad}: boyd for the Grass Seed who tells me that one of his Neaborss has Some & I thould him that he Should Come in With it I am Sir

Your Most Obediant &
Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

The Small box to Come
with the pork

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 15 April 1771

SIR

I flatter myself I should have heard by the last Post of your receiving all your things Safe by Pemberton, who I understood arrivd Safe at Albany last Wednesday Sevenight —

An Advertysment you have orderd to be put in the News Paper has produc^d. an Application to me by one Mr Carpenter who would be glad to engage with you upon your own Terms in the Capacity of a Schoolmaster — from Him you will by this Post receive a Letter to that purport — This Person is recom-

mended to me in very Strong Terms by Some Merchants in Town — He is of a good Family & will have a very good Estate in a little Time — but woud be glad to engage with You in the Meantime — He pretends only to instruct Children in the English Language & to teach writing & the Common Rules of Arithmetick — He appears modest & pretty well bred & that is all I know of him — Shoud Such a person Suit you please to lett me know & I shall obey your Directions about him

In the meantime I remain with great Truth

Sir Your most obedient Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York April 15. 1771.

[]¹
 [] permanence The []
 [] Madrid by his Catholic Maj[esty]
 [d]issapprove of his Conduct in []
 and Seems to intend []
 The Augmentation of the A[rmy]
 are totally Stopped & the press was []
 recalled. The Stocks Rise and []
 the influence of the Administration []
 they can carry any measure []
 dare adopt.

I am

Sr. William,

Yr most obed^t Serv^t

ADDRESSED:

JA RIVIN[GTON]

To

Sr W^m Johnson Bart

at

Johnson Hall

¹ Several lines burned off.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New york April 15th: 1771*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letters of the 29th: of March and 5th: Ins^t:; the first covering an Account of your Department to the 25th: of March for which a warrant is made out; tho' I must take the Liberty to observe, that amongst the Articles of Extraordinarys, the Expences Said to be incurred by Cap^t. Edmonstone and M^r. Croghan are of that Nature, which I am not warranted to pay as extraordinarys. The unavoidable and small Expences contracted by the Officers Commanding in the Posts for trifling Presents is all I can take upon Me to discharge. They have no Powers to hold Congresses, it does not belong to them to do it, nor can I pay their Expences should they attempt it. Cap^t: Edmonstone's own Acc^{ts}: have been discharged; the one in Question is purely M^r: Croghan's, and contracted in his own Department; and I am not authorized in any shape to extend the allowance fixed for the Department.

You will have received probably Some Intelligence forwarded to you from Fort-Pitt on the Same Subject as My last Letter. M^r: Steuart informs Me the Disturbances in the Cherokee Nation have proceeded in great Measure from the Many Parties of Northern and Western Nations, that have been lately in that Country. One of his Deputys writes from Fort Prince George, that he was informed that the Northern Indians upon their Arrival proposed to the great Warrior to Strike the white People which he would not agree to; then to go against the Creeks which he also declined; and at length they proposed the Chikesaws which was agreed to. Accordingly the Northern Parties with Some Cherokees, went of in Boates to Strike the Chikesaws.

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

The Papers will tell you More News than I am able to inform you of. It seems pretty certain that a Convention is Signed with Spain, we must wait for the Packet for Authentick Particulars.

I am with great Regards,

Dear Sir,

Your Most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^S GAGE

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

INDORSED:¹

New York 15th. April 1771

Gen^l. Gages letter

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London April 17th. 1771

SIR

When I wrote you last by Cap^t. [Ha]rris to the Care of M^r Wetherhead with a Box of Garden seeds and Six Bundles of trees I Expected to have Set out by this time, but was the Next day taken with a pain in one side of my head my Ear Neck & Shoulder attended with a fever that has Confined me to my room; great Part of the time to my bed and the torment I have suffer'd has been Very great I Cannot tell to what it is owing unless the Terrible cold weather we have had all this month,

I Can but just set up to inclose you a List of the Seeds and Trees which (at Least the best part) are very fine

I Expect the oats were shipp'd yesterday for New York the Calavance you mention is the Growth of Virginia & Carolina as Soon as I am able shall set out for the Hall and hope to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

find the Ground Clear of snow, if you have such Cold weather as we have it will be very doubtfull

our friend Col^o Nathan Whiting at New Haven Dyed last Week Very much Lamented Col^o Fitch has been Extreemly Sick but is much Better

as I hope yet to see you about the time this gets to hand I will only add M^{rs} Chews and my ardent wishes for your health and happiness and that I am with great Duty and Respect

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

JOS CHEW

A Vessell arrivd at New port last week from the West Indies with a Quantity of Tea and other Articles which the Coll^r of his majestys Customs being informed of attempted or did make a seizure — in doing which he got so Beat and Bruised by a lot of Very Lawless Gentry that his Life was despaired of when the last Accounts Came from thence —

S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

FROM JOHN HANSEN

A. L. S.

[]

Albany Aprile 17th. 1771

Having been Requested by John Roff of this City Skipper To Commence a Suit for £3:1:9 against M^{rs} Sophia Denniston widow of Daniel Denniston Deceas^d which sum Roff alledges is Due to him from said Daniel Denniston's Estate — as it is not my intention To Load any one with Needless Costs — when it Can be Prevented with Notice & Safety to My Clients — I wrote the widow and acquainted her with my Instructions & Desired her To send me an answer as Soon as Possible which she has accordingly Done and acquainted me that the administration of her Late Husband's Estate has Long Since Been Granted To your Good Self — as Such I Beg the favour of Sir

William To Let me Know how the Matter is — that I may inform my Client of it — who would be Glad to have the Same Settled wih Convenient Speed: Having Sustained a Series of Losses in Trade and many other Disappointm^{ts} for Some Years Past — My friends advised me To Quit Trade and apply To his Excellency The Right Honourable the Earl of Dunmore Our Governor — for a Licence To Practice the Law in the Inferior Courts of the City & County of Albany. accordingly I Sent My Recommendations To Lord Dunmore in January Last — his Lordship ordered My Licence forthwith To be made out, and was Sent me p^r post on the 26th Day of February I was Qualified.—And have the Pleasure To acquaint you [] well Supported by My friends and that [] increases with me Day after Day. The Repeal [of the] Ten Pound act Does not a Little Facilitate [] I hope you'l Kindly Excuse me in Giving you [] acc^{tt} of my own affairs — I Doubt not from your universall Benevolence but you will be well Pleased to hear that My Private affairs have Taken so favourable a Turn and that that will Plead My Excuse for the Liberty I have Taken — I beg Leave to Conclude with assuring you that I Remain on all occasions yours & family's Most Obliged

and Verry Hum^{bl}. Serv^t.

JOHN HANSEN

To the Honourable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet —

FROM ABRAHAM TEN BROECK

A. L. S.

Albany 17th. April 1771.

SIR/

Mr: Adams the 9th: Oct^r. 1766 Bought of me for you Goods to the Amount of £32:6:8:— I have Transmitted you an Account thereof sometime since; I take the liberty to Remind

you that I still Remain Unpaid, & that it will give me great
Pleasure to Receive the Cash I am

Sir/ Your Most Humble Serv^t.

AB^M TEN BROECK

To

The Hon^{ble}:

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

Johnson Hall

FROM STEPHEN DE LANCEY

A. L. S.

[]

Albany Ap^l. 17th 1771

Your favour of the 11th Inst. I Rec^d. inclosing a Bail peice
which I sign^d & acknowledged before Ten Eyck. it is gone to
New York. I hope it may be in time. You will not be liable
for the Debt in Case of Tice's Death.

Mr: Drake who will deliver you this is a townsman of myne
an Honest man who has a Cargo of Goods which he thinks you
may want You'll please to take a litt^l Notice of him & excuse my
freedom which will much Oblidge Y^r. Sinseer friend

& Hb^l: Ser^t:

STEP^N: DE LANCEY

B^t: 8—5—

D L^y 30..11..

Drake 52..16..

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 17th. April 1771

Stepⁿ. De Lancey Esq^{rs}

Letter and Acc^t

Ansrd. & paid —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall April 18th. 1771 —*

DEAR SIR,

Since I was favored with your last I have received an Accot^t of the Accomodation with Spain, from the Nature of which however, There is little prospect of a permanent peace. I have perused the papers Inclosed in your Letter & must Confess I was somewhat Surprised but under very little apprehension as to the Nature of the Intelligence they contained.—

In the first place Mohicon John who is well and long known to me, I know for one of the most discontented Men amongst all the Indians on the Continent. The little domesticated Tribe to which he belongs have I believe Suffered some Injustice from the NEngland & Albany Peoples for which they are not likely to have any reparation, in Consequence of which he has rambled a great deal, & on many occasions expressed his discontent to me, at the State of his Tribe which it is not in my power to remedy, and even made use of Extraordinary Language on the Subject which intimated his being capable of undertaking any thing and which I should not have passed over but that I knew him to be of too little consequence to merit regard, for the fact is that himself, his Tribe and many other Tribes so Circumstanced, as they [have never] been Judged of much Importance during the former Wars cannot expect to be much noticed under the present Economical System, and being discontented themselves, promote it amongst others, I might say much the same of the Shawanese by whom many have of late been much imposed upon, and till of late they have always been considered in that light by those who know them. Whatever Consequence they Give themselves they have been & Still are dependants on the Six Nations, who have moved them Sev^l. times Since I came

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson; missing sections supplied from manuscript letter of same date in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

to America, & as Often Assigned them places for their Residence & they are at present a handfull (according to Mr Croghans last return to me) Compared with the Six Nations,— Tis true that like all Indians, when not in the presence of the latter they have affected to set up Titles to Lands with a long Train of et Ceteras, but neither the Provinces with whom they had particular Connections, or any former Managers of Indian Affairs did ever pay any regard thereto, or consider them [as having any such Titles.] This together with the other disagreeable Circumstances [attend^d. their] dependant State has made them discontented, & occasioned [them to associate] with all others that are disaffected, which I must say is no [inconsiderable] number, whilst their jealousy of each other occasions them often [to divulge] Schemes which were first agitated by themselves;— In the 10th [Article] of the Treaty of peace made with the Delawares in 1765, they voluntarily agreed that whenever the Boundary Line should be settled they would “abide by w^t. ever Limits shall be agreed upon between the Crown & the Six Nations, & shall nev^t. disturb his Maj^s. Subjects, on that Acc^t. Nevertheless I gave them & the Shawanese a Consequence to which they were not intitled. I formally invited them to be present at the Treaty at Fort Stanwix, & those of them who attended were Loaded with presents to which they had no right, Yet have they Since, as I am told, seemed dissatisfied with part of the Line, which tho’ of no Consequence, has been mistakenly thought of some, even by Government. But if any faith is to be had on Indⁿ. Treaties, It was the most unanimous & much the greatest One that ever was held by the English in North American & at the late Treaty at the German flatts the 6 Nat^s. have insisted on their rights & Confirmed their Caption. As I have spoken so often on the motives of discontent amongst the Indians I need only to observe that this discontent Subsists and is likely to Subsist with Many of them, but that it Originates with or is Agitated by the Six Nation Confederacy, & particularly that the Mohawks have the least Concern in it is too absurd to require Notice. But the error arises from Ignorance in the distinction of names & Situations, for, as there are many

Emigrants who have wandered from the Senecas & some from each of the Six Nations, who are Scattered all over the Country particularly amongst the Shawnese & Delawares, these people as they are disagreeable to the orig^l. Stock who really are no longer Answerable for their Conduct, they are allways ripe for Mischief, & frequently draw unmeritted reflections on the Confederacy.—Indeed altho' two villages of the Senecas behaved uncommonly well during the late War &c I have no opinion of the Sincerity of the Generality of that Nation from their Attachment to the french & their Vicinity to, and Connection with the Shawanese & Delawares & I am very Sensible that there are Some amongst most of the other Nations who would willingly abett them, but not with the Inclination of their Gen^l. Council, and I am Confident that if occasion requires I can furnish a Convincing proof of their fidelity [, of which] the rest are but too Sensible, otherwise we should have had a [fresh] quarrell with them 3 years ago.—

They are very Jealous of the Six Nations whom they have never Sincerely forgiven for the Capture of Capt Bull & his party, & the Destruction of the Villages about the branches of Susquehannah. I ought to take notice that Capt Edmonstone must have been led into some Mistake Concerning my passes, for to the very best of my recollection & enquiry I do not find that I have given Two, within these two Years to any going that way, except to the Dep^{ys} who were sent to the Southward in Consequence of the last Treaty at the German flats.—From the Course of my Correspondence you will find that I cannot be Surprised should we have a rupture with the Indians as I have had very good Intelligence that it has been for some time in Agitation amongst many of them, but I am pretty Confident that it is not at least at present either with the Countenance or Inclination of the 6 Nation Councils, however, I think it wo^d. be proper to Call the Chiefs of that Confederacy to an acco^t. about it, & let them know the discovery that has been made which will at least have this Effect, that those who may possibly have wished well to the Plan, will entertain a distrust for the Shawanese &c,

& finding us apprized of the danger may Drop the prosecution of it.

His Excell^y L^t GEN^l GAGE

INDORSED:

April 18th. 1771 —

To Lieut Gen^l. Gage

FROM SAMUEL BROWN JR

A. L. S.

Stockbridge 20th. April 1771

DEAR SIR WILLIAM

I this Day Rec^d. yours of the 30th of March Am Greatly obliged To you for your Kind offer — But since the Principle part of my Associates are Determined Not To Settle There (though when I first Proposed To Make a Purchase of a Township They bound Themselves To Settle with me on the Premises) yet they were Discouraged our not being Certain that we Could Proceed with Safety Last Oct^r when we had Prepared To Allot out the Land & make begining on the Premises. They Imediately after made purchases of Land Elsewhere. Though their is a number yet fond of Settling on your Land yet I can not Git So many as would be Able To Build up a Society which is all That Discourages me — Were it not for that Dificulty I would not Take £200 for my bargain but Since Affairs are in Such a Situation I Dont Think of Proceeding any Further — Their is Some of my Partner That Intend To Go up this Spring To Dispose of Some Provisions & utensial we Left when we was up Last whom I Suppose would be glad to Purchase Some farms To Settle on; whom if you Should Please To Supply will Oblige Dear Sir

Your Most Obedient
and very Humb^l. Serv^t

SAM BROWN Jun

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

John Wetherhead

[New York, April 22, 1771]

Bot. of Jⁿo. & W^m Imley

1771

Apr^l. 22^d: 3 Cask best Salt petred Hams

lb
 N^o. 16..14..164
 17..14..147
 18..14..164

475 N^t@ 8½^d £16..16..5½²
 Casks 2/9 —..8..3
 Chaff & Cooperage..... 6^d —..1..6

paid Cartage 1/6
 Cartage of Trees & Boxes 4/

11.8..3½²
 4

£17..6..2½²

INDORSED:¹

[April] 22^d 1771

£11..8..3½²

25.....

17.....

p^d by Draft—

11.12..3½² To Sir William's Debit
 My part is

11..8..3½²

£ 5.17.11

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 22^d April 1771 —

SIR,

Mr Mortier being in the Country, I take the liberty of Inclosing you the Generals Warrant in your favor dated the 10 Instant for £2579-9-5 Sterling, with the usual Receipts, which was left at the Office the latter End of the last Week, and am,

with great Regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient, and
most Humble Servant

W^m. NEWTON

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schenectady }
23 April 1771 }

HONOURED SIR

Inclosed you have Mr. Brinkerhof's Letter as I had spoke to Mr. Blaw for your honour.

This Day I have Loaded a Battoe as you have at foot —

Your box of frute Trees was not Come yet to Albany this Day

Neither is the Grass Seed come from Currise Bush, which I spoke for

1 hhad Rum

1 Barl Vineger

2 D^o. Potatoes2 D^o. Brown Sugar1 D^o. Nails

1 Tierce Rice

5 Small Boxes

I am Sir Your

Most Obed^t. &Humb^l. Serv^t.JN^o. B. V. EPS

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

HENRY TEN EYCK JR TO WILLIAM HANNA

A. L. S.

[] April 24: 1771

M^r HANNA

SIR

I have Recived your Letter buy the Bearor Ab^r Grout
Where buy you write that Sir William Gonson wants to heave
a Writt Serve. I have none of my Dubeties a home or als I
should hime ope I darefore in Close you one Debetise According
to your Desire

I am

Sir Your humble Serv^t

HENRY TEN EYCK Jun^r

ADDRESSED:

To

William Hanna Esqr

Attorney at Law

in Schenectady

INDORSED:¹

Sherriff Ten Eycks

Letter to M^r. Hanna

April 24th. 1771 —

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[] New York 25 April 1771

[In] Obedience to your last Commands I now Send you on
board Captain Pruyne 2 Casks of best Burlington Gammons
N17 & 18 Containing 28 Hams the Weight according to the
Enclosed Account of them being 311^w @ 8¹/₂^d is with Cask

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Cartage & Coopersage £11.8.3½ which is placed to your Account—I should have been glad to have sent you the Tongues at the Same time, but have not yet been able to procure them to my Mind—

I last Week rec^d some bundles of Trees & 2 Boxes from Mr Chew in New London, which were put on board Pemberton, who was to have taken the Hams but Sail^d without calling upon me to take the Letters or Barrells—However I hope you will receive both the one & the other perfectly Safe—

I am in haste but with great Sincerity

Sir Your most Hb^{le} Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:¹

April 25th 1771 —

Mr. Wetherheads letter
with an acc^t—

Am^{ts} to £11.8.3½

Ansrd. 9th. May, and

Sent him a Bill for £50

FROM WILLIAM HANNA

A. L. S.

Schenectady April 25th 1771

WORTHY & HONOURED SIR,

Both Gratitude and Inclination at all Times prompt me to Serve Your Interest; whenever it may be in my Power. Therefore immediately on the Receipt of Your letter of the twenty second Instant sent a Person to Albany for a Writ; and wrote to the Sheriff, either to come himself or send one of his best Deputies to serve the same or in Case he could do neither to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

deputize the Writ leaving a Blank for the Deputy's Name, that You might have it in Your Power to appoint a Man that You can depend upon will faithfully execute the Same, the Writ Deputized with a Blank bail Bond You have inclosed which hope will answer Your End.

from Worthy Sir
Your humble Serv^t W^m HANNA

To
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS TO DOUWE FONDA

D. S.

Schindy 26th Aprill 1771

M^r FONDA
SIR

For Sir William Johnson Comes a battoe Lood by Thomas Oorgan Dinnes Obryant & one men More

4 bales N^o 1 & 8-11-41

1 Cask with Lead

1 Quarter D^o. Powder

1 Ditto flintts

1 Small bagg Shott

2 barrels Pork

a Round peeper parshell from John Weatherhad

I am with Compliments Sir Your Most Humble Servant

JN^o. B V EPS

ADDRESSED:

To
M^r Douwe Fonda
Cagnawagoe

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAAK

A. L. S.

[] *Kinderhook 26 April 1771*
 []¹
 [] from my B^k Dated Saturday and Monday
 [] as follows — Your Militia Arrangements are
 Jeopardy — [] will take place I believe — Col^o
 Rensselaer² has applied to the [] under such favorable
 Introductions that his Lordship is highly prepossessed in his
 Favor. Yesterday morning having received Intimation of his
 intended application I waited on my Lord and acquainted him
 that I appeared on behalf of the Township of Kinderhook — In
 the Course of our Conversation he told me that Col^o. Rensselaer
 had been cruelly used that he was a Gentleman of a most amiable
 Disposition & had done his Majesty essential Services in the
 Time of War as well as been civil to the Officers of the Army
 &c — in Short that Col^o. Rensselaers Commission was making
 out to return him to his former Command I talked much with
 his Lordship — he treated me with Affability and openness —
 He told me that he would Suspend any farther proceeding till
 he had Seen me again and desired me to call upon him & reduce
 to writing what I had to Say — I then Referred him to the
 Petitions &c^a. delivered to the Council — He desired me to look
 at them and if I had anything farther to offer I should call on
 him — This morning I again waited upon his Lordship and again
 referred him to the Petitions Minutes of Council &c^a. I then
 presented him with your Map — He entered into the Merits of
 the Controversy at once and smiled at Rensselaers Claim — He
 again assured me of his intire Impartiality in this affair that
 nothing Should be concluded upon before he Sent to me — and
 informed me of what he proposed to do — I never knew a Man
 more open to Information — I told him I pledged my veracity

¹ Lines burned off.² Lieutenant Colonel John Van Rensselaer.

and Reputation to his Lordship for the truth of every thing I said — I am under great anxiety about this matter — The Governor Seems to think that one Reg^t. divided into two parts will be Sufficient. Hence I conclude his Lordship has been very partially informed about the number of People that are within the Districts of Kinderhook and Claverack — Thus far the first letter — “Upon the whole it now Stands thus and will terminate I believe as follows: R————r will be reinstated and the []
 []¹
 letter — My []
 and at the Same time to []
 measures you may think proper to []
 have proposed the alterations — if any proposal []
 Re————r or any belonging to him they will be []
 contempt they deserve — If you Should think any []
 taken we shall be happy to follow Such as you may []
 I shall only add as it grows late, that we shall []
 of your good intentions towards us and that I am with the whole family very Sincerely and very Respectfully

Sir

Your most Obedient
 humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

I should Send an Express but that the Post Sets off early in the morning and will probably met your Express or Post from Johnson Hall

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.¹*Schenectady the 27th April 1771*

DEAR SIR

I am favoured with yours of the 24th Ins^t: by Doctor Constable with whom I have received the Deeds of the Lott for which I heartily thank you. Every Improvement I make on this Ground I do it with much pleasure by reason of the fine Situation which I think Exceeds any in this place

On Receiving your letter I immediatly Sent for a Constable & also some Others to Set them on the Look Out for those Gentlemen who came a way from you without takeing their leave; Yesterday I had Mr Byrn taken & Brought before, all he had to say for himself was that Mr Flood discharged him, which I knew to the Contrary — I gave the Constable a Strict charge to look well to him & disired him to Call on me in about an hour for a letter to you — but shortly After notwithstanding my charge the Constable came back & informed me he had made his Escape. I told the Constable he Should either find the man or be sent to Goal in his place

I have discovered the French Mans Wife who Run away — but the Man himself keeps out of the Way — I was at the House my Self Where She keeps & made Some inquirey as if I wanted to hire him to Work. I asked hir what hir Husband Name was & She told me his name was Peter Forster — I have Spies out, & hope I shall be Able to have him taken

When I left York there was no kind of news but Such as You See in the papers — if Lord Dunmore Continues in the Province he proposes paying you a Visit soon — Mr Wallace is to come up with him — I had Several letters lately from Mess^r Wade Kriser — they have Sent me an order for two Battoes of Articles — I am doubtfull wither they will make

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

money or not — the One half of what they have Sent for is necessaries for their own Use — Among those things they mention two Barr^{ls} Jamica Spirits — when I Send to thim I Shall Acquaint you — we have nothing here new only hurry & noise with Battoe men & Waggoners — I have been Oblig'd to pay Some 16/ pr load from Albany

M^{rs} Campbell joins me in hir most Respectfull Compliments who am

Dear Sir with great Sincerity yours upon all Occasions —

Your verry Hble

Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Major Campbells letter

28th. April 1771 —

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Sunday 28th April 1771

HONOURED SIR

I Received Your favore of the 22 Ult as I have Mentioned before that Coll^o: Glen Is gone to New York who has Some of the accounts of the Company Concerned In Said Tractt But on his Returne the Accounts ^{ll}: be Setteled & then ameadiatly Shall Send you a True Cobby. as for the Waggoners I have Stopped that day not to Rid Eney More [] day the 26 I Sent of a battoe Lood to M^r fonda [] 4 bales N^o 1&8-11-41 one Cask of Lead or [] Jott 1 Quarter Cask powder 1 D^o flints 1 Quart^r bagg of Shott 2 barrels of pork & a Long Role of peeper I Suppose a Map from M^r Weatherhad but Know box with frutt trees to be found Iesteroday in Albany, M^r John

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Stevenson of albany was here Iesterday who tells me that he
 happoned to See Neoler and Asked him about the Leather
 bucketts who now nothing of them nor had not been in albany
 this 3 Years with his Sloop p^r the post I Send 8 Quarts of Grass
 Seed which I Sent Johnnie for in the Contery, I gite fear
 promises of the people of Mr Curry's bush and that is all but I
 Expect to have some tomarro for I hoop to lood a battoe tomarro
 I am Sir Your Most Obediant

And Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

I hoop to Come & See you Thursday
 Day

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Barn^t &c &c
 Johnson Hall

The Bearer has also
 an Iron w^h Chruss
 which Mr Stevenson
 ordered up

INDORSED:¹

April 28th. 1771 —

Mr. Van Eps Letter

DOUWE FONDA'S RECEIPT

A. D. S.

Cagnawago Aprill the 29 1771

Receved of Thomas Oargen A B botte Lood of Sir Willims
 Goeds² in goed Order

DOUWE FONDA

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² The goods listed in the letter from Van Eps to Fonda April 26,
 1771.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

*N London
Ap: 29th. 1771*

DEAR SIR

I never was so disapointed as writing to you from this Place it has disconcerted all my Schemes I was 15 day Confined to my room & have Scarcely been able to Stir out of the Yard or farther than the Garden — and what hurts me most is that I Cannot be at the Hall before the 20th. of may being obliged to attend the assembly of this Colony at Hartford the 15th day or perhaps Loose three hundred pound which tho' not so material to me is so to my Creditors who will be much intraged if I neglect the Cause — Col^o. Fitch is just able to Crawl out we met yesterday half Way he begs his best Respects to you and all the Family I Can only present M^{rs} Chews & my own most dutifull Compliments to you and to assure you that I will not Loose a moment in paying them to you Personally The only day I was able to stir I went to Saybrook M^r M^cCurdy was gone to York what oats he Carryed to M^r Wallace to Whome he had my direction I Cant tell I Refused 100 Buss^{ll} he had ordered went 20 miles & got 35 or 40 which I got a Capt to take in and agreed wth a man for Baggs &c w^{ch} I wrote to M^r Wallace to Pay & hope by this time thay are with you —

I hope the Seeds trees &c are arrived safe and am most Sincerely

Dear Sir

Your most Dutifull

Obed^t Hble Serv^t

JOS CHEW

FROM PETER FITZSIMMONS

A. L. S.

*New York 29th. April 1771*HON^D SIR

This being my third Letter & receiving no Answer, I thought Incumbent on me for the past favour you Confer'd on me, to Acquaint you of any thing to your prejudice, there is one Mr Taffe in Town who Impos'd Himself on the Gentlemen of this City to be a Nephew of Yours & I, Knowing to the Contrary thought it my Duty to give You the Earliest Notice, Hon^d. Sir., I still remain here as I've Mentioned in my Last Sometimes at work but four Days a Week Sometimes but two Other Weeks not one Day Still depending on an Ans^r. from You what I shall do, for fear my Letter shou'd Miscarry I Likewise Gave Notice to Mr Weatherhead of Mr. Taffe to put a Stop to his proceedings as he has receiv^d many favours on your Acc^t. from the Gentlemen of this City as being Your Suposd Nephew, Work at the present is Dull but am Incourag'd by Some Masters here who tells me it will be plenty in about a Month From Your Most Oblidg'd Hum^{ble}. Serv^t.

PETER FITZSIMMONS

Hon^d. Sir

P. S. Your Ans^r. by the first Opertunity directed to Abraham Rice at the uper end of Chapell Street wou'd Greatly Oblidge Y^{rs}. to Command P. F.—

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 30th: April 1771 —

SIR//

Last Saturday I Rec^d: from New York the Screw Plate you wanted and have given it to Mr: Van Eps to forward to you

which hope he has done and that it is to your liking, the Cost of it is 21/ which is Charged to your Account

I am

Sir

Your Most Obed^t.

& most Oblidged Humble

Serv^t.

JOHN STEVENSON

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

Philad^a. 30th. April 1771 —

DEAR SIR

Your fav^r. of the 10th. Ins^t. with Kanes Indenture inclosed Came to hand Just in time to prevent his going your way, as his wife had been here & petition'd the Court which was then siting & they granted her prayer to have liberty to go off next day in the stage boat for N York which I prevented & had them order'd down to Virginia, where [they] are now gone unless they should Cross []ntry which I Can hardly think they [will] after what I have said to them

I am unhapy to think you are so often troubled with such worthless fellows on account of your hospetalety to them the Mr. Teaf I menti^d. in one of my former lett^s. has turnd out Just as I Expected, aft^r takeing great liberties with your name & passing himself for your Nephew even before the Mayor who Called upon me to know the truth of his assertions, as he had been guilty of many misdemeaners, I soon done his business so as he wont be any trouble to you, as to the part I acted with regard to Kane, I thought it right on your Account as well as the Call of humanety as a person want^g. his sight and altho a reprobate was much put upon before he Committed the late affair this was not the first time he Called upon me for relief under the name of your servant.

I am much oblig'd for the information [given] me of my broth^r. it gives me pleasure to hear he is likely to get his head above water again & hopes he'l always have a greatful sence of your assistance & kindness in passing over his past follys, I shall be glad on all Occasions to have it in my pow[er to ac]knowledge & return so great fav^{rs}. and am [with] most respectful Compliments to you [and the] famely and

Dear Sir

Your most Oblig'd &

Most Obed^t. Humble Serv^t.

FRAN^s WADE

S^R WILL^M. JOHNSON Baron^t.

P. S. our governor now one of the proprietors sails this day for London.

FROM WILLIAM PEMBERTON

A. L. S.

Albenny May 1st 1771 —

SIR/

I Rec^d. your Letter of 24th Aprill After Mr. Fitzsimmonds Perused it I Being not at Home when the Post Came to Town Therefore must inform you that he set of for your Place Unknow to me and am sorry that I had not an Oppertunity to see him before he went off for you May Depend Upon it he should not Come up to the Hall at any Rate as I find it is Diagreeable to you had I seen him and have likewise Warn'd the Post Not to Assist him —

SIR

I have sent the Billiard Table to Van Eps's which hope will Come safe to hand I have not to add but Remain —

Your

Most

Hum^{bl}. Serv^t

WILLIAM PEMBERTON

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED :

To
Sir William Johnson Bart^t
att
Johnson Hall
☞ the Post Q D C¹

INDORSED :²

Alby 1st May 1772

Pembertons letter

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

*A. L. S.*³

[]

London 4th May 1771

I am Honord with your much esteemd Favor of the 1st Feb^y last []ning a Rem ☞ Bill on Cox & C^o Value Two hundred & Six pounds Sixteen Shillings & Eleven pence which met due Honor, & is in full Balance of Your Acco^t —including Mr Roberts' Bill — I am sorry for Your disappointment in the Powder as also the other Articles — but hope they will arrive in in safety & to Your Satisfaction — Should You have occasion for a further demand of those Articles, I beg leave to Recomend as early advice as possible in order to prevent the like Unfortunate Circumstances.—

I am very happy & much oblig'd by the opportunity You afford me of testifying my Regard, & You may be assur'd of my paying Mr Wharton the Amount of the Fees, as soon as I hear the Grant is confirm'd — I shall wait on Lord Hillsborough, in a few days by appointment, & shall Know from Him, how that Matter is circumstanc'd, & if my little weight of Interest can add

¹ Quem dues conducatur.

² In Johnson's hand.

³ Missing parts supplied from copy in the Johnson manuscripts in New York State Library.

to the Scale & it should be thought by Mr Wharton to be wanting — I will readily Employ it — It is generally imagin'd that there is a Prospect of a long uninterrupted Peace — indeed the Mode of our disarming, tends to Confirm it — in my opinion we shall Enjoy a State of Tranquillity no longer than till France is capable of disturbing [us — and that period may] be measur'd by the determination of their own [Intestine Troubles] the Chancellor of France who rules the Councils of the [King, is determined] to support His Pretensions — whilst the Parliament aided by [all the Princes] of the Blood persist in vindicating ther Privilidges — I should [not be] surpris'd to see a joint Army of Prussians & Germans avail themselves of the present confus'd State of affairs in France, & attack French Flanders.

The Turks & Russians will open the Campaign this month, from which we may reasonably Expect to hear of Carn[age] for their dispute must soon draw on to a Crisis — I have thus given You my Sentiments which if they afford You any amusement will answer my Expectations —

I find that Lord North has resolv'd to support a Maritime Power of 25,000 Seamen & 5,000 Marines, who as He says will ever Secure us from a Sudden Attack from our Enemies & at same time Awe every other Nation —

a Bill is brought into Parliament to give a Bounty on Staves & Heading — You may be assur'd it will pass — I shall do myself the pleasure of sending You the Act itself by Capt Munds, who proposes to depart in a Fortnight —

[I was in great hopes] to have assisted M Grace in the India Direction, [but the House of Comm]ons have thrown out the Bill which empowered the India [Company to] raise & maintain a Body of Forces — I have spoke to [some] of my Friends in that Direction who promised to support Him.

As to Lieu' Roberts, I fear much, He has been very indiscreet — His Memorial lays now before the Treasury, & but for the Regard paid by their Lordships to Your Name & Character, it would have been dismiss'd — as the Memorial wants a

Support of Vouchers — I do believe He will get some Money on Acc^t—

Be assur'd, Sir William, I shall be happy in every opportunity of testifying my Regard & attention to Your Interest & that the more occasions You afford me for that purpose, the more You will oblige

Sir

Your much obliged and
very humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

P. S.

I beg a tender of my best
Respects to Sir John —

INDORSED:¹

May 4th. 1771

Mr. Blackburn's letter

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[] *Kinderhook 4th May 1771 —*

I wrote you about a week ago, acquainting you that the military [appoi]ntments in this quarter were attacked — Since which I have had two letters from my [], by them it would Seem as if the Governor would not issue the Commission as Rensselaer² expected.—Though Re——rs friends here are very industrious to propogate a story that he is actually reinstated in his former Command. I hope it is no more than a report, certain however it is that Rensselaer is returned from York and that One of his Sons has countenanced the Report.—Father would be very happy to hear from You upon this Subject and

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lieutenant Colonel John Van Rensselaer.

he commands me to Assure You that he will (if any changes are proposed) adopt any mode of Conduct You shall think best. I remain

Very Respectfully

Sir

Your most Obliged &

Most Obediant

humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:270, is a letter from the Earl of Hillsborough, declaring that the hostilities of the Indian nations among themselves are a full security against their molesting the whites and advising Johnson not to enter into any combination with particular tribes. Dated May 4, 1771.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schind^y 6th May 1771

HONOUR^d. SIR

This day I Sent a battoe Lood

To M^r Fondas Care

6 Bunches of Frute Trees

3 Small boxes

2 Ditto with flowers

2 Dray Barrels &

5 Ditto pork

which I Dozyred M^r fonda to
forward Amediatly Sir our Cind
Complemts & am Your Most Obed^t

Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t. &c &c
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

May 6th. 1771 —

Mr. Van Eps letter
Wth. acc^t of Sundrys —

TESTIMONIALS CONCERNING WILLIAM HANNA

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 485, under Schenectady, May 6, 1771, is entered a collection of copies of testimonials of S. Finley (Nottingham, October 2, 1756), Robt Smith (Pequea, February 19, 1757), the Jersey College at Prince-Town (Philad'a, March 10, 1759) and Peter R't Livingston to the learning and good habits of William Hanna; testimonial of Jonathan Lee, pastor of Church of Christ in Salisbury (May 24, 1760) to membership and standing; of Jonathan Lee to licensure as a preacher; and of John McCrea, John Munro and Rob't Henry, elders of the Presbyterian church in Albany, to an acceptable ministry [Inclosed in letter from William Hanna, May 8, 1771.] (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:447-49; Q, 4:279-80.)

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York May 6 1771

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Since My last Letter two pacquets have arrived with the Feb & March Mails, the intelligence by the former had been anticipated by advices via Philadelphia & Boston and the latter has brought little or nothing new.

L^d George Machartney, married to Lord Butes daughter, set out about y^e 5 of March very privately for Madrid. the General

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Opinion is that things will not be long in a pacific way. The Ambassadors of France & Spain have had some warm Altercation with our Ministry, the Stocks have fallen considerably very lately and yet notwithstanding these Circumstances, They have ordered Recruiting & pressing to be stopped and the army to be reduced to its former Establishment.—

The very justly Celebrated D Lowth Bishop of Oxford in a Sermon before the Society for propagating the Gospell in foreign parts has expressed himself with vast Respect of Sir William Johnsons Gracious Endeavors to second the Intentions of their Society in America. The Sermon is printing and I will send it up as soon as I receive it. I saw a paragraph mentioning it in the London papers.

Our Governor Lord Dunmore is determined not to leave us untill he finds his application to remain here, may not be complied with. Col Martin is preparing to go to N^o Carolina but has been detained by an operation for a Fistula

I beg my humble [] Sir John, the Colonel
[] friend Cap^t M^cLeod.

I am

Sir William,

Your most obedient &
obliged Servant,

JA RIVINGTON

FROM WILLIAM HANNA

A. L. S.

Schenectady May 8th 1771

SIR,

In Consequence of the last favour I requested of you, & the Answer You was please to give, I have made free to inclose a Number of Certificates which certify of my Moral & Religious Character ever since I was sixteen Years of Age: & all from Persons of Integrity, & who are generally well known to be such,



JAMES RIVINGTON

From a painting by an unknown artist, owned by New York
Historical Society, New York City

& also Copies of the same in Order that you might if You thought proper transmit the Copy to those Gentlemen, or any one of them, & You have it now in Your Power to let them know You have seen the Originals. The Reason of so doing is because I'm intirely unknown to Doctor Akmuty¹ & Mr. English & but very Slitely acquainted with Doctor Cooper.² However I have had the Honour of a Degree of A. M. from Doctor Cooper so that he must know Something of my Character. I would beg leave to Observe that if the Gentlemen you mentioned are obliged to depend on general Inquiry concerning my Character its possible my Character might Suffer by the same. for altho the Presbyterians were loud in my Praise when I officiated as a Clergiman amongst them, yet I could find that immediately on my leaving them, they were as loud in Slander to which I am sorry to say it, they are in general too much adicted. But Still I leave the whole Affair to Your Judgment & beg you would send the Copies inclosed, or not, as may appear most proper to You; Please Seal & remit the Originals to me again. That God may long preserve your Life in a good State of Health is the Sincere Wish & Desire of him who is

Honourable & worthy Sir

Your Sincere Friend & Welwisher

W^m: HANNA

To the honourable
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTON Bar^t. }

INDORSED:

May 8th. 1771 —

Mr. Hannas Letter

with Inclosures —

Ans^d. May 24th —

¹ Samuel Auchmuty.

² Myles Cooper, President of Kings College.

TO THE EARL OF DUNMORE

*A. Df. S.*¹*Johnson Hall May 9th. 1771*

[MY LORD]

The occasion of my giving You this trouble at present, owing to information I have received that Mr. Ranslear² has made application for a Regiment of Militia which may from some peculiar Circumstances produce many inconveniencies.— to prevent which it is my Duty to say something on the Subject, for altho I have not the least Objection to his appointment where it does not operate to the creating disputes in the Country, I think it indispensably necessary as Major General of the District to use my Endeavours that Your Lordship should not be deceived 'thro Misrepresentations, on which I can truly Assure You of my Impartiality, as I have none of those Connections or narrow views to misguide me, which influence many others on this head.— Upon the forming the Militia in 1768 as it now Stands, Mr. Ranslear obtained a Co^{ls}. Commission for a Regiment of Militia foot, *for that part of the Mannor of Ranslear which lyes at Claverack*, & with it (as I understand) Blank Commissions for the Inferior Officers for twenty Companies, most of which were Antedated, and some countersigned by Ph. Livingston Jun^r. as Secr^y during the life of Mr. French his Predecessor, & some Months before the former came into Office, which Commissions were distributed about March 1769, and many of them delivered to Persons living on the contested Lands [within the Claim of] Kinderhook, the Proprietors of which [were greatly alarmed Judging] therefrom, and from other Circumstances, [which can be more fully] enlarged upon, that it was done with [a View to favor Claims set] up by Mr. Ranslear against them [& establishing a precedent] of their Acquiescence therewith, which [I could not but consider as] a prostitution of the Royal

¹ Missing parts supplied from copy in the Johnson manuscripts in New York State Library.

² Lieutenant Colonel John Van Rensselaer.

Comissⁿ to the worst purposes, & accordingly on repeated applications from sundry verry Respectable Persons of that Township, I made Sir H. Moore acquainted with it, who seemed concerned at the imposition on [him] and desired me to transmit him what they had to offer against it, which I accordingly did, as they did also by Petition, but [his] Death which happened verry Soon after prevented their obtaining Relief. They thereupon applied to the L^t. Governour, who taking the Same into consideration, formed Two Regiments out of the whole Claims of Kinderhook & Claverack, but without any Words or Description that could in any wise favour the Pretensions of either; the One of These He gave to Col^o. Vanschaak, & the other he offered, thus altered, to M^r. Ranslear, who rejected it with Scorn, and wrote a verry extraordinary letter to the L^t. Govern^r upon the occasion, positively declining it, unless on the former footing, & unless he had the sole appointment of all his Officers, In consequence of which Cap^t. Jeremiah Hogeboom, a Man of Substance & Credit who had been 20 Years in that Station, was appointed Col. of the Claverack Regiment, in wh^h. manner it has since stood to the entire satisfaction of all disinterested Persons. I ought here to Observe to your Lordship that Sir H. Moore having taken into Consideration the State of the Militia of this Province which had been long neglected, in so much that some Regiments were more than doubled since their formation, & that of Albany in particular exceeded 6000 Men for which reason they could not be assembled or disciplined without much Murmuring & Manifest Inconvenience to the People, [he very Judiciously] formed the whole into Two Brigades, [& divided those overgrown] Regiments, by forming Several out [of each] [to consist] of from 500, to 1000 Men, & each to be [composed of 10] companies, So that the Forming one for M^r. Ranslear [of 20 Companies] was contrary to his own Plan, & must be Attributed [to an oversight], which Sir H. Moore was Sorry for, & purposed to Alter [it. This] with many would have been a reasonable Objection, when we consider that it had from the words of his Boundary, [& the] distribution of the

Commissions a plain tendency to establish, or at least to favour Claims long in dispute, and as yet undecided, the Impropriety of it must appear in the Strongest light.— I have therefore taken the liberty to lay these heads briefly before Your Lordship, That in case Mr. Ranslear has applied for a Regiment according to that Description, You may be apprized of these Circumstances, and that the only convenient Division between the Kinderhook & Claverack Regiment is (as now) by a Line due East from the first falls in Kinderhook Creek to the Bounds of y^e. Province, which leaves a Sufficient Number of Men for a Regiment on Each Side, and cannot be construed to favour any private views or pretensions. I am convinced that I have none in this Matter, but what arises from its propriety, which I conceive it to be my Duty to represent, and I hope to be honoured with your Lordships Commands, as it is necessary I should be acquainted with your Determination thereon.

Your Lordship Should have been furnished long since with a general Return of the Militia under my Command, but that some of the Regiments have not as yet sent in their Returns, 'tho repeatedly ordered to do so. This Remissness with many other particulars deserves attention, & require the Aid of new Laws for their Remedy, more especially as this Province from its Situation & Circumstances seems to require a well regulated and disciplined Militia.—I have the Honour to be with much Respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships Most Obedient
& most Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

The Right Honourable
the EARL OF DUNMORE.—

INDORSED:

May 9, 1771

Letter from Sir William
Johnson

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schenectady 11th. May 1771

HONOURED SIR

By the post Calleger comes 2 lb of Glue and Six pair of Wosted Stockins for the Children

Yesterday I sent a Battoe load to Mr. Fondas, as you have at Foot

Thursday last I sent my waggon to Alb^y for the Oats, but Mr. Peter Dox cou'd not git at the Oats, & this day I Sent my waggon again & my waggon brought three Verry large Baggs & I Expect the Rest, So that I shall send it off a Monday I Remain with kind Complime[n]ts Sir

Your most

Obed^t humb^l

Servant

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

J^Nº B. . V. EPS

The Battoe load

1 Barl pork

1 Cask Shott

3 Bales N^o 40-5-9-10

23 Barss Iron

1 Raspe

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

May 11th. 1771 —

Mr. Jⁿ. B. Van Eps Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York May 13 1771

[] WILLIAM

Many Distractions have arisen in London, the Mayor, Crosby, with two Aldermen, Wickes & Olivar have flown in the face of the House of Commons ordering their Messenger to be committed to prison for executing the orders of the Speaker, this has occasioned the Mayor & Oliver to be summoned to attend in their places as members of parliament which has been done twice amidst the Acclamations of Multitudes, but their Fate has not yet been determined which is expected will be a Commitment to the Tower or an expulsion; Wickes would not attend as the summons did not deem him a Member of Parliament.

Things go on but lamely with France & Spain, they have demanded that we should disarm our fleets & other forces and at same time have each sent a Squadron of Ships which have joined, up to the Aid of the [] in the Archipelago, which produced a Renewal of Press Warrants on y^e 19 January. The Swedes & Danes are going to War, the Dutch are preparing a Land & Naval force with great diligence so that an Universal War seems inevitable.

I am

Sir William,

Your most faithfull Serv^t

JA RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:

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[] Letter

FROM EDWARD WALL

A. L. S.

Fort Stanwix }
 May 16th. 1771 }

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[] ure to take this Occasion to return you my most
 [] ere Thanks for all your Honor's Favours, and the
 [] were pleas'd to shew me. Lt. Galland upon
 [] ors Letter assured me, that he would do everything
 [] me or any Person you would recommend, but
 there is very little in the poor old Gentlemans Power, as he is
 quite debilitated and for those few Days past intirely confin'd to
 his bed, which imagine is the reason of his been so much
 despis'd by the Set who live here —

Three of the Chiefs of the Oneidas came here shortly after
 Stephanus had returned from Johnson Hall, and gave me a
 Name, Awhawhoana or the Great Road, they were very cere-
 monious upon the Occasion, and promis'd they would be friendly
 and assisting to me, for that they understood that had been
 recommended by your Honour, and therefore expected I would
 be just and kind to them, and indeed intend to be so, and
 hope your Honour will please to speak favourably of me to
 them. The Oneidas have sent three Messengers to Stephanus
 lately importuning him to attend at a Congress, to which he
 went, and at his return told me that that Consultation was
 Occasioned by a Displeasure Mr. Kirkland had given the Indians
 by refusing to baptize and marry some of their people: I cannot
 rightly learn the Cause of Mr. Kirklands Refusal, but presume
 the Bearer will inform your Honour more satisfactorily. The
 people here who would naturally be willing to discourage any
 Person in my Way, are now spirited to oppose me in everything
 by Mr. Phynn and Ellices Orders for Transportation of their
 own Goods and Those of Commodor Grant being directed to
 the Waggoners of Old Standing at Fort Stanwix, which

excludes me from any Share I might otherwise have in carry*.
 them over, but nevertheless shall have my proportion of what
 is to be made by riding — As I do not expect to return 'till Fall
 am under the necessity of begging that Your Honor will Please
 to pay unto Mr. Steel the Remainder of my Salary, cannot tell
 how much is coming to me, as have not []
 yet, but believe it is about £ 15 . . 0 . . 0 []
 Honour will please to allow me for []
 Year. Mr. Steel will wait of your []
 I hope Sir you will be kind as to give []
 Peter and the Children and I am

Sir

with the Greatest Resp[ect]

Your Honour's

most obedient and

very Humble Serv^t

EDW^d. WALL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

The Honour[able]

Sir William [Johnson]

INDORSED:¹

May 16th 1771 —

Mr. Edward Walls letter

rec^d. 20th.  an Indian

Ansrd. 22^d. —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schenectady }
18th. May 1771 }

HONOURD SIR

This comes to Acquaint your Honour that I have sent a Battoe Load to Cagnawagoe last Tuesday, the perticulars are Mentioned at Foot, here is Nothing else, but a hogshed of Rum Remaining

The bearor has Six Quarts of timoty Seed which Mr. Mc. Master brought from Curies Bush last Wensday

I had Expected an Answer to the last Years Bill, as I pay Intrest to Mr. Golden for my Share of the pattent wich I am not use to pay Such

I am Sir Your
Most Obd^t.

Hum^{bl}. Serv^t.

JN^o. B V EPS

The battoe load (Viz)

3 Bales Blankets & Strowds N^o. 1, 42, 44.

1 Cagg of Lead

1 D^o. Flints

4 Large Baggs of Oats.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourab^e

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

May 18th. 1771 Letter from

Jⁿ. B V Eps Esq^r.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF

A. L. S.

New York May 21; 1771

SIR

About four weeks Ago The Sheriff of Albany was with Me Desiring to Know the Reason why I had not Answered your Letter to Me Relating the Affairs of Gilbert Tice, I made Answer to him That I Never had the Honour of A Line from you, but Imagining it Might Be directed to Dirck Brinckerhoff Jun^r. who is Also A Creditor of His, I Went to His House to Inquire If he had Received a Letter from you, which He Assured Me he had not, Since which On the 18th. Instant, he Received a Letter from you Dated Feb^{ry}. 1771, which he Communicated to Me And Observing The Contents find you Intreat for a Stoppage of Proceedings Against Him Untill Such Time as The Division of Lands is Made In the Patent Wherein he Is Concerned to The Amount of 1000 Acres near the Mohawks River On the Road to Schoharrie, and That he Intends to Convey the Same to his Creditors, This he Advised myself and The Rest of his Creditors of When he was Last in Town, but a Good deal of Time haveing Elapsed Since That and not Hearing any Farther of It Made me Take the steps I did, what To Say In Regard To Taking the Lands for Payment I Cannot Say being at a distance And not haveing The Means of being Properly Informed of Their Value, and So Many Tracts being to be had all about The Country, Makes The Turning Them Into Cash Speedily Difficult, my debt has been of a Long Standing Ever Since the year 1762, Since which on Mr. Tices Pleading Poverty and Assurances By Word and Letters of Paying Me the Debt with Interest, he has prevailed With Me and the Rest of His Creditors at Three Different Times to Give him a Letter of Licence and Still Seeing no Prospect of Getting my debt and Hearing he was In A Good way of Business made Me Arrest him in Order To Oblidge

him to pay Me as I thought he had a Mind to Keep it off —

The Debt he Contracted with Me Commenced 1762 October 1st. for £94..0..3 $\frac{3}{4}$ With Interest After 12 Months which being Calculated To This day Amounts to £144..6..5 And If he will Give Me Such Security as I Approve of I Will Abate the Sum of Twelve and a half Per Cent from the Principall and Interest Which will Bring it To the Sum of £126..5..7 $\frac{1}{2}$ and upon Paying The Cost will waite For the Same untill The first day of November Next, I Thinck Mr. Tice has had Much Indulgence from myself and The Rest of his Creditors and If I am not Misinformed might Long Ere now have Paid us The Greatest Part If not The Whole of his Debt, I thinck he has Not Acted with Gratitude for the Many Indulgences he has had from us —

I am now Sir to Acquaint you That I am Concerned In a Tract of Land which I am Informed you are Also Interested In. In February or March Last The Patentents Came to An Agreement at Schonactoda to Make a Division of Said Tract and did Accordingly Ballet for The Same [] Lotts Fell to my Share a Gore of Land which is Adjoyning to a Patent of [] Occasioned as I am Informed by not Observing the Variation at The Time [] Running The Outlines of the Patent. Coll^o. Glen has been with me and [] Me you are Willing to Exchange any of your Lotts of Equall Goodness Our Patent with Me for The Gore I have drawn. If So Should be Glad [to have] The Honour of a Line from you, And as N^o. 44 or N^o. 30 is Adjoyning, or near one of My L[otts] Shall be Glad to Know Whether it is Agreeable to you to Exchange one of The Same for the Gore, if so Shall Direct the Persons who have the Management of the Generall Release to Change The Names of the Numbers, I am your Honours

Most Hbl^e. Serv^t.

DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF

P. S.

Mr Dirck Brinckerhoff Jun^r.

Agrees to the Same In Regard to

Mr. Tice as I do and desired me

To Mention it In My Letter —

To

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED :

To

The Hon^{ble}

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

N York 21st May 1771

Mr. Brinckerhoffs letter

Ans^d. June 27th and

recommended the taking the

Lands for the debt.

but declined the Gore behind

Kingsland.—

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 486 is listed a letter² of May 24, 1771, to Rev. Dr Auchmuty, concerning William Hanna's desire to take orders in the Church of England. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:446-47.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall May 24th 1771.*

DEAR SIR

Since my Letter of the 18th April I have been favored with yours of the 15th of that Month, and must confess that those Expences incurred thro' my Orders in the Indⁿ Department will fall within my accot^s, but I really thought that the acco^t. you mention was incurred by Order of Capt Edmonstone² from an Opinion that the Service required it on w^{ch} Principle I have paid Similar accot^s. I have since paid the acct to M^r Croghans Order, and also have received another Letter from him with farther Intelligence, which I presume has been transmitted likewise to you & therefore shall only observe upon it that I find that this Scheme of the Indians seems somewhat disconcerted and as I hear that some of the Nations are already arrived at Scioto to attend the Northern Deputies I hope to hear something more favorable shortly concerning their Negotiations than has been represented:— Some Indians are now here who tell me that some parties who went to the Southward are returned with Some Scalps given them by the Cherokees that were formerly taken from the Chactaws &ca which according to the Indian Custom obliged them to come back — They are full of the News of a War between the French, Spaniards, & English, and it is easy to discover the inclination of each of them from the manner in which This Story is related:— probably a War may shortly break out, for Indeed I do not think the Convention³ carries an

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

² Captain Charles Edmonstone, of the 18th regiment, in command at Fort Pitt.

³ An agreement between England and Spain, attained in January 1771, by which a war over the possession of the Falkland islands was averted.

Aspect of peace at least of any duration.—I have only at present to add that I am allways with true regard Dear Sir &c

I understand that all was well at F^t Chartres at the return of an Indⁿ. from thence.

His Excell^{cy}.

L^t. GEN^l. GAGE.

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 25th. 1771 —

SIR

I have received your favor of the 25th. Feb^y, & I hope you have long since mine of the First of that Month wherein I inclosed a Bill for the ball^{ce}. of my Accot. and for Lieut. Robert's Draft making in all £206..16..11. I now inclose you a List of a few articles which occur to me at present which I hope you will procure good in their kinds. The Spectacles in particular are of so much use to me especially for Shooting that I would willingly be nice in the choice of them.—So Soon as I have occasion for giving you a more Valuable Commission you may be assured of it. In the meantime I now Enclose you bills to the amo^t. of £204..7..9 to defray the Expences of my proportion of the Ohio Tract as mentioned in my last, and whatever Surplus remains to be placed to my Credit.

I remember Lieut Roberts had an Accot of Expences which was tendered to Gen^l Gage ammounting to upwards of £100, but the General declined paying it, & I believe he had been put to some Charges from a Suit commenced by a Trader ag^t him as to any other demands on Government which he may have I am not acquainted with them Sufficiently I am sorry to find by your letter and other Acco^{ts} received from England that there

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

is reason to apprehend he has given way to some Extravagances and Sincerely wish they may not lead him too far. I know that I should be glad that you could get him to pay you the £100, on my Acco^t as I have such constant demands for money, that it is by no means Convenient for me to be out of it.

I think with you that from the present posture of Affairs there is reason to Suppose that we shall not be long at peace. The keeping up the Navy (which indeed is a very wise measure) is a farther Indication of it. The late prospect of an Imediate War has been artfully transmitted to the Indians & Circulated amongst them with many Additions, so as to alarm our Friends and increase the Number of the discontented, & disaffected, who are easily inclined to think that by Joyning in the Quarrell, the [] in America, and that then they will partake of those [] which that Nation lavished upon them for many a year [] Before this reaches you the State of Affairs Abroad [] may be in some degree changed, and I shall be glad that [] any thing occurs relative to either, you will favor me with [] at any time which will allways be very agreeable to me.¹

If you find that Mr. Wharton &ca are not likely to Succeed In getting the Grant for Land along the Ohio, Then I would have you Send me Such Articles for the Amount of the Bills as are mentioned in y^e. Memorandum. At any rate you will please to Send me y^e. five first Articles mentioned therein & that as Soon as you can.

20 p ^s . Strouds	72..10
5 p ^s . of penniston	25..—
2 D ^o . of red striped Blank ^t	6..10
3 p ^s . Rose Blk ^{ts}	3..—
2 Cotton Covers for Beds.	2..—

² From this point to the end the document is in Johnson's hand.

Bargain, of Wine, as I think you were telling me you d[id] last year, I would in that case (provided it was good) have You buy for me a few pipes of Madeira Wine; if you can get me 6 pipes for £200, I would have you purchase it. for the payment of wh., I inclose You a Bill on Mr. Mortier, and Should You not meet with Wine at that price, bring me the money in Dollars & Small Silver, wh. I want much, wishing you Success, & Safe back I remain Y^{rs}. as ever.

MR ROBERT ADEMS

W. JOHNSON

INDORSED:

Johnson Hall 21st May 1771

From Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.

A RECEIPT TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 486, under date of the 27th of May, is entered Johnson's receipt for 11,054 $\frac{198}{224}$ dollars received of Abraham Mortier. Destroyed by fire.

FROM SAMUEL BAKER

A. L. S.

London 28th. May 1771.

[SIR W^m] JOHNSON, Bar^t.

SIR

The Executors of St. W^m. Baker Receiv'd your favour of 2^d. July last with a Remittance for £435. .Stg. & the 22^d. ult^o. I Receiv'd your letter of 31st. Jan^{ry}. with a Bill ꝑ £500 both which have been paid & placed to your Account, as also £80 paid to Mr. Blackburn. These three Sums with the Balance of your last Acco^t. Curr^t. which you acknowledge in Letter 2^d. July to be right, make the State of your present Account. The Dividends on your £2600 Consolidated 3 ꝑ Cent Annuities have not been receiv'd since my Father's Death, because, the

Stock Standing in your name, no one can receive them with out a Power from you, nor could my Brothers or I with Propriety lay out what was due to you in Purchasing additional Stock to be transfer'd (like what you now have) into your name, because we cannot accept the Transfer without a Power of Attorney; I therefore now take the Liberty of inclosing a Blank one from the Bank which, if you fill it up With my name, will enable me to Accept & receive Divid^s. for you, & I will do it with pleasure. If you chuse to enable me to Sell, you may particularly write it in the Body of the Letter of Attorney, observing to have Your Witnesses properly described.—My Reason of Offering my name only is, Every Person mention'd in a power being oblig'd to Sign an Acceptance & Transfer, It will be less trouble for one person & less for me than my Brothers, but if you think the Addition of their Names will be Additional Security or Convenience to you, you will please to insert them, as they would be glad to do all in their Power to Serve any old Acquaintance of their Late Father.

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^t.

SAM^L. BAKER

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at Johnson Hall — Albany
New York
7^d Cap^t Munds

INDORSED:¹

London 28th May 1771

Mr. Sam^l. Bakers Letter
with an Inclosure

¹ In Johnson's hand.

GEORGE TURNBULL TO THOMAS GAGE

Extract

Extract of a Letter from Captain Turnbull to General Gage

Dated *Missilimackinac May 29th 1771*

There is one Bruce a Trader at the Mississippi who had been Plundered at this Post in 1763 by the Grand Sauteu, one of the most Mischievous Indians that ever was in this Country. Bruce being Desperate durst not come in for fear of his Creditors, and being recieved a Chief amongst the Foxes he has settled there.

The Grand Sauteu fled from a very different Motive, he was so sensible of his Guilt that he never durst Venture near an English Garrison, and continued to Plunder and kill the English wherever he could meet them. In short, last Fall Bruce headed a Party of the Foxes, who went and killed him.

Some Chippewas had been to War last Year against the Sieux and in a mistake killed Two of the Foxes this Winter, and the Foxes have killed Two Chippewas near Milliwaki on Lake Michigan; the Chippewas going to Revenge the Quarrel make a Mistake and killed a Puan, if their little differences could be made up it would be a great Advantage to the Traders.

The Ottewas from Arbre Croche has been here and shewed me a Belt they recieved this Winter from Sr. William [] they might remain quiet at their [] not go to War; they likewise shewed me [] they had got from the Poutetamies Expressing their fear of being Attackt by the Shawanese and Delawares, begging that the Ottewas would in such case recieve their Women and Children into their Village, as they were all Relations, being intermarry'd with one another.

I told them, Humanity excused their recieving Women and Children who were their near Relations, but desired they might take no further part in the Quarrel, that the Poutetamies bad

behaviour had very likely brought this upon them; Which all Indians ought to take Example of.

INDORSED:

Extract of a Letter from
 Captain Turnbull to
 General Gage
 Dated
 Missilimakinac May 29th. 1771

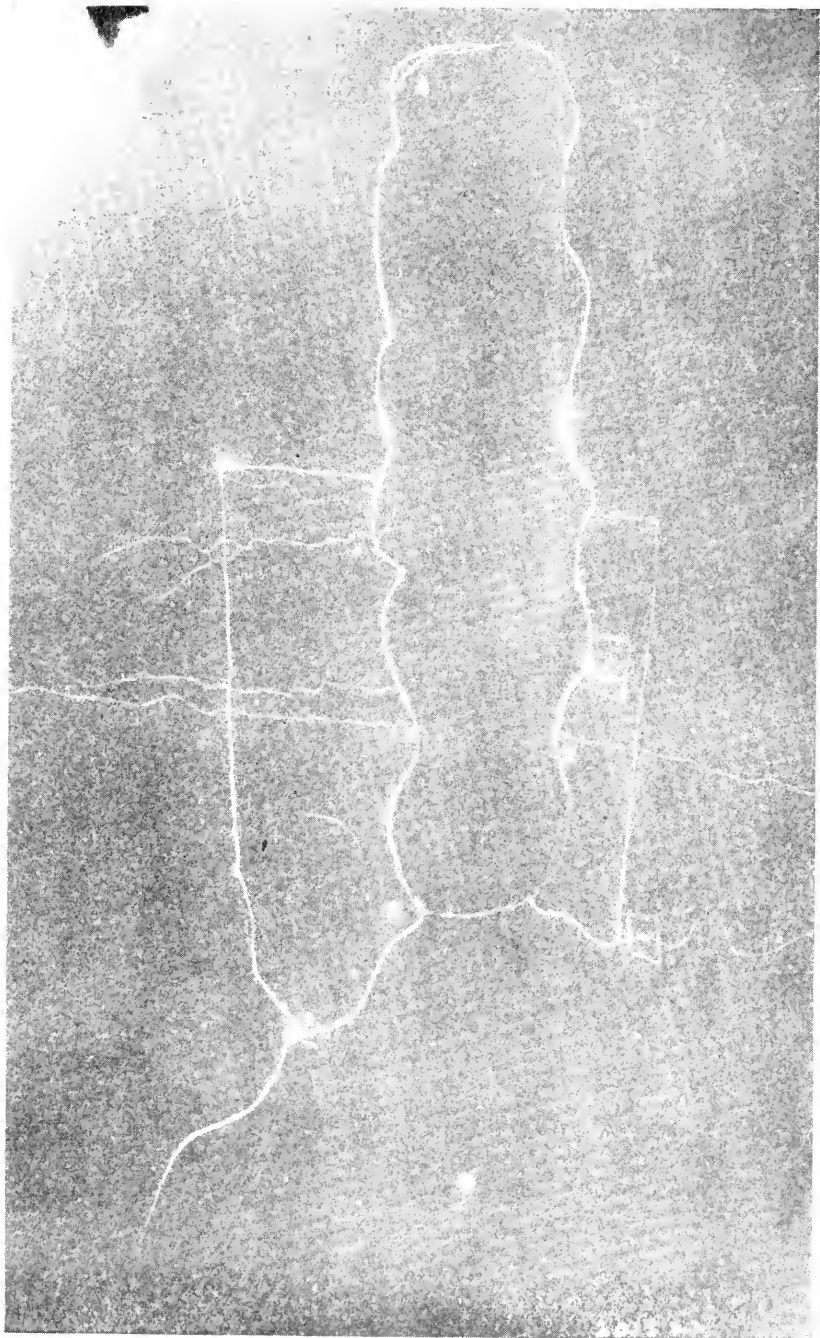
FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

[Niagara] *May the 29, 1771.*—

DEAR SIR W^m.

On my way to this post I was favoured with yours of the 12th Ult. had I been at Teronto on the Recpt^l. thereof, you should have had an Exact Account of What Goods we have On hand, as Well as peltry, furs, & skins, a list of which I have brought with me, a Copy of which you have Inclosed. dont be the Least Dubious, for you may be Assured Sir (Except some Extrarrary Accident happens) I will Lose my Life before you shall be a shilling out of pocket by Us, and I have the Vanity to think I have a Little turn for trade & I am sure pains & trouble I dont spare. as to frugality we Cant be Otherwise.—the Indians still behave friendly to Us and begs we will Continue Among them. we have Allready Attracted a Good Number of them from the french that is back of Us and the Indians is Verry much pleased at our selling so Cheap they have All Assured us the Whole body Intends Coming to our hou[se] thing that will run Away with the trade from [us] is rum without plenty of that you Cant sell your Merch [] have that and an Assortment & there is no fear of [] In this Quarter, for there is Verry Rich Indians Near hear.—We Acquainted you of Our Writing to Mr. Campbell for Goods &



A RUDE MAP WITHOUT NAMES

of Our sending some packs to him, An Exact Account of which I Cant send without Looking In Our book, but I imagine the Ballance Due him may be about £200.— & we Owe with what rum I shall take now at this post £84. the rest we have paid Last fall which might be near £200.— which has been a great Loss to Us, but was Unavoidable, that is all the Dealings we have. we at Least thought Mr. Campbell would have wrote us what we might depend on. the Disapointment of our boats not Coming will I am Certain be an Incredible Loss to Us, & perhaps the means of Attracting the Indians to Niagara where they will be spoiled, few of the Indians who Deal with us Ever goes to Niagara.

Be Assured Sir, we shall deal with no One without Consulting you, Except for trifles we Cant Do without that we must have from this place. for my part I am [de]termined never to do Any One Action to forfeit your [Es]teem Again. Every Skin we get we shall send to you [to] Dispose of As you think proper, and Notwithstanding the Disadvantages we have Laboured Under, I am sure we will make better Remittances than Any traders. In the Communication this Verry month & beginning of next is the Chief trade of the Whole year. we have No way of sending our furs down without geting a boat from hear. I intend Leaving Directions with Mr. Pollard to send Us a boat as soon as Any Comes us. the Battoe Men will be Glad of the job.— you mention that In Case of Warr it would not be prudent to Continue hear nor to go by the Way of Niagara. we have no way to Get Away. our battoe is bad & we have as much Goods as would fill 3 boats. It [is] not so Easy as You Imagine moving from hear.— as farr as In Our powers we will follow any Orders you please to Send Us.— the Caution you gave Us about Giving or Receiving [] we shall Observe. Indeed we never done it, all tho' [] Indians has brought strings to Us, for its not Our Inte[] as sure as you Receive One the[y] beg for something. [] Allways told we were no Great Men & Could [] Speak

to them by wampum. Indeed we gave One [] Acquainting them that if nothing happened to p[revent] you, you Intended to hold a meeting this summer [at] Niagara. its Gone farr & near. an Indian has Come [] Days March to Ask Us. they are All rejoiced in Expectation of it.— On my Return shall send you an Exact Account of Goods we have On hands then youll be Convinced we are Making.— I am Glad to hear My Br. Frank is Well & Wishes him prosperity on Acc^{tt}. of his family. but I keep up no Correspondence with him. My Reasons I will give you Sir, in a private Letter on my Return. we Indeavour all we Can to procure you Curiositys. we seen none Except Otter & Beaver pouches. one great Curiosity we have for you which is a White Otter. it Differs nothing from Another but In the Colour. I dont know whether you Ever saw One, for the most of the Indians we have shown it to says they never did.— [] is the right time to get Matts we will [] two made.— My Compliments to Sir [] and the res]t of the Family. believe I Ever shall be with Gratitude.

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Oblidged Humble
Servant.—

FERRALL WADE.

P.S. I Arrived hear
Yesterday In a bark
Cannoe, & sets of Again
as soon as I finish my Letters
I have wrote Funda and has
Directed him to show you what
we wrote for. We have had no provisions only what we get
from the Indians this two Months.—

963 lb of Beaver
800 W^t Leather
101 Otters
231 Martins

We shall want no more Expensive
Goods this year
450
150

18 Minks	80
31 fishers	30
3 Wolves	3
6 Ratts	9
	1-10
120 Raccoons	12
440 Ratts or	11
Mussquash	16
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40 Bear Skins	762

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honourable
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 At Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Ferral Wades letter
 May 29th. & 7th June 1771

JOSEPH GORHAM'S ACCOUNT AND ORDER

A. D. S.

[	ment	Dr
1771	To pay as Deputy Agent in the department of Indian Affairs in North America for Six Months Commencing the 14 th . March 1771 & ending the 13 ^d . Sep ^r . foll ^g . at £200 p Ann ^m	} £ 100..0..0

JOS GORHAM

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Philidelphia 1 June 1771

SIR

Please to pay Mr. William M^c.adam to order the above mentiond Sum of one hundred pounds Army Currency, as it may become due to me from Government, having Signed Two bills of the Same tenor & Date

I am Sir
Your very humble Serv^t.

JOS. GORHAM

To
the Honble

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM ALEXANDER BAXTER

A. L. S.¹

*Glôster in the River St. Maries Lake
Superiour 1st. June 1771 —*

[] JOHNSON Baronet
SIR

After begging your Pardon for the repeated trouble which I give you, Considering myself bound to write you the following Letter, I shall have the honour Without further preamble to inform You.— That some Days agoe I received a Letter from Gen^l. Gage dated 25th. Sep^r. last, wherein in consequence of his information from the Command^g officer at Michilimakinac, he blames me for having inclosed this house and yard for building

¹ With Alexander Baxter's letter was inclosed a copy of a report of a council between Henry Bostwick and others with the Chepawaa nation June 30, 1769, at Michilimakinac. Printed in *The Papers of Sir William Johnson*, 7:48. See Johnson Calendar, p. 486.

Craft with Pickettes, And Complains that neither I nor any Body else has informed him of the progress made in this Mining Business, If the Indians were previously Made acquainted of the Intentions of the C^o or of what Disposition they are of relating to it. On the Rec^t of the Generals Letter, I returned immediately from some 20 Leagues I was up the Lake, both to have the honour of answering it, And with the resolution of taking down the Pickettes, that I might Show the General how ready I am to conform to his Intentions. But reflecting that perhaps he and the Commanding Officer at Mâkina Being now made acquainted with the footing I am on with the Indians, may not think it necessary till things Are settled from England which I dare say they Are by this time, I have put it off till I receive the Command^s Officers pleasure, and the Moment I receive such Orders shall immediately take them down, as I have had the honour to write to both.

As to the Gen^l and the Present Com^s Officer at Mâkina not having been informed of the progress made in this Business and of the disposition of the Indians &c, that must have been the fault of the late Com^s Officer in who's time every thing essential happened relating to these. It could never enter into my head to trouble them with acc^{ts} of things that I must have imagined his Duty led him to do; Be that as it May, I have had the honour to inform them of it, as I have now the honour to do to You, as Allso that After the undertaking was approved of w^{ch} []

[]¹
 Hillsborough had acquainted him; []
 proper that I should come out to view the []
 &c. Which I did in June 1769, when General []
 Gave me a pass a Copy of which I have had the honour to transmit to the Gen^l As I have now the honour to inclose One to you. He likewise wrote a particular letter (in consequence of powerful recommendations I had had to him) to the Com-

¹ Line burned off.

mand^s Officer at Mâkina A Copy of which I cannot send tho he did Me the honour to show it to me before sealling.

Before I arrived at Mâkina, A Council had been held on Act. of the C^o with the Indians concerned, A Copy of which I have now transmitted to the Gen^l As I have the honour to do likewise to you; the Mess^{rs} Bostwick & Chinn had sent you one at the time. In consequence of this I went into the Lake, met the Chief of this River who confirmed the treaty as did the Chiefs of Antonagan and the Iron Rivers, and returned here to execute Some Craft according to my Orders, As I had the honour to inform you in my former letters last year, That Last Summer two Miners were sent out who with Mes^{rs} Bostwick & Cadotte were received by all the Indians concerned in the most friendly Manner, who seeing them about to return begged them even upon their knees to come back this Year. In the Meantime I wait orders from England, how, where, and in what manner to proceed, having the Miners in the Lake making further Discoveries & Essays till that time, All hitherto being but preparatory. Which with proper Excuses & Submission to his Excellencys Orders is the Substance of my Answer, and of which I think myself obliged to have the honour of informing you both on Act. of the high Rank and Character you hold in this Country and indeed in the World, as on Act. of y^r. being one of the C^o of Adventurers concerned.

I have now Sir the Honour to Inform you That since Mine to you of the 20th Sep^r. last, The Miners did last ffall visit the North Coast of the Lake as far as Michipicoton And found Sundrie Veins of rich Ore [] of which I sent to London by the first occa[] Country from this, And Causing the [] continue their researches they discovered a vein of Grey Ore so rich and in appearance so abundant that I thought myself entitled from the Instructions I have to send an Act. of it to London p^r. Express to Montreal, All opportunitys down the Country being then over. But could not keep the Miners upon it having had nothing prepared for so late a Season. So soon ho[w]ever as the Season permitted this Spring I went

with them to the place where I was when the Gen^{ls} letter called me here & where I left them Making trials upon the Vein, till my return which shall be by the first Opportunity, and till I receive further instructions from England. This is a fine Vein, tho She gives nothing at pres^t. but stamping Ore which however is rich, but the Miners expect She may soon [change] to Solid Ore in which Case She will quickly pay all expences, & I hope clear Money. She is three feet Wide, runs regular E. & W. into the Land Under the Mountains and is level free. But what is very amazing & may surprise any Body, I have Seen within a Mile and Half of this Vein on either Side Six other Veins most of as good appearance as this, which may all be wrought to profit. And at Another place some Miles to the Southw^d there are four within 20 Passes one of another of rather Better Appearance and favourable Circumstances, Besides a Multitude without Number of small transverse Branches some with pure Coppar. All the Master Veins contain at the Surface Lead, Yellow & Grey Coppar Ore, to which last they would All seem to turn when a little down in the Vein Being the predominant Ore of this Country, & is it seems the Most Valuable. These are all within twenty Leagues of this, which was the reason I took the Miners there to wait the result from London, And did upon my knowledge of them so near at hand, quite the Vessel of forty Tuns []

I had put upon the Stocks to Build []

I have well advanced & hopes to []

son————— I have now []

to inform you of every thing that Occurs []

But allow me to Add, that with respect to the Indians, I and all concerned in the C^{os} affairs have Made it our Study to treat them with the greatest kindness & humanity without debauching them with Drink, or giving them too great presents, but endeavoured to be of real service to them & their ffamilies, of which and the numberless Benefits they receive by the C^o in selling us fish, Game, Bark, Canoes, &c &c — They are extremely sensible And at all times and on every Occasion

making Returns of thankfulness and Gratitude in Speeches and other ways. This is the real State of the Case and will be wherever the C^{os} Affairs lead us. But it is time for me to beg y^r. pardon for this tedious Interruption to y^r more important Concerns And to Assure You that I have the honour to be with the most Profound Respect

Sir

Your most Humble And

Most Obedient Servant

ALEX^R. BAXTER

June 8th

SIR: I have had the honour to receive yours of the 5th Sep^r. this day, and thank you for it. have noted the Contents Tho I am sorry the C^o has not the honour of having you amongst them. I thank you for myself & them for the honour you do us in your Good Wishes & kindness which can't but be of the greatest utility to us. I hope with respect to the Indians there is not the least danger, especially on the North Side, but y^s lake is greatly changed, & the prejudice ag^t. the English has subsided. as to the Exp^{ce} I believe the transportation from this will hardly equal the coast of fire Engines, Audites & levels, sinking pits many hundreds of fath^s. often, firing, timber &c to which the Cornish Mines are Subject [] no Mines here are liable that We have in view, [with]out counting the great Sums of Money that are often [sp]ent in the Search of Veins in Cornwall, & which often are [not] found, tho indeed we have had enough of Expence in these preparations made allready, but we have our Veins here laid open to us Some many hundreds of y^{ds} so that we have but to beginn to Work. I have again the honour to assure you that I am With the most profound Respect, & Gratitude for y^r Good Wishes

Sir

Your Most Humble most Obed^{nt} And

Obliged Servant

ALEX^R. BAXTER

GOVERNOR GUY CARLETON'S PASS TO ALEXANDER BAXTER

*Contemporary Copy*¹

[Copy] Of Governour Carleton's Pass

By his Excellency Guy Carleton Capⁿ General and Governour in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec Vice Admiral of the Same and Brigadeer Gen^l of his Majesty's Forces &c &c &c —

Permit the Bearer Mr. Alexander Baxter to pass unmolested from this to any part of Lake Superiour with his Artificers, Servants, Toolls, Provisions, Ammunition &c — He behaving as becometh

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms this 26th Day of June One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine at the City of Montreal in the Province of Quebec Aforesaid

Signed

GUY CARLETON

And

By his Excellency's Command
R. B. LERNOULT Adj^t. Major
of Brigade N: District.

This is a true Copy taken at Glôster in the River St. Maries Lake Superiour the 25th May 1771 by me ALEX^R. BAXTER

Witness

GEORGE MAIR

JOHN THOMPSON

¹ Inclosed in Alexander Baxter's letter of June 1, 1771 to Sir William Johnson.

BAPTISTE CADOTTE'S CERTIFICATE

D. S.

Je Sousigné Baptiste Cadotte devant Temoins Certifie que la Copie du Conseil tenu avec les Sauvages cy dessus contenues m'ayant été lue en Anglois et traduit en françois par Alex^r. Baxter a Gloster le 3^{me} juin 1771 est precisement comme il a passé de part & d'[au]tre

CADOTE

Witness

GEORGE MAIR

JOHN THOMPSON

Translation

I, the undersigned, Baptiste Cadotte, certify before witnesses that the copy of the conference held with the Indians, as set forth above, having been read to me in English and translated into French by Alexander Baxter at Gloster the third of June, 1771, agrees exactly with what took place on both sides.

CADOTE

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

*Niagara June 7, 1771*SIR W^m.

This is two trips I have been at this [poin]t within this ten days in a bark Canoe Breaking my Constitution to struggle with the World, working at the paddle the whole day with a pasal of Lazy Indians, & all Owing to Mr. Campbells not following Our Directions, he Might as well not have sent them, as at this season I am sure it has been £100 Loss to Us. Mr. Campbell has sent up two One Arrived hear ab^t. two hours After me Yesterday, which was Lucky as I Came On purpose for rum & tobacco.—the Other is not As yet Arrived.—

¹ Inclosed in Alexander Baxter's letter of June 1, 1771 to Sir William Johnson.

Since I had the Honour of Writing You Last we have Got 700 & Odd W^t. of Beaver In all we have 1600 & Odd W^t. Beaver, 800 ^{lb} Leather, 110 Otters, 231 Martins, 18 Minks, 126 Raccoons, 450 Ratts, 3 Wolves, 5 Katts, 4 Foxes, 30 Bear Skins, 29 Fishers, &ca all which Except what we Owe at Niagara (Which is upwards of One Hundred pounds) [] we shall send to Funda to be Intirely Under [his] Directions. you Cant Imagine the fatigue we have Undergone this few Weeks past, being sur[rounded by] above two hundred Indians, who stays hear on p[urpose] to get Drunk with them that trades. when so [] Neither Eat, Drink or Sleep. for my part I Can[] say I have not Eat a meal (Except two at this post) [] forthnight, I am quiet jaded Out, but I am Determined to spare no pains to get Money. The Dutch is all going to Teronto. if they Do We are Determined to Lead them Another Dance, for we know a much better place & all the Indians. When the Hurry is Over we shall write you Every particular, now its Impossible, so will Conclude

With my sincere Wishes for the establishment of your health and am

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Ever Obliged & Most

Obed^t. Humble Servant

FERRALL WADE

INVOICE OF PACKS FROM WADE & KREISER

D.¹

[] of sundry furr's Sent to Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t
Ten packs of Beaver N^o. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,
33, 34. W^t. 1004.—

N^o. 17 Cont^g.

119 Raccoons

7 Ratts

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

COUNCIL MINUTE

Contemporary Copy

At a Council held at Fort George in the City of New York on *Friday the Seventh Day of June 1771*

Present

His Excellency the Right Honorable John Earl of Dunmore
 Captain General &c

Mr. Watts	}	Mr. Cuyler
Mr. Apthorpe		Mr. Wallace
Mr. Smith		Mr. White

The Petition of Joseph Totten and Stephen Crossfield in behalf of themselves and their Associates was presented to the Board and read setting forth, that the Petitioners have discovered that there is a Certain Tract of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the West side of the most Northerly Branch of the Hudsons River, Beginning at the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Forty Six thousand Acres of Land petitioned for by Thomas Palmer and his Associates; thence running South sixty Degrees West to the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land Petitioned for by John Bergen and his Associates; thence running North thirty Degrees West till it shall intersect a line coming West from Ten Miles North of Crown Point; thence East to Hudsons River, thence down the said River to the North Bounds of a Tract of Land Petitioned for by Edward Jessup and Ebenezer Jessup and their Associates of Forty thousand Acres; thence Westerly and Southerly round the said Tract of Land until it shall come to the North East Bounds of the said Tract of Land Petitioned for by the said Thomas Palmer and his Associates being the place of Beginning — That the said Tract of Land hath not been purchased of the Indians []
 but that the Indian Right thereto []
 them. That the Petitioners []
 are willing and desirous at their own Expence of []

the Indian Right and Title to the Lands before described [] in his Majesty, in hopes of being able to obtain his Majesty's Letters Patent for such parts of the said Tract of Land as shall be found fit for Cultivation. And therefore the Petitioners in behalf of themselves and their Associates humbly pray his Excellency's Lycense enabling them to purchase in his Majesty's Name of the Indian Proprietors thereof the Tract of Land before described, in Order that the Petitioners and their Associates may be Enabled to apply for and Obtain his Majesty's Letters Patent for the same or such parts thereof as upon an accurate Survey may be found fit for Cultivation.

And the said Petition having been referred to a Committee and the prayer of the Petition reported to be Granted and the Report approved of, This Board doth humbly advise and Consent that his Excellency do Grant to the Petitioners and their Associates Liberty and Lycense to purchase the Tract of Land described in their said Petition agreeable to his Majesty's Proclamation of the Seventh of October 1763; or if the Indian Proprietors of the Lands shall be brought to this City to perfect and Complete the said Purchase in that Case upon the usual Certificate to be Signed by Sir William Johnson, that the Indians to be brought before his Excellency are Chiefs of or belonging to the Tribe or Nation Owners and Proprietors of the said Lands and that they have Authority from such Tribe or Nation to dispose thereof

A true Copy

Examined by

G^w BANYAR D Cl Con

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

[*London June 7, 1771*]

[]
 [] honored with your favor of the first of February
 [] infinite pleasure, as I did not know how to Account

refer [] Accounts to General Gage to whom they have sent my M[emorial] & I have sent a Copy of my Account. I have & will Charge [] my Sallery whilst these suits are against me, & the treasury think it reasonable I should be paid, as I am detained here for supporting the Orders of Government

You might remember you desired me to assist the Sherif of Albany (if I could meet with one Atherton who had broke out of Albany Goal) when Schuyler was at your House. I spoke to Rogers about the fellow, but he would not confine him. next Season I saw the Sherif again who required under the Kings Proclamation I should try to have him Stopped. I shewd Spicemaker the Sherifs Order of 1766 also another & affidavid 1768. besides orders were sent to all the posts with a description of this Atherton. Spicemaker orderd him to pay the money before he left the Fort, & not to Sleep out of the Garrison. one night after the Gates were locked he made his escape over the pickets, but was brought back, & confined till Scuyler & Macbeth gave Security for the money. then he was set loose tho he ow'd a great Sum in the Fort.

This fellow took out a Writ for £4000 damage against me & has set forth in his declar[a]tion a long [] [] apply^d to my use, being [] [] many other most Abominable lies. if [] whilst Mr. Goddard was hear I should have Cast [] think by dint of Swearing they will Cast me as I have [] or money & the affair comes on next week.

I must entreat your intercession with the General to [pre]sent a report upon my Memorial as may procure me payment [] will be the only way I shall ever have it in my power to pay you, or any body Else. Rogers has been trying with every body I had the least Account with, to have me arrested, to get me into prison as well as himself, but [I] have as yet foiled him, tho fear he may get his Ends at last.

Had the Speech been sent to England that the Ottawas Sent to you with the Pipe of peace, it would have been of great

Service to me when the War was talked of. I could have procured my self an appointment, & the Medals for the Indians, but now all is peace & Quietness. the Indians are look'd upon of no Consequence.

I most heartily thank you for Accepting my Bill & for procuring me the Land. as to the Former, I left Memorandums of Debts due me to Weatherhead & Adams which I thought would have paid it, but if I have Success here will Speedily return & pay him, as I intend to live Quiet in that Country, & have no Employment under the Crown, contenting myself with my half pay & my farm Stocked. But If I fail —

Inclosed you have a Cobby of the Memorial Sent the General & there is already a Cobby of the Account in your office. I shall only add, that the friend I recommended to you, seems to me & has indeed the reputation of a time Server. he is a tale bearer to the ministry pumping on all Occasions for Intelligence. he prides himself much on his friendship for Sir John & being employ'd by you, yet he is an advocate for Rogers

I have a good deal []
 me at Michilimakinak. I wrote to Co^l Claus []
 is in Employ, his pay may be Stop^d till he A[]
 as he owes me a large Sum for Goods

A Speedy Answer from General Gage & you will procure me I hope the greatest happiness I can Enjoy []
 pleasure of seeing you & family in good health. I remain w[ith]
 constant wishes for your Welfare

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

B ROBERTS

[] WILLIAM JOHNSON

To
 The Honorable
 SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹Londⁿ. 7th. June 1771

L^t. Roberts letter
 wth. a Memorial [to]
 y^e. Lords of y^e. Treas[].

BENJAMIN ROBERTS' PETITION

*Contemporary Copy*²

(Copy)

[] Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

The Petition of Lieutenant Roberts late Commissary of Indian Affairs under S^t. William Johnson Baronet

Humbly Sheweth

That your Lordships Petitioner Served during the late War in America, was present at the Attacks of Ticonderoga, Niagara, & the Havannah; Likewise Acted in many Extra Branches of the Service without any additional pay or Emolument & that by being detach'd from his Regiment, had the Misfortune at two different times to Suffer a total loss of His baggage.

That Your Lordships Petitioner was, immediately on his Landing from the Havannah, Chosen & Sent with a detachment to Niagara to Act against the Indians. he had several Skirmishes with them during their War, which recommended him to General Gage & Sir William Johnson, who Knowing his Influence Amongst the Nations, & that he was thoroughly Acquainted with their Languages, Country, & Customs Employ'd your Petitioner in 1766 to settle Some Commotions

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² This petition of earlier date to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury was inclosed with Lieutenant Roberts' letter of June 7, 1771 to Sir William Johnson.

Amongst the Indians, & to Act as Commissary, which obliged him to Change from his Regiment to half pay to remain in America.

In May 1769 as your Lordship's petitioner was proceeding thro the Indian Country pursuant to his Orders, he received a Letter from Sir William Johnson []
 "Employment as Commisary []
 past, that all persons employd under []
 paid up to that date & discharged. the Colonies []
 to pay all future Expences." The principal Expences of your Petitioners Journey being already paid, the traders turning back with their goods, frighted at the many Expresses, that gave Account of the Indian Nations assembled to Cut off Detroit & the other posts, forced Your Lordship's Petitioner, to yield to the entreaties of the Merchants, to proceed on his Journey, & undertake to disperse the Indians, not doubting but if he had the good fortune to Succeed, he would be reimbursed his Expences & be recompensed for so dangerous an undertaking

Your Lordship's Petitioner was forced to Stay at Michilimackinac to see the Indians all dispersed then with much difficulty got down the Country having lost one man thro fattice & cold. General Gage & Sir William Johnson Approved your petitioner's conduct, but the Sum Allow'd for Indian Expences, being already Apply'd, & the Colonies not voting any for that Service, your Petitioner was not reimbursed. he was recommended to the Right Honorable Lord Hillsborough who has refer'd him to your Lordship, after having Seen a full State of his losses & Expences which Amount to £ 1258. 13. 8 Stg

Your Lordship's Petitioner begs his Case may be Consider'd, that he has been at great Expence & loss of time in coming to England of which he makes no Charge. Relying of the great encouragement your Lordship has always given those that Exert themselves for the good of the Service, your Petitioner assures himself of relief & your Lordship's Petitioner will as in duty bound Ever pray

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schindy 8th June 1771

HONNERED SIR

I Recev^d Your feavor of 3th Ult I am Sorry of the Baggs Shot Came So Litt it was Down at the water Side where the had went out So I Counted the baggs and tock hans Rigtmair & John Cammell to be honest men & Let them Goe one thy whare payd before I Recev^d the answer & thy brought Mee a Receet of Every thing In good order from M^r fonda as I always Gites for Everiting I have Sent up or Els I^{wd}: not payd them The 5 Artickels are 1 Dray Bar^l. 2 boxes 1 Basket w^h: Chance & a Small bagg Coffy which I have Sent up Iesterday & one box More and 3 Large Bales N^o 6-7-43 & Cap^t M^c. Clood^s Barrel Rum Coll^o Johnson Bar^l pork & Coll^o Clauss his Kagg Inclosed of the 2 hhad^s Tobacco which I have here & shall tray to gite it packet unto one I have also 16 Chists of Gunns here and Next Thusday I hoop to goe for all the powder at ones whit 8 Wag^s as there is more Looding in M^r Van Sants Stoor I have here about 30 bear Skins of M^r freasers which ^{ll} tacke Down for fear of Rean I am w^h: Complement Sir Your Most Obed^t Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 8th June 1771

[]

[p]leasure of writing you last I have got []om my Illness. I hope I shall Soon be able to do my Self the happiness of paying my Respects to you. I long much to See your Lodge at Mountjoy — for by the Dis-

cription I have off that Place it must be delightfull, & pleasant — for what greater pleasure can there be then plenty of Fishing & fowling. I really think that this Ought to be your principal Object. I woud devot as much of my time at that Place as Business would permit for all that you want in this World is Health, & without it we have verry little Relish for the things we Call richness.

I have received a letter this day from Mr James Andrews dated the 30th May from Niagara he mentions that the Beaver Sloop [] is given up for lost — She had 127 [] belonging to Jacobous Teller Nick Steven [] Packs belonging to Jacobous & Abraham [] heavy Strock to those People, & [] Robed & taken Prisoners in 1764, [] the Sloop that was in Company with this Vessel left hir in a hard Gale of Wind the 10 Ulto: with all [] sail up — the master one Jacobson — poor man was too fond of the grogg which might Occasion him to Carry too much Sail in order to keep up with the Other. & as She was verry flatt botomed its thought she over Sat & Foundered — Cap^t. Grant is gone round the South Side in Quest of hir — God send him good luck —

We are all Rubing up our old rusty Guns & geting our Regimentals ready Against the Governor Arrivel — all I Can do with old Col^o Van Slyck I Cant turn [] reform Except him I beleve [] has got their Cloaths ready — Mr [] got any yet made nor do I beleve [] as he knows there is no Law to Compel him. there never is any thing to do in the Militia of any Duty but he Endeavors to prevent there doing it as much as in his power — we Shall muster verry Small as many are from Home & the warning will be So Short that I am afraid the Governor may Suprize us before we know any thing of his Comeing — I am in hopes we Shall here from Albany before he Sets out — as Yet no Appearance of his Arrivel at Albany.

M^{rs}. Campbell joins me with her best Complements & am
Dear Sir with the Sincerest Respect your most Humble & most
Obedient Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM JOHN GALLAND

L. S.

Fort Stanwix y^e 8th June 1771

[]

I think it my Duty to Let you Know the Late Fate of Mr. Wall Mr. Governor John Ruff Being Jalous of me in Regard of him must needs Bannish Him of the Ground he ordered one of his Emisarys to Breed a Courl with Quine at his owne House & another of them he Emplied to Nock Down Wall which when he Saw he Got upon him & Draged Tore & Beat him most Unmercifully he Got him by the Heir of his Head as he Lay on his Back & Draged him from Quines Door to his own House where he Got a Coard & Bound him fast & then Kept him in Confindment Which when I Hard of Sent my Corporal to Demand the Prisoner he Sent me word that I was not Capable of taking Care of a Murderer & that I had no Bissiness with him upon which I ordered a file of men to go and Brake open Every Door on his House & Bring the prissioner into Me. I Intend to Represent this Case at Head Quarter Where I hope his Excellency General Gage will Give Me Immadiant orders to Tourn Ruff & all his Gang off this Ground I assure you Sir his Insolance Is not to be Boren he Even Turns off the Ground any Man he Does not Like & Brings in Whome he Likes and Gives them the Best Land Belonging to the King Without my Liberty I am Sir y^r Most Obedient Humble Serv^t.

JOHN GALLAND

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

[*Sinake Country, June 9, 1771*]

A. L. S.

[]

[] Cayuga Indian, will Inform that []
 [h]ealth, wishing this may find Your honour so also.
 [] eight days past Your Messengers the Mohawks
 [K]anadasaga: the next day proceeded forward —
 [] Sorry to hear by the warriors who have been to
 []rthward, of the misunderstanding there is Between
 the English and the Indians of that Country: I am at Several
 times Informed By those who have Left the Great plains about
 20 days ago, that the Indians of the Ilinioies Country are in
 General Disafected, Inasmuch nothing more Likely than there
 destroying those which reside there of the English and Cuting
 of any Communication which may tend that way. By reasons
 as they Say of Sundry Insults they have received, Some
 Immagines that nothing more Likely than that the french is not
 dilatory in Giving there Promises to assist them in ammunitiion.
 However they Seame to one and all in Generall of these Lurking
 Warriours, to attribute it being Sole fault to us as Eight of them
 who was Lately kill^d by the English, four of which Belonged
 to diffarent nations, 3 days past By this way a party of the
 Onandagos with three Sculps Look^d to my Oppinion two of them
 otherwise than Ever Came of an Indian, the most part of the
 Indians are now at home, and those of Kanadasaga are now
 a makeing of Conoes in Order to Come down By water, they
 Seeme to be Very desirious to know what the purport of this
 treaty will Be, they have a Stronge Imagination that it will
 not Continue peace Very Long. Otoangaut is arrived at home
 with his party &c., and all the Sinakees: to Conclude as I Look
 on my Self Bound in Duty to Acquaint Your honour of any
 new material which may Come to my knowledge in makeing a
 Small retaliation for the many Condesending past favours I have

received from You. I should be always Glad to hear from Your honour as You should be Pleased to write to me at this Distance remain Sir Your Most Obed^t.

Hum^{bl}.

Serv^t. JOHN JOHNSTON

[] be pleased to Caution the Bearars in his
[]¹

I Immagine that Your honour will have a Larger Body than Either You Expect or desire of the Six nation which as I am Informed provision will turn out but Short: I have told Some of them that the meaning was only a few of Each of there Chifes perhaps I am mistaking in the date of the month.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²

New York June 10th. 1771.

D^R SIR,

Your Letter of the 18th April required no particular Answer, but I had some extracts copied from it, which I thought proper for Cap^t: Edmonstone's³ better Information, and transmitted them to him at Fort Pitt.

I am since favoured with your Letter of the 24th. of May, which you seem to believe there had been some Mischief hatching amongst the Indians, and that their scheme was somewhat disconcerted. I hope you will get as favourable Acc^{ts}. from Sioto as you expect.

The Many Partys in the Cherokee Country from the Northward gave alarm in Carolina, and Projects were concerting of various kinds, but I don't hear anything resolved upon. They

¹ Line cut off.

² In New York Public Library, New York City.

³ Captain Charles Edmonstone, of the 18th regiment, in command at Fort Pitt.

had near overturned all that was settled about the Virginia Boundary¹; they have at length agreed to mark it out, but I don't find that they abide by their first Bargain², tho' Settled with the Usual Formalitys by the whole Nation.

Mr: Stewart is gone to Pensacola to meet the Chactaws who are still at War with the Creeks, the latter have fallen on a New Method to prevent our Vagabonds settling on their Lands, by plundering them and destroying their Habitations. They have served some Familys in W: Florida in that Manner who were out of their Bounds on Lands the Creeks had not ceded, but did not hurt their Persons. If all the Nations acted in the same way and proceeded no further, it would prevent the People going beyond their Limits & save Much trouble.

I am informed Many Partys are gone out from the Lakes; and Lieu^t. Col^o. Wilkins writes, that four or five hundred had been discovered not far from Fort Chartres; suspected to have taken or killed a soldier who was Missing.

No Information of the likelihood of a war, from any Acc^{ts}. but the News-Papers,

I am with great Regards,

Dear Sir,

Your Most Obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: WM: JOHNSON Bar^t:

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 487, is listed a letter of June 11, 1771, from Dr Samuel Auchmuty, quoting communications from Dr Daniel Burton and the bishop of London on the difficulty of extending missionary

¹ The Virginia boundary settled at Fort Stanwix in November 1768.

² The first bargain relates to Indian proceedings with Governor William Bull of South Carolina and Superintendent John Stuart in 1765 and 1766. See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:1005, 8:33 and map opposite 8:30.

work in America and discussing the case of a Lutheran minister and of a dissenting clergyman [William Hanna] who wish to take English orders, and the demand for an American bishop. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:449-52; Q, 4:280-81.)

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹

Teronto June 11th. 1771

[]

Enclosed you have an Invoice of the furs we [] by the Return of this boat, which we hope will be Agreeable to You. had Our boats been hear in the spring we should have had ten packs more.

I was Oblidged to make two trips to Niagara within ten days being Out of rum & provisions. had we no Occasion to buy at Niagara Our remittance would be £300 more. we Owe two packs at Niagara which we have Ordered to be Left there, N^o. 19.21.22. W^t 303^{lb} of Beaver N^o. 20 C^g. 82 Otters, 1 Beaver, 1 Deer skin N^o. 35 C^g.

19 Otters
29 Fishers
27 Martins
3 Minks
72 Ratts
33 parchment Skins
1 d^o. In the Hare

We have Ordered to Campbell which we hope will be Agreeable to You, we have 700^{lb} Leather that the boat could not Carry which we will send You In a few days. we Also send 2 p^s. of Black strouds, 1 p^s. of Grunnap, 2 d^o. purple d^o. Inclosed you have [the] prime Cost. if they will suit you we beg you will

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

take them they are not salable hear.— what we have traded was
to great Advantage. Beaver sells at Niagara for ten shillings pr.
pound Campbell writes Us its Eleven.—]
We also send you One []
2 Otter pouches, 2 Beaver d^o., 1 Fisher []
Articles we have Got, there is few that []
and all they have Got is 104^{lb} Beaver & 1 O[tter []
are all Distracted they have had hardly any []
this Year.— we are not the Least Uneasy for []
We know a much better place and have had an []
Go I intend Going this fall & Lave Mr. Keiuser hear []
Not better Indians On the Continent than this side of []
Lake. we are so hurried at present that we Cant be as pa []
as we Could wish. but the Indⁿ. is Going away in a few days
[] him shall write you Verry fully.— we remain with
great Esteem & Respect

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Oblidged & Most Ob^t.

Humble Serv^{ts}.

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. be pleased not to Let
Fonda know we have any Intention
of Going Further he writes to his
Customers at Niagara, & we hope
you will Order it so that we will Get the Market price.

ORDER CONCERNING DEER SKINS

A. D. S.¹

Johnson Hall June 11th. 1771

As the Bearer Richard Mandavil of this place, Breeches
Maker, is in want of leather to follow his Business, If you let

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

him have a Couple of Packs of Deer Skins fitt for his purpose,
I will See you paid for the Same.

I am Sir Y^r. Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

P. S. as He is but a new Beginner
here, I doubt not but you will be
as favourable to him as You can.

INDORSED:

Order

fav^r. Rich^d. Mundevill

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 15 June 1771

[]

[Since my last] of which the within is a Coppy¹ I am without any [of your favors] the present Serves chiefly to enclose You the Act of Parliament granting a Bounty on White Oak Staves & Heading, which may be of some Use to You or Your Farmers — I should imagine that in Your parts, the People may be employ'd very advantageously upon Such Schemes — I have been at Lord Hilsboroughs door twice, but He was from Home. one of the Clerks of the Board of Trade has promis'd to Send me word if the Grant upon the Ohio was made out but I have not heard from Him — If M^r Wharton should Call upon me or if I can learn that the Grant is made out I [will] undoubtedly pay the Money — I suppose You would hear of M^r Penn's death — if there should be any Business which that Gentⁿ had under His Management for You & which You suppose me capable of, I beg You will Comand my best offices — You will see by the papers that Lord Hilsborough is intended for the Lord Lieut^t of Ireland — my Intelligence contradicts such a Report & says that Lord Townsend will Continue there for some

¹ Refers to letter of May 4, 1771.

time longer — the Situation of that Kingdom is very tranquill & peacable — one may reasonably presage that a peace will soon take place between Russia & the Turk, as the latter has already releas'd the resident which had been kept in prison — but it is not improbable that a War may break out in some other Quarter —

I am upon all occasions

Sir

Your much obliged and
Very humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.

at Fort Johnson

near Albany

To the Care of M^r. John Weatherhead

Merch^t.

New York

☞ Britannia }
Cap: Munds }
Q D C }

INDORSED:¹

London 4th. May & 15th. June

1771 —

M^r Blackburns Letter ———

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schind^y 15th June 1771

[]

Receved Your feavore of the 10th Ins^t Inclosed is the Voucher for the Quarter Cask of Powder &c as I have the Same for

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Every Indeviall thing I Sent up there So that I have Know
Roome to Detayne or Stopp there pay for I always pay them
Soon after there Return

I shall have the Indian Coarn & hams brought up as Soon as
poassable & Send one battoe Lood of it to Canajogare and the
Next week the Gunns & powder to fondas and Let him Know
that it is to Stay there I must gite the battoes furst Calked
Monday Next and will gite a good Carefull honest men to have
the Care of it believe me Sir I shall tack all the Care and painss
I Can I have here also 4 boxes of pipes & one bale Iet which
I had forgate to Mention in My Last Letter I am Sir Your
Most Obediant

and Humble servant

JN^o B V EPS

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honorabl.
Sir William Johnson Bart.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

June 15th. 1771, John
B Van Eps letter wth. Inclosure

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

*A. L. S.*²

Teronto June 18th 1771

[] SIR WILLIAM

This Goes by the Indian who Lived with Us Last Winter.
We would not be particular In this as we think he would not

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Ferrall Wade's hand.

Scruple of having it Oppened to know the Contents We have wrote another of the same date with this In which there is an Account Against him

We are with great Respect

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your most Ob^t. & Most

Humble servants

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. if You should Receive this Before the Other pray Suspend your Opinion Untill the Receipt of the Other

INDORSED:¹

Toronto June 18th. 1771

Mess^{rs} Wade & Krieusers
Letter —

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

*A. L. S.*²

[*Teronto, June 18, 1771*]

[]

In our Last to you from Niagara We promised to give you a particular Account of Everything, as farr as In Our power we will. as to sending an Exact Account of the Goods we have on hand its Impossible the Shop being full, this we are Sure off we have sufficient to trade off Sixty packs of Beaver — we have 450 Blankets, 10 p^s Strouds, 4 d^o. purple & bleu knaps I p^s. peneston, I d^o. Red knap, 25 Coats, 20 Guns, ab^t 200 White & Calico Shirts, 4 p^s flowered Serge, 1½ Barrell powder, a Vast quantity of Lead, Bullets, & Shott, 40^{lb} paint, 1 Barrel kettles,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Ferrell Wade's hand.

70 p^s Gartering, those is the Large Articles as to small Articles we have a great Quantity such as Rib^{ds}. silk hand^s. Wampum Silver Work Glass Wampum White beads flints, Steels, Looking Glasses, knifs, Scizzars, Twine, tin Kettles, hand Bells, Jews harps Gun screws, Brass, Wine & Rum a good Quantity Caps, Several other Articles we dont think of. what we have traded we have done safe & sure & we are sure we have Made more profit on what we have traded than Any traders of Englishmen that has been Out. all we want Now is An Assortment & a sufficient Stock for []
 []¹
 to pay at Niagara. the articles we shall want []
 to Much. we have Sent Mr. Funda, an Invoice of what [] if he treats Us well he may depend on Our punctuallity & Custom, we have five traders hear now who is pretty Sick of it, two of them goes of this Day the rest goes in three or four, the poor People dont know what to do for some of them has not traded a single skin Neither at Niagara or hear this Spring. they have nothing but rum. the Indians hear Likes Goods & will go where an Assortment is its not Uncommon with Us to sell a p^s of Strouds to One Indian We have another View besides hear & Where we had an Invitation to Go, & where I intend to Go & Leave Mr. Keiuser hear, and Among the most Civilized Indians I Ever saw we Make not the Least Doubt but we shall make double what we did this spring, as the Indians all know Us far & near & has Assured Us they will not trade with a french Man if we Continue Among them, we deal so fairly which they have never been Used too; the french Imposes on them Most Grossly as for my part you'll see Sir if God spares my Life I will make money, for I shall spare no trouble, pains Or fatigue. we hope the Remittance we have Sent You is Agreeable. you may Depend the Remainder we will send As soon as possible—we have got a man who Understands the Language who is Going with me:—

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¹ Line burned off.

[] never was so deceived by Any fellow for ab^t 64 weeks & thought Our selves happy In having him, then he broke Out and proved a Verry great Rascal to Us Instead of Assistance from him he was a prejudice to Us, for when the Indians came he Imediately got Drunk, & was more plauge to Us than the Indians that traded with Us, he cant shout a pidgion Let alone hunt & if he knew how he is too Lazy, all he is Good for is Cuting wood & washing the Dishes. if he & his son has cost Us a farthing Its at Least £50— so that we shall Look on it as a great hardship if we are Oblidged to pay him a farthing. its Extremely hard for Us to be Slaving for a Lazy Rascal, & he is the Greatest Liar that Ever spoke. we beg you will not be deceived by him he reported On Us at Niagara. that for my part I drank half a pint of Rum Eevery morning before I got Out of bed Keisuer could not drink so much raw rum as me but he mixed his but drank twiced as much as me mixed we brought him to An Account about it when the Rascal was In the Utmost Confusion, as there was one On the spot who he told it to, who was W^m. Hare we told him we would Acquaint you With it, at which he Was badly frightened. he further had the Imputence to Ask Us what we would pay him Extranory if he would []

[]¹
 have An Account [] him we will Conclude with Our Compliments to Sir John, the Gentlemen & Ladies wishing you health & prosperity

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Oblidged & Most
 Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}.

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. the Remittance we made Campbell will pay him his first Acc^{tt}. & ab^t. £50 we judge of the second, so that we shall owe him on the Last two Boats we received ab^t £300 which is all we Owe Except You.

¹ Line burned off.

COUNCIL MINUTE

Contemporary Copy

At a Council held at Fort George in the City of New York
on *Wednesday the nineteen day of June 1771*

Present

His Excellency the Right Hon^{ble}. John Earl of Dunmore
Cap^t Gen^l &c

Mr Watts

Mr De Lancey

Mr Smith

}

Mr Cruger

Mr Wallace

Mr White

The Petition of Jelles Fonda in Behalf of himself and his Associates was presented to the Board and Read, setting forth, That there is a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany Beginning about Eight Miles to the Westward of Fort Stanwix on the West side of the Mouth of Canada Creek on Wood Creek and running up along the said Creek so as to complete six Miles upon a straight line; thence by a Northeasterly Course to the patent granted to Lord Holland at the Distance of seven Miles from the Mohawk River, thence along the westerly Line of the said patent to the patent of Oriskeny, and Westerly along the said patent to the place of Beginning, so as to comprehend all the vacant Land to the Wood Creek afore mentioned, Containing by Estimation about forty thousand Acres of Land be the same more or less. That the petitioner and his Associates are willing and desirous at their own Expence to vest the Indian Right and Title to the said Lands in the Crown, and therefore humbly praying that his [Excellency will be] favourably pleased to grant to the petitioner [and] his Associates his Excellency's License and per[mis]sion to purchase in his Majesty's Name of the [] Native Indian proprietors thereof, the Tract or pa[r]cel of land before described, in Order to be enabled a[ft]er the Completion of such purchase, to pray for and [to] obtain his Majesty's

Letters patent for the said Lands, and to cultivate and improve the same.

On due Consideration whereof, the Board doth humbly advise and consent, that his Excellency the Governor grant to the petitioner and his Associates Liberty and License to purchase the Tract of Land described in their said petition, agreeable to his Majesty's Proclamation of the 7th. October 1763; or if the Indian proprietors of the said Tract of Land shall be brought to this City to perfect the said purchase, then upon the usual Certificate to be signed by Sir William Johnson Baronet, that the Indians to be brought before his Excellency the Governor are Chiefs of, or belonging to the Tribe or Nation Owners and proprietors of the said Tract of Land, and that they have authority from such Tribe or Nation to dispose thereof

A true Copy Exam^d By

G^w BANYAR D Cl Con

FROM JOHANNES VOLKERT DOUW, JOHANNES BEECKMAN,
AENDRES TRUAEX AND JOHN VISGER

D. S.

Dated in *Albany the* }
20th *June 1771* — }

To the Honorable Sir William John:
son Baronet. &c. &c. &c.

[] Whose Names are hereunto affixed, being Indian Traders at Oswego In the Year 1750 do perfectly know that the Etwawas Indians came there with a prisoner they had taken from the Pawny Nation and that M^r. Abraham Van Antwerpen and Company Traders bought said prisoner from their Chief and by what we have heard paid a Valuable Consideration for him that he was afterwards sold by them to M^r Harme Gansevoort

of the City of Albany, and has serv'd him for the Space of eight or nine Years as a Slave

We are with the greatest respect
Your very Humble Servant

JOHANNES DOUW
JOH^s BREECKMAN
AENDRES TRUAEX
JOHN VISGER

INDORSED:

Certificate

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

[]

[Niagara 22 June 1771]

I Arrived hear the Night before Last Cheeffly for provisions Against Winter & Spring As I find we Can have it much Cheaper than we Can have it up, also to settle Our Account hear Which I have p^d. off. I was taken Extremely Ill hear Yesterday & thought I was Going to get a fit of sickness but thank God I am thoroughly Recovered. the Indⁿ. Who goes with this boat has been Continually Drunk since he has been hear, & Affronted some of the Officers who was going to Cane him, Untill I told them what kind of Man he Was & beged they would not as he was just going Away which prevented them. he is a sad Rascal. the boats that Goes from hear at present are all Loaded, which prevents me sending the packs we have hear Down, but I shall Leave particular Order to send them by the first Opertunity to M^r Funda.—I hope M^r. Funda will be Expeditious In sending the things we wrote for, as I wait for Nothing but there Arrival, to set of for my Winter Quarters to get a house built & to Come [] if we Leave we will send [] than we have this, all the traders [] Nor do I believe Captⁿ. Brown Likes there []

as it takes some of his perquisites from him. nor do I think from what I can Learn that he will admit them to go Again. I am Constantly at his table & a great favourite. the Battoe the Letters goes by Is just seting Off Otherwise should have wrote to you the particulars of what I mentioned to you In One of my former Letters but shall do it before I Leave this place.— I have the Honour to be with Great Respect

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Oblidged & Most

Ob^t. Humble Servant

FERRALL WADE

P. S. they Give hear now
 10/6 p^r pound for Beaver
 & 21/ for Otters I hope
 whoever you Order to sell Our
 furs as they are prime stuff
 will sell them for Our Interest

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable
 Sir W^m Johnson Bart^t
 at Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

June 22^d 1771 —
 & 30th. Mr. Wades letter

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.

Albany 22^d June 1771

[]

I came heere last Wednesday in order to take up the three protested Bills of Col^o Croghans and at the Same time to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

endeavour to Sell the two Small patents of half pay Lands which I find to be a very difficult task, no one having Money, however by the advice of Harry Cuyler & John Stevenson I propose Staying heere Some days of this insuing Week, there being a large Concourse of people Expected for the Court when I may probably find a Chap having an absolute want of money to pay Joseph Brant, & others on the Mohawk river, who are ever teasing me on that head

You will please to pardon my not attending at Johnstown next Munday, on this account, as my Staying heere a few days may Save me a return to this place

I have the honor to be with the most profound respect

Sir

Your most Obed^t most

Humble & Grateful Servant

AUG PREVOST

The Honorable

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

Baro^t.

INDORSED:¹

[22^d] June 1771 —

Major Prevosts letter

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York June 24, 1771

[]

[

Tr]yon has been very Success[ful]

[] this troublesome Regulators, Whom

[] Severely checked by diminishing

their Numbers. He is expected here this week or fortnight. Our

¹ In Johnson's hand.

present Governor is resolved or keeping the Government, if possible, he has employed every power that he could inlist at home for this purpose. And I well know that Mr Tryon's heart & Soul are set upon this Seat of Government in preference of any other in the Western World, so that unless the packet, which is hourly expected, should decide peremptorily in favor [of] Lord Dunmore, we shall have a new and, [most] likely, a very uncommon Scene acted in this [ci]ty. We have nothing else new. I am

Sir William

Your most faithfull Serv^t

JA R

The Enclosed was forgot to be packed with Mr Adam's things, it is the Top of an Urn for Tea.

FROM GOLDSBROW BANYAR

A. L. S.

New York 24 June 1771

SIR WILLIAM

Your last Favour inclosed me an Order for the Balance of my Account. I have not demanded it on Mr Mortier — The proprietor's of Oriskene have yet left 2 full shares unpaid, but I hope Mr. J DeLancey and Mr. John H Cruger will soon pay them to Mr. Wallace, who will then pay the whole to me at which Time I shall be enabled to pay the Officers their Fees for those two large Grants — Preston and the others In a former Letter you desired me to advance the Fees of Mr. Adam's proportion of the Indian Purchase back of Cary's Land on the South Side of the Mohawk River; his Fees exclusive of the Surveyer General's amounted to £112. .14. .11½ which Sum I advanced and shall charge the same to your Account. I wish when Adams comes to Town you would empower and order him or any other Person to receive for you what remains due from

General Gage and the Walter Family. I mention this not to avoid the Trouble to myself, but because I think you will Sooner get it by that Method than by leaving it to me, as I have spoke about it several Times without Effect — As to the Earl of Illchester's you'l be careful that it is not included within the purchase to be made in that Quarter by Jelles Fonda & associates unless they pay you the Monies you have advanced. You mention'd in a former Letter that I had left several particulars unanswered — pray point them out that I may do it without any longer Delay — There are Doubts it seems whether Mr Renselaer¹ got his Commission which he solicited when here. The Governor and Cap^t Fay are both out of Town, or I should inform you with Certainty as to that Matter — We Expect Colonel Tryon in about 10 Days or a Fortnight, By which Time I imagine the Packet will disclose to us the King's pleasure in respect to Mr. Tryon's Commission

I am D S^r William

your affectionate &

dev^t. Servant

G^w BANYAR

ADDRESSED:

To

the Honorable Sir William Johnson

Baronet

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

N York 24th June 1771

Mr. Banyar's letter

¹ Lieutenant Colonel John Van Rensselaer.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM HARRY MONRO

In the Johnson Calendar p. 488, is listed a letter of June 25, 1771, from Rev. Harry Munro, Albany, forwarded by Joseph Brent, concerning an attempt to disturb the peace of his congregation. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:452-53; Q, 4:282.)

TO DIRCK BRINKERHOFF

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall June 27th. 1771*

SIR,

I am favored with your Letter of last Month in answer to mine concerning Mr. Tice,— Since which the Lands he is concerned in have been divided, and the Deeds for partition are now preparing so that he will Soon have it in his power to make a Conveyance of his part, on which head I cannot but advise you to accept of his proposals, because I can truly say they are of good Value, from their Situation between two large Settlements, and much nearer to the Market than any other of the new Purchases, neither can I avoid Suggesting that from the State of his circumstances hitherto your debt will be much better secured at any rate, than if he should go about to dispose of it to others — I mention this from honest motives, having not the least concern with his Affairs, but that as I see him now Industrious, I could wish to see him yet enabled to acquire an honest livelyhood,— I believe he has been less carefull but am willing to hope he is not ungratefull Indeed he has always spoken well of his Creditors but I very much doubt whether it has been in his power to pay any large debt as his Charges at first settling here must have gone far into his profits & he was inclined to think that the Land wo^d have been agreable, from the advantages it possesses. If therefore upon farther consideration of the matter, you will accept it, I am really of opinion you'll find your Advantage in it.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

I am much obliged to you for your offer of the Gore of Land but as my Tract is large, & I have caused the rear Line to be well Marked with Monuments. I wd. not incline to take in a piece behind it.

MR DIRCK BRINKERHOFF

INDORSED:

June 27th 1771 —

To Mr. Dirck Brinkerhoff
concerning Mr. Tice.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall June 27th. 1771

DR SIR,

I have had the favor of your Letter of the 10th. Ins^t and about the same time receiving intelligence by Messengers from Tho^s. King that he was arrived with his party at the Scioto plains, the usual Meeting place from whence he had sent belts & Messages to the Sev^l Nations to meet him there,—That he had since sent other Messages to hasten them, but that as these Nations had but newly left that place where they had held a great Council he attributed their delay thereto; and that he purposed to send once more throughout them to Assemble to receive the purport of the Embassy wth which he was charged.—Agreeable to what I mentioned in a late Letter, I sent a Message desiring to speak with the Chiefs of each Nation and have Just now heard that they are on the Road and may be expected down within a few days, when I shall take the best measures I can with them in Consequence of the late Intelligence.—

The Measures taken by the Creeks to restrain the Settlers within bounds, are the best that can be devised, so long as they

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Extend no farther, but It's Extremely difficult to say what lengths either they or the frontier Inhabitants will go, when provoked, as neither pay much regard to Laws or Government

[To] His Excell^y

[L^r GEN^l] GAGE

INDORSED:

June 27th 1771 —

To Lieut Gen^l. Gage

FROM RICHARD SHUCKBURGH

A. L. S.

[] *Schenectady 28 June 1771*

[Do]ctor Muirson fm Long Island who [] kindly of You called at my house this [] piece of Intelligence w^{ch}. I send [] amusement tis quite fresh fr^m N. York [] nothing to add but my best wishes for yr. health mine is restored so far as relates to the acut[e] disorder I complained of lately & am with great respect

Y^r most Obedient & most humble Serv^t.

RICH^d SHUCKBURGH

P. S. this intelligence I got copyed fm a Manuscript he gave me

ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE AT THE ALAMASA RIVER

D.¹

[The battle]² at the Alamasa River was on the 16th. May
[Governor's] Army was 1100.
[The] Regulators — about 3000.

¹ In handwriting of Richard Shuckburgh, and inclosed in his letter of June 28, 1771, to Johnson.

² Battle between the troops of Governor Tryon of North Carolina and the so-called Regulators, May 16, 1771.

The Governour before the Battle sent a Message to the Regulators to Lay down their Arms and Deliver up their Principals or Ringleaders which they refused.

The Governour sent a second Message by the High Sheriff if they did not disperse in one Hour he would fire on them, In Conformity to an Act of Assembly pass'd last Session for that purpose which they also refused and treated both Messages with Contempt.

During the Hour Stipulated the Regulators call'd out for Battle and Some came within the Governour's lines and wounded several of the Governours Army, when the Hour expired the Governour order'd the Coll^o. of the Artillery to fire which he instantly obey'd on which ensued a Heavy fire on both sides for Two Hours. of the Governour's party 10 Kill'd & 60 Wounded, of the Regulators 300 Kill'd & wounded, 30 Prisoners & 60 Horses taken by the Governours party.

A few Days before the Battle a number of Gentlemen from the back Settlements on Horseback well equipp'd offered their Service to the Governour formed themselves into a Troop & were of great Service.

After the Battle the Governour issued a Proclamation to pardon all those who would surrender themselves, deliver up their Arms and take the Oaths of Allegiance, in 12 Days after the Battle 1300 Surrendered and more were daily coming in.

Coll^o. Waddle was intercepted by the Regulators with about 400

This Acc^t. is from a Gentleman who was in the Battle & in the Camp 12 Days after the Battle.

INDORSED:¹

Acc^t of the Battle at the
Alamansee River fought
the 16th. May 1771 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHANNES LAWYER

A. L. S.

Schoharry June 28 — 1771

HONOURED S^R, I have Received the within Letter From m^r William Smith of the City of New York which gives me to understand that your honour and the honourable S^r Henry Moore Deceased have paid their full proportions of their Right In their Right of the Six and thirty thousand acre patent granted to your honour S^r Henry Moore My Self and others tho it is true your honour and S^r Henry Moore has paid their full proportion of the Said 36 thousand acre patent Except the Indian Right and what your honour and S^r Henry Moore has paid more then your par[t] for the Said patent You Shall have again or [] much Land out of the patent to the Value of the money and Desiring that your honour will Send me and answer of what you intend to Do In what is mentioned in the within Mentioned Letter and so No more at present from me your friend and most humble Serv^t

JOHANES LAWYER

ADDRESSED:

To the
Honerable S^r. William Johnson
Att
Johnsons Hall

INDORSED:¹

June 28th. 1771

Mr. Joh^s. Lawyer
rec^d. at y^e. Month
of July —

Ans^d. July 4 []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

MEMORANDUM

D.

June y^e 28th 1771

Memorandum

For Files for the Smith

Three Large Coarse Rubers

Four Flat D^o 8/Four Half Round Large D^o 8/Four Smal Flat D^o 3/6Two three Square Large D^o 3/10Two Ratt tail D^o 2/3

Two Flat Smooths 6/

one Half Round D^o 3/

Four warding files 1/5

 £1-16-0

TO GOLDSBROW BANYAR

In *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:984-85; Q, 2:570, is a letter to Goldsbrow Banyar concerning an Indian who professes to be a Shawanese but appears to be a Pani slave; suggesting that the Indian be allowed to work for his freedom rather than be sent as a slave to the West Indies. Dated June 28, 1771.

FROM WASSEL VAN SCHAICK

A. L. S.

Albany 29 June 1771

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t:

Jest now Recived your faver I have furnist your order excipt the 3 Corse Robbers I had not nor Cole Git them Sheet Iron I Donte No of Any In towne but I Expect it Every Day from home In haste

Sir

Your Humble Servant

WESSEL VAN SCHAICK

INDORSED:¹

Alby. June 29, 1771 —

Mr. Wessel Vanschaiks
Letter & Bill of Parcels

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schindy 29th. June 1771

HONRD. SIR/

I Received Your favore by the post & will Send up a battoe of Coarn to M^r Fondas on Monday Next, June 21th I Sent a battoe Lood to M^r fondas with 4 boxes of pipes 1 bale blanckets N^o 4 one hhad one barrel & 1 Cask not full all three Tobacco

D^o 21 To 1 battoe to D^o. with 8 barrels 13 half D^o. & 1 Quarter Cask of Powder and 4 boxes of Gunns.

D^o 21 to 1 Battoe to D^o. with 7 barrels 16 half D^o of Powder & 4 boxes of Gunns.

D^o 24 To 1 Battoe to D^o. with 10 boxes Gunns 1 hhad Tobacco and Isaac Ross his bar^l. pork.

D^o 26 To 1 Battoe to D^o with 6 Chists Gunns 23 gammons 1 Bell & the hammor & 24 Skippels of Indian Coarn

D^o 26 To 1 Battoe Lood to Canajogaree w^h. 75 Skippels of Indian Coarn and for Joseph 1 plow Shaer & 2 Blankets

The Indian Coarn Came in a bad Condition if I had not to a had a Large please & workt Every Day in it to Eaze it it whould not been good for any Creater it all but happely it Came in a good Dray time to Dray it I dont Douth but M^r Adems aquanted Your Honer of it as he was present when Some of it Came & what Quanty

I am Sir with Complements

Your Most Obediant H. Servant

JN^o B V EPS

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹June 29th. 1771 —

Mr. Van Eps Letter

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bart. &c &c
Johnson Hall

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

*Niagara June 30th. 1771*DEAR SIR W^M.

I have been hear this ten days Extremely ill of a favour. at present I am pritty Well Recovered and Intend seting off In two days this is the Last time we shall be hear for Another Year. I have sent to Mr. Funda Six packs of parchment skins W^t. 632^{lb}.— if you think proper to Let Mr. Campbell have half of them it will be a means to Establish our Credit as You desire We may, however we Leave it Intirely to yourself not having wrote a word to Campbell about them.

I promised you Sir, to give you my Reasons why I dont keep up Any Correspondence with my Brother Francis. before I went to Europe Wells & Wade Owed Frank & Me a Large sum of Money. I being In Phi^a. Frank told me he thought I had better go. I Agreed to it & set of with a full power of Attorney to take Goods or Anything On his Account, & after I rec^d. the Goods was to sell them to be best Advantage. I Arrived at Mon[] was there two Months before I could bring them to [] Settlement. In that time I rec^d. several pressing Letters from Frank, his great Want of Money, I sent him a [] of my Own On Mess^{rs}. Barckley & Jons

¹ In Johnson's hand.

for £300. Ster^g. Money I had Lodged In England. after that I got to the Amount of £1500 Currency In Remnants & Other bad goods which I sold at Publick sale & has shown him the sales & the Goods I rec^d. did not pay me what Frank Owed me besides the £300.— he had a draft from me for £141 more. he was also to pay half my Expences which he has taken Care to Give me no Credit for, still he persists that I Owe him six or seven hundred pounds. I told him My sentiments Clearly about it when In Phi^a. he told me then he hoped if it was Ever In my power that I would not take Advantage of his power. I told him it was no Advantage but doing myself justice. if I had £10000 I never will pay him a farthing of it without he Can Recover it by Law, which I know he cannot having had the Advice of a Imminent Lawyer on it.

[Any] One he thought I had any Connection with he tells [] Writes what Money I Owe him, which is a great prejudice to me. now Sir, I will Let you know his behaviour [to] me. when I was In the Greatest Distress that Man could be, when I came to Phi^a. In a most Deplorable Condition it was an Acquaintance Rec^d. me not my Own flesh & Blood as to Frank he had the Baseness to tell me he Could not Ask me to his house I was such a Vagabond Instead of Softening my Misfortune. neither did I Eat or Drink In his house. Even when I was Leaving Phi^a. he never had the Nature to take Leave or see me, nor to know Whether I had a penny In my pocket. this is a Br^t. with whom I have Laid out thousands of Your Money Sir, & My Own then nothing was too good for me. my Sister was something better, but not much, for she was Constantly Driving daggers to My heart by reproaches for what was past. she gave me but £5.— Coming Away a small sum. but a Worthy friend of mine gave both Cloaths & Money. after such behaviour I am sure I have no Right to Correspond with them. at the same time I wish them All happiness which

I believe is Lost from me [] My Compliments to
Sir John, the Gentlemen & Ladies and believe me to be Eternally

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your faithfull & Most Oblidged
& Most Humble Servant

FERRALL WADE

FROM SERENA JOHNSON BELL

A. L. S.¹

Earsdon }
2 July 1771 }

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP/

I make bold to Write these few lines to your Lordship & to Satisfy you of being my Father, y^r Lordship may think it Strange of not being acquainted Sooner, which I would have done, but I living in a Village in the Country together with the nature of my Birth and being dash'd at such an Undertaking were the Obstacles that retarded my Writing. I hope your Lordship will please to hear the Account I am able to give and what my Mother made me Sencible of before her Death Sometime about Fifty Years since y^r. Lordship lay at Berwick I believe wth the Regm^t you then belong'd to. My Mothers name was Sarah Bassit Daughter of Richard Bassit a native of Ireland, My Mother Sarah Bassit who then was a Young Woman dress'd your Linnen the time you lay in Berwick, she then prov'd with Child to your Lordship but was not discoverd till you were gone from Berwick none of the Family had the Oppertunity of Seeing you since I have been Married 30 Years to one Rich^d. Bell of Earsdon I have born him 5 Sons & 5 Daughters Viz^t Isabella Jane Serena Ann & Mable Ann is dead the rest living the Names of my 5 Sons is Henry Richard John Joseph & William my eldest daughter is Married to one Jos^h: Lamb of Newcastle a

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

very Honest & Credable Man — She has born him 3 Sons & 3 Daughters Viz^t Joseph Rich^d. & John Marg^t. Martha & Isabella as I had not the Happiness of having your Lordship to do any thing for me if you'd please to think upon y^r. Grandchilder or any of y^r. great Grandchilder as they are the fruits from y^r Lordship's Body and by helping them to a little advancement as y^r Lordship may think fit, wou'd be a means of adding a Luster to the Family they have all very good Charectors w^{ch} can be attested and hath behavd themselves very well this far tho they are but Young My Husband bear's an excellent Charector & is esteem'd by all that knows him So I conclude & makes bold to Subscribe my Self y^r Dutifull Daughter

SERENA JOHNSON
but now SERENA BELL

If your Lordship be pleased to Send me an Ans^r. Please to Direct for Richard Bell Heelmaker in Earnsdon to the care of M^{rs} Mary Guardam the Sign of the Blank & Gray in Norpeth Northumberland

ADDRESSED:

To
S^r. W^m. Johnson Bar^t.
at New York
in
North America

INDORSED:¹

Earsdon 2^d. July 1771

Mr^s. Serena Bells letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

CHARLES M^cEVER'S ACCOUNT

D.

William Johnson Bart.

New York July 3^d. 1771

Bot. of Cha^s. M^cEvers

Eight Kegs wht Led Vizt

	c	qr	lb
N ^o 34.....	0	2	7.....5
42.....	0	2	2 ¹ / ₄.....4 ³ / ₄
49.....	0	2	2 ¹ / ₄.....4 ³ / ₄
50.....	0	2	15 ¹ / ₂.....4 ³ / ₄
69.....	0	2	10 ¹ / ₄.....4 ¹ / ₄
74.....	0	2	8 ¹ / ₂.....4 ¹ / ₄
76.....	0	2	8 ¹ / ₄.....4
79.....	0	2	8 ¹ / ₄.....4 ¹ / ₄

4.....2.....6¹/₄.....36

1

8

c

qr

lb

N ^o 4.....	0	26 ¹ / ₄	80/.....£16.....18.....7
1 Cask 24 ^d Nails.....	N ^o 336 ^{lb}		8 ^d.....11.....4.....-
8 Boxes 11 by 9 Glass 50 feet each.....		42/.....	16.....16.....-

1 Box 12 by 10 d° 50 feet.....	2.....	5.....
1 Barrel Linseed Oyl qt. 30/2 G ^s	5/6.....	8.....
Barrell.....	0.....	4.....
1 Barrell Whiting.....	0.....	0.....
6 Painting Brushes.....	1/.....	0.....
		6.....
		—
	£56.....	14.....
		.....4

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Charles McEvers Acct
 for Glass Paint & Nails
 £56..14..4—
 July 1771 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JACOB SNELL

A. L. S.

Canajoharry July 3^d. 1771

HONOURABLE SIR,

I am Desired From William Empie Liveing In Stonraby and Hendrick Wollaber Living on Mr. Henery Vandreesses Land To Trouble Your Honour With a Few Lynes Informing You that they Would take up three Certain Lotts of Land out of Your tract of Land here and are Known By the Name of Lott N^o. 6, N^o. 7 and Lott N^o. 8. if they Could have it upon a Certain Term of So many Years for the Same Rent mentioned In your advertizement That is to Say For 50 or 60 or 70 or 80 Years According to Sr. Williams mind, otherwise For term of three Lives if they Could have it on Such a Condition to take y^e first Life Upon themself and that they Could have the Liberty to Will the other two Lives to their Children afterwards. if Sr. W^m. Would agree to this they Say that their are severall more on Stonraby Which Would then Dispose off their Land and Settle on Your Land. This two persons have Been Down a few Days ago But having hath no Oppertunity to Speake to Sr. W^m. They Further Beg the Favour of Your Honour For an Answer In a Few Lynes

I am

Sir

Your Most Humble

Servant

JACOB SNELL

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London [July 3 1771]

SIR

I had the Honor of writing you [☞ Capt Munds Copy] whereof You have herewith — since which am without [any of

your] Favors — one of the Clerks at the Board of Trade [has wrote me] a Letter that no such Grant has yet been given to Mr Wharton & I fear from some hints that this Gentⁿ is not in the most flourishing Circumstances — Mr Roberts Call'd upon me a few days ago & mention'd His having receved some money from Government on Acco^t of His disbursements & Services & was promis'd a provision in case of any Vacancy in America — I wish he may succeed — but am fearful He don't pay that attention to His own Interest which His own Friends wish Him — every good office in my power shall be extended to Him on Your Account — as I really believe Him to be a very honest though imprudent Man.

We have little or no News Stirring but what the publick prints will inform You of; the Bustle about Sheriff is decided in favor of Wilkes — & some Persons imagine He will be the means of creating fresh trouble in the City — I hope You will not think my Letters impertinent, as they flow from a Motive of Respect — for be assur'd that it will always afford me a particular pleasure in testifying to You how much I am

Sir

Your obliged & obed hble Serv^t

JOHN BLACKBURN

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.
at Fort Johnson
near Albany

To the Care of Mr. John Weatherhead
Merchant
New York

New York 28 Aug^t. 1771

Receivd & forwarded by Sir
Your most Humble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED:¹

London 15th June [] July
1771 —

Mr. Blackburns letters

TO CHARLES INGLIS AND SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 489, are listed two letters of July 4, 1771: one to Rev. Mr Inglis, stating the obstacles to the Christianization of Indians and reasons for their conversion to the English church, mentioning a conference with 300 Indians (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:453-55; Q, 4:282-83); and one to Dr Samuel Auchmuty, considering the English churches at Conajoharee and Johns Town, the Lutheran minister and (William Hanna) in connection with English orders, and the application of the Maryland and Virginia clergy for an American bishop (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:455-57; Q, 4:284.)

FROM DIRCK BRINKERHOFF

A. L. S.

Albany July 4th. 1771

SIR

I had the Honour of Writing you the 25th. May in Answer to Yours of the 23^d. February which did not come to hand until the 8th. May and as have Reason to think you have Rec^d. my Letter it being Deliverd to Major Fonda by the person who Carried it from New York, have been some time in Expectation of your answer, Especially as some part of the Letter Contained Proposals about Exchanging the Gore of Land I had drawn in Glens Patent for one of yours which Coll^o Glen Informed me you was willing to do, therefore Should be Glad if I Could be favoured with a Line from your Honour, as I Shall Stay in Albany untill Tuesday Next and Can by no means Come up

¹ In Johnson's hand.

to your Seat this time otherwise Should with pleasure wait On
you

I am & Remain your Honours Most

Obedient Hble. Servt.

DIRCK BRINKERHOFF

The Hon^e. SIR W^m. JOHNSON

Barronet

TO JOHANNES LAWYER

*Df.*¹

[]

Johnson hall July 4th 1771

I have received your Letter, with the Inclosed one from M^r. Smith concerning the patent near Scohare, The Style of whose Letter a little surprised me because I never once heard of any Attorneys being appointed for the Representatives of S^r. H Moore till I received yours, but on hearing that his Executors were gone from N York was uneasy least it might occasion some difficulty and delay in the Partition of the Lands which I am very anxious to have settled, and as desirous that it may be done soon, as the Representatives can possibly be,— I can therefore see no just reason for M^r. Smiths accusing you of neglect, or writing as he has done, for the reasons I have given, and as the death of S^r. H Moore before the partitions of the Lands may perhaps make an alteration In the Usual forms, and render it necessary for us to act with proper Caution, I really think we should first take the advice of Council respecting the Manner in which we are to proceed, at the same time acquainting M^r. Smith that you & the other parties will as soon as possible do whatever is Just on your parts, you being as desirous to put an end to the business as he can be.—

M^R. JOH^S LAWYER. .

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

INDORSED:

July 4th. 1771.—

To Mr. J Lawyer at
Scohare, concerning the
Patent in w^{ch} the late Sr. H Moore
was concerned.—

POSTAGE ACCOUNT¹

D. S.

Sir William Johnson's Account of Postage				dwt	Gr
1770					
May	11	4 Letters	.....	36	16
	20	1 D ^o	.....	5	8
June	2	1 D ^o	.....	18	16
	25	3 D ^o	.....	14	16
	30	1 D ^o	.....	5	8
Aug ^t	11	1 D ^o	.....	18	16
	17	2 D ^o	.....	20	
	20	1 D ^o	.....	6	16
Sept ^r	2	1 Packet	.....	42	
		1 D ^o	.....	10	
Octo ^r	6	1 Letter	.....	6	
	13	2 D ^o	.....	23	8
	20	1 D ^o	.....	5	8
Nov ^r	9	2 D ^o	.....	14	
	23	2 D ^o	.....	12	
Dec ^r	8	1 D ^o	.....	5	8
	23	1 Packet	.....	28	
1771					
Jan ^y	2	2 Letters	.....	10	
	19	3 D ^o	.....	20	

¹ Inclosed in Monier's letter of July 29, 1771 to Sir William Johnson.

Feb ^y	2	2	D°	14	
Mar ^h	3	1	D°	4	
	10	2	D°	10	
	17	1	D°	5	8
	24	1	D°	14	16
	30	1	D°	4	16
April	6	3	D°	12	
	20	2	D°	11	8
	27	1	D°	5	8
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				Brot ^t forward	383	8
	th				dwt	Gr
				Brot Forward	383	8
May	11	6	Letters	57	8
	25	2	D°	16	
					<hr/>	
					456	16

456..16 at 3^d Sterling
is £9..15..9

JN^o MONIER

Brot. Down £9..15..9

Deduct a Ballance

due to you last

year being overpaid 6...4...9

£3..11....

Due to the Post office

JN^o MONIER

NB There was 41/5½ more due to you, but as that was the amo^t. of Colonel Claus and Johnsons last years Postage, I Stopt it agreeable to Colonel Johnsons order

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnson's
 Acco^t of Postage up to the
 4 July 1771
 £3..11..0

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Niagara 8th July 1771

SIR

Monsieur Maisonville will have the honor of presenting you with this He has mentioned to me some reports that they had lately at Detroit, with regard to the Put,to,wat,ta,mies, and Ke,ca,pus, having taken some white Scalps from Fort Charteres the first one, and the Latter four, Monsieur Maisonville left the Illinoise this Spring and no doubt is able to give you Several particulars — He informs me that His Principal Bussiness at New York is on acco^t of Some Lands that were granted to him and others, by Pondiac and some other Indian Cheifs in the name of their patron in presence of Colonel Croghan, and on which Lands he has expended Considerable Sums of money in Building &^{ca}. He adds that now the Houses are orderd to be evacuated and thrown down. He means to Sollicit your Protection, as you are much better acquainted with the Gentleman's merit & Services than I can pretend to inform you, it is unnecessary for me to say any more on that Subject.

Our Neighbours the Ind^{ns} Still continue to make professions of Friendship, I hope that they are Sincere, They sometimes mention their Expectations of a Visit from you this Season — At,ton,got, has been lately here, he says that he will go no more to War, but will remain in his [] to assist in keeping his people in good order.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most obedient and

Most humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

The Hon^{ble}

SIR W^m JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

July 8th 1771 —

Cap^t. Browns letter

⌘ Mr. Maisonville

Ansrd.—

FROM GEORGE DEMLER

A. L. S.

Bristol on Delaware

July 8th. 1771 —

SIR

last weeck I had the pleasure to receive your favour of 6th. of last month and return you heereby my hearty thancks for the Speedy Conveyance of the Draft on Mr. Mortier, as also for your Kind Expressions in my favour Regarding the works to be Carried on at Philadelphia.

The Peacable accounts we received lately from England have in Some measure put a Stop to the Said works; and the final result wether they are to be put in Execution depends on the Meeting of the Assembly of this Province which is to be next September.— this intervale gives me time to recruit my Health, with the assistance of the Bath heere, of which I have all ready received great benefit.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I remain with my best wishes for your Health & Prosperrity, & with perfect respect

Sir

Your most obedient

& most humble Serv^t

GEO. DEMLER

S^r. WILLIAM JOHNSON.

as Several of my Letters to Mr. Prevost have been very long on the Road before they reached him, I have taken the liberty to enclose one heere and beg youll pardon my freedom in so doing

INDORSED:¹

Bristol on Delaware

July 8th. 1771 —

Mr. Demlers letter

wth. an Inclosure —

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 489, is listed a letter from James Rivington to Sir William Johnson, written at New York City July 8, 1771 acquainting with the arrival of Governor Tryon from North Carolina and with a difference between France and Spain over the Jesuits. Destroyed by fire.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS BARTON

A. L. S.¹Lancaster, July 8th 1771 —

DEAR & WORTHY SIR,

When your most kind Letter, of the 28th. of Feb.:, came to Hand, I had some Reason to apprehend that I was on my Journey to that “far Country, from whose Bourne no Traveller returns” — An Obstruction in my Liver, which I had felt for several Years, attack’d me so severely in the Spring, that I was obliged to go Abroad for Relief — This prevented that Attention, which was due to your Letter; & which I shall ever be ambitious to pay you — By a constant Use of the *Puruvian Bark* I am now in a fair Way of being restored to my former State of Health — I am thus particular that you may know the Cause of my long Silence, & that I may have the better Claim to your Indulgence.

I deem it no small Part of the Felicity of my Life that I have the Honour of Sir William Johnson’s good Opinion & Friendship — I am sure I have much more Reason than he has to “regret the Distance & Peculiarity of Situation”, which seclude us from “a more friendly Intercourse” — I beg Leave therefore to assure him, with great Sincerity, that no merely *selfish* or *mercenary* Consideration should detain me from the Pleasure of a nearer Communication with him — But tho’ I am *for the present* depriv’d of this Satisfaction, yet I cannot relinquish the Hopes that I shall one Day enjoy it, & partake, Worthy Sir, of those “pleasing Prospects”, which you have so elegantly represented —

Your Account of Mr. Stuart does him much Honour — There can be no Doubt but he will do Credit to his Appointment — He is a prudent, sensible, good Man, & will be zealous in the Discharge of the important Duty he has undertaken — I have a

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

Letter from Dr. Burton, of the 5th. of April, in which he observes that the Society are very attentive to all your Recommendations; & are resolv'd, as far as their Funds will allow, to make the Mohawk Country a principal Object of their Attention & Bounty;— at least till such Times as the Government shall be pleas'd to take the Expence of civilizing & instructing the Heathen upon themselves; which, he says, “has been frequently suggested as a prudent Measure both in a political as well as religious View” — And he thinks “Something considerable was intended to have been done this Session of Parliament, & perhaps may be done still, if the present disturb'd State of Affairs at Home will permit” — Whenever this Matter becomes a *national* Concern, as it one Day or other most certainly will, we may expect to see a glorious & compleat Reformation in the Indian Country — To you, Worthy Sir, this pious Work already owes a fair *Beginning* — You have built Churches at your own Expence; & have greatly interested yourself in the Settlement of Missionaries &c.— May you live to experience the happy Effects of your Zeal & Generosity — to feel the Comforts of an applauding Conscience — and to receive the Blessings of Thousands! —

I am sorry to tell you that Mr. Hall has deceived, or rather disappointed, us — He seems desirous to relinquish the Society's Appointment to Conojohare, tho' he strongly solicited & wish'd for it — Perhaps you know a proper Person for that place — If not, one will soon be sent from hence —

Mr. Andrews is capable of making an useful Missionary — From the Reasons you have suggested, there can be no Doubt but his Appointment to Schenectady will be attended with Success.—

You mention your “Improvements in Cultivation” — They are no Doubt great, & must increase every Day — But will you give me Leave to remark that your *Low-Dutch* Farmers know little of Agriculture? — I observ'd that, instead of *ploughing* & *mellowing* the Land, they only *scrape* the Surface with some Kind of Machine fastened to a *single Horse* — I saw the fine

rich Vale between Schenectady & Fort-Johnson managed in that Manner — If the Germans here were to practise such Tillage, our Lands rich as they are, would not yield a Tenth of their present Products — It is no uncommon Thing for fresh Land, in the County of Lancaster, to yield 30 Bushels of Wheat — 40 of Indian Corn — 50 of Oats — 8 hundred Weight of Hemp, or 5 D°. of Hops, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre — I pass'd thro' some of your Lands which want Nothing but the same Cultivation to yield the same Products — You must therefore drop Farming *alamode de Hollander*, & adopt that of the *Conestogo Germans*, & you will soon have a flourishing & valuable Country — The County of Lancaster (which 40 Years ago was, by the English, call'd the *Back Woods*, & by the Germans the *Bush*, i. e. the *Desert*) would now, with its Improvements, sell for *half a Million* of Money — This may, at first, appear exaggerated — But let it be considered that there is very little Land here, notwithstanding the great Expence of Land Carriage, which would not sell for £ 10 an Acre; & some for much more, tho' (what is very strange!) Land may be purchased for half that Sum within a very few Miles of the Capital — This is not owing to the Difference in Quality, but to the great & deserved Reputation which the *Conestogo Lands* have obtained by the excellent Culture & Management of the High Dutch — While I am saying so much in Favour of our Agriculture here, I must not forget to mention the Progress we have likewise made in some of the *Arts*, which have been lately introduced among us — At Manheim, a little Village about 9 Miles from Lancaster, one Henry William Steigle has erected a Glass-Furnace, & has actually made as good *Flint-Glass* as any in England — He intends to carry on this Business in a very extensive Manner, as he receives great Encouragement. In a few Days he intends to send you some little Specimen of his Manufacture, as a Mark of his Esteem for your Character —

In the Article of Silk the People here are also likely to succeed — A few Families in and about this Town have raised

above 150 thousand Cocoons this Summer — The Success & Profit of this Experiment have been so great, that in all Probability almost every Family in the County will, in a little Time, raise more or less — The Process is extremely simple & easy — The whole of it is contained in half a Sheet of Paper, which shall be sent you whenever you desire it — Raw Silk is a valuable Commodity — It does not interfere with the Mother Country; & may therefore be made an acceptable Remittance.— What would you think of introducing this Manufacture among the Inhabitants of Johnstown? — I forget whether you have the Mulberry Tree — If not, it is easily propagated — We find that the English & Italian Mulberry may be raised with as little Difficulty, as the Native The former yields a most delicious Fruit; & the latter (the Italian) is suppos'd to produce the best Food for Silk Worms. Every Family who intends to raise Silk should plant at least 20 Trees near their House — One Person, with 2 Children of 12 Years old each, will be able to manage as many Worms as may, in Six Weeks, produce 50 pound's Worth of Silk, which is infinitely more than they could earn any other Way — I cannot help thinking but that some of the Indian Women & Children might be brought to apply themselves to this Business, especially when they found it so profitable —

You have heard of a *China* Manufactory being establish'd at Philadelphia — Some pretty good China has been made there, but so large is the Capital required to carry it on, & so violent & powerful will be the Opposition of the East India Company to it, that, without *publick* Encouragement the Proprietors will be obliged to drop it —

I am much obliged to you, Sir, for having thought of me respecting a Piece of Land." — I never had a Wish to ingross any Quantity; but to secure some clever Spot, where I might seat myself, in Case my Zeal should ever carry me into the *Mohawk Country* — The Reasons you have assign'd, for not pushing this Matter for me, are quite satisfactory — I shall there-

fore entirely acquiesce, & think no more of the Affair — Adieu, my dear & worthy Sir; & “may as many Years attend you as may be honourable & happy”! — This is the Prayer of
Your faithful & affectionate humble Serv^t.

THO BARTON

P. S. Pardon the Liberty of troubling you with the enclosed— I know not how to forward it, but thro’ your Care.—I send you, by Mr. Steigel’s Request, a small Sample of his *Glass* — He would willingly present you with Something valuable, but is prevented by the Expence of Carriage —

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Lancaster July 8th. 1771

The Revr^d. Mr. Bartons
Letter —

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London [July 10, 1771]

DEAR SIR

nothing Ever was so great [a] disapointment as writing to you from this Place which I was in hopes of taking my Final Leave of Several months ago but am so Extreemly unhappy that I am not able to get all my Creditors to agree to the Termes the most of them are willing to allow me, indeed Some of them will not do or Say any thing this number is but small but it is the Same thing in my Situation as if the whole were of that opinion. I am Very well Convinced they are willing and wish for my Removal into your Neighbourhood where as Soon as I am a Little Settled they will make their demands upon me this

¹ In Johnson’s hand.

is what I am Resolved never to put in their power. I have said and done all I Could to induce them to Come to Some Termes have asked a Lycence [] the End of which [] deliver up Every Farthing I have [and] then trust to their goodness for a discharge. [I] have Convinced them that I have been this three years Support'd almost wholly by your Bounty and that I have no Prospect of getting into any Business that may Support my Family or do any thing for them but by your means, and that tho^h. you are so kind as to assist me and my Family they have not the Least Right to Expect or Even think you will or Can pay any money I owe, and that notwithstanding the Terrible Situation I am in which would be altered the moment I Leave this Place, I Cannot and will not Leave it before my Affairs are so Settled that I may do it with Safety, as this will be only adding more troubles to those I am already unhappily involved in, I am Sure by the last of may Every thing of this Sort would be Finished or I Should have taken [] method Nor [] [] able to pay their debts presented [] our Assembly in may (and I was [] Prep'd to do the Same) all of whom g[ot] the Relief they asked for — I Still am in hopes my Cretiders will do what I ask of themselves and Shall Set out for Mr. Beverly Robinsons next Tuesday and if I am so happy as to Succeed hope to see you almost as soon as this gets to hand.

I have delayed Writing being fully perswaded Every Post would Bring me what I desired and that I might be able to Set out for the Hall. Living now in a Strange way here I know your goodness and Benevolent dispo[sition] so well that I am sure my Distress will give you pain but I hope I Shall have your approbation in not Moving untill I can settle my Affairs so as to do it without fear of [] with Lawsuits [] [] things on this Subject but it is [] agreeable. I am afraid I have already troubled you two much. I will see you very Soon whether I get my matters Settled or not I Still have the greatest hopes they will be Finished to my Satis-

faction, and am with M^{rs} Chews and my best Respects and most Earnest wishes for your health and Happiness

Dear Sir

Yr most Dutifull

& most Obed^t Serv^t

JOS CHEW

The Hon^{ble}

S^R W^M JOHNSON Barr^t

INDORSED:¹

July [] 1771 —

Mr. Chews letter

TO THOMAS BRADBURY CHANDLER²

*Df.*³

Johnson hall July 10th 1771

SIR,

Your very friendly Letter of the 30th of May did not come to my hands till yesterday, when a Gentleman delivered it to me who accidentally found it at an house in Albany, but knew nothing of the *farther Defence*⁴ which I suppose accompanied it neither have I heard any thing farther of it Except that D^r Auchmuty has mentioned your kind Intentions.— I must own, at the same time that I Give you my most kind thanks for sending this publication to me That I consider myself greatly disappointed in not having it in my power to tell you how much I am gratified with this farther Instance of your distinguished Abilities in favor of

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Rector of St John's Church, Elizabethtown, N. J.

³ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

⁴ "He published an appeal to the public in behalf of the church of England in America, 1767; a defence of his appeal, 1769; a further defence of his appeal, 1771."—William Allen, *The American Biographical Dictionary*.

our Church, as I am fully persuaded from your former publications that the perusal of this would have yielded me new Satisfaction, and proved a fresh Testimony of your Zeal & Capacity for Vindicating its Conduct.

As I hear Mr Wetherhead left N York sometime ago tho' he has not been as yet here I will not despair of getting your present as possibly it may be in his hands and that he chuses to deliver it in person

It is impossible to avoid some degree of personal altercation in Controversies that have subsisted for anytime, I am under no apprehension of finding you to have given in too much to what you Justly Stile an Epidemical Evil, your former productions are proofs that you Stand in little need of such resources.—As for the little part which I take in these matters I think it the duty of every good Man to contribute all in his power to promote the Interests of a Church, that has such Strong pretensions to protection and I only wish that my endeavors were of consequence enough to Intitle more to the Compliment you pay me.—I am fully persuaded that by perseverance we shall at last attain the Object of our reasonable Wishes, but this Subject I shall not at present inlarge upon, as I am in hopes of recovering the Pamphlet, & paying the Tribute due to its Merit in another Letter.—In the mean time allow me to assure you of the true friendship with which I am &c

DR. CHANDLER

TO HECTOR THEODORE CRAMAHE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson hall, July 11th 1771*]

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During a Congress with the [] at this place I have been visited by 22 Indians Dep^{ys} from the Village of Caghnawaga in your Government who represent that

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

two Indian Families there have expressed an Intention to bring some French Families & Settle them on the Lands reserved for their common use, the ill consequences of which and the bad tendency of such a precedent they have fully enlarged upon, & particularly intreated my interposition to prevent it — Sensible of the propriety of their objections to such Settlements but at a loss how to prevent them effectually, I Judged it best to mention it to you In whose power I apprehend it is to restrict White Men from Indⁿ Lands so circumstanced.

It would be no difficult matter for me to point out to you the many just reasons for Gratifying the request of the Indians and for preventing Settlements, that will be the cause of much Trouble, & disturbance, but as I am now in the midst of a Treaty I have scarcely a Moments Time to Spare, & as Coll Claus who goes forthwith to Canada, can lay them fully before you I take the Liberty of referring you to his Information concerning these particulars, persuaded that You will take any Step in your power that is necessary for preserving the Quiet of that part of your Province, and restoring Tranquillity to the Indians.

I am with much Esteem

Sir
,&c

The Honble HECT^R.
THO^S. CRAMAHE Esq^r.
Comd^r. in Chief
of y^e. Province of Quebec¹

INDORSED: ,

July 16th 1771 —

To the Hon^{ble}. Hect^r. Theo^s.
Cramahe Esq^r Lt. Gov^r.
of the Prov^{ce}. of Quebec.

¹ This addition in Johnson's hand in place of "Lt. Govr. of Quebec" which is crossed out in the manuscript.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York July 15th 1771*

DEAR SIR,

I thank you for your Letter of 27th. June, and hope you will receive such Answers from the Sioto Indians, to the Messages delivered by Thomas King, as will insure Tranquility. I have late Letters from the Lakes, every thing quiet at Niagara and Detroit, at Missilimakinac there is News of Quarrells amongst Many Nations. I send you an Extract of my Letter on those Subjects.

The French at the Illinois and Post Vincent complain of our Setting the Cherokees and Chikesaws to molest them and that the Death of Pondiac committed by a Peorie of the Illinois, and believed to have been excited by the English to that Action, had drawn Many of the Ottawas and other Northern Indians towards their Country to revenge his Death. These Circumstances occasions they say great Fear amongst the Inhabitants, who pray for Redress.

They are turning the Tables upon us, by way of answering our Complaints against their own Intrigues. I am with great Regard

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGESR. W^m. JOHNSON Bart^t.INDORSED: July 15th 1771

General Gages letter
wth. an Inclosure

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

INDIAN PROCEEDINGS

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:282-83, is an extract from Johnson's proceedings of July 16th with the Six Nations, in which the latter declared their fidelity to the English, attribute any past attempt to disturb good relations to Gaustarax, the Chenussio chief, now dead, and make known their efforts to restore peace about the Ohio river.

FROM PETER MIDDLETON

A. L. S.

N York 17th. July 1771

D^R. SIR

Tho we seldom write to one another, I flatter myself that we do not however forget one another. I take the Liberty of introducing to your Acquaintance and good Offices M^r. Middleton, who delivers this. He is a Gentleman of S. Carolina, who is led by Curiosity to visit your Castle, and to make a Tour to the Lakes. You will find him a very agreeable & polite Companion, & I shall consider myself as much obliged to you for any Civilities you may show him. I have requested M^r Banyar to write you also, & shall therefore referr you to him for Politicks and an Acc^{tt}. of our New Governor.

I hope you have recovered your Health and Spirits And that you will venture to visit your old Friends in N. York some of these Days; at least I hope you will not pass us again, as in going to N. England. I beg my kind Compliments to S^r. John, to M^r Johnson & M^r Claus.

I am D^r. Sir with great Respect

your most obed^t. Serv^t.

INDORSED:¹

PETER MIDDLETON

July 17th. 1771 —

D^r. Middletons letter

⌘ his Namesake

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GOLDSBROW BANYAR

A. L. S.

New York 18th July 1771

DEAR SIR WILLIAM

I take the Opportunity of saluting you by Mr Middleton a Gentleman of Carolina (recommended warmly to our Friend Doctor Middleton) who I understand proposes paying his Respects to you on his Way to Niagara and the Tour of Quebec; should any thing prevent the Prosecution of this Design he has been so good to promise to forward my Letter which I shall not therefore confine solely to the Request that you would shew him those Civilities which I know he would receive from you without my Intercession, and to which his own Merit so well intitles him. The Arrival of our new Governor Mr. Tyron has no doubt reach'd you 'eer this Time. His Fame was loudly proclaimed by all our Advices from North Carolina and if a Judgment can be formed from the little observation as yet in my Power to have made, Experience will confirm the good opinion we have received of him from Persons of Distinction in the Government he so lately left. He is sensible affable and of a most engaging Address Lord Dunmore soon embarks for Albany intending to reconnoitre the Lands he has just patented East of Crown Point about 20 Miles, or something more. Had he staid amongst us, he promis'd soon to have settled it from his own Country and I believe he has not yet laid aside that Design. You cannot conceive how reluctantly he leaves this Province which you will discover immediately from his Conversation should he visit your Territories — He still I am told indulges the delusive hope of being reinstated in this his favourite Government. But the late Atchievement of Governor Tryon equally inclined to fix himself here, will I conjecture even bear down the great Weight of his Lordship's Interest. I feel for his Disappointment, but since the Removal seems absolutely determined, the great

Merit of his Successor, not a little Consolatory. I am Dr. Sir William with the utmost Sincerity

Your affectionate &
obed^t. humble Servant

G^w BANYAR

I received your Favour of
the 25th. June

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

July 18th. 1771 —

Mr. Banyars letter
☞ Mr. Middleton

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schindy July 20th 1771

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[] the block & Takell in the []
or box is not Come here Iet, or []
but I wrote by the post to Mr Cartwright to Send all ameadiatly
I have here in my Stoor 5 Kags paint 1 Cask of Nails 9 boxes of
Glass 1 barrel Oile & 6 paint brushes which I shall all forward
as Soon as the Rest Comes. I have here Coll^o. G. Johnsons
old Read 2 handed battoe which I think ^{ll}. Doe verry well for
Mr Bunt I have gate hure Calked pritty thite here is a New
one I Could buy for £6. .0. .0 but I belive that I Shall Send
the old one I am Sir Your Most

Obediant & Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Line destroyed by fire.

I have here the Great Sinnecoe Indian and Company & also Cap^t Th^s. Willman with his

INDORSED:¹

July 20th. 1771 —

Mr. Van Eps Letter

FROM LORD ADAM GORDON

A. L. S.

[*Peterhead July 21 1771*]

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[] Course, and would [not] have been so [long] unacknowledged, but for a variety of [] [] detail of which, I will not trouble you with [at] present; only, I must say — You do me but Justice, when you assure Yourself, that no avocation of any Nature, can abate the Esteem, and well founded Regard, I shall ever preserve, for your Person, and for your Family.—

The Letter you mention to have wrote me last March, that is, in 1770 — never came to my hand, But I acknowledge receiving one from Sir John dated Jan^y. 1769, which tho I did not answer, I did, what (from the Contents of it) I thought, would be most acceptable to him.—

Long before this reaches You, the Rumours of War will be over — and what I regard, as a very sure omen, of seeming Peace is, a notice I have had, from the war Office, that H. M. intends []ing the West India Reg^{ts}. in the Course of the next Spring — in which number, mine is included — [were] there any likelihood of War — that measure would never be adopted — because a Body of [sea]soned troops, in such Countries, is of the greatest consequence — as to season them takes a time []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

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 [] and Experience []
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 [] them, to that uncommon degree of Esteem [you] are justly held in — by the various nations of Indians, bordering upon, and at the Back of, all our American Settlements, and as a friend to the whole, I cannot help wishing, Your son Sir John would sometimes turn his thoughts to that Quarter.—I think it was a Pity — at the last peace — that we did not insist on the sole right of Navigation on the Missisipi — and give to the Spaniards all the land to the Westward of that river — this would have cutt off all Indian Intercourse, but with ourselves — & they would then have been under a necessity, of being supplied from us — or not at all — as it is, I suppose the French & Spaniards, not only supply them, in Part, but poyson their minds against us, into the Bargain — This You will know much better, and I would like to know your Sentiments, on that matter — for, as the French have ceded all to Spain — in Peace even (was it held tantam[ount that] such a negotiation might be attempted — and [] Equivalent found, to please Spain — We now find the Passage by Iberville, merely Ideall, & never can be rendered beneficiall to Commerce —

[]¹
 [] are to me []
 [] offering — and I am sure You will feel very great Satisfaction, in having so greatly contributed to it — It in no degree surprises me, that it should be so — tho it begins to alarm the landed Interest here — that so many of their young, and usefull hands should migrate to America.—and yet, I see no possibility of preventing it; for any attempt to that purpose (like persecution in Religion) would only incite greater curiosity, & render men more obstinate to go.—

I am obliged to You for the steps you have so kindly taken on my Account, exceedingly obliged to You, I assure You — and

¹ Line burned off.

Season happens, I should like to have a few more, of the commonest hardy sorts about You — with the names of each, either to Leith, or to London, if to the first place for me — to the Care of Mr John Gordon Land Surveyor there — if to the last — to the Care of Mr Harry Foot Strand — London.—The D^s sends You her best Comp^{ts} and bids me assure You, was she strong and well — She'd be glad to make you a Visit — Col Morris left us here this morning — and we have the Duke & D^s of Gordon, and much other company here at present—It being the best season for drinking the Mineral Water here, & for Bathing in the Sea, a practice, of late years, grown extremely fashionable all over Britain.—

I now putt an end to this long letter, by sincerely wishing You every happyness this Life affords — to hear that You enjoy Health and Spirits, will be the most acceptable news, You can at any time, convey, to My Dr. Sr. William

Yours most warmly

& cordially

AD. GORDON

New Gov^r Tryon, is a very
[]lly man — and a very old
friend, and bro^r officer of mine.

[] JOHNSON B^t. &ca &ca

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{le}.

Sir William Johnson B^{tt}. &ca &ca

At Johnson Hall by

New York

INDORSED:¹

[] 1771

[] Gordons Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

Albany July 22^d 1771

HONOURED SIR

I just received a letter from Mr. Isaac Low, one of the Petitioners of the Lands roughly described on a Map I Left at the Hall, with orders to purchase of the Indians, the Lands so described, for the persons particularized on said map; with a map of the same, On which is Certified by Mr. Banyer the Grant, Of their petition praying Leave to purchase, the 31 Octobr, 1770 Should have sent up the Map, but as the certificates are on it, fear it should miscarry, intend to bring it Up myself, after being favour^d. with your Letter, about The affair, Interim, think it my Duty to Acquaint Your Honour of it, and Desire you^{ll}. please to inquire of the Indians the price they will ask for all the Lands Above the west Branch of Hudsons River, on that Map, As I now have orders to purchase for them Gentlemen, Think it best to do it all together, or that way Which Shall be prescribed by your Honour, on Whose Advice and Asistance, Depends the success of, Hon^d. Sir, Your Honours,

Most Obedient,

Most Obliged, Very Humble Serv^t.EBEN^R. JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON ———

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Bart.
at
Johnsons Hall

INDORSED:¹Alby. 22^d. July 1771

Mr. Jessups letter
Ansrd. 7th. Aug^t.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HENRY TEN EYCK JR

L. S.

[Albany 22^d. July 1771]

[]¹
[] them the Bail Bond, in order for them []
for want of Special Bail — I have often acquainted Cap^t Tice
with this Matter and requested him (in order to avoid the Con-
sequence of the assignment of the Bail Bond) to file special Bail,
which has hitherto not been complied with. As I am by my
Office Obligated to make such an Assignment or sufferd prose-
cution against myself I have postponed it untill I could give you
an oppertunity to be apprized of this Matter, well knowing how
disagreeable it must be to Assign a Bail Bond, where you are
a party to Such Bond you'll be pleased to favour me with an
Answer by the Bearer & remain

Hon^d Sir,

With the greatest Esteem

your very humble Servent,

HENRY TEN EYCK Jun^r.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Baronet

@ Johnston Hall

INDORSED:²

July 22^d. 1771 —

The Sheriffs Letter —

¹ Line destroyed by fire.

² In Johnson's hand.

JOHN BLACKBURN'S INVOICE
D. S.

Spow Water	12/.....7..4	
4 Baskets6	7..10
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[] qt —		
1 Blue Cloth N° 1..16 for 151 yds.....	7/	5...6..9
1 Blue Shalloon	31/	1..11..—
5 Emboss'd Serges { 23.2 23.1 } 93 yds ..	15/	5..16..3
4 { 22.2 24 }		
1 Red & White.....29½.....	15½	1..18..1
5 Welch Cottons 112.106.107.2 104.2 536	15	33..10..—
Measuring Folding tilletts y ^e Cloth Packg &c.....		1..—
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[] 6 A Bale q ^t		49..2..1
3 pair 10/4 Blanketts (fine).....	26/	3..18
2 Cotton Counterpains 10/ fine.....	25/	2..10
Packing &c.....		3
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[] 13 A Case q ^t		6..11....
29½ Ells Garlix Holland N° 11463.....	6/2	8..19..7
29½ Ells.....d°.....11469.....	7/4	10..16..4
¼ ^{lb} fine Sewing Thread.....	20/	.. 5..
1 Demp Cambrick...N° 247.....	68/	3.. 8..
1 D°	72/	3..12..
Case.....		1..6

Duty on 2 Demys.....@ 1/6	3..-
Post Charges of Entry on Certificate goods	5..-
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2 ps Best Stripe Blankets.....97/	9..14..
Packing &c.....	3..
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JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹

London 25th July 1771

Invoice of Sundrys
Sent by Jn^o Blackburn
amt^s. to £107..12..9

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS GAGE

Df.¹*Johnson hall July 25th. 1771.*

DEAR SIR/

I Am favored with your Letter of the 15th. Inst, with the inclosure, and with regard to that part relating to the Powtewatamies, I look upon it to be a Scheme of that troublesome people, with design to Create Misunderstandings and occasion a disturbance, Capt Turnbuls² Answer to those of Arbre Croche,³ was therefore very Judicious

I do not believe that the French at the Illinois &c are under so many apprehensions as they would have us believe, Their Situation may at Some time Expose them to danger, but that is unavoidable.—

By some Indians Just arrived I have an account that Thomas King⁴ is on his way back, and may be here in [*about fortnight*] less than a Month.—

Mr. Maisonville who will have the honor of waiting on you at N York has requested that I would mention his Suit to you about the Lands at Detroit, the particulars I need not to enlarge upon, but I am persuaded that on a plain Representation of them, you will Shew him favor If it can be done with any propriety, and I think it but Justice to him to say that he has demonstrated himself an Useful Man & fast friend to the English, and that I Consider Cadot & him as the Two Most faithfull Men amongst the French.⁵—

I have had the Indians here for Sev^l. Days & have [*settled finished the business they came upon*] at last bro^t. things to a

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

² Captain George Turnbull of the 6th regiment, in command at Michilimackinac.

³ North of Little Traverse bay, Mich.

⁴ Returning from the Indian congress at Scioto Plains, June–July, 1771.

⁵ Alexander Maisonville and Baptiste Cadot.

General Romanzow was to pass the Danaub the middle of
May. The Queen has produced another [] child.

I am Sir William

Your most faithfull Serv^t

JAM^s RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED:

To

S^r W^m Johnson Bart

at

Johnson hall

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

[*Albany July 29 1771*]

SIR

I now Inclose you your Account¹ of Postage of Letters up
to the 4th. July inclusive, the day that all accounts with the Post
Office must be finally Settled, Agreeable to the new Regula-
tion, so that you will be pleased to Transmitt me the Amount
of said Account or the Balance being £3. .11. .0 any time
betwixt this, & 10 days. I am Respectfully

Sir

Your very hu Servant

JN^o. MONIER

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

On His Majesty's Service

To

Sir William Johnson Baronet

At

Johnson Hall

¹ Printed under date of July 4, 1771.

INDORSED:¹July 29th. 1771 —

Mr. Moniers letter

[] his Acc^t. Ansrd.

& paid by Gallinger

August 8th.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.²*London 1st August 1771*

SIR

I am Honor^d with your obliging Letter of the 25th May which came to my Hands on the 15th Ult^o enclosing therein 4 Bills Value Two hundred & four pounds Seven Shillings & Nine pence which are accepted & when at Maturity will be to Your Credit in said Sum — Lieut Roberts has not Call'd upon me of late, & His having quitted His old Lodgings, makes me at a loss where to find Him — as soon as I have the pleasure of seeing Him, Shall Urge a Compliance with Your Request for the payment of the £100 —

About a Month ago there were some hopes of seeing an accomodation between Russia & the Porte — & if that had taken place, it might have accelerated a termination of all disputes & Grudges between the other Powers of Europe — unhappily there seems no prospect at present of a Reconciliation between Russia & the Turk — & according to my breed of Politicks, they will shortly draw in France & Us to Aid take a part in their Quarrell — Lord Townsend will continue in Ireland some time longer — Lord Hilsborough Setts off for that Kingdom the beginning of next week upon a Visit to his Friends & the Business of His Estate — from some Hints given me I can forsee that all is not peacable in our Court for there seems at least a preparation for a contrary Event — Lord North stands fix'd

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² The Johnson manuscripts contains an unsigned copy of this letter.

as Minister, having the confidence of the King — I observe by Your letter, that the French are endeavouring to play off their old & usual Engines in Your part of the World — but I hope the Indians through Your kind interposition & from a consideration of the inability of France to assist them effectually, will dispise their Emissaries

I have shipp'd on Board the Hope Cap^t Miller sundry Articles as ^{an} Invoice enclos'd which hope will arrive safe & in good Season — the Spa Water is genuine & I flatter myself is so well pack'd as to Escape any accident of Breakage — am sorry for the Fate of the other. fearing You might suffer by the disappointment I have this moment sent one of my Clerks again to Mr Martin & Mr Marquise & if their little matters can be got ready, shall put them under the care of Cap^t Miller — the Strouds & Flannells are not yet come out of the Country, so that I must deferr sending those untill the departure of the Britannia who will Sail in about a Fortnight from hence — however if they should arrive sooner & any other Ship sails in the interim, they shall be dispatched by Her — It is amazing to see the demand for all kind of Woolens to Phila^a & S^o Carolina, insomuch that our Manufacturers have not it in their power to Execute the whole — I shall not trespass further on Your time at present as I shall have an opportunity of paying my Comp^{ts} to You so shortly save to Request [the] tender of my Comp^{ts} to Sir John & offers of Services to every part of Your Family & Connections with assurance of my being

Sir

Your much obliged & most obedient

Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹

August 1st. 1771 —

Mr. Blackburns letter
wth. an Invoice —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.

Williamsburgh 2^d August 1771

SIR

Being in hopes of having the honor of finding you at home, disengaged of Company, I waited heere the return of the Governor, but Sir John informs me of your intending to return to Sacondaga, which deprives me at this time to wait on you.

I requested Sir John to inform you of my katskill Lands remaining unsold, this was in Consequence of the Lawyer Mr. W^m Smith advice to me, and the impropriety in my giving a Warantee Deed, after the Advertizement of Mr. Lott in the publick papers which however Mr. Smith assures me that if I would present Lott with a trifle he would engage to gett me a Quit Claim for my possetion there, but that if I would wait a litle longer, he is well convinced my Lands will be worth triple the Sum I am now offerd, as Col^o. Maitland proposes [] that affair Setled very Soon, & in Consequence of my being now prevented of Selling to receive Large Damadges from Lotts party — having this prospect, I gott Mr. Low the buyer of my Lands at Otsego to Release me from my first Contract, Depending upon your kind assurance of assisting me with my Exchange to L^t. Demler for which I will either assign you one of my future pay for the payment of the principal & interest or Consign what may arise from my katskill Lands & two of the best farms at Otsego Lake; — for the Sum arrising for the Sale of my farm is hardly Sufficient to pay what I owed M^{rs} De Visme and the purchasing of a few Stores Such as Pork Rum & Sugar and paying litle trifling Debts, Excuse Dear Sir this disagreeable Detaill and my intruding upon your goodness for the pecuniary assistance. L^t. Demler will expect to find the ballance £165 Ster^s. either in the hand of Mr. Wallace or Some one you will order, on the Arrival of the Commissions, which where expected every hour in New York;

I propose procuring the indulgence of remaining the remainder of this Sumer & Winter in these parts I have received Some hopes upon that Subject; however if Major Skeene whom I Saw in York succeeds in procuring me to be appointed to do his duty in Canada, then indeed I Shall loose no time in repairing to that Country, as there is Some litle thing to be made by that, which I cannot neglect

Mr. H. Wallace & Lady where gone to the Jerseys therefore did not See them when in New York, the new Governor Seems to gain greatly in the Affection of the poeple, he is worthy of your acquaintance

I leave this to return home [] Mrs Prevost Requests her most Sincere Respects and I have the honor to be with the utmost Regard & Gratitude

Very Honord Sir

Your most Obed &

most Humb Servant

AUG PREVOST

P. S. I have received no Acc^t. from Mr. Croghan, Since I was at the Hall, but I was luky in meeting with the Barrack Master of Pittsburgh returning express, by whom I wrote fully to him & hope for an Answer in five Weeks at most the exigencies of Some of his affairs requiring his Sending me an Answer Speedily

INDORSED:¹

August 2^d. 1771 —

Augustine Prevosts

Letter———

Ansrd. 7th. August

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.¹*La chine* 3^d. Aug^t. 1771.—

HONORED SIR

After a journey of 9 days and very sultry weather all the while I arrived at this place the 1st. Ins^t.— Captⁿ. Coghran² who commands at Crownpoint has every time I past his post showed me all the civilities imaginable particularly in forwarding me, this being now the second time he ordered the Sloop to cross with me, he desires his sincere Compliments to you and talks of going to England this Summer or Fall, he has been for some years the eldest Captⁿ. in the Regim^t. and the younger ones purchasing Majorities over his head is rather discouraging I believe he intends to trye to go out on Capt^s. full pay w^{ch}. is often granted to old Officers. Benzell³ & he cant well agree the former being so elated wth. his new Appointm^t. & sometimes attempts to encroach upon the Comdg. Officers prerogatives w^{ch}. the other justly is very tenacious off, it seems they are so lavish at home in making new Appointments & Offices here, that they are very much put too in finding out new Names for s^d. Employ^{ts}. Mr. Benzells Commission makes him Inspector of His Maj^s. Forrests, Woods & unimpropriated Lands on Lake Champlain & Canada, w^{ch} I find he got by Recommendation of the late Sr. Harry Moore,⁴ Lord Dunmore and the Swedish Ambassador in London; Some body ought to be ready to succeed him as he wont enjoy it long, having adopted my Friend Wethersbrooms method of draming it Morning Noon & Night, & he is already far gone, he has £300 Here p Ann^m. besides

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

² Probably Captain Gavin Cochrane of the 62d (60th) regiment.

³ Lieutenant Adolphus Benzell, appointed Inspector General of His Majesty's Forests etc. in 1771.

⁴ Sir Henry Moore, famous British general; Colonial Royal Governor of New York, 1764-69.

travell^g. Exp^s: & Deputies as many he thinks necessary @ 5/
Ster^g. p^r. diem.

On my Arrival at Caghnawagey¹ the chiefs &c. came to bid me well come at the house I put up there, one John Stacey who was taken pris^r. in Cap^t. Parkers² Affair & married that little white Squaw that was at your house the other day & complaind of Philip's Wifes ill usage to her, w^{ch}. I find to be a quite differt. Story here. Thom Wileman³ at this Meeting of the chiefs & in my presence showed some Belts from the 6 Nations for cover^g. the graves of the chiefs that lately died here, but did not touch upon the Aff^{rs}. that brought him down to you & I soon after found to be an exaggerated party Complain w^{ch}. I intend to make him sensible of the first public Meeting, at the same time prevail upon the Minority to be quiet & give up their point, w^{ch}. I think they will comply with. I have forwarded your Letter to Mr. Cramahe⁴ & expect an answer by next Saturday & whether he'll want me at Quebec. The Caghawagey chiefs showed me also a Letter from the Dep^s. they sent last Fall to the Miamees wth. your Messages; they write that they have executed their Ambassy agreeable to your Desire & that they should leave other particulars to their Arrival w^{ch}. is hourly expected. There has been no Nations as yet from the upper Country and by y^e. Acco^{ts}. from there all is quiet.—

I intend going to Montreal to day & have Mr. Perthuis⁵ & St. Johns⁶ News who I am told await my Arrival impatiently what

¹ Caghnawaga or Sault St Louis near Montreal, Canada, occupied by Mohawk Indians from New York who had been converted to Catholicism and persuaded by the French to go to Canada.

² Apparently Colonel Parker's disaster near Sabbath Day Point, Lake George, on July 26, 1757.

³ Thomas Wildman.

⁴ Hector Theo's Cramahé, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec; commander in chief.

⁵ L. Perthuis, Indian interpreter.

⁶ St John Russeau, Indian interpreter employed by Claus.

for I cant imagine; St. Luke le Corne¹ I learn has nothing to do in Indⁿ. Matters since Gen^l. Carleton² left this, his having chang^d. Religion is a Burlesk, he rec^d. a letter from his Son in Law La Nodiere³ (:who went home with the Gov^r. to be Maj^r. in the intended Canadian Battⁿ. he is now an Offic^r. in the french Service:) in w^{ch}. Letter he says that he could converse as intimately wth. the King as he would wth. his horse, a great Credit to M^r. Carleton for introducing such Coxcombs to the King of England and get them Knighted as they will have it here, there is no certain Acco^{ts}. when or whether at all the Gov^r. will be out, but the french have it among themselves, that he is not to return and Col^o. Robinson is to be Gov^r. in his Room.—

Since my Arrival in Town I saw M^r. Goddard⁴ who left Londⁿ. the 25th of Apr^l. last, he tells me Rodgers⁵ is in jail again & at last found out & despised by his former Patrons.— Roberts⁶ driving in his Charriot & keeping a house & Lady in the Country, & twas thought he could not be long without sharing Rodgers fate; At the same he frequents Lord Hillsboroughs Levy, & talks away, in particular he heard him express himself very oddly & ungratefully towards you & Departm^t. before Gen^l. Carleton, w^{ch}. I suppose is what M^r. Blackburn hints upon ab^t. his going on in Londⁿ. I intend having a tete a tete Conversation wth. Goddard to acquaint you wth. what I can farther learn; in the interim I must conclude the post closing at 6 p. m. And remain with Duty & Respect

Hon^d Sir

Your Obedient Son

DAN. CLAUS

¹ St Luc de la Corne or La Corne St Luc.

² Guy Carleton, Governor General of Canada; Earl of Dorchester after the American Revolution.

³ La Naudière.

⁴ Captain Henry Goddard.

⁵ Major Robert Rogers, formerly commandant at Michilimackinac; a noted Indian fighter.

⁶ Lieutenant Benjamin Roberts who had trouble with Major Roberts and was confined by his orders.

After sending this Letter to the Post Office the postmaster acquainted me that thro some Mistake of Maj^r. Skenes¹ the Mail could not be sent before Saturday next w^{ch}. chagreed me, & I open'd it again and added by way of Journall what I thought worth notice.

Aug^t 4 Perthuis paid me a Visit and acquainted me that nothing material occured since my leaving this, he seemed to be some how discontented in his present Situation having too harsh a Master in Cap^t. Maxwell,² he asked me whether De Cuagne was still continued at Niagara.³—

d^o. Mr. Hertell & his Abinaquis paid me a Visit without touching upon their Aff^r.

5th. St. John came also to see me & told me that he left everything peaceable & quiet among the Misisageys, that they were always talking of Sr. William Johnson & the kind Reception they on every Occasion met with from him, that they say they must renew his Friendship & receive his salutary Advice which they propose doing next Spring & insist upon St. Johns going with them as they say they were most every time at a Loss for a good Interp^r.

d^o. Mr. St. Luke leCorn brought a party of 17 Chippways to me who came from Shagwamikon in Lake Super^r. ab^t. 4 year ago & kept ever since ab^t Caneghsady.: & Lake Champlain and having lost 3 Men & 2 Women last Winter by the Smallpox they intend returning to their own Country & begd my Assistance in a little Provision &^{ca}: I ordered them some Bread pipes and Tobacco and desired

¹ Major Philip Skene, a great landowner who was ruined by the Revolution.

² Captain James Maxwell, an esteemed friend of Johnson who commanded at Green Bay.

³ As interpreter.

them to call on me at my Lodging at la chine where I could answer them upon their Request; they were very thankfull & parted.

Mr. St. Luke then gave me his particulars how the Grand Sauteux alias Ninākon came to be killed at the Illinois, that one Makateokwet a Chippway now at Caneghsadagey went with a party agst. the Foxes & took Scalps that the Foxes then sent a party agst. the Chippways headed by one Bruce a white man married in that Nation who knocked the Grand Sauteux (or great Chippeway) in the head w^{ch} alarmed the Foxes & Sakis so much that they did not venture to go hunting last Winter w^{ch}. Mr. St. Luke says affected the Furtrade greatly; he seemed to be concerned for the chief and plainly told me he gave Makateokwet a Reprimand for causing that Disturbance; I think his being out of the way avails us as much as the Death of Pondiac or Akaasdarax¹ as many Machinations among the Illinois Ind^{ns}. will thereby be quashed & the white people live undisturbed; We hear that the Eng^{sh}. & Spanish Comm^{ds}. Officers there live very sociably together visiting each other & giving Entertainments.

Mr. Collins the Surv^t. Gen^l. of this Province & Mr. Benzell in behalf of New York (:the latter however sends his Dep^y. a young lad, himself not being well enough:) are to open the Line 45 Lat^e. betwⁿ. N. York² & this prov^{ce}. from where it strikes Lake

¹ Akaasdarax or Gaustaras, a Seneca chief.

² In 1818-19 the line was run again, and the old line of 1774 was found to diverge from the parallel of 45° east from St Regis until at Lake Champlain it was 4200 feet too far north. Before 1818 the United States had begun to build a fortress ("Fort Blunder") at Rouses Point, and this was shown to be in British territory. By the treaty of 1842 the old line was restored, and the strip of territory lost by the United States came again under its jurisdiction.

champlain, as far as Newhampshire Line to the Eastward, and the Riv^r. St. Lawr^{ce}. to the Westward, to erect on each side of the Lake Monuments of Stone wth. proper Inscriptions, & thro the Woods Mile or League posts of Cedar, M^r. Collins takes 20 Canad^s. and 2 Caghⁿs. Ind^{ns}. to open s^d. Line 20 feet wide, he rekons it ab^t. 60 or 70 Miles on each Side.

The heat here is so excessive that thermometers are in ye. 90th. Deg^e. and Grasshoppers very destructfull to Gardens & Grass.

Aug^t. 6th. Returnd to la chine, where I found M^r. Hertells Abinaquis to ask for Provis^s. they are to leave Aughquisasne¹ this Fall and M^r. Hertell likewise, he goes wintering in the Ottawa Riv^r. and they on an Island below Aughquisasne.— This Evening I saw 15 or 16 Canoes arrived at Caghnaw^y. being the 3 Nat^s.² from Caneghsadagey who were expected before my arrival on Bus^s. of their own.

Aug^t. 7th. Early a Canoe was sent for me to ask my Attendance at the Meeting on my coming near Shore 3 chambers were discharged & all the Chiefs & Warriors received me at the Rivers side and conducted me to the Council Room.—

The ceremonies of Condolance having been mutually passt by both Villages before my Arrival And they Caghnaw^s. told me they included St. William & me then. The Caneghsadageys now came to appoint new Chiefs at the Council fire of Caghnaw^y. w^{ch}. was most all their Bus^s. & then to accommodate some Murders that were committed

¹ Aughquisasne or St Regis, N. Y.

² The three nations were Canasadagas, Arundacs and Algonkins, living at the mouth of the Ottawa river.

betwⁿ. the Caghna^ws. & Canegh^s. in Drunkenness during these 2 or 3 years passt, by covering the Graves & burying the Instruments of Death.

8th. The Caghna^ws. gave their Answer of Approbation to the new Chiefs and then I gave them my Answer upon the Usual Compliments they paid me at the opening of the Meeting and what News I had to communicate to them (:they having none as they said:) And then the Meeting broke up, & the young people passt the afternoon in playing at Ball & racing for wagers.

As I was going to cross the River several Canoes of Aughquisasne Ind^{ns}. arrived, the chiefs of them delivered me a Letter from their Priest acquaint^g. me that he could not have the pleas^{re}. to see me, being oblidged to keep close for fear of being arrested for ab^t. £200: York Cy. due upon the Sawmill he erected for the use of Ind^{ns}: to build up their village at Aughquisasne. That the Ind^{ns}. would acquaint me in what Manner he could extricate himself out of this Trouble. They then spoke to me and said that as the Creditor for the above Sum insisted upon immediate payment of at least £200. They requested me to advance s^d: Money and that they would be answerable to repay me with Interest in yearly payments of ab^t. £40 from the Income of the Saw Mill it hav^g. been built on their Acco^t. & Desire. I told them was sorry I could not comply with their Request having no more Money by me than what I wanted for the Journey, they offered to get it upon my Security I told them if I had the money by me & could spare it I would sooner advance it than become Security as it might put me some Inconveniency, that I could say no more ab^t. it, but would answer the Priests Letter; One of

the chiefs spoke with Tears in his Eyes, & I was glad to get out of their way.—

Aug^t. 9th. All the Caneghsadageys after leaving Caghnawagey came over to my Lodging and wanted to be heard in private, I called them into my Room when one their old Men stood up asked with much Concern whether it was true that the 6 Nat^s. had sold the lands ab^t. Aughquisasne and even some this Side St. Lawrence near their Village. I told them I should know ab^t. such a thing if it had been done, as no Lands could be purchased without St. Williams knowledge, and that they might rest easy ab^t. it, being persuaded their Intelligence was groundless. They were very glad to hear it, and they presented to me the principal of their Newmade Chiefs named Onderight'ha an Onondaga with a Belt of Wamp^m. I thankd them for the Complim^t. and told them I would answer them farther upon it when I came to their Village then ordered them some Victuals & they left my Lodging but proceeded no farther than La Forces or Towanniawes Interp^{rs}. whose Orchard suffered greatly, there being ab^t. 150 men & Women plundering it. —

After w^{ch}. the Aughquisasnes came for Prov^s. &c. and the Answer upon the Priests Letter renewing their yesterdays Request. I gave them the Letter & told them what I mentioned to the Priest was all I could say ab^t. the Matter, & they went away dejected.—

The Chippways then came for their Answer & I told them as well I could, that I would send for St. Jean y^e. Interp^t: gave them some Prov^s.—

10th. St. Jean not being found in Town I put them off till Monday when I told them they might proceed on their Journey. Then got ready to go to Town to be ready for the Post.

Having thus given you the Occurrences of this Week I conclude and remain with Compliments to the families most respectfully

Your obedient Son

DAN. CLAUS

The Hon^{ble}.
SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.
&c &c &c

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INDORSED:¹

August 3^d. 1771 —

Col. Clau's letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 5 August 1771

DEAR SIR

I have been for these three Weeks past in Pensilv^a. & Jersey, & have not had the favour of a letter from you during my absence. I am sorry I was not here to have attended Lord Dunmore, but he had not determined on the time of his Departure, when I left Town so have missed the pleasure of seeing you & attending him — I can say little about our new Governor as yet, when I know more of him shall advise you—You'll see by the Stile of his Answer to the Addresses presented him, that he is very sensible, clever & polite — that is his generall Charecter — I received by the Bearer M^r Byrne a very kind Letter from my Friend & old Acquaintance Major Warren Johnson — who I find is a Country Squire at Danas Town near [] he recommends M^r Byrne to me to assist him in getting up to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

you — I have given him a letter to Mr Edgar in Albany to advise & assist him — I am with great respect

D^r Sir

Your most obed^t Servt

HUGH WALLACE

I hope you got all y^r. Deeds
safe & to y^r. Satisfaction —

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bart
Johnson Hall.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bart.
at
Johnson Hall
P^d Mr Byrne

INDORSED:¹

N York Aug^t. 5th. 1771

Mr. Wallaces Letter
Ans^d. 7^{br}. 11th.

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:280–81, also *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:985–87; Q, 2:570–72, is a letter of August 9th in which Johnson presents the results attained in a conference opened at Johnson Hall with the Six Nations on July 14th, and sustains his Indian policy against an implication conveyed in Hillsborough's letter of May 4th.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS GAGE

Df.¹[Johnson hall 9th August 1771]

[DEAR SIR]

I Could not till this Moment transmit you any farther Account of my proceedings with the Indians as promised in my last.—

The Indians to the Ammount of 350 being for the most part Chiefs of the Six Nations were all arrived on the 13th. ult^o. the day following I opened the Congress which Continued till the 19th, and great part of them Staid for sev^l. days afterwards. The Greatest part of the proceedings tho' it took much time contained so little material That I apprehend it will be unnecessary to give you the trouble of reading them, where they do not lead to the main Object I had in View in calling them together. I first took occasion to enquire after News, to Let them know that I had obtained some Intelligence of an Extraordinary Nature and that I apprehended they could give me the best account of it: They appeared at a Loss to discern what I meant, on which I Explained myself somewhat farther, Telling them that I had the best Authority from the Southward for suspecting that Some of their people has been busy in a dangerous business which might have proved fatal to their whole Confederacy, but that nothing could be long concealed from us, and that some of those people on whom they relied were the Discovers, as they foresaw the danger of such an Undertaking, to which I added many other things that I judged Necessary.— They unanimously denied every thing, and requested that I would point out farther particulars, and acquaint them who were the Authors of such a Calumny. I told them in general terms Suffic^t. to Convince them that I had been furnished with Circumstantial particulars, whereupon they made me the Speech of which I inclose you a Copy²

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson; missing sections supplied from manuscript letter of same date in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

² Printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:282-83.

I Expected some [Stronger proofs of their Sincerity, and that those who had any] Any such belts should Imediately [deliver them up, in order to be buried, To which I received very Satisfactory] Answer, & they Concluded the Congress by renewing & brightening the Cov^t. Chain &c.

Upon the whole I am now (as I have been) Convinced that the Name of the Six Nations is often as formerly made use of by the rest as a Cloak to their own Intrigues, and with a View to Exasperate us against them so far as to force the Six Nations to Joyn in their undertakings and totally withdraw themselves from our Interests.— Indeed I have Strong reason to think that, the Emigrants at Ohio, and great part of the Chenussios are not our friends. The Cause of which I have repeatedly Mentioned formerly, & Indeed very few of the Chenussios attended at this time But If I may be allowed to have any Judgment of these people, or any knowledge of their politicks I can with great Safety affirm that these Sentiments are far from being general, That the Senecas of the other Villages, and the rest of the Six Nations are as much our friends as we can possibly Expect, and that I co^d. prevail on a great Majority of them to demonstrate their Attachment, whenever an Opportunity offered.

I hope to be Enabled very soon to give an account of the events of Thomas Kings Embassy, and requesting to be favored with your thoughts on the foregoing I remain with the utmost regard,

Dear Sir,
&c

His Excell^{cy} LIEUT GEN^l GAGE

INDORSED:

Aug^t. 9th 1771.—

To Gen^l. Gage with
part of the Treaty with the Six
Nations.—

WILLIAM SMITH TO JOHANNES LAWYER

Contemporary Copy[*New York August 10th, 1771*]

[]

I have yours of the 25th. of June & 20th. July, and having expressed myself in mine of the 17th. June with all possible Plainness, I do not understand what you mean by Your general Declarations that you wish to have the Business relating to the Lands of Sir Henry Moores family settled. What is to be done, is to be done by you.

The late Governor was Interested in One undivided third Part, and not a fourth of the two Tracts patented to you, and thirty Six other Persons on the 29th. of December 1768.— All that is wanting is a Deed from you, and so many of your Associates named in the Patent as will Vest the Title to one third of the Whole in his Widow.— Afterwards it will be proper to get the Lands Surveyed into Lots to be Baloted for towards a Partition — But the first thing to be done as I said before, is to get the Deed from those Persons who were named in the Patent as Trustees for the late Governor — that you may have no unnecessary trouble in getting the Lands divided by reason of Ladye Moore's Distance the Title may be Conveyed to me, and I shall then be able to execute the Deeds of Partition — These Deeds must be by Lease, and Release with a Covenant that the Grantors are Seized in ffee, and have done no Act to encumber the respective Estates granted to them by the Patent, and I advise you to get the Deed drawn by Mr. Sylvester of Albany reciting the Patent in a brief Manner — then let the Grantors acknowledge it, either before Sir William Johnson, or one of the Judges of the Common Pleas for your County — if this is not done Soon, and the Deeds transmitted to me, I shall be obliged to file a Bill in Equity against you, and Your Partners to Compel the Conveyance, but I Should be Sorry to take such a Step, and hope You will render it unnecessary, for whatever

further charges there are besides what Sir Henry Moore paid for his third to Mr. Banyar, I have authority to advance, and Shall upon the Vesting of the Title in Common in me in fee be ready to do whatever may be Requisite for the Compleating of the Partition until which time the Lands will be of little Value to any of the Parties Interested.— I have Staid proving the pretended Will of your ffather by a Caveat, & shall want a full State of yr. Objections to it, and the Proofs in a few Weeks that I may be able to draw the Interrogatories for the Examination of the Wittnesses — Let me hear from y^u. Soon —

I am Sir

Your Hble Serv^t

W^m. SMITH

INDORSED:

Copy of a letter from Mr. W^m.
Smith to Johannes Lawyer Esq^r.

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

[*Head of Lake Aug^t. 13th. 1771*]

SIR/

My Business hear was to see [] Billy Hare goes On, & to get this Letter forwarded to You. Mr. Hare I believe will do Verry Well hear, but he Dont In the Least Affect Us for the Indians In this Quarter Never dealt with Us, he Intends Settling hear for a Constanciesy Since we sent down Our packs we have traded for About £200 pounds worth which we shall send down when an Opertunity Offers. the red Skin trade just begins now. I am Allmost sure We shall make a great trade this Year, the Indians Comes from all parts and has Assured Us they will all Come this fall & trade with Us, they have sent two of there people from a place Called Miskatiwa, three days journey from hence, to give Us an Invitation on a belt of Wampum to put up a house there this Winter where I intend to

go, (being a much better place than this) if the boats we wrote to Mr. Fonda comes In time, we Expected them by this we are In hopes he will take care not to Disapoint Us. if he should we may as well throw up Business as it Will be going Against stream, I Dont In the Least Dispair of paying of Every shilling of the partnership []

[]¹
 [] give you An Exact []
 [va]lue of a needle, we have in the house £826 of Goods at the first Cost, on the Lowest Calculation you may [add] £25 pr. Ct. for the Carraige up, we have £115 of Stores Boats, Oil Cloths, bags, scals, Axes, Nails, hammers, frying pans, Dishes, Basons, plates Beding, hinges, Vessells of All kinds, & Innumerable Other Articles two tetious to Mention. I have [been] pritty Exact in my Calculation and I think there may be £25 pr. Ct. more Added for the Cost of Barrels, Cags, Bail Cloths, Boxes, Mens rum & provisions, & several Other Charges paying for the Carraige of packs Down &ca &ca on the Whole £50 pr. Ct. is not Out of the Way. We Owe abt £250 to Mr. Campbell, the rest to you. the whole I think Cant Exceed £600.—perhaps a little Over, this Sir, is a true State of Our Affairs & I think we Done Surprisingly, Coming hear Strangers & the Indians not knowing Us, which is not the Case now, as they all know there is a house Established hear I dare Venture to say there will Come four Indians for One that has Come. Our stock of rum should never be Less than 1200 Gallons, they buy such Quantitys, we trust none, we did a Little Last Year but I found they were not so Exact in paying as we Expected, so stoped, they Owe Us yet abt. 50 lbs. We have belts for it, this I dont Reckon. we have spoken for the Matts, am In hopes they will bring them.—

[]¹
 [] and Every []
 [] it will be a great Loss to Mr. Grant being

¹ Lines destroyed by fire.

[]ing the second Vessel this summer, it will Discourage the traders from Employing his Vessell.— We have got Another Neat Beaver Blanket for you. We should be Glad to hear that you Enjoy your health. Our Compliments to Sir John &ca . . . believe me Ever to be

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your ever faithfull & Most Oblidged
and Most Obedient & Hum^e. Serv^t.

FERRALL [WADE]

ADDRESSED:

To

[] Johnson Bart.—
at Johnson Hall —

INDORSED:¹

Aug^t. 13th. 1771 —

Mr. Farrall Wades letter

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*²

New York August 14th. 1771

DEAR SIR,

I received Yours of 26th; U^{lmo}: by Maisonville, who is undoubtedly a good Man, but I have no way to assist him in his Pursuits of Land, but to forward a Petition to the King and Council, who only can grant Lands at the Detroit. Mr: Crogan should have known this, and not assisted at an Indian Grant, which he must have known was not valid without the King's Authority. There does not appear to me any great Inclination in Government to increase the Settlement at Detroit, nor indeed could I give them any good Reasons for doing it, there are many Objections against it. I have heard from the Illinois to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

the 12th: of May, a Soldier was killed by a Party of Pouteatamies the End of March or beginning of April, and When the Letters came away, they had advice from many Quarters that a Number of Indians were near Kahokie. Mainsonville says a Number of Kikapous, he heard were out against the Illinois; and was told were seen on their Return with four Scalps. The Six Nations have been prevented Sometime from falling on those People, who have at times killed some of the Six Nations as well as other Indians. And if this News proves true, I see no Reason to prevent their Chastisement any longer. They give but a bad Lookout at the Illinois, I fear the Nations of that Country are a poor People, but I shall give Orders to observe these Enemy Partys a little better, and to attack them whenever they can Meet with them. Something Must be done to put a Stop to these Hostilities, Some Chiefs of the Chikesaws have been at the Fort, and the assistance of that Nation May be procured.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

INDORSED:¹

August 14th. 1771

Gen^l Gage's Letter

FROM JOHN GLEN, WILLIAM HANNA AND ABRAHAM WEMPEL

L. S.

[*Schenectady Aug^t. 15th 1771*]

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[] having []
 the Quality of a small Tract of Land; lying on the North Side
 of the Mohawk River on each Side of the upper Canada

¹ In Johnson's hand.

within the purchase Bounds made by the People of Pennsylvania of a Treaty held by Sir William [Johnson] Some time Since when Your Poor Petitioners had purchased lands at a very dear rate in Order to make a livelihood for their helpless familys but are Deprived of it by a Number of Seneca Indians who on the Ninth of this Inst: August in the Night did Steel and Carry away Six head of Horses from your Petitioners that we are not Able to Plow our Ground to Put in seed and not being of Ability to Purchase more Prays that your Honour will take our Causes into your Wise Consideration and Cause those Indians to return the Horses or make restitution for them that we may be enabled to Purchase others to follow our Labours, and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall for ever Pray for your Wellfare

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

Albany August 16th 1771

HONOURED SIR/

Several Gentlemen who is to Be concerned with me in them Townships, have lately requested Me to Explore them better, that we for our taking out our Patents, should be the better able to form our Locations, Where the Land should be found fittest for Cultivation, For though we should purchase forty miles square of The Natives, yet it would not be prudence to Patent more Of it then would be usefull.

To Gratify them in their request, and to git a Little more Knoledge of Country, I have agreed^d. with Mr. Campbell, after he has done your work somewhere, to Go in the woods and make discovery of that which I have Not been acquainted with, and if your Honour should Think the Indians would not Molest Him, he might Run a line across from against Lake George, west as Far as would be necessary for our Townships, so that it did not extend farther west, then the Given course from North

Hampton, this if it was not disagreeable would Save us some
 Expençe, as the people could Almost run This Line as well as
 walk it over without Runing, And by it ascertain a Course
 necessary to be known in our Division, But if your Honour
 should think it would Displease them, it shall not be done, I am,
 Honoured Sir

Your Honours Most Obliged
 and Very Humble Servant
 EBEN^R. JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honourable
 Sir William Johnson
 Baronet at
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

August 15th 1771 —

Ebenezer Jessup Esq^{rs}.
 Letter concerning
 Lands —
 Ansrd. 21st. Inst.

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 491, is listed a letter of August 19th from Rev. Charles Inglis, New York, congratulating on the praises uttered by Bishop Lowth relative to services rendered the Indians, submitting a draft of a memorial² commending Governor Tryon's character and religious zeal, and inquiring as to the powers of the Bishop of Quebec under the treaty (of 1763) and a map of the Iroquois country (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:457-59; Q, 4:285-86.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² See *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:1091-1117; Q, 4:661-75.

FROM COMMISSIONERS IN NEW ENGLAND

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 491, the preceding letter is followed by an undated paper: Minutes and vote of the commissioners of the Company for propagating the gospel in New England and parts adjacent (New England Company), conveying thanks to Johnson for encouragement of Mr Kirkland (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:460; Q, 4:286.) (Copy inclosed with letter of Governor Hutchinson of July 30th.)

TO THOMAS HUTCHINSON

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall August 21, 1771*]

[²
personal Acquaintance will afford me su[ch]
The particular Inclination whi[ch]
Manifested, and the Countenance I have always [given to those]
who have engaged in the Conversion of the Ind[ians is] well
known, in New England can be very abund[] when-
soever I see the least Occasion for it, I am sat[isfied] at present
that The Contrary has been insinuated to a body of Gentⁿ.
whose Characters I esteem [*It may not be in my power to*
afford all the Satisfaction which I am inclined to give to Gentle-
men Com [] appointed by so respectable & praiseworthy
a Society espec[ially] as these Gentlemen for their laudable
endeavors to promote Christianity amongst the Ind^s. are entitled
to my best Wishes & Assistance, but I am concerned to find that
the Extract from the Journal of the Commissioners which you
have been pleased to trans[mit to] me, is founded on a Journal
Transmitted by Mr. Kirtland] by a Mission[ary] who has
owed his Toleration am^t. the Indians to my Countenance. The
ingratitude of his Conduct deserves my keenest resentment [no
part of which appears from the Extract I have received, neither

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

am I at all enabled to Judge either of its Nature or Tendency, but that it appears therefrom that the proceed^s. of Gentⁿ. whose Character & parts I Esteem, do not meet with Encouragem^t. from me. There is something so Inconsistent, and I may truly say ungrateful in any Missionarys Conduct who should give occasion for such a Surmise as to merit my keenest resentment, that If I acted entirely agreeable to my Character, I should decline affording any Answer thereto until I was furnished with the particulars which occasioned it, and] but the Respect I have for the Gentⁿ. concerned, rather inclines me to desire to be favored with the []
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 [], and that such Transactions are]
 [] and whenever I am honored with this I shall
 []d them all the Satisfaction []
 [] in these particulars and also take the liberty to sugges[st] any thing that may farther []
 [] what may in my Judgment] occur as necessary agreeable to your desire [for promoting the good purposes of the Society.]

In the meantime I should Observe that Difference of Religious Sentiments has never obstructed the operating of my friendship [think it necessary for your Satisfaction & That of the Gentⁿ, concerned to assure you that peculiar modes of Worship &ca differing from those of the Established Church of England have no influence upon me] [] favor of so useful an institution w^{ch} I sho^d. rather incline to promote whilst the Object of their Agents & their Conduct is consistent with the major design & professed sentiments of the Society [is laudable] & Calculated to preserve peace, & due obedience to the Constitution which we ought to Support,— It is with some Concern I am necessitated to hint that those Missionaries who

¹ Lines burned off.

were sent from New England have owed me very peculiar Obligations [*the recapitulation of which they must blush to hear*], & particularly that the Man mentioned in the Extract, has besides [*other*] favors & Civilities, for a Considerable time owed his Safety to my humanity & favourable inclination to his endeavors [*which have in [] me to protect him from his many Enemies to this my*] and now depends in a great measure on my Countenance & protection there [*he owes everything, and the moment I withdraw it may prove fatal to his Life. The particulars as I mentioned before I shall omit for the present, & content myself with Observing that*] Except in one Instance of a man (whom Mr. Wheelock First recommended to me as a man of great Piety & Worth, & afterwards represented to me as a Lunatic Enthusiast [*has since represented as an Enthusiast*]) who in defiance of his Majestys Express Order & []
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 [*to my own delicacy and therefore Shall []*] I have [] request to be honored with a Copy of the paper before [] will enable me to be more Explicitt, & afford [*me []*] another Occasion for Assuring you of the Esteem In which I have allways [*held*] the Character of Gov^r. Hutchinson, & that I am with

perfect regard
 Sir,

[] Excell^y GOV^R HUTCHINSON
 Massachusetts Bay

INDORSED:

August 21st. 1771 —

To his Excell^y Tho^s.
 Hutchinson Esq^r. Gov^r. of the
 Massachusetts bay —

¹ Lines burned off.

TO JOHN GLEN

Df.¹Aug^t. 22^d. 1771.—

SIR/

I have rec^d. a Letter Subscribed by Mess^{rs}. Hanna Wempel & yourself expressing a desire to purchase a Tract on the North Side of the Mohock River, & requesting my Assistance, In ans^t. to which you will please to acq^t. the Gentlemen Concerned that thro' my Inclination to Oblige you & themselves, I shall Afford them what Assistance I can provided the Tract does not Interfere with a purchase I have made & p^d for for L^d. Ilchester, or with a Tract lately Petit^d. for the Gov^r.— As Soon as I have made enquiry into these particulars, I shall acquaint you farther as a proof of the Esteem with which I am

Sir

&c

JN^o. GLEN Esqr &c

TO SAMUEL KIRTLAND

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 491, is listed a letter of August 22d to Rev. Mr Kirtland, asking the nature of a communication to the Committee at Boston for propagating Christian faith (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:460-61, Q, 4:287.)

TO THOMAS GAGE

Df^t[Johnson hall 22^d. August 1771]

[DEAR SIR]

I am favored with your Letter of the 14th. Ins^t and am glad that you think well of Maisonville because I think him well disposed, & that he has been of use, as to his pursuit I am sensible

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

that nothing more can be done than what you mention, and I am of your Opinion concerning the increase of Settlements at Detroit.—

You may recollect that the Six Nations appeared very eager to fall on the Kickapous & their Associates, but that it was not Judged adviseable, as it might interrupt the Trade & Communication, but if the Dep^{ys}. who were sent to the Southward do not bring something satisfactory from thence It will be very easy to give free Scope to their resentment without appearing to be interested in it. Lord Hillsborough has in a late Letter, hinted as if some of the late proceed^s. appeared as if we interested ourselves too much in their private Affairs & Disputes, and that we should rather suffer them to Subsist as our best Security to prevent their uniting ag^t. us; — This I must Confess was allways my own political opinion, & my practice was entirely correspondent, therewith, These very Sentiments I suggested to his Majestys Minister, when Ordered to Effect a peace with the Cherokees, & the like I have observed very often since, At the same time That It then always was the Sense of Gov^t. to prevent as much as possible, their making war on each other from the cruelty with which such Wars are conducted, With the humanity of this sentiment, I could not but Close, but I really Judged it [bad policy whilst I complied with it, I could not therefore help being surpris'd, that my lately cooperating with the Six Nations to attempt to bring] the offending Tribes [to a Sense of their past ill conduct before we set them by the Ears,] could have been deemed liable to the least censure, [neither have I] ever Interfered or appeared in any of their private Concerns where the Security of the Public was not materially effected. This must make me more Cautious how I act in any thing of importance that is liable to misconception, or Misrepresentation. But I [can] Safely say that where they have Meritted it so much as th[ose] Nations, I think the encouraging those Tribes who dislike [them] to Chastize them is the best policy & may be effected without our Appearing to Interfere, in

any improper manner therein.— The Chickesaws tho' now not numerous, are of Consequence for [they] are truly a brave people, far Exceeding the Generality of Indians In Courage, and they may be made a good use of. As I daily Expect to hear from the Southward I have only at present to add that I am

With great Truth & regard

D^r. S^r.

&c

His Excell^{cy} L^t. GEN^l. GAGE.

FROM THE EARL OF DUNMORE

A. L. S.¹

Albany August 24th 1771.

DEAR SIR

I am Happy to take the first opportunity of returning you a thousand thanks for the many Civilities, & kindnesses you was so good as shew me whilst at Johnson Hall, and to assure you that nothing could behave better than John, & Abraham did whom you was so good as to name for my guid's, they have been perfectly sober, faithfull, & indefatigable, & I do assure you I think myself much obliged to you, for their services. I beg my best Respects to Sir John, Col. Johnson, & all the Rest of your family & I ever am Dear Sir most sincerely yours

DUNMORE

INDORSED:²

Alb^y. August 24th. 1771

L^d. Dunmores letter

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

[Niagara Aug^t. 25th. 1771]

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I had the honor of your Let^r of the 26th July 7 Mess^{rs} Middleton & M^c Queen who have been now here above a fortnight, and are at present waiting for a Passage to Canada. You may be assured that any Gentlemen honor'd with your Recommendations, will meet with every Civility from me that I can Shew them, Indeed those Gentlemen's merit seems to entitle them to the same

There was a Squaw here a few Days agoe, who formerly had a Child to M^r Francis late of the 44th Reg^t. she had consented to send the Boy to his Father, thinking that he would be taken care of, But She has been inform'd that the Boy is now liveing with the Ind^{ns} at Caugh, nawagoe, or *Sault de S^t Louis* near Montreal. She left a String of Wampum with me begging that I would write, so as the Boy might be returnd to her. I promised to inform you of [] give the necessary [] be sent to her,—The Mother is Sister to Silverheels —

I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Sir

Your most Obedient, and
most humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

P. S. Mons^r Decouagne begs that his respects may be presented to you

J. B.

Lieu^t Dysart of the R Artillery who has been here for some time proposes to have the honor of waiting on you if his time will Permit. You will find him a very agreeable young Gentleman

J. B.

The Hon^{ble}

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹Niagara 25th August 1771 —

 Cap^t. Browns Letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 27 August 1771

DEAR SIR

I received your favour 6 Ins^t. & was verry sorry I was not here, when L^d Dunmore sett out, or I should certainly have seen you but I was in Jersey & Pensilvania, where I caught the Fever & Ague, which I suffer under at presant, but hope the Bark which I am now takeing will relieve me. I cannot yet determine whether I shall have the pleasure of seeing you this Fall, or not. If I dont it will be want of Ability or Leisure, not want of Inclination — Lord Dunmore not returned.

I cannot think your plate Iron too thin it must be well painted both Sides & nailed verry thick & I am convinced it will answer your purpose. I sent up the Jews Harps by Cap^t. Marseillis, & told M^r. Phyn when he left this a few days ago to enquire for them & have them sent up to you. When you lett us know your desire with regard to the Land on Adigo, it shall be done Imediately — I am sorry M^r Grumley missed the Oppertunity of serving you, as he is very clever & verry deserving.

I have received the Money from the Pattentees of Oriskany, & paid it to M^r. Banyars, & inclosed send you his receipt.

I have received from M^r Mortier, as you desired £ 165 St^g the Curr^y. Exch^a %c ꝑ Ct is £ 279 which shall keep till M^r Prevosts affair is finished, & then pay it to M^r Dimler — I think

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Mr Prevost has sold his Lands Cheap, he wrote me about them, but asked double the price he has sold them for. Indeed I did not want to purchase them at any rate — Our Governor has not been long enough with us for me to form any Oppinion, He seems a sensible polite Man, very friendly & affable. He told me he had wrote you, & that he intends to pay you a Vissitt — but both he & his Lady have brought the Fever & Ague from Carolina. He is almost quite recovered but she continues ill yet. I fancy it will be necessary he goes up to make the Indian Purchase for the Numberless Petitions for Lands between you & Crown point —

I have no doubt youll get a County Town at Johnstown, as its the properest place, & Albany County must be div[id]ed, & Mapps of the County shewing how the Division would be best, ought to be here for the parusall of the Members. Your friend Ja^s. Delancy is not active, he is indolent & too fond of Ease to carry any point, or make any figure — He was lately marryed, & is come to town with his Bride yesterday. he is verry ill with the Fever & Ague, a disagreeable Circumstance to a Young buxom Bride.

I fancy our Assembly will meet in Octo^r. lett me know your Scheme of Division & I will push Mr Delancy, & apply to the other Members & have no dcoubt we will get it as you would wish, you may depend on all my Assistance & Power

Mr^s. Wallace Joyns me in sincere Wishes for Your Health & Happyness. Many Thanks for y^r. former Friendships, & for your future designs, with the fine Fish at Mount Joy. Our Compliments to The Familys & on the River. I have hopes St. John will without fail be here this Winter —

I am with verry sincere regard

Dr Sir

Your obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.—

INDORSED:¹August 27th. 1771 —

 Mr. Wallaces letter
 wth. a Receipt —

FROM WADE AND KEIUSER

A. L. S.²[*Teronto Augt. 29th. 1771*]

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We have Laboured Under Great Anxiety for sometime past to hear from You. Yesterday We had the Honour of being favoured with Yours of the 13 Ult.— which Allways gives Us Great satisfaction, but would more so if we could hear you was in perfect health, we dont in the Least doubt but you Gave particular Charge as to the sale of Our furr. Neither do we find fault. Only what You will see by the Inclosed, as to being frugal believe Us we are and is striveing to the Utmost of Our power to do something for Our benefit, we beg You will not think that we are Runing heedlessly Along, far from it, there is not a single Article we write for, but what we Imediately Want, if You Sir, Was Acquainted with the trade hear, You would find it so, in the Coarse of Business allways the first Year is Worst its true we had a few traders hear this summer but Notwithstanding there being Old traders we got four skins for there One (that is the best of them) Oweing to Our being well supplied & Living among them, and as we Observed to You In Our former Letters had it not being for those sums we were [obliged to] pay [] we would] have sent above £300 more do[ubtless] [] Are Greatly Afraid it will be the Case Again for [if] we Can believe the Indians we

¹ In Johnson's hand.² In Ferrall Wade's hand.

shall have a Great trade & What Confirms Our Opinion is that Indians from the Remotes parts back has been hear to Look & told Us they had h[e]ard of Us & that we sold Cheap & had plenty of Goods. We have Remited Mr. Campbell by this Opertunity 301^{lb} of Beaver, 83^{lb} Leather, 29 Otters, 11 Minks, 11 Raccoons, 7 Martins, 38 Ratts, & 4 Bear Skins & we sold a Good Many Deer Skins to the Battoemen. Our fall trade dont begin Untill the Middle or Latter End of Next Month. We also send You Sir, a Beaver Blanket which is the Only Curiosity we have at present, the Matts we have bespoke, but as to the Houses they Carry (which we Imagine is Leather) those Indians dont Use but we shall Enquire & procure them if possible, You Cant Imagine how much we have fretted at that Ignace Receiveing £44 of Our Industry for Nothing, heaven knows Except it was for Maintaining him & Son Coll^o. Claus Mentions in his Letter to Mr. Keiuser that people who Understands Indⁿ. trade that we Could not possibly Get the trade we did without him. by heaven he was more prejudice than Service & the Indians hear knew him well & Despised him, Another thing Mr. Claus Mentions that he said the thing we Charged him with we Gave him without Asking for, so far from that he was particular to know the price before he []
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[] think he Ever Earned that much. [if] Coll^o Claus would take the pains he will soon find his Real Character, we dont Look on him as an [] Jan. My Dr. Sir only Consider of it a Little & you'll find our []le way, Cant afford such strokes & we are sure no Christian [will] begrudge us the Little we Get hear. however we dont [bl]ame them that sent him as the Intention was Good. but [I] Could wish they had been more frugal In hiring him. [It's] now Over & Cant be helped Altho' we must suffer We heard of Your Calling the Six Nations together & are Certain You must have a great Deal of trouble and Wish with all Our souls it

¹ Line burned off.

was Less for You. be Assured Sir Your presence Among those Western Nations would be Most Agreeable to them they are Always Asking us whether You Intend to Meet them, if You do You will find them In General (particularly those back of Us) a Worthy people I now Assure You Sir, from knowledge that My Br. Matt has no right to blame My Br. Francis but the Latter [] a just right All most to Curse him, for he hurted him Verry much, by his Misconduct not to Give it a Worse Name. I sincerely wish he may succeed and do well he is Young Enough Yet.— we are with the Greatest Respect & Esteem

My Dear
Sir W^m.

Your Ever faithfull & Most
Obliged Hum. Servants
WADE & KEIUSER —

Our Compliments to Sir
John &ca we are Extremely
Glad to hear the family are all well

INDORSED:¹

Toronto 29th. August 1771 —

Mess^{rs}. Wade & Kreysers
Letter wth. an Inclosure

WADE & KEIUSER TO JELLES FONDA

*Contemporary Copy*²

Toronto August 29th 1771

SIR

Your favour of August the 3th. we have receipt, & notes the Contents. The Goods you sent Us all came Save except the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Inclosed in Wade and Keiuser's letter to Johnson, August 29, 1771.

2. three Gallon Cags of Rum, wich the Men says they never receifed from you also the Eight Shillings Cash which you Charged us in your Account for Onions, as to the Battoe we will not keep nor neither will we pay the 40/ Difference as we think a trip of our owen is equal to one of your's, you will receive her back and give us Credit, for her tools which you have Charged That is £ 1.2. We are surpris'd at your giving our Sail to Haires boats, & putting our Mens to Neccessity of hire one, they tell us for 6./ . Your pot we have kept in Lieu of a Kettle West Bowen delivered to you the Coats tools, one bag & 4 bags this Sumer which please to Credit us for. In a former Letter we mentioned theat you Charged Us ten Shillings for a good for nothing, being old and unfitt for Use also the large black Trunk which was only Lumber in your House having no Lock or key or Eny thing Else to keep [] will also Credit us for one Skippel of pease, which you ordered our Men to give Hares peoples. The Men has also gave us a Memorandum of what provisions powder and Schott they receifd from you, exclusive of the Rum, which is Charged separately, please to Charge us with the Provisions Instead of £ 2.10 p^r. Man. Commissions and Expenses &c, with which you Charge us we are at a Loss to Account for. We find our Beaver fell Short in Weight 25^{lb} which surpris'd us much and more so that you Should allow two or three Skins to be Culled from such prime Beaver. I have sold many packs, but that is a thing I never would admit off. As to the Cheapness of your Goods, which you mention, we are of a Different opinion, but that may be owing to your paying as you observed from other Hands. As you justly observed the Red Strouds will not suit our Market, for which reason we return them, the excuse for not getting Cag's we cant help think is triffling. You understand Indian Trade, & Knows that Rum in Barrells without Cags is Useless. I was at Mr. Hares [] the 28. Ul^o. wich I [] by wich I found you was verry particular in fitting him out with every he wrote for. [I] could wish we had found the same treatment [] we would allone

Venture to Say, you would have found us full as punctual. The Last we have to observe to you is your Hastiness for Remittance. You cant Imagine we can convert your Goods in peltry or furs imeadiatly. Neither does our fall Trade begin hear untill the middle or Lather End of next Month, we have wrote to Mr. Campbell for a Battoe of Rum. when she arrives we hope to make you a Remittance what goes down now is for Mr. Campbell, Our Compliments to M^{rs}. Fonda

Copie

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 31st August 1771

SIR

I had the Honour of writing You a Long letter ☞ the Hope Cap^t Ab^r Miller on the 1st Curr^t since which have not been favourd with any from You — the Britannia falls down to Gravesend on Wednesday next by which Vessell have shippd the Residue of your agreeable order — & I flatter myself she will arrive as soon as this Vessel —

We have nothing new or strange in the Political World — the Ministry stand firm & gathers Strength daily — whilst the opposition by being divided among themselves dwindle to nothing. the distracted State of France prevents a War with England — the Spaniard is preparing for such an Event by equipping Her Men of War at Home & Garrisoning Her Forts abroad — & I must do our Leaders in Government the justice to declare that we are not idle — there seems some backwardness in their Attention to N^o America arising as I imagine from a Belief that she is able to take Care of Herself — the Turk & Russia are Yet implacable & if they dont terminate their differences with this Campaign or Season — depend upon it they will involve other Powers in the dispute — it is amazing to Read over the Catalogue of their killd in almost every Engagement — Should

the Russians be [] in any one Battle their State would be dreadfull — as their [] & Immissaries would summon up their enthusiactick Revenge

I Should be happy in any opportunity [of] making my Services acceptable to You & am with Comp^{ts} to Sir []

Sir

Your obliged & obedient Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹

London 31th. August 1771

Mr. Blackburns letter

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

London 1 September 1771

DEAR SIR

As there is no ones health that I so much wish to establish, or would be so much Service to publick — as well as those who have the happiness & honor of being your friends I inclose you Doctor Cadogan's² treatise, it is universally read, & I have heard some Gentlemen of the City declare that not one third of the Port is drank now, that was drunk before it's publication.

There is no news at present the papers are Stuffd with daily lies & stupid party abuse. Mr. Carleton is pushing to have all the pattentee Employments in his Government broke, they have represented they are out of Pocket by employing deputies, then Carleton will have more places in his Gift for French men. he has recommended La Naudiere & the King was going to make

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Dr William Cadogan, 1711–1797, who published *A Dissertation on the Gout and on all Chronic Diseases*, in 1771. In his opinion gout arises from indolence, intemperance, and vexation. *Dictionary of National Biography*, VIII, 187.

him a Baronet, but my Lord Rochford I am told opposed it. then they made out a Commission for him as Surveyor of the Woods in Canada for him in the Room of Frank Mc. Kay, who Mr had misrepresented & said he would resign but he arrived before the Commission was given Away, & has Stop'd it, yet La Naudiere is to have a Commission of the same nature as a super-numery Survey at £300 p^a an^m.

Rogers is likely to get his money paid which was rejected before in England & America, he has many people pushing for him to whom he Owes money. the Suit commenced against me for Stoping a Man at Michilmackinak, one Atherton by desire of the Sherif of Albany, is put off till next assizes, after I had brought up Lieut Sinclair from Leeds in Yorkshire as an Evidence as well as Several others. Indeed I am Shockinly used. none seem to Stand so good a Chance here as the greatest Scoundrells

Wilkes is universally allow'd to be the most unmoral worthless fellow in England, he has the most forbidding aspect he had three parts of the Common Council of the City against him & every ministerial man, yet by a Blunder in delivering a Letter from Secretary Robinson he got his Election. Vast numbers who came to town to employ the interest against him seeing the ministry interfere, they to A man turned for him, & now he is meditating how he shall plague Government

I am Sorry I cant hear from any of the family I must entreat you to make my best respects to the Gentlemen & Ladies & assure them of my Sincere wishes for their & familys Welfare

I am

With the greatest regard

respect & Friendship

Dear Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

B ROBERTS

To

Sir W^m. JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

London 1st. Septbr. 1771

L^t. Roberts letter rec^d. 22^d.

Octbr. —

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 1st. Sep^r. 1771

SIR/

Yesterday Evening I was fav^d with yours of the 21st. Ultimo, I now send the Iron you ordered agreeable to your Directions, Excepting the Bar of Square Iron which is not so Large by $\frac{1}{4}$ of an Inch as your order, but as it is the Largest I Could get I send it and if it does not Answer it may be returned any time I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged
& Most Humble

Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baro^{tt}.

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 7^{br}. 1st. 1771 —

Mr. John Stevensons
Letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN STEVENSON'S BILL

A. D.

*Albany 1 Sep^r 1771*The Hon^{ble}: Sir William Johnson Baronett

To John Stevenson Dr:

To 3..2..1 lb. Iron @ 37/..... £6.. 9..10

To half faggott 3 Crowleys Steel }
Wt: 60 lb. @ 11^d. } 2..15..—

£9.. 4..10

FROM JOHN BUTLER

A. L. S.¹*Butlers Burg 2 Sep^t. 1771*

HON: SIR

Just now M^r Peckingham []² Me your Favor Whearin
you desired me to Send you my opinion, concerning Samons^s
Road, I have no objections to The peoples Yousing the old
Road, and if you Will be so Kind to taik the truble To give
the Pathmaster such directions as you may think proper, you
may be assured it Will be agreeable me, as I have no desire
that People Shold be abliged to youse a bad Road When they
can Have a good one

I am Hon^d. Sir your duty^{ll}.Hum^{ll}: Ser^t.

JOHN BUTLER

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^{tt}:

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bar^{tt}.

Johnson Hall

¹ In New York Public Library, New York City.² Word missing in photostat copy.

FROM WILLIAM BULL¹A. L. S.²*Charlestown Sep^r. 6th: 1771.*

SIR

About twelve days ago Da ya gough de re sezé a chief of the Oneyda Nation, in English, called Thomas King, arrived in this Town in order to return by Sea, as the shortest route to you and his own Country. He produced to me honorable testimonies under your hand of his Attachment to the English and of his good services in action against the common Enemy, and acquainted me that he had been employed by you to Negotiate or to renew and confirm peace between the six nations and various Tribes of Indians on the Ohio, and with the Chickesaws, Creeks, Cherokees and Catawbias, in which he had succeeded. He communicated to me the names and number, 33, of the various Nations, and shewed the Belts and strings of Wampum he had received on those occasions.

Da ya gough de re sezé complained that the long journey of thirteen months and the rough paths thro' which he travelled had quite exhausted his Wardrobe, wherefore partly on that hint, but chiefly from my regard and friendship for his Nation, I had clothed him suitably to his rank.

I had engaged a passage for him his retinue and the Catabaws on board Cap^t. Blewer to Philadelphia, which Thomas King had a great desire to see, and they were to embark the 7th. instant.

He was to have been accompanied by Capⁿ. John Austin a Catawba in order to confirm in your Presence the peace made by Thomas King, between the Catawbias and six United Nations. But poor Thomas King was taken ill of a violent Fever, and notwithstanding all the care that was taken and Attendance of some of our best Doctors, he died last night. I have Ordered

¹ William Bull was Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina in 1760, 1763 and 1769–75.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

him a decent funeral according to the English manner, as I knew not how to do him funeral honour according to the Custom of his Country, for we are intirely at a loss for an Interpreter of his Language. His Relations are to embark tomorrow morning, and I shall send the Cloaths I had prepared for him to you, that they may be given to his nearest relations to dry up those Tears that will flow upon this melancholy Event. I have given his relations here some presents, who I suppose will take care of the belts and strings of Wampum which he received in the Course of his Negotiations, and report the occasions on which they were given.—

I have the honour to be with great regard

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

To

W^m. BULL

The Honorable

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t. his
Majesty's Agent & Superintendant for
Indian Affairs in the Northern District
of America at
New York

INDORSED:¹ Charlestown Septbr. 6th. 1771

L^t gov^r. Bulls letter
wth. an Acc^t. of Th^s. Kings Death

TO CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 492, is entered a letter of September 10, 1771, to Rev. Charles Inglis, acknowledging Bishop Lowth's commendation of his service to (the conversion of Indians) and considering Governor Tryon's disposition toward the interests of the church, the rights of the bishop of Quebec and maps of the Indian country (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:461-62; Q, 4:287-88.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹*London 10th Sept 1771*

SIR

I had the pleasure of writing You on the 31st Ult^o since which have not been Honor'd with any of Your Letters —

By the Britannia Cap^t Miller I have Shipp'd for Your Accot^t sundry Goods as ¶ Invoice enclosd. Amo^{ts} to £151..2..3 which hope will arrive safe & in time before the Rivers are froze — the great demand for all kind of Woollens was the Cause why they were not sent sooner —

I have little News to mention to You at present — Lord Hillsborough is not yet returnd from Ireland but expected in the course of a Fortnight — Lieut^t Roberts has not Call'd upon me for this month past & I can get no tidings of Him — it gives me pain to think of that Young Gentleman's Conduct — I am of opinion that some proposition will be made in Parliam^t for the augmentation of the Contingent Money for America, & the Advocates will now have good Ground to improve upon from the extension of the Trade from hence — & the Unanimity that every where prevails — the Ministry seem much pleas'd with the amazing Entries of our Manufacturers, & in my opinion will listen to any proposition that may be made by the E. India Company for a New Arrangement of the Tea Duty — if so that Obsta[cle] will be Remov'd & make every one on Your Side easy & happy. there is a plan for making a New Government at the Missisipi accompany'd with a proper protection for the Settlers — the Trade in Skins from that part has been amazing & by Letters from thence there appears a seeming good disposition on the part of the Spaniards to aid our Traffick with them —

In Europe we have nothing New more than the publick prints will inform You — the poor Finances of France has oblig'd the

¹ The Johnson manuscripts contain a signed copy of this letter.

Minister to disband a part of the Land Forces, & dismantle some of their Ships — in England we are growing daily in Naval Strength by increasing the Number of both Ships & Men — Lord North stands firm as prime minister & is likely to continue some Years in that high office — His private Virtues & Good publick Conduct have defeat'd the Shaft of Malice against Him — so that opposition itself is oblig'd to Sit Silent — I have taken the Liberty by this conveyance to write You a Letter in favor of a Tho^s Hatton who goes out from Hence in the Employ of Mess Hagin & Son & myself on a Plan of cutting Timber necessary for the Kings Yards — Should this plan be carried on with Success, it will be of great & mutual Benefit to the Colony & this Country — We are certainly in Want of proper Timber for the use of the King's Ships & if it can be had in America, there will arise a Source of Remittance for the Manufactures sent there, & a national Benefit — the Timber usually Sent from N York has never been attended to — & consequently the Navy people in the Yards have Receivd a very bad opinion of its Quality — on that Acc^t we have Chosen this Hatton to explore the Country & to fix upon no Trees but what are sound & Good & have given Him Instructions to Square the Timber in such Lengths as to be admissible for the King's Use — hoping from His experience to remove that prejudice which the officers have conceivd against it —

As this Plan is intended for such Beneficial purposes I shall hope for the Indulgence of Your good offices — & if You incline to be a Sharer in the same, I shall be happy in Your holding a Quarter part — We propose to Extend it to a considerable amount, provided it answers on the first Essay — & we are not doubtfull, having the promises of the Navy Board to give it a fair Trial —

Permit me, Sir to assure You that I shall be happy in every opportunity of testifying how much I am

Your obliged & obed hble Serv

JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹London 10th 7^{br}. 1771

Mr. Blackburns letter

Ans^d. 11th. Dec^r.—

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²*New york Sep^r: 10th: 1771*

DEAR SIR,

I should have thanked you Sooner for your Letters of the 9th: and 22^d: Ul^{mo}:; in the first of which you inclosed Me an extract from the Minutes of Proceedings with the Six Nations, in July Last.

It is pretty plain that the Six Nations were no way concerned in the Intrigues they were accused of, in the Report Made by Mohican John, and the other Indian at Fort-Pitt. I gave very little Credit to the Intelligence at the time, and believe Mr: Croghan was of the same opinion; tho' for some Reason, he would not declare his Sentiments. But he was right, no doubt, in transmitting the Report to you.

I have waited some time to have the Accounts confirmed from the Illinois, concerning the Hostilities committed there by the Kikapous. I have no Letters So late as that Event is reported to have happened, tho' two or three officers are arrived from thence, who inform me, that they had heard it at the Mingo Town on their Way to Fort-Pitt, and that a Party of about Forty of the ouabacke Indians, I Suppose the Kikapous to have been part, had Intention to intercept them going up the River, but they had escaped them by pushing on with great alacrity. These officers left the Illinois the 9th: or 10th: of June.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Besides the ouabache Indians, the Pouteatamies of St: Joseph have also killed Some People at the Illinois and I find from Missilimakinac, that none of our Traders dare, even yet, go amongst that Nation to Trade. The French Traders supply them, and no doubt keep up their animosity against us. You may recollect their having Murdered Several English Traders, who ventured amongst them.

You will See from these Reports, that the ouabache Indians Instead of becoming More Peaceable from the advice that has been given them, and forgiving their former Murders as well of Indians as of White People, are grown worse; and the Navigation of the Ohio, will be more precarious daily, unless Some Measures are taken to bring them to Reason and I am really of your opinion that they Merit Chastisement, and that Nothing less will obtain us Peace from that Quarter. The Deputys Sent to the Southward May be returned already, or will Soon return, when you will be better able to Judge what is proper to be done therein, and the best way of Chastizing them. Mons^r: Maisonville mentioned Something to me concerning those Tribes, of their never having been Sent for, or properly talked to. He may have Spoke More to you on that Subject.

It will be proper also to take the Behavior of the Pouteatamies under Consideration, it is a Strange Situation that no English Trader dare go into their Country; and that they are to Send Partys every year to Make war at the Illinois. I understand they are a Most turbulent Tribe, and believe Many of their Neighbours Might be prevailed upon to make them behave better; Which I should be glad you would take under your Consideration.

If the Pouteatamies and ouabache Indians are brought to reason, I hear of no other Nations at present that Shew any Inclination to commit Hostilities.

What you mention about the Peace between the Cherokees and Six Nations and other Matters, I very well remember, both you and M^r: Steuart were of the Same opinion, about the

impropriety of the Measure, and acted against your own Sentiments. And I believe what followed Soon after that Event, and the Powerfull Confederacys that were forming, convinced every body that you was right in your Notions of Indian Policy.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^r: W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED:¹

New York 7^{br}. 10th. 1771

Gen^l. Gages letter

Regarding Indⁿ. Affairs & politicks

Very Important.

FROM WILLIAM YOUNGE

A. L. S.

[City Hall Albany September 12, 1771]

[]

As Necessitey in Close Confinemant, Oblidgees me, to Wright These fue Lines to your Honnour, Hoping that it may fng you, in a good State of halte, as I am in at Prasant. But in a Bead Setuation of Life, and of Living som times Days Withought a Mought full of Victuls, and, Hardley, a Shurt, or any Other Close to Pute on my Back at Prasant, for I have Bin Oblidg to Sall all the Close I head to Seport my Selfe, With a Mought full of Vittols for to Save my Life, Therefore, Now Nasessetey, Oblidges me to aske a Faver, from your Honnours hands, That, if your Honnour Whould Be Plesede to Be So Good, and

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Sande me a Letle Seporte By Sume, Safe, hand, and a Line So that I may, Git Whatsoever your Honnour Pleases, to Sende me, and, as I have Bin in This Close Confinement, Sinse, October, 1769, Laste, How to, Git, Outh, I Donte Know, Therefore, I have taken it upon me to Aske a Nother faver from Your hand^s, that is, if your Honnour, Whould Be Plesed, to Be So Good, and Sende a Letter to the Honorable, Assembly, in Order, to have, an Acte Paste for, aney in Solvent Dabt^r. to Be, Releste out, of Confinement By Order, if thay Deliver up all, thay have, and if I Cante Git Ought, upon, them Terms, I Shall, Be Oblidg, to Perrish in this Dismill Plase, Therefore, I hope, that your Honnour Will Be Plesed, to Doe, me, Sum Cindness, for if my Cradutors Whould, have, Lafte me alone at my Bissnes I Could Have, Paid, all, I am in Dabt for, the Whole Dabt that I am In this Miserable, Plase for, is Oneley Sixtey Eight Pound^s Whould, have, Paid, Before Now, if Might, a Stade at, my Bissness, Therefore, If your Honnour, Will Assiste me, in Order to Get me ought of this Dismall Plase, I Shall for Ever Be Bound, to Pray, for your Honnours helte and Well fair, from your Humb^l Serv^t.,

W^m. YOUNGE

ADDRESSED:

To,
The, Honorable Sr. W^m. Johnson Night
And Barrenight, att,
Johnsto^s. Hall

INDORSED:¹

[Albany] 7^{br}. 12th. 1771

Mr. Younges letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Niagara 16th Sep^t 1771

SIR

A young Indⁿ came here a few days agoe, with At,ton,gots Sister, a *Woman of great Consequence* and gave me a French medalle on my Promisseing to procure him an English one in lieu of it, I told them that I would acquaint you with the same, If you think proper to send one to be given the Young man it may please them, as I have given them a note oblidgeing myself either to return the old one, or give a new one, They live on some of the Branches of the Ohio, and I am informd that the Woman has very great influence over three Villages, She is Aunt to the Young man, They said that they would return here in about two months

I beg my respectfull Complements to Sir John, and the rest of your ffamily and am with the utmost regard

Sir

Your most obedient, and
Most humble Servant —

JOHN BROWN

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

P. S. I heard a few days agoe that asha,wa,non or two, with some Belts, passd the Ge,ne,see, Village, goeing among the Six Nations, But cannot learn the Nature of their Busseness

J. B.

INDORSED:¹Sept^r. 16th. 1771 —

 Capt. Browns letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM MOHIKIN ABRAHAM

L. S.

[*Niagara, Sept. 16, 1771*]

Mohekin Abraham

To Sir William Johnson

BROTHER

As I Understand the Mohekins at Stock Bridge are Wanting to Sell a Certain Tract of Land lying above Albany from the Mouth of Wood Creek or Auwgasaga upwards, I take this Oppertunity to Acquaint you that the Right of that Land belongs to me, and I must request the favour of you to Stop the Sale of it, untill you hear further from me, as I intend sending my Son to you in order to lay in My Claim to it, as soon as I can hear from you respecting it, which I must beg you to enquire into; many Old people about Albany Knows the Justice of my Claim.

It may be reported that I am Dead as it is Forty Years since I left that Country.

I am With great Respect

Your Brother

his

MOHEKIN A ABRAHAM

mark

Pr Keeperdo —

The Hon^{ble}

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}.

Sir William Johnson Baronet

His Majesty's Sole Agent and Superintendant of
Indian affairs in the Northern District of North
America

att

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Mohikin Abrahams
 Letter from Ohio
 concerning Land
 rec^d. it 7^{br}. 16th. 1771

FROM RICHARD PETERS²A. L. S.³*Philadelphia 17 Sept^r 1771*

MY MUCH HONOURED SIR

D^r Smith and myself are most shamefully treated by M^r Hall.⁴ We had done every thing for him y^t one in pinchd Circumstances wanted to give him a complete Education and to fit him for the Service of the Indians first as a Schoolmaster and then as a Missionary. Insensible of the obligations he was under to D^r Smith & without any desire to do the Good intended for the Church he without any reason in the world that I know off flew off from the Engagements made us. He pretends obedience to a foolish Father I wish I could impute his Conduct to so good a motive but I believe it was Indolence and a dread of the hardships of an Indian Life. These I suppose were aggravated by some people and made Impressions on a weak Father and a weak Child. These Bug bear Stories Shoud have been despised but I believe from what has happened that he had not Spirit enough for the work. So tho the Event be a very disagreeable one yet

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Protestant-Episcopal clergyman; assistant pastor in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa., for a time from which he resigned in 1737; secretary to the land office; secretary to a succession of governors; one of the provincial council till his death; in the summer of 1762 was invited to officiate in the United churches of Philadelphia, and was chosen rector at the close of the year.

³ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

⁴ See *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:438; Q, 4:274.

I conceive He would not have answered our purpose. We are endeavouring to make up this Loss, but find no fit person yet, nor do I see any prospect from those who are in the College — but time & a little time too may throw before us a proper person. The moment such a one is seen I will write you again.

Mr Stuart thinks & speaks of himself as made happy by your goodness. If God spares your precious Life we may I hope place good people amongst the Indians & People in your neighbourhood. The Church has no Zeal. had a good religion one half the affection for it that bad religions have in other Denominations We shoud fill you with Ministers & School-masters nor spare either Expencc or personal trouble to do it. but Churchmen of all others care little for the prosperity of their Church. I am with Services to Coll^l Guy Johnson & Mr Clause

Dear Sir

Your most obliged

& affectionate

& humble Servant

RICHARD PETERS

S^R W^M JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

Septbr. 17th. 1771 —

The Revr^d. Mr. Peters letter

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

[*Johnson hall Septem^{br}. 19, 1771*]

[DEAR SIR]

Having lately paid a Visit to try the Effects of a Spring lately discovered to the Northward of Schenectady, I was so long

¹ In Johnson's hand; missing sections supplied from manuscript letter of same date in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

detained there & on the road that it has hitherto prevented me from communicating the particulars I lately received from the Southward. I am now to thank you for your favor of the 10th. Ins^t & to lay them before you.—

The first paquet I received contained a Long Letter from Mr. Croghan, wherein he points out the Trouble and Expence in which his present Situation Involves him, & that he Cannot Continue in his Office without his Expences &c are allowed him. In this Letter he mentions his having been informed by a very knowing Indian That the Western Nations have it in view to fall upon the Six Nations, as the latter act Insincerely tow^{ds}. them.— That from a Conversation he had with another Chief It appeared that Gaustarax the Old Seneca had sent belts to the Southward, but that he believes that the Senecas of Ohio &c were the only people concerned in this plot, tho these Excuse themselves by alledging that the Shawanese allways Change the purport of their belts, & gave one particular Instance wherein they had done so last fall. This Letter accompanied one from Mr. McKee who was sent by Mr. Croghan to the Scioto Meeting. Mr. McKee gives a Very favorable acc^t of Tho^s Kings Conduct, Says that the French give out that the bloody belts were intended ag^t them & their Neighbouring Ind^s. under Color of which, they are Erecting Forts, but that in reality it is at the desire of the Indians by way of Security, ag^t any Measures which the Six Nations may now take, he adds that notwithstanding the pains [that have been taken to alter Thomas Kings good opinion of the English He has faithfully discharged the Trust reposed in him, “and that] he had very nigh been murdered by [the Ottawaes for the freedom of his] Speeches”— I have Since rec^d. another paquet of Letters Aug^t. 11th. & 14th. from Fort Pitt by Express across the Country [and also with] Mr. McKee’s Journal, and a Speech which the Ind^s. [desired] might be forwarded to me — From the Journal it appears that he descended the Ohio from Fort Pitt he heard of some Murders

& [Several] Robberies Committed by the Ind^s. particularly at the Mouth of [Muskingum] he found a Number [of] Delawares drinking who had plundered a Canoe [loaded] with Rum &c these he rebuked severely & they promised to make restitution, but I find in every late Acco^t such bitter Comp^{ts}. ag^t. the unlimited Quantity of Rum that is carried amongst [them] That I cannot help repeating my former desire for its being [laid under] Some restriction—On his arrival at the Lower Shawanese Town he found that Tho^s. King was departed for sometime having [made] his Speeches to the Shawanese, Wiandots, Ottawas & Chipeweighs The other Tribes not Coming in he left directions that they sho^d. [streightway] be made acquainted with his business & Speeches, he was accompan^d from thence by sev^l. Shawanese who Mr M^cKee is informed may be Spies upon his conduct with the Cherokees, the boldness he [adds,] with which he delivered his Speeches has inclined them to doubt his Authority. They say he told them That “Whatever Nation sho^d. [dare] to disturb the peace might Depend on being severely chastized for their [Insolence] by the English & Six Nat^s. & that the Wawraghtonos & Kickapous had to take care that the stroke did not first fall upon them for that their folly had long deserved it. That he wo^d. recommend their Conduct for [the future] to be such as to merit the pity, rather than the resentment, of so great [a People,] Adding that the 2 last ment^d. Nations & the Stragglng Ind^s. of the [Six Nations &^{ca}.] living in that Country must be Excluded from, that Notice in the Chain [of] Friendship formerly shewn them until their good behavior sho^d. deserve [otherwise,] 15 Days after Mr. M^cKees arrival there A party of Twightwees & Powtewatamis [came (as they said) in the Name of Wawiaghtenos, Kickapous, & the rest of the Wabash Ind^s. who were prevented from coming to hear Thomas Kings proceedings] by a Call they Received from the Illinois which [Mr. M^cKee says, the] Shawanese told him was however an Excuse, as they were really gone to Strike the English.—From the 21st. June

to the 1st. of July was Spent in delivering Tho^s. Kings Speeches, after which the Shawanese upbraided them with their past Conduct &c — The Twightwees made many declarations of their own pacific Disposition but Acknowledged the Misbehavior of those they represented to whom they promised faithfully to deliver all they had heard, but feared they w^d. not pay due regard to it. The Powtewatamis Chief affected not to understand the Council & to decline having anything to do with it, said his Confederacy despised Threats, appeared to disregard w^t. had been said by the Six Nations, believed that peace w^d. not last long & that they w^d. be prepared for them by w^{ch} according to Mr. McKees Information they alluded to the Forts build^g by the French. He however observes that T. Kings Speeches have thrown the Westⁿ. Ind^s. into great Confusion, as they see that these Straggling Senecas &c whom they looked upon as the Mouth of the 6 Nations were despised & thrown off by that Confederacy. At length it was Concluded that the Shawanese sho^d. Send a Deputation to the 6 Nation Country to know whether he had been charged with all the Speeches & whether they were their real Sentiments.— Before Mr. McKees departure the Shawanese addressed him in a Speech which they desired might be sent to me, & of which together with his remarks made during his Journey I now transmit you a Copy — It may be difficult to lay any restriction upon Rum, or to Confine the Sale of it to particular places, but If it can be done It ought, for I am persuaded it is often the Cause of both Murder & Robbery, tho' it is not so in every Instance. It at present serves as an Excuse & I think we sho^d if possible leave them without even that Excuse for their Conduct.—

I shall Seriously consider of the properest means for Chastizing those Disturbers of the peace.— The Ind^s. of Ouabache have been as often called together as any in that quarter. They have been Sev^l. times Sent for by myself & have sometimes attended, when they were allways but to well Treated, & I am sure they Cost the Gov^t. enough, whilst I had Commiss^{rs} at the Illinois &

the Detroit from their Situation we should have but little [to do with them, but that circumstance inclines them to have a good deal to do with us, and whilst they know it is in their power] to obstruct our Communication [they will do it, as I understand many] parties are now out for that purpose. In short betw[een the evil inclination] of the Indians & Licentiousness of the Whites it is a difficult matter [to Act.—] The Traders [sell them Rum in y^e. greatest plenty,] then tempt them with goods which they put what price they please upon, in the midst of the Indⁿ. Country, amongst [a rapacious] Savage people. At the same time The White Hunters Interrupt them in the Chase and already Some people have Crossed the Susquehanna & Ohio (which was the boundary Line settled in 1768) & are now building in the Indⁿ. Country, of which I have full proof.— Such a disregard to Treaties affords them a dangerous Example.—

Mr. Croghan says That the Ind^s. Settled about Ohio, shew plainly their disappointment, which he attributes in a great measure to Tho^s. Kings Speeches.— I shall Imediately let the Six Nations know of the Message they are to Expect from the Southward & take the best measures I can on that Occasion.— In his Second Letter he again repeats his request of being dismissed from his Office, representing the great Charge it is likely to be to him & the Impossibility of his Continuing without enlarging his allowance. I shall be glad to have your Sentiments & Directions hereon.

I cannot conclude without Expressing the Satisfaction I receive from your approbation of my Opinions & to assure you that I shall allways set the highest Value on your favorable Testimony.

His Excell^{cy}.

L^T. GEN^L. GAGE

INDORSED:

Sept^r. 19th. 1771

To Gen^l. Gage with
inclosures from Ohio &c

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York September 19, 1771*]

DEAR SIR

I received yours 9th Inst^t & am verry happy in answering it by your Nephew D^r. Dease, who brought me a Letter from my Old Friend Cap^t Warren Johnson. I hope this Gentleman's Skill & his Company will be usefull to you — I am sorry the Spring at Kayaderosseras has not had any good Effect.

M^{rs}. Wallace & I are both verry well & much obliged by your kind Invitation but we must debar ourselves that pleasure for this Year. We hope Sir John will spend the Winter with us. Lord Dunmore told me if he had staid in the Goverment S^r John should have spent the Winter with him, if the Sherriff & Posse Com. of the C^o of Albany could have brought him, if nothing else would do. he spoke of him in the most friendly terms. He was realy a verry honest good Man & I think would have made us all very happy. Our present Governor [

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& Polite. M^{rs} Tyron is getting better [her being] ill since their Arrivall has prevented our knowing so much about them as we shall do soon — I fancy our Assembly will not meet before November. I spoke to Ja^s Delancy on the C^o Albany Matters lately, & he says he will push it this Session, & has no doubt of being able to carry it to your Satisfaction. I find its proposed to leave the fixing the County Town to the Justices & Free holders — Pray will that answer your Purpose?

Your Jews Harps were sent up to Albany by Skipper Henry Marseiles the 14 June last, & we have his receipt for them. Mr Phyn promised me he would enquire for them, & I hope he

¹ Lines burned off.

has succeeded. No News here. Our Compl^{ts} to all Friends at
y^e River.

I am Dear Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall
☞ Dr. Dease

INDORSED:¹

N York 19th. 7^{br}. 1771 —

[Mr.] Wallaces letter
[] Nephew Dease

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 493, is listed a letter dated New York, Sept. 21, 1771, from Rev. Charles Inglis on Johnson's zeal for converting and civilizing the Indians, the right method of enlisting Gov. Tryon's cooperation, Gov. Franklin's proposal of a fund to be obtained from islands in the Delaware river, the necessity of a fund to the success of an intended memorial to the English government, Col. Johnson's map of the Iroquois country, Mr Stuart's journey, and sickness prevalent in New York. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:462-65; Q, 4:288-89.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO SAMUEL BAKER

A. Df.

[*Johnson Hall September 21, 1771*]

Your favour of the 28th. May did not reach me until the 16th. of this Ins^t. by it I find that you have not been able to receive my Dividend, nor of course to purchase for me with the Money w^h. I remitted you, wherefore agreeable to your directions (which I wish had come sooner) I now Send you herewith a power of Attorney executed before Two Magistrates, which I hope will answer all purposes.

As Soon as you have purchased additional Stock for me, you will please to send a State of the Whole. In the meantime [I] conclude with much Esteem Sir,

Y^r. Sincere well wisher

& Humble Serv^t.

P. S. inclosed you have also a Bill of Cap^t. Daniel Clau's in my favour £25 — which, with all the rest you will please to lay out in purchasing more Stock.—

MR. SAM^L. BAKER —
London

INDORSED:¹

Septbr. 21st. 1771 —

Letter to Mr. Sam^l. Baker
wth. 2 Powers of Attorney

¹ In Johnson's hand.

AN INDENTURE

D. S.¹

[Sept. 21, 1771]

This Indenture made the Twenty first day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One Between Sir John Johnson of Fort Johnson Knight, Daniel Claus of William's-burgh, Esquire, Guy Joh[n]son of Guy Park Esquire, Michael Byrne of Kingsborough Esquire, Jelles Fonda of Caghnawaga Esquire and Gilbert Tice of John's Town Gentleman, all in the County of Albany and Province of New York of the One Part And Robert Adems of John's Town aforesaid in the County and Province aforesaid Merchant of the Other Part Whereas our now Sovereign Lord George The Third by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of The Province of New York Bearing Date the fifteenth day of September One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Did and Grant unto John Bowen and others All that Certain Tract of Land Situate, Lying and Being in the County of Albany on the West Side of Schohary Hill and within the Province of New York Butted and Bounded as in and by the said Letters Patent or the Record thereof in the Secretary's Office of the Province of New York Reference being thereunto had may more fully and at Large Appear And Whereas the said Parties to These Presents of the first and Second Parts by Virtue of Sundry Mesne Conveyances are become Seized of the Whole of said Tract of Land so Granted by said in part recited Letters Patent And Whereas The said Parties to These Presents of the first and Second Parts Have Mutually Agreed upon an Equal Division Among them of the said recited or in part recited Lands and That each Party shall hold his Proportion thereof in Severalty and not in Common Now This Indenture Witnesseth That The said Parties to These Presents of the first Part and each of them Severally and

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

respectively for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current money of the Province of New York to each of them respectively in hand paid by the said Robert Adems at or before the Ensealing and Delivery of These Presents, The Receipt whereof They the said Parties hereto of the first Part Do hereby Respectively Acknowledge and Thereof and Therefrom Do Respectively Acquit, Release and Discharge him the said Robert Adems by These Presents Have and each of them severally and respectively Hath Granted, Bargained, Sold, Alienated, Released and Confirmed and by These Presents Do and each of them Severally and Respectively Doth Clearly and Absolutely Grant, Bargain, Sell, Alien, Release and Confirm unto the said Robert Adems (in his Actual Possession now being by virtue of a Bargain and Sale to him thereof made by the said Parties to These Presents of the first Part by Indenture, Bearing Date the day next before the day of the date of These Presents and by Force of the Statute made for Transferring of them into Possession) and to his Heirs for Ever All and Singular the Three following Lots or Parcels Lots or Parcels of Land being Part or Parts of the Tract of Land Granted by the Said in part recited Letters Patent, That is to Say, Lot Number Twenty One Beginning at the Stone Heap, and runs from thence South by five Degrees West One Hundred Chains along Bounds of Johannes Lawyer and others to the East Corner of Lot Number Twenty five; Thence North forty Degrees West Sixty Chains and fifty Links to the South Corner of Lot Number Seventy Two; Thence North fifty Degrees East Ninety five Chains along the South East Bounds of said Lot Number Twenty Two to it's East Corner; thence South fifty Degrees East Seventy four Chains and a half along the South West Bounds of Lot Number One to the Stone Heap being the Place of Beginning; Containing Six Hundred and Thirty One Acres of Land, be the same more or Less; Lot Number Six Beginning at the North Corner of Lot Number One and runs from thence North fifty Degrees East One Hundred & nine Chains along the South Easterly Bounds of Lots Number Five and Nine to the

West Corner of Lot Number Eight; Thence South forty Degrees East One Hundred and Five Chains and a Half along the South West Bounds of Lots Numbers Eight and Seven to the Old Patent of Schohary; Thence north Eighty One Degrees West One Hundred and Thirty one Chains and Fifty Links along the Bounds if the Said Old Patent of Schohary to a Corner Tree Lettered I B &c; Thence South Eleven Degrees West Thirty Chains along the Bounds of the aforesaid old Patent of Schohary to the East Corner of said Lot Number One; Thence North forty Degrees West Twenty Six Chains and fifty Links along the North East Bounds of said Lot Number One to the place of Beginning Containing Six Hundred and Thirty One Acres of Land be the same more or Less; Lot Number Eleven Beginning at the North Corner of Lot Number Nine and runs from thence North Forty Degrees West Seventy four Chains along the North East Bounds of Lot Number Ten to the West Corner of said Lot Number Ten; Thence North fifty Two Degrees East Eighty Five Chains and thirty Links along the Easterly Bounds of Corry and others to the West Corner of Lot Number fifteen; Thence South Forty Degrees East Seventy four Chains along the South West Bounds of said Lot Number fifteen to the West Corner of Lot Number Sixteen; Thence South Fifty Degrees West Eighty Five Chains and Thirty Links along the North West Bounds of Lot Number Twelve to the place of Beginning; Containing Six Hundred and Thirty One Acres of Land be the same more or Less; which said Three Lots make in the Whole One Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety Three Acres of Land be the same more or Less; Together with all and Singular The Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments, Rights, Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any Wise Appertaining And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Proffits And also all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use Trust, Property, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever, both in Law and Equity of them the said Parties to These Presents of the first Part and each of them severally and

respectively of in and to the said Three Lots of Land and of and to every Part and Parcel thereof with Their and every of their Appurtenance To Have and To Hold all and Singular the said Three Lots or Parcels of Land, Hereditaments and Premises hereby Granted and Released with their and every of their Appurtenances unto the said Robert Adems his Heirs & Assigns to his and Their Own Proper Use Benefit and Behoof for Ever Subject to the Quitrent, Provisoes, Reservations, Limitations, Conditions and Restrictions in the said recited or in Part recited Letters Patent Expressed and Contained And the said Parties to these Presents of the first Part Severally for Themselves and Their Heirs, Executors & Administrators Respectively hereby covenant and Grant to and with the said Robert Adems his Heirs and Assigns that the said Premises hereby by them Respectively Granted are free from all Incumbrances by them Respectively made And shall and may be for Ever hereafter peacably Enjoyed by the said Robert Adems his Heirs and Assigns without any Disturbance from any Person or Persons Claiming or to Claim the same by from or under them, The said Parties to these Presents of the first Part or any of Them Respectively In Witness whereof the Parties to These Presents have hereunto Interchangeably Set their Hands and Seals the day and Year first above Written —

JOHN JOHNSON	G. JOHNSON	JELLES FONDA
DAN CLAUS	MICH ^L BYRNE	GILBERT TICE

Be it Remembered that on the Eleventh — ——— day of June ——— in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy four personally appeared before me Sir William Johnson Baronet one of his Majestys Council for the Province of New York Dudley Davis and being duly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth And Saith that he was Present And Saw Sir John Johnson Knight Daniel Claus Esq^r. Guy Johnson Esq^r. Michael Byrne Esq^r. Jellis Fonda Esq^r. & Gilbert Tice Parties to the within Deed Seal and Deliver the Same as their Voluntary Act and Deed for the Uses therein

mentioned And that he this Deponant Subscribed his name as a Witness thereto And also saw John Cottgrave the other Witness thereto subscribe his Name as a Witness to the same And I having Inspected the within Instrument And finding no Material Razures Interlineations or Obliterations therein do Allow the Same to be Recorded

W. JOHNSON

Recorded in Tryon County Records Lib. A fol: 147: 148: 149:150

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INDORSED:

Sealed and Delivered in
the Presence of us — the word "five"
being first Interlined

JOHN COTTGRAVE
DUDLEY DAVIS

Sir John Johnson Knight
and Others —
To
Mr Robert Adems

Release of Some
Lots of Land on the
West Side of Schohary
Hill in the County
of Albany —

September the 21st 1771

D. DAVIS

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

[*Teronto Sept^r 22^d. 1771*]

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Since we done Ourselves the Honour of Writing You by the Battoe Funda Sent to Us, we are seperated. the Indians of Pemiskittyon sent three times to Invite Us there upon which we Consulted together and came to the following Resolution, as M^r.

Keiuser was not Capable to Carry on the Necessary Correspondence required hear he Consented to go. I got an Assortment fited out for him & Imediately gave him the Invoice at the Bottom of which I made Out the Charges on the Merchandize. Specifying Everry Individual Article, to a Candle for his Government.¹ I intreated him most Earnestly to throw off his Indolence & take care to make sure that which he has promised me he will do. since he Left this which was the second Ins^l. I have heard from him, and have the pleasure to Inform you that the Indians Received him Most kindly, made him a present of ten Baer Skins to Welcome him, and traded off With him three Large packs the second day of his Arrival & Imediately Dispatched Messengers Round to there people to Acquaint them of []
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 Good trade. I have had a Visit from []
 Great Chief with five of his people. after he rested & Refreshed himself he told me to sit by him that he wanted to speak to me. he then pulled Out ten strings of Wampum & spoke as follows, It gives me and my people great pleasure that you Intend to Continue among Us. now we know where to [obtain] supplies to Our Liking. keep up your Spirits and be Assured My people will Look on this house as there Own then taking me by the hand he now took me as his Child, and All the Indians should Look on me as such. then holding up the Strings those is Like your Writing they dont tell Lyes. you may depend on having a Great Many Indians this fall & Winter treat them kindly when they Come. on your Account I have forbid the frenchmen building a house or tradeing at my place Our Eyes is now Open and we find they have Imposed On Us, and stole our Beaver & Skins. a Vast deal more he said. he then Asked me whether I knew where Monoghquit (the Chief on the Lake hear) was. I told him about four Mile off he

¹ At this point in the margin appears the following: Mr. Keiuser's Cargo amts. to £360 —

² Line burned off.

sent Messengers for him and his people to Come to him, then made me a present of four Beavers. the Next Morning Monoghquit with about Twenty Young men came, then the Council was Opened. the Old man pulled Out a Belt & began as follows: Monoghquit I hear you nor your people does nothing []

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[] have to beg rum from them to get Drunk. dont you know I want my people Over soon and the rum, thats its Our Custom to Carry our Rum to Our Castle and drink among Ourselves & not Among the White people. as to you, you are all slaves. In a Little time you will not know how to hunt and the English will dispise you, as they must now. get your people together and build a Castle & hunt as We do, then you will become a great people again. you Are not Insensible that it was me who made you a Great man, and that with a View for you to take care of the Young people & give them good Advice. but Instead of that I am Informed You are One of the Worst and the Most troublesome to the English, and that you Robed Our friends Last summer, (the two Bluckers was robbed of Six Cags of rum, the Indians had some temptation, for it Lay Open In the field the Old Man thought it was Us was robbed) I now Insist You pay them for what you took and take care for the future & behave better or you will Disoblidge me, and Let me see you all go to your hunting Grounds, which they have done since. they hung down their heads & Acknowledged they done wrong would Not do so Again. then made a Remark that the

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not help Drinking. the Old Man []
that they were fools. the more traders that came []
them, the Better they would be supplied. and it []
the English put Confidence in them, and they should not by there bad behaviour break the friendship that subsisted between them &ca &ca. I was Under a Necessity on this Occasion to

¹ Line burned off.

break threw Your Order. I spoke on nothing but trade. I pulled out ten strings of black Wampum, Returned them thanks for the Friendship they had Allready shown Us, and hoped they would be strong & still keep it, but that a great Number of them was Verry fickle & not to be depended On for when Other traders came hear, for a Little rum or Other trifles they would trade with them, is it not clear to You that those people only comes for a few days & then Leaves You. what would you do if we done so You would have to Walk In Winter to Niagara. be Resolute & Strong & Look on this house keep to it as You have promised, and you shall find you will Always be supplied. I then told them was they fools they could Not Distinguish the Difference. the traders that come brings as much goods as you Can Carry on your hands the Rest Rum. the Old Man said it was Verry true. his peoplè some of them was Foolish but it would not be so Again. the Indians on the Lake had a Report Among []
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 [] I heard of it. I told them yes but it was Only a Drunking Indian said so, & that there was Nothing in it, which is the truth, they are greatly Afraid of the Senecas. the Old Man made Reply & Asked them whether they were Women to be Afraid of the Senecas. if you are Afraid Come Over to me I have Corn Enough for you All & I with my people will stand Our Ground. but you are Fools to Listen to such Idle Reports. I hear them but what I gather In One Ear I Let Out at the Other. they then Asked me about the French & Spaniards & Whether we were Going to Warr. they know all About it. I told them there was such a Report but that the French & Spaniards had paid Us a Great deal of money to make up with them they said it was just what some of there people heard at Montreal. I then told them as to the Little spot the Spaniards had (Meaning Augustin) which they know we Could take it when we pleased they said they were Sensible of it.

¹ Lines burned off.

I now send you Sir An Account of What Goods we had since
hear from Campbell

	£ 1147..13.. 7
Jacob V Derheyden	287..17..10 ³ / ₄
Hugh Henney	44
Jealous Funda	817..16.. 6 ¹ / ₄

£ 2297.. 8.. 1

Paid of that

1290.. 8.. 1

Ballance Reman^g £ 1007

[
D^o. Campbell []
£ 60 []

You Sir Nor Funda has not Let us know whether you took the
Goods we sent down. pray Let us know in the Next you honour
us with. Now I will show you the Difference of Campbells &
Fundas Charges, the Latter Chargeing us so much more,
on knives

	1/ p ^r Dozen
the Other Silver Works having	Wampum 2/ p ^r hundred
none from Campbell cant	Broaches 3 ^d . Each
tell. this I foreseen & wrote	Ear bobs 6 ^d . d ^o
You my thoughts before on	Rist bands 1/ d ^o
that head. he Also Charges	1000 Flints 16/ Over
Us Expences & Carraige which	Strounds 5/ p ^r piece
Campbell Dont. its because	Rib ^{ds} . 4/ d ^o .
he sells to Billy hare so he	Gartering 1/ d ^o .

thinks he can do it with Every One. if god spares Our Lives
I hope next spring to Convince them that it will be worth there
while to be punctual with Us. I hope M^r. Campbell will not
Disapoint Us in the Battoe of rum we wrote for. if he Does we
are Intirely frustrated, not having a third hard Rum Enough. I
Expect M^r Keiuser will send me what packs he has soon, which
if he does with what I have got will be Considerable. I Expect
partys In Every day. those Ind^{ns}. dont trade single skins Like

¹ Lines burned off.

the Others. they dont come Out of the Woods Untill they have Got a Good parcel & then Comes in partys. the Ind^{ns}. is so Confounded Lazy []

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[] I will do myself the honour of sending you to know whether its the sort you mean. I am sorry I can[not] procure Any thing worth Sir Johns Acceptance to Whom & the Rest of the Family be pleased to remember Me, as nothing would make more happy than to be Wonced more in their Esteem, and believe me to be

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Ever faithfull & Most
Oblidged Humble Serv^t.

FERRALL WADE

P. S. I have made great Improvements this summer I have Got the House quite snug. I Assure you its not an Indifferent One. I have 30 Cord of Wood at my door, which we Carried in the Battoe about a mile —

I forgot to Mention before the Old Man went away I made him a present of One [of] my Own Coats, a Cag rum, a Blanket powder & Shot, at which he was highly pleased & told me he would Allways Remember me when he Looked on the Coat. he then Asked me whether I Could treat him with a Bottle of Wine. I told him yes happening to have a few Bottles of red port, which we send for the sake of the Bottles. we drank three Bottles and he Remarkd to his son, this is a Great Man the traders from Niagara drinks nothing but such rum as we do. God knows we dont taste Wine Onced in Six Months. I strove to show big & honoured them with siting at the table at which

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[] such friendship [] Out of the

¹ Lines burned off.

traders power to hurt Us. they traded two Large packs with me. what I mean by Large is such packs as we make.—I have Got a man with me that speaks the Language pritty Well a [] Lad who knew me there does Everrything ab^t. the house for £ 18 p^r Annum —

INDORSED:¹

Toronto 7^{br}. 22^d. 1771

Ferrall Wades letter

FROM JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.

Cachnewago 24 Sept^r 1771

HONERED SIR/

I Just now Rec^d your feav^r and am now a Sending Round for to Procure 8 of the Best hands as I Can Tinck of; petter Nare is gone up for me to Neiagera — I will if Posebele get John S. Phillips who always was willing and obliging in my Imply; to go in the Rome of him with John Ponwel and Volkert Phillips and I will Send op to Van alstines for the Bato and have hur Put in order here — I have no Bato to Spare so there most Be Sent for one to Schonectady if I have orders I Can Do it — I Send the Red and Blue wosted By the Bearer your Bouy Cost 2/6 p^r Bunch there is 4 Bunches about 1^{lb} w^t. in them

as to the Lands at Forth Stawix I whould Be glad to have them to the Estward of the Rever Down to Lord Hollands Line and op the Rever about 5 miles if there Be aney More then wat is given to Petter. I am about fitting out two Batoes one for ondago and one for Cayugo to Buy Jinsang & Next weck 2 if Can Set them out I Beleve I Shall go to Forth Stanwix and Take a Vewe of them my Self when I whould Be much obliged to you to Speke to the Indians whether or not — Before Sir wiliam

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Goes up I will Show you a Letter as I got from the Honerabele Henry wite Conserving the Lands there and then I whould Be glad for your advice in it how to act farther so Sir I Remane in Haste your most

obedient Humbele

Serv^t

JELLES FONDA

To SIR W^M. JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

Major Fondas

Letter

7^{br}. 24th 1771

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 493, is listed a letter of September 24th to the Earl of Hillsborough, recommending Rev. Charles Inglis's memorial touching the Christianization of Indians and commending Rev. Dr Cooper, Presd't of N. York Colledge (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:987–88; Q, 2:572.)

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²

New york Sept^r. 24th. 1771

DEAR SIR

I conclude that Mr. Croghan has transmitted You Mr: McKee's Report from Sioto; by which You will see there was some Foundation for the Intelligence given by *Mohicon John*; and that the Plot proceeded from the Quarter the Six Nations suspected, what they told you at their last Meeting seems to agree with McKee's Discoverys amongst the Western Indians; but they appeared so convinced that it was a Measure approved

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

of by the whole Confederacy, that they had Doubts about Thomas King's Messages, or that he was empowered to speak to them in the stile he delivered his Messages; and to know the Truth, proposed sending to the Senacas. The Pouteatamies and Nations of the ouabache pretended, for I believe it only a Gasconade, to set the English and Six Nations at Defiance, but I hear nothing of the Forts the French are reported to be building for their Reception. They made the Usual Complaints of the Quantity of Rum brought by the Traders, I wish most Sincerely that it could be prevented; I will do my utmost When the Commissioners from the Several Provinces meet to regulate the Trade, which I am informed they are to do.

The Pouteatamies did Mischief at the Illinois in the Spring and the Kikapous killed a White Man and a Negro, and made another White Man Prisoner, about Six Miles from Fort-Chartres, on a Plantation of Baynton and Company, on the 17th. of July. The Prisoner, by name Fintey, has contrived to get a Letter by means of the French Traders to the Commanding Officer of the Detroit, who has transmitted it to me. He says it was resolved to burn him, but that he was Saved thro' the Intercession of the French, of whose Goodness to him he speaks highly. He informs also, that the Indians there, are fully bent for War against the English, that they had killed one Englishman and one Negro on the Same Plantation two Months before he was taken, and some of them were then out. It is possible those that were out intended to intercept a couple of Boats, in which were two or three officers, with other People coming up the ohio. on some suspicion of the kind, the Boats pushed up very fast, and were informed at the Mingo-Town that a Party of Forty Kikapous went out with Design of intercepting them.

I wrote to you a few Days ago about the best Means we could fall upon to chastize these Tribes and bring them to Reason, and perhaps you would first choose to know the Answers which Thomas King shall bring from the Western and Southern Nations, before you would resolve upon the Measures you Judge

proper to take. I have given orders to have the Troops at the Illinois instructed in scouting and wood Fighting, accompanied by the Most Spirited Indians of the Country and always to have the Troops in readiness; but shall proceed no farther till I hear from you, and have fixed every thing with You and if nothing but Chastizement will do, I think then of writing to Mr: Steuart, to see what use can be made of the Cherokees and Chikesaws.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir

your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED:¹

New York 7^{br}. 24th 1771

Gen^l. Gages Letter

FROM WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 493, is listed a letter, dated September 28th, from Rev. Wm Andrews, Schenectady, soliciting patronage of a grammar school which he has opened (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:466-67; Q, 4:290.)

TO CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 494, is listed a letter of September 28th to Rev. Charles Inglis, discussing a memorial relative to conversion of Indians, showing why husbandmen and mechanics should be excluded from them and mentioning Dr Cooper's merits (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:465-66; Q, 4:289-90.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Teronto Sept^r. 29th. 1771

SIR

Since I done Myself the Honour of Writing you Last, there is another trader hear Mr. V Vightey. its no more than What I Expected and What will Affect Us Nothing. I am Certain by all Accounts there will be a Great trade hear In the Winter & Spring. Our fall trade is not Come in yet. the Ind^{ns}. back keep a hunting Verry Late & when they Come home they rest themselves having three Days journey to Come hear. I had two of them With me Yesterday & they have All of them Assured me they would Look on the Old house. V. Vighty has not got a skin yet. I have got In Beaver, peltry, & small Furrs, I Compute about a hundred pounds Worth. I hear by the Ind^{ns}. that Mr. Keiuser has a Vast trade the Most of the Indians has Come In they say 13 packs I Expect his boat hear soon & I have no rum to spare. without a supply we will be Immencely hurted. but I am In hopes Campbell has Rec^d. Our Letter & that the Boat is on her Way. we want four times as much as we have & before july Next I dare say we would not have a Cag Left. On the whole [] Means to Attract more Indians hear two [] to the Lake above Us Mr. Keiuser will stop that Gap Not One Comes this Way nor will not I am Certain to trade.

I am with the Greatest Respect

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Obedient &

Most Humble Serv^t.

FARRALL WADE

P. S. I would have sent the packs & Matts by this Opertunity, but the Men would not Carry them having a Load Ingaged at Niagara

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honourable
 Sir William Johnson Bart^t
 At
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Toronto 7^{br}. 29th. 1771

Mr. Wades letter —

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Sept. 29th. 1771.

DEAR SIR,

As my Son, & Son in Law Col. Johnson are Setting off in order to pass a few days at New York I thought it necessary that they should wait upon you with this Letter to acquaint you that I am Just preparing to go again into the Six Nation Country where I shall Conferr with the Chiefs [*& Settle the reception to be given to the Southern Deputys who are expected as you will find in the Inclosures that accompanied my Last*] concerng the Embassy from the Southward mentioned in my last and [*I shall*] also take every other Step that shall appear necessary. On my return I shall have the pleasure of Writing you more fully, in the meantime [*Col Johnson will inform you of any particular which*] I beg Leave to referr you for further particulars to Col. Johnson who will Likewise receive your Commands on any Subject you think necessary.—

I am allways with True Regard

D^r Sr.

&ca

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson except the postscript which is in Sir William's hand.

Inclosed is the last Half years Acc^t. of Sallarys & Disbursements in my Department, for w^h. I shall be glad to have Your Warrant.—

His Ex^{cy} L^t GEN^l GAGE.

FROM THOMAS HUTCHINSON

*A. L. S.*¹

Boston 29, Sept 1771

SIR;

I should have answered the letter which you have done me the honor to write me the next post after the receipt of it, if I had not expected from the Commissioner an extract from Mr Kirtland's Journal to transmit to you. I gave your letter to the Lieut Governor who has been many years Treasurer & Secretary to the Board but there not having been a meeting since, some of the most active Members being absent, I have not yet been able to obtain it, I may not any longer omit acknowledging the receipt of your letter and thanking you for your very obliging Expressions of esteem and friendship. I have not been present at any late Meetings of the Commissioner's² and I knew no more of the Affair which occasioned my Letter to you than what appeared in the Vote which I included to you. I have not seen Mr Kirtland's Journal but from the account which the Lieut Governor gave me I am afraid the Commissioners were too sudden in their Vote and I suspect there is nothing more in the Journal than what Mr Kirtland received from the Indians. Had I known this in season I should have endeavored to have prevented the least notice being taken of it, for I have found so many of them to have a lurch to lying that I must have some

¹ In possession of Joseph F. Sabin, New York City.

² Commissioners of the Company for propagating the Gospel in New England.

special reason for a favorable opinion of any particular Indian before I would give credit to him.

As soon as I can obtain from the Board the Extract you desire I will forward it to you and write you further upon the subject. I am with very great regards and esteem.

Sir Your most humble
and obedient

Servant

THO HUTCHINSON

Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart.

INDORSED: Boston 29th 7^{br}. 1771
Gov^r. Hutchinsons letter

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

N York Sept. 30 1771

S^R WILLIAM

A Package is in the Hands of M^r White, concerning which the enclosed Letter will inform you further it is from Mr John Blackburn at London.

I have discontinued writing to you since the rising of parliament as there have not occurred incident material enough to give you the trouble of reading my Epistles. I fancy we shall shortly hear of new Arrangements in the Administration.

Many folks think that new matter of Contest has arisen between the Court of Madrid and that of S^t James, which will still terminate in War, a Conclusion I never lost sight of since the Arrival of the Sloop Favorite from Falkland Islands.

I am

Sir William

Your most faithfull Serv^t.

JA RIVINGTON

FROM JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.

*Sunday Morning 10 a Clock at
Forth Stanwix*

HONRED SIR/

I Just Now arived here afther Being four Days in the wouds Reconitering the Lands and found them Verry good. so I will Be obliged to you to Speke to the Indians for the Lands aney thing as you Do I will Be Satisfyed with in getting the Lands I will give you a full Discreption of our Travel — and ware the Lands is good and Bad I have Taken a great Dele of Trubele to finde them out Mr. Wall who is not Retorned yet has our Journel and Soune as he Comes here I will Send it to you By Express — the Indians as I Send this Letter By Met me with the Barls as you wrote for to Mr Wall I am obliged to You for the fish so I Remane with my Cinde Complem^{ts} to you and the Rest of the Jentelman with you and am Sir your Most Obedient humbele Serv^t.

JELLES FONDA

ADDRESSED:

To the Honorable
Sir wi^m Johnson &

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Fondas letter
ab^t. Lands —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New york October 1st: 1771*

DEAR SIR,

I am to thank you for your Letter of the 19th: Ul^{mo}: with Mr: M^c: Kee's Report; which you will know by my last Letter, had been in part transmitted me from Fort-Pitt. The Trick played by the Chenussies by making use of the Name of the Six Nations, without their Knowledge or Authority has occasioned very great Confusion, and at the same time Serves to shew us how ready the Western Nations are for Mischief. They may be the more encouraged to it from the vicinity of the French at the Illinois; indeed it appears so from what they alledge concerning the Forts building to protect them, which you know was an old Piece of Policy amongst the Canadians; but I hope the Spanish Governor will understand that it is our Mutual Interest to prevent the Indians from disturbing each other, and that he will not be drawn into such a Scheme. The French Traders are thick upon the ouabache, and it is Natural to suspect that they instigate the Indians against us to keep the Trade to themselves. and besides I am informed, that the Settlement formed by the vagabond French at Post Vincent,² increases so much, as to require them to be kept under some Government, or to be dislodged.

The Complaints of the great Quantity of Rum carried amongst the Nations certainly deserve Attention, but how to prevent it effectually is the Difficulty. When Rum was entirely forbidden they made it an Article of Grievance, and to permit only a certain Quantity to be carried by the Traders, is no easy Thing to manage. I still hear that Commissioners are to meet from the Provinces concerned in the Indian Trade. if they do, you may be certain I shall do my utmost to get this Complaint

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Now Vincennes, Ind.

redressed; and as I go in a few Days to Philadelphia shall talk seriously upon it to Mr: Hamilton, who for the present Presides in Pennsylvania. But after all, you know too well how little Regard is paid to Laws after they are made; and I am certain no Laws will have Force in the Indian Country, unless the Commanders of the Forts have Power to Seize Delinquents, and do immediate Justice to the Indians.

Mr: Crogan has no Doubt a perfect Acquaintance with Indians, and has been usefull on many Occasions, and I am sorry he is discontented, but it is absolutely out of my Power to allow him his Expences, which on most occasions are pretty considerable and indeed since he went to reside in the Neighbourhood of Fort-Pitt, the Expences of that Garrison have swelled so much beyond those of other Posts, that I have been at a Loss to discharge them. He is generous, gives all he has, and whilst he has any thing to give, the Indians will flock about him.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: W^M: JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹ Octbr. 1st. 1771 —

Gen^l. Gages letter

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

A. L. S.

[*Baskootayan Oct. 3 1771*]

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This will Inform that we are Safe Arrived in the Missasugus Country and well Received by the Inhabitents &c there is

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Presiding hear two french Traders who Seame if to be Bleived would Act up to our Sentiments in Trade whether or no (the Indians has Giveing us there word in this part of the Country the Chiefs of this place has Express^d. themselves in the most Dutyfullest manner towards Your honour^s Reputation Requesting me to Acquaint Your honour that there Intentions was to Serve Your honour and Likewise to pay a Regard to the British Crown) the Chief mans name is Koto he has two Leu^{ts}. under him they were mentioning to me that they would be Very proud if they Could have a Lace hat and a Laced Coat apeice they Seem^d. to be Very fond of Scarlet the french has a Great many Droll dresses for them this place with the Inhabitents it Contains and the other Creek Call^d. BeemaSkooDiaun is about Sufficiant for us three Traders. that is to Say the french that is now here and us To ConClude with my and my Brothers Sincere

Respects Remain Your honours most humbl^e.

Ser^{ts}

JOHN JOHNSTON

To the Hon^{le}. SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

P. S. Sir Please to Excuse hast by Reasons
of a Troublesome Company

ADDRESSED :

To

The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

At Johnson Hall

GENERAL GAGE'S WARRANT

There is listed in the Johnson Calendar, p. 494, under date of October 5, 1771 General Gage's warrant sent from New York City to Abraham Mortier for paying £4264, 10d to Sir William Johnson. Destroyed by fire.

GUY JOHNSON TO AN UNKNOWN PERSON

A. L. S.¹Guy Park, Oct. 6, [1771]²

DEAR SIR/

The Bearer has been with me & has Spoken on a Belt & Strings about Some Ammunitⁿ. & some other Articles, As I don't understand him, & as I hear Col Butler is Not at home I should be glad you would talk with him, & Let him have a few Articles as far as is reasonable Letting Me know what he Says on the Subject

I am
With Esteem
Your very humble Serv^t.
G. JOHNSON

I am Laid up with
a Swelling in the foot

You can tell him that the
Shops are mostly out of Goods
at this Time, till they get a Supply
from York, but I fancy Ammunition is his principal want.

Let me know the purport
of the belt he has Left with me.

INDORSEMENT:

Guy Park Oct
6th in relation to
ammunition &c
P. R.³
Col^o. Johnsons
Order

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

² See letter from Guy Johnson to Sir William Johnson, Nov. 28, 1771.

³ Possibly the signature of Peter Ryckman to whom the letter may have been written.



GUY PARK, HOME OF GUY JOHNSON

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*L.*¹*New York October 8th. 1771.*

General Gage's Compliments to Sir William Johnson Bart; and begs the favor of him to forward the Inclosed Letters, for Niagara Detroit, and Missilimakinac; by the first good Opportunity that Offers. And as it is Necessary for the good of His Majesty's Service, that they should reach the Posts, very early in the Spring, if no Opportunity offers Timely enough, Sir William Johnson will be pleased to forward them by Express.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

*A. L. S.**New London Oct. 9th. 1771*

DEAR SIR

I am this moment Returned from New York where I have been in order to get Something done in my affairs. Finding as I wrote you that [so]me of my Creditors would not Come into the [p]lan I proposed of a Letter of Lycence and that others believing I had some friends who would not let me go to Goal were pressing me Even to Severity—I Brought a Petition to our [Gene]ral Assembly and got all my Creditors here except one or two to give their Consent that it should be Granted. as Soon as this was done I Set out for our friend M^r. Robinsons and by his M^r. M^cEvers, M^r. Apthorps but above all M^r. Bayards kindness, I have got all my Creditors Except three or four in New York to give from under their hands that they Consent and desire the Petition may be Granted which is that upon Assigning whatever I have (if anything) to trustees for my Creditors my Person may be Liberated & Freed from

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

arrests on Acco^t of my Present Debts — those Very Persons who made the greatest objection to a Letter of Lycence have been so good as to Come into this method which is a thousand times better for me. I am told by Very able Council that such an Act would Barr any Action that Could be Brot against me in New York but I Chose to be entirely Free & Safe and flater myself I shall in a few days Procure the Consent of the three or four who Stood out there — [] sure of the few who did not agree before I w[] New York and as the matter Comes on next Tuesday at New Haven I hope in a Very few days after to be free and shall as soon as Possible Set out for the Hall (where I have a thousand times wished my Self) in order to pay my Respects to you and wish to Heaven it may be in my Power to Leave this place this Fall

I am with great truth and Duty

Dr Sr

Your most Obed^t

Most Hble Serv^t

JOS CHEW

Mrs Chew and Little Fann
desire me to give their best Respects
we all most Fervantly Pray for
your Health & Happiness —

The Hon^{ble} SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

Johnson Hall

FROM JOHANNES LAWYER

A. L. S.¹*Schoharry october 12 1771*

MUCH HONOURED SIR

I have Sent you here my paper messenger to Let you know that as we heard by Capt george man that you was Very well satisfied that mr Stanburrough Should Divide the patents belonging to us Lying on both sides of schoharry River these are to Let you know that it was not by, nor from other peoples words that we have made Choice of him for I have employed him to do business for me and by his performances and what Discourse I have had with him I suppose him to be a man Capable of the business that he professeth and mr Timmer and myself have made Choice of him if it be agreeable he sayeth that he is familiarly acquainted with mr Picken so that your honour may if Conveniet enquire his Character of mr picken or Discourse him personally as I do intend to send him to your honour in order to get Directions in what manner to proceed upon the Survey if agreeable as Soon as I can have intelligence of your arrival at johnson hall he hath an Instrument made by mr miller of Elizabeth town with a minute hand in order to allow the vareation which in my opinion is very Necessary as our patents are bounded Chiefly by patents of an older Date than ours mr Smith by his Letters Desireth it being done very Soon if it be agreeable there Can be a part Done this Season unless the snow Cometh sooner than usual So I Conclude Your most obedient

JOHAN^s LAWYER

To the right Honourable
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTON

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

INDORSED:¹Scohare Octbr. 12th. 1771

 Lt. Col. Lawyers letter

FROM TURBUTT FRANCIS

A. L. S.

Philadelphia Octor. 14th 1771

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I had the Honor the day before Yesterday to wait on Gen^l Gage who desired me to take the Liberty of writing to you on the Subject of M^r Croghans Resignation. He told me he had received a Letter from you acquainting him that M^r Croghan had desired to resign his Office under you, and that the Gen^l himself had received a Letter from M^r Croghan requesting the same favor — When I had the Honor of seeing you last I thought I stood tolerably well in your Opinion & had some prospect if Mr Croghan declined serveing to succeed him. I hope Sir there has not been any transaction of mine since that time, that has alterd your sentiments of me — My Abilities for executeing that Office most certainly at present are by no means equall to Mr Croghan's, but Sir give me leave to assure you if you take me by the Hand, I will spare neither time or trouble to make my self acquainted with the duties of the Office, so that I may execute it with Reputation to myself, and if possible reflect Honor on my Patron — If you think it requisite to have a Letter from Gen^l Gage on the Subject I am confident from what he said to me I can with ease obtain it, as he assured me of his good inclination towards me not only in the present affair but in any other that was in his power — If there is Security to be given for the just execution of the trust I can get unexceptionable for whatever Sum you judge sufficient, without any sort of difficulty — If Sir

¹ In Johnson's hand.

you determine in my favor, I should be glad to know you think it [best] for me to wait on you at Johnson Hall — I hope Sir I may [have] the Honor of a Letter from you, when you are at leisure which will be an additional Obligation to the many I have received & which shall always be gratefully remember[ed] & acknoldg'd by him who has the Honor to be with the utmost respect

Sir Your most Obliged,
And Most Humble Servant
TURBUTT FRANCIS

P. S. If you desire to have a Letter from Gen^l Gage in my favor on the present Occation I will do myself the Honor of paying my Respects to you at Johnson Hall as soon as I possibly can. Or if a Letter from the Governor of this province would answer any purpose I am confident I can obtain it.

T. F.

To the Hon^l.

S^r. WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹

October 14th 1771 —

Mr. Turbut Franci's letter.

FROM CARPENTER WHARTON

L. S.

[Philadelphia Octr. 14th. 1771]

[]

[] take up my pen to embrace that [] show'd long since have done my Self the honour of Writing to you, had I not been frequently disappointed by the Managers of the China Factory in the receiving a breakfast Set a China

¹ In Johnson's hand.

of the Manufactory of this City (Which I beg leave to Present You for the use of the Hall,) as I flatter my Self it is the very best of the Kind they have yet exhibited.

I have applied at Several Stores for a Set of Decanters and Glasses, The Manufactory of Lancaster County in this province, but to my great disappointment Could not obtain them — as I am Senceable it would afford you a Peculiar Satisfaction in observing the progress made in the China and Glass Manufactories, the demand for them is So Great, that the proprietors of the Manufactories are not able to Supply the orders from the different Colonies

I have the Pleasure to acquaint You that my Father has lately reced a letter from my brother Samuel Wharton, wherein he assures him, he has very Near Compleated his business respecting the obtaining a Charter for Lands on the Ohio, by which we flatter our Selves it must by this time be determin'd and a Governor appointed; M^r Robert Hoop[e]r has been Over the Tract Since the first of May: and by the account he gives of it, The Climate is much like This and the Lands is Extreemly good by which I trust the Proprietors will not be at a loss for imediate Settlers

It wou'd afford me (Sir) peculiar Pleasure in Negotiating any Commands You woud be pleased to Honour me, or any of Your Friends.

Please to Present my Compliments to Sir John

I remain Sr. your most

Obedient Humble Servant

CARPENTER WHARTON.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnston
Barronet
at
Johnston Hall

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Carpenter Whartons

Letter

Novbr 1771 —

Ansrd. D^o. Month

& wrote for a Rifle —

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 15th Octr 1771

SIR WILLIAM

I was favour'd with your letter of 28th past a few days ago by Sir John Johnson, and take the first Opportunity to acknowledge the receipt thereof, and to here inclose You the Generals Warrant for £4264. .0. .10 Currency in Your favor together with a Sett of Receipts, as usual for your Signature. I am very sensible Sir of your punctuality in returning me my Vouchers without delay for which I am Oblig'd to you.

I hope to be Able to Comply with your desire in Advancing to Your Son Sir John (before his return homewards) the whole amount of your Demand, as I have given the Contractors Agents notice thereof, & that I expect to be enabled so to do.

Sir John has been so polite with Cap^t Johnson to pay me a Visit at my house on the Hill.

I remain with great Regard & Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient and

most Humble Servant

A^B MORTIER

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹Octbr. 15th. 1771 —

Abr^m Mortier Esq^{rs}. letter
 wth. y^e. War^t. & Receipts to Sign
 Ansrd. 8^{br}. 24th. and
 Returned y^e. Recp^{ts}. &c

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

[*New Haven Oct. 17th. 1771*]

DEAR SIR

I am now here attending the Gen^l. Assembly on the matter of my Petition which was Passed yesterday and a Committee appointed to make the Report which Cannot be done untill the week after next as I am Obliged to Send a Notifcation to the only Creditors that Stand out two at Boston and one or two in N. York. the latter I am now gitting done the Formar I did yesterday so that I hope to get this Business intirely Finished this [sessi]on as Soon as it is done I will Pay my Respects to you and hope I may at Last be able to Leave this Colony

When I was at New York I was no where but at M^r Apthorps M^r Bayards & M^r M^cEvers I Left it a day or two before S^r John & Col^o Johnson gat there w^{ch}. I was Extreemly sorry for as I should have been greatly Rejoyced to have seen them and heard from you. I hope your health has been much better this Summer then usual and that it may be Perfectly Restored is the Fervent Constant & Earnest Prayer of

D^r S^r

Your most Dutifull &

Very Obedt Serv^t.

JOS CHEW

¹ In Johnson's hand.

When I Left N London
 Mrs Chew and the Children
 were Pretty well She is
 as desirous of Leaving it as I am

The Hon^{ble} SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

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

INDORSED:¹

New Haven 8^{br}. 17th. 1771

Capt. Chews Letter
 Ansrd.—

FROM JOHANNES LAWYER

A. L. S.²

Schoharry october 19 1771.

MUCH HONOURED SIR

I have Sent you here my paper messenger to Let you know that as we heard by Capt. george man that you was Very well satisfied that mr Stanburrough Should Divide the patents blonging to us Lying on both sides of schoharry River these are to Let you know that it was not by, nor from other peoples words that we have made Choice of him for I have employed him to do business for me and by his performances and what Discourse I have had with him I suppose him to be a man Capable of the business that he professeth and mr Zimmer and myself have made Choice of him if it be agreeable he sayeth that he is familiarly acquainted with mr Picken so that your honour may

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In collection of Edward J. Abbott, Fonda, N. Y.

if Conveniet enquire his Character of mr picken or Discourse him personally as I do intend to send him to your honour in order to get Directions in what manner to proceed upon the survey if agreeable as soon as I can have intelligence of your arrival at Johnson hall he hath an Instrument made by mr miller of Elizabeth town with a minute hand in order to allow the variation which in my opinion is very Necessary as out patents are bounded Chiefly by patents of an older Date than ours mr smith by his Letters Desireth it being done very soon if it be agreeable there Can be a part Done this season unless the snow Cometh sooner than usual So I Conclude Your most obedient

JOHAN^s LAWYER

To the right Honourable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTON

INDORSED: Scohare Octbr. 12th.¹ 1771

L^t. Col. Lawyers letter

FROM DIRCK BRINKERHOFF

A. L. S.

New York Octor. 22, 1771

The Honble SIR W^m. JOHNSON

SIR

I have Rec^d. yours in Answer to mine of the 21st. of May wherein you say that you Cannot take the Gore of Land Drawn by me and my Associates in the Tract of Land which lais Adjoyning to your Royal Grant, the Reason you assignd is that you have Erected Monuments to Ascertain the Bounds thereof at a great Expence, but this Cannot Effect the property thereof, as this Division or Partition Deed, will be on Record, with the field Book to which Reference always Can be had in Regard to the Gore of Land Adjoyning your premises, and Whereas at the Time of Drawing for the Lands in this patent

¹ In the date at the head of the letter in the manuscript 19 is placed over 12.

There was a Letter produced by Mr Van Eps from you Signefying that you would Exchange any Lott of Equal Value which you should Draw with any Person to whose Lott it Should fall to draw the Said Gore, it was Agreed by all Concerned to proceed to Draw in Consequence of your Letter, & when it was Drawn it fell to me and my Associates, which Occasioned my Writing to Sir W^m. about it, but Imagine your Honour Would not have Refused Exchanging a Lott of Equal Value with me had you Recollected writing the Above Letter, & without which we Should not have proceded to Drawing, this Coll^o. Glen Assured me also was the Case, Now if this is not done in Some way or Other we Cannot Come to a Division & in Course all the Expence we have been at lost, and as we are all Mortall, & some one or other dying Intestate, may prevent a Division unless done by Act of Assembly, which will be attended with a Considerable Expence [] already been Expended

And as I Imagine your [Honour] from the above Representation of Facts [will] be fully Convinced of the Truth of my [] you will be pleased to Send Down & Lett me Know which half Lott you will Exchange for the Said Gore and as the Lotts N^o 44 & 8 is adjoy[ning] one of mine I will take Either of them in Exchange & will Order it to be Inserted in the partition Deed, [] Cannot be Finished untill this Affair is Settled, your Kind Answer will Greatly Oblidge your Hb^l. Serv^t.

DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Hon^l. Sir William Johnson Baronet
 at his Seat
 at
 Johnson Hall
 p^r favour of }
 Sir John Johnson }

INDORSED:¹Octbr. 22^d. 1771

 Mr. Brinkerhoofs letter —

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 494, is entered a letter of October 23^d from Rev. Charles Inglis, New York, acknowledging a courtesy, accepting suggestions for the memorial to be sent to England, reciting arguments introduced at Col. Johnson's direction and mentioning Gov. Tryon, Lord Hillsboro', the Bishop of Oxford (Lowth), Dr Cooper, Sir John and Col. Johnson, and Kirtland. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:467-69; Q, 4:291-92.)

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 25 Octor. 1771

SIR

I hope this will find you safe & well returned from your Indian Jaunt. We have had the pleasure of a short Visitt from Sir John and Col^o. Johnson. I wish it had suited Sir John to have staid the Winter with us, but he has promised positively he will come & spend next Winter with us — We have talked over the Affair of the New County,² & I have no doubt it will be done this Session — I realy think the Mowhack Branch of Delaware — Scohary Creek, the Bounds of Duanes Borough & Schenactady, & so to the Pattent of Northhampton & up the N^o. E. Bra[n]ch of Hudsons River to the Northward will be a good Boundary. lett me know your Oppinion of this Plan

Sir John thinks it would be much for Your Health if you came down here. I have no doubt it would be of Advantage to have the Oppinions of the Doctors here, & free you from the

¹ In Johnson's hand.
² Tryon county.

Hurry & Business you are always engaged in at Home — I have a Couple of good Snugg Rooms next door to me, in my House I use as a Store, that are as retired as you please, & shall be fitted up to your Mind — there you can be as quiet as you please — see only what Company you will, & when you will, & my House will always be open for you to [] you would think of this Matter, if not this then next Spring — We are much obliged to Sir John & the Colonell for the present Visitt, nothing but your Company could please us more. I beg youll believe that it will always be a pleasure to us to see you or any one of your family — for we are not ungratefull People, & cannot forget your Kindness.—

I fancy our Assembly wont meet untill after Christmas — there is little for them to do. You will hear all the News we have here by Sir John — I shall buy you a Couple of Servants if any good ones to be got here — I shall go in 10 or 12 days to Philad^a. perhaps I may purchase them there for you — I have sent the Boundarys of the 2000 A. Land in Service's Pattent, you were so kind as to promise me — I hope this Boundary will be agreeable to you — its the only way in which I can Joyn it to my Land — when you are at Leisure you'll please get a Deed drawn & perfected, & sent me — When you send the bounds of the 1000 Acres of Land on Adigo Creek, it shall be perfected and sent you.

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her best respects & I hope soon to hear of your return & Health.

I am D^r Sir sincerely

Your obliged & Obed^t Servant

HUGH WALLACE

wrote in much haste.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at Johnson Hall

☞ fav^r. of Sir John Johnson

INDORSED:¹8^{br}. 25th. 1771 —

Mr. Wallaces letter

☞ Sir John

FROM PETER SILVESTER

*A. L. S.**Albany the 26th. October 1771
Saturday afternoon 2 o'clock,*HON^D SIR,

I received Sir Williams letter this moment of the 24th. Instant — all that I am Possessed of relative to the Charge or Complaint ag^t. the Gent mentioned is a ruff Draft of an affidavit taken before me as one of the Commissioners for taking affidavits to be made use of in the Supreme Court. But as the complainant was reexamined — and also resworn before the Governor — there may be considerable alterations & amendments in the second for ought I know & therefore probably a copy of my ruff draft would not answer Sr. Williams Purpose — I would however send it by this oppertunity was it possible to be done in Short a time but a day would not finish it — Sr. William will please to let me know whether he Chuses it so & if it will be of any use to him

I am Your most obedient & very

humble servant

P. SILVESTER

NB. Simpson or his wife has all the papers
as they were received at New York

¹ In Johnson's hand.



PETER SILVESTER,

ATTORNEY OF SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

From a painting in the courthouse, Catskill, N. Y.
Courtesy of trustees of Emory A. Chase Memorial
Library, Catskill, N. Y.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson
Baronet
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alb^y. Octbr. 26th. 1771

Mr. Silvesters letter

FROM JOHN WELLS

A. L. S.²

Chirrey Valley 26th Octbr 1771

SIR

Yours of the 21 Instant I Recd: whierin you ³me on the Repeated Complents made Concerning the Badness of the Roads Leading to Chirrey Valley Spring field and the Lake which Complents are verey Just they are part of them Bad but not the Part that Belongs to us we are glade to Let you know how this Road his Been Laid out and Properly divided by our Commis-sioners in to four Parts Colonel Freys² Peopell living on his Lands had there Part Laid out Nixt to the mohak River and the People Living on Bomans Creek had thiere part St.vet and then Spring field and then our part and then we all worked Everey one on there own part and was verey well Conte'd with

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

³ Word omitted in the manuscript.

⁴ Lieutenant Colonel Hendrick Frey, of Daniel Claus' regiment. See *Third Report of the State Historian of New York*, p. 888. For information regarding his Loyalist record in the Revolution see *Public Papers of George Clinton*, II:229, 285, 287, 330-31, 742-43; also *Minutes of Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies*.

the Divison that was made by the Commissioners and for the two Last years the Inhabitation of Spring field has don nothing on the Part which Belongs to them and know we will Leave it to Sir William to Judge if we have a right to go and make that Road that was Laid out for Spring field and them do nothing we think it is verely hard if the Road that was properly Divided Equely according to the number of hands Each of us had to work on said Road this nothing but the truth Concerning the Badness of that part of the Road which doth not Belong to us not withstanding the Complents are all against us which the Bearer Capt Scott Cane Inform Sir William how we are Imposed on in this afaire and Rests with Complement to you and all your good famely and am Sir your ashured frend and very humbel Servant

JOHN WELLS

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir
Willeam Johnson Barnt at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ Cherry Valley 26th. 8^{br}. 1771
Major Welles letter
concerng. y^e Road

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Teronto October 28th. 1771

MY DEAR SIR W^m.

Since I done myself the Honour of Writing You Last, Mr. Keiuser has been hear having traded of all his Rum, powder, Bullets, Shott, Guns & part of his Dry Goods, he set off Again about ten days Ago Verry Ill I pitied him much. the Last words he said to me were that as he saw we were Disappointed by our

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Correspondents he would perish or try to get as much as would pay off Our Debts In the Spring. he brought 1400^{lb} of prime Leather which is Good trade in a few days had he Goods he could have traded much more I have given him Every Instruction I could devise for his Government.—

Now Sir, I will show you in the best Manner I am able, what we have suffered by Mess^{rs}. Campbell & Funda, Disappointing us off the Goods we wrote for. After Mr. Keiuser went the first time, my rum began to be Low. I still Expected the Boat from Campbell but the season seting in I wrote to Niagara for a battoe of rum, which was Imeadiately sent me. if it Was not for that I Could not have fited Mr. Keiuser Out, and Our trade was knocked In the head, so that After all our fatigue, trouble & Vexations we must [have] packed up our Goods & Look on them. without the Articles we wrote for to make an Assortment we could not trade. I now have not a pound of powder in the house, or bullets, am Oblidged to send the boat this Day to Niagara for them and several Other Articles, we are [in] Imeadiate want off. this is Attended with great trouble Risk Expence & Loss to Us but there is no help for it. I Cant help thinking My Dr. Sir but that we are most Cruelly Used. Mr. Campbell has never Deigned to write Us a Line in Answer to the Many Letters we wrote him, which as a Merchant (if nothing Else) he should have done, to Let us know whether Or not he Chused to Supply Us, then we should know how to Act but we are kept in Expectation. at the Last push we are put to Immense Difficultys, to meet with so Many Obstacles when we have such a prospect before Us all most breaks my heart. I could Allmost wish there was an End of me. I am at a Loss for there reason In Acting so. Consider Sir, we had not a farthing Capital. for the first year I think we made Verry Good Remittances, and I am allmost sure there will be three times as Much trade hear this year as there was Last I plainly see it now. I have now Got In the house 2100^{lb} of fine Leather 1 pack of Beaver & 1 pack of Otters & small furs above 50

Others, and no way to send them down. if Campbell had sent Us the Battoe of rum with the Other few Articles we should [have] sent them a Loaded boat Down which I think would [be a] Very Good Remittance. The Indians in this quarter is just Come In from hunting our trade is Only just begun V. Vightey is hear and has not got 12^{lb} of Leather or any Other thing since he has been on the Ground, w^{ch} is 5 Weeks, I Assure you Sir, I have taken Great pains to Gain the friendship of the back Indians, as to the Lake Indians we dont mind there trade its but Indifferent. be it as it will I will Use poor Keiusers Words. I will Lose my Life or trade of the Goods to Advantage. I thank God we have Enough to Convince our friends we were not Extravagant or Idle. I Assure you sir, the people below has no Idea of the trade of this place. there is not a trader settled on the Lake Affects us Except V. Vightey. I dont believe that will for it will Draw more Indians hear, & I dare say all the trade from the french. My Compliments to Sir John, & the Family wishing you a pleasant Winter

I am

With the Greatest Respect

My Dear Sir William

Your Most Oblidged & Most

Obedient servant

FERRALL WADE

P. S. If you honour me
With a Line Lieu^t. Poyntin
would take Care to forward
it to me. he and Another Officer
paid me a Visit a few days Ago.
they came to Fish & Hunt
Carried 3 or 4 Barrels of
Salmon, Venisson, Turkeys, Ducks & Geese plenty

INDORSED:¹

8^{br}. 28th. 1771

Mr. Ferrall Wades

Letter —

JOHN STEVENSON'S BILL

D.

Albany 30th October 1771.

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Bo^t. of John Stevenson

2 Strong Desk Locks	at 2/3	£0.. 4..6
2 Locks for the front or prospect Doors . . .	1/6	0.. 3..0
2 pair of small Butt Hinges	9 ^d	0.. 1..6
1 Dozen Brass Hinges		0.. 1..6
		<hr/>
		£0..10..6

Mr^s. Stevensons Respects to Sir William Johnson and acquaints him that She Rec^d. his Letter to Mr Stevenson, who is at New York and she now sends agreeable to his desire the Articles he wants as above and hopes they will please

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Stevensons Acc^t.

for Desk furniture —

8^{br}. 1771 —

FROM WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 495, is listed a letter written at Schenectady, November 5, 1771, from Rev. William Andrews, Schenectady, N. Y., saying that he has changed his grammar school to an academy, and the £40 paid him by the society and the £40 added by the mission are insufficient; offering to preach at times in Johnson's church. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:470-71; Q, 4:292-93.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO TURBUTT FRANCIS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Nov^r 6th. 1771 —*

SIR

I am favored with your Letter of the 14th. Ult^o. on the Subject of Mr. Croghans resignation. It is true that he has Expressed a desire to resign for some time past, but as I have as yet no reason to think that Affairs in that Quarter are so Established as to afford a permanent prospect of Tranquillity I have still thought it best that he should Continue in Office from his Long acquaintance with the Indian Affairs about the Ohio.— Upon a Similar application formerly, founded on an Opinion that Mr. Croghan had purposed to resign, you may recollect, how favorably I Expressed myself of you, and I do Assure you I continue in the same Sentiments.—The Motives for Continuing Mr. Croghan still Subsist, and under such Circumstances appear in my opinion well founded without derogating either from your Merit or Capacity of which I think very favorably, and I make no doubt that your endeavors to acquit yourself in that Station, would prove greatly to my Satisfaction. So that I regret it is not in my power at present to give you a more particular answer, that might demonstrate the Continuance of my Esteem which you have been long possessed of, and which would render any recommendation in your favor unnecessary for whenever It is in my power, I shall be glad [to] shew you how much I am

Sir

Your hearty Well wisher
& very humble Servant

TURBUTT FRANCIS Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Nov^r. 6th. 1771.—

 To Turbutt Francis Esq^r

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Nov^r. 6th. 1771.

SIR,

I have rec^d. your Letter of the 22^d. October concerning the Gore of Land, for which you are desirous I should Exchange a half Lot, which you say I signified I would do to Mr. Van Epps at the time of drawing for the Lands in that Patent. It may have been that I wrote to that Effect, which has afterwards escaped my Memory thro' the Variety & hurry of my business, for I do assure [you] I do not recollect my Writing any such thing to Mr. Van Epps, tho' upon your declaration, and for the reasons you Assign, however Inconvenient, I shall agree to your desire, and shall Give you my half of either Lot 70, 72 or 85, in Exchange, the first of which Adjoyns one of yours. You will therefore please to Let me know which of them you pitch upon and Settle the partition accordingly,

I am Sir

&c

DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF.

INDORSED:

Nov^r. [6th. 1771]

To Mr. Dirck Brinkerhoff
concerning the Exchange of a Lot
in Vromans Patent.—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO HENRY WHITE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Nov^r. 6th. 1771.*

SIR,

At my return from a Tour amongst the Ind^s. I was favored with your Letter of 27th. Sept^r. & am much Obliged to you for the care you have taken of the Articles that came for me in the Hope, which I have received. My Son & Coll^o. Johnson, who are lately returned from New York return you thanks for all your Civilities to them & desire their best Compliments to you & M^{rs}. White, and, I am with much Esteem

Sir &c

Hon^{ble} HENRY WHITE Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Nov^r. 6th. 1771 —

To the Hon^{ble}.
Henry White Esq^r.

TO HUGH WALLACE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Nov^r. 6th 1771 —*

DEAR SIR

My Son & Coll Johnson arrived here after a Short passage a Week ago, & Delivered me your Friendly Letter, which I had not leisure to answer till this time.— The particular marks of friendship & Civilities which they have recounted to me to have received from You and M^{rs}. Wallace, demand my most kind Acknowledgments, which I beg you will Accept of & present to M^{rs}. Wallace for whom I have a very high esteem. I am also

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

to thank you most kindly for your Offers of Service concerning the New County & its Capital and I highly approve of the proposal you Communicated to Coll Johnson for Continuing the boundary so as not to Affect any Claims of Albany or Ulster Countys.—he likewise delivered me the Map which you sent to enable me to Make the Conveyance of the 2000 acres to you, which I purpose to transmit you Executed by next Post If I can possibly get it perfected within that time.

I have at present a good deal of Company about me so that It is not in my power to be very particular on every occurring Subject.—I must however beg the favor of you to receive a ballance due to me by Mr. Mortier which ballance I shall be glad you will keep for me until some safe opportunity offers for sending it up.

I wrote him also ab^t. L^d. Ilchesters Debt £226, desireing him to let me know in w^t. manner I can Secure y^t. Sum, & where he was to have his land, & desired him to apply to Banyar¹

The Hoñble
HUGH WALLACE Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Nov^r. 6th. 1771

To the hoñble HUGH WALLACE
Esqr.

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

Albany November 6th. 1771

HONOURED SIR/

This Day I received your favour Of the 5th. Ult^o. in which You are pleased to inform Me that the Indians have Left the fixing the price of Their Land to You alone, Which is very

¹ This last paragraph is in Johnson's hand.

agreeable to Me, And make no doubt, but that in settling of the Affair between us, You will do us all Equal justice.— Since I came from New York, being four or 5 Weeks ago, I have been so sick that I kept my bed most part of the time. But now am geting better, and hope in a short time, to be Able to go up to the Hall, where I can better then now express them Gentlemens intentions Relative to the purchase of The several tracts of Land Contained in their Petitions, Which I hope will be settled Agreeable to such of them, As are inclined to Settle on the same tiems that I Agreed With Mr Funda, being the way Which was Approved of By You, And thought to be Equitable and right By Honoured Sir

Your Most Obliged

and very Humble Servant

EBEN^R. JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

Alby. Novbr 6th. 1771

Mr. Ebenezer Jessop[s] letter

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.²

Crohans Forest 6th November 1771

DEAR SIR

I have the honor of inclosing you James's indentures he has engaged with me that if in The Spring I had any Small job, he would come & do it, however that is, if it Should not interfear with any Works of yours, at that time.

for want of an Almanack last thursday I Sett out for the Hall, thinking that it was the 1st Thursday of Novem^r. but meeting with Some letters on the road, obliged me to return, and now am obliged to Stay at homme to See a number of necessary things

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

donne before the hard waither comes in; having been obliged to buy Some Catle, it obliges me again to aply to you for a little pecuniary Assistance

be assured Sir, that I would not have the assurance of aplying to you did I know where else to aply but at the Same time, be assured that it Shall be the last time, & the loane but for a little term, as I am debar'd the privedge of drawing, till Such a time as my apointment has finaly taken place, otherwise, could command as much as my necessitys require at present was that Setled, having Some $\frac{1}{2}$ pay coming to me

Inclosed I take the Liberty to request your perusall of my Father in Law's¹ Letter I have you will See Some little expectations to enable me to refund what I owe, the time limited is near, when if disapointed I will Sell at any Rate the two tracts I mentioned to you Some time ago, would wish they would Suit you, allowing me only what ever you Shall just think reasonable, even under what I mention^d to you at the Hall, shall I request the honor of an Answer on that head.

M^{rs} Prevost presents her Respects to you, the Children are getting the better of their Cough, I beg leave to offer my Compliments to my fellow travellers in particular M^r Dease hope he has got the better of his bruises & muskito byts.

I am with the liveliest Sence of Gratitude & the most profound Respect

Sir

Your most Obed^t &
most Humble Servant

AUG: PREVOST

The Honor^e:

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

P.S.

please to return M^r. Croghan's Letter
my wants are ab^t. £40— the bearer James I can trust if you
keep his discharge

¹ In 1765 Susannah Croghan, only white child of George Croghan, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs, married Lieutenant Augustine Prevost.

INDORSED:¹

Major Provosts letter
 Novbr. 6th. 1771 —
 for £40 —

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Johnstown Nov 10th 1771

SIR

I proposed doeing myself the honor of waiting on you this Day at Sacondago but meeting with your Servants on my way within a few miles of that place, who informed me that you was gone from thence for some days, deprived me of that pleasure

I had the honor of writeing you some time agoe about a Medal for a young Indian who belongs to the Seneka Tribe, and lives on some of the Branches of the Ohio. He has my obligation either to give him an English Medal or to return him his old one. If you are pleased to Signify to me at New York your intentions on that head, you will greatly oblidge

Sir

Your most Obedient and
 most Oblidged humble Servant

JOHN BROWN

P. S. Mr John Stedman of Little Niagara was in Company with me who likeways professed having the honor of Paying his respects to you

J. B.

The Hon^{ble}

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹Johnstown Novbr. 10th. 1771

 Cap^t. Jⁿ. Browns letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.

Croghans Forest
10th November 1771

DEAR SIR

I have the honor of your Answer, with it the Sum of Money I requested, for which I beg leave to return you my grateful thanks.

I am afraid you did not understand my meaning respecting the two tracts I offerd for Sale. I never intended you Should advance any more money, but wanted to reimburse what you have So generously advanced for my Exchange, had it Suited you; but Shall defer¹ Saying anything more (agreable to your desire) till I have the honnor of waiting upon you which If I allowed my Inclination to guide me Should be very Soon.

I had the pleasure of being informed before [] of Sir John's instalation in his new Dignities, I beg leave to offer my Congratulation on the occasion, and for his Safe return to you.

I am with the greatest Respect,

Sir

Your Much Obliged &
most Humble Servant

AUG. PREVOST

The Hon^{ble}

SIR WILL^m JOHNSON Baro^t

INDORSED:²

Novb^r. 10th 1771 —

Major Prevosts letter

¹ Written "refer" in the manuscript.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 14th. Nov^r. 1771

DEAR SIR

I received your Letter of 6 Ins^t. & am verry happy to hear you are safe returned, & that Sir John & Col^o. Johnson got home in time to meet you — Every Civility in our power to shew you or any of your Family is our Duty. we have no claim to thanks for what Gratitude for many favours must prompt us to perform if not insensible — which thank God is not the Case — We were verry happy in Sir Johns Good Company, wish he had staid the Winter, he was here when most people were out of Town. If he could come down when the Snow falls, Your Friends would be glad to see him. I wish you would pay us a Visitt yourself. I have quiet good Lodgings provided for you, & a very kind Carefull Woman to attend you, who says she will do it with pleasure.—

I have no doubt we shall get the County divided & the Court House fixed to your Wish & I am glad you approve of the Line that I proposed, as it will obviate all Difficultys in regard to the Line between Albany & Ulster Countys — Our Assembly I fancy dont meet till after the Holydays — Inclosed is a Letter Gov^r Tryon designed to go by Sir John [] he will go up and see you in Spring, to purchase Lands from the Indians — I thank you most sincerely for the Deed you are getting drawn for the 2000 Acres — I shall enquire about the Land for Lord Ilchester — Pray did you ever write His Lordship on the Subject, or did he desire you to purchase for him, or who did — Mr Mortier is extreamly ill, & cannot live long. I fancy not many Weeks — I shall get your Account from His Clerk & receive the Ballance — the Sept^r. Mail hourly expected tho it can bring no News worth while — M^{rs}. Wallace desires her

Compliments & I assure you of the sincerest & affect^e good
Wishes of D^r Sir

Your most obed^t. & obliged Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

No Servants arrived here
yet. I go to Philad^a. next
Week, perhaps I may get them there

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall.

INDORSED:¹

Novbr. 14th 1771 —

Hugh Wallace Esq^{rs}

Letter —

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Nov^r. 16th. 1771 —

DEAR SIR,

Being only lately returned much fatigued from the Indian
Country I could not Sooner acknowledge the rect of your favor
of last Month, which arrived here in my absence,— I have the
pleasure now to acquaint you that I have transacted some points
much to my Satisfaction during my late Journey. [*The day
after I left this place*] On my way up I was met by Deputies
from each of the Six Nations, being the principal Men of each
who came to acquaint me that they had been Called together³
on many important matters amongst the rest to consult what was
to be done on the resignation of the Bunt chief of Onondaga,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting
of Guy Johnson.

³ The seven words just following this are in Johnson's handwriting.

whose great Age & Infirmities Induced him to decline buisness,— Also that Deputies were arrived in their Country by way of Seneca from those Nations which Tho^s. King had visited, to desire in their Names a General Meeting with the Six Nations for which purpose they would Assemble [*imediately*] at Scioto, and requested that the Six Nations would lose no time in Sending their Deputies, all which they thought proper to Signify to me — On my Arrival at the Oneida Lake I held a Meeting with these Chiefs and Sundry others who Assembled for that purpose where I advised the Bunt (whose Influence and fidelity I have long had reason to be well Satisfied with) to reassume the Care of publick Affairs & thereby [*restored peace*] gave great satisfaction¹ to that Nation, After which I told them that in Consequence of the News they had heard of the death of Tho^s. King,² the sho^d. no longer delay the Sending to those Nations who had received the bad belts from Agaustarax of Chenussio and taking them away as Contrary to the desire & without the knowledge of the Six Nations, and that I expected this would be imediately performed In the manner resolved on at my last Treaty with them, as you'll see in the Extract I then sent you.— This they Assured me was their fixed Intention as a proof of which Chiefs of each were imediately dispatched to bring away those belts and to Express their detestation of that whole proceeding. We next Settled about the Scioto Meeting, at which they Seem resolved to manifest their fidelity to the English, and to puruse such measures as will bring those People to good Order, otherwise they declare they will Shew themselves able to preserve their Ascendency over these people by compelling them to due Submission, in such a manner as to leave no room for their propagating farther evil reports of the Six Nations.— The News of the death of Thomas King was some disappointm^t. because None of his party being arrived his negociations were not fully known.

¹ "Gave great satisfaction" in Johnson's handwriting.

² On September 5, 1771 at Charleston, S. C.

I have since received a Letter from Lt. Gov^r. Bull¹ [*giving*] containing the particulars of that Indians death and that the Proceed^s. and belts to a great Number & Gov^r Bulls Letter which he received from the Southern Ind^s. are in the care of his party who were preparing to come hither by Sea.—

I am fully persuaded of the Truth of your Remarks concerning the Trick played by the Chenussios, and that there is no doubt of the Western Indians meeting with encouragement from the French, who will doubtless endeavor to draw the Spanish Gov^r. in to at Least a Connivance with their politicks.— I fear that it will be a difficult task to remove those at Post Vincent, but especially as they encrease fast I think it not a little dangerous that they stay there, It not being possible In my opinion to keep them under proper Government in such a Situation, & with Such Inclinations

On my way up I had much Conversation with Mr. Maisonville and as well from his Character as Influence I have resolved to make a trial of his fidelity by empowering him to act as a Resident there, with a moderate allowance to have his Eye upon all that passes, make faithfull reports, and do what he shall be ordered. I have many reasons for thinking such a person necessary in such a Neighbourhood, and good hopes that his fidelity will Answer my Expectations, I have also settled a Limited Allowance for my Deputies which I wish had been done sooner as I Apprehend it is for the best.— I am sensible that Laws & Regulations in the Indian Country will have no Effect unless Command^s Officers who are best Calculated to see them Executed are empowered to seize Delinquents, and have them punished, without this the Indians will allways have a plea & often a reasonable one for their Irregularities. —

Many of them formerly complained when Rum was totally forbid, some of whom were Instigated thereto by the Traders but I have some reasons to think that the Ind^s. in Gen^l. are

¹ William Bull, appointed lieutenant governor of S. C. in 1764.

become more Sensible of its pernicious Effects, and therefore less inclined to consider such a Restriction as a Grievance, A total Restriction however may be impracticable, & I am sensible the Limiting any Quantity is so, but I could wish to see it restricted from going beyond certain principal Posts, where If proper powers are given it may be sold under some better Regulation than it ever will be otherwise.

I am sorry that the Expenses have so much encreased at Fort Pitt I know Mr. Croghans disposition very well, but you may be assured that I have Constantly recommended the most Strict frugality to him, and I hope the Steps I have lately taken will Contribute thereto.

My Son & Coll. Johnson have delivered me your kind Enquirys & Remembrances, for which I am much obliged to you, I have also received your Billet accompanying the Pacquet, which is dispatched by Express, no other Opportunity having offered so late in the Season —

I am &ca

His Excell^{ty}.

LIEUT. GEN^l. GAGE

TO WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 496, is listed a letter written at Johnson Hall November 18, 1771, from Sir William Johnson to Rev. William Andrews, to commend his opening of an academy in Schenectady and to promise to recommend to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts an increase of Andrew's salary. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:471-72; Q, 4:293.)

JOHN COTTGRAVE TO THOMAS FLOOD

A. L. S.

Free School in Johns Town Nov^r. 21st. 1771 —

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My wife seems so pressing about coming up that I will be much oblig'd to you if you will enquire of Coll. Johnson if that

he expects Captⁿ Chew up this Winter if not I wou'd willingly rent his house near the Bridge for this Winter — and as I shall bring up no other furniture save only a bed & a few other small necessaries I can at any time move out without being put to any great Nonpluss. Do pray Sir be so kind as to mention it to the Coll. or if Sir William wou'd please to consent to it imagine that the Coll. wou'd not have the least Objection — If it was not owing to a certain affair as yet unsettled I shou'd come to a conclusion in regard to the Farm I m'ted to you or some others more Sutable for Trade — but as some things Stand perticularly Circumstanced it wou'd be very rong to take it upon uncertainty — Please to send me your Answer in the Morning by Master Peter and you will much oblige & Serve your friend in great haste

JOHN COTTGRAVE

P. S. I am willing to pay as much rent for the house as Sir William Johnson or the Coll. thinks I ought to do for the same please to keep the Contents as a profound secret

ADDRESSED:

To
 Mr Thomas Flood
 Overseer
 To
 The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Novbr. 21st. 1771

Mr. Cotgraves letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN COTTGRAVE TO THOMAS FLOOD

A. L. S.

Johns Town Novr. 22^d. 1771 —

[]

I am very Sorry Business is so very urgent with you as to retard your intention of speaking to the Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson on my Account — Pray Sir remember me whenever you have an Opportunity so to do — Its impossible for me to describe the dislike I have to the continuing at a Tavern for Board & Lod[g]ing not that I object to the price so much as being in the way of So much vanity to instance it I cannot in a comparative Degree without using of so much freedom as to point at the Notions of the wandering Peacock. For you must know Sir that when I am alone & freed from the Duties of my Station I cannot do less then to meditate on the various pursutes of the Families in this place — What folly what deceit & how amazeingly & tamely injured is the Greatest Man or one of them in this or any other Age — When I reflect on these things I am seemingly of a strange frame of mind as if I rejoiced at the disappointments which I have eitherto met with & as if Providence had appointed me a residence here — The more copiously I think of it the more at a Certainty I find my self w^{ch}. if So Mark my ways I will now Declare to you, that [] I have compleated a thorough revolution — I have only one Obstacle that can prevent me — & I hope soon to stride over the whole — My Plan Flood is this — To bring in the first place the Prodestant Religion to a permanent Establishment — which at this time so much Languishes that the major part of the Inhabitants on this Patent are in fact much beneath the Naturall Dignity of the Common Animal — The Task seems difcult because Vice is arriv'd to perfection — But my meterials are to purify the rising Generation — to Prevail on Sir William in time to Cloth the poorest Children in the manner the Blue Coat Schollers are furnished in England — to prevail

on Sir William to give Orders for the Old England Lad that at present lives with Sir John Johnson who has had perfect instructions for Psalm Singing who has Song three Years at S^t. Pauls Cethedral in London that all the Freeschool Boys may be taught to Sing Psalms in this Church when so Clothd & take their places in the Gallery appointed for them only & the Girls — Which when compleated I mean to prevail on some of my relations by Marriage to Settle with their Families, & then to use every endeavour to discourage & bring to due punishment the rascally proceedings of them at []ged by Generosity — I have already lau[nched [] undertaking — I give Close attendance to my School — [I have] already purged many of my Children that they behave much to [my] Satisfaction — I have Oppos'd the vain Conduct of one of the [I]eading kind — I have been the Cause of another Store — I have wrote to Collins by Buck to put my Name for 2000 Acres of the Socandago Land that I may settle some perticular families of my own liking thereon — that when done I may Establish a Store in that Quarter & to have an Influence at their Town Meetings I have under consideration Gollingers Farm here which if I succeed in I will lay it out in Town lotts if this place comes to be a County Town & to Settle Sundry mecanicks thereon as fast as my Trading Business will admit of And as soon as I find myself invested with proper power so as to Act with decency I will do all in my Power to get Establish'd One virtuous Good Man such as Coll. Butler to be a Justice of the Peace as one of that Character is much wanted here — And as these Observations are communicated to you — & as you are the only Blunt honest Man at heart that Sir William Johnson has I hope you will endeavour to attend to my request named in the other of yesterday — & believe me if I can serve you in any thing henceforward I will do it with Chearfulness —

JOHN COTTGRAVE

P. S. Pray keep this as an Everlasting Secret —

ADDRESSED:

To
Mr. Tho^s. Flood

INDORSED:¹

[]

[] Letter

C. KREUSER TO FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Bemilliskolleyang Novr. 23 1771

DEAR WADE

I have had the Pleasure to receive yours yesterday Night ab^t. 12 Clock, by the old Indian and his Wife, as also the Onions, Cabbages, Tobacco, Apples, except the 4 Bottles of Wine, of Wich the Indian knows nothing ab^t. As to Trad hier I can assure you, have but very little opinion. The Indians were waiting two Day's before my last arrival hier, and came most every second Day to trad, tell ab^t. two Week's after when New's came, that one French, and two English Treaders were arrived at passkottejang ab^t. one Day's journey from this, who Spoke to the Indians with a Large Belt, and a Large Silken Flag, which they said they planted in the midle of their Village and told them that they did not come amongst them to make any profit, but to have pity on them and provide them with every Neccessary's, at the first Cost, that their Name was Johnson and was a Relat^e. to Sr. W^m. Johnson who gave him the Belt & Flag and did sent them hier to make them Charity, & to let them have their Necessary's Cheaper then any Trader yet sold them. All whath I have got in the House is one pack of Beaver in Season 6 Otters most all good 50^wt. of Leather 37 Martins 30 Raccons and 207 Ratts and the Consolation is that them

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Fellows at Passcoteyang must soon [] off their Rum and Goods at the Rate they sells, for they gives a Large Blanket for one Buck skin, a small [] Doe Skin wich certainly cannot hold out all Winter and must be treaded off before Spring, besides he [and] his Brother had only two Boats one as the India[ns told] me was most loaded with his Tools and Iron he brought to Work for the Indians, and the other with Rum and Marchandize. he gives a 3 Gallon Cask 1½ Beaver 5 Double handfull of powder for a Beaver a large B[] of Tobacco for a Doe Skin. If I see a better prospect of Trade then now, (for I have not seen an Indian this two Weeks) shall send a Boat as Early as possible. As to Caks I have but 4 wich you Know I want, when I tip the Barrel. The Catt is safe. As to my Health [it] (thank God) is perfectly restored. I have nothing more to Add only am surprized you did not send me the little Pack of Butter, wich I believe was hide for I was looking a half a Hour for it in the Shop, when you told me, that you sent it allready down the Water side. you know verry well I had none but that. Wishing you good Success, and an agreable Winter, I am

Dear Wade

Your Sincere C. KREUSER

The frenchmen behaves better does not trink []
 I sent him twize to the Lake, from where he []
 brings Ducks and Geese —

ADDRESSED:

To
 Mr. Ferrall Wade
 at
 Teronto

INDORSED:¹

Novbr. 23^d. 1771 —

Mr. Kreisers letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London Novem^r 27th. 1771

DEAR SIR

When I wrote you last I Expected to have had the Very great Pleasure of paying my Duty and best Respects to you at Johnson Hall before this time. but the Situation of my Family is Such that I Cannot Possible leave it — I flater my self that I may set out in about ten or 12 days; and it may Perhaps be a Little Longer. it shall be the moment I Can in the mean time I am doing Every thing to Enable me to leave New London with my Family as Early as Possible in the Spring, and I am sure I think the time Very Long, being most heartily Sick of the Place. we have nothing Particular I Constantly send you the Boston Papers and Shall do it this night Mrs Chew & Little Fann desire their best Respects I offer my Sincerest Prayers for your health and happiness and am with the greatest Respect Dear Sir Your most Dutifull &

Obed^t. Hble Serv^t

JOS CHEW

S^R W^M JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable
S^r William Johnson Bar^t
at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹Novb^r. 27th 1771 —

 Cap^t. Chews letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.¹Guy Park Nov^r. 28th. 1771*In the morning*

MY DEAR SIR WILLIAM

I lay at Bro^r. Claus's the night before last & was prepared to set out Yesterday morning for the Hail, but the very bad weather Joyned to the increase of my Complaint prevented me;— This Morning I had resolved upon going, but late last Night Jerry arrived with your kind Letter &c which I could not answer till this Morning, for during the Night The Pain (which has for some days left my broken Limb) Increased to such a degree in my left Foot that I could not Sleep till Daylight this Morning, and it is still so Extremely Violent that I can scarcely attend to what I write. It does not appear much Inflamed and therefore resembles a Rheumatic, rather than a Podagric Complaint unless it is an Incipient wandering Gout, as I am occasionally affected with Strong Pain in the Head, Shoulders Knees &c however I am not able to Walk a step, on the left foot & am Worse by many degrees than ever I was before with the Like — I have received a Long answer to my case with a set of Instructions & Medicines from Dr. Jones,— he begins by directing me to bleed 16 oz. & go on bleeding & taking some Aromatic preparations Etc Etc. He is of opinion that I am as full of blood, as a Butchers Slaughter house, but I have many good reasons for declining the Operation, till I hear farther from him and my present situation is sufficiently disagreeable being at Loss for advice & afraid I may treat my foot &c improperly

I should not have taken up so much of your time with my Complaints but from a persuasion that they would meet with your Indulgence, & that my Technical Expressions might make *you* laugh, although I have nothing Risible in my own Countenance.

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Governors¹ Letter is not only polite but Affectionate. He seems desirous to enter into an Intimacy, with the air of a Pylades, and the strongest Ideas of pastoral friendship. I really believe him sincere, Else, being a Sensible Man, he had no particular Temptation to make use of some of the phrases he has done — when I saw my own note I at first thought, he resented our not seeing him the last day,— I hope he does not — I shall have a proper Letter for him by next post & have already finished a neat little map, which I would send him now, but that I want not only to shew it to you, but also to Let you see and have your approbation of my Letter to him which will accompany it.—

A few nights ago, I took it in my head to Sketch out a second Petⁿ. for the County Which I kept by me Expecting to deliver it in person to you; I now Inclose it herewith. Am very glad that I Anticipated your Expectations, and hope you will Approve of it.— I think it should be signed by the different persons as nearly as can be recollected in the order of the Last.— I have just run it over without correction but made a marginal Note concerning the Time the first bill was brought in which produced the first Petⁿ. I think you may Thro' Butler or some body be informed when that Petⁿ. was first set on foot, & Indeed it wo^d. not be amiss if you wrote a Line to Wallace who I suppose could get you a Copy of it, & Send it you before the Assembly met,— Should you think it best to be plain with them & point out Johns Town, the last part of the Petⁿ. must be altered & reasons assigned for it as for Instance after A in the Petⁿ.— “The County Court house to be therein directed to be at Johnstown near the Mohawk R. in the said Co: as the same is most conveniently Situated in the Midst of many increasing Settlements at the Termination of sev^l. public Roads where there is at present not only a Good Church Parsonage & Glebe but also

¹ William Tryon, Governor of New York from July 9, 1771 to April 7, 1774 and from June 26, 1775 until his authority was terminated by the Revolution.

above 20 houses already erected & Inhabited by Industrious Manufactoryers and a prospect of many more thro' the Patronage of the founder, as well as a Suffic^t. quantity of Land & Wood allotted for its farther extension, which cannot be had in any other good Situation all which render it the most Convenient as well as the most agreable to your Pet^{rs}."'¹—I own I should rather think it best to Leave it as in the Petⁿ.—I forget whether I have given it the proper address at the Top: you may find some precedents of pet^{ns}. to the Assembly by which if wrong it can be corrected.—

I owe Mr. Wallace £28.3.2. for very necessary Articles which I have just rec^d.— he writes me that as he has money to receive for you, if I settle it so as that he may deduct it, it will save Trouble. I have also a few small articles, Viz^t a Waggon & some other things to pay for in this Neighborhood, & at the same time shall have 2 years half pay due, Next Month.—I would beg to know if it is convenient for you to take my order on Mr. Baker for one Years half pay Viz^t £42 str. & let Wallace have the above Sum of 28.3.2 & myself a little more when you can, but sensible of the repeated Trouble I have already given you on that Score, I cannot say more on the Subject.—

As the Boy came late, & I was not able to write last night or to get up early this day, I hope you'll Excuse him, as I have delayed him.—

I hear with pleasure that you are tolerably hearty. I sincerely wish it may be true, and I trust I have no need of Argument in proof of it — The badness of the roads or Weather would not prevent me from paying my respects to you. I really wish with much eagerness for an opportunity but the last 24 hours has made me so much worse that it is at present Impossible. I hope the snow will furnish me with a better means of Conveying

¹ The act as passed March 12, 1772 made no provision for the Tryon county courthouse; but Johnstown was designated as the seat by the Governor in council. See *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 490.

1769 [Session] of the House in the year ¹ for dividing the said County by Erecting a New One out of its Westernmost part. The Heads of which Bill were afterwards Published in the Prints by Order of the House with a View to enable those affected or Interested therein, to point out any Amendments, or Improvements for the better division of the said County.

That agreeable thereto Your Petitioners after due Consideration did humbly propose by Petition to the said House an Alteration & Improvement of a part of the said boundary, the reasonableness & propriety of which Alteration they amply sett forth, Praying that the same might be taken into Consideration, and the much wanted Division of the said County framed Accordingly, as will more fully appear from their Said Petition now before the Honourable House.—

That your Petitioners have been given to understand that their Said Petition did merit the Attention, & farther Consideration of the House, but have not heard that they came to any Determination in their Premises.—

Your Petitioners therefore being daily more Sensible of the great Inconveniencies to which their Situation Exposes them thro' the want of a proper Division of the said County [] said House for their relief, and inasmuch as [] desirous to remove every possible Objection that may [in the] Smallest degree tend to obstruct or Impede a division which they [have] reason to Wish for, Do with that View farther humbly pray That the Division of the proposed County shall begin On the [] branch of Delaware River at the Termination of a Line ran by Mr Metcalf in 1769 from the Susquehanna as a boundary with the Indians, and to run from thence up the said Mohock branch of the Delaware to the head thereof. From thence by a direct Course to the West Side of the Patents on Schohare Creek, (which is a very short Distance) Thence Northerly along the West bounds of the said County to the North end of the Old Schohare Patent, thence Easterly along said North

¹ Space in the manuscript.

bounds to Duanesburgh & along the [] of the same to the Mohock River at the West bounds of Schenectady Township, Thence North along the said Westbounds to the North [] Corner thereof, Thence Still North to the West branch of Hudsons River, and from thence Still Northward to the 45th Deg of Lat. or in such direction & to such place, as the House shall in their Wisdom Judge best, Which boundary being for a great way a Natural One, and in every place freed from the Inconveniencies of that, before proposed, is the most Secure & the least Exceptional that can be devised for that purpose.—

Your Petitioners in addition do farther humbly request the Scituation for the County Courthouse and other matters relative should be Left to the Discretion and Choice of the Magistrates thereof, or to the Majority of them, as persons best acquainted with the Country, & most Capable of determining for the General Advantage & Convenience of the Inhabitants, Submitting all other Matters & things to the Wisdom of the House.—

[] persuading themselves that the [] Nature of their [] of their request render it an object worthy attention do humbly recommend the same to the Serious Consideration of the honorable House, Hoping that thro' their nice discernment they will distinguish this Application, by Contributing their Aid to the Obtaining a Law of this Province for erecting the said County and Establishing its boundary In the manner already described.

And your Petit^{rs} will ever pray &c¹

LEWIS GRODT

YEREMI DE GRAAEF

ISAAC DE GRAAEF

NICLAS DE GRAAEF

FRIDRICK DE GRAAEF

ARENT LENIN

JOHN WATERS

GUY JOHNSON

DANIEL CLAUS

JOHN JOHNSON

JOSEPH POWEL

JOHN POWEL

¹ The signatures are attached to a copy of the document in the Johnson manuscripts.

JACOB PUTNAM	[Jo]HANNES WALLERAD
LEWIS DAVIS	[]ES WOHLGEMUTH
[]	[]DRICK VETTERLEY
WILLIAM JOHNSON	[]B KRAUSZ
JOHN BUTLER	[]NNES VETTERLY
ADAM LAUKS	[]TER WARMUTH
WILLIAM SEEBER	[] HAUS
PETER CONYNE	[] JOHN DIELL
JOHN STUART	HENDRICK FREY
PETER BOWEN	DANIEL STEEL
JOHN BOWEN	[] WALL
LEWIS CLEMEN[T]	[]
FREDERICK VISSE	CHARLES HANS VAN EPS
HARMEN VISSE	JACOB HERNBERG Jun ^r .
JELLES FONDA	PETER HANSEN
ADAM S. VROO[MAN]	MARTIN GARDENYER
ARANT BRADT	ABRAHAM VAN ALSTYN
DOUW FONDA	ANDREW WEMPEL
JOHANNES VEEDER	RICHARD HANSEN
BARENT B. W[]	HENDRICK MERKEL Jun ^r .
[]	PETER S. DEYGERT
[]	PETER TEN BROECK
[]	H. NICKLAS HERKHEIMER
[]	WERNER DEYGERT
[]	JOSH HERKHEIMER
[] TRETSMAN	FREDERICK BELLENGER
[] MERKLE	FREDERICK HELLMER
[] KREMS	HENRY STERTER
[] SHULTISE	GEORGE HILTS
[] SNELL	HENRY HERTER
WILLIAM NELLES	FREDERICK REAL
[]ANNES BELLINGER	ADAM BAUMANN
[]ANNES FLESS	MARCUS PETRIE
[]RY W ^m . NELLUS	DANIEL PETRIE
[]DREAS REBER	JACOB CASLER

WILLIAM DEYGERT		GILBERT TICE
MICHAEL ETTICK		JAMES DAVY
THOMAS PORTER		CHRISTIAN SHEECK
[]		JOHN WILSON
ADAM HARING	} Germ ⁿ } Flatts	JACOB BESTED
PATRICK CAMPPELL		JACOB EVERHARD COGTMOT
MARA DAGHSTATER		MARTIN WALTER
ADAM ECKER		ROB ^t LOTTEREDGE
DAVID MARINUS		PETER SERVOIS JUN ^r .
JOHAN LUDWIG KLING		EVERJARD VAN COGTMOT
GEORGE SCHRAMLING		CASPER COUNCE
JOHANNES MARSELES		[]
JOHN JACOB PEL, Minister		[]
EBENEZER COX		MARTIN LESLER Jun ^r
JAMES WILLSON		JOHAN ARISTE HOGH
SAMUEL DUNLOP		WILLIAM SHUMA
JOHN WELLS		PHILIP EMER
JAMES SCOTT		MARK REECE
ROBERT WELLS		MICHAEL STALLER
SAMUEL FERGUSON		ADAM RAMOR
JOHN MCCOLLOM		PHILIP KELMAN
JAMES MCCOLLOM		JOHN MCGREGOR
JAMES MOORE		AARON VAN SEKLOR
SAMUEL CAMPBELL		TIMOTHY LEONARD Son
JOHN WICKWEIR		JAMES RENNET
WILLIAM DICKSON		JOHANNIS COUNCE
ARCHIBALD MCKILLIP		[]
SAMUEL CLYD]		[]
JOHN L []		[]
[]		[]
[]		[]
GOOSEN VAN ALSTYNE		[]
MARTIN VAN ALSTYNE		[]
ABRAHAM QUACKENBUSH		[]
MOSES IBBITT		[]

JOHN SHAVER		JACOB BOSH []
CASPER KUN[	]	JOHN VAN ANT[]
HENDRICK B [	]	JOHANIS F []
CHRISTIAN J []		

INDORSED:

Petition of the Principal
 Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the
 Mohock River, & Settlements Adjacent
 thereto
 To the House of Assembly
 Nov^r. 1771.—

JOHN STEVENSON'S BILL

A. D. S.

Albany 2^d. Decem^r. 1771 —

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Baronett
 To Jn^o Stevenson Dr.
 Ct Q ll

To 23 bars flatt Iron w^t 6..0.. 7
 5 D^o. Square D^o. 1..0.. 7
 2 D^o. flatt ax D^o. 1..0.. 9

8..0..23 ll @ 30/ £14..15..5
 JS

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 2^d. Decem^r. 1771 —

SIR

Inclosed you have the Account of the Iron you ordered which

I now send you to the care of Mr. Van Eps at Schonectady. I hope it may be to Satisfaction I am

Sir

Your Most obliged
& Most Obed^t. Humble
Serv^t.

JOHN STEVENSON

INDORSED:¹

Alb^y. 2^d. Decbr. 1771 —

Mr. Stevensons letter

FROM JOHN BUTLER

*A. L. S.*²

Butlers Bury³ 2 De/r: 1771

HON^d: SIR

Just now Mr Perkin gave me your Favor whearin you desired me to send you my opinion, concerning Samon^s: Road. I have no objections to the peoples yousing the old Road, and if you will be so kind to tack the truble To give the Pathmaster such directions as you may think proper, you may be assured it will be agreeable to me, as I have no desire that People shold be obliged to youse a bad Road when they can Have a good one I am Hon^d: Sir your Duty¹:

Hum^{le}. Ser^t:

JOHN BUTLER

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t:

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t:
Johnson Hall

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York Public Library, New York City.

³ Butlerbury, in the town of Mohawk, Montgomery county, N. Y., the home of the Butler family.

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:286-87, is a letter of December 4th, from the Earl of Hillsborough, expressing his conviction that the Senecas with the exception of the Chenussios are faithful, approving the late congress at Johnson Hall, lamenting the restrictions on Johnson's authority in view of the failure of the colonies to regulate Indian trade and mentioning General Gage's desire to chastise the Kickapoos and Pottawatamies.

FROM PHYN & ELLICE

A. L. S.

Schenectady 6th December 1771 —

SIR

We was honord with your letter by Charles Doyle, whose Mortgage to us is for £ 150 and we beleive the only one against his House & Lott; Mr. Doyles debt with us to now reduced to about £ 120 the like Sum in 1762 he paid to Mr. Duncan for the Lott the Buildings &c he made since that purchase he says has stood him £ 280 More. his tittle is good but we are no judges of the value at this present time property of that kind having decreased very much of late, in so much that we question if necessity makes it necessary to sell by Execution if the whole wou'd much exceed £ 200.

Our chief reasons for urging Doysl to pay our demand is that we have realy immediate occasion for the Money, besides his affairs and management are such that indulgence can never mend his unhappy situation.—

Our A. E. just saved his distance by reaching Albany last Tuesday with the Sloop, together with our goods from Brittain & the remainder of our sto[res] from N. York. the butter you was pleased to write for is here & will be sent by first opportunity.

Be pleased to Accept of Compliments from M^{rs} Phyn & all

this family We have the Honor to be with the most perfect esteem

Sir

Your most Obedt. & much Obliged
Hum^l Servants

PHYN & ELLICE

The Honorable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON
Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 6th. 1771 —

Mr. Phyns Letter

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 7th. Decem^r. 1771 —

SIR

I Rec^d. your kind favour of the 5th. Inst. with the Sum of Thirty four Pounds, Seventeen Shillings & Nine Pence Inclosed 2/8 of which I have Passed to your Credit and the Remander to my Brothers Acc^t. & Return you thanks for the Same and am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged
& most Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 7th. 1771 —

Mr. Stevensons letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INTELLIGENCE OF A COUNCIL AT THE ELONIES

L. S.

[Dec. 10, 1771]

By a Shaway Indian who Lives at Detroit, and
 []ned from the Elonies Cuntry the 10th. of December,
 [] the following Intilegance.

That about 40 days ago the Commandant at the Elonies, call'd a Councle of all the Indian Nations thereabouts, and tould them by several Belts of Wampam, that the Cherrokees had Complained to the Governor of Mesisapa of the Ill usage they had Received from the English for Several years past; and Tould him that they had made warr on the English and desir'd his help; then with a very large warr belt Tould them that the Governor of Mesisapa had agreed to help the Cherrokees; and that the Chacktaws a g[] Nation had promised to send 2000 men Early in [the] Spring to help the Cherrokees to drive the English [across] the grate watter, and then desired them to prepare themselves to Joyne the Chacktaws for which they [would] Be well paid in goods, as he would have a grate quan[tity] Next Spring. The Severall Nations gave him for answer That they had been kept Several years at warr against the English by him (maineing the Commandant) and lost thier hunting, that now they had made paice with the English, and was determined to go no more to warr Against them, but return to their Antient employments Of hunting, and would take no part with the Cherrokees That the Cherrokees was thier Enemies, and formerly you uset to Send us to warr against them; you Say you will have a grate many goods in the Spring we dont know how you will get them, you have [Tould] Us So this tow years past, but we never See any tha[t] hav came, you always Said the English was Old women and could not fight, but we now know better, they have Bate you Every where, and is your masters; So Father we Will think for our selves, and listen no more to any Thing you Say to us; heer they returned the warr

belts and brook up the Councle without Saying a word more or waiteing to heer any thing the Commandant would Say to them; and in a fue days the Indians all Sett of ahunting.

This Indian informed that he See the Indians I sent from Pettsburgh to acquaint the Mamees That thier Brethren the English was going to take the French out of thier Cuntry; and to Settle there themselves, which he Says pleased the Indians much—as they Said then they were Sure the English would Send Treaders to thier Cuntry.—

How far the above Intilegance may be depended on, I cant pretend to Say, But I am of Oppenion as the Cherrokees are Natural Enemies of the Westren Indians; that the French wont be able to get any nation that lives on the Ohio; or the lackses from the Elonies upwards to Joyne the Cherrokees, not Even the Shanneys, Whome I take to be the worst people this way at present

GEO: CROGHAN
Deputy Agent

INDORSED:

[]

To Lt. Col: Aug^{ne}. Prevost

TO AUGUSTINE PREVOST

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Decbr 11th 1771

[]

Sometime Since I was favored with your very polite and friendly Letter of Sept^r. last, Expressing the Sense you had of my little Acts of Friendship for Lieut. Prevost.

The Esteem I have always had for your Character & person would have intitled him to any Acts of Civility in my power.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

but his own Merit gave him a particular claim to my Friendship, and I am glad of this opportunity of bearing Testimony to it, as I know it must Afford you pleasure.

It will give me much Satisfaction to render you or him any future Services, and as I should have been happy to have Seen you on your Way to Canada, had Circumstances permitted, So, I shall on any future occasion receive much pleasure from an Interview with a Gentleman I so much Esteem

I am with great regard

Sir &ca

LT COL. AUG. PREVOST

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Decr. 11th. 1771

[]

I am favored with your Letter of the 10th. Sept^r. with the Invoice & particulars therein mentioned. I could have wished that you had procured Instructions for the use of the Camera Obscura, as the Novelty of its Construction occasions it not to be well Understood.

You are very Obliging in furnishing me with so many particulars of news.— I have very little to offer in return. a Calm Seems to have taken place on this Side of the Water, the advantages of which I am glad to find so Sensibly felt in England.— But from all the discoveries I have lately made there is an increased Spirit of discontent amongst Many of the Western Tribes and endeavors used to draw in others into their Scheme, which it is my duty & I hope it will be in my power to prevent. The French Vagabond Settlements greatly Increase on the branches of Mississipi, and contribute much to promote this Spirit amongst the Indians, neither is it practicable at present to remove

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

them, or to reduce them to Order. Some Murders were lately Committed on the Ind^s. at the back of Virginia, by people as Lawless as themselves. Their resentment is therefore daily increased, and must at last Manifest itself in Overt Acts, because they can obtain no Satisfaction from us.

I am much obliged to you for your Offer of a Share in the Supplying of Timber &c which however I believe I must decline from my many other Avocations. whenever Hatton arrives here I shall most Willingly Afford him any good Offices in my power.— There is much good Timber in a part of this Country not far from hence, tho' not yet Explored or known by Government, and I think it deserves more attention & Care than it has hitherto met with altho' there are several Surveyors of the Woods. Apropos, there is a Lieut Benzell who has been app[ointed Inspector of Forests]¹ I think for this Province & Canada, with a Sallary of [£300]¹ & travelling Expenses &c, he is as I am told in a bad state of health and by his Intemperance cannot live any time. I have therefore been thinking of securing the Successⁿ. to it for my Son. In a great measure as an Amusement for him, and would willingly desire your Good Offices & Instruction upon it. I know these things are often & sometimes easily procured, and should be very glad that thro' your means, it might either be obtained, or the nature of the necessary Application pointed out,— The Confidence in which I mention this as it arises from the Friendly Sentiments I entertain for you is the best proof I can give of them which leads me to believe that you will make such use of what I have hinted, as shall appear best for the purpose.

MR. JOHN BLACKBURNE

INDORSED:

Dec. 11th 1771 —

To Mr. John Blackburne

¹ Missing sections supplied from a copy made before the fire of 1911.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York Dec^{br}. 11th 1771*

DEAR SIR

It gives me much Pleasure to find by your Letter of the 16th: Ul^{mo}: that you are returned safe from the upper Country, and so well satisfied with your Negotiations with the Six Nations. Maisonville can doubtless be of use if he is hearty in our interest, and you have taken the best Method to make him Faithfull; I therefore trust that you will receive usefull and certain Intelligence from him of the Machinations of our Enemy.

I have Intelligence from Fort-Pitt repeating what was sent from Detroit about scalps taken at the Illinois and the Capture of a white-man, by name Finley. with Information given 26th. Sept^r. by two Wyandots from Sandusky, that eleven villages of the ouabache, Miamies, and Lake Michigan Indians have determined to attack the Troops at the Illinois in the spring, and that a Party from each of those Villages was already gone to hunt about the Falls of the ohio, in order to be ready to fall upon any Boats going down the River.

In my letters of the 10th: and 24th: of September last, I wrote upon the hostile Proceedings of most of those Tribes, and concerning the best Method to chastise them and bring them to Reason, which I fear Nothing but Chastizement will do. You will oblige me in your opinion upon what I wrote to you on those Heads, and whether any steps could or ought to be taken therein till the six Nations are informed of Thomas King's Negotiations, or of the Proceedings of the Deputys now sent to Scioto.² It is plain that something must be done, and if advice nor measures will not have effect, the sooner Measures are taken to oppose Hostilities the better.

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

² See Johnson to Hillsborough, April 4, 1772, in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:290-91.

I have a Letter from Mr. Croghan which informs me that as he could neither expect you or me to pay his Expences, he had given up his Appointment, and wrote to you, to desire you would not consider him any longer as your Deputy. He had before desired a Court of Enquiry about some Provision, which was granted him; tho' purely to gratify his Request, for everybody concerned agreed in the same story. and the Enquiry has produced no more than what He and every Person concerned had declared before it was held. As there was some Dispute about Provisions, I send you a Return of what was issued to Indians in about three Months. and it appears to me a sufficient Quantity to have assisted all Partys that had occasion to pass Fort-Pitt. Mr: Croghan's living on his Farm¹ so near the Fort, has been from Appearance, an additional motive of drawing Indians to the Fort and about it, to get what was to be had from him and the Commanding officer.

There is advice from Oswegatchie, that a Trader, Name not mentioned, with your Pass,² had sold great Quantities of Rum at Quinte about 70 Leagues from Oswegatchie, which had occasioned much Drunkenness and Quarrelling amongst the Indians, and that two Indians were killed. The Account does not inform what Tribe they belonged to

I have the honour to be with great truth,

Dear Sir

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

INDORSED:³ Dec^r. 11th. 1771

From General Gage
with Intelligence

¹ A settlement on the Allegheny river, four miles above Fort Pitt, containing about 1300 acres.

² A pass later shown by Johnson to be false.

³ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall December 12th. 1771*

DEAR SIR,

I am favored with yours Inclosing a Letter from our Worthy Friend Lord Adam Gordon, which partly (as you Judged) regards the Lands I procured for him, until the rect of this Letter I was at a loss to know whether he accepted or declined it, otherwise the point might have been long since settled, and the Map he desires forwarded Which with every thing else necessary shall be prepared & forwarded next Spring, as soon as I can get it layed out.—

Northampton cannot be affected by any of the Surrounding Grants but rather improved in its Value. It is narrow but finely Situated, and good Land, its greatest fault is that lying on both sides of a River accustomed to swell to a great height, there are many parts of it much exposed to these Innundations.— Col. Johnson who has my fourth or share in it requests me to tell you that If you have an Inclination to let your part on the terms he does with his, that is Five years rent free, & afterwards at about £6 ^{per} hund^d. Acres ^{per} Ann, In fee Simple, or a Lesser rent if for Lives, he will as opportunity offers do all he can for your advantage.—

I think a Land Office faithfully conducted would for the reasons given prove Convenient to many, but I believe it will be very difficult for the Undertakers to procure the Materials necessary for rendering it of the use that might be Expected from it.

Sir John & Col. Johnson desire to be very kindly remembered to yourself and family and be assured that I am allways

Dr. Sir
&c

The Hon^{ble} J. WATTS Esq^r.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

INDORSED:

Dec^r. 12th 1771

 To the Honble John Watts Esq^r.

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Albany 13th. Dec^r. 1771

SIR

I am realy ashamed at being so troublesome to You, and would avoid it did I not conceive I am bound in honor to do Justice to my Lord Dunmore and the Council as well as to myself, by laying before my Lord Hilsbrough the whole arguments & proceedings in the Controversy between my Self and the Proprietors of Hardenberghs Patent last winter, before his Lordship and the Council, to clear up some unfair representations which is said to have been made to My Lord Hilsbrough on that head.

The letter You was so good to send me last Winter to shew the Lands claim'd by me and my Associates were purchas'd or agreed for before the signing the Treaty for Settling the Boundry Line my Lawyer or my Self have mislaid or lost, which is of great consequence in this Affair unless you will be pleas'd to replace it either by way of a letter or Certificate — this is a piece of Justice I am sure you will not refuse me. I rest therefore contented beging only, You will favor me [with] it as soon as You conveniently can as all the papers are ready except that.

I return'd from New York three days since — The Royal American Regiments go to the West Indians next Year and the Establishing a Government in the back Country is again talk'd of among the Ministry, but nothing fixd when my Letter came away as my Lord Hilsbrough was in Ireland.

I have had the pleasure to hear since I came Home that you were in perfect health; I sincerly hope it is true and that You will not only long remain so but believe me with great esteem

Sir

Your Oblig'd & Obedient
humble Servant

JN^o BRADSTREET

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 13th X^{br}. 1771

Col. Bradstreets letter
want^g a Cert. of his Land Claims

AN ORDER AND A RECEIPT

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall Decbr. 21st. [1771]

SIR/

Please to pay unto Col^o. Daniel Claus or order the Sum of Forty Pounds New York Cur^{cy}. & charge it to Acc^t. of
Y^r. Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

To the Honb^{le}. HUGH WALLACE Esq^r.
New York —

Received of M^{rs}. Martha Mortier the within mentioned
sum of Forty Pounds January 1772

G^w. BANYAR.

INDORSED:

Decbr. 21st 1771

Sir W^m. Johnsons Order
for £40 on Hugh Wallace
Esq^r. in favour of Col Claus

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 497, is listed a letter written Dec. 23, 1771 at Johnson Hall by Sir William Johnson to Col. Bradstreet, recalling a statement by Indians, in the presence of Sir Henry Moore, that the lands of the Six Nations extended to the Popachtunk branch of the Delaware, and they would sell to Bradstreet the land between the Mohock and Popachtun branches. (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:287-88.)

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Dec^r. 23^d. 1771 —

DEAR SIR,

I have Just received your favor of the 11th Ins^t the Subject of which I have considered together with those of your Letters of Sept^r. concerning the hostile proceedings of some of the Indⁿ. tribes to the South West. I have likewise compared the same with Sundry pieces of Intelligence I have received, & on the whole I am of opinion that the Ouiaghtonos, and most of the Tribes about the Ouabache as well as some on the Ohio &c, are inclinable to Commit hostilities and that the Young Warriors of some other Nations may Joyn them is Extremely probable. The Licentious frontier Inhabitants who go over the Mountains & many of whom are engaged in hunting having Continually disputes or rencounters with the Indian parties which being equally unjustifiable encrease Mutual Animosities & tend to diffuse a Spirit of disaffection amongst the Indians.—

These Nations must be at War somewhere their Young people more especially are ungovernable, and the least provocation suffices as a pretext for acts of Violence.—Should these appearances encrease I am of opinion that we should prepare to reduce them by force, To Awe those of whom we are in doubt, & to preserve & Cherish the fidelity of those in whom we can confide, encouraging their Parties to go against the Enemy

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson; missing sections supplied from manuscript letter in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

accompanied by some, of our own People.— This is what occurs at first view, but as in a quarrel with Ind^s it is impossible to say exactly what numbers may Engage or in what manner they may carry on their operations, so it is necessary to provide as far as we can in all Quarters against their first blow For, altho I am confident it is not in their power to [render a Rupture] with the Indians general, I am far from thinking [that] it will be solely confined to one part of the Country, or that their [Object] would be a Single Garrison, or outpost. The Militia of the Frontiers should therefore be put in such a state as to be of some Use & to Cooperate in the defence of the Frontiers, whilst an Attack is made on those who most deserve it by some Chosen Troops and Indians.— But I may be going too far on this head for as I have no doubt of the Inclination of the Six Nations (to speak of them generally) for bring^g. those disorderly Tribes to peace & submissⁿ. There is some reason to think that the Messages now sent & what has been farther proposed by the Six Nations will have a good effect & by shewing the fidelity of the latter destroy the hopes which the rest might have placed on their Assistance, At the same time the persons charged with Tho^s. Kings proceed^s. not being yet returned It may perhaps be better to allow a little more time on that accot, especially as the delay is not likely to be dangerous at this Season.—

Last Week, some young Caghnawagas who had left him at Chote returned here & bro^t me a Letter from Mr. Cameron at that place a Dep^y of Mr Stuarts dated 21st. Aug^t. who tells me of his having with the Assistance of the Cherokees prevailed on a party from the Northward of Cayugas to desist from attacking the Chactaws. He seems to have wished that they had attacked the Creeks. And tells me that the Cherokees desired him to write to me that they were ready & willing to attend to the advise of their Brothers here, that the Ouiatonos Twightwees &c still committed hostilities in their Nation & begged that I would take pity on them, Adding Likewise their Sollicitations to the Chat^s. for Assistance to Subdue these Tribes, sho^d they

not Listen to Amicable proposals.— I think that this is a matter worthy attention, and that a good use may be made of it.—

Mr. Croghan has wrote to me in the same manner you mention, and as he has several times applied to the Same effect, I can no longer desire his stay in the Department. He has given me no particulars concerning the provisions &c; but seems to think that very little presents were *Actually given out at Fort Pitt*;— I have read the acct of prov^s. issued to Ind^s. there in 3 months, and am sensible of what you observe on that head, but That post is so Situated & is in a General rout w^{ch} greatly contributes to encrease the Expences

I am much at a Loss to know what Trader could have so far Imposed as to appear at Kente or elsewhere Trading under any pass of mine, not having issued one to any person for such purpose for many years past, & then these papers were to be annually renewed. I shall make what enquiry I can that he may be treated as he deserves;—

I sincerely wish you the Compliments of the Season
And am with true regard

His Excell^{cy}. LIEUT GEN^l. GAGE

INDORSED:

Dec^r 23^d. 1771.—

To Lieut Gen^l. Gage
with an Ans^r to his Questions
on the Intelligence he transmitted.

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORD

D.

At Albany. Dec^r. 24, 1771

[] of my Congregation, at present.
[] Monier, & family 4.
Widow Callison 5.

Isaac Fryer	4.
Hannah Fryer	4.
Thomas Barry	1.
Benj. Hilton	4.
Jonathan Brookes	4.
John Barclay	2.
James Dole	3.
Peter Sylvester	3.
Thomas Sharp	1.
Jn ^o . Stevenson	3.
Cornelius Cadmus	2.
Rich ^d . Cartwright	3.
Stephen Delancey	6.
Sam ^l . Stringer	1.
Henry Cuyler	4.
John Fryer	1.
Charles Sullivan	4.
Daniel Hewson Sen ^r	1.
Tho ^s . Hilton	1.
Nicholas Druley	2.
William & Peter Hilton	2.
Rich ^d . Hilton	1.
William Hilton Jun ^r	1.
Henry Beaseley	4.
John Burgiss	4.
John Hewson	2.
James Williamson	2.
Jn ^o . Price	1.
Aug: Bostwick	3.
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	83.
Carried over	83.
Ebenezer Jessup & family	[]
M ^{rs} . Holland & Son	[]
Cap ^t . Pemberton	[]
M ^{rs} . Hay	[]
M ^r . Lottridge at the Ferry	[]

Mr. Tunicliff & followers	[]
Mr. Dorin	1.
Major Hogan & family	4.
Mr. Hogan in the Country	2.
Cap ^t . Cortlandt Schuyler	5.
Catharine Fryer	1.
Misses Eights	[]
William Randal & His Son in Law & wife	3.
Jn ^o . Milton	1.
Mr. Bloore & wife	2.
Mr. Hoffman	5.
Mrs. Hun	1.
John Willis	1.
Mary Scot	1.
Mr. Mullone	1.
Mary Burnside	2.
Mrs. Wilkinson	1.
Mr. Trotter & family	6.
Polly Atkinson at Mr. Jessup's	1.
Betsey Crisp at Druley's	1.
Mr. Peter Eights his wife, the Lawyer	1.
Mr. Willett Jun ^r	1.
a Young Man at Mr. Mac Cews	1.
Mr. Everson's Dau ^r	1.
Mr. Burke & Dau ^r	1.
Coll. Schuyler's Daughters	3.
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	156.
Carried over	156.
Mr. Munro's Family	[]
Mrs. Kidney & Son	[]
Cornelia Butcher	[]
Mr. Williamson the Butcher & his wife	[]
Barnaley Winterscale & family	[]
Tho ^s . Bluer & his wife, English people	[]
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Whites young & old	171.

NB: In the above 4. Blacks are counted thro' mistake
 N^o. of Negro Adults & their Childⁿ.....

	50.
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All the Souls now under my Care.....	221.
Losst by Death & Removals being the Choice of My Congregation — } Adults	25.
Liberty Boys & Schismatics — 9.	
Edward Willett..... paid.....	4. Sh.
Tho ^s . Barret	6. “
Daniel Hewson Jun ^r	8. “
Abr ^m . Yates	5. “
Peter Brookes	4. “
Patrick Clarke	16. “
James Pierce	12. “
Nicholas Burrington	8. “
David Smith	8. “
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	£3..11. “

[] in all Since my appointment
 Albany 345. —

The present number of Communicants.....	44.
Communicants lost by Death } Removals, Bankruptcies and } other unavoidable Accidents }	14.
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	58.
Communicants deserted, & } will not conform to the } Church of England }	4.
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In all	62.

NB. Three of the above number }
 have left the Church, because }
 they were not permitted to }

wrest the Government of it }
 out of the Vestry's hands }
 The other, because he co^d. }
 not relish Bishops Tillotson }
 Sherlock's, & Atterbury's writings, }
 & because Mr. Munro did not }
 preach Spiritual Sermons. }

NB. Of the above number of Communicants
 Thirty have been made by me, or
 joined the Church, Since my appointment,
 and I had all the rest to reconcile & bring
 back, my predecessor having had but Three
 Communicants, when he last administered.—

FROM C. KREUSER

A. L. S.

Bemiltasskottejang Decr. 30th 1771.

DEAR WADE

I hope you have received my Letter of the 23th. Ult^o. by wick
 I Informed you, what passes at this Post. Sorry as I was at
 time, I could not help mentioning the Uneasiness I had for
 being Dissappointed of our Wishes and Expectations of Trade at
 this post. The few Indians coming hear now and than, assures
 me, that most part of the Indians were fare bak in the Woods
 yet, and would certainly trade hear in the Spring, that they were
 only paying their Credit to St. John of what little Skins they had
 now, but in the Spring, is the principal Trade, & said not to be
 uneasy, that the Indians of this post belonged to me (in their
 Way of Expression) I assured them, I did not come hear only
 for one Winter, but that they might depend upon if the Trade
 would answer this Spring, I would Winter Severale Winters
 amongst them, That I always could informe them of good &
 bad News from down the Cuntry, because I received con-

stantly, Letters from St. W^m. and my Uncle Obsiskajaskoush. A few days ago one Indian came hear, and told me St. John sent a Belt amongst all the Indians about hear, with Tobacco and more Articles, invited them to come all to his House, that he had some Things of Consequence to communicate to them but I am certain it is only a finess, to make fair Speeches, and distribut presents amon[g]st them, to trade with him, I thought I had as good a Right, as Mr. St. John, therefore [] imetiately a young Indian the Nephew of the Chief of the [] hear, with 8 Strings of Wampum some Tobacco and a Le[tter] to tell him to come hear as soon as possible, having some good News to communicate to him wich I received by a Letter last fall from Teronto when old Ballox came hear, but some Indians wi[th] a fin parcle of Trade told me, that Chief would come as soon as it was good going on Snow Shoes. I have now in the House ab^t. 250 W^t of prime Beaver, ab^t 230^{lb} of perchment Skins, 42 Winter Otters, 52 Racconns, 422 Muskratts, 98 Martins, 9 Fishers, &c. &c. I sent the French Men in Order to bring as much powder as you can possibly spear, for I have but a little better then quarter I brought along with me last fall, my Bullets are most all gone, for the Indians hear buys a great ill of that Article, If you have any Tobacco, sent me as much as the French Men can carry, for they will not looke at the Tobacco I brought, and that wich you sent by old Ballox is quite rotten. If I give them any, when they arrive hear, they smoke a little of it and they give it to me again, telling me it was like Grass wich lost me many Customers. You must gett the Frenchmen to make a little Slaight, he could carry great ill more then on his back. Sent me the 4 Bottles of Wine wich you forgott to sent me by the old Indian and a little Butter wich was left in the Shop. I forgott the last time, to ak's you to lett me know the [] that came in our last Boat wich is now stored at Niagara, and whether you have received any Letters since from St. W^m. or from down the Cuntry. I have nothing more to add, but wishing you a happy New Year, and hope you have

provided now for yourself a good bedfellow, which is a comfortable thing in this cold Nights. Give my particular Compliments to Mr. V. and tell him I have latly seen his Com[rade] hear.

I am
 Dear Wade
 Your Sincere & humble Ser^{vt}.
 C KREUSER

To MR. FERRALL WADE Esq^r

P. S.

I have sold all my Wampum to 2 Indians for 9 Winter Otters, and some Beavers. Silver Works I sell verry well if you can Spear any sent them by the french Men whom I think honest Men enough a far as I could see yet, he has not been trunnck but ons yet which was at Christmas. he bought one Bottle of Rum. I intend to sent a pretty large Cannoe, or the Battoe this Spring if possibly I can gett Hands to suplie me with more Goods and Neecessary's
 Sent me a little sealing Wax —

ADDRESSED:

To
 Mr. Ferrall Wade Esq^r.
 Merchant
 at
 Teronto

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 30th. 1771 —

Mr. Kreiuser's letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO HUGH WALLACE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall Jan^y. 1, 1772*]

[²]
 [] that I shall []
 twice lately,— By []
 New Petition for the County []
 mentioned, and I am sure, Void of any []
 I have sent it to Capt De Lancey to []
 transmitted, and I hope he will stirr []
 kind promise,— Upon this occasion, []
 will (as you know how it lyes) explain the []
 you have an opportunity with him, or with any []
 Gentlemen who [*are Ignorant*] may not be so well acq[uaunted]
 with the Geography of the Country, and as the People []
 so sensible of the advantageous Stituation of Johnst[own]
 especially Since so many New and short roads have [been]
 laid out from it as a Centre, Pray let it either be m[]
 in the Act, or left to the determination of the Magis[trates]
 to pitch on a place without limiting any distance from [the]
 Mohöck River,— Indeed I find the people in general inclined
 to wish the Court House &ca fixed at Johnstown, from Some
 Advantages it possesses beyond any other Conven[ient] situation,
 and as there is plenty of Room for Enlargement together with a
 Large Stone Church Just finished, a Good G[] & a
 Parsonage House,—I have also Just finished another road at the
 desire of the People which goes into the New Settlement at
 []²
 [] I am [] confident []
 [] herein that I shall []

Honble HUGH WALLACE Esq^r.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹*London 2 Jan^y. 1772 —*

SIR

I had the Honor of addressing You on the 10th Sept last ^{to} Capt Miller, since which have not been favor'd with any of Your Commands.—

A report prevails that Lord Hillsborough is to go to Ireland as Lord Lieuten^t.—& Lord Baringington to Succeed Him with American department — Lord Townsend to be in the Ordnance & Gen^l Conway have some other Employ — I wont presume to say these reports are authentick but will Venture to Affirm that there will shortly be a Change with Vice Royship of Ireland.—

Our Ability to go to War is our great Security against one — at present all Seems peaceable on this Side the Atlantic & if the King of Prussia remains Easy, it is probable that a tranquil System may continue — but I much fear the enterprising Genius of that Great Man — Lord North stands fix'd as Minister & if possible gains more & more upon the Confidence of the King as well as the People — all parties reverence His publick & private Character —

I often wish for an opportunity of writing You upon a Subject that might be interesting & agreeable to You — I wish You would think me deserving of Your Confidence to place an object for that purpose —

I was highly pleas'd with an Acco^t which came from N York that my Friend Sir John was gone then upon a Scheme of Matrimony with Your approbation — I know few Gent^s whose

¹ The Johnson manuscripts contain an unsigned copy of this letter addressed to "Sir Wm. Johnson Bart. At Fort Johnson near Albany In the Care of Henry White Esqr Marcht. New York," and forwarded "to Rose Miler."

Happiness I have more at Heart than His & on that Acc^t wish'd to See the report Confirm'd — You will do me a Favor by making my Resp^{ts} acceptable to Him & believing me to be with much Esteem

Sir

Your obliged & most obedient

Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

ADDRESSED:

To

St. W^m. Johnston Bar^t.

at Johnson Hall

☞ paquet

INDORSED:¹

London 2 Jan^y. 1772

Mr. Blackburns letter —

TO OLIVER DE LANCEY

*Df.*²

Johnson Hall Jan^y. 2^d 1772

DEAR SIR,

I have by this opportunity forwarded to Capt Ja^s. Delancey, a Second Petition from the Inhabitants of this Country, for the Division of the County on which Subject Sir John and Col Johnson conferred with you when they were at New York. The Advantages of the Division, as now proposed to the Landed People here, and the necessity there is for it from the vast Extent of the Old County, and the increasing State of the Inhabitants are so well known here that the People are unanimous in their application.— I have thought it necessary to remind you of it

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

as I am Extremely desirous of your friendship on the occasion, and I beg the favor of you to afford it all the Countenance which the reasonableness of the request deserves.—The Line of Division as now laid down does not in the least affect or obstruct any Scheme for farther division of Albany County or that of Ulster, and is in reality the only one that can be proposed as Elligable & Satisfactory to all parties.—The Greater part of the Inhabitants are desirous¹ of having the Court House & erected at Johnstown near this place, as there is a Church Parsonage & sev^l. Houses already built there, and as there are now good roads leading from it to all parts of the Country.— If this place is not particularly Mentioned I could wish that the whole be Left to the direction of the Majority of the Magistrates.—

I will not at present add more on this Subject but relying on your friendly assistance towards obtaining an Act Agreeable to the Prayer of the Petition I remain with great regard

Dr Sr

The Honble
OLIVER DE LANCEY Esq^r

INDORSED:

Jan^y. 1772.

To the Honble Oliv^r De Lancey
Esq^r. Concern^s the New County.

JOHN LAMB TO GILBERT TICE

A. L. S.

New York January 6th, 1772.

DEAR SIR

Your favour of the 30th. October last came duly to Hand, and I should have answered it immediately, but was prevented

¹ On the margin of the manuscript is written "This paragraph may be omitted."

by a violent Fit of the Rheumatism which disorder I have been grievously afflicted with for upwards of 8 Months past; I have not made any application to the Brinkerhoofs, as I am well assur'd it would be intirely needless.— I must now in the most earnest manner intreat your doing something towards settling my demand if possible, as I am under the most pressing circumstances immaginable which has been in a great measure occasion'd by your disappointing me, as I was under the necessity of taking up a Sum of Money in the Year 1762, for which I have paid Interest ever since, And for which Sum I am now sued, and a Judgment will be obtain'd against me the ensuing term, which commences the 21st. Instant, when I expect a Jail will be my unhappy portion, if You do not assist me; This I flatter myself You will the More readily do, when You consider the great disadvantage which I must consequently have suffered, by the detention of so large a Sum, for which I have been oblig'd to pay an high Interest for these 10 years past, And at the same time, when You reflect upon the Lenity with which I have treated You upon all occasions; and that great part of the Money which you owe me, is for Goods which I purchased for you without the least prospect of advantage; This was actually the Case with the Stockings, Soap, Candles, and the last 2 Hogsheads of Rum which I sent You, which I bought of another Person, and charged you no more than the prime Cost; and this I did with no other View, than to secure Your Custom, as I expected you would have been a very good one; and with regard to the 4 Quarter Casks of Lisbon Wine, which I had to sell upon Commission for one Mr. Bradford of Philadelphia, I accounted with him for the same so early as the year 1762; and did not return it as an outstanding Debt, as I did not (at that time) in the least doubt your ability to pay me.— So that there is upwards of £94 — which I can safely say I have paid out of my Pocket, without having the least profit or advantage upon the same; add to this the Interest which I have paid, and which has almost eaten up the whole Sum.— and at the same time I can assure

upon my Honour That I never had the most distant thought of Arresting You nor should I have done it, at any rate, If I had not accidentally discovered that you were already sued by the Brinkerhoffs — From all these circumstances, I think I may with a better Grace rely upon your Friendly assistance at this time, and especially when you will have the Satisfaction to reflect that you have been the means of preserving me and my Family from Ruin and distress.— If you cannot immediately settle it, some method might be fallen upon (by way of security) to accomodate the matter with the Persons who have sued me; This You may be able to effect perhaps by means of Sir William Johnson.— However I leave the Management of this matter intirely to Your Discretion and remain in the interim

Your distressed Friend
& Hum^l. Serv^t.

JOHN LAMB

P. S. pray let me have
an Answer as soon as possible.

To Mr. GILBERT TICE

ADDRESSED:

To
Mr. Gilbert Tice
To the Care of Doct^r. John Constable
at
Schenectady

INDORSED:¹

N York Janry. 6th. 1772

Mr. John Lambs letter
to Gilbert Tice

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Detroit Jan^y. 8th. 1772

DEAR SIR

One of the Wiandots of Sandusky has last fall kill'd a Traders Servant — the Nation seem to be extreemly sorry on the occasion; I have however insisted on having the Indian delivered up to me, but this I neither wish nor expect, because we have no power to punish the offender, & to deliver him back to the Nation will only make us out a ridiculous figure — They are constantly teasing me about the Bell for their Church, & are rather dissatisfied that you did not send for the Chiefs last year, as they expected it from what you desired me to tell them —

Some of the Traders will be sending people with Rum to their Villages contrary to my orders, & I as frequently prevail on the Chiefs to drive them away — at present Mr. William Edgar & Collin Andrews are at the head of the disobedient, but I think I will be a match for them — Notwithstanding their Ungratefull behaviour two thirds of the Traders will acknowledge that I have been^d the most indulgent Commd^s. officer they ever had — They are a sad set for they would cut each others throats for a Racoons Skin — I wish you & family the compliments of the season & am with esteem

D^r Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

JAS. STEVENSON

To

S^r. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹Detroit 8th. Janr^y. 1772

Cap^t. Stevensons letter
ans^d. April 28th. 1772
by Major Campbell.

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

Albany Janr^y 10th 1772

HONOURED SIR

Inclosed is the bounds of the Lands, as they are to be conveyed to the purchasers, by the Indians According to Agreement, with a map also to shew the bounds as they are expressed, as Also I send the parchment For the Deeds, if their Should not be enough, will send more I believe there is nothing in the bounds but What is right in Every respect —

Am Very sorry it is not in my powr to git a few barrels of Cyder, I have been to All the people in Town that used to have it to sell, and have seen only two Barrel^s, of bad Cyder, Very sour, Which I do not think proper to Send, and there is three barrels of that wich is very Good, left in the care of a Man here that will not sell it At any price untill he sees the owner thereof — I will Buy it (if Possible) and sent it up as nothing Could Give me more pleasure, then really to be, what I have The Honour of Subscribing myself, Honoured Sir

Your Most Obedient

And Very Humble Servant

EBEN JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 To the care of
 Maj^r. Fonda } At
 at Caughnawaga } Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alb^y. Jan^y. 10th 1772

Letter from Mr. E Jessup
 wth Sundry Inclosures

Caughnawaga Jan^y. 15th. 1772

Rec^d. and forwarded by Sir
 your most Obed^t. Hum^l Serv^t.

EDW^p. WALL

LORD HILLSBOROUGH TO LORD CAMPBELL

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 498, is listed a letter of January 11th, 1772, from Lord Hillsborough, Whitehall, to Lord William Campbell (copy), approving the choice of Mr Cunningham for Indian commissary in Nova Scotia (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:989; Q, 2:573.)

PHYN & ELLICE'S BILL

D.

Schenectady 15th. Jan 1772

The Honb^{le}.

Sir William Johnson Barr^t.

Bo^t. of Phyn & Ellice

6 ^{lb} Best Wayson Tea.....	27/.....	8..2..-
Canaster 5/6 Lock 1/9.....		..7..3

£8..9..3

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹Janr^y. 15th. 1772

 Mr. Phyns Letter
& Acc^{tt}.—

FROM PHYN & ELLICE

A. L. S.

Schenectady 15th January 1772

SIR

We are fav^d. with your letter of the 12th. and are extremely glad you open'd the Packet with Letters from Niagara As You thereby Received your own some days the Sooner, We are very confident that letter for us which was open has not been look'd into, neither is it of any manner of consequence We therefore are sorry you troubled yourself to write concerning it

With this you will be pleased to find 6^{lb} of Green Tea — The Tenuriff Wine we just now have is esteem'd good at least it ought to be so as it is the highest priced we ever had we cannot sell it under 5/6 [℥] Gall; we have sent a Bottle for tryal if it pleases we can spare about 1/2 a Pipe

Please Accept of best Complements from all this famely & we have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Hum^l Serv^{ts}

PHYN & ELLICE

SIR W^M JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ISAAC LOW

A. L. S.

New York January 18th 1772 —

SIR

We received a few Days ago a Letter from Mr. Ebenezer Jessup, acquainting us with the Terms on which we might have the Lands we want to purchase on the west Branch of Hudson's River; but we find them so different from what he had a Right to make in our Behalf, that instead of ratifying we take this earliest opportunity of revoking and disclaiming the same, and we beg you will not regard us as Parties in any Respect to Mr. Jessup's Agreement —

We have empowered Mr. Thomas Palmer to act for us, and he will be at the Hall early in the Spring to treat with you on the Subject of the Lands in Question.

We cannot consent to unreasonable Prescriptions of a few over greedy Individuals if we should never get the Lands, although we would have no Objection to take them in as common Associates.—

We hope to have nothing to ask but what will appear to be founded in Reason and Justice; and therefore cannot but assure ourselves of Your Countenance and Protection —

We remain with the most profound Respect

Sir

Your Most Obed^t. Hb^l. ServantsISAAC LOW, in Behalf of himself
& his Associates.—

(SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet)

INDORSED:¹Jan^{ry} 18th. 1772

 Mr. Isack Low &ca
 Letter agst. Mr. Jessup —
 rec^d. 27th.

FROM HENRY TEN EYCK JR

A. L. S.

Albany Jan^{ry}. 18th 1772 —

[]

I have just now received yours — The process I have against Capt Tice in an Execution against his Body which is returnable in the Supream Court on Tuesday next Should Capt Tice therefore be at Large on that Day when I must return him taken & Consequently in Custody — I am myself then immedately Liable to pay this Debt, tho the Capt Tice should shortly afterwards be in actual Custody, your Honour can therefore easily see, that I make myself Liable to his Debt should I grant a Longer Indulgence. Yet I would do any thing in my power for Capt Tice, could it be consistant with my Duty and office —

I am extremly sorry that my Conduct in erresting Mr. Davis at your House, has drawn on me your Displeasure, as I would not designedly on any Account be guilty of any known offence against you & you may Depend, Sir, that for the future I shall pay that respect to you as not to molest any person while in your House unless I have your Leave for so doing, and for what I have already done I must acknowledge my offence and hope for your pardon, I Remain — with the great^t. Asteem.—

Honored Sir, your most obedient Humble

Servent,

HENRY TEN EYCK Jun^r

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED :

To
The Honourable Sir William Johnson Barone^t
At Johnson Hall —

INDORSED :¹

Alby. Janry. 18th. 1772

The Sherriffs Letter

FROM PHILIP SCHUYLER

A. L. S.

[*New York January 18, 1772*]

[SIR:]

[The bill for the partition of Albany is so far advanced] that It is already under [commitment, and] I believe will soon pass, In [which case, it will be] absolutely necessary to have the [new county] divided Into districts, I am so totally Igno[rant] of what a proper division would be that [I must] [en]treat You to furnish me with the bounds of [each. A] Clause in the bill Impowers the Justices [of the ne]w County together with the Supervizors to [raise a] sum not exceeding one thousand pounds for the pur[pose] of Erecting a Goal & Court house, hence the necess[ity] of Sending down a list of the persons proper to be commissioned which should be done as Early as possible, should you have any Commands whilst here I shall most readily Execute them.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

PH. SCHUYLER

Honorable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Missing words supplied from Stone's *Johnson*, 2:349.

FROM OLIVER DE LANCEY

L. S.

[New York January 18, 1772]

[]¹
 perfect it best as I am now able to []
 Both If you have Thought as I think I []
 Sent a Petition to the Governor in Council []
 forward Your Desire as when the Assembly late []
 Establishing the County of Cumberland it mett []
 and is Since Excited by an Ordonance of Gover[]
 I am Perswaded Your Plan Can meet with no Obstacle []
 quarter I only Mention this to Obviate the Delay that []
 You May assure Yourself that I shall always be ready to []
 that Can be for Your Interest or that of Your Family.
 Make My Compliments Acceptable to Sr John & Col^o Johnson
 [] beleive with the Truest Regard

Dear Sir

Your Affectionate Humble []
 & Friend

OLIVER DE LANCEY

To the Honb^{le} SIR WM JOHNSON Bart^t
 at Johnson Hall

JOHN LAMB TO GILBERT TICE

A. L. S.

New York January 20th. 1772

[]
 [] per Mr. Ebbs I have [] to which,
 I am sorry to inform [] in my power to stop the
 Execution [] the same (or rather a worse) situation

¹ Lines burned off.



PHILIP SCHUYLER MONUMENT, ALBANY, N. Y.

[] self being sued for upwards of £700 [] must immediately pay or go to jail as an [] will be serv'd as soon as the Supreme Court (which begins tomorrow) breaks up, and [] is the most melancholy circumstance, and [] which causes me the utmost pain & anxiety, is [that] my Aged Father and Father in Law are unhappily involv'd in the consequences of this Affair, and must inevitably Share the same fate with me — From this Circumstance which is no ways exaggerated, You cannot think hard of the Steps which I have taken with You, which I never should have done, if I had not been obliged to it by the [] Cruel and pressing necessity.— I have ever endeavour'd to serve You, to the utmost of my Power, and would willingly do it now, if I could consistent with my own preservation — I have not to add, but that I am Still (as much as ever) your Friend
 & Serv^t.

JOHN LAMB

MR GILBERT TICE

ADDRESSED:

To
 Mr. Gilbert Tice
 at Johnstown —
 In the
 County of Albany
 per fav^r. }
 Mr. Ebits }

INDORSED:¹

N. York 20th. Janr^y. 1772

Mr. Jⁿ. Lambs letter
 to Tice —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.¹*N York Jan^y 20th. 1772*

MY DEAR SIR WM

The Post not coming in (as it ought to have done) last Night, & arriving whilst I was in the House, I am only allowed a Moment to acquaint you that Sr John is well, & that I have not yet had time to thank those who have shewn many Civilities to the Children, so that you may Judge how strict the Attendance of the House is at present — With the help of some friend I this day got (on his petⁿ.) £30 for poor McGinnis who lost his Arm,— the Votes that go to you by this opportunity, contain only the beginning of our buisness, it now thickens upon us.— I shall write you so Soon that I must of necessity now deferr adding more than my Sincere Wishes for your health & happiness, My earnest wishes to hear from you, as this post brot me only a few lines from Br^r. Claus, & to assure you I am with true regard

my dear Sir

Y^r. Affect^e.

G JOHNSON

I am twice called for to dinner.

rem^r. me to D^r. Dease &c —

The Trial at Rhode Island makes much Noise — also a new Money bill we have in hand, to prevent Counterfeiting.

Nothing shall be neglected thats comitted to me —

Sr. John Offers his kind Duties & Consent has been ask'd in his Affair on wch I congratulate you

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

ADDRESSED:

To Sir Will^m. Johnson Bart
 Johnson Hall
 Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

Wednesday 20th Jan^{ry}. 1773

Co^l. Guy Johnsons letter

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²*New york Jan^{ry}: 20th: 1772*

SIR,

I thank you for your Letter of the 23rd: Ul^{mo}: and for the opinion you have given me.

The Licentiousness of our Frontier Inhabitants no doubt often lead us into Scrapes, and may be the Means of inducing Many Indians to join against Us in Case of a War, but their behavior can in no shape affect the Nations on the ouabache or the Pouteatamies, who are the only Nations complained of and who every year commit Hostilities against Us, and will certainly continue Murdering and plundering our People, unless Something is done to prevent it. Talks, Advice, and even Threats have hitherto proved ineffectual, and the only hopes of reducing them to pacifick Measures without using Forceable Means, arise from the Messages lately Sent to Sioto from the Six Nations. It may be proper to wait the Event of those Messages, as it's probable that the Indians will resolve Nothing till their Messengers return with an Account of their Negotiations; which it's to be hoped they will do in good time, as the Traders with their Goods, and Detachments with Stores of all kinds, generally leave Fort-Pitt to go to the Illinois the Middle or End of March.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Your observation of the uncertainty how the War might increase if began in one Quarter is no doubt a just one, and Your Advice as good for posting the Militia. As to the first we must in all Situations of the kind use our Endeavors for the best, and trust a good deal in Fortune. But to Judge from past Transactions of our Own Conduct, I fear that Danger would not be Seen till it came to our Doors, and that the Precaution you advise about the Militia would not be taken till a great deal of Mischief was done.

The Complaints of the Cherokees against the ouabache & Miamie Indians is a lucky Circumstance, and if found Necessary, May be turned to advantage.

I hear Nothing more of the Meeting of the Provincial Commissarys for the Settling the Indian Trade, I was told they would assemble here for certain last Month, or this. The King has taken Indian Affairs and their Expences upon himself, and I imagine the Provinces not very desirous of meddling with them.

I wish you the Compliments of the Season and am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

your most obedient

humble Servant.

THO^s. GAGE

SR: WM: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED:¹

Janry. 20th. 1772

Gen^l. Gages letter
rec^d. 9th. Febr^y.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

COMPLAINT OF SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

D.¹

Inferior Court of Common Pleas

Of the Term of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy two —

Tryon ss. Sir William Johnson Bart. Complains of James Davis otherwise Called James Davis of Johnstown In the County of Tryon and Province of New York Hatter in Custody &c of a Plea that he Renders unto him Two Hundred and thirty two pounds fourteen Shillings & seven pence Lawfull Money of New York which the said James owes to the said Sir William Johnson & unjustly detains from him for this to wit that Whereas the said James Davis on the twenty sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy two at Johnstown in the County of Tryon and within the Jurisdiction of this Court by his Bill Obligatory Sealed with the Seal of the said James and to the Court — Now here Shewn the date whereof is on the same day & year Aforesaid Acknowledged himself to be Indebted unto the said William Johnson by the Name of the Honble. Sir William Johnson Bart. in the Sum of one Hundred & Sixteen pounds seven Shillings & three pence to be paid to the said Sir William Johnson on the first day of December then Next ensuing after the date of the said Bill and to the said Payment well & truly to be made the said James, by the said bill firmly bound himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators, and every of them in the said Sum of Two Hundred & thirty two pounds fourteen Shillings and Seven pence and the said Sir William Johnson in fact says that the said James did not on the first day of December pay to the said Sir William Johnson the said Sum of One Hundred & sixteen pounds seven Shillings and three pence half penny which upon that day he ought to have paid him According to the form & Effect of the

¹ In collection of Hall Park McCullough, North Bennington, Vt.

said Bill whereby an Action hath Acrued to the said Sir William Johnson to demand & have of the said James the said sum of two Hundred And thirty two pounds fourteen Shillings & seven pence Nevertheless the said James Davis altho often required &c hath not paid the said sum of Two Hundred & thirty two Pounds fourteen Shillings & seven pence to the said Sir William Johnson but hitherto hath Refused & Still doth refuse to pay the same to the Damage of the said Sir William Johnson fifty Pounds & thereof he brings this Suit &c

Silvester for P ^t f.	}	pledg
D. Davis for Def ^t		es —
		&c

County of Tryon ss. Sir William Johnson Bart. puts in his place Peter Silvester his Attorney against James Davis otherwise Called James Davis of Johnstown in the County of Tryon & Province of New York Hatter in a Plea of Debt &c ———

INDORSED:

Tryon Court of Common Pleas	}	Dr.
The Honbl ^e . Sir William		
Johnson Bart.—		
vs	}	Narr
James Davis		Penal
		Bill

Silvester Att^y.
to be fyled
Filed 21 Jan^y. 1773

FROM ABRAHAM C. CUYLER

A. L. S.

Albany 22^d. January 1772

SIR/

Your favour of the 20th. Ins^t. have rec^d. ☞ Cap^t. Tice with request to grant him the Corperation Councilroom, during his

Confinement, which am Sorry is not in my power to indulge as the Corperation have sometime ago resolved not to Suffer any Person that may be so unfortunate as to be Confined in Prison to have the use of that room, for reason that it has been much Abused & damaged formerly when such indulgence was granted, we have since the resolve of the Corperation often been Apply'd to for the room by good decent people but have been denied. I had indeed taken upon myself to allow Cap^t. Tice the use of the room for a Week in which time he told me was in hopes he would be released from his Confinement, but imediately upon my grant^e. him this liberty, Application was made by others Confined for the Same Priveledge, whereupon the Corperation resolved upon their former resolution; you may be Assured had this matter been at my Sole Option I wou'd have Comply'd with your request. I am with due respect,

Sir

Your Oblidged & Ob^t. Humb^l. Serv^t.

ABR^M. C. CUYLER

To the Hon^l.

SIR W^M. JOHNSON Barn^t. &c

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^l. Sir William Johnson Barn^t. &c

At

Johnson Hall —

INDORSED:¹

The Mayor of Alb^{ys}.

Letter concerning

Cap^t. Tice —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM GILBERT TICE

A. L. S.

Albany the 23 Jenuary 1772

SIR/

as I am only Confind on Mr. Lambes Exacution I beag & pray of you to fall on Sum means or other to Git me hom again as Soon as possibel that is with Saiftey to your Self — I Dar Say by what Mr. Lamb has rote me in this Letter I Send you he will Com to veary Esey terms — —

tho I may have A moor favarabell one by Ebit — pleas to Give my Compliments to the Gentelmen at the Hall & there about —

I will Asteam it A partickler faver if you will pleas to Call at my houes as often as Convenent to you — for my wiff was verey much Cast Down when I Left hom & your Caling I Dare Say will Chear hur up — I am with the Grates respect your mos obedient & verey humbel Sarvent

GILBERT TICE

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

Janry. 23^d. 1772 —

Cap^t. Tices Letter —

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

*Teronto Janry. 27th. 1772*MY DEAR SIR W^m.

Since I done my myself the Honour of Writing you Last, I have [heard] Several times from Mr. Keiuser, two of his

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Letters You have Inclosed, as soon as his Man Arrived hear I Dispatched the Man I have with him to Carry the Necessarys that he Wanted. I am Certain the trade at his place will Answer Mr. Keiusers Letter by my Man Dated Jan^{ry}. 8th — Informs the Indians has told him that the Johnsons are bad people for they drink with the Savages and are Constantly Drunk, they further Informed that Johnson has wrote a Letter to him which an Indⁿ. had on the Way, and that they were Starving where they are, it quite Different with Us, if Anything Mr Keiuser is in a more plentiful place than I. Venison Ducks Geese, and Salmon within Eight yards of the house where there is a fine fall of water [] Such plenty of Salmon that the Man [] them Ashore by hand, Even the Dog brings them Ashore, this is Certainly truth any One that Came In Our houses now, would think we kept a Butchers Stall Lined with Meat we Get it in Season. In short we have Enough to do with it. Since Christmas day Last I have not been without an Indians In the House One Night, you may judge what provisions they must Consume, we have Sickened the french man back of Us, he p^d. Us a Visit New Year with four Ind^{ns}. they abt. 50^{lb} Beaver & 10 Otters, he Came to my house and Continued three days, he told Us he would go to the Mississippee for that he Could do no more back for the Ind^{ns}. all Comes hear the Ind^{ns}. told him to his face that he stole from them but the English did not, he is half Indⁿ. himself. I treated him Well & made him pay as Well. I made him give me Six Large Beavers for a three Gallⁿ. Cag rum it was all he bought, We will Certainly have a great trade this spring and I think we have Made a Good fall trade I am sure as Good as Any on the Communication, I Out Run the Dutchman no Odds, all though all there Cunning he has got but 5 Ct of Leather and 2 packs of Beaver & Furrs. Inclosed You have a List of the peltry & furrs we have Now and there is An Indⁿ. just now Arrived with a pack but Cant tell the Contents I would be Glad to know whether Your Honour took the Goods we Sent down Last Summer I have drew out an Exact List of Our debts we Owe £1200

& odd — we have Nigh £ 1000 In Peltry & furr's Mr. Keiuser has a Good Deal of Goods, I have a Large shop full besides the Battoe that Campbell sent up Last fall which is stored at Niagara I am not the Least Afraid but that we will send £ 1800 or £ 2000 — worth if not more Down In the Spring My Compliments of the Sason to Sir John & the Rest of your Family and believe me to be

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Ever Most Oblidged

Most Obedient Hum: Serv^t.

FERRALL WADE

INDORSED:¹

Janr^y. 27th. 1772 —

Mr. Ferrall Wades letter
with Sundry Inclosures
Ansrd.—

FERRALL WADE'S LIST²

A. D.

A List of What we have at present Janr^y 27, 1772

500 ^{ll} of prime Leather	£ 370
700 d ^o . Beaver d ^o	350
500 & Odd Martins	75
120 Otters	120
200 & Odd Raccoons	15
800 & Odd Ratts	20
26 Fishers	10..0
10 Foxes	2
40 Odd Bear Skins	16
2 Beaver Blk ^{ts}	6
a few Otter pouches } 1 Beaver Eater }	£ 984

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Inclosed in Ferrall Wade's letter to Johnson, Jan. 27, 1772.

INDORSED:¹

List of w^t. skins Ferral
 Wade has now by Him
 Jan^y. 1772 —

TO CHARLES INGLIS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 499, is listed a letter of January 27th to Rev. Charles Inglis on the means of placing Mrs Ellis on the list of beneficiaries of a fund for ladies whose connections have served the state, Johnson's want of influence in Ireland, Dr. Cooper's mission to England and the growing reputation of N York College (printed in *Doc. Hist.* N. Y., 4:472-73; Q, 4:283-94.)

FROM GILBERT TICE

A. L. S.

Alboney the. 28 Jenuary 1772 —

[]

I have received a Nother Letter from Mr. Lamb by Ebit wich I Send to you — by what he rites & what he Said to Ebit & pamberton I Donte think it will be of aney Sarves to me to be in Confindment aney Longer therefore the Suner Som meathid is taking for me to Git hom the Suner I Shall be abel to Git in my Deats & Discharge part of m^r Lambs Deat. for pamberton Sais if one half is paid Soon the other half [] for Six months — I [] aske m^r. yates advice who Tells me a Line from Sir william to the Shirff that the money will be paid in Such a time will be Sufficent for the Shirff to Let be² Be at Liberty to Com hom — as for the Brinckerhoffs they will willingly throo up the Lands by having the money paid them in aney Sarten time — I have Nothing moor to ad at present only remain your most obedien most humbel Sarvent

GILBERT TICE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Intended for "me."

TO ISAAC LOW

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall Jan^y. 29th. 1772.*

SIR,

I am favored with your Letter wherein you disapprove of the proceedings of Mr. Jessup in the late Agreements for the Purchase of Lands here.—

Mr. Jessup having been sev^l. times with me & having produced to me Orders of Council & Sundry other [au]thorities to Justify his Application, which he represented [to me] on behalf of Sundry Gentlemen of Character, & amongst them Yourself & some others whom I should be inclined to Serve. I accordingly gave him My Interest, & not only took great pains with the Indians to bring them to Terms which were Judged very reasonable but actually gave up a Large part of a purchase I had made sometime ago & that without any restitution. Neither had I or any of my Connections the Smallest Concern with him or any other person in it.—

Whatever Prescriptions have been made I know only of a Tract which I told him had been engaged above a yr. ago to some Gent by the Ind^s. with which I had nothing farther to do. I shall therefore be glad you will Inform me what were the Terms he had power to offer on your behalf, & wherein or how he has deviated from his Instructions as I should be sorry to find that the Indians were trifled with, or myself Imposed on, where I meant to do a disinterested Act founded on friendship for the parties who were said to be concerned.

I am with regard

Sir, &c

M^R. ISAAC LOW

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

INDORSED:

Jan^y. 29th 1772 —

To M^r. Isaac Low
Concerning the great Indian purchase.

TO PHILIP SCHUYLER

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall January 29, 1772*]

[²]
[] proper Division []
[] and agreeable to your []
A Sketch of such Divisions as will I []
most Convenient and agreeable to the present []
population.— The Justices &c for the []
Must I suppose be as Usual recommended to []
the Governor, that a Commission may issue according[ly]
This I presume has nothing to do with the Act, but It should
be done speedily that no time may be Lost In the carrying the
Act into Execution, a list shall therefore be sent as soon as
possible.

I dare say that yourself & such other Gentlemen as are
Advocates for the Act will take sufficient Care of the Necessary
Offices &c so that I need not to Enlarge. A Second petⁿ.
went from hence to N York about 16 days Since, Pointing
out the Mohock branch of Delaware &c for its Southern
boundary, In case any farther objection might have been made
to the former I don't know from your Letter whether It was
then before the House, but if it came late It can make little
alteration, as it only differed from the former in one place, which
it was Conjectured would render it more agreeable. I cannot

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

in April to Elect & Appoint a freeholder to be a Supervisor, Two Assessors & one Collector in every Precinct or District in said Co: —

INDORSED:

Draft of Boundaries of
Precincts or Districts of the
New County,
Jan^y 1772 —

TO RICHARD PENN

An autograph letter of January 29th, 1772, from Johnson at Johnson Hall, to Governor [Richard] Penn, of Pennsylvania, was sold by Henkels, in Philadelphia, Pa., at the H. R. Hervey sale on January 29th, 1909.

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Jany 1772.

DEAR SIR,

Since my last the second Petition for the division of the County having been Signed by as many as were thought necessary of the Principal freeholders &ca in this Country was remitted to me, and I now send it as I did the last to Capt Ja^s. De Lancey, to be Laid before the House.

The Manner in which the Line of Division is proposed in this last Petition, will remove any objection that might possibly have arisen against it before, as it does not in the smallest degree preclude the settling any Line of Division between Albany & Ulster, or Indeed any Title, or Claim whatsoever. The People are in general extremely desirous to have the County Court house &ca at Johnstown, as I have now Completed Roads from it

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

throughout the Country which are much shorter and more Convenient than any others, and as so many Houses are already erected with a Church Parsonage House & Glebe annexed to it, Indeed it possesses many other advantages, and if it is Chosen for that purpose, I shall readily contribute to its farther Improvement, & to the erecting the necessary Edifices &ca.— Upon this occasion, I must request the favor of your friendship, so that in case the place before mentioned is not mentioned, It may be Left to the discretion of the Majistrates or the Majority of them to fix on the proper Situation for the Courthouse &ca, without any Limitation of Distance &ca.

I persuade myself that you will afford this application all the Countenance in your power, which will afford great satisfaction to the Generality of people hereabouts, and much oblige Dear Sir

Your sincere friend & &ca

The Honble J WATTS Esq^r.

FROM THOMAS PENN

L. S.¹

Duplicate

Spring Garden

4 Feb^y. 1772

DEAR SIR

This trouble is given you by the neglect of Captain Roberts, who has presuming upon your Credit, got from me Fifty Pound Sterling, which I desire you will be so good, as to remitt, or see me paid. in which you will greatly oblige

Dear Sir,

Your most Hble Serv^t

THO PENN

S^R W^M JOHNSON

¹ Another manuscript copy of this letter is in the possession of Mrs Flora Warren Semour, member of the Board of Indian Commissioners, Chicago, Ill.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t —
Johnson Hall
New York —

INDORSED:¹

Spring Garden Febr^y.
4th. 1772.—

Mr. Tho^s. Penns
letter
for £50 Strl^g. to L^t. Roberts —

FROM HENRY TEN EYCK JR

A. L. S.

Albany 5th February 1772 —

HONOR.

SIR/

Recieved yours of the 30th. Last wherein I find by the contents of your Letter that you would be Glad to know how much that Suit is of Mr. Lamb against Mr. Tice, the Execution I have against him of Mr. Lamb amounting to Three hundred and Sixty one pounds. and as for the time & terms that Mr. Lamb would give Mr. Tice I do not know. for I never had a Line from Mr. Lamb concerning the Affair, I would have wrote to Mr. Lamb concerning the affair. But Mr. Tice desired me not to do it, as he had wrote him Self. concerning the Affair to Mr. Lamb & that he Expects an Answer with Mr. William Pemberton — I cannot take it upon my self to Release Mr. Tice unless that I have a Discharge of Mr. Lamb or his Attorney if I was to take it on my Self to Discharge Mr. Tice I would then immediately make my Self Liable to Mr. Lamb to pay the Money the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

moment that he is out of Custody, he is also in at a suit of Neicholas Low. which Suit Mr. Tice tould me him Self amounting to Eighty or ninty Pounds, but the Suit of Mr. Low would not keep him in Provided the Suit of Mr. Lamb was Settled, for he might get any person to Enter into Special Bail at the Suit of Mr. Low —

I Remain Hono^d

Sir your most obedient

Humble Servent

HENRY TEN EYCK Jun^r

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hono^r. Sir William Johnson Baronet —
at Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alb^y. Febr^y. 5th. 1772

The Sheriffs letter —
rec^d. 9th. —

FROM VOLCKERT P. DOUW, PETER LANSINGH AND JOHN
MACOMB

L. S.

Albany 5 Feb. 1772

SIR

We have taken the liberty of Appointing Johnson Hall to be the place of Balloting for some lotts of Land under your Inspection, using part of the Hosack Patent, a Survey & partition of which have been made last fall agreeable to Act of Assembly wherein we are Commissioners, and hope it will not be too much trouble for you to meet us at Mr Tice's on the day of Balloting

¹ In Johnson's hand.

of which the Newspapers will Acquaint you. We are with due Esteem

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

VOLCKERT P. DOUW

PETER LANSINGH

JOHN MACOMB

The Hhbl SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:

Alby. 5th. Febr^y. 1772

Volckert P. Dow, Peter
Lansing & Jⁿ. MacComb

FROM GILBERT TICE

A. L. S.

Albany the 6 February 1772

[]

I received booth your Letters by Mr. pamberton & agrabel to your advice rote to my Crediters in New Yorke by pamberton & Desired them all to Let me know by him what they would Dow — I also Desired them to Send me there accounts in fool that I mite know what I was in Deat.— the Shirff has No ordors from aney of them to prosead in aneything — he told me this Day that the Brinckerhoffs he was Sure would throw up the Lands & wate A year with Good Sacurity — poor Lamb is So Distrest him Self that I Donte know what he will Dow, tho I Dare Say by his riting he will be as favorabel as he possibel Can — I have heard that Carril is Going away — he is in Deat to me £23..2..6 on a Balance of account wich he & I Setteled but a Short time befor I Left hom — if you Can aney

way Stop that Sum it would much ablige me as it is too much to Lus — other ways if you think proper I will arest him — before he Goos — onless he Can Give Saurity pleas to Give my Compliments to the Gentlemen — I remain your most obedient must humbel Sarvent

GILBT TICE

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

[] 6th. 1772

Mr. Tices letter —
rec^d. 9th.—

STATEMENT CONCERNING BONDS

*A. D. S.*²

Febr^y 6th. 1772

This Day I settled all the Bonds which Capt. Christopher Yates had from Mr. Arent Brat, Amounting to F³ Hundred, Seventy One Pounds, Twelve Sh[illings]³ & Six pence, as ፳ Settlement made last Ye[ar]³ in May, when S^d. Brat Signed a Mortg[age]³ to Said Yates for the above Sum, the Inte[rest]³ of which Sum from the Day it was ex[ecuted]³ is not accounted for as yet —

W JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In possession of Horace S. Van Voast, Schenectady, N. Y.

³ Manuscript torn.

DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF AND DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF JR
TO GILBERT TICE

*A. L. S.*¹

New York Febr^y. 7. 1772.

MR GILBERT TICE

SIR

We have Recv^d. your Letter of the 31st. January & are Sorry for your Confinement in Goal in which we have no hand, you Say you Can pay us our whole Debt in one Year & give us good Security We have wrote to Major Fonda on that head & offered to take his bonds for our Respective Debts payable in Six Months with Interest — this we are Determined to abide by, we Care Nothing for your Sale of the Lands to Major Fonda, the Law will Support us in the Title to them, yet if he will Comply with our proposalls we will Give you a full Discharge therefore to prevent our farther proceedings we Expect your Speedy Answer, otherways Shall proceed as the Law Directs we are your

Hhb^l. Serv^{ts}.

DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF

D. BRINCKERHOFF Jun^r.

ADDRESSED

To
Mr Gilbert Tice
In Goal In
Albany

INDORSED:²

New York Febr^y. 7th 1772

Mess^{rs}. Brinckerhoofs
Letter to Cap^t. Tice

¹ Written by Dirck Brinkerhoff.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM GILBERT TICE

A. L. S.

Albany the 8 February 1772

DEAR SIR

I received your Letter this morning by your post — I Sent you tow Letters yesterday by Cap^t. honson one from the Shirff the other mine — wich I hope you have Got Saif befoor this Time — I menshened in my Letter that I had rote to my Creditters by M^r. pamberton & by him I hope to have Agreabel answers from them all — wich I Shall Let you know Imedietly — am afrade I Shant Se Johnstown befoor pambertons return Tho it would be a hapey Site to me if I Could Se it tomorrow — & I am verey Sensabell I Should if it was in your power to help me there —wich I hope will be Soon — and as I am Sure of your frindship for me & my intrist in Every Respect I Shante Disspar —

I am your verey humbel Sarvent

GILBERT TICE

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹Febr^y. 8th 1772 —

 Cap^t. Tices letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ISAAC LOW

A. L. S.

[Feb. 8, 1772]

SIR

I have the Honor of your Favor of 29th. Ult. desiring to know the Terms Mr. Jessup had Power to offer in my Behalf, and wherein, or how he had deviated from his Instructions relative to the Lands proposed to be purchased of the Indians; which I shall answer in as explicit a Manner as I can

Mr. Jessup was frequently with me, representing in the warmest Manner that the Purchase would in all Probability come much cheaper if made jointly, than seperately; I therefore told him that I would for my own Part have no Objection to pay my Proportion of the purchase money, as I supposed would also the other Parties concerned: but I took for granted he would have waited on them and taken their Instructions (if not their Power of Attorney) before he undertook actually to make the said Purchase.—So far however from having a Power of Attorney, or even Instructions, he never spoke to either of the other Parties (as I have since been informed) except Mr. Banyer, and that only in the general Terms I have mentioned.

Yet, had he confined himself to the Purchase of the Lands *only* at a certain Rate, no Fault had probably been found with him: but he has not only attempted to curtail us in our Quantity of Land, but to yield up to others what we conceive to be the most valuable Part of it, and therefore we can by no Means consent to ratify his Agreement which he had not the least Shadow of Right to make for us.—

Mr. Fonda and Mr. Glen sent down Petitions about a Year ago to the Governor & Council for Part of the Lands we have several months before obtaining a License from that Board for purchasing of the Indians which I suppose may be the Tract you allude to, as having been promised by the Ind^s: but as we

were the first Petitioners we conceive we have a prior Right.— Nevertheless, so far from desiring to avail ourselves of any Preference; those Gentlemen and as many others as you chuse are extremely welcome to be concerned with us in any reasonable Quantity they may want, which we flater ourselves is as much as you will conceive they ought to have

I am extremely obliged by the favourable mention you are pleased to make of me, and shall be proud of all Occasions of cultivating your Friendship to, Sir

Your most Obed^t. Hbl^e. Servant

ISAAC LOW

(SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet)

INDORSED:¹

Febry. 8th. 1772 —

Mr. Isaac Lows letter

FROM HUGH GAINÉ

A. L. S.

New-York Feb. 8, 1772

SIR

I now by Mr. Pemberton send you all the Votes that are yet printed. The Ordnance you wrote for is not to be had at present, but in Case I can procure One by any Means the same shall be sent you by Sir

Your humble Servant

HUGH GAINÉ

P. S. The Votes preceeding those I now transmit you, were sent by a Messenger Some Time Since

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Hon. Sir William Johnson, Bart
 At
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Febry. 8th. 1772 —

Mr. Hugh Gaines letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York February 8, 1772*]

[²]
 Wednesday. I find those]
 its missing, for all the Men []
 have spoke to about it, seem p[leased to] have an Oppertunity
 to serve [] you — You never mentioned the []
 you would have it called. I shall [] to call it
Johnson County. You [] do well to write the
 Governor for a [] of Officers — There must be Four
 Judges, Six Assistant Justices, or Justices of Quorum & 10 or
 12 Justices of the Peace — A Sheriff, A Clerk, A Coroner —
 I have paid Mr Pemberton the One hund^d Pounds for you
 & shall send you Money by the first good Oppertunity — We
 have no News here. The December Mail is hourly expected,
 tho' I dont think we shall have any News by it.

[²]

I am respectfully

Dr Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

[] is so busy with
 []mbly, I could not get
 []d for the Adego Lands
 [] to send you but shall
 [] first good safe Hand —

SIR WM JOHNSON Bart
 Johnson Hall.

FROM GOLDSBROW BANYAR

A. L. S.

New York [February 8, 1772]

DEAR SIR WILLIAM

I yesterday received your Letter []
 regret much the Loss of my Good Friend Mr []
 to Mrs Mortier what he has left. I am much []
 that it might prove advantageous to me, but []
 Expectations myself.

The County Bill is I understand pretty []
 upon as to your part of the Business — and unless the []
 of a Northern County on the East side at Hudsons River from
 [] Kill Northwards creates any Difficulty will I think
 not [] Some in, and many out of the House are for
 having this [] County included in the Bill, and to
 effect it, may still [] that they shall go hand in
 hand — If the Bill should pass [] consequent Steps
 are, an Ordinance for establishing a Court [of] Sessions &
 Common Pleas — and of course the appointment of Judges,
 Justices, Clerk and Sherif. Of these none so important as the
 Clerk, as it is unusual to remove that Officer — He should be
 a Man of some Property, great Share of Integrity and of some
 Knowledge, especially in the Business proper to his Department
 you will otherwise have great Blunders committed.— I would
 therefore recommend some young Attorney as few other are

qualified for it and the Appointment will not afford a Deputy — Lawyers among you there will be plenty of; his being of that Profession will therefore be no ways disadvantageous in that respect, especially if he is a good Man. I know no Body to recommend to you.

With respect to Jessup's Purchase, I do not precisely know the Objection they have to his Conduct. I understand it arises from his giving up to others the Cream of the Lands he purchased or was to have purchased for Mr. Low and associates— They have no objection against those other Gentlemen coming in with them for the Quantity they want, provided [] as to qualify with the others — I shall [] the petition for 20000 Acres more or less — [] is gone to England stated your Account that [] 1772 he makes in your Favour 778. .16. .2 1/7 — Curr^y [] has received £500 Currency, and your Order of [] Claus on Hugh Wallace Esq: for £40 has been [] — I shall deliver to Mr. Wallace a Copy of your [] you and pay him the Balance by Mr^s. Mortiers Order [] only acting Executor — In June last in Consequence of [] a former letter of yours I advanced £112. .14. .11 1/2 for Mr Adems's [] Patent to William Bayard and others for 50,000 Acres — As [] much I should be glad of your Order on Mr. Wallace for [] which he can pay me out of the Balance he is to receive of [] Mortier Ex^r of Abraham Mortier. I had intended this Sum to have payed the Expen^ce of the Purchase made in the Name of Bergen, but [I] must get that by other Means Time enough to be paid when the Governor comes up which I believe will be in the Beginning of June — Pray present my Compliments to Sir John & the other Branches of your Family and believe me to be as ever

your affectionate &

obed^t. Servant

G^w BANYAR

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William
Johnson Baronet

at

Johnson Hall
AlbanyINDORSED:¹N York Feby 8th 1772

Mr. Banyars letter

FROM PETER W. YATES

A. L. S.

Albany 11 }
Feb^y. 1772. }

SIR/

At the particular Request of Mr. Gilbert Tice, who is now in Confinement, I trouble you with a few Lines concerning his Releasement from Prison.

The debt he owes Brinkerhoffs, he says, Major Fonda is to be liable for &c.

So that the only remaining Difficulty will be the Demand of Lamb, being as the Sheriff informs me £362 for which Mr. Ritzema Lambs Attorney, by his Letter to me of the 7th. Inst. desires good real Security. But on my communicating this to Mr. Tice he said you would give your Obligation for that Sum payable one Year hence and therefore requested me (who am his Attorney) to write to you on that Occasion.

I hope you'll not take this amiss in me, since it is thro' Mr. Tice's Importunities, I am drove to write to you on this Subject.

I am sorry, very sorry indeed, to see a genteel good Man in

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Goal who has a Family at Home to support, and hope he may meet with the assistance of his Friends on this occasion, and get speedily relieved from his present unhappy Condition.

I am Sr. your most
obed^t. & very h. Serv^t.

PETER W. YATES

ADDRESSED:

To Sr. W. Johnson Bart.

INDORSED:¹

Febr'y. 11th 1772

Mr Peter Yates
Letter —

FROM HENRY TEN EYCK JR

A. L. S.

Albany 12th. Faby: 1772 —

DEER SIR/

I this Moment Recieved a Letter p^r. Mr. Pemerton of Mr^s. Brinckerhoffs in which I find by the Contents that you have wrote them concerning the affairs of Mr. Tice, they wrote me and desired me to Let you know that if you will give to them Each their Bonds for their respective Debts & Cost with Interest payable in Six Months, upon executing the same & Delivering to me, then to give him a full Discharge, Mr Tice has wrote to the same purpose and that I also should take a sapperate Bond for the sum of £45 . . 2 . . 8 due to the Asstate of Joris Brinckerhoff. I Beg your Answer p^r. first uppertunty so that I might Let the Gentlemen Know —

I Remain with due Respects your

humble Serv^t. Henry Ten Eyck Jun^r

P. S. I have had no oppertunity of seeing Mr. Robert Yates Since I recieved your Letter as he was out of Town —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
Major Jelles Fonda
at Couchnewago

INDORSED:¹

[] 12th. 1772 —

The Sheriffs letter to
Major Fonda —

FROM JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.

Cachnewago 13 Feby. 1772

HONRED SIR/

about 2 ours afther you Left my house Mr. Pementon Brought me the Inclosed Letters warein you may See wot Answer I got of the Brincerhofs and also of the Present Sheref I will wote now for your farther Instructions So I Remane Sir ontill then your Most obedient

Humbele Sev^t.

JELLES FONDA

D^R S^R

I shall be glad you will favor me with any Commands respecting what you may have rec^d. by the Bearer

G JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To
the Honerabele
Sir W^m. Johnson Brt &c
at
Johnsons Hall

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹

Feby. 13th. 1772

Major Fondas letter

Ansrd.

FROM GILBERT TICE

A. L. S.

Albany th^e 13 — February 1772

[]

Mr. pamberton has returnd & broght [] agreabell Letters. I Send you [the] Letter the Brinckerhoffs rote me [the]y have rote the Shirff one moor [t]urarabell that mine & a Nother to Major Fonday to the Saim purpit Lamb & his aturney have rote to Mr. peter yates aturney in this place to act for them wich Letters he Shod to us — the purpit of wich is — they will wate a year for there money with Good Security — Mr. Yates Now rites to Sir william the particklers — if you Can Settel it I Shall for Ever be oblige to you & Sine all I have over to you for Security & Dow what I Can in the mean time to help to pay it — I Did Not Expect So much faver from them — My Confindment has Bin of Grate Sarves to Setteling my affairs wich I am under Grate obligations to Sir william for — as there is Nothing to keep me but Lambs affair I hope to be hom Soon — I have rote to my wiff to Git the Slay redey this Nite to Com for me So that it will Com away befoor Day if Sir william Can Dispatch it.

I hope Sir you will Excus[] being in Such hast to Git h[om] I think Everey minit a Day [] This yates has behaved to m[e during] my Confindment with So mu[ch] frindship & respect in Evary [par]tickler moor than all the peopel in albany besids him that I beleave him to Be my

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Sencear frind — the Shirff Sais Brinckerhoffs afairs Can be
 Setteled aney time after I Git hom as well as Now
 I remain your most obedient
 humbel Sarvent

GILBT TICE

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹Feb^y. 13th. 1772

 Cap^t Tices letter

FROM SAMUEL BAKER

A. L. S.²*London 15th: Febr^y: 1772.*SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

SIR

In December last I Receiv'd your favour 21st Sep^r. & a Power of Attorney for the Disposal of your Stock, which, I am very Sorry to inform you, will not Serve the Intended Purpose. You have inserted, after giving Power to Sell &c^a, "When Required by me," which obliges me to Shew your particular Order for each Alteration required, & the People of the Bank can Attend only to the Power given in the Letter of Attorney, & therefore they will not Suffer me to act under it. You will find inclosed a Blank Letter of Attorney, which you have only to fill up as the last, leaving out the words above objected to.— This is a very great Inconvenience, but I will not let your Money lay Dead; at least What is in the Exec^{ts}. Hands, shall purchase

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² The Johnson manuscripts contain an exact copy of this letter signed by Samuel Baker, and forwarded "☞ Cap^t. Chambers."

Stock for you in my name & be transferred afterwards;— The Bill ₤ £25 is placed to Cr of your Account

Mr: William Baker
has Receiv'd your
Power of Attorney to him

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt

SAM^l. BAKER

INDORSED:²

Febry. 15th 1772 —

Mr. Sam^l. Bakers letter
wth. an Inclosure —

FROM PETER W. YATES

A. L. S.

Albany 15th Febry. 1772.

[]

I received your's of the 14th. Inst. respecting Mr. Tice, who in Consequence of your Proposal, is now at large.

Inclosed is the Obligation which you will be pleased to execute, and transmit back to me. I've made it payable to Mr. Lamb himself, since (being Mr. Tice's Attorney) I deemed that most prudent.

I am very confident Mr. Lamb is well off: but know not whether his Attorney (Mr. Ritzema) expected Security on Interest or not, for his Letter to me is wholly silent with Respect to that. Hoping that Mr. Tice may meet with better Success in all his future Transactions, I am

Sr. Your most obedt.

& very hum. Servt.

PETER W. YATES

To Sr. W. JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 The hon^{ble}. Sr. William
 Johnson Bar^t.
 Johnson Hall.

INDORSED:¹

[] 1772

[] W. Yates letter
 wth. an Inclosure useless

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON'S BOND

Df.

[*Feb'y 15th. 1772*]

Know all Men by these Presents
 That I William Johnson Bar^t &c.

..... am held and firmly bound unto
 John Lamb of the City of New York in the Sum of Seven
 hundred and twenty four Pounds Current Money of New York
 to be paid to the said John Lamb or to his certain Attorney,
 Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; To which Payment well
 and truly to be made I do bind myself my Heirs, Executors,
 Administrators, and every of them Firmly by these Presents,
 Sealed with my Seal; Dated the fifteenth Day of February in
 the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy
 two and in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord
 George the third — by the Grace of God King of Great Britain
 France and Ireland &c.

The condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above
 bounden William Johnson his Heirs, Executors, Administrators,
 or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be
 paid, unto the above named John Lamb or to his certain

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; the Just and full Sum of Three hundred and Sixty two Pounds Current Money aforesaid, on or before the fifteenth Day of February next ensuing the Date of these Presents without any Fraud, or other Delay; then this Obligation to be void, or else, to remain in full Force and Virtue

Sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }

INDORSED:

Sr. W. Johnson's	}	Bond
to		for
John Lamb.		£ 362

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Feby. 15th. 1772.

DEAR SIR,

The Albany Post has been so very Irregular & tardy of Late, That Letters neither come here or go down the Country as formerly. Your favor of the 20th Ult^o. did not reach this till the 10th Inst. and altho' I keep a Man on purpose to carry Letters to & from Albany I am at a Loss when this may arrive at N York.

Since my Last, the Messengers arrived from the Southward Via Philadelphia. After the Usual Ceremonies They laid down their sev^l. Belts, Pipes &c to a great number, After which they told me a very disagreeable Circumstance namely That Anna-wacka who after the death of Tho^s. King was the man of the best Abilities in these Matters died on Shipboard, So that the Accot given by the rest, tho' it takes up Three Sheets of paper is far from being so Consistent as I might otherwise have

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson; missing sections supplied from manuscript letter dated Feb. 18th. in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Expected. One is Still behind laid up with a Lameness who is more intelligent, him I expect to see Soon, however I shall give you the Sum of what they Report.—

They First Repeated the proceedings of Tho^s. King with the Shawanese &c at Fort Pitt on their way to the Southward, some part of which you may recollect we formerly rec^d. however they enlarged much on the promises Made by the Wawiaghtonos, and on the Sorrow they Expressed for what is past, & that they would Send Dep^{ys} to the Six Nat^s. & from thence to me, to Sollicit our friendship & a Continuance of peace. This (they say) was delivered by the Shawanese who were Come from Wawiaghtonon to Tho^s. King, and they gave me a Calumet Feather &c from them as also some belts & bunches from the Delawares to that Effect.—

When they arrived at Scioto Tho^s. King addressed each of the Nations Assembled, beginning with the Shawanese whom he upbraided for retiring down so far, & for Confederating with people who disregarded peace, & in Short repeated to each of them faithfully what had been given him in Charge by the Ind^s. & by myself,— The Shawanese answered That The Six Nat^s. had long Seemed to neglect them, & to disregard the Promise they [formerly made] of letting them Have the Lands between the Ohio & the Lakes [, that in] their distress they went into their Canoes & were determined to go where they sho^d Carry them, but were stopped at Scioto by the Six Nations who shook them by the heads, and desired them to Stay there & be in peace with the English, but that to their great surprise, they soon after Saw the 6 Nations In Arms Coasting along the Lakes with the English, and that after peacee was Settled. The Six Nations Continued [to] act like Enemy^s to them, That they the Shawanese, sent thereupon se[veral] Belts to the 6 Nations, for their closer union, but that Gaustarax the Seneca Chief to whom they were delivered did not make them public so that they never rec^d. any answer to them, They then produced some Emblems [and] belts represent^g themselves & the Illinois Ind^s. with 10 Confederate Nations between them.— They then delivered a

belt from the Chickesaws who professed an Inclination to be directed by the Six Nations in w^t. ever regarded peace.— The 6 Nation Depy^s. then Accused them of insincerity, misrepresentation & evil Conduct on which they enlarged a great deal, Concluding with telling all present that they were come to bring them to their Senses. To strengthen the Union of those who were friends to the English Alliance, And for that purpose opened a Road from thence to the Council Fire at Onondaga, & that at my House, That those who chose to be happy might cast their eyes that way, & make use of it, but that the First Nation that sho^d. obstruct the same must meet with the resentment of the rest;— The Sev^l. Nations present then spoke on many belts Separately, each giving many assurances of their pacific resolutions, & promising faithfully to observe what was recommended to them.—

The Cherokees desired that many Thanks might be given to the Six Nat^s. and to me, and the same was repeated at all the Villages they passed thro' for the peace secured thro' my Mediation, by which they began once more to enjoy themselves,— At Gohi the Chief of the Creeks met them with many Compliments & Salutations, & was desirous they would Visit his Nation, But was answered that as a Road was now opened, for all who had a mind to apply to me, or to the 6 Natⁿ. Confederacy in person, and as another Meeting at the desire of So many would Shortly take place, it was unnecess^y.— The Chief of the Creeks thanked them & said he was certain that some of his Nation w^d. Accom^y the Cherokees to the Ond^a. Council Fire & to my house, and then after sev^l. Less Material Conferences the Dep^s. proceeded, the Cherokees taking Leave of them & the Catawbas escorting them to Charles Town —

This is a brief detail of the Relation of Nickaroondase's one of the principal Survivors from whence I have good reason to conclude that the Shawanese who grasped at the Lands on both sides of the Ohio, repenting of the Sale of the South Side, had sent belts to their Next Neighbours the Senecas to stir up the

Chat^s. to disavow their act & to Joyn in dispossessing the English thereof, That this was approved of by Gaustarax & his People, but disapproved of by the rest of the Confederacy so that he was necessitated to try to set up others which gave rise to the Acc^t. of the Senecas Plot & Gaustarax's belts, and the particulars of which the foregoing is only heads, together with the Conversations I have had with the Young Chiefs, are a farther corroboration thereof.—The Ind^s. are Extremely Inquisitive to know the particulars, & every day since the return of the Dep^{ys} there have been parties here to enquire concerning the same.

It is now upwards of a Month since the 6 Natⁿ. Dep^{ys} (who were sent to the Southward agreeable to my Letter of Nov^r. 16th) left Karaghiyadisha, one of the last Seneca Towns near Ohio on their Way to the Shawanese Town, where they were to take the belts and Hatchet, from the Wawiaghtonos &c and deliver them their last Words, as they said, after which sho^d. they continue obstinate, they were to Expect no favor. They had orders to make great Expedition but as some Chiefs are coming from the 6 Nat^s. who are daily Expected here, I shall then let you know what they say, so that measures may be taken as the Case shall appear to require.

His Excell^{cy} LIEUT GEN^l. GAGE.

INDORSED:

Feb^y 15th. 1772 —

To Lieut Gen^l. Gage
with the Heads of the proceed^s. of
Tho^s. King & the Embassy to the
Southward.—

TO WILLIAM GAMBLE

*Df.*¹*Johnson [Hall February 16, 1772]*

SIR,

A few days ago I was favored with your [] the Subject of the Division of Albany County, and [] of the new one,—Upon this occasion I wish it was in my [] to Satisfy your Wishes, and Gratify myself by telling you [] you should enjoy that Office, but Besides that [] rely on report, and cannot consistently determine with regard [to] offices, whilst the Main points are as yet unsettled There is another Circumstance, which has obliged me to discourage the same Application from other Gentlemen whom I likewise esteem Namely, That it is a Thing expected by the principal Inhabitants & deemed highly reasonable by others that such Offices should be occupied by persons living, or having property within these Limits, Your own Judgment will shew you that this is not an unreasonable expectation of theirs, and your friendship prevent you from desiring that I sho^d. disappoint them. I must nevertheless regret that I have no better Title to your Gratefull Expressions, & That I can only assure you at present of the unalterable goodwishes with which I am

Your real friend & Servant,

MR. W^M. GAMBLE

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Feby. 28th. 1772 —*

SIR,

I wrote to you on the 11th. of Dec^r. last, which Letter I have not time to advert to as the bearer of this M^r. Alex^r. Ellice is going imediately from hence for England, & only waits for a line of Introduction to you.—

He is a Gentleman who is in partnership with M^r. James Phyn Mercht in Schenectady, a House that carries on very considerable dealings in Supplying the Posts & Traders, is remarkably attentive to business, and bears a very fair Character.—

I am not acquainted with the Objects of his Voyage, but at his desire I have thought proper to make him known to you and you may be assured that any Civilities shewn to him will much oblige

Sir

M^r. JOHN BLACKBURNE

&c

INDORSED:

Feby. 28th. 1772.—

To M^r. John Blackburne
London, ☉ M^r. Alex^r. Ellice.

FROM GUY JOHNSON

*A. L. S.*²

*N York March 2^d. 1772.³
At Night.*

MY DEAR SIR WM,

The Corporation of Albany have sent down M^r Yates & one of their Aldermen to shew cause against the Mohock Bill; the

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.

³ Year incorrectly stated here or in the indorsement.

Consideration of this matter is to be taken up by the House tomorrow morning, and the Fate of it will be I believe that either the Bill is rejected, or portponed to another Session¹ All the Members being against giving encouragement to any bill that appears to be controversial, about Lands.

I have at length asked Leave of Absence of the House & shall set out on Friday, by Water I believe, as far as Peaks Kill, the Roads being almost impassable between this & the Highlands, we shall hire a W. India Schooner.

The Governor has rec^d. the Kings Orders to grant no more Lands I believe I wrote you so before, but am not sure; At my return I shall tell you what I attribute it to, with Many other matters which must be deferred till I have the pleasure of seeing You; as this will I hope be in a few days, I shall only at present assure you that I am with Cordial regard, & best Wishes for you, My dear Sr. W^m. Your most sincere & Affectionate

G JOHNSON

Kind Comp^s. to all friends.

INDORSED: N York March 2^d. 1773

Coll (Sir Guy²) Johnsons letter
rec^d. 8th at 9 Night —

¹ "An act for securing to the Indians of the lower Mohawk village and their descendants, the possession of the remainder of their lands adjacent to the same, under a certain limitation." On petition of Guysbert G. Marselis and Robert Yates, in behalf of the corporation of the city of Albany, the assembly postponed to the next session consideration of the bill. This action was in accordance with a recommendation of the committee of the whole, Colonel Johnson voting against postponement. *Journal of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York*, from 1766 to 1776, inclusive.

² An erroneous interpolation.

FROM THOMAS SHIPBOY

L. S.

Albany 4th March 1772

SIR/

Agreeable to your desire I have Sent you Two Groce of Corks, the Best in this Place, I am Sorry it wase not in my Power to Precure better ones, I am Sir

Your most Humble Servant

THOS SHIPBOY

2 Groce Corks @ 4/ £ . . 8 . .

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir, William Johnson
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Tho^s. Shipboys
Letter —

FROM DUNLAP ADEMS

A. L. S.

Trenton March 4th 1772

SIR

You no doubt er[e] this have heard something of my unhappy fortune, it has been so fatal a one to me as to deprive me of all manner of means to support my self or Family, in consequence of which my friends have recommended it to me (as my misfortune is not my discredit) to ask relief in any honest way,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

th[e]refore have distributed a few such as the inclos'd amongst those whom I have reason to think are well dispos'd.

I make bold to present Sr. William one knowing from his character and acquaintance that he is capable of serving me on the occasion.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient Huml Serv^t.

DUNLAP ADEMS

INDORSED:¹

[17]72

Mr. [] letter

[]

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 4 March 1772.

DEAR SIR

Since I had the honor to write you by Mr Pemberton, have not heard from you — I have the pleasure to advise you that your County Bill is passed after great Altercation & Struggle A New County is also made North of Saratoga. Your County is Named Tryon & the other Charlotte. The Governor & Council to appoint the places for the Court houses. Yours will certainly be fixed at Johnstown — Hope you will send down to the Governor the Names of your County Officers, I am sure he will appoint who you please.

I fear our Militia Law will fall through, the County Members seem not to want it, & have prepared a verry tame law, with low Fines, &c which will not answer any good purpose.

Your Bill to Tho^s Crothers £66..2 is paid — I write this in a Hurry as I sett off in about an Hour for Philad^a. & hope

¹ In Johnson's hand.

to be back in 10 or 12 days. Your Commands in my absence will all be duely attended to by my Brother. My best Wishes attend you & yours. I am

D^r Sir

Y^r Obliged & obedient Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

Lazy & much hurried Mr Banyar assures me he will have the Adigo Deed ready against I come back to send you

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

At

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[] 1772

Mr. Hugh Wallaces letter with

[] of y^e. County being

divided &ca ———

Ansrd. 30th. Ins^t.—

FROM HUGH COURTNEY

L. S.

Albany 6th. March 1772.

SIR

I receivd a Letter from Captⁿ. Gilbert Tice, wherein he lets me know that my Wife (it seems) never intends to be reconciled with me; moreover, that my Cattle suffer for want of Fother.

As for my Children, I leave them to Your Hon^{rs}. discretion The Farm & Stock I likewise freely & willingly resign, and my Wife may go where she pleases, as I don't intend ever to abide by her.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

My humble Request is that of your wonted Goodness, you'l be pleas'd to get me enlarged & to remit some small Sum, whereby I may be enabled to proceed further. May God Almighty prosper & prolong your Days, is the sincere & ardent Wish of Sir

Your Hon^{rs}. poor, confin'd
and humble Servant

Witness
& a Doctor —

his
HUGH + COURTNEY
Mark

P. S. I have sent Henry Hill
with this Letter

INDORSED:¹

Hugh Courtneys letter
March 1772

FROM THOMAS TRICKITT

A. L. S.

Montreal the 8th March 1772

SIR

I am informed by Mr Collins, Who lately arrived here From the Continent, that you have made Some Purchases of Lands on the Lake Champlain, in the neighborhood of Ticonderoga and leading to Crown Point, from Which Information I take the liberty to Acquaint You that I have 2000 acres in that quarter which I intend disposing of — and for your better information I send you a discription of it's Boundrays and Sittueation, as Set forth in the Pattant.

Viz^t All that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Sittuate
= Laying and being in our County of Albany within
= our Province of New York, on the East Side of

¹ In Johnson's hand.

= the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake
 = Champlain, Beginning at the South West Corner of
 = a Tract of Land Granted to L[ie]ut Geo. McDugall
 = and runs thence along the South bounds of the
 = said Tract East One Hundred and fifteen Chains,
 = Then along the East bounds of the said Tract, north
 = Twenty Seven Chains, and two rods, to a Tract of
 = Land Granted to James Winterbottom, and Nine
 = Other Private Soldiers, then along the South bounds
 = of the last mentioned Tract of Land, East One
 = Hundred, and Eleven Chains, then West two 200
 = and 18 Chains, to a Tract of Land Granted
 = to L[i]eut Jehu Hay, then along the East Bounds
 = of the last mentioned Tract of Land North 83
 = Eighty three Chains, and two rods, to the []
 = Where this Tract began Containing Two Hundred
 = Acres of Land and the usual allowance for
 = Highways —

Provided You are Inclineable to Purchase the above Lands
 (my Price being 4^s new York Currancy and no les for avrey
 Acre) I shall be Glad to Be Honoured with Your Answer On
 rece[i]pt of this, if You Like it on these Terms Everything You
 Can Ask shall be Given to Secure You in Your Prope[r]ty, the
 Method of Transferring &c I Humbly Submit to your better
 Judgment

I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your Most Obediant

Most Humble Serv^t

THOMAS TRICKITT Late

Quarter Master to the

44th Regiment

To

the Honourab^e

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTON

INDORSED:¹

Montreal 8th. March 1772

Mr. Th^s. Trickets letter
offerring Lands to Sale

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*²

New york March 9th: 1772.

DEAR SIR,

I have received the Kings Orders to give Notice to the People Settled at Post Vincent that it is His Majesty's Pleasure they remove from thence immediately, and retire into Some of the Provinces, and to report to the Sec^{ry}: of State the Answer they shall give to the Message. It may perhaps be Necessary in the Execution of this Order to observe Some Decorum with the Indians of the ouabache and to give them Some Specious Reasons for it, that tend to their Benefit and our own, by preserving a Mutual Amity between Us, extending their Trade by having more Traders amongst them, &c^a. which has been interrupted by the Machinations of Said Settlers and others, who constantly raise false Reports and tell them idle Storys of the Designs of the English against them. I therefore postpone Sending the Orders till I have your opinion of the Measures proper to be taken with the Indians at the time the King's Message is delivered, which you will be so good to let me know as soon as you can form a Judgement about it.

The Establishment at Fort-Chartres and the Illinois Country will be Soon reduced to a very Small Matter; and it appears to me that it would be very usefull, if the Deputy you appoint

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

for the Western District should reside amongst the Nations upon the ouabache, and be furnished with the Proportion of Presents which You allot for the Use of the Western Nations. He might by these Means conciliate the Affections of those Tribes as he would be a Check upon the Traders and see they committed no Frauds, and sold their Goods agreeable to the Tariff. And you would always be informed of the Designs and Intrigues of those Nations, as well as able to counteract any Schemes of the French Traders, who are chiefly from Canada. It is easy to stop the Canadian Traders at the Miamie, which if their Behavior should Warrant Such a Proceeding, Must be done. But we should have good Proofs of their Conduct. The Deputy might if requisite and usefull have a Commission of the Peace from Several of the Provinces. I imagine Such a Proceeding would be very pleasing to the Indians concerned; it has been tried and has had a very good Effect amongst the French Chactaws, and other Nations bordering upon the Mississippi, very much Attached to the French Interest, and now reconciled to Us.

I am With great Regard,

Dear Sir, Your Most obedient

humble Servant

THO^s. GAGE

SR: W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t:

P: S:

Since writing I have received your Letter of the 18th: Ul^{mo}., for which I greatly thank You; and am glad of the good Tidings brought you by Thomas King's Companions; which gives Reason to hope the last Deputys, will return with a further Confirmation of the Peaceable Dispositions of the Western Confederacy. They have been industrious in forming a Powerfull League, but unsuccessfull in their Negotiations with many Tribes. A few Days ago I received Letters from W: Florida from Mobile, where the Chactaws & Chikesaws were comeing to a Congress; The Meeting with the Creeks was finished and the Chiefs of that Nation told us of the Deputys from the Western Nations having

been amongst them, to engage them to enter into an Alliance offensive and Defensive. The Creeks asked them if their Beloved Man to the Northward was informed of their Proceedings; They answered it was a Matter relating only to Themselves. Upon which the Creeks rejected their Proposals, which were made only to the Chiefs, who were carefull not to divulge what had passed to the Warriors. The Deputy's returned without Success.

What you have observed of the present Irregularity of the Post is Shamefully true. I hardly know when to write, for the Post Seldom goes on the Day appointed, or comes in the Day it ought and its next to impossible to send Answers by Return of the Post. By the Regulation it ought to go from hence the Day after tomorrow viz^t: on the 11th: Inst^t: but it's So uncertain that I am now writeing past twelve at Night least it should be Sent away tomorrow Morning and its's quite uncertain when this will get to you. I will take an opportunity to talk with Mr. Colder upon the Subject I write in So much haste I wish you may understand what I have wrote. One more D^r. Sir

Your's

THO^s. GAGE

INDORSED:¹

March 9th. 1772

Gen^rl. Gages letter

FROM ISAAC LOW

A. L. S.

New York March 17th. 1772 —

SIR

From misinformation at the Post [Of]fice about the Departure of the Post, two Posts have escaped me without a Reply to your

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Favor relative to Michael M^c.Donalds Lot at Balston in the Patent of Kayoderoseras.

The Deed is executed containing 200 Acres of Land, and 16½ [Acre]s of Land under the water of the Long Lake which was by [ag]reement to be paid for by the Parties whose Lands adjoined [the] said Lake being at 8/ Ⓕ acre £86..12..- and 2/6 for half writing the Conveyan[c]e. —.. 2..6

Amounting in the whole as pr Acct inclosed. £86..14..6

I shall embrace the first safe private Conveyance [for] sending you the said Deed; and I suppose it may be by [so]me of the Gentlⁿ. members from Albany, as the House [&] Assembly will break up in a few Days.

I am happy in the present, as I shall be in all future opportunities of executing your Commands, being with the most profound Respect,

Sir,

Your Most Obed^t. Hbl^e. Servant

ISAAC LOW

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet

INDORSED:¹

March 17th. 1772

from M^r. Isaac Low

FROM THOMAS SHIPBOY

L. S.

Albany 17th. March 1772

SIR,

Your favour Ⓕ post I this Instant Received I Carefully Perused the Contents, altho it ware Evening would have

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Imediently Endaver'd to get The Leather You wrote for, but
the Post told me he Could not take it being on horseback if in
Albany I Shall Precure it for you to go by the first oppertunity,
I am

Sir

Your Most Hu^e. Servant

THOS SHIPBOY

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Mr Shipboy's letter

March 17th. 1772

FROM MONTAGUE TRIMBLE

A. L. S.

Schenectady 18 March 1772

SIR/

Agreeable to your orders have Sent you the Two Suits Cloas,
[] Blue is a Forest Cloath as there was no Broad Cloath
of that [Co]lour (so fine) to be had in Town, I hope the may
Answer, there [is] no such Thing as Velum for working the
holes to be had in [] place but have wrote to Albany to
see if there is any there [] them Safe to hand and am

Sir your very humble Servant

For D. Campbell

MONTAGUE TRIMBLE

Mr. Campbell is now
in Albany —

Sir William Johnson Baronet

¹ In Johnson's hand.

DANIEL CAMPBELL'S BILL

D.

Schenectady 18 March 1772

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Bought of Daniel Campbell

7 y ^{ds} . Super fine Forrest Cloath	13/6	4 . . 14 . .	6
10 y ^{ds} . Jain		1 . . — . .	10
3 Doz ⁿ . Large Gilt Buttons	4/6	— . . 13 . .	6
6 Doz ⁿ . Small d ^o	2/3	— . . 13 . .	6
4 pair knee Garters	2/6	— . . 10 . .	—
4 y ^{ds} . Scarlet Broad Cloth (super fine) . .	48/	9 . . 12 . .	—
2 y ^{ds} . Buckrim		— . . 5 . .	—
Thread		— . . 1 . .	3
4 Sticks Twist		— . . 3 . .	—
2 y ^{ds} . Osnaburgs		— . . 3 . .	—
6 y ^{ds} . Super fine Scarlet Ratinett	6/6	1 . . 19 . .	—
6 y ^{ds} . Blue d ^o	5/	1 . . 10 . .	—
8 Skanes Silk		— . . 6 . .	—
			£21 . . 11 . . 7

FROM JOSIAS SWART AND JOHN BECKER

L. S.

*Schoharrie**March 18th 1772*

HONOURABLE SIR

I beg leave to Suggest to your honour, that John Becker here and I some time agoe Spoke to you anent buying Some of your Lands on the Susquohannah river, of which you was pleased to promise us preference on equall terms. Now we are come to a resolution to buy 4000 Acres in the place called Athigo on

Your Honour of it, not doubting his Excellencys Appointment will meet with your Approbation; especially as I am well acquainted with a great Number of the Inhabitants of the said county, having commanded at Fort Harkaman, in the Year 1764 — As soon as the season will permit I shall do myself the Honor of paying my personal Respects to you

I remain hon^d. Sir

Your Very
Humble Serv^t.

ALEXANDER WHITE

To the Honourable S^r. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable S^r. William Johnson Baronet
In
Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

March 20th. 1772 []
from Mr. Alex^r. White
Sheriff of Tryon County

FROM JOHN COTTGRAVE

A. L. S.

Johns Town 20th. March 1772 —

[]

[] Your Honour was so kind, as to mention your intention to me, of sending Master Peter² to Canada; I have thought the least I cou'd do for him was, to present to him the Inclosed instructions. But, upon the peruseal of them, they appear so very imperfect, that I thought they ought not to be deliver'd, till first corrected by your Honours Notice. I had

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Peter Johnson, eldest child if Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

yesterday no small altercation with Mr. Flood, for the taking of a Shingle, to carry away Ashes, in the way of the Children, which when done with, I meant to return. But upon the whole, I do not think Mr. Floods attack, proceeded from his refined notions of Economy, but rather (as I suppose), from constructions of my envying him of his place — If I was at a certainty of this, I would then pity him, as I can with truth say, I envy him not in any thing. And as to whatever I have said to your Honour upon that head, was only in Case of his going home: and, from what I can with truth say, was from a far more Copious view. I at that Time thought, it might be in my Power, to be of some advantage to the Patent, not only, from making some alterations for an Annual saving, but perhaps [] Families of worth as settlers. As these [are] the [] motives from which I acted, I do not think it generous of Mr. Flood, to treat me with unbecomeing Languague. I have always treated him, as I do every Body; with all the civility in my power to give. I therefore beg leave to Inform your Honour, that I do not mean to put with any more of his injurious insults; for whenever interrupted any more by him, (while in the peaceable discharge of my Duty) I shall always be ready to attend, to the then purport of your Honours Commands. Your Honour will please at Mr. Peters depart[ure] to present to him on my Account a 20/ Bill as a Testimony for the Sence of his Bravery in the defence of the School House, & from the Secred Simpathy I have in everything he dose. Your Honours kind Compliance therein, will much oblige,

Honoured Sir,

Your Honours most Dutiful and very obed^t Serv^t

JOHN COTTGRAVE

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable Sir William Johnson Baronet

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[]

Mr. Cottgraves letter

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.²*Groghan's Forest 20th March 1772*

DEAR SIR

Yesterday by Post I received a Letter from Col^o. Croghan wherein he assures me that the affairs of the new Collony on the Ohio³ was finally settled and Mr Sam^l Wharton expected in Philadelphia this Winter, that he proposed shortly after writting his Letter bearing date 2^d Dec^r. to Send an Express across the Country; that he thinks it absolutely necessary I should See him before I join, but another Letter from Head Quarters renews their injunctions on me to join with all dispatch, likewise that there was no certainty of our Regiment being orderd to the Islands; my Father acquaints me he will Send for me as farr as Crown Point, provided I make dispatch as he expects to go early in the Spring to relieve the 10th Regim^t. at Quebeck who are to relieve the 2^d Battⁿ in the Posts, all these different Ocurences dont embarrass me a little, I have wrote for leave to return when my private affairs would require it I hope not to be denied, at any rate its in the power of the Officer Com^g. the Reg^t. to give me leave of Absence for Some Short time.

I take the Liberty of presenting my Compliments through you,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.

³ For the articles of agreement of the Illinois Company, which were signed by Groghan for Johnson and himself, see *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, 11:203-4, ed. C. W. Alvord and C. E. Carter.

to Mess^{rs} Deas, & Dayly M^{rs} Prevost¹ and the Children are well, Miss Murray joins with her in presenting you their Respectfull Compliments and have the honor of being with the utmost Respect & Gratitude Very Honor'd Sir

Your most Humble

& most Devoted Serv^t.

AUG. PREVOST

the Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart.

PS, My Father² orders me to present his most respectfull Compliments & to acquaint you that he had received your very Polite Answer as well as a Letter from Col^o. Claus

INDORSED:³

March 20th 1772

Major Prevost's letter.

FROM ISAAC LOW

A. L. S.

New York March 21st. 1772

SIR

I did myself the Honor to acquaint you by the last Post, that Michael McDonald's Deed for Lands in Balston in the Patent of Kayoderoseras was duely executed, and that I expected to forward the same by one of the Gentlemen Members of the Assembly.—

I have only to do myself the further Honor of advising that

¹ Lieutenant Augustine Prevost was married to a daughter of George Groghan.

² Lieutenant Colonel Augustine Prevost.

³ In Johnson's hand.

I now forward the same by Coll: Schuyler, who promises to send it on from Albany by some safe Conveyance.

And I remain with the greatest Respect, Sir

Your Most Obedt. &

Most Hbl^e. Servant

ISAAC LOW

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet

INDORSED:¹

March 1772

Mr. Isaac Lows letter

wth. a Deed —

FROM VOLCKERT P. DOUW, PETER LANSINGH AND JOHN
MACOMB

D. S.

[*Albany March 21, 1772*]

To The Honourable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet One
Of His Majestys Council of the Colony of New York

Whereas a Certain Tract of land with the Appurtenances scituate lying and being above Albany on both sides of [a] Certain Creek called Hossack beginning at the bounds of Schackook from thence extending up the said Creek to a certain Fall called Quequick and from the said Fall upwards along the Creek to a certain place called Nackawickquack being in breadth on each side the said Creek two English Miles that is to say two English Miles on the one side of the said Creek and two English Miles on the other side of the said Creek the whole breadth being four English Miles and is in Length from the bounds of Schackook aforesaid to the said place called Nachawickquaack the said Lands was granted on the second day of June in the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

year of our Lord 1788 unto Maria Van Renselaer Hendrick Van Ness Gerrit Thunessen and Jacobus Van Cortlandt and whereas also the said Tract of Land has since been divided and laid into Lots by John R Bleecker a Surveyor Eight of which Several Lots Viz Lots number Sixteen Seventeen fifty eight fifty nine thirty five thirty seven forty and thirteen fell to the share of Maria Van Rensselaer one of the proprietors and whereas we the Subscribers in pursuance of a certain Act of the Lieutenant Governor the Council and General Assembly of this Colony entitled an Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys quit rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of land in order thereto and other Acts made to the same purpose have lately proceeded to a Survey of the above mentioned Eight Lots and have appointed the thirtieth of March at the house of Mr. Gilbert Tyce to be the day and place of balloting for the said Lots and Allotments made and numbered on the Map of the said Lands & We do therefore in pursuance of the said Acts request you to be present on the day and at the place aforesaid to oversee the balloting to be made Given under our hands at Albany this 21st day of March 1772

VOLCKERT P. DOUW
PETER LANSINGH
JOHN MACOMB

INDORSED:¹

March 21st 1772

Letter from Volckert
Dow Esq^r. Jⁿ. M^c.Comb
& Peter Lansing Esq^{rs}.
Commis^{rs}. ☉ Express

¹ In Johnson's hand.

AGREEMENT OF SIX PATENTEES

*Contemporary Copy**New York 24th March 1772*

The subscribers and their Associates having The six following petitions for Licence to purchase Sundry tracts of Land Viz.

Isaac Low	30,000
Peter Remsen	30,000
Derick Lefferts	30,000
Robert Leak	30,000
Thomas Palmer	46,000
John Bergen	30,000

And Mr John Glen and Mr Christopher Yats and Their Associates having a clame to About 9000 Acres included within the tracts of the back Lands petitioned for by Derick Lefferts, Peter Remsen, and Robert Leak, and notwithstanding the Locaters are The prier and only petitioners for the Said 9000 Acres Yet to avoid dispute, it is agreed, that the Said Mes^{rs} Glen and Yats, and their Associates, shall Be jointly interested As to the Quantity of 10,000 Acres In the five tracts, first Above Mentioned.

And it is farther Agreed that Each of the petitioners for the Said Six tracts shall abate of their Quantity in proportion to the Contents of each tract in order to make up the said 10,000 Acres — And As it is apprehended That their will not be sufficient Land in the whole To satisfy the Above six locations, it is agreed [that] the Deficiency Shall be borne by Each in p[] To the [amount] Expressed in the Petition, and that [the] Parties interested in the first mentioned Petition Shall be intitled to one third par[t of] The Lands located by John Bergen, and lastly is Agreed that no more Land shall be insisted on to be Purchased, or Surveyed for the parties Aforesaid, than The Quantity contained in five petitions Amounting in The whole to One Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand Acres and that

the Tract to be located for John Bergen Is to be located to the Eastward of a line North 30 Degrees west from the North west Corner of the Patent of Sackendaga and to Extend North as far As the North Bounds of the tract Petitioned for by Thomas Palmer and to Extend from the said North thirty degrees west Line so as to include The quantity intended

ISAAC LOW
 THOM^s PALMER for
 Himself and his
 Associates
 THOM^s. PALMER for Mr.
 Derick Lefferts
 W^m. BUTLER for
 Robert Leak Esquire
 G^w BANYAR for
 John Bergen and
 His associates

Coppy

INDORSED:¹

Copy of the Agreement
 between y^e. Six patentees

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 24th March 1772

DEAR SIR

At I was not at Home when your Agreeable letter came to my House for Sundry Articles — which was Sent You Except the Velum, which Article is not to be had here — the Scarlet Cloath will be at 45/ & the retinnt at 6/ p^r yard — my Young man Charged them Something higher in the Account² he Sent you — I here now inclose You Some

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² See account of March 18, 1772.

little patrens — which if they would Answer in lieu of Velum I can Send them on receiving a line from You — as poor Samuel Tyms Died lately at Detroit with whom I was Concerned in Trade to a Considerable Value, So much that it will require my Attendance there Some Months this Summer. Should You have any Commands in that part of the World it will Afford me great pleasure to Execute them for You. M^{rs} Campbell joins me her best Respects to You and M^r Deis —

I am

Dear Sir Your most
Obedient Humble

Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Campbells Letter
March 1772

FROM JOHN LYNE

A. L. S.

Lynesberrey 26 March 1772

SIR

I am Sorry Coll Butler is Disappointed of the Clarkship not one my account but one his am very well Content to Resine the Judges place to him am Sorey you Should give your Self the troble to Send so far Desire youl do as you think best in the Disposal of all the Imployments I am Content you now I was never fond of any post

Sir your Real frind
& most Humble Sirv^t.

JOHN LYNE

To SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED :

To
Sir William Johnson
at Johnsons Hall

INDORSED :¹

Mr. John Lynes letter

March 27th. 1772 —

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.²

London 26th March 1772

SIR

On the 21st Ulto I was Honor'd with Your very acceptable letter of the 11th Decem^r & now Sit down to reply thereto — Upon the rec^t of Your Letter I apply'd to a Friend of Mine who is one of the Lords of the Treasury & requested the Favor of Him to Use His Interest & Influence in favor of Sir John to Succeed L^t Benzell³ in case of a Vacancy by Death or other wise — He mention'd to me that prior to M^r Benzells succeeding to this place, some promise was given by the Duke of Grafton in favor of a Mr Patterson, which occasion'd some Uneasiness between His Grace & Lord North, as the latter insisted on Benzells having the Department — He is a Gentⁿ in whom I can place no small Confidence & whose Friendship I have had a long experience — He recommends that upon the Vacancy, You imediately dispatch a Letter to Lord North desiring the Place for Your Son & to Send Such Letter to Me under a

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² The Johnson manuscripts contain a signed copy of this letter forwarded "☉ Capt Lawrence." The original was forwarded "☉ ye Rose."

³ Surveyor of the Woods. See Johnson to Blackburn, Dec. 11, 1771.

Cover — He has promis'd me all His Interest & You may depend on the Addition of my little Share, added to some other Friends of mine who will support me —

I thank You for Your proffers of Service to Hatton & am in hopes the Scheme¹ may be productive of mutual Advantage to this Country & America — if my own private Interest is not benefitted by the Undertaking I am confident that it will be of great Use to others, in either case I shall secure an adequate compensation for my Trouble —

There has been a Scheme form'd for making a Settlement upon the Banks of the Mississipi. Should it take place I am in hopes it would be the Means of removing the Nuisance You point out by driving those French Vagabonds from that Situation — the Expences of Colonizing have been so heavy in some provinces that Administration are cautious of adopting any New Ones — & it often happens that a Minister is almost oblig'd to give way to the Interest of a Person more than His fitness to represent a Government —

Our Parliament have been Engag'd for this fortnight past in debating upon the Marriage Bill, which was carried through both Houses the night before last after a very severe Struggle — each Party both in & out of administration were divided upon this Subject — next Week comes on the India affairs which will take up their Attention for some time, & after that I have hopes something will be done for America — Lord North seems dispos'd to favour the Colonies in every thing which dont interfere with this Country & I could almost answer for Lord Hillsborough's joining Him —

There is a report that a Cessation of Arms is agreed upon between Russia & the Porte & Terms of Peace adjusted through the Mediation of the Emperor of Germany — in my opinion the King of Prussia will endeavor to subvert this Plan & if so we

¹ A timber scheme. See Blackburn to Johnson, Sept. 10, 1771 and Johnson to Blackburn, Dec. 11, 1771.

may expect a General Continental War, & where it will End God only knows — I only mention those Circumstances as my private opinion. Do me the favor to make my Comp^{ts} to Sir John & to believe I am with much Respect

Sir

Your obliged and obedient

Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹

London 26th. March 1772

Mr. Blackburns letter —

FROM HENRY TEN EYCK JR

A. L. S.

Albany March 26th 1772

HOND SIR

I have recived a Letter from Cap^t Tice wherein he request me to inform you wether the Brinckeroff had givin derictions to withdraw their Execution from his Lands on his giving Security for the paymant of the money due thereby — pursuant to which request I can inform your Honour that I have recived a Letter From them whereby they authorize me to drop the Execution in Case Major Fonda will give his Bond payable in Six months for the said Debt and Intrewst on my application to him for this purpose he refused Complying with it the remaining part of my Instructions from the Plaintiffs is such that I then must proceed to the Sale of those Lands the Debt and Cost of Derick Berinckeroff Junr amounts to £331..13..6 and the one of Derick Brinckeroff amount to 130..12..2 Exclusive of poundage and the Damage of the Estate of Joris Brinckeroff against Cap^t Tice is £45..2..8 all Which Sum I was dericted

¹ In Johnson's hand.

to take Major Fonda Bond For before I could withdraw the
Tow Exexutions If any Settlemant could take place I should be
extremly glad To Be informed thereof soon, as the Court draws
near When I must return the Executions I am Hond Sir

Your most humble Servant

HENRY TEN EYCK Junr

ADDRESSED:

To

Honourabl

Sir William Johnson Esqr Bernight

At

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

March 26th. 1772

Henry Ten Eyck's Esq^{rs}. letter
concerning Tice

TO HUGH WALLACE

Df. S.

Johnson Hall March 30th. 1772

DEAR SIR/

I hope this will find you safe returned from Philadelphia, and that you will be able by return of this Post, to let me know whether the Court House is to be at Johns Town or not; I wrote to the governor by Pemberton, letting him know that if agreeable [*to him*] I would by next Post Send him an impartial List of such men as were best qualified for the Comisⁿ. of the Peace &c for the County of Tryon Since which I am informed that the Clerkship is promised to Stephen Delancy, now Clerk for Albany County, this he told me himself was procured for him thro his uncle Oliver Delancy's Interest. I told him if so, I should say

¹ In Johnson's hand.

nothing about it, altho I had promised my interest to Colonel Butler. Stephen I hear is since gone to York on that acc^t., and as his Connections have afforded their aid in getting the Bill for Tryon county passed, I would by no means oppose them. altho between you and me, I dont think it altogether right that he should act as Clerk of two Counties, and have no property in this of ours —

I long much to see what kind of a Militia Act they will Frame, or whether any, if it is not a good one we had as good be without any but I [] Governor will not agree to any, but such as [] a good End. when at leasure I shall be glad to have the State [of my] Acc^t., that I may not overdraw, and also that of the late Mr. Mortier w^h. I wrote to Mr. Banyer for sometime ago.

least interest may be makeing underhand for the offices of the County of Tryon, (w^h. the inhabitants of it would think very hard of) I inclose you a list of Such as are best qualified every way for filling them but I would not by any means have use made of it, unless you should See it absolutely necessary w^h I am hopeful will [not be] the case whilst we have so Judicious a Governor [] present

My most respectful Compliments await you and Mr^s. Wallace and am Dear Sir

Your most obliged Friend

& affectionate Servant

WJ —

The Honourable
HUGH WALLACE Esq^r.

INDORSED:¹

March 30th. 1772 —

Letter to Mr. Wallace
w^h. a List —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.¹*W^{ms}burg 30th. March 1772 —*

HONORED SIR

Agreeable to your desire I have sent you a Memorandum of the few Articles of Canada Expences for March Term. I spoke to Perup and he says cant come lower than £8. for his Battoo having been offered at Oswego Ten pounds a little before it was Taken away. I have had a couple of slight Attacks of the Gout since the breaking up of the Winter, but last Fryday Evening it laid me up with a severe pain w^{ch}. has been abating since & I hope will allow me to go abroad in a few days. I am happy to learn from Doct^r. Dease y^t you enjoy your health so well at this unhealthy Season & wish its Continuance most cordially. My family are tolerably well And join me in Duty & Respect

Hon^d. Sir

Your Obedient Son

DAN. CLAUS

I suppose Mr. Van Eps Indⁿ. Acco^t.
I sent you last Summer going to Canada^a.
was inserted in yours last Fall.—

To the Hon^{ble}.
Sr W^m. Johnson Bart^t }
 &c &c &c }

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}. St. W^m. Johnson Bart.
 &c &c &c
 Johnson hall.

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

INDORSED:¹March 30th. 1772

Col. Claus's Letter.—

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

London 3 Ap^ll 1772

SIR

I have this Day Answered a Letter to Mr. John Wetherhead wherein he upbraids much the Lawsuit of New York is not Supported by you or the General. I know you have influence enough to have made these fellows drop that iniquitous prosecution. one word would have done it, was it not an Act you would Support you or the General, Should during two years, have hinted to the Commanding Officer of Commissary after so many repeated remonstrances, to have made it up. which could have been done, without expence. now the Rum is perhaps leaked out, or the kegs rotten, & I must be lost by default of their appearance, to a transaction, I was confined for even looking at. the Want of Exertion in the first instance was the Cause of all that happned to the Officers under you.

Sir I always try'd to follow your great Example & am Certain no Indian Can ever say, I deceived him or told him a lie, pollicy tells me I had better follow'd her precepts with the whites, but I knew you'd despise if I did. yet how can I account for the Neglect I meet with from people in power. I thought a recommendation from you was Sufficient to have gain'd any point. Alas I only asked for Laborers Hire, & to work for a future Subsistance. I am neglected, & cast into prison by the Expences attending being detained in a Vexatious Suit, for above a Year, & threatned to be advertised for another at New York. All

¹ In Johnson's hand.

your friends Complain of your Silence I am told you are much in favor with his Majesty. you write to me the Ministry dont Chuse to be importuned. no I am afraid there are persons Jealous that you ever gave me the recomm[endations] you first did. Think when I see a Villian at Large [] provided for, most amply rewarded attempting to sell the Interior C[] & I thro persecution for the faithfull obedience of your Orders thrown in Prison. As yet I dont Complain. I look upon your Ways like those of providence, always for the best. all I entreat Act from yourself, in Western Phrase Chase away bad birds. now I have gone thro the fire Ordeal. I am Still more Worthy of your Countenance. You know not the thousand part what I Sufferd since I saw you. I shall be like Job was to his God. they shall not even make me Blame you.

I have not means of living till I hear from you in Answer to this Letter So shall bid you & family a last farewell & be assured of the prayers & good wishes of your friend to his latest breath tho Somehow he is not treated as ought.

Dr Sir

Your unfortunate

Humble Serv^t

B ROBERTS

Sr. W^m. JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Johnson Hall

New York

INDORSED:¹

London 3^d. April 1772

L^t. Roberts Letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:290-93, and *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:989-93; Q, 2:573-75, is a letter of April 4th to the Earl of Hillsborough, conveying the news of the death of Thomas King, Indian chief, at Charles Town, S. C., with an account of King's mission to the western and the southern tribes, and describing fallacious pretensions of the Shawanese, the behavior of a lawless French colony on the Waubache, and the failure of trade regulation by the colonies.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*Contemporary Copy*¹

New York April 7th: 1772.

Copy/

DEAR SIR

Your Favor of 20th: Ult^{mo}: arrived in good time for my transmitting the Kings Orders to the Illinois, for the removal of the Settlers upon the Ouabache, and a Speech for the Indians is sent with the Order; which has been composed, from the Paragraph of your Letter upon that Subject. I inclose you a Copy of it, which it may be proper to have communicated to your Deputy, as it will be delivered the Indians in your Name and Mine, by the Interpreter or some proper Person at the Illinois. The Commanding Officer has Directions to that Purpose, and that the Speech is delivered in the Form and Ceremony usually observed on such Occasions. You will be the best Judge whether it should be communicated to other Nations.

A French Proclamation is made out for the Settlers in their own Stile, but you may be right in your Conjectures of the little Effect to be hoped from it.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir

&c —

SIR W^m: JOHNSON BART^r:

¹ In William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

INDORSED:

Copy/

To

Sir W^m: Johnson Bart:

Johnson Hall

New York 7th: April 1772.Sent by the Post April 15th: 1772.

TO THE INDIANS OF THE OUABACHE

Contemporary Copy

(Copy)

New York April 8th. 1772.

Message to the Indians of the Ouabache . .

BRETHREN,

The King has heard with much concern of the Extraordinary behavior of many Indians Inhabiting these parts of the Country; and likewise that a large Settlement of white People has been formed upon your Lands without Laws or Government, of which the Indian Nations in general have often made Complaints; And the King apprehends that these Settlements could not Subsist without visible Inconvenience to the Indians, and a Total Neglect of that Order in use amongst Civilized Nations.—

It has therefore pleased his Majesty to Order those White People should immediately leave the Indian Country, And come within those Lands near the Sea Coast, which the Forefathers of the Indians long ago granted to the English, Leaving the Country to the Indians, to whom it belongs, and thereby freeing them from many Imputations under which they have lain from such a Mixt Settlement, as well as enabling them to enlarge their Trade and hunting, and to traffick with more Advantage with Traders of all sorts, than they can do at present which []
 People only, who set their own Pr[]
 every thing.—

Brethren,

You will consider this Act of the King as an Act of Grace and Favor, in which the Advan[ntage] of the Indians is as much consulted, as that of the English Government.

FROM NORMAND MAC LEOD

A. L. S.

Coghnowage 11th April 1772

SIR

On my arrival home last night the person who last year hired part of the place upon which old Doctor Wallace used to live came to me and asked me from whom he should hire his place for this year. I told him that according to agreement, made with her last year he should hire the place from me. This Evening two of her horses got swamped on what I call the disputed lands, their being no Man Servant at the time neigh the House and I from home M^{rs} Mac Leod Sent my little Ser^t Nancy to acquaint her with the distress of her Cattle, but in place of thanking her for sending her servant (having heard that I intended takeing possession of the place) used her and me before a parcel of Negroes and Common people with the utmost Comtempt, with all the opprobrious and Contemptible language that could be made use of by her Lasivious Tongue, and also said that if I was to Set my plough a going there she would fight to her Neck in blood; Tho' I made an agreement with Mac Leod he can't put it in force without orders from Sir William. Her Overseer M^r. Mick said he would brake my Cattles Legs if they should Come upon his M^{rs} place after having a life Deed from Sir William. M^{rs} Denniston also told the Rabble that was then present, that the promise you made her of her Farm for so long a time was in presence of Doctor Dace¹ and some other person whose name they Could not remember.

As to her passion and the many dirty things she said of me in particular and other People in General, I shall say nothing

¹ Dr John Dease.

about them untill I have the pleasure of seeing you. I shall only beg leave to say that it is now in your option to decide who shall be the ridicule of the Country she or me.

You will I hope My Dear Sir William pardon me for giving you this trouble and expecting an answer as soon as your Con-
veniency can allow you for which the Bearer is to Wait

I am

Sir

Your most affectionate
and ever obliged Humble
Servant

NOR^D. MACLEOD

P. S. M^{rs} Mac Leod returns 1000000 of thanks for your kind present and hopes you'll accept of her gratefull good wishes and Compliments, being all the return she can make at present

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}

Sir William Johnson Bart. &ca

At Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

May 11th. 1772

Cap^t. M^c. Leods letter

FROM RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER

A. L. S.

Burnets field 11th April 1772

HON^{LE}. SIR

I have Recv^d your Letter of ye 8th of this Instant and acord-
ing to your Desire have Spoke to my father in Law Concerning
what you Wrote to me and he answered as thus that he would
not be it that he was old & Culd not folow Bisness & would
but him Salf out of Truble, and 2 Days after he Desired me to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

write to you as this he hath Served his majestys as Justice this
fourty years, and he was allways But in the New Commisons
with out asking him, and that then he was at Liberty to take it
or not, and that if he is thought fitt now to Sarve and his name
but in the New Commission he Expects the same Liberty, and
he forther Told me he thought you Could have as Easey wrote
to him as to me as it would not have Been out of the way, in
Sending, and also that he thinks that tims are Greadly altered
and the usage un Expectedly Changed

Du Compliments to
your Honour, from Your
Hon^{rs}. most obed^t. humble Servent

RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER

To Honorable SR. W^m. Johnson Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}. Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnsons Hall

INDORSED:¹

April 11th. 1772

Justice Shoemakers
letter concerning Col.
Harkemer ———

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 13th. April 1772.—

HON^d. SIR,

I did not expect Coll^o. Butler would have returned home
before today or I should have answered your Honors letter of

¹ In Johnson's hand.

the 9th. Ins^t by him—I shall make out the necessary drafts You require in the best manner I can from the Instructions given and transmit them by the first safe conveyance.—

I have prepared a draft of a deed to be executed by the Sheriff on the sale by him of Tice's Lands but shall defer engrossing it until I have your orders whether you incline to have it in the real purchasers name or in your own—you advance the money—& gave Instructions to buy those Lands and the person that bid for them was only an Instrument & acted under you—Yet as nothing of this sort could appear it being verbal only as well for these as many other reasons I should think it most Legal & consistant to draw the deed in the name of the person to whom it was struck off—who will convey to you—it would be proper that you should have all the title deeds which I suppose you can get of Mr. Tice & if he will give you a Release or quit claim of the Lands it will render Your estate In the lands more secure—For notwithstanding the long practice in this Country of selling Lands by execution & the vast Tracts that are sold by no other title Yet there are some doubts with respect to the extent of the [] of parliament on which the practice was founded. I am Sir

Your most

obedient & very
humble Servant

ADDRESSED:

P SILVESTER

To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bart.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 13th. April, 1772—

Mr. Silvesters letter
rec^d. ye 17th. without
the Deeds ———
Ansrd. D^o. Die

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 14th. April 1772.

HON^D SIR,

By this opportunity is forwarded a variety of precedents agreeable to your directions I hope for your approbation in the drafting. there is a Duplicate of a conveyance in Fee upon the Sale of Lands—the one at full length containing all the usual covenants as generally made use of at New York among the noted conveyances.

The other in substance almost the same but much abbreviated—I have been told it was a composition of M^r. Prat of Boston late Chief Justice of New York—In all cases where the person to whom the Land is sold is not in actual possession it is most practical & Legal to supply the want of possession by a lease for a year—unless the Grantor should chuse to go on the Land & deliver the Grantee a Twig or piece of Turf or any thing else thats part of the Freehold—or by delivering the Key of a door or ring of a house on the premises in the presence of two witnesses which is called Livery & Seizen & must be endosed on the deed & Subscribed to by the witnesses—this ceremony suply both the want of possession & lease—but one of the three methods must be pursued in the usual sales & conveyancing of Lands & the same rule may be observed with respect to mortgages—I suppose S^r. W^m. need not be Informed that a bond and Judgment (vulgurly so called) is of no more effect than a common bond until the entry up of the Judgment & confession in form after that and not before execution may issue ag^t. Body or Goods & [] I expect soon to go for New York. If S^r. William has any commands I shall gladly execute them I am Sir

Your most ob^t. &
very humble Servant

P SILVESTER

NB. the mortgagors wifes name
shod be in the writing &
executed also by
her to bar her Right of Dower

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alby 14th. April 1772

Mr. Silvesters letter
with Inclosures —

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

Kinderhook 17th April 1772

SIR

I have so often wrote you upon the subject of Militia appointment in this neighberhood, that I feel concerned to trouble you with a renewal of the subject: but so very restless are those in opposition to us that they watch every occasion to undo what has been done. ————— I have just now received a letter from my Brother at York, purporting that he was lately, with his Excellency the Governor, on behalf of this Township, requesting that no alterations in the Militia arrangements might be made until he had read some papers presented to Government on that subject: the Governor was pleased to say he thought it a proper hint and that he would peruse them.—He told my Brother that he had desired Col^o Schuyler to make out Lists of Officers—My Brother Answered him that the Col^o. was concerned in direct opposition to the interest of Kinderhook—His Excellency then asked *whether Sr William Johnson was not Brigadeer General*

¹ In Johnson's hand.

of the District? to which he replied in the affirmative and that the Lists of the present Officers was given in by Sr W^m. ——— I have taken the freedom to mention these particulars that you may see Sir how very active a certain set of Gentlemen are (whenever they go to New York) to procure alterations, where appointments have been made independant of them.—Their Spleen and ill will to the principle people of this Township is made use of upon every ocasion.—A fresh proof of it Col^o. Schuyler has lately given by recommending two Dram Shop Keepers for the Office of Justices for this Township; both Men who (I dare venture to say) have not one single quality to recommend them; except that of espousing the interest of Col^o. Rensselaer in opposition to that of the Place they live in; and Men too not only extremely illiterate but of so little consequence among their neighbours that they cannot, at our Town elections, get as much as a constable chosen.—These inconsiderate things I mention to convince you Sir that your recommendations in this quarter have been in favour of the principle people of the Township, who will manifest their consequence to you or any of your family whenever opportunities offer.

I imagine at Claverack the Col^o. will also make a stir, then the old Story I suppose of D——d Tenant &c^a. will be revised.—I Am however much mistaken if Col^o. Hogeboom will not give very publick proofs of his interest at Claverack, there is now a warm contest between him and Col^o. Rensselaer's eldest son, about the supervisorship for the Claverack District. The Election is to be on the first Tuesday in May next.———

I wrote some time ago to Col^o. Johnson and acquainted him that the District of Kinderhook was by an Act of Assembly (passt last Session) divided in two, by the names of Kinderhook & Kings District.—As the two Districts contain upwards of Eleven hundred Men it is probable my Father's Regiment will be New Modelled, in that case my Father and your well-wishers here beg that they may have the Honor of being consulted in Offering the Regiments; as we personally know almost

every Man living in both Districts, and can from our knowledge Recommend Persons of the best Characters, most interest and influence.——

The favourable Disposition You have upon former occasions Shewn will We hope be continued; all which favours have and will be gratefully acknowledged.—

I beg leave to inclose you a Sketch of this part of the County by which you will see in what manner the Division of the Districts is made.

I Remain in behalf of my Townsmen
With the Greatest respect & truest
Esteeme

Sir

Your most Obedient
and most obliged humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Kinderhook 17th. April 1772

Henry Van Schaack Esq^{rs}.

Letter wth. an Inclosure

Ans^d. Ap^l. 24th.—

FROM JONATHAN BROOKS

A. L. S.

Albany April 21st. 1772

SIR

I Rec^d your Letter Concerning the Bricks you Wanted I Can make them upon no other terms than these & that is for 10^s/ p^r thousand & find myself or 8^s/ If you find me But to find the Hands I Cannot Do it & if those Terms will Soot you please

¹ In Johnson's hand,

to Let me Know it as Soon as possible Because there is a man
that wants to agree with me But the Hands you must find
Sir I am your Humble
Servent JONATHAN BROOKS

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnston
at
Johnstons Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 21st. 1772 letter
from Jonathan Brooks
Brickmaker —

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

Albany April 23^d, 1772

HONOURED SIR/

Yesterday I returned from New York and take the first Opper-
tunity to acquaint you of my Land affairs—Mr Low with great
Reluctance Yealded to let John Bergen have his Land; which
they Have all signed at last, and agreed it should be according
to the intention of the Petitions, and not according To the words
thereof, But would not agree that Mr. Glen and others, Should
have their Land in that Certain place, but in Common With
them.

I Then told the Gentlemen interested in The Southeren five
Petitions, that I had Mr. Lows Orders Verbal, to Settle with
Mes^{rs}. Glen Yats &c In the best manner I could, and he would
confirm it. And if they had the Land they Preyed for by Virtue
of My Agreement; they are to leave them Gentlemen thier 9000
Acres of Land Which they refused to do, but say they will have
Thier part of the Mony ready at the Governors Going Up to the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Hall and get Him to settle it! I told them that if they expected to be benefited by so Cheap Agreement, they must Stand to Every part of it, or I could not try to get their Indian Deed Executed for them ————— it put Mr. Palmer In such a fret that he told my concern in Totten And Crossfields Petition, that it was All Mountain, And so far prevailed on them to believe it, that they Desired Me to Send Mr. Campbell out to the West and North of What I had been Over myself. And At the same time they would pay the mony to Mr Banyar untill his report — I readily Agreed to it, but it will detain me About a month Longer.—

Whether Mr Low & them Gentlemen Pay the Mony or not, and Whether they prevail on Mes^{rs}. Glen and Yats (by their new scheme) or not, to become Tenants in Common with them; I intend to pay the Full Sum Agreed for; and at Such times, Being

Honoured Sir

Your Most Obedient

And Very Humble Servant

EBEN JESSUP

P. S. I Send Your Honour a copy of their Agreement Because I cannot go immediately Up to the Hall.

I Did all in my Power by reasoning to bring Them to agree to Confirm the Whole of My Proceeding But no other ways —

The Monies in Mr Banyars Hands is That of the Gentlemen Concerned in the Townships.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:¹

Alby. April 23^d. 1772

Mr. Jessups letter with
Copy of an Agreement
between y^e. Parties —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson-hall April 23^d. 1772.

DEAR SIR/

I have Just received your favor of the 7th inst, with the inclosure and at the same time a Letter from Mr Maisonville my Resident at *Ouiaghtonon* of the 12th of Feb^y, wherein he acquaints me that in December last Eleven Kickapous having set out to go to War met on their way at the Mouth of the Ouabache with two Englishmen whom they Seized and Carried prisoners to their wintering place about 120 miles from *Ouiaghtonon*, That the rest of the Indians are much discontented thereat, that as they have been all Scattered abroad at their Wintering places he has not been able to speak to them in publick Since his arrival, but that they were to return home in March when he wo^d. deliver himself to them fully, on the Subjects committed to him, and make a faithfull [report] of all proceedings as soon as possible afterwards; he adds that Finlay who had been taken last Spring at the Illinois by the Kickapous has been redeemed last Aug^t for one hundred & twenty pounds value of Merchandise by a Frenchman who came from Illinois for that purpose. I shall In the best manner I can Communicate the Kings orders to Mr. Maisonville for his better Information, and government thereon, and I shall do the same with the 6 Nations, to prevent any Misrepresentat^{ns}. that may be made thereon by the French or Indians to the Southwestward.—

I now take the Liberty to inclose you the Accot of Expences² in my Department to the 25th. ult^o. for which I beg the favor of your Warrant so soon as it is convenient.—

I am with Great Truth & Regard

D^r S^r. &c

His Excell^y LIEUT. GEN^l. GAGE

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² In the manuscript letter in the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich., the words "and Sallarys" are added at this point. The indorsement states that the account is from Sept. 1771 to March 1772.

INDORSED:

April 23^d. 1772 —

To Lieut Gen^l. Gage

TO GREGG & CUNNINGAM

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Ap^l. 23^d. 1772 —*

[]

I lately received your Letter inclosing me a General Accot of the late House of Lyle & Kennedy against myself & family, As I had many dealings with them & sundry rec^{ts}. for money & I cannot tell how to settle it, until I am favored with more particular accots.— especially as I find one Capital mistake in the Charge ag^t. Sr. John of a Sum long since paid; — I have also heard that Mr. Kennedy puts in pretensions to these, or some of these accots.—

You may be assured that on your sending me a particular State of these matters I shall lose no time in settling the affair as it ought to be done

I am Gentlemen &ca

INDORSED:²April 23^d. 1772 —

To Gregg & Cunningam

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall April 24th. 1772 —*

[]

I have just received your Letter of the 17th which needs no apology, as I am allways ready to hear any thing that regards

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² In Johnson's hand.

the Satisfaction of the People, and equally disposed to serve them, if it is within my power.—

I have not heard any thing of the Arrangements you speak of, or of any designs of that sort, and Indeed I am inclined to think that from the nature of the Subject, there will be nothing more done, without a thorough enquiry.— With regard to the improper Choice of Magistrates, as it is a matter of much importance to be remedied I shall give it proper attention when I see the Governor which, as it will be soon, I believe all matters must be deferred till then.

It is my usual practice to enquire amongst the principal Inhabitants Concerning those Officers with whom it is impossible that I sho^d. be acquainted, and you may be assured that if such a thing should take place with regard to your Fathers Regiment as you mention, I shall do the same.—

Col^o. Johnson writes you a few lines by this opportunity so that I need only add my best wishes to all Friends about you and that I am allways theirs and Your hearty Well wisher

& very humble Serv^t.

H VAN SCHAACK Esq^r.

INDORSED:

April 24th. 1772 —

To Hen^y. Van Schaack Esq^r. .

TO A MAGISTRATE

A. L. S.¹

Johnson Hall April 24th. 1772.

SIR,

As by the late law for the dividing Tryon County into Districts the Time draws near for the Election of Officers & as it is recommended to the Majistrates to give publick Notice thereof,

¹ In possession of Hall Park McCullough, North Bennington, Vt.

I have least you might not be acquainted therewith prepared a proper Advertisement a Copy of which I now inclose you; It will be necessary for you to have three or four Copies made of it, and set up in the best & most publick places for Notifying the contents to the People, And it will be necessary for you to acquaint them with the Nature & importance of this Election, That their choice may fall on persons of the best Characters & Abilities, and that they may at the Ensuing Election fix on the most proper place where such Elections are to be held in future. I have mentioned in each Advertisement such place for Meeting as I thought best, but if you think otherwise You may alter it accordingly. By this oportunity I send a Letter with an Advertisement to the Magistrates within the other Districts,— which I hope will be safely forwarded.

I am Sir,

Y^r Welwisher

& Humble Serv^t

W, JOHNSON

EGBERT DUMOND TO JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Kingston April 25th. 1772

[]

We just Received News from New York that our friend [] ready to assist us in Obtaining the Militia officers [] and Advising us to Be Expeditious [] Coll. Broadstreet to Write to Sr. W^m. Johnson for [] his approbation of the Within Inclosed List and at the Same time if Sr. W^m. Should approve of those Gentlemen [] Inclose the List to his Excellency the Governour Mr. Tryon Which favour We hope you will Obtain for Us if possible. Our Express has orders to wait on Sr. William Johnson with your Letter and to return you his Answer. We must wholly Confide in the Assistance we Expect to have from

you as we have no other friend In your Quarter We dare trust to & more Especialy in Obtaining this Importent favour, Which We trust you Shall Assist us in and to dispatch this Affair as Soon as possible. We beg you will mention to Sr. William if he Should Approve of the List to forward it to his Excellency By the Bearer. We are Strangers to Sr. W^m. and it is Intirely out of our power to obtain this favour from him only through your means and Interest, Whereof we trust the Whole of it to your prudent Care, In which you may Be sure Will Greatly Retrieve our Interest and Much Oblidge many of your friends and Most Hum^l.

Serv^t.
 EGBERT DUMOND

ADDRESSED:

To
 Colonel John Bradstreet Esq^r.
 at
 Albany
 p^r. favour of }
 Mr. A. Dumond }

INDORSED:

Kingston Apr. 25th, 1772

From Mr Egbert Dumond
 to Coll Bradstreet with a
 List of Officers for the first
 Ulster Regiment.—

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

*A. L. S.*¹

Albany 27th. April 1772

SIR

The enclos'd I have this moment receiv'd, which I take the liberty to forward to You, and to Assure You, the persons men-

¹ In New York Public Library, New York City.

tion'd in the Enclos'd List are all friends to your friend at New York, and that the latter wish to establish them in the way propos'd — and I hope You will grant their request in recommending them to the Governor by the return of the bearer.

I have the honor to be with great regard

Sir

Your Most Obedient
humble Servant

JN^o BRADSTREET

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM PHILIP VAN HORNE

A. L. S.

*Somerset County
East N. Jersey Ap^l.
28th. 1772*

SIR

The bearer Adrian Hogeland informs me he intends applying to You in order to settle on some of your lands and has requested this as an introduction to you for that purpose he is by trade a Carpenter born of a good Family in the City of New York hath lived in this Neighbourhood Many years and is of good Ct. having allways behaved himself well you will be good enough to pardon the freedom I take and impute it to a disposition to serve my fellow Creture and believe me to be with great respect

Your Most hum^l. Serv^t.

PHILIP VAN HORNE

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}
St. William Johnson
Att his Seat on the
Mohawks River

INDORSED:¹

East Jersey April 28th. 1772

Phill. Van Horne Esq^{rs}.
Letter —

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*²

Johnson Hall April 29th. 1772.

SIR/

The Bearer delivered to me your favor of the 27th. with the inclosures concerning the Militia, on which Subject I detained him till I had examined the Books and returns.— I am not acquainted with the Gentlemen mentioned in the List only as I find some of them already returned amst. the returns from that County; neither has any late State been transmitted to me from the Commanding Officer of Vacancies or otherwise either for the first Ulster Regt, or the Troop of Horse, without examining which I am not authorized to recommend any List, notwithstanding my Inclination to favor the application of Gentlemen who come so well recommended. The only thing I can do at present in the matter is to order a Return of that Regiment without delay by which I shall be enabled to Judge whether it requires a division into two parts which is probably what the Gentlemen desire, or in what other manner it will be most fitting to Gratify their request.— This delay cannot prejudice their Suit as I have no reason to Suppose that any person will proceed so irregularly as to offer³ any other recommendations without my knowledge, or if they did, that his Excell^y the Gov^r. would pay regard to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ On the margin of the manuscript at this point are the words "a hint."

them, and I shall lose no time in procuring the necessary Returns to Justify my proceedings in behalf of these Gent.

I am with great regard,

CO.. JN^o. BRADSTREET.

INDORSED:¹

April 29th. 1772 —

To Col. John Bradstreet
on Militia affairs.—

FROM RICHARD SHUCKBURGH

A. L. S.

N. York 29th April 1772

DEAR SIR

On my Arrival here I enquired for the little Brass pieces of Cannon I Informd you of, but as Mr. Guion is gone [away] to the West Indies, his Correspondent here can give [no acc]ount of them so beleive they are disposed of.

Major Clarke from the West Indies is here & We have renew'd our Acquaintance he receiv'd me very kindly and ask'd how You was, he is coming up the River he tells me, as high as Conojohary to look at his Land there, also to go upon the Spot in Corry's Bush, where he has twelve thousand Acres which is I beleive one half of the Patent it being a testamentary gift from his father, he told me he should set out wth. the Gov^r. but twas somewhat of a Secret for fear of being crowded with Company, he says if there is above four he shall come alone. the Gov^r. told him he woud set out for Albany presently after the birth Day which will be very early in June; wheras he tells me, there is to be a Conference wth. the Ind^s., if so it can be no News to you, You'll excuse my repeating it, as I woud not omit any intelligence of moment. Lord Hillsborough it is said will be L^d. L^t. of Ireland.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Dr. Jones is certainly gone home to have his throat cut for a Wen contiguous to it, so shall bring back Col Guys Letter unopen'd. the 7th. & 23^d. Reg^{ts}. are to releive the Roy^l. Americans in N. America as Cap^t. Stewart writes me the Roy^l. Am^{cans}. being to releive them, this he hears frm London, as also the Troops in Jamaica. I hope this may find You & family well Be pleasd to make my Compl^{ts}. acceptable to Dr. Dease. I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you till the Middle of May till then & always I am wth unabated Respect y^r Most oblig'd & most humble Serv^t.

R^D SHUCKBURGH

P. S. I was to wait on the Gov^r. who receiv'd me very graciously & desir'd me to call again before I went away w^{ch}. I shall do —

ADDRESSED:

To
 the Hon^{ble}.
 Sr. Will^m. Johnson Baronet
 att Johnson Hall
 Tryon —

INDORSED:¹

April 29th. 1772 —

Doctor Shuckburghs letter
 from N York

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

*A. L. S.*²

Johnson Hall April 29th. 1772

SIR/

I have Just received your letter of the 17th. Inst. which needs no Apology, as I am always ready to hear anything that regards

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Library of University of Pittsburgh.

the Satisfaction of the People, & equally disposed to serve them if it is within my power.

I have not heard any thing of y^e. Arrangements You speak of, or of any Designs of that Sort, and Indeed I am inclined to think that from the nature of the Subject there will be nothing more done without a thorough Enquiry.

With regard to the improper Choice of Magistrates as it is a Matter of much importance to be remedied, I shall give it proper attention when I see the Governor, which, as it will be soon I believe all Matters must be deferred 'till then.— It is my usual practice & has been these 22 Years past, to enquire amongst the principal Inhabitants concerning those Officers with whom it is Impossible that I should be acquainted, and You may be assured that if such a thing should take place with regard to Your Fathers Regiment as You Mention I shall do the Same.

Col. Johnson writes You a few lines he tells me by this opportunity, So that I need only add my best Wishes to all Friends about You, and that I am Always theirs & Your Hearty Wel-wisher, & verry

Humble Servant
W JOHNSON

HENRY VANSCHAAK Esq^r.

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Post Office Albany 1st May 1772

SIR

I am sorry that your Post has been detained here for the New York Post ever since last Monday Evening who did not arrive at this Office untill two oClock Past M of this day. Gallinger has been Impatient enough. he now Setts off.

To put any Dependance on the York Post Rider's punctuality in coming in at a fixed Time was all a Joke — but now he says that he will possitively be in Next Saturday the 9th. of May so

that I think your Post may be here at any Rate on Sunday Evening the 10th.

I am Respectfully Sir

Your very hu Servant

JN^o. MONIER

I Inclose you by desire of Mr Ten Broeck
Six printed papers to be Struck up at
different places on the Mohawk River

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Moniers letter

May 1st. 1772 —

FROM PETER SILVESTER

L.

Albany May 6th. 1772

SIR,

upon my return from New York which was Yesterday I received your favor of the 17th. April I shall follow the directions therein given of taking the deed from the Sheriff in the Name of Mr Yates and then draw the proper Conveyance from him to you — there was nothing remarkably new at York of an Agreeable or intertaining Nature worth Communicating to you. There was on last Sunday early in the Morning a Considerable devastation by Fire which took rise from a distillery the property of one Hildreth near the Shipyards which distroyed several houses — I heard whilst there that Commissions of the pleas and the peace were made out for Tryon and Charlotte County's that many of your Family and Friends were Appointed Judges in the Former and that Major Skeene Col^o Schuyler and Mr. Duer were Appointed in the latter —

In answer to your last Favor of the first Instant this morning received respecting the Unfortunate Tice I have to Observe that

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Taylor mentioned to me something about a Suit that he had or Intended to Commence ag^t Tice which from his Account of the matter and what I beleive to be Fact has no Connection with the former Suit and demand he had ag^t him the present suit is as I understand it founded upon a Recommendation Tice gave to Taylor in favor of one Knagg's I thing it was from whence he fraimed a Claim of several hundred pounds ag^t Tice but in Consideration of the hardship upon him he abated [] half of the Demand or thereabouts and took Tivces Note for [] agreed upon between them this Mr Tice must remember [but he] probably did not recollect when he gave you a Detail of the other Transactions — the Aforegoing is all I can at present meterially say on the Subject which hastily prepared for an Oppertunity that now Offers to be forwarded.

I am Sir your
most Obediant & very
humble Servant

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnsons Hall

INDORSED:¹

[Albany] May 6th. 1772 —

Mr. Silvesters Letter

FROM HUGH GAINÉ

A. L. S.

New York }
May 7, 1772 }

SIR

Agreeable to my last of the 29th of April, I now inclose your Account.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

This goes to Albany under the Care of Abraham Yates, Esq with 7 Sets of the Laws and 4 Conductor Generalis, which I hope you'll receive; also the Laws of the last Session for Col. Guy, and Sir John Johnson And Sir

Your obliged humble Servant

HUGH GAINE

ADDRESSED:

To
Hon. Sir William Johnson, Bart
At
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

May 7th 1772

Mr. H. Gaines Letter

A RECEIPT

*A. D. S.*²

Johnson Hall May 7th. 1772 —

Then Rec^d. Mr. Josias Swart by Col. Butler the Amount of a Servant Man being Sixteen pounds, of which Sum I acquit Mr. Swart, notwithstanding his note in my hands which now cannot be found.

W JOHNSON

TO MR. LAWRENCE

*Df.*³

Johnson Hall May 8th. 1772.—

SIR,

A few days since Mr Joseph Teed came here & delivered the bond Executed by you and your Associates for the performance of the Agreem^t. about the Land, he afterwards went out

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In possession of A. P. Walton, Schenectady, N. Y.

³ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

and Viewed some parts of it, with which he does not appear to be well Satisfied, saying that there is but very little to be had good in a body together, for which reason he has demanded the bond again, which I have not thought proper to Comply with, because as he came alone and that it is possible he may be prejudiced, or an Insufficient Judge of the Quality of the Land, I thought it more reasonable & Satisfactory that the same sho^d. be viewed by two or three discerning Men well Authorized for that purpose, under this Apprehension I now inclose you a bond Executed on my part at the same time assuring you that it is far from my Intentⁿ. to take any undue advantage of y^r. Agreem^t. for should it really on a more Strict examination prove unfit for your use, I shall readily deliver up your bond & Consider the Agreement as of no Effect — I expect to hear from you on this Subject & remain, Sir,

Your very humble Serv^t.

M^r. LAWRENCE.

INDORSED:

May 8th. 1772.—

To M^r Lawrence of Dutchess
Co: about Lands.—

FROM HENDRICK HEGER, JOHANNES KNISKERN,
JACOB SCHEFER JR, AND JACOB SIEJER [?]

L. S.

Schohary May 8th 1772

SIR

We the Supcribers are Desired by a party of the Schohary Indians as they Say we Liveing nearly to the Land here under mentioned and are to be the Best Judges Thereof To Let Sir William know what The Land is worth which the two old Indian weomen have Baught of Nicholas Becker at Schohary for the Sum of three hundred pounds, which Sum of three hundred

pounds we think is Realy too much — we Can not Valued higher then one hundred and Eighty pounds as the Said Nicholas Becker has offered to one of us to Sell the Said Land for that money and we would not give That price as we gues there is but about Ten acres of Low Land which may be planted with Indian Corn if all Cleared and the Rest thereof is but hills and Bad Land we Remain

Sir your most obedient

humble Serv^{ts}

his

HENDRICK | - | HEGER

mark

JOHANNES KNIS KERN

JACOB SCHEFER Junier

JACOB SIEJER [?]

To
the honourable
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON
Barnet

ADDRESSED:

To
The honourable
Sir William Johnson
Barnet

Att
Johnson hall

INDORSED:¹

May 8th. 1772 —

from Sevr^l. Inhabitants
of Schohare relative to y^e.
Lands of Nich^s. Becker

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO RUDOLPH SHOEMAKER

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall, May 8, 1772]

[²]
to expect []
about what I proposed for him []
of Answering himself,— He³ has fre[quently expressed a
desire to be out of the Commission of the []
was reasonable enough, as his advanced Age []
a very sufficient Excuse: on this account []
kind and friendly to give him notice before he []
because it was not intended to put in people who []
This act of friendship in me he has returned with ingra[titude]
[] probably he might have misunderstood it, in which
[] he is scarcely excuseable from the latter part
of your [] which I don't rightly understand unless
he means by [] that times are greatly altered, That
his family have got [] Several posts thro' my friend-
ship and good offices without [] Times would not
have been so altered — If he was allways [] the
new Commisⁿ. he may unless his memory has failed recollect
by [what] means that was done. This much I know that he
would [] been in it for some years past espe-
cially since the heavy Comp[plaints] made ag^t. him at N York
but thro' my interposition with Sir H Moore in his behalf; but
as I am used to receive many Instances of Ingratitude I think
it needless to say anything farther on a Subject so little worthy
my attention as the present.— I am sensible that in this affair
you only acted upon his direction and am allways Sir
Y^r friend & Wellwisher

RUDOLPH SHOMAKER Esq^r.—¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.² Lines burned off.³ Colonel Harkemar (Herchheimer).

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.¹Detroit May 8th. 1772

DEAR SIR

I receiv'd your obliging favour by express in the winter, & am now to return you a thousand thanks for the pains you are willing to take to get my Boy from the Indians, this is an affair I have very much at heart & flatter myself with your interest to affect it — You have been misinform'd as to the death of his mother: she being still alive — I am also to thank you for procuring me the payment of my Indian Acc^t —

A few days ago I assembled the Chiefs of the Hurons & delivered your message, they were all satisfied except *Babie*,² who by the by is a sensible fellow but a great rascal — I scolded him a little for his want of faith — upon the whole they have requested me to return you their thanks for your intention of sending them a Bell, which I assured them they will receive — They promise to profit by your admonitions & that for the future they will not listen to the singing of bad birds with which they find this country abounds especially in the spring (tho' enterprising) they are greatly suspected to cherish several of those Birds amongst themselves. They concluded by thanking the Master of life for having reestablish'd your health & hope to have the pleasure of shaking you by the hand soon —

I would rather remain amongst the Savages all my life time than go to the West Indies to broil, and I am so accusom'd to the sight of Indians that if ever I settle it must be some where near your place that I may at least have a sight of a Mohawk now and then —

The 30th. of April we launch'd two fine new Vessells & the

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

² A Huron chief whose Indian name was Odinghquanooron. He appears to have possessed considerable influence in his tribe.

Merch^{ts}. have three so that our Navy on the Lakes cuts a formidable appearance. The Savages about here pretend to be much frighten'd at the Six nations, who they imagine have an intention to take up the Hatchet — they sometimes tell me I certainly must know, as I have a child amongst them & being of course their own flesh & blood — it would now be an easy matter to stir up some mischief amongst them — I am

D^r Sir

with great regard

Your most Obedient & most

Obligd humb^l: Servant

JAS. STEVENSON

To

S^r. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Cap^t. Stevensons Letter

May 8th. 1772

¹ In Johnson's hand.

HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE'S ACCOUNT¹
D. S.

[May 9, 1772]

[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[] land [] due			
		for [] and drawing Deed of			
		same	[]	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid for 33 bus Oa []			
		Bags Freight &C ^a	[]	[]	[]
			7	12	
[]		To d ^o paid G. Banyar the Contra			
		Sum of	425	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid for 112 ^{lb} Sheet Iron &			
		a large Lock.	6	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid for Sundry Hatters			
		Trimings sent you ꝑ your order			
		ꝑ Cap ^t . Pemberton.	32	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid your Bill favor Col ^o .			
		Johnson	28	3	[]
[]		To d ^o paid Moses Ibbitt ꝑ your			
		order	20	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid your Bill to Thomas			
		Crothers	66	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid Cap ^t . Pemberton ꝑ your			
		order	100	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid your d ^o to Phyn &			
		Ellice	18	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid your d ^o to Thomas Gal-			
		breath	181	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o d ^o to Daniel Claus. .	152	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o d ^o to Thomas			
		Crothers	83	4	[]
[]		To d ^o paid your Bill on us 19			
		March to R. Montgomery.	61	8	[]
[]		To d ^o d ^o 1 April			
		to ditto	72	[]	[]
[]		To d ^o paid Isaac Low ꝑ your			
		order	86	14	[]
[]		To amo ^t . Sundries sent you by Cap ^t .			
		Pemberton	264	[]	[]

¹ Probably inclosed in Hugh and Alexander Wallace's letter to Johnson March 4, 1773 with a later account ending March 4, 1773. Earliest date of account is Jan. 17, 1771. See Johnson Calendar, p. 503.

[]	To Postage of Letters on Your account	1	[]	[]
		£3392	[]	[]
[]	[the Contra		[]	[]
[]	By 3 Lots of Land.....	[]	[]	[]
[]	By Cash from the Proprietors of Oriskeny Pattent	[]	[]	[]
[]	By Cap ^t . R. Phillips Bill on us Your favor	[]	[]	[]
[] 5	By Cash from Ab. Mortier 24 Dec ^r . [£] your order.....	[]	[]	[]
[]	By d ^o .....d ^o this day....	[]	[]	[]
[] 9	By ballance due Hugh & Alex ^r . Wallace this day.....	[]	[]	[]
[Ma]y 9		£	[]	[]

Errors Excepted New York 9th May 1772

HUGH & ALEX^R WALLACE

INDORSED:¹

[]

[] Wallaces Acc^t —
& March 4th. 1773

INVOICE OF EARTHEN WARE

D.

[May 9th. 1772]

Following is the Contents of a Crate of Earthen Ware sent Sir William Johnson Bar^t.....Viz^t.

[] patt. Oval Dishes.....21 Inches
d^o18 d^o.
ditto17

¹ In Johnson's hand.

	ditto	16
	ditto	15
	ditto	13
	ditto	12
	ditto	11
	ditto	10
[	] flatt	} Plates
[	] Soups	
[	] Small d ^o .	
[	] Terrine & Dish	
[	] [ ] — d ^o .	
[	]gest Boats & Stands	
[	]t Baskets & Stds	
[	]ted Salts	
[	] Pickle Leaves & 4 less	
[	]all Boats & Stands	
[	] Quart mugs & 2 Pints	
[	]te & Box in Crate	

WILLIAM STAATS' RECEIPT

D. S.

[May 9th. 1772]

Receiv'd New York 9 May 1772 from Hugh & [Alex.] Wallace One pipe of Wine, One hogsh^d. Jamaica Rum, One hogsh^d. York Rum, Ten Barrells Pork, four barr^s. Beef, One Tierce Loaf Sugar, One barrell refined Sugar, Two Barrells Muscovada Sugar, One Canister Tea, Four Boxes Spermacite Candles One Cask Barley and 1 Crate of Queens Ware — which I promise to deliver to the order of Sir William Johnson Bar^t. at Albany I receiving Customary Freight for the Same —

Duplicate

WILLIAM STAATS

INDORSED:¹

Cap^t. Staats Receipt
for Stores of mine
May 9th. 1772

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.

Cachnewago May 9 1772

HONORED SIR/

I am much obliged to you for the Perusal of Mr. Jesseps Letter and a Copey of the agreement Betwen them which I now Return here Inclosed — I Can not finde that there is aney thing therein that will is ment for to Effect me in my Agreement with Mr Jesseps — But Should there Be I hope you will Stand my frinde as I Put my hole Trust in you to assist me — and I will always here afther Look on it as Comming from you — thrue Perswasion of Mr Jesseps I gave op all the Lands I was to have had to the westward if wat Gleen & yattis mene to have on Both Sides of the Rever: to give the Jentelman in New York a frunt-edge on the Rever and then maid an agreement with Mr Jesseps for to Take mine Down to the North Rever I am Shure the Indians mene to geve me Lands: I Beleve no man in the County gives more to Indians Except your onner then I Do and have Done a thime Past: and have a great Dele of Trubele with them more then these [] in new york have [] and I also have Ventured my Life in the ware with them for the good of the Contry why Should I saal Low and others have more Right then I — and in all that thime they ware at Home maing money I hope you will not take it amiss my Speking to Sir wi^m: so now I have Reson By wot I heard from new york the other Day

Pray wot is to Be Done with a Bell as Some of your Servant Brought here the other Day

I am going to Albany a Munday Next If I am well if Sir wi^m: has Aney Commands Down I will Gladly Do them. So I Remane your Most obedient humbele

Serv^t

JELLES FONDA

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON &c

INDORSED:¹

Major Fonda's letter
 May 9th. 1772 Ansrd.
 Imediately —

HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE'S INVOICE

D. S.

Invoice of Sundries sent ^{to} Cap^t. Pemberton for Account of
 Sir William Johnson Bart. Vizt

N York 9 May 1772

1 Pipe of best London Wine.	75	..	..
1 hogsh ^d . Jamaica Rum cont ^s . 110 Gall ^s . @ 4 ^s /2 ^d	22	18	4
1 ditto. . York ditto. . . . 129d ^o 2/5.	15	11	9
10 barrells of Pork. 100/.	50	..	..
4 d ^o Beef. 62/6.	12	10	..
1 Crate of Queens Ware, Compleat.	9	..	..
15 loaves double refin'd Sugar wt 113 ^{lb} @ 1/8. . . 9.8.4— barrell for d ^o 0.2.—	9	10	4
<hr/>			
2 barr ^s . Muscovado Sugar N ^o 1.3.0.14.23 2.2.2.22.23			
<hr/>			
5.3. 8.46 1.18 tare			
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5.1.18 Neat @ 58/ 2 barrells for d ^o	15	13	9
0	0	4	..
1 Canister Bohea Tea 26 ^{lb} @ 4 ^s /3 ^d 5.10.6 Canister for d ^o 0.14.—	6	4	6

¹ In Johnson's hand.

4 Boxes Spermacite Candles			
N ^o 32..42 $\frac{1}{4}$..9			
5..43....10			
22..43 $\frac{1}{2}$..10 $\frac{1}{2}$			
9..43....10 $\frac{1}{4}$			
<hr/>			
171 $\frac{3}{4}$..39 $\frac{3}{4}$			
39 $\frac{3}{4}$ tare 132 ^{lb} @ 2/8....17..12..-			
<hr/>			
4 Boxes.....2/6.... 0..10..-	18	2	
<hr/>			
a Padlock for the Tea Canister.....	0	1	
1 Cask Barley wt. 200.....@30/.....	3		
c lb			
1 Cask Loaf Sugar wt. 5.1.8			
2.25 tare lb			
<hr/>			
4.2.11 is 515 @ 12/..25..15..-			
Tierce..... 0.. 3..6	25	18	6
Carting the whole.....	0	13	3
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£	264	7	5

Errors Excepted N York 9 May 1772

HUGH & ALEXR WALLACE

INDORSED:¹

Hugh Wallaces Acc^t.

May 9th 1772 —

£ 264..7..5 for

Stores

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO SAMUEL BAKER

A. Df. S.

Johnson Hall May 10th. 1772

SIR/

Your favour of the 15th. Febr^{ry} last with a Blank power of Attorney came safe to Hand, [&] I now return the latter properly filled agreable to your directions, and hope it will answer.—

You will be pleased (as soon as you conveniently Can) to Send me a State of the Whole, [*and your*] opinion concerning Stocks.—

I am Sir with perfect Esteem,

Your real Welwisher

& Humble Servant

WJ —

SAM^L. BAKER Esq^r

INDORSED:¹

May 10th. 1772

To Sam^l. Baker Esq^r.

wth. power of attorney —

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York, May 10, 1772]

[]

[] that I have been absent Five
 [] greatly hurried ever since my
 [] hope it will be some degree of Apology for [my]
 not writeing so often as I ought, or as my own inclination leads
 me. Indeed I would have wrote you ere this, but wanted to get
 the County Town of Tryon County fixed — which was only
 done this day — its fixed at Johnstown — The List of the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Officers you sent me came too late for to get the Sherriff & Clark you mentioned fixed, as the Governor gave both away, while I was away at Philad^a. He seems to wish he had not been in such a Hurry, as he would gladly have obliged you — Blagge was with him in North Carolina who recommended White I cannot tell, You know the Governor makes Sherriffs & Clarks of himself without advice of Councill, except in the City New York & C^o. of Albany. All the Judges & Justices you recommended are fixt & as M^r. Adams could not be Sherriff I have put him down for Coroner, which hope youll approve off. I have no doubt you will get both Sheriff & Clark fixed next year to your Mind. I wish you had wrote early to Gov^r. Tryon. I believe he expected it — he talks of going your way in June but its not yet fixed, if he does I shall I fancy accompany him — I shall write you []
 [] now go on well []
 intend to fix the County []
 my producing your Letter []
 with great good will — I think you []
 him a Letter on the Subject — The Ordinance []
 the County, will be got ready imediately & sent you.

I have purchased all the Artickles ordered & sent by the bearer Cap^t Staats. I fancy the Wine is for your own use I have [] a Pipe fine old London Wine — if you want for [] use, let me send you Pipe for £55 — The Earthen Ware is a Common Sett — If its too small a Sett for you I will send you the fellow of it, & then you will have a compleat large Sett — The Pork & Beef verry dear as is all Country Produce, but is to be got cheaper — I sent a Cask of Barley as I got it for a little more than I could get a Hhd Weight. Inclosed is Invoice of the whole Am^t £264. .7. .5 & hope all will get safe & please you —

Inclosed is your Acc^t with the late M^r Mortier Ballance due you £238. .16. .2 which I suppose to be right — M^r Barrow Pay Master at Quebec is appointed to succeed M^r Mortier here. He is a verry clever & good Man — Inclosed is your Acc^t with

us Ballance due us £156..8..7 which [I] fancy youll find right — When we can serve you pray command us freely — Mrs. Wallace is well & desires her Compl^{ts}. she talks of a jaunt to see you as soon as we can spare time — Nothing new but what you see in the Publick Papers — Great Britain [] [] here [] the best we could get — [] best wishes & Compl^{ts} attend you & yours [] in hearing you are got very hearty & that you have not been so stout these two [years] past as you are at present — I am most [] & sincerely

D Sir

Your most obed^t. Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

Flour 31^s/6^d

Wheat 8/ ⌘ bushell

Since closing your Acc^t we have paid your Bill on us to John Mynderse £40

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[]

Mr. Wallaces letter & Acc^t.

Ansrd. 21st. Ins^t.—

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²

New York May 12th: 1772 —

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 23^d: April with the Account inclosed, which I have given into the office that a warrant may be made out.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

If Maisonville acts with Fidelity and Sincerity, which I think it's now his Interest to do, and what from the Character given of him there is reason to expect, he may do good Service upon the ouabache, and acting in Conjunction with the Person you intend sending down the ohio, I think they may between them keep the western Indians in good Temper. I have long Suspected, and do now firmly believe, that all the Reports we have had of French Intrigues and Machinations with the Indian Nations, have taken their Rise from unwarrantable Means pursued by the French Traders, to keep the Trade in their own hands, without the Participation of the English. You will recollect the Threats of several Nations near the Lakes, if British Traders ventured in their Villages, and that some of them were actually Murthered. But it's near two years since I have heard any Complaint of the kind, and am now informed that English and French trade Promiscuously about the Lakes. This shews that the Prejudices against us have, in spite of the French People, worn off by Degrees, and I imagine by time and Management, all Partys will be brought to the same Temper to the Westward. If British Traders are introduced amicably upon the ouabache they would proceed of themselves, for No People are fonder than Indians of Plenty and variety of Trade. And I imagine your Deputy and Maisonville might easily get the Consent of the Nations to this, and bring them in a short time to a Temper different from what they have been in. I don't imagine it would produce much Benefit as few of our Traders would go so far down the ohio; but we might thereby prevent many Disadvantages, by preserving Peace in the Country, saving the Lives of some bold adventurers, and prevent the Clamours of the Traders, who don't fail to complain that they can't trade in the King's Territorys, and that no means are taken to protect them. I have heard Nothing lately of that Mischievous Tribe of Pouteatamies at S^t: Joseph, perhaps they may be still troublesome.

When you propose sending your Deputy down the ohio, please to inform me of his Name; that I may apply to Governor Penn

and Lord Dunmore for Commissions of the Peace. I mentioned this to you some time ago, and as you very much approved of it, I intended to put it in Execution.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

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

INDORSED:

N York May 12th 1772.

From Lieut. Gen^l. Gage.

FROM GABRIEL MATURIN

A. L. S.

New York May 13th. 1772

SIR,

The General having granted you a Warrant for your half yearly Disbursements, I have the Honor to transmit you the same for Endorsement by this Occasion, as likewise the usual Receipts for the amount thereof; I am not myself in Cash to pay the Warrant, but I shall give to whomsoever you shall be pleased to appoint to receive it, an order upon the Contractor's Agents here, M^{rs}. Watts & M^c.Evers for the Sum of £2745-1-9¼; and have already, as I did not know your mode of transacting this Business, given notice to M^r. M^c.Evers of such a warrant being payable to you.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most obd:

humble Serv^t:

G. MATURIN

SIR W^M. JOHNSON B^t.—

INDORSED:¹May 13th. 1772 —Gabriel Maturin Esq^{rs}.letter wth. a Warrant &

Receipt to be Signed —

Ansrd. 21st. Ins^t.

GENERAL GAGE'S WARRANT

The Johnson Calendar, p. 503, lists the following documents both of which were destroyed by fire: General Gage's warrant given at New York City, May 13, 1772 to Gabriel Maturin for payment of £4705, 17s, 3¾d, New York currency, to Sir William Johnson, with account annexed, and under the same date Sir William Johnson's receipt to Gabriel Maturin for the money specified in the preceding warrant.

DECLARATION OF DAVID RAMSAY

*Contemporary Copy**Niagara**May 15, 1772*

[²]
 pacify them, about 12 oClock same day []
 Deers head and insisted for Rum, I refused th[]
 give him no Rum as he was already very deep in my []
 angry, In the Evening he and six more came with their []
 I heard their hoop, I went into the woods, they found []
 them into the house, they seated themselves according to []
 warrior, only Ninekanine being the one fix'd upon []
 sat nearest me, They were Silent some time Wandagan []
 warrior got up and demanded a Keg of Rum, (Said I) []
 only have a Keg but I'll give you Rum to drink, so order'd my
 [] to give them a kettle of Rum and to fill a Keg, they
 afterwards [] Guns these I refus'd as I kept them for
 my own defence and protection but would give them any thing
 else, I had bought three pairs [] one pair of them they

¹ In Johnson's hand.² Lines burned off.

had borrow'd and burnt, the wanted to borrow [] others, fearing I might escape.

Next day the 27th. they kill'd two Dogs boild [them] in a large Kettle, I was obliged to give them two kegs more of Rum [] went out soon after and stood behind a tree, heard them say among themselves, they would kill me and then go to River Trange and [] Nigigs house, Men, Women, and Children eat part of the Dog and []¹
 [] tho they were savage looking []
 [] believe I was not afraid to Die, but []
 [] my life as dear as I could, which kept them from []
 [] afraid of themselves as I thought, Ninekanine []
 [] hoop'd always when they pass'd calling out the goods []
 [] kill you,

Between the 6th. and 9th. of March four of the men went as I understood to the River Trange, and two with Some [] men went along the Lake, the left Wandagan to guard me [] was to break my Boat, and they were to meet him at a fix'd place and return and kill my Brother and me, Wandagan was for killing us both but the woman insisted to have my Brother to cut wood for boiling her Sugar, Wandagan answered you Shall have him to cut wood, but I'll kill him before I go to Detroit, Near about the full moon in March they were drunk, the two children were afraid of being kill'd beg'd I would take them in which I did and assured them I would defend them, I told them I would give no more liquor and went to bed, after that they came demanding more rum thinking to kill me and take all I had, not Satisfy'd with Several Refusals, they came with a bundle of lighted Straw to burn the house as I thought, and a hatchet to break the Door and kill me if I refus'd the liquor, I was in bed, they in the house breaking the Door of the place where I lay, I was obliged to rise up []
 []¹
 [] my Shoulder with a Billet of []
 with the end of my Spear, by some glimmering []

¹ Lines burned off.

knife Shining, I struck at that place, and []
kill'd Wandagan and two Squaws,

For the Safety of my Brother and the two Children []
for them behind the top of a Hill, and stay'd at []
Eighteen days after this happened, Then I sett off []
and the two Children, meeting with many difficultys []
April we saw a Canoo, on the Fort Erie side of long []
thought it was war as they had declar'd it at Cho []
on my defence, calling is it peace or war, the answer [d]
said I, have you, powder and Shott said they, I have []
ed, gave them some Rum, we'll come and trade with you []
Said they, on the Tuesday following the 14th. four Indians []
and three Children came into the Hutt, took the victuals from
[the] fire eat them up and demanded liquor, it was given them
[] their design was bad; tho they also said it was peace,
they [] me what Children these were I said they were
English, [] speak both English and French, Some little
time after they [] the Girl who was about twelve
years old, She told them She [] an Indian,
I immediately got up and told the Story myself then
[]¹
[]ing down the hatchet, Struck me on the []
[] I was afterwards ty'd and plac'd by the fire, []
[] some liquor, while my Brother was filling it, they whooped
[] calling out they had bound a Trader; so soon as my Brother
[] liquor they bound him, and fir'd two Balls in the fire
[] tighter, with my two middle fingers up to my neck,
[] to my sides as Strait as they could; repeatedly they un
[] My Brother to bring rum telling him they would have his
[] tomorrow. They forced me to drink with them or be
Stabbed [] a knife to my Breast, after drinking a
great quantity, tho [] I lost my Senses, I saw a Squaw
give one of them a knife to [] me, calling out I would
be burnt in that fire there, he immediately try'd, a Struggle, y
follow'd and he was wounded, another came to his assistanc ve

¹ Lines burned off.

I call'd to my Brother for help he Shov'd the Indian off cutt my leather bindings, Sett me at liberty and as he told me afterwards, and I have some reason to believe it, there were four Indians and a Child kill'd, Next day we endeavour'd to make the best of our way, but it was early, the Lake full of ice, we were cast away more than once, many of my goods lost, when we came point Abinoe, I sett off for []

[]
 Soon after my arrival at the []
 on the north side of Lake Erie about the []
 December 1771 and before I had finish'd the []
 my House, Wandagan and his Comerades []
 knowing me unarm'd carried me down to the Boat, and []
 have rum, threatning to kill, and with a Tomohawk []
 hoops of the Cask, You are always angry said they, and []
 to provoke me,

About the 20th. December Unacans []
 Indian traded with me, But afterwards Unacans []
 Hatchet and four Indians with their knives along with []
 He insisted to have more, I can give you no more said I []
 saying if you think much of the Rum I will kill you and []
 Being so threat[e]ned I said I dont value the Rum, I will give
 what you ask, at that time they were not drunk,

About the middle of January Two Indians with [an]
 Express from Detroit came to my house one of them named []
 had a belt about his neck it was black and two white men in []
 believed it to be a War Belt, tho Wandagan told me, and endeavoured to make me believe it to be a peace Belt; Wandagan went to Niagara []¹

[] allow'd them to enter and []

About the middle of February the Express and []
 [] told me so soon as the Snow was Six inches thick there []
 []th the Six Nations, Saying his Chiefs Teschetabras []
 [] to the English and he would have no traders in the woods,
 [] Indian came call'd Ninekanine he profess'd friend-

¹ Lines burned off.

ship. These familys are bad (Says he) they are resolved to [] a few after this they brib'd him with Belts & other things to induce him to kill me, and sure enough he pledged these every belts with me, Saying you must not part with them I will have them [] the Spring some days after Wandagan and Smagun came in my Room with their knives, (we will kill you said they) I had my knife in my hand, I am not afraid to Die, if you attack me, I wont loose my life for nothing, Wandagan answered, I have kill'd three Englishmen however at that time they desisted; but I was obliged from time to time to give them Liquor and goods for nothing for the preservation of my life and to quiet them till the winter was over, That night Ninekanine came and demanded his Pokemagan (a war instrument) he had left it with me I was afraid to give it and desired to be friends with him gave him liquor and promised the Pokemagan [] The others came to see the ceremony and Seem'd disappointed at []
[]¹

DAVID RAMSAY

A Copy

GEO: ETHERINGTON

INDORSED:

[]
Declaration
of David Ramsay
May 1772 —

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

Philad^a. 16th. May 1772 —

[]

I hope you'l Excuse the liberty I now take of troubleing you to intrest yourself in mine & famelys behalf when I relate the Cause, at the time broth^r. Ferrell left America he owed

¹ Lines burned off.

me near £700 this Curr^y which he put out of his power to pay me by being so long in Europe & Continually spend^g without any incomeing, & was so necessiated at his return as to be obligd to call upon me by letter for assistance which I Chearfully granted as well as to see him notwithstand^g all his past folly, this I Claim no merit from as thinking it my duty as a brother, nor should I have mention'd it, had it not been necess^y on the present Occasion and know^g. it was to his best of frinds.

I have been inform'd that Ferrall is in away to make money Consequently its natural for me as well for my own sake as famelys to do my endeavours to procure what is Justly due to me, and Could think of no other meathod so to do, but by solicit^g your intrest in my behalf, well know^g your Influence over him will by far Exceed any other steps I Could possable take, and I shall leave the matter entirely to yours & Colo^l. Claues^s. decision by Accepting of what I shall make appear to be Justly oweing to me in any Manner you shall direct

I Can assure you Sir had not my losses been so great of late years & particularly by my brothers whom I always endeavour'd to Establish in life at the risque of my fortune, as well as the large famely I am likely to be blessed with, I should [] on this head, and I hope will be sufficient [] plead my Excuse to you for the trouble [] about to give you.

I have to request when you write to my brother Ferrall or see him that you'l [] him on the present Occasion in my behalf so as to have the matter put on such a footing that in case he has so much beforehand as to be able to discharge a debt so Justly due, that he may do it, in such a manner as not to Immediately distress him, in his present business and in case of death & that he has anything beforehand in the world that I should be Enabled to Come at it, in part of my debt, I dont mean this as a proposal for him to Comply with, as I shall leave the matter entirely to you in what manner will be most easiest to him & agreeable to you to settle it, & shall accept of any part or in any Commodity it may be most suitable to him to remit

I must once more beg your Excuse for this trouble as well as to beg a line at your leisure which with other fav^{rs} shall always be Acknowledg'd by

Deare Sir

Your much oblig'd
& most Obed^t. &
Most Humble Serv^t.

FRAN^s WADE

To

The Honble S^r. W^m. JOHNSON Barn^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honble Sir W^m. Johnson Barn^t.

at

Johnson Hall
Edw^d. Roach

INDORSED:¹

May 16th. 1772

Mr. Francis Wades letter

FROM JOHN COTTGRAVE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 504, is listed a letter written at Johnstown, May 18, 1772, to Sir William Johnson by John Cottgrave, to show the need of finishing the Johnstown church, clothing poor children who attend it and providing a new free school building (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:473-75; Q, 4:294-95).

FROM NICHOLAS BECKER

L. S.

Schohary May 18th 1772 —

SIR

Received yours of the 16 Instant wherein you Mention That if I Come Down one hundred pounds of the Three That you will

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Do the Trouble to Satisfy all the Rest that have any Claim and in So Doing I will Take up with Two hundred pounds as Sir william has Mentioned in your Letter But I hope Sir william will be So good To tell all the Indians To make no more Demands on me after This and the Cost for Drawing the Deed you will also Stop So that I may have the Two hundred pounds Clear So no more as Expecting your answer if you please

I Remain

Sir your most obedient
humble Serv^t.

his
NICHOLAS NB BECKER
mark

To the honourable
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barnet }

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Barnet
att
Johnsons Hall

INDORSED:¹

May 18th. 1772

Mr. N^s. Beckers letter
concerning Lands at Schohare

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schindy 19th May 1772

HONNORED SIR

The Bearer and I went to albany about his Gunn & pack a Saturday & I had it Crayed by the Crayer & [] Give two

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Dollers Reward and the Major also did what he Could, I went with the men to the wedue Lansing where I Suposs that the Goodes was Lost & Tacking away from him in that Neaberhood for the Indian Shued me Some Moes hear that he Says he found in hure Yard, but She Donyed it & Swore many bitter Oads & thould me that the Indian went out of hure house with his gun & pack about 9 Oclock on thusday Evening and the pies of a Skin he now has with him as he Satt on Harajantie Lansings Stoop was flonged on the Street by the Reverand Bays whence in his presence So Mr Bay Give me full Sadisfaction where it was gate by his Servant boy & him Self Shued the Indian & me where it was gate by to former Kings Magesine So it Gate Leat in the after no'en thincks I if doe Stay tomarro I Can doe nothing and Came home So a Sunday I wrote all this to Abram Yattes olderman and Dozyred him to Send for both the wedue & hure Son Isaac so if thy Can Clear them Self I know not Jet but I Expect an Answer by Your Honers Boay Jarmia who I Kept here Last Knitt as he was a Stranger to the Rood & my waggon Going Down amty Early this Marning so that thy went together The Major of albany thould me that he was to goe to New England on monday & that I Should apply to Enay of the Oldermens there My wife Joyns me with Complement to all the famely

And Am Sir Your Most Obediant
& Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

SIR Your pipe wine & 2 hhad's of Rume are Come up here Jesterday & the Rest^{ll}: this day which I^{ll}: Send to M^r fondas on the Returen of the battoe waggoners & battoemen is 2 Skars artickels

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

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[] Van Eps concern^g.

[] Indians Pack —

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²*Johnson hall May 20th. 1772.*

DEAR SIR,

I am favored with your Letter of the 12th. inst and [am] very much of your opinion with regard to its contents; [Time will] Certainly contribute much in overcoming the prejudices [conceived by *Some of*] the Indians, especially if fair dealings are practised by [our Traders,] and if possible the French restricted from propagating those Inventions with which the Indians have been so often abused.

The Person acting under me on the Ohio, at present is Mr. Alex^r. McKee, who next to Mr. Croghan is not only best acquainted with, but has most influence over these Ind^s.—When the latter represented That the State of his Affairs &c rendered it absolutely necessary for him to resign, I thought it best to indulge him on condition that as soon as these matters were Settled he might return to his duty if occasion required, which he indeed expressed his readiness to do, I therefore could not make choice of any other Pro Tempore Dep^y. than Mr. McKee who was on the Spot, has for many Years acted under Mr. Croghan in the department, and is well qualified to discharge the duty to w^{ch}. I think his having the Commiss^r of the Peace would much contribute, he shall have all proper Instructions respecting the in-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson. Missing words are supplied from the A. L. S., dated May 21, 1772, in the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

tended Operations of the Indians, but I believe him already down the Ohio at Scioto, not having heard from him for sometime.

His Excell^{cy} L^t. GEN^l. GAGE

TO HUGH WALLACE

A. Df.

Johnson Hall May 21st. 1772

DEAR SIR/

Your kind favour of the 10th. Cur^t. is come to hand. I must own I was verry anxious to hear how the Affair of the County, & place for the Courts was going on, not having had a line from any of my friends relative thereto whilst in agitation. Yours has now made me easy by the agreable news it contained, and hope to have y^e Ordinance up Soon, which I must beg You will hurry, & w^h. will add much to the other Obligations I am under to You &ca. I am highly Sensible of the Governors politeness, & friendly Condissention in appointing the Gentlemen whom I recommended, as likewise for approving of Johnstown as the place for holding the Kings Courts, and I flatter myself that when he has an oportunity of Seeing these parts, He will be Satisfied with his determination in its favour, and nothing Shall be wanting on my part for expediting those Matters necessary for the Establishments in the new County, nay I am now carrying on a handsome building intended for a Court House, towards which I shall contribute £500. I wish my friends in the House had exerted themselves, as other Gentlemen did in favour of Charlotte Cumberland & Gloucester Countys, it would have enabled us to cope with them & probably Set them example in many things, but more of this hereafter.

I have a Warrant on the Pay Master to the amount of £4705 . . 17 . . 3³/₄ New York Cur^{cy}, for w^h. Sum I now inclose You a Draft on Cap^t. Gabriel Maturin, & shall be glad to receive a thousand pounds from You, as Soon as You can get it, the

remainder I will draw for as occasion may require.— pray Send me 10 Barrells more of good Pork, and a Hogshead of Molasses & that as Soon as You can.— please also to receive the Ball. due to me by the Estate of the late Mr. Abraham Mortier, so that that Acc^t may be closed.— I shall be happy to See You here wth. y^e Governor & glad You will give me notice a little before his coming. My Complim^{ts} to

INDORSED:¹

May 21st. 1772 —

To Mr. Wallace, but
a good deal altered —

ROBERT PICKEN'S BILL

A. D. S.²

May 25th 1772

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bar^t Dr.

To Robert Picken

To Surveying 10,000 Acres of Land

For The Right Honourable Lord Adam Gordon

viz — To Provisions	£ 3..15..0
To Men's Wages	£ 4..13..10
To my Wages	£ 6..— ..—

£14..8 ..10

Errors excepted
RO:PICKEN

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

FROM DIRCK LEFFERTS

L. S.

New York 27 May 1772

SIR

I am with others concerned in a purchase of Lands to be made from the Mohawk Indians, having obtained Lycence for that purpose, and also have together with them appointed Mr. Thomas Palmer to treat with and make the said purchase when ever His Excellency the Governor shall attend at the Hall. I suppose my concern in said purchase will be about Twenty thousand Acres, and whatever that shall amount to at any sum not exceeding Four pounds Six Shillings pr. Thousand, I have impowered Mr Palmer to draw on me for the amount; If therefore you will be pleased to accept his Bill on me for such sum, I will pay it on sight, and most gratefully acknowledge the favour.

I am very respectfully

Sir

Your much Obliged &
most Humble Servant.

DIRCK LEFFERTS

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.INDORSED:¹

May 27th. 1772 —

Mr. Lefferts Letter —

☞ Mr. Palmer —

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 27th May 1772

DEAR SIR

I rec^d yours 21st Ins^t. & shall call on Mr. Maturin & receive your Money & also from Mr^s. Mortier — & shall send you

¹ In Johnson's hand.

£ 1000 as you desire, & also the Pork, Rum &c &c

The ordinance for Tryon C^o. is made out & will be sent up directly. No News here — The Packett hourly expected.—

I shall write you before the Governor leaves this, which will be about 1st. July. & I hope to be able to attend him — If you want anything done in the Militia in your County, you should write to the Governor

I am in haste

D Sir

Your most obed^t. Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bart

at

Johnson Hall

Albany

INDORSED:¹

M^r. Wallaces Letter

May 27th. 1772 —

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall May 27th, 1772

DEAR SIR,

Yesterday Fifteen Missisagas arrived here and delivered to me Major Etherington's Letter with Ramsays Declaration concerning His having killed 8 Indians of that Nation, a Copy of which

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson. The missing words are supplied from the A. L. S. in the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

has been transmitted to you. The Indians have Since made me a Speech Setting forth the occasion of their coming, The great concern it has given all their Nation, and the Speakers own particular loss of a favorite Grand Child, That they have not attempted to retaliate, & that they are willing to abide by my determination thereon, desiring a Letter in return concerning the same to the Comd^s Officer at Niagara: Unluckily a Deputation arrived here at the same time from Onondaga with an Acco^t that Some Seneca Men & One Woman being on their return from the Cherokees were attacked in y^e back parts of Virginia, 4 of whom were killed Viz^t 3 Men & one Woman; they complain greatly that such an accident Should happen at a time when by their endeavors in all quarters to establish peace, they were rendering us Service; And indeed Ramsays acco^t. if to be relied on is much in favor of the 6 Nations, who would never have become so obnoxious to the rest, unless they were esteemed our friends.—The Affair of the Senecas happened late last fall, but as the only person that Escaped retired to the Cherokees, the 6 Nations had no acco^t of it till lately, little can at present be said or done in that Matter, but the killing of the Missisagas requires some imediate determination, for how ever satisfied they may appear, now, much depends on their arrival at home on the Answer they shall receive.—Ramsay is a fellow who was taken from the Indians by Cap^t Brown, & sent away to Canada to prevent his doing Mischief, but afterwards came to Schenectady where he lived as a Labourer for sometime,—His remaining in the [Neighbourhood] of a place where according to his Story his Life [was for Several Months threatned, and] many other Circumstances argue much against him[, and whilst they] Convince me farther of the impropriety of indulging [Traders to go &] reside where they please, incline me to think that he is [more culpable] than he would willingly appear; but how to deal with him is the Question. The Indians may not desire him to be punished, to avail themselves thereof whenever they Murder any of our people, and were Circumstances even Stronger against him I suppose a Jury would acquit him thro' prejudice.—I shall point

out to the Missisagas the irregularity of their behavior, as his best Justification, and shall Cover the Graves & give them handsome presents, but the Murder of a Woman and Child, and the Scalping them afterwards is inexcusable, and the Circumstance of his being able to do all this, is an evident proof that he was not in the danger he represents, & that the Ind^s. were too much in Liquor, to execute any bad purpose,— By other Letters &ca I hear that he glories in the fact & that he threatens to do more Mischief when at liberty. As I shall keep some of the Indians a few days I beg to have your Answer as soon as Convenient, that I may be enabled to write by them the Letter they desire.

His Excell^y GEN^l GAGE

INDORSED:

May 27th 1772 —

To General Gage
on the Murder of 8 Missisagas by
Ramsay.—

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.¹

[Niagara May 28th. 1772]

[]

From Mr. Campbell I Rec^d. your Letter of the 28 Ult, I cant find words to Express my Gratitude to you for your Good Wishes for my prosperity, you shall Always find I will pay the Utmost Deference to Your Advice as to my future Dealings, I Assure You Sir, we have done Every thing that was possible to be done, if it had not been for this Unhappy Affair of Ramseys we should have Made a Great year. as yet we have Done Verry well, which you will see by the payments we have made, I am Glad to hear you have the pleasure of a Visit from Mr. Deas. The Accounts We hear of the Town Surprises []

¹ In Ferrall Wade's hand.

[¹]
 Often put you In mind of [
 to hear Poor Tice is out of goal [
 a Worthy Good Man. We hear the New [
 is Johnston. it must be a Great Advantage to [
 Estates, I wish them Goods we sent to Major Funda
 would suit you — they are as Cheap as they come, but we are
 Afraid they will Damage Lying on hand and Mr. Funda has
 Never wrote us a Line about them, if you should want such I hope
 you will give Us the preference. We have p^d. Mr. Campbell
 £ 1035 — out of which we have sent Major Funda a Bill of
 £ 100 — have p^d. £ 366.— at this place has yet on hands one
 pack of Beaver which we intend for Funda. Mr. Campbell
 told Us he never Charged you. Our first Account, we have
 [¹
 [] the means of Losing
 [] trade which is the Only trade
 [] on, however if the Indians comes
 [] to trade we will Stand a better chance than any hear.
 We dont know whether you mean £ 331 . . 8 . . 3¼ as the Acc^t.
 Answered to Campbell or not, we are so hurried & Confused that
 we cant Look Over the Accounts to Ballance, we are Going to
 take An Account of our Goods to see how we are thank God
 we have plenty, if it had not been for that Damn Villian, we
 should I am sure have p^d Every sixpence the partnership Owed
 & have an Surplus besides & goods Enough to trade this Season.
 We now send you Sir a Beaver Eater, which is fine for Muffs, &
 3 Matts all we could procure nor have we any Other Curiosity
 at present.

[¹
 [] are as [
 having there pledges. [
 Go Down, as to our future proceedings [
 Determined on Nothing, Untill we [
 I will now Sir, Acquaint you of Our Conduct towards the

¹ Lines burned off.

Indians when they heard the particulars of that Unhappy Affair, there was about Eighty Men, with women & Children, they came to Us Continually & said how heard it was & how sore there hearts was on Losing so Many people. then we gave them a Little rum & provisions. we had Intelligence from our friends that they would go to Lake Erie & watch our peoples boats going to Detroit & take revenge, they further told Us that they would not Bloody this Lake the Other they would, on receiving this Intelligence we Adviced together & Concluded to Call them All together that we had something to say to them, they all Came, when we talk a great Deal to them, & beged of them to keep their hearts Easy Untill they heard from You. that we were sure you would Satisfy them. we then took the Liberty In your Name to Give them Fifty pounds of Goods between Us, which I hope you will think was right & will Consider Us, after all was done, they told Us we allways treated them well, for which they Liked Us, and Desired Us to get boats & Go Away as soon as possible as they could not Answer for there young men, we Returned them thanks as it was a prooff of there Friendship & told them we would get boats & go Immeadeately set of & brought our boats that came up Empty them with the boats we had at Teronto Brought Us safe of with our Goods. I assure you sir some of the Ind^{ns}. shed tears when we parted & said they would go in mourn'g they Saluted Us & Away we went & are thank God hear safe, puting our Goods In Order hurries Us much. In Our Next we will send the Account to you of what we Gave them, which we make no Doubt you will pay. We are sure there will be Mischief Done soon. however the people all goes In the Vessells. the Indians being with your will be no reenstraint on them I am afraid. your presence would be the Only value. Mr. Keiuser joins me with his Sincere Regards for Sir John & the Familys. and we are & Ever shall I hope

My Dear Sir W^m

Your Ever Faithfull & Most

Obliged Hum: Serv^{ts}.

WADE & KEIUSER.

INDORSED:¹Niagra May 28th. 1772

 Mess^{rs}. Wade & Keiusers letter
 Ansrd.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 28 May, 1772.

DEAR SIR

By Skipper Hermanus Ten Eyck I have sent the severall things you order as ₹ Acco^t at foot. Amo^t £77.0.3 — hope all will get safe & please you. Cap^t Maturin promises me your Money in a few days, & I shall call on M^{rs}. Mortier for your Ballance. by the first safe Hand shall send you Silver & good Bills as you desire. Nothing new here. Be pleased to accept of a Barrell of good Munster Potatoes sent by Ten Eyck for you to plant. I hope to eat some of their Sons or Grandsons. M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compl^{ts} to you & all the family, & I am

Dr Sir

Your obliged & obed^t Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

10 Barrells Pork at £5.....	£50..—..—
1 Hhd Mollasses 127 Gall ^s @ 1 ^s /9 ^d	11..2..3
1 D ^o Rum 118 D ^o@ 2/5.....	14..5..—
a Baskett of Glass.....	1..7..—
Crating all to the Sloop.....	0..6..—
	<hr/>
	£77..—..3

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
 Johnson Hall.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 at
 Johnson Hall
 ☞ Cap^t. Herm^s. Ten Eyck.

INDORSED:¹

N York 28th. May 1772

Mr. Wallaces letter

GEORGE TURNBULL TO THOMAS GAGE

Extract

Extract of a Letter from Captain Turnbull to General Gage,

Dated *Miselimakinac* 28th. May 1772

By a Letter from Lake Superior I am informed that one Mr. Houtelaas, Partner of Soloman & Chapman, was killed last Autum, by a Chippewa Indian, Between the Grand Portage and Fond du Lac by all Accounts. He was a Man much given to Liquor.

A few days ago I took up a Belt of St. Luc La Cornis, from one Oskimawa a Chippewa Chief of Le Clecke, East End of Lake Huron, which I Now Send you, He told Mr. Ainse, the Interpreter in Confidence two Different times of his having been at Montreal last Year, and Repeated to him what St. Luc said. Viz. my Children all is Peace. Now keep yourselves Quiet for two Years more and then we [] get up, for it will be war, or Words to that Effect.—

But when the Indian was brought before me in Presence of Lieu^t. Chrislie, Ensign Strickland, and Graham, and mess^{rs}. Todd and Lyons He was so Frightened that he only Repeated part of the Speech, and did not Mention war. I ask't him who was present at that Council with St. Luc. He said there was one St. John² the man who Interprets for the English. I then

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² St Jean Russeau.

Ask't him if he Looks upon St. Luc as his French Father, He said he did,—

I told him that St. Luc was now an Englishman and had the same Father as we Although I did not Believe he was Intituled to give Belts of wampum for which Reason I desired He might Leave it with me

INDORSED:

Michilemackinac
28th. May 1772 —
Extract of a Letter from Cap^t
Turnbull to General Gage
with Intelligence —

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 28th. 1772

[Completed Sept. 22]

SIR,

I am much obliged to you for your Letters of 2^d. Janr^y, and 26th March last; the news Contained therein was both new & Entertaining:—I am also to thank you for the attention you have given to the Affair relating to my son Sir John and for Your advice thereon, which if there is any prospect of Success I shall follow on hearing of the death of the present possessor of that Office.—The esteem you shew for S^r John & the Interest you take in his Welfare deserve both our Acknowledgments and I persuade myself that he is very Sensible of your regard. He spent but a few Weeks last fall in N York, and has not Come to any determination in favor of any particular Matrimonial Scheme. Whenever he enters into that State it will afford me much pleasure, as I am thoroughly Sensible that he

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

ought to do so; tho' I wo^d lay no force on a Young Mans inclinations.—

By Sev^l. Letters, I am given to understand that the Govern^t. Sollicit^t for on the Ohio, in which Mr. Wharton is concerned is at last Settled, & the Charter made out, If so, I hope shortly to hear that you have settled for my Share in it which I formerly mentioned to you.—

I find by a late Letter from Mr. Penn that Lieu^t. Roberts has taken up £50 Ster from that Gentⁿ. on my Credit, but without authority. This Sum together with the £100 Str w^{ch} you advanced him, it is not Convenient for me to Lye out of, especially as I am at present engaged in Improvements &ca w^{ch} require all the Cash I can spare;— I know however no other way he can reimburse me but by the Pat^t. for his halfpay Lands w^{ch} I have taken out and paid the fees for & for Survey of &c [] Indifferent but as it is I wo^d. rather take [] the Cash, I therefore inclose you a power of Attorney [] Negotiate that or any other Affair I may have occa [] your Agency in, and hope you will Settle with him as soon and in the best manner you can.—

Sept^r. 22.¹ The foregoing has been Written as you will See for a Considerable Time past, This was chiefly occas[i]oned] by the Hurry which Succeeded for a few days after writing I was obliged to hold a Conference, & during all the Months of July & August was engaged in Affairs relating to the Sale of Lands, the Gov^r & Sev^l of his Council, with many others Staying here a Considerable time for that purpose, Since which We have been all busied in the Establishment of County Courts &ca as this part of the County is formed into a seperate County. In short I have not had an hours leisure to attend to private matters tho' many of them very pressing. I now inclose you a parcel of Small bills Amt^s. to £151..14..6 Sterl^s.

¹ From this point the manuscript is in Johnson's hand.

w^h. You will Please to pass to my Credit; and believe me with much Esteem

Sir Y^{rs}.

MR. JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:

May 28th 1772.—

To Mr John Blackburn
with a power of Attorney &ca.
I did not Send it till July.¹

FROM JOHN DE PEYSTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 31 May 1772 —

S^R

Your favour of the 29 Instant have Rec^d With the money for the ballance of your Acct for which I Send you here Inclosed a Receipt —

As for the administration of the Estate of Dan^l. Danielson As it Is Granted to the Wid^w. she must Act or Inpower Any other to Act for her hand.—

I am

Sr. your most Humb Serv^t.

ADDRESSED:

JN^o DE PEYSTER

To

Sr. W^m. Johnson Bar^t.

Att

Johnson hall

INDORSED:²

May 31st. 1772 —

Mr. Depeysters letter

¹ This sentence is in Johnson's hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

ACCOUNT WITH ESTATE OF ABRAHAM MORTIER

D.

Dr. Sir William Johnson Baronet

		New Y	[Stirling g]					
		Li						
[	]	To Cash paid Lieut Prevost on your Account as £ his Receipt of this Date	10	..	..	
May	17	To Ditto paid your draft of 26 April in favor of John Wetherhead	200	17	10	117	[]	[]
	27 th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 9 May in favor of Ditto	50			29	3	[]
	29 th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 20 Do. in favor of Robert Adems	100			58	6	[]
		To Ditto paid your Ditto pf 21 Do. in favor of Ditto for	767	15	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	447	17	[]
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of Do Date in favor of Ditto for	166	14	3	97	4	11
June	1	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 20 Ditto in favor of William Mc Adam	342	17		199	19	[]
	17	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 13 Ditto in favor of John B V Eps	200			116	13	[]
	19	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 7 Ditto in favor of Col Guy Johnson	377	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	[]	[]	[]
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 3 Ditto in favor of Thomas Mc Fenar	125			[]	[]	[]
July	16	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 7 Ditto in favor of Peter Fitzimons	28			11	13	4
	27	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 29 April in favor of Lt Augt Prevost	500			291	13	4
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 6 June in favor of Lieut Geo Demler	60			35		
August	8 th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 25 May in favor of Rob Adems	200			116	13	[]
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 19 July in favor of Col Claus	100			58	6	8
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 26 Ditto in favor of Michl Price	174	4	10	101	12	9
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 28 Ditto in favor of Ditto	137	7		80	1	9

	19th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 16 July in favor of the Reverend Mr John Stuart	45				26	5		
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 7 August in favor of Hugh Wallace Esqr. for £165 Sterling at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent	297				173	5		
Sepr	19th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 17 May last in favor of Gold. Banyar	404	2			235	14	6	
		To Ditto paid your Ditto of 26 Augt. in favor of John Browne	21	10	10		12	11	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	
October	11th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 21 Sept. in favor of Mr Robert Lettice Hooper Junr	260				151	13	4	
	22	To Ditto paid Sir John Johnson on your Account as $\frac{1}{2}$ his receipt dated the 18 Instant	1446	4	6		843	12	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	26th	To Ditto paid Doctor Shuckburgh on your Account as $\frac{1}{2}$ his Receipt of this date	950	5			554	6	3	
		To Ditto paid your draft of 18 July last in favor Danl Claus Esqr	102				59	10		
		To Ditto paid your Do of 8 Augt last in favr of Charles McEvers	56	14	4		33	1	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Decr	24	To Ditto paid Mr Wallace on your Account dated []	500				291	13	4	
		To Ditto paid your Draft of 20 Sepr last to Geo Croghan Esqr	106	11			62	3	1	
		To Ditto paid Mr. McAdam on Acct for Major Gorhams Sallary January 6 1772 Balance due to Sir William Johnson	778	16	2 $\frac{1}{4}$		100	462	12	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
							5066	16	7	
1772		To Cash paid Hugh & Alexr Wallace					500			
Jany	15	To your Order on Mr Wallace dated 21st Decr 1771 in favour of Colo Daniel Claus & by him indorsed: paid Goldsbrow Banyar May 7: 1772 Balance due Sir William Johnson					40			
							238	16	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	
							778	16	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	

Contra	Cr		
[] By General Gages Warrant dated the 10 day of April last in your favor for	£2579	9	5½
[] By Ditto Ditto of this Date in your favor for	2487	7	1¾
	5066	16	7¼
[] By Balance as on the other side	778	16	2¼
	778	16	2¼

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnson's
Account with Estate of Abraham
Mortier/
May 1772 —

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

Albany June 1st 1772

HONOURED SIR/

The Bearer Mr. Campbell is going on his Discovery, and purposes to Chain all the Land he Goes Over, Various Ways, before he reports The Quality, And if his Report should Not be So favourable as I Expect it will, Yet I am Still determined to Survey it All; and Patent that which is good, As there Cannot be the least doubt but There is Good land Enough for the Money Agreed — for the Payment of Which I Would Sell My Estate before it Should fail of being done —

I Desired M^r Tuttle to Make Your Boat Ready at Sackendaga as mine Will not be Ready this Week Yet. I ask Your Pardon for not Acquainting You of It by him; it was occasioned by Great haste.

In hopes, and with an Expectation, of Being Countenanced in what I have to Do As far as is Right — Beg leave to Subscribe Myself, Honoured Sir,

Your Most Obliged, and
Very Humble Servant
EBEN^R JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

Alby. June 1st 1772 —

Mr. Jessups Letter

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.

Niagara June 3th. 1772

[]

Since we had the Honour of Writing you Last about 40 Indians from Teronto came hear & this day held a Conference with the Major, the purport of which was, that they Desired no traders should be permitted to Go Among them, the Senecas spoke on the Same head. at the same time they Declared they would Look Over what was past they are not to be Credited, for by all their Actions they seem Ill Disposed & its believed hear they wait for nothing but the Senecas Declaring in there favour & by what we Can Learn they have Oblidged themselves by Exchange of Belts, Declaring to Each Other that when One was hurted they would feel it Equally so. the Major is Verry Indifferent, for he would not give them time to Speak what they Intended, made them a present of 20 three pound Loaves 6 p^s.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

pork 10^{lb} powder 30^{lb} Bullets & a Little Tobacco, which was Little [] or 70, what is remarkable they came [without] One Woman or Child & with there Arms which they requested should be repaired.—

We have now on hand a fine Assortment of Indian Goods to the Am^t of between £ 1600 & £ 1800 pounds, & does not know What to do with them, & are now Lyeing at Great Expen^{ce}. if you should want Any of them We hope you will be pleased to Give Us the preference. we send You by this Opertunity, a Silver Grey fox, the Battoe is just Seting off, must Conclude with Great Respect

My Dear Sir W^m.
Your Most Humble &
Most Obedient Servants
WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. for God sake
Assist Us if possible

INDORSED:¹

Niagra June 3^d. 1772

Ferrall Wades letter —
Ans^rd.—

FROM GOLDSBROW BANYAR

A. L. S.

New York 4th. June 1772

DEAR SIR WILLIAM

The Bearer Catharine Simpson the Wife of John Simpson of Burnets Field some time ago exhibited a Complaint to the Governor and Council against John Joost Herchheimer, Coenrad Franck, Peter Ten Broeck and Hendrick Frey Esq^{rs}. for Mal administration in their offices as Justices of the Peace, and an

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Order was made on the Justices to appear & answer the Complaint. They never did appear. M^{rs}. Simpson did, but did not produce her Witnesses — The Governor at the Desire of the Board recommended it to her to make it up as it appear'd she was not able to prevail on all her Witnesses to come to this Place; By what she says she has not tryed to accomodate the Matter nor does she incline to it; and as on her coming now to this City a third Time She says she cannot get her Witnesses to come down. I am directed to signify the Request of his Excellency, that you would be pleased to hear what M^{rs}. Simpson has to say, and to inquire into the Matter so as to be able to lay the whole Matter before him in such a manner as he may be able on his Arrival at your House to judge of what shall be proper to be done towards the Redress of the Woman should she appear to be aggrieved

I am

Dear Sr W^m

Your obliged & Most obed^t Servant

G^w BANYAR

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

On His Majesty's Service
To
The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson
Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

June 4th. 1772 —

Letter from M^r. Banyar
by order of the Governor
& Council.—

Concern^g Simpsons Complaint ag^t.
Justice Herkimer, &ca —
rec^d. 26th.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.

Niagara June 6th. 1772

MY DEAR SR. W^M.

Mr. Rickman¹ is just this Moment Arrived hear, from where he Wintered on Lake Erie, he says the Senecas have killed five Virginia traders & plundered them. they are Very Inveterate Against the English. he with Difficulty saved the two Men he had with him. they told him they want to fight Against the Virginians, but not Against this Government. We have some thoughts of going to Detroit but shall Wait Untill we hear from your Honour.

We have the Honour to be

Dear Sir W^m.

Your Most Oblidged & Most
Obedient Servants

WADE & KEIUSER

P. S. It is thought
hear that Nothing
but your presence will
Settle the Disturbances
hear, all the Nations are
of One Opinion.

INDORSED:²

June 6th. 1772 —

Ferrall Wades letter —
Ans^d.—

¹ Peter Ryckman.

² In Johnson's hand.

TO GEORGE ETHERINGTON

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall June 7th 1772 —*

[DEAR] SIR

I have just received the Letter herewith inclosed from his Excell^{cy} the General, together with one for my Self, on the Affair of the Murder committed by Ramsay on Lake Erie of w^{ch} you lately gave me an Acco^t.

I have long been sensible of the impropriety of Suffering Such Idle fellows who have neither character or property, to trade with the Indians, but much more so, to be permitted to go as well out of the protection as the Eye of Government; the late Affair is a Capital Instance amongst many more to prove this; and the consequences notwithstanding all we can do to the Contrary may be bad,—Immediately on the arrival of the Deputys from the Chipeweighs about it I received them in a very friendly manner and held a Congress with them wherein according to their Custom I took the Hatchet out of their Heads, Gathered the bones of the deceased buried them & Levelled the Graves that they might no more appear to distress them. [I likewise promised to send a proper speech to their Chiefs] and after hearing all they had to say & finding they Expressed themselves to be satisfied that it was the private Act of a Villain, and contented with what I had said to them, I gave them a Valuable present with provisions, & a battoe to carry them back; Nevertheless I am but too sensible of the Impression such an Affair must Leave on the Minds of such a people as Indians are, and as I am of the Generals opinion that Ramsays Situation was by no means such as he has described, for had it been so he could never have done so much Mischief, and as I am assured by persons lately returned from thence that he Glories in the Fact, and threatens more mischief when at Liberty, I think he deserves Capital punishment — In

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

the Meantime least it might []
 different from the Assurances given me by the Dep^ys []
 it proper agreeable to the Generals desire to give you []
 direction that you call in all Traders who are in the Limits or
 at a distance from the Posts (on w^{ch}. Subjects the Dep^ys spoke to
 me) and that you do not permit any to go beyond the limits of the
 Garrisons until you receive farther orders on that head.— That
 you Summon some of the Chiefs of that Nation, and any others
 who are of Consequence that may be at Niagara, and Signify to
 them, the Generals and my uneasiness and displeasure on hearing
 what has happened, and the concern it gives to all the English
 together with the Steps that are ordered to be taken for bringing
 Ramsey to punishment notwithstanding the great provocation
 which he received from them; and that as a farther proof of our
 good will towards them; the Traders will not be permitted to
 Straggle about at their own discretion at a distance from the
 Posts unless it shall appear more Convenient than it has hitherto
 done.— That therefore it is Expected they will shew their Pacific
 disposition, and friendship for the Justice we mean to do them
 by preventing any of their people from attempting to take any
 revenge for what is past, or from retaliating it on any of his
 Majesties Subjects, who are not only innocent but highly con-
 cerned at the accident, as any endeavors for revenge after what
 has been said would shew them in a bad Light, and be a means
 of preventing the Trade between Us, and of incurring our
 resentment.

Your own Judgment will Suggest whatever farther may be
 necessary, from any Circumstances that may have occurred since,
 but I am hopefull that these Steps, and the endeavors to bring
 him to Justice, may prevent the ill consequences we have other-
 wise reason to Apprehend.

I am with Esteem Sir

&ca.

MAJOR ETHERINGTON, or Officer Comd^g at Niagara.—

INDORSED:

June 7th. 1772.

To Major Etherington
or Officer Comd^g at Detroit
with Inclosures concern^g Ramsay

SPEECH TO THE CHIPPEWAS

*Df.*¹

Sir William's Speech to the Chiefs of the Chipeweighs at
Niagara.—

Brothers,
[or Children]

It was with great Concern that I heard from Amenibijou and the rest of your People, that so many of your Nation have been lately killed by one of ours.—The General who Commands all the Kings Army and all the English are much enraged at it; — and as a proof thereof have ordered that the Man who committed this Act shall be sent to one of our Towns and tryed according to our Laws.— This Man was once sent away from Niagara that he might do no harm. how he came again amongst you, or what encouragement you gave him we dont know; but it appears clearly that he received great provocation from your people, that they attempted to rob, and even to murder him, in which case he would have been Justified had he murdered as many white people.—

Brothers/

I have according to the Custom of our forefathers, Taken the hatchet out of Y^r. heads, gathered the bones of your people, buried them & levelled the graves, and have opened the road, and removed everything bad from y^r sight, This, your Deputies, (whom I sent away with handsome presents) can tell you, I likewise repeat the same to yourselves, and I tell you farther that

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

we will not let the Traders ramble any more from the Garrisons to deceive you; unless it Shall appear more expedient heer-after:— It was for your Conveniency They were so much indulged.—

Brothers/

I have expressed my Concern, and told you [my] Sentiments as a Friend, in a few Words, Let me however [urge] you to consider seriously what I have said, to repeat it to Your people; and to rely firmly on our Friendship, a[] the Justice we mean to shew you, upon this, and all other occasions; Let me recommend it Strongly to you not to suffer any of your people to take revenge, or to retaliate upon ours; for should you act so imprudently you will defeat our good intentions of affording you satisfaction, and incurr our highest displeasure, whilst on the Contrary If you repose a proper Confidence in our Justice, you shall allways experience it, and I trust that you will believe the Words of a Man who never deceived the Indians, but has allways proved the Advocate Friend and Protector of those that deserved any favor.—

a Belt of 13 Rows¹—

INDORSED:

Speech for the Chipeweighs

Sent to Maj^r. Etherington

June 8th. 1772 —

FROM WILLIAM COCKBURN

A. L. S.

Kingston

9 June 1772

SR

Last fall I desired M^r Swords, That he and those Concerned in the Lands at Sagertyes would appoint another agent to Manage there Business, as it interfeered so much with my own

¹ These words are in a different handwriting.

affairs I could not give the Necessary Attendance it required.

This Spring I have done the needfull to bring on the Tryal in the fall, and have Employd M^r Blanchard to Transact some Business Relative thereto.

If they propose the tryal shall go on, M^r Kempe must have orders befor the Last Tuesday in July to make the proper motion in Court

I am now going into the woods, propose not Returning 'till late in the fall, unless I hear the Tryal goes on.

I Beg therefor those Concerned will appoint Another Agent soon, That the Business may be properly Attended to, & prevent any Blame hereafter on

S^r

your most obed^t Serv^t

WILL COCKBURN

A Copy to each Concerned

S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t
at
Johnson hall

INDORSED:¹

Kingston June 9th. 1772

Mr. W Cockburns letter
concerning a Law Suit, &
desireing another Agent may
be appointed in his Stead —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 9 June 1772

DEAR SIR

Since my last with the sundry things sent up have none of your favours. but am happy to hear by Mr. Adams that you & all the family are well.

I take the Oppertunity by Mr Blagge¹ who is appointed Clerk of Tryon County to send you as you desired £ 1000 which hope will come safe to you — Y^r. bill to Mr Adams & what further you may have occasion to draw shall be all paid.

No Packett yet arrived My Brigg arrived yesterday from Dublin No Letters for you — nor any News material, all the disputes with *Hearts of Steel*² &c seem to subside — The Packett hourly expected.—

Our Governor has not yet fixed a time for his departure. I fancy he waits for the Packetts arrivall — I have last Week had a Fitt of the Fever & Ague, some of the remains of last year. It held me five or six days, but the Bark has drove it away & I hope will keep it off — Mr Blagg who delivers this I am not personally [acquainted] with, but have a good Character of him, [] is one of the Aldermen & a very honest [] I hope he will please you, but I fancy he will not find the Clerkship worth his Attendance.

Mr^s Wallace desires her Compl^{ts} & I am always

D^r. SirYour most obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall

I send by Mr Blagg
an Irish Almanack

¹ John Blagge.

² Possibly refers to the Sons of Liberty.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 at
 Johnson Hall
 ☞ fav^r. Mr Blagge,
 with an Almanack.

INDORSED:¹

[] 1772 —

[] Wallaces letter
 Ansrd. 26th. June

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*²*New York June 10th: 1772.*D^R: SIR,

Your Letter of the 18th: April required no particular Answer, but I had Some Extracts copied from it, which I thought proper for Cap^t: Edmonstone's better Information, and transmitted them to him at Fort-Pitt.

I am Since favoured with your Letter of 24th: of May, in which you seem to believe there had been some Mischief hatching amongst the Indians; and that their Scheme was Somewhat disconcerted. I hope you will get as favourable Acc^{ts}: from Scioto as you expect.

The Many Partys in the Cherokee Country from the Northward gave alarm in Carolina, and Projects were concerting of various kinds, but I don't hear anything resolved upon. They had near overturned all that was Settled about the Virginia Boundary; they have at length agreed to mark it out, but I don't

¹ In Johnson's hand.² In New York Public Library, New York City.

find that they abide by their first Bargain, tho' Settled with the usual Formality by the whole Nation.

Mr: Stewart¹ is gone to Pensacola to meet the Chactaws who are Still at war with the Creeks, the latter have fallen on a bad Method to prevent our Vagabonds settling on their Lands, by plundering them and destroying their Habitations. They have Served Some Familys in W: Florida in that Manner, who were out of their Bounds on Lands the Creeks had not ceded; but did not hurt their Persons. If all the Nations acted in the Same way and proceeded no further, it would prevent the People going beyond their Limits & save much trouble.

I am informed many Partys are gone out from the Lakes; and Lieu^t. Col^o. Wilkins writes, that four or five hundred had been discovered not far from Fort Chartres; suspected to have taken or killed a Soldier who was sniping.

No Information of the likelihood of a war, from any Acc^{ts}: but the News-Papers.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^S. GAGE

FROM WADE & KEIUSER

A. L. S.

Niagara June 15th. 1772

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Since we had the Honour of Writing you Last, there has Come hear between Twenty & Thirty of the back Indians. they have not as yet spoke to the Major, so dont know what they Intend Saying. we have heard since that the Reason of the Senecas Cuting off the five boats In the Ohio River, was that a Deserter had killed two of there people we are Also Informed that a party of the Missisaques has Gone to Lake Erie, fully Determined to

¹ John Stuart, southern superintendent of Indians.

Cut off any English they Can Meet with. they Look On them that is Gone to Your house As Nothing. by there Actions a Rupture will be Inevitable without Speedy Measures are taken, we Are sure Nothing will do without your Meeting them, which would Stop Mischief this Year at Least & probably a Warr. we Expect to hear from Your honour soon as we will not Determine on Any []
 Your Advice if You should []
 Goods at this post we Can Supply []
 with a Good parcel the price we will []
 to Yourself & we Dare say you will [purchase] as Cheap as you Can bring them up. we have Also a Large Quantity of rum, pease, bread &c the first Detachment of the tenth Reg^t. Arrived hear a few Days Ago, and are Gone to Relieve Detroit & Mis-selimackina. there is no Other News hear. Our Respects to Sir John, & the Familys who we are Rejoiced to hear are well. We are & allways will be

My Dear Sir W^m.

Your Ever faithfull & most

Obliged Hum Serv^{ts}

WADE & KEIUSER

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honorable
 Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.
 Att
 Johnson Hall
 ☞ favour of
 John Mc.Comb Esq^r.

INDORSED:¹

Niagara June 15th. 1772

Messrs Wade & Kriesers
 letter —————

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Shinectady 20th June 1772

HONOURED SIR

I Received both Your feavors of 17th & 18 Ult Mr Elles
Tells me that the porter is Ready whenEver I send for it

And M^r Lansing the Beaker will beake the Milk Biscake and
the Rusk Next Thusday a Monday he will gite Ieast from
albany So that I Shall then Send it up I have a fue artickels
here Iet of Cap^t Chue

I am Sir Your Most Obediant
And Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

I never heard Enay More of Colol Johnsons Memoriall to his
Excelency pray for god Seack Sir be so Cind and to putt him
in mind if Your Honer pleases for I Realy belive that thy will
mack a poess² for it

I am as above

J B V EPS

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Barn^t &c
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

June 20th. 1772

Jⁿ. B V Eps Esq^{rs}. letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Perhaps intended for "push" in the sense of "attempt."

GUY JOHNSON TO AN UNKNOWN PERSON

A. L. S.¹*Guy Park June 22^d 1772.*

DEAR SIR,

I did not receive your Letter of the 11th Inst. 'till Two days since, the Contents of which Surprised me as I do assure you, I sent the Orders for the Kinderhook & Claverack Regiments together; and before I sent to Coghsakie.—possibly it may be owing to the posts going (of late) on the West side of the River, but whether that or something worse has occasioned the disappointment. The fact is, as I have told you.— You will therefore please to acqt the Col^{os}. of the Kinderhook & Claverack Regimt^s. therewith, and that they are Ordered to make a full Return of their Regiments specifying the Vacancies &ca since last Return and returning the N^o. of Rank & file between 16 & 50.— This return to be made by the 8th July to me, by ord^r. of the Maj^r Gen^l. As I take the oppor^{ty} of Col: Butler to forward this to you his hurry will not allow me to send the form, you mention,— but it will be Suffict. to retⁿ. the Names of the Comis^d Officers,— & the Numbers only of Serj^{ts} Drums & R. & file in sev^l Columns, with a Column for Vacancies &c.— I am allways with true esteem

Dr Sr. Y^r friend & servt

G JOHNSON

INDORSED: Guy Park 22^d June 1772Col^o Guy Johnson Adj Gen^l
Orders

TO WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 505, is listed a letter written at Johnson Hall, June 25, 1772 by Sir William Johnson to Rev. William Andrews, informing that a suitable person for the Johnstown mission has been secured (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:475–76; Q, 4:295–96)

¹ In State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Draper Manuscripts.

TO BEVERLY ROBINSON

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall June 25th. 1772.*

[] SIR

Mr. Chew who is Safe arrived here with his family, delivered to me your favor of the 1st. Inst, which was very acceptably received, as you may be assured that distance of time or place has in no degree lessened my esteem for you.—

The Subject on which you wrote is a very laudable one, considering the Weak state of the Church of England, in this Country, and the encouragement it deserves from its Members, and this will Sufficiently excuse the Mode of your undertaking; but as you Justly observe that the World seems now to be Lottery mad, I may farther add that this part of the Province is farther gone in that way than I believe any other, some have been formed for similar purposes with yours, and others for a Variety of Exigencies, on all of which I have been so warmly sollicitted, and so much Concerned as Joyned to my own expensive undertakings here has proved very inconvenient to me; I cannot however deny myself the pleasure of Contributing my endeavors to promote so necessary a design, which comes so well recommended, and shall therefore take some of the Tickets myself, and try to dispose of the rest in the Neighbourhood tho' I believe most People here begin to grow tired of Lotteries.

Poor Chew's family have been inoculated last Week and are in a fair Way. he expresses many acknowledgm^{ts} to you & is a Man of an honest friendly disposition so that I wish it was more in my power to serve him being persuaded of his gratefull Sentiments for all favors.—

I shall be happy at any time to render you any service by which I may demonstrate the regard with which I am

Dr. Sr. &c

BEVERLY ROBINSON Esq^r.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

INDORSED:¹June 25th 1772

To Beverly Robinson Esq^r.
at the Highlands.

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 506, are listed two letters written at Johnson Hall by Sir William Johnson to the Earl of Hillsborough. The first dated June 29, 1770 mentions the second Indian congress at Scioto and recites the crimes of Ramsay against the Indians and the means pursued to avert their vengeance (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:994-96; Q, 2:576-77 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:300-1). The second dated July 1, 1772 considers the futility of conferences with Indians, the folly of accepting cessions from the Six Nations not sanctioned by other tribes and the wisdom of his plan for regulating trade (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:996-97; Q, 2:577-78 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:302)

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

Lachine 3^d July 1772

[DEAR] & HONORED SIR

After being 15 days by the way I got here the 27th. Ult^o. At my passing Caghawagey I called the principals together acquainting them with my Arrival & saluting them on your part, they thankd me & were rejoiced to see me, enquiring after your health. I found all was quiet among them and told them of Ramseys Affair, w^{ch}. they heard of before, but imperfectly, making 10 Indians killed; then left them and told them I was going to Montreal to Morrow, and after my Return would appoint a day for meeting them in public. I waited on L^t. Col^o. Templer of 26th. Regiment who commands the District of Montreal & Depend^s. who met me with all the politeness imaginable introducing me to his Lady (formerly Lady

¹ In Johnson's hand.



Rev. Robinson

From Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography

Sinclair) and next day returned my visit & proposed going to Caghnawagey when I held the Meeting with some of the officers of 26th. w^{ch}. was last Wednesday when he, Major Clarke your former Acquaintance, & several of the Officers & others attended. I happened to have a Discourse with Cap^t Carden Roy^l. Am^{ns}. who acts here as Dep^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. of the Carleton side[#] and very intimate with Lt. Gov^r. Cramahe, by whom I could find that that party are jealous & ignorant enough as to think the Canada Indians ought not to be under your Direction, intimating that they lived so near the Inhabitants, as to want a Person continually upon the Spot to transact their Affairs. I replied that as to their commercial & other private Bus^s. I allowed they required some Interpreter on the Spot to hear them [] the Governmt left that Branch of Indⁿ. Bus^s. to the Respe[ctive] [] laying upon them the Expence of Indⁿ. Interp^{rs}. & Smiths But as to the public or political Branch of Ind^s. Affairs [I am con]vinced the Indians would not trouble this Governmt with [] too well they could do nothing in it, they having been these [] incorporated with the Confederacy under your Care, and [] whose conjunction & Advice, & applying to you or Deputy they [] presume to proceed in any Bus^s. if the kind, & w^{ch} was the Intention of your sending once a year your Dep^y. to visit their respective [] and in a public Meeting to enquire into those Matters and settle those which in this present Time of peace was thought full sufficient [] And in case of any thing extra^{ny} Directions were left to dispatch an Express to you immediately; Besides the scanty Allowance from home for transacting Indⁿ. Aff^{rs}. would not permit your Dep^y. to remain longer than he usually did.—I find that I cant avoid going to Quebec this time to visit the Hurons not having been there since Gen^l Carleton left it, when I shall take an Opport^y of talking over these Matters with Gov^r Cramahe who is a discrete reasonable Man, showing him the Incompatibility of this Governmt^s meddling in those

Matters, & if I receive the Extract of your Instruct^s. before I go shall show it him, if not shall send him a Copy after I return.

There has been lately a french Trader killed named Outlas by a Chippway at Nipikon in Lake Superior thro his own Folly in getting drunk with the Indian, and holding down his head & daring him to kill him, which the Indⁿ. readily complied with. The Indians in the upper Countries, are pretty crusty & insolent and I believe the Traders here will soon mistrust sending their Goods to their []ing grounds.

The Caghnawagey Indian that came to you last Winter from the Western Nations, and whom you charged with Messages to the Florida Ind^{ns}. showed a String of Wamp^m. by which he said you agree to the Aughquisasnes Request in Sending them 500 Dollars to pay the [] of their Sawmill, and that I was to bring the Money with me, accordingly I was attacked on my Arrival, but could give them no satisfactory Answer, And their Priest I suppose will be prosecuted anew, his Creditor having only been silenced by this Report. The Chiefs of Caghnawagey dont approve of such a Loan.—

I suppose you have before this been informd of Peters¹ Removal from Mr Landries. Col^o. Prevost whom I saw at Tiyondar^o. giving me the Reason & which he said he mentioned to you in a Letter.

On my Arrival at Montreal I met Doct^r. Huntley to whom I had a Letter from Doct^r. Dease, and on his seeing I had a Letter from you to Mr Landries he said he had settled every-thing with him as to Peters Board &^{ca}. and hoped he would never be put there again, and therefore thought it improper to deliver him the Letter. I told him I believed there was an Inclosure & on examining & finding the Inclosures were seald he advised the opening of the Cover, when I delivered him Peters Letter to forward him; And Landries I have by me and shall keep it to deliver it you on my Return to save postage.

¹ Peter Johnson, oldest child of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

Mr. Huntley said Landries was a very unfit place for Peter on several Accounts, and everyone thinks he is much better where he is w^{ch}. being 33 Miles from Montreal I shall take a Tour there on my Way to Quebec and see & hear how things go on there. Mr. Lanodiere told me he saw Peter last [] he was well, & impatient to see me. Doctor Dease [] please to remember me kindly mentioned to Dr. Huntley [] him some Matter for Innoculation by me, but he must have for[wared] it me with his letter, as I never received it, or Patrick [] the Letters must have lost or broke it.

On my Return from Quebec shall write again, & if Matters are as they are at present among the Indians, I shall soon have finished my Bus^s. here. The Caghnawagey Messengers are not returned yet from the Miami Country hav^e. been near a 12 Month gone. I must beg the favour of your desiring Thom Adams to make all the hay he possibly can at the place as I shall make but little this year at the River.

I hope this may find you in health & Prosperity and remain with Respect & duty & Compliments to all the family

Dear & honored Sir

Your Obedient Son

DANIEL CLAUS

#He therefore (?) had £ 1000 Sterl. added to his Salary & a Regiment given him [] antly of his coming out.

To the Honorable

SR. W^M. JOHNSON, B^t. &c. &c. &c.

INDORSED:¹

July 3^d. 1772 —

Co^l. Claus letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

*Df. S.*¹*Johnson hall July 3^d 1772*

DEAR SIR,

I received with infinite pleasure your letter of last Month by Mr Antil, and be assured you have doubly obliged me, by introducing to my knowledge so Worthy a Connection of yours, and giving me an opportunity of hearing that you were well;— Occupied as I generally am, I can have little that may either amuse, or Inform you, but I assure you, My dear Sir that I interest myself much in your health & happiness, and am never better pleased than when I hear you enjoy both; My Son Sir John & Col: Johnson waited on you last October at your agreeable retirement; but being in Company with others Circumstanced in point of time, they had not leisure to Cultivate that Friendship which I trust will allways Subsist between our Families.

Governor Tryon has wrote me that he will be here very Shortly, I am happy to find that you enjoy so much of his friendship, and that he pays you that attention, to which you have so good a title; he has the reputation of being a Gentleman of Merit & Abilities, and I promise myself much satisfaction in an Interview with him when I shall deal very candidly with him on all Subjects.

Except the Murder of 8 Misisagas by an Idle fellow who was formerly banished for his Intrigues from Niagara,² I know nothing worthy Mentioning to you.— The Affair has been touched on in the Public Prints but stated intirely in his favor: and as the Consequences are as yet uncertain, I cannot enlarge upon it, I shall therefore Conclude with assuring you, that I rejoyce at hearing your health has been of late improved; and that when—

¹ In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² David Ramsay. See *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:994–96; Q, 2:5:576–77; and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:300–1.

ever you can with Convenience to yourself oblige me with a line I shall receive it with pleasure as I heartily wish you every desirable Gift and shall always approve myself Dear Sir,

Your sincere Friend

& Affect^{te} humble Serv^t.

W. J.

Honble L^r GOV^r COLDEN

INDORSED:

July 3^d 1772

To the Hoñble L^t Gov^r Colden,
☞ Mr. Antile.

FROM JOHN VAN RENSSELAER

A. L. S.

Albany July 5th. 1772

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The Earl of Dunmore having Honored me with the inclosed Commission, I was surprised to find that Mr. Hogeboom still Continued to give orders to the Militia at Claverack, until Col^o. Schuyler Suggested to me that it was necessary you as Brigadier General of the District should be apprised of my appointment, as I really did not know this, you will please to Excuse my not having given you a more Early Information of it,—upon seeing the Commission I doubt not but you will give the proper orders to Mr. Hogeboom and the officers of the Regiment. be pleased to return the Commission by Mr. Schuyler unless you should have Longer occasion for it

I am Sir Your Most Obed^t.

Humb. Serv^t.

JOHN VAN RENSSELAER

The Honorable SIR W^m JOHNSON Brigadier Generall &c.

INDORSED:¹

Col. Ranslears letter
with his Commission
July 5th. 1772 —

AN ORDER

*A. D. S.*²*Johnson Hall July 6th. 1772*

please to let them Messissagaes who are now going Home have
Twenty gallons of Common Rum, & 3 looking glasses, which
You will please to charge to Acc^t. of —————

Yr. Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

A POWER OF ATTORNEY

*D. S.*³*July 7, 1772*

Know All Men by these Presents that I Sir William Johnson
of Johnson Hall in the County of Tryon in the Province of New
York in America Bar^t Have Made Ordained Constituted and
appointed, and by these Presents Do make Ordain, Constitute,
and appoint John Blackburn in the City of London in the
Kingdom of great Britain Merchant my true and lawful Attorney
for me and in my Name, and for my use to Ask, Demand, Sue
for, Recover & Receive of and from all Persons & Persons
whatsoever All Sum and Sums of Money, Debts, Dues, Claims,
and Demands whatsoever now due, Owing, or Accruing to me,
and to give good, and sufficient Discharges for the same, And to
Adjust Settle, or Compound all Debts, or Demands due to me,
and to Accept such Security, or Satisfaction for the same as he

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

³ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts, 24323, fo. 5, London, England.

shall think fit, And I do hereby give and grant to my said Attorney my full and whole Power in and concerning the Premises, and will Ratify & Confirm whatsoever he Shall lawfully Act, or do therein. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 7th day of July 1772.—

Sealed & Deliv^d. }
in the Presence of }

W JOHNSON

JOHN STEVENSON
PHILL. VAN RENSSELAER

Mem^o. That on the 8th: July 1772, Personally Appeared before me ABR^m. C Cuyler Esq^r. Mayor of the City of Albany, in the Province of New York, in America, John Stevenson & Philip Van Rensselaer, the two Subscribing witnesses, and made Oath that they saw the above named Sir William Johnson Barn^t. sign & Seal the above power of Attorney as his Voluntary Act, and Deed for the use therein mentioned, in Testimony whereof I the said Mayor have hereunto set my Name & caused the Public Seal of said City to be here unto, Affixed, dated as above.

ABR^m. C. CUYLER Mayor

INDORSED: Power of Attorney to
Mr. John Blackburne
Sir William Johnson Bart—

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.¹

New York 7th July 1772

DEAR SIR

Yesterday I was honord with your favour inclosing Mr Croghans which I take the first opportunity to return. I beg leave to return you mine, & M^{rs} Prevost's most Gratefull thanks for

¹ In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.

your Condensation, and with infinite pleasure acknowledge myself happy to be rememberd by you tho at Such a Distance.

I cannot help'd being Surprised at not receiving any Letters from him, perhaps Some may have been left at the *Forest*. I think however, that the people would not have been So voyd of Sence as not to have them to the *Hall*, but what astonishes me more is to find no mention is made of the new Colony an affair I had reason to believe finally Setled, you know my Authority therefore Shall not presume to Say anything further on that Subject Except that a few days will clear up that matter to me; Only Yesterday I procured a Sort of Leave of Absence in Consequence of which I Sett off for Pittsburgh early tomorrow; I am orderd to make the greatest dispatch imaginable, my father Suposes our Stay to be precarious, indeed the wellfare of the Regiment¹ requires our Speedy removall, as Desertion heere is Surprising None Stays with us but the European, the American Recruits (which Composes the better half of this Battalion) go off by partys almost every Night, the natural Consequence for bringing them from Canada, the General is sensible of this, and fears being found fault with, his intentions where to have Sent us on a Secrett Expedition but the Orders he received from homme prevented it; the two American Battalion being expressly exected by the Secretary of Warrs Orders to him.

I had the Honnor of Dinning with our Governor who proposed Setting off for Johnson Hall in a Day or two, if I can without any Inconsistency be rememberd, I flatter myself you will not forget your promise, for if I can possibly accomplish what I have in view, nothing shall prevent my becoming an Inhabitant of your County.

I forwarded by Mr Adems a Letter from Mr Petter² which my Father brought from Canada I request my most Sincere Respects to Sir John & the Famillys. Please to accept the

¹ The 60th, or Royal American, recruited largely in Pennsylvania.

² Peter Johnson, oldest child of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

Same from M^{rs}. Prevost & to be assured that I shall ever retain the warmest Sence of gratitude & Respect for you and them being

Dear Sir

Your most Obed most Obliged
& most Humble Servant

AUG. PREVOST

the Honorable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baro^t.

I beg to be rememberd to Mess^{rs} Days, Dayly & Barns

INDORSED:¹

N York July 7th 1772

Major Prevosts Letter.

FROM ABRAHAM C. CUYLER

A. L. S.

Albany 8th July 1772

SIR

I am favour'd with your's of the 6th. Inst. with the power of Att^y. inclosed, and According to your request have had the same proved & Certify'd in the usual way, and return it herewith inclosed.

sometime ago, Col^o. Swits Apply'd to me for a return of the Granadr. Company under my Command, when I signify'd to him that I had given the care of the Comp^y. to my oldest Lieu^t. Mr. Jacob Cuyler, whom I wou'd direct to give him a return (myself having much of time engaged on the Attention of my Public Office), and desired him in the mean time to recommend my oldest Lieu^t. for the Comp^y., since which have Consulted with the Officers of the Comp^y. and we have thought proper to recommend the following Alteration

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Mr. Jacob Cuyler Cap^t., Henry Van Veghten, Peter Gansevoort, & Dan^l. Van Antwerp Lieu^{ts}., the other Lieut^s. formerly of the Comp^y. beg leave to resign, and desired me to Communicate the same to you, and as I am inform'd you intend an Alteration in the Militia to make out a Set of new Commissions I beg leave to recommend the above Alteration to your Approbation, and at the same time if you thought proper to prefer me to the Majority of this Battalion, (which I am inform'd is Vacant) you'll confer on me great honor, and as I conceive give no offense to my other officer, as I can with safety say that I am the oldest Acting Cap^t. in the Battalion.—

I beg leave to Acquaint you that I have a Double Deck Vessel in building intended for the Trade from this place to London. will be launched the beg^g. of September, and intend to Patronize her with your Name, if with your Approbation, she will sail the first week in Oct^r. & be consign'd to Mr. J. Blackburn in London. any Commands you or your Connections may please to favour her with to or from London, will always be punctually perform'd. pardon my freedom of this long epostal & beleive me to be with great esteem

Sir

Your Ob^t. Humble Servant

ABR^m. C. CUYLER

To

The Hon^l. SIR W^m. JOHNSON Barn^t. &c.

INDORSED:¹

Abr^m. C. Cuyler Esq^{rs}.

Letter July 8th. 1772

Ansrd. 7^p Mr. Silvester.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN VAN RENSSELAER

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall July 9th. 1772.*

SIR,

Mr. Schuyler delivered me your favor of the 5th. Ins^t with the Commission inclosed, which was the very first information I had of your late Appointment.— I remember that towards the end of the Administration of the late Sir Hen^y Moore, complaint was made That the Tenor of your former Commission was made to favor one Side in the dispute about property there, which might have a dangerous tendency, and that there were many irregular and partial Acts done in the forming of that Regiment which had inclined Sr Hen^y to acknowledge that he had been Misinformed when the Appointments were made, & Indeed if the Case was as represented, tho' it be far from my inclination to give any Gentleman pain, I could not help condemning the measure. Sometime after Col. Hogeboom was appointed to the Command of the Regiment as the L^t Gov^r informed me, on your rejecting a new Commisⁿ because some alterations were made amongst the Officers, Since which I have received 2 Returns from him. But I should certainly have been informed of your late Appointment, as Lord Dunmore must be sensible that If It is neither communicated by the Governor, or the Col^o. my Appointment as Major Gen^l. of the District cannot be of the use for which it was intended, as I certainly ought to know every Change in the District I have the honor to Co^mand which you must be sensible was no promotion to me, & was only accepted with a View of being as serviceable as I could to the Public.— I sho^d. therefore have wished, both for your Justification & mine, that a fair enquiry had been made into the Nature of the Allegations against your Regiment. at present I have ordered the Adj^t. Gen^l. to write you for a Return of it to enable me to give the necessary ord^s. to Col: Hogeboom and I trust you will

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

always find in my Conduct, the same degree of Candour with which I have now expressed myself, and wth. which all Gentⁿ. should act towards Each other. I return you the Commissⁿ. agreeable to your desire by the Hands of Mr. Schuyler, & am Sir

Your most Obed^t. Humble Serv^t

P. S. I find in the descriptⁿ. of your Limits the Words “[] Claverack.” I fancy it is some Mistake.

COLO^L. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER

INDORSED:¹

July 9th. 1772 —

To Col^o. Jⁿ. Ranslear.

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 10th. July 1772

D^R. S^R.

I Receiv'd the Conveyance for Lord Adam Gordon by the Post, with your favor of 12th Ult, but tother day —

I thought you was to have drawn your self for the Value, but if you preferr my doing it, Say to whom the Bill shall be payable & to whom sent or deliver'd, & it shall be immediatly done, I shall add 20/ to your Acc^t. for the Postage, as I have no reckon- ing with Lord Adam, the Value you can give to any One of our friends, among the Many that Visit your hospitable Abode — Excha: is at present 72½ ³/₄ C^t. and seems pretty steady, tho no dependance can be plac'd on such a fluctuating Medium of Business — This I send by his Excellency,² whom I think you will like, he is generous, friendly and candid, and goes through Business with Alacrity & cleaverness —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Governor Tryon.

There is a Cursed Commotion in Town, about selling a Number of Patents for a Song to pay the Quit Rents, & if this Fact is represented truly, In my Opinion there seems to be an unfeeling Spirit some where considering the length it has been carry'd, tho the warning it must be admitted was long & solemn — Let us pay for Northampton or that will go too, if not allready gone, for such proceedings are Summary with a witness, when they come to the Crisis — One two three & away flys an Estate for ever & ever — My regards to Sr. John & the Colonel — I am with great truth

Dr. Sr.

Yr. Most Ob^t. Hum. Serv^t.

JN^o WATTS

SR. WILL JOHNSON Barr^t—

INDORSED:

10th. July 1772 —

From the Hoñble
John Watts Esq^r.

FROM FRANCIS PANTON

A. L. S.

New York 10 July 1772

SIR

Your character both in Private and Publick life, encourages me to hope you will pardon the liberty I have assum'd of intruding on your patience for a few moments, till I inform you, that during the time Mr: Darlington was your Agent, he bespoke two wigs of me, for you which I made, and am Sorrey to inform you he never paid me for, and has left me destitute of every resourse, but that of relying on your generosity, which I am encourage'd to, by some gentlemen who are honor'd with your acquaintance to hope you will not permit me to be a Sufferer

I took the freedom of mentioning this to Sr: John Johnston upon his arrival from England, from whom I received some encouragement, but I suppose more important affairs has prevented his adverting to it Since

as my character is not known to you, I must beg leave with great Submission, to refer you to his Excell^y Governor Tryon whom I have the honor to be employd by, or to Col^o: Fanning whom I have beg'd to deliver you this. I am likewise well known to General and M^{rs}: Gage, and all the Staff Officers for whom I have work'd maney Years

as to M^r Darlington he is in goal, his house sold and a wife and two daughters left Destitute, so that I canot expect aney thing from him, Please to signify your pleasure by Col^o: Fanning, or to your Agent

I am Sir with Submission

Your Most Obliged

Humble Servant

FRA^s PANTON

To the Hon^{ble}: SR: WILL: JOHNSTON

[]	20	To a bag wig and ribbon	-2..10..0
March	24		To Ditto with Ditto	2..10..0
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				£5.. 0..0

INDORSED:

Francis Pantons Acc^t.

† Col. Fanning —

Ans^d.

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 11th. July 1772.

SIR

I am favord with your Letter of Yesterday, inclosing me £27..2..0. for which I now send you a Receipt

I can not conceive how it is that your Papers are so often missing, I dont think it neglect of the Printers but a remissness some how or other in the Clerks and Riders at New York, to whom I shall write about it this Post, and desire them to Remedy the Evil.

Things are to go on a better footing in future with the Riders that Ply between this and New York and will be Satisfactory to the Publick I hope. I have seen a letter from Mr. Foxcroft wherein he agrees to allow the Rider an addition of £100 per Annum, that he must go Weekly Winter and Summer and for the benefit of the Publick up one Side the River and down the other, only with this difference that if at certain Seasons the Road on one side should be better than the other, he then will have his Choice — and in case of default or neglect, a Deduction will be made off his pay of Half a Joe for every Neglect; this I think is the Plan, and in course will make them be on their Guard.

I have in my Cellar two Q^r Casks and a Barrel of Liquor for you, which will be safe untill its convenient for you to send for them. I am with great Respect

Sir

Your very hu Servant

JN^o. MONIER

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bart.

At

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

July 11th. 1772 —

Mr. Moniers Letter

& a Recp^t. for £27. .2. .

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM PHYN & ELLICE

A. L. S.

Schenectady 11th. July 1772

SIR

We have rec^d your esteemed fav^r. of ye 9th. Inst. & herewith send the 2^{lb}. Green Tea 79 Acco^t. at bottom w^h. hope will please.

Are sorry so much of the Porter was lost. there will be some breackage in most bottled liquor, but more then 10 or 12 Bottles in a Teirce is too much, we will therefor w^h. pleasure be at the loss of $\frac{1}{2}$ the breackage & you will please to let us know how much that is —

Inclosed is £ 100 NYC: for w^h. we want a Bill on N York when convenient

We have the Honer to be w^h. due respect

Sir

Your Most Hum^l Serv^t

PHYN & ELLICE

2 ^{lb} Best Payson tea	26/	2..12..—
1 two pound Canaster		—.. 2..6
1 half pound d ^o	d ^o	—.. 1..
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		£2..15..6

INDORSED:¹Mess^{rs}. Phyn & Ellices

Letter with Cash

July 11th. 1772 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

A. L. S.¹

Kings College, July 11, 1772

DEAR & WORTHY SIR,

Altho I wrote to you lately, I cannot let this Opportunity slip without letting You hear from me.

This goes by my Friend, Col. Fanning,² who accompanies Governor Tryon to your Parts, & whose Secretary Col. Fanning is. I doubt not but You will be much pleased with the Governor, who is a most worthy, agreeable Gentleman, & merits the highest Esteem from every Person.

A Report was spread here some Time since, that the Indians, provoked by the Murders committed by a Trader, had attacked Your House & burned it. I was extremely uneasy, untill I heard that the Report was groundless. And indeed the Influence & Authority which You have over the Indians, as well as Affection & Veneration they bear to You, made it very improbable.

We have had little Intelligence from Dr. Cooper since I wrote to You last. We are yet in the Dark as to his Success in the several Matters he was charged with. He was in Hopes of having the Quit Rents remitted for two Townships lately granted out of the New Hampshire Lands, one to this College, & the other to the Corporation of Trinity Church in this City.³ This would be a considerable Acquisition to both, & there is a Probability that it may be obtained.

We have had a large Addition to our Students this Term. We never had so many Freshmen entered at one Time since the

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

² Edmund Fanning, son-in-law of Governor Tryon, whose private secretary he was; in the War of the Revolution, Colonel of the King's American regiment, which saw service in New York, Connecticut and the Carolinas.

³ See *Ecclesiastical Records of the State of New York*, p. 3941, 3942, 4091, 4092, 4183, 4185, or *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:645, 646, 933, 940; 8:296-98.

College was erected. It will rise & flourish, I trust, notwithstanding the Opposition & Calumnies of its Enemies, But I really want to be delivered from my present Trouble, which I hope will be soon, as Dr. Cooper is expected next Month.

By this Conveyance I send a Couple of Shirts to my Godson. I shall be obliged to You, if you will order them to be delivered to his Father. Be pleased also to remember me kindly to the Father. I hope the Child is well, & wish he may prove a good Man. Could it be effected, it would give me great pleasure if the Father would consent to have this Child educated for the Ministry. But this must be a matter of future Consideration.

My best Compliments wait on Sir John, Col. Johnson, & Col. Clause. I am with the sincerest Esteem,

Worthy Sir,

Your very affectionate Friend,

& humble Serv^t.

CHARLES INGLIS

To SIR W^m. JOHNSON, Bart.

INDORSED: July 11th 1772

From the Rev^d. Mr. Inglis.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 14 July 1772

DEAR SIR

I received yours 26 Ult^o. & am glad to hear you got the Money safe by Mr Blagge, & that you like the Young Man. I wish he had something better than the Clerkship, & that Col^o Butler had that, as it would be more proper — I am quite clear of the Fever & Ague, & hope shall not experience another return of it, tho' I am obliged to be a good deal to the Southward, where they are never without it, but in Winter.

Our Governor sett out last Sunday, unexpectedly, he had resolved to wait the arrivall of the Packett, but changed his Mind. I did not know of his going, I had some Money ready to send you, & the Deed for the 1000 Acres on Adigo Creek, both shall be sent by first safe hand.

I could not possibly go & pay you a visitt at this time, I am obliged to be in Philad^a. for which place I sett out in a few hours. If I can get back in time, that I think I may see The Governor at Johnson Hall perhaps I may make a flying March & have the pleasure of seeing you. If I cannot do it Just now, its probable I may before the Winter — I am sure youll like the Gov^r & Lady — they will be some time going up — as they propose paying some Visitts on the River — The Gov^r. will lett you know when he gets to Albany, & I suppose Sir John & Col^o Johnson will meett him there, & carry him to the Hall, for you are so busy I dont suppose you can meet him.

I have heard nothing of the few Persons you say are dissatisfied at y^e Court House being at Johnstown, they cannot meet any Encouragement here. I think that affair fixed, & wont be altered. You can shew the Governor the propriety of it — Inclosed is a rect. for the Metheglin & Lisbon Wine, Cost £23.2.- P acco^l. at foot hereof or Inclosed herein — hope they will please you —

My Compl^{ts} to M^r Chew. I sent yesterday by Sandford to Albany directed to you a Cask of Cod Sounds & Tongues that came from Boston to my Care for him —

There is the Hue & Cry here about the Pattents sold at Albany for Quitt rent. I think such Rascally proceedings in buying Gentlemen's property in such a Manner, I think such Sales cannot Stand. You will no doubt hear enough of it — Col^o Delaney is gone up about it — If Men will do all that the Law will support them in & have no principle of Honer or Conscience, it[s] well there is a Law against picking Pockets or we should not be able to walk the Streets with a Dollar about us. I know there is a Law called in our Country *Shillalagh* &

If any Man was to wrest my property from me in such a Manner, I would apply that Law to him — Depend on it, the Colony will be in Arms if this Affair is sufferd to take place. Who is sure of His Property — What Mortgage on Lands is good if they can be sold in this Way for the King — No Body will lend money on Lands but will see the Quitt rent always paid off as it becomes due. Enough of this Subject.

The May Packett not arrived yet. its supposed the Danish affairs detain here. My Compl^{ts}. to all Friends with you — I am verry Sincerely

D^r Sir

Your obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

July 14th. 1772 —

Mr. Wallaces
Letter —

FROM WILLIAM HANNA

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 507, is listed a letter of July 20th from Rev. William Hanna, London, relating to his meeting with Colonel Sharpe in Maryland, letters to Lord Fairfax, Colonel George Fairfax and Col. Washington in Virginia, ordination in London, efforts of Samuel Wharton among the nobility to get him a parish in Virginia, visit to the Privy Council, Mr Wharton's influence, and the monument to Sir Peter Warren in Westminster Abbey (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:476-79; Q, 4:296-98).

¹ In Johnson's hand.

DISPUTE BETWEEN GEORGE KLOCK AND ASSOCIATES

Contemporary Copy

[Albany] July 21, 1772.

State of a Case

George Klock William Nellis and sundry others Associates purchased from the native Indians & Proprietors a Tract of Land near Conajohare for which they obtained Letters Patent in Dec^r. 1754.

The said George Klock being used to dealings with the Indians was made choise of by the rest to make the Indian purchase for which he was paid by the Partners but being a very artfull designing Man and his Associates Innocent Ignorant People he easily persuaded them to Release his shares in the Patent to him and also to permit his son tho a Person of little or no capacity to be employed as a Surveyor for laying out the Patent and dividing the same without which he refused to Release to the rest — The Patent being at length divided the rest of the Partners applied to said George Klock that he would Release their Shares as they had done his which he positively refused to comply with unless they would employ his said son to draw the Deeds of Release and pay him £3 Y Curr^y for each Deed whereupon the parties having met and taking into Consideration that the said Geo. Klock was a crafty Man and might Occasion them much trouble and loss of time and conscious of their Ignorance in matters of Law they at length came to an Agreement in Writing that they would employ his Son for the purposes and at the rate before mentioned provided that the Deeds when drawn and laid before some person learned in the Law should be approved of by him and deemed good and sufficient and this they did from a strong presumption of the Incapacity of said Klocks Son who willingly entered into the said Agreement. A Deed was accordingly drawn up & transmitted to John T. Kemp Esq^r. his Majestys Attorney General for his perusal and Opinion who after pointing out some of the

many Capital Errors therein concluding in these Words but it will be too tedious to enumerate all the Defects and therefore I shall omitt any more of them and Content myself with declaring my Opinion that the Deeds shewn me are entirely defective and bad for the purposes they were intended for, which Opinion was immediatly Communicated to all the parties Nevertheless the said Geo: Klock partly by Artifices partly by Threats and Menaces imposed so far on some of the parties as to prevail on them to except of these defective Deeds but those of Superior understanding refused to do so and have now prevailed on the rest to enter into a Bond of £500 penalty to each other to contribute their Proportions of the expense that may attend the compelling the said Geo: Klock to give them a good and sufficient Deeds of Release for their respective Shares which to their great loss and detriment they have been kept out of for so many years thro the obstinacy of the said Geo: Klock. It is further necessary to observe thro length of time several of the Fifteen Original Patentees are dead whose Rights it is presumed are now in Minors Executors &c. it is therefore demanded —

Quere 1st. What is to be done respecting the Shares of those who are deceased and who it is [] have a Right to proceed in this business

Q. 2^d. What steps are to be taken by the Surviving Patentees for obtaining Good and sufficient Releases in the Law for their shares and weather they should proceed joyntly with their Heirs aforesaid or otherwise

Q 3^d. As the parties are well contented with the Survey and Division of the Lots as they now stand they are therefore unwilling to go to the Charge of dividing the same according to the act of Assembly more particularly as it would Occasion a general Confusion and alteration of these Lots have they not then sufficient Grounds to proceed against the said George Klock to compell him to execute good and sufficient Deeds without proceeding according to the said Act. And it is hoped that the fullest advice and direction will be given them as well in the

Premyses as in any other Matter for their Relief which the Ignorance of the Laws may have caused them to omit.

It does not appear from the Case whether the patent granted an Estate in Joint tenancy or Tenancy in Common — nor is it very clearly expressed whether by the Release to Clock he was thereby vested in the whole or only his separate and divided share the latter I take to be the Case — however In answer to the first Quere observe that such of the Original Patentees who dyed without making Wills and their Shares undisposed of in their life time each of their Heirs at Law if of lawfull age may proceed by bill in Equity to compell the Execution of deeds conformable to agreement those under age may get Guardians appointed for the purpose — In Cases where any of the Patentees have disposed of their rights by will the persons to whom such shares are divided must join in bringing the Bill if of lawfull age such of them as are interested under Wills and not of lawfull age may pursue the same method as above proposed

2^d. In answer to the second Quere — the Surviving Patentees must also resort to Equity for Relief as the Circumstances of the matters are and they can join in a bill with the Heirs devisees and representatives of such of the Patentees who are dead which will be less expensive or they may sever in their Suits

3^d. In answer to the third Quere — doubtless on the application of any one or more of the Patentees or partys concerned a Division may be made under the Partition act of Assembly but no Wonder the partys should be averse to [] sure from the expense consequent thereof and from the general Confusion it must [] as the allotments would probably throw an Intire new face on affairs and the Industry of one Man might fall into the hands of another less so and the old possessors be obliged to remove from their Farms and Improvements by the Change in a new division — still under all these hardships expenses and difficulties, the one method or the other must be followed Viz either a Chancery Suit or a division under the Act unless what I understood from S^r. William is actually the Case that M^r. Fry made a survey by order of the parties and for-

tunate for the injured parties if it is so tho it differs and seemingly contradict this Case as it is penned or stated for it is said that Klock's son was the Surveyor tho indeed they both might be for different if not for the same purposes —

If the Map of division made by Coll^o. Fry was made by him at the request of all the parties for the purposes of a division then pursuing the direction of the Act in that particular each of the parties and their legal Representatives will hold their Estates in severalty according to such division as effectually as if good releases had actually been drawn and executed — The Paragraph I allude to is in the words following of the division Act in 2 Book page 242

By it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every former division of Lands by Survey Ballot or otherwise of which there is a Map Note or Memorandum in writing specifying to whom the several divided parts belong under the Hands of the proprietors assenting to the same or under the Hand of their Agent or Surveyor shall for ever hereafter be deemed a partition thereof between such proprietors so consenting as Effectually to all intents and purposes as if the same had been made by deed or otherwise according to the due course of Law, provided always that such Map Note or Memorandum and Consent be duly proved before one of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the manner Deeds are now used to be proved in this Colony and a true Copy of such Map be filed and such Note or Memorandum recorded in the Secretarys Office or in the Clerks Office of that County where the greatest part of such Land lay at any time during the Continuance of this Act

On a reperusal of the Act I find it expired on the first of January one thousand seven hundred and Seventy and this Case not within the meaning of the proviso in the said Act still I would advise the same steps requisite to be taken in Order to warrant the recording of the Map as if the Act was in its full force [per] haps the Legislature in such a Case [] Interpose by reviving the Act to the [par]ticular

On further research I find that on the 31st December 1768 the said Acts was revived and continued until the first of January 1780¹

Copy.
State of a Case of
GEORGE KLOCK WILLIAM
NELLIS and sundry others

INDORSED:²

Mr. Silvesters Opinion
July 1772 relative
to Klocks Patent —

FROM WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 507, is listed a letter from Schenectady dated July 23, 1772, from Rev. William Andrews declaring resignation at failure to obtain the Johnstown mission and considering hardships of his present position (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:480; Q, 4:298).

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

Kinderhook 27th July 1772

[]

I returned last night from a Journey, immediately upon my coming home I received information that Col^o Rensselaer & his Son in law Col^o Schuyler had actually laid Lists of Militia Officers for this Quarter before his Excellency the Governor at Albany — The Person who has betrayd them was looked upon as a favourer of their designs, by this means our intelligence is so direct that we have no doubt but what we have heard is true. The Rensselaer Family were so sanguine that they assured our Informant that the Col^o had the Command of his Regiment for

¹ Note written in a different hand.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New-york July 28th: 1772.*

DEAR SIR,

I inclose an Extract of a Letter to me from Captain Turnbull² Commanding at Missilimakinac, and shall by first opportunity transmit you the Belt therein mentioned. Mr: Claus may possibly get something out of his Interpreter St: John,³ whom the Indian reports was present when St: Luc⁴ delivered the Belt. We have before Met with Things of this Nature, Sufficent to raise our Suspicions, but never able to bring any thing to Light. I was in hopes to have heard no more of French Intrigues, which have Subsided these two years past

I have heard Nothing from the Illinois Since the Middle of April; the Kikapous about forty in Number met Major Hamilton on his Way from Fort-Pitt, but either they were not ill disposed, or his Party too Strong to be attacked. They went begging to him for Rum and Ammunition, but attempted nothing against him. The Pouteatamies killed a soldier near to Fort Chartres early in Spring, and it was Said that hostile Partys of Kikapous and other Indians of the Ouabache were lurking in the Woods, to find an opportunity to do Mischief I hear from Missilimakinac that a Trader named Houtelaas Partner of Solomon & Chapman, by Character a drunken Fellow, was killed by a Chippewa between the great Carrying Place in Lake Superior and the farther End of the Lake in the Autumn. and Cap^t. Stephenson informs from the Detroit, that the Hurons will not deliver up the Indian who killed the Trader last Fall at Sandusky, saying they will wait to see what we do with Ramssey⁵ who killed the

¹ In Library of University of Pittsburgh.

² Captain George Turnbull — letter of May 28, 1772.

³ St Jean Russeau.

⁴ St Luc La Corne.

⁵ David Ramsey.

Messengers; and that it is our own Fault that Rum is carried amongst them.

I have received No other News concerning Indians from any of the Posts, but hope the Six Nation Deputys are returned by this time from Sioto and brought you Such Tidings as you wish and desire; that the Ohio may be navigated by our Traders without Fear or Apprehension of Danger. Governor Penn objects giving a Commission of the Peace to Mr: Mc:Kee for the District of Sioto, being out of his Jurisdiction; and Says he has already given him one for the County of Bedford. I have not had any answer yet from Lord Dunmore on the same Subject.

All was Peace and Harmony with the Southern Indians when I last heard, and I don't find that the Spaniards at New- Orleans gain any Influence over them, or that they take a great deal of Pains to gain their Affections; they appear desirous only to preserve Peace universaly. and as I hear of no Commotions from any of our Posts I hope all is as well in the Northern District.

I am With great Regards

Dear Sir

Your Most obedient

humble Servant^t.

THO^s. GAGE

SR: WM: JOHNSON Bar^t:

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

A. L. S.¹

King's College, July 29, 1772

WORTHY SIR,

The Bearer of this, Mr. De Wint, is a young Gentleman who received his Education in this College, & always sustained an unblemished Character. He has lately entered into the Druggist Business, keeps an Apothecary's Shop, & deals largely in that Branch. He goes to Your Parts to settle a Correspondence, &

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

solicit Business; & as You might possibly have Occasion to employ him in his Way, he requested a Letter of Introduction.

Some Time ago I wrote to You by Mr. Blagge Your Sheriff, & sent a Copy of the Indian Memorial, corrected, & as it went to England; also a Pamphlet relative to Bishops lately published. Since that I wrote to You again by Col. Fanning, & sent a Couple of Shirts for my Indian Godson, both which Packets, I hope, went safe.

Yesterday I received a Letter from Dr. Cooper, dated at London, the 5th. of last Month. The Doctor has succeeded in his Application to have the Quit Rents of a Township lately granted to the College, remitted for ever. He also had Expectations that this College would be constituted a University, & one or more Professorships established by the Crown.¹ This however, tho in a fair Train, cannot be effected before his Return to America, which I expect in a little Time.

Dr. Cooper has frequently urged to Lord Hillsborough the Expediency of doing something for the Indians agreeably to the plan contained in the *Memorial*; but could not inform me what Success it was likely to meet with. If Your Interposition & Recommendation of this Measure, & at a Juncture so favourable in every Respect for the Execution of it, will not prevail on Government to do what is so necessary in every View; I have no Expectation that any Thing will ever done² for the poor Indians. This Reflection often distresses me. But I will not despond yet; & I earnestly pray Heaven to inspire those, who have it in their Power, with an Inclination to forward a Scheme which would be productive of so many Benefits to the Community, such unspeakable Blessings to those benighted Heathens, & would so much advance the Redeemer's Kingdom & Honour.

Should Governor Tryon be at Johnson Hall when you receive this, be pleased to present my most respectful Compliments to His Excellency & to his Lady; & also inform them that I called

¹ See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:297-98.

² Omission in the original.

this Morning at His Excellency's House at the *Hill*, to see Miss Tryon who was perfectly well, in good Spirits, & desired her Duty might be presented to her Papa & Mama.

A Report has prevailed here that John Odeserundy¹ had wounded an Indian & a white Man with a Knife; the latter of whom it was thought could not live. I trust this Report is false. It would grieve me much that John should be concerned in such an affair; tho it is said he was greatly provoked by the White Man.

My best Compliments wait on Sir John, Col. Johnson & Col. Clause; & be assured You have the sincere Esteem & best Wishes of,

Worthy Sir,

Your most affectionate & humble Serv^t

CHARLES INGLIS

To SIR W^m JOHNSON, Bar^t.

INDORSED: July 29th. 1772

Mr. Inglis' Letter

☞ Mr. De Wint

FROM LEVI PAWLING²

A. L. S.³

Marbletown July y^e 30th. 1772

MOST HONOURABLE S^r. .

There is a report which prevails of late in the regiment I have the honor to Command, as Major, which makes many of the good People, belonging to the Regiment (and also many others) very Uneasy: Which is that they have heard, your Honour has been Petitioned, to make Intercession with his Excellency our

¹ A Mohawk chief. He was active in the war of the Revolution, and gave to an Indian settlement on the Bay of Quinte, Can., its name.

² Levi Pawling was Colonel of the Third Regiment of Ulster County militia in the Revolution.

³ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

Governour, to get John Dumont Coll: of the first regiment, in Ulster county, Andrew De Witt, Second, and Cornelius Wynkoop, Major, who will if so, Supersede Coll: Hardenbergh, Coll Hasbrouck, and Myself I have not the least Reason to think your Honor, will do any thing of the Kind. but least your Honor, may be imposed on, through the Means of Falsehood, I shall use the Freedom to Say, if those Gentlemen should be Commissioned, in the manner as is proposed, it will be a means of Subverting our Regiment, as all the Gentlemen, now in Commission will be Superseded, And I am almost Sure will lay down their Commissions: Your Honour may take it for Granted, that they are Men full of Pride, and Ambition, and in general much Disliked. I was with the Governor last Fall, for Commissions to fill up some Vacancies in the Regiment. His Excellency told me he was ready to Grant them, but as there was at that Time no Militia Law, Chose Rather to Refer the same, till he could get a Militia Law pass'd as that is now done,¹ We (the field Officers) do intend as Soon as possible to get all the Vacancies fill'd, and also to get Several new Companies made, as our Regiment is much increased since the last War. Your Honour will pardon my Freedom and admit me to desire your Answer and to Subscribe myself your most

Humb^l. Serv^t.

LEVI PAWLING

ADDRESSED: To

The Honourable

Sr: William Johnson Bar^t: &c

att Johnson Hall in Tryon County

These with care

INDORSED:² Marbletown July 30th. 1772

Major Pawlings Letter

¹ Passed March 24, 1772.

² In Johnson's hand.

INDIAN TRANSACTIONS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 507, are listed the following transactions with New York Indians at Johnson Hall from July 28th to August 1st: Governor William Tryon's speech to the Conajoharees (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:307-8); the same to the Mohocks (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:308-9); and proceedings as follows with the Conajoharees, Mohawks and Oneidas (for July 28-30 printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:304-10 in somewhat different order); speeches of Conajoharees asking Governor for redress against George Klock and Mr Colden; replies of Indians to speeches of Governor; speeches of and to the Oneidas; land purchases from the Oneidas; agreement with the Oneidas to extend colony boundary to the St Lawrence river.

AN ACCOUNT

D.

Cash &ca to the Mohocks July 31st. 1772

29 Bills at £10 ⁷ / ₈	£290..—..—
6 D ^o at 5 D ^o	30..—..—
1 D ^o	3..—..—
	<hr/>
	£323..—..—
4 Half Johs. 65 ^s Each	13..—..—
Palmer 2 Dollars	—..16..—
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His Excellcy	£336..16..—
The Gov ^r .	
250 Dollars (for Bergen)	100..—..—
140 Dollars from Glen	56..—..—
A Note from Mr. Fonda for	186.. 6..—
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	£679.. 2..—
A note of hand from Sr W Johnson payable in	
3 Months	1320..18..—
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	£2000.. 0.. 0

FROM OLIVER DE LANCEY

A. L. S.

Albany y^e 3^d Aug^t 1772

DEAR SIR

Inclosed I Send You one Hundred and Thirty Pounds, for My fifth of the Indian Purchase Made by Jelles Fonda Esq^r of Lands near Fort Stanwix in which I am Interested one fifth You^t be Pleased to Apply this Towards the Payment of the Note You were So Obliging to Give of £650 for the Whole and be so Kind as to Send me a Receipt for this Sum I am Just Ready to Sett of to New York when I shall [] be happy to be of Service to You or Yours I am

[]

D^r Sr

Your Most Obedient Serv^t

OLIVER DE LANCEY

To S^r W^m JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 3^d. August 1772

Oliver De Lancey Esq^{rs}.

Letter with Cash

Ansrd.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York Aug^t. 4th. 1772]

[]

I wrote you before I sett off []

[] I returned yesterday, & about two hours []

Mr. White arrived from Albany & deliver'd [] your

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Letter of 30 July — I am very happy [to] find Our Good Governer was well with you & liked the Country — I was detained a Week at least more than I expected, or I would have sett out & endeavoured to meet the Governer with you — I have sent by Skipper Ten Eyck as you desired Twenty Barrells of Pork, they ask £5. . 10. — for this Country Pork, which is so high, that I bought Irish Pork which I think is preferable, (without partiality) at £4. . 15 ⁷/₈ barrell — at foot is the Cost of y^e whole

I have likewise sent a Bundle & a Case or Baskett that came here for you, & a Box for Col^o. Claus, for whom I send a Letter inclosed. I suppose he is now in Canada or I would write to him — I have found no safe hand to send you some Cash yet, shall send you some first oppertunity, & you may draw as you have occasion — No News here. I am much hurry'd being Just come home & the Packett sails on Thursday. I am sorry for the Villanous Massacre of Indians that we see [] [] great deal of Trouble — Many [thanks to] you for the Care you take of my part of [] at Fort Stanwix — M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compl^{ts}. I am respectfully

Dr Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed^t. Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

20 Barrells Pork at 95/.....	£95..—
Carting to the Sloop.....	5
	<hr/>
	£95..5

Mr White desires his Compl^{ts}.

Pray make mine to all with you —

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

FROM SAMUEL BAKER

A. L. S.

[]m Johnson

London 5th. Aug^t. 1772.

SIR

The Intention of this is to acquaint you with my Resolution to Quit the American Business. It requires more Attention than my Future Views will permit me to Give & therefore I wish to Extricate myself entirely as Soon as possible. It may be a Convenience to you to have a Correspondent connected with America; if So I Shall be Ready to Serve you 'till you fix on One to your Mind, not with a View of Business but of Accomodating an Old Acquaintance of my late Father's. I have Received your Letter of 10th. May, will Present your Power of Attorney to the Bank, & the Dividends I may Receive by it, shall be Stated in your Account which I will Send to you by a Ship going to New York in about 10 Days.

I am for the Present with Great Regard

Sir

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

SAM^l. BAKER

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at Johnson Hall — Albany

New York

INDORSED:¹

London August 5th. 1772 —

Mr. Sam^l. Bakers letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WADE & KREUSER

A. L. S.¹*Osswigachey Aug^t. 5th: 1772*MY DEAR S^R. W^M.

We most Impatiently waiting at Niagara for the Honour of a Line from you In Answer to the Many Letters we done Ourselves the Honour of Writing to You, but receiveing no Answer and finding it would not Answer staying at Niagara which we would be Oblidged to have done, as we Could not go to Out posts, we Accepted of an Invitation which the back Indians gave Us to Come among them and are thus farr on Our Way In Company with M^r Hare, who Goes Along with Us. we are Under no Apprehension but we will meet with great Success please God we Live to get there. it being the Richest place for furr on the Communication, and the quietest Ind^{ns}. if we had not took this step we found we must sink money, Goods being as Cheap at Niagara, Detroit, Missilimackina as Down the Country. you may Depend on it that we will Act prudent & spare no pains to make Something and you shall allways find we will be punctual with Every One with whom we have Connexion particularly you, as farr as we possibly Can, when we get down the River we go up the Grand River & have 28 Carrying places to go Over. Our sincere Wishes to S^r. John & the Family & we hope you will believe us to be with the Greatest Gratitude

My Dear sir W^m.Your Most Oblidged & most Ob^t.

Hum servants

WADE & KREUSER

P. S. we will do Ourselves the Honour of Writing you from Montreal were we must go to buy Canoes

¹ In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.

& Stores, we have a fine Cargo
 which we Leave at the Mouth
 of the Grand River, we hope to meet
 with Captⁿ. Clause.

ADDRESSED: To

The Honourable
 Sir William Johnson Bart
 att
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Swegatchy 5th. Augst. 1772
 Ferrall Wades letter

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Aug^t. 6th. 1772

DEAR SIR,

I am favored with your Letter of the 28th ult^o. with the Inclosure, the contents of which may not be without good foundation, I own I have always been inclined from his Character & many other circumstances to entertain Suspicions of Monst^r. St Luc,² and you may recollect that in 1762 a little before the late Indian War, Major Gladwin then Comd^g at Fort W^m. Augustus transmitted to S^r Jeff. Amherst the particulars of Intelligence obtained in much the same manner from an Indian in whom he had great Confidence, wherein M^r. S^t Luc was mentioned to have been at the bottom of a plot then hatching, as also sev^l. other persons whose names with their whole proceedings were therein Mentioned, but it was never inquired into, & the War broke out soon after. I shall direct M^r Claus to endeavor to Sound S^t Jean,³ in such a manner as not to alarm him too much,

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² St Luc La Corne.

³ St Jean Russeau.

but when all is done, these Schemes are generally conducted with so much artifice & secrecy, and the parties so united in Sentiments thereon, that it is hardly possible to bring it to a Conviction.

The State of Affairs in Europe influences much on these Occasions, for It is pretty generally conjectured I believe that War is not far off, and none are more ready to give Credit to that opinion than the Ind^s. & French in Canada; to many of whom It would be highly agreable, & therefore the latter will leave nothing undone to prepare the Indians against such an Event. Cap^t Stephenson is come down from Detroit, what the Hurons said to him concerning the Murder at Sandusky shews their doubts of our Justice concerning the affair of [Ramsay,]² and I could wish that some method was fallen upon to [put it out] of their power to Complain of the Sale of Rum which is both [the] Cause of & in their opinion an Apology for Murder.—

The Six Nation Dep^ys are I hear on their way back & I am Likewise informed that Sev^l. Nations declined coming to the Congress at Scioto, on this subject I shall be enabled to write you more fully in a little time.—

The Governor is now here & has perfected the purchase of sev^l. Large Tracts of Land on the North Side of the Mohock River the property of the Mohocks & Oneidas, who with many White people &ca have been here for these 10 days past

His Excell^{cy} L^T GEN^l GAGE

INDORSED:

August 6th 1772 —

To Lieut Gen^l. Gage,
concern^g the Intelligence received
from Michilimackinac.

² Missing words supplied from original letter dated Aug. 7, 1772 in the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

TO THE EARL OF DUNMORE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Aug^t. 8th. 1772

MY LORD/

I received with great pleasure your Lordships Letter of the 8th of June by Alston the Catawba Indian as it gave me an Opportunity of hearing that you were well, & of paying my respects to you, which will always yield me much Satisfaction.

Gov^r. Tryon who has passed some days here & before whom Several Land purchases have been perfected, intends to take the Indian under his care to New York from whence I hope he will arrive Safe in his own Country, he seems to be a quiet discreet fellow, and I have given him some little presents.

Sir John, Col. Johnson &ca desire to present you their most respectfull Complements, and be assured that it will ever afford me Much pleasure to hear of your Lordships health & happiness as I am allways with Perfect Esteem,

My Lord,

Your Lordships

most Obed^t & very humble Serv^t

The R^t honble
the EARL OF DUNMORE.

INDORSED:

Aug^t 8th 1772.

To his Excell^y the R^t honble
the Earl of Dunmore
Gov^r General of Virginia.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Aug^t. 8th. 1772.*D^R S^R/

I was favored with your Letter of the 10th Ult^o by his Excell^{cy} the Gov^r. with whose agreeable Society for Some days past I have been much pleased as he is a most friendly & Candid disposition.

If you can give me a bill payable to M^r. John Blackburn Merch^t. in London for the Ammount, it will be most Agreeable, Col: Fanning will deliver you the 20^s you Mention as the Am^t. of postage

The Commotion has been full as great here as with you, on accot of the Sale of Patents, some of which with 40 Farms on them have Gone off for less than the price of One.—The Warning 'tis true was long given & repeated but the sale was huddled up with Surprizing Quickness & Secrecy, for there were scarcely no bidders.— I am however in hopes that some means may be fallen on for the relief of the Sufferers, but that should not make us lose sight of the necessary Care for those Patents who are to be next taken in hand and therefore I think you had best Settle with those at N York &ca who may have Concerns in Northampton that the Whole may be paid off, which shall be done whenever you inform me that the rest are ready with their Shares.—

Sir John & Col: Johnson desire to be very kindly remembered and I am allways

Dear Sir
&ca

The Hon^{ble} J WATTS Esq^r.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

INDORSED:

Augt 8th 1772.—

To the Honble Jn^o. Watts
Esq^r.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 8th August 1772

S:R

I had the Honor of writing You on the 26 Mar: since which have Recevd Your very polite & introductory Letter of 28 feby in favor of Mr Alex^r Ellice — I concurr with You in Sentiments of this Gentⁿ. & am happy in His acquaintance — He is now on a Tour to Scotland & proposes returning very early in the Spring — be assur'd I will Shew Him every Civility in my power on Your Account —

a few Weeks ago M^r Sam^l Wharton apply'd to Me for Two Hundred pounds on Your Acc^t. observing that this Sum was necessary to be paid to Him for Your Share in the Grant of Lands upon the Ohio River — I told Him that this or any other Sum of Money was at His disposal as soon as the Grant was pass'd, but I must first inform myself in what State the Grant was in before I could pay Him — & propos'd waiting upon Him in 4 days — He went away, but before the End of 4 Days I recevd a Note from Him acquainting Me that He had no occasion for this Money, as He had raisd it from some other of Your Friends — I acknowledge to You that this Note surprisd me not a little, but upon Enquiry found that the Grant was not in that State of Readiness as to require an imediate payment — for tho it had been consented to by Council Yet the Report was not recorded — & it now remains in the same Situation — I need not inform You of Lord Hillsborough's opposition to this Plan & if it be carried through of His Lordships resignation in conse-

quence of it — in my opinion the Grant will pass — & that Lord Hillsborough as well as many others of the Lords of Trade will resign —

I dont know any Gentⁿ better qualify'd to reason upon this Subject than Yourself & of its consequent Effects — as such shall not deliver my Sentiments — many Gentⁿ object to it as impolitical & anticomercial & big with danger to this Country as well as to America —

I thought it necessary to relate the Circumstance of Mr Whartons conversation with me upon this Matter lest it might be misrepresented for be assured that I am ready to advance 10 times that sum at any time when Your occasions May require it of me —

I am with much Respect

Sir

Your much obliged and

Very humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir W^m. Johnson Bart^t.
at Fort Johnson

near Albany

To the Care of Henry White Esq^t.
Merch^t.

New York

☞ Rose

Miller

Q D C

INDORSED:¹

London 8th. August 1772

Mr. Blackburns letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ROBERT ROGERS

L. S.

Spring Gardens at Charing Cross
Monday 10th August 1772 —

SIR

Having on my Way to Michilimakinak, in the Year 1766 been favored with Your Appointment to manage the Indian Affairs at that post; I request the Favor of You to certify that Appointment, as also the Allowance which the Commissary who succeeded me had P Year in order that I may be paid by Government for that Service — I am

Sir

Your most obedient, and
most humble Servant

ROBERT ROGERS

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹

London 10th. Augst. 1772

Roger's letter

DEPOSITION OF JOHN DE PEYSTER²

Contemporary Copy

[August 11, 1772]

[	³]
[Mo]hawke Indians []
called Ticonderoga did by and with []
and approbation of their whole Nat[ion]
used by them in all or most cases) apply []
Corporation of the said City to take []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² John De Peyster mayor of Albany 1729 and 1732.

³ Lines burned off.

them for one Thousand Acres of Low or Meadow [Land] lying at Ticonderoga aforesaid that thi[] with some others of the Corporation a Co[] appointed for that purpose in consiquen[ce] application of the Indians went to Ticonderoga and had a Deed made and Executed by the Indians in due form to the intire satisfaction of the Majority of the Mohawke Nation for the said One Thousand Acres of Land by which Deed the said Land was granted to the said Corporation in trust Nevertheless for the said Mohawke Indians so long as they should continue a Nation and be their settled and from and immediately after that the Remainder to the only proper Use and behoof of the said Corporation their Successors and Assigns for Ever. that this deponent after the Execution of the Deed aforesaid at the request and desire of the Corporation aforesaid kept the said Deed in his Possession untill on the twelfth day of September []¹

[]ponents attend []

[]said Indian Dee[d]

Ticonderoga aforesaid as he wanted to have a [] of it. That his deponent in Consequence []w]hich Message waited upon his Excellency with the said Deed and delivered the same to him (not doubting in the least but that his said Excellency [wo]uld return it again to this Deponent as soon as he had perused it for the Indians.) That after his said Excellency had perused the said Deed himself he gave it to Lawrence Clawsen then sworn Interpretor and ordered him to interpret the said Deed to the Indians then about six or seven in Number present. That after the Interpretation of the said Deed his said Excellency asked the Indians what they would have him do with the said Deed to which they replied his Excellency might do with it what he pleased, he might keep it in his own possession if he thought proper, which his Excellency declining told them they might do with it as they saw fit Whereupon the said Indians desired his said Excellency to return the said Deed to

¹ Lines burned off.

this Deponent to remain in this Deponents Custody and Care and at the same time desired to have a Copy of the Deed to preserve among themselves which this Deponent then [¹]
 that he should []
 it should be destroyed []
 ment (or words to that Effect) []
 replied that as he this Deponent []
 Corporation he hoped his Excellency []
 so honorable as to return it again to them []
 That Notwithstanding this Deponent made [use] of many more pressing Arguments with [his] Excellency to return the said Deed to him this [Depo]nent could not by any means prevail upon [his] said Excellency to return the same but instead his said Excellency gave the said Deed to one of the Indians named Arie making Signs and giving Directions at the same time to the said Indian to destroy the said Deed which the said Indian did by tearing the same to peices and throwing them in the fire in presence of his said Excellency several of his Majestys Council Dirk Ten Broek then Recorder of the said City of Albany and this Deponent Upon which this Deponent left his said Excellency much displeased and dissatisfyed and further this Deponent saith not.

JN^o DE PEYSTER

Sworn the 18th day of March }
 Anno Dom. 1769 — }
 Jacob C. Ten Eyck, Justice

And this Deponent being farther

[¹]
 [] & Children expresses []
 [¹]
 [] Deponent saith not.

JN^o DE PEYSTER

[Sworn the] day of }
 [] before me }
 [Jacob C.] Ten Eyck Justice

¹ Lines burned off.

INDORSED:

Deposition of John De
Peyster Esqr.
Copy —

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

Albany August 12th 1772

HONOURED SIR/

I have found the Certain place where Ticonderoga is, but not Crown Point Yet, it Cannot Possible differ above a Mile from Crown Point as it is laid down here, on this Little Map inclosed, which I had made for Coll: Johnson, When here, but he left this Place Before I had an opportunity to See him, being Confin'd My family All Sick.

Mr. Campbell is going out to Run the out Lines of the Purchase, and from the favours I have already Received of Your Honour, I have reason to beleive That You will Order as few Indians Along with Him, as will Answer the Purpose which will much Oblige

Honoured Sir

Your Most Obliged and
Very Humble Servant

EBEN^R. JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Jessups Letter
P Mr. Campbell

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ABRAHAM HASBROUCK

A. L. S.¹*Kingston August y^e 12th 1772*S^R

Here Is a Report Prevails That John Dumon, Andries T: Dewit, and Cornelius Winkoop Jun, Have applyed to you and Coll Broadstreet, to make Interest for them With his Excellency The Governor To obtain Commissions for them (To Wit) John Dumon for Coll Andries T: Dewit for Lt: Coll: and Cornelius Winkoop Jun for Major, of the first Regiment In Ulster County

I Being from home Some Time at my Country Seat at Guilford, and When I Returned home again Last Saturday, Severall of the Subaltern officers of our Regiment Came to me, and acquainted me of That Report, and Informed me that there Was Great uneasiness amongst The officers, and also amongst They Private men

In Case These Men Should be put In Commission, It Would Cause a Great Confusion in the Regiment, I Dont Think There Could be three other Persons Thought of In the Whole Regiment, Would be so Disagreeable as Those Gentlemen Named above, Who have applyed to you as Is Said to Reported

I should Take It as a favour If you Would be so Kind To make me answer on this Letter, If they have applyed to you or Not, that the Truth may be Known of That Report, that I may be able to Satisfy my officers under my Command, and You'll oblige Your Sincere friend and most Humble Servant to Command—

ABRAHAM HASBROUCK

To

S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Barronet
at Johnson's Hall
in the County of Tryon

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sr William Johnson Barronet
 at Johnsons Hall —
 In The County of Tryon
 With Care & Speed —

INDORSED:¹

August 12th. 1772 —

Co^l. Hasbroucks letter
 Ansrd.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²[Johnson hall Aug^t. 13th. 1772]

[]

Since my last I have had much Conversation with [Cap^t.] Stevenson on the affairs to the Westward from which he took occasion to point out his Inclination to prove himself of use in the Indian Department, or to improve the Friendship which the Indians to the Westward entertain for him or in short to embark in any thing else for which he was most fitting observing that he did not think himself longer Qualified for the discharge of Military duty, on this acco^t he earnestly Sollicitted me to represent to you that his deafness rather increases & that he is much afflicted with the Stone for which reasons only he is desirous of retiring on half pay, but apprehending that it may be at present difficult to meet with a Gentleman who would give him the regulated difference, he would chuse to resign his Company to any Officer you think proper, If it be agreable to you to give him some place equal to half pay & the Officer who succeeds the regulated difference and in hopes that such place can be Secured to him as his present Commission. he seems desirous of getting the Care of some post, as Fort Stanwix Ontario &ca at

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

any of which he is willing to reside & declares that it is not occasioned by any apprehension of being sent to the West Indies that he makes this request, but in consequence of resolutions long entered into founded on the Circumstances I first mentioned —

I really dont know how far I may consistently recommend his request, but as I have always understood that he was a Gentⁿ of good Character, I apprehend you will indulge me in Saying that [I believe if he was put into Some of the Posts he might likewise be of Use with the Indians, from the turn he has appeared to Shew for such Affairs which has produced]¹ A Confidence & Esteem on their parts that cannot [be acquired but] by those who study their manners & endeavor to please [them] [*that he might have been of Service at Detroit had he there longer expecially since the late affair that happened [at] Lake Erie as a proof of which the Indians in that quarter appear to have Esteem for Him*] & they gave him a belt of Wampum at parting as remembrance in token of their regard. [*I will take the Liberty farther to add that*]² I should by no means have presumed to give you this trouble did I not apprehend that he is deserving of recommendation on the Score I have mentioned, [*and therefore it will give me pleasure to hear that his request is not deemed unreasonable being willing to Serve him so far as I may Consistently*] but as the propriety of his proposal can only be decided by yourself; If the former is wrong, I hope you will attribute it to my inclination to Serve him, at his particular desire, without which I should not have taken this Liberty.

His Excell^y. LIEUT GEN^l. GAGE

INDORSED:

Aug^t. 13th 1772
To Genl Gage ☞
Cap^t Jas Stevenson

¹ Missing words supplied from the original letter in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

² Words italicized and inclosed in brackets are crossed out in the manuscript draft.

FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 14th August 1772

SIR/

We received Your favour of 7th Inst directed to our H. W. who is at present in the Country — the bill on Mr. Isaac Low for £113 is paid & the one on Mr. Leifarts he will pay in a few days your Acco^t will have Cred^t. for bouth—we have agreeable to your desire purchased Six Quarter Casks of Choice Lisbon Wine which we Send you by Skiper Jacob Lansing we Deb^t. you for the Cost & Carting £54:3:0 — we have also Sent you by Jacob Lansing a bundle Containing one thousand Pounds York Currency which Lansing is to deliver to Mr John Monner without any Charge to you — we are with much respect

Sir

Your most obed^t. Serv^{ts}.HUGH & ALEX^R. WALLACE

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bart
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹August 14th 1772 —

 Hugh & Alex^r. Wallace

FROM SAMUEL BAKER

A. L. S.

London 14th. August 1772

SIR

I Confirm the Above² to be Copy of my Last, Since which I have made Use of your Power of Attorney, & have Rec^d.

¹ In Johnson's hand.
² The letter of August 5, 1771.

three year's Dividends on your £2600 Consold. 3 p Ct Ann^s which you will see Stated in your Acco^t. Current forwarded with this; also the Balance of your Acco^t. with Sr W^m. Baker £1100:8:3 Stlg which his Executors have paid to [me] & I have disposed of by Purchasing Fourteen hundred Pounds more Stock in Consold. 3 p Cent Annuities as the Account will Shew— There is Still in my hands £107:12:5 Stl^s Balance due to you which I thought you might have occasion for by Bill of Exchange or other Convenience.—You have now £4000 Stock in your name, & My opinion is that you Cannot have your money more Securely Vested; There is very little difference in the Funds; Government is the Security of them All, and they therefore Rise & fall Together. If we may Judge from few years past & the Present General Report, We have no Chance of any Great Alteration.—

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

SAM^l. BAKER

£ 4000 Stock ¹ — from 5 th . July	
1772 to D ^o . 1773	
2600 of which from 5 th . July 1772	
to D ^o . 1773.....	£ 78...--
1400 of D ^o . from August 14 th .	
1772 to D ^o . D ^o	42...--
4000	£ 120...--
Ball: in M ^r . Bakers Hands of mine — £ 107..12..5	
wh. I have also ordered with y ^e . Dividends as they	
become due, to purchase Stock in y ^e . 3 p Ct. C ^d . Funds—	

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart
 At Johnson Hall
 Albany

¹ The statement from this point is in Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹London 5th. August 1772

Mr. Sam^l. & W^m. Bakers letterAns^d. 23^d. Janr^y. 1773

FROM SAMUEL BAKER

A. L. S.²*London 14th. Aug^t. 1772.*S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

SIR

According to your Desire to M^r. S: Baker of having a State of all your Concerns With us and him. We now forward your Account Current with S^r. W^m. Baker. We make the Balance of it £1100. .8. .3 & have this day paid to M^r S. Baker

We

are

Sir

Your most Obed^t. Serv^{ts}.For.—Will^m. Rich^d. & S. BakerSAM^L. BAKER

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at Johnson Hall

Albany

INDORSED:¹London 14th. August 1772

Mr. Bakers letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.² The New York State Library has a signed copy of this letter sent "to Capt Banyan," and indorsed by Johnson, August 14, 1772.

SAMUEL BAKERS ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

Dr Sir William Johnson Bart in Account with

1772 Aug ^t 14	To Cash paid for £1400 Consolidated 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Bank Annuity					1771 Dec ^r 16	By Daniel Claus's Bill on Samuel Baker	£25	
	Transferr'd into your name at 88 $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent £1240..15					1772 Aug 7	By 3 Years dividends due 5 July 1772 on £2600 consolidated 3 pCent Bank Annuity.	234	
	Commission $\frac{1}{2}$ pCent £7.. - Brokerage $\frac{1}{8}$ pCent..1..15	8..15	£1249	10		14	By Cash receiv'd of Sir William Baker's Executors the Balance of Account due from them to you	1100	8 3
	To Commission $\frac{1}{2}$ pCent Receiving £234 dividends & £25 Bill		2	5 10 ¹				£1359	8 3
	To Balance carried to Your Credit in a New Account	107	12	5					
	£1359	8	3						
			Errors Excepted London Aug ^t . 1772.						
			SAM ^L . BAKER						

INDORSED:²

London 14th August 1772

Mr. Bakers Acc^t.

¹ Amount should be £1..5..10

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH¹

A. L. S.

[*Whitehall August 14, 1772*]

[]

The King having [] me to be One of His Majesty's [] and to commit to my Care the [] Business as relates to His Majesty's [] earliest Opportunity of acquainting you.

It will give me great Satisfaction [to] fulfil His Majesty's gracious Intentions in [] Appointment, and as it is His Majesty's [] that your Dispatches should, for the future, be [] to me, I shall not fail to lay them immediately [] the King, and to transmit to you such Orders [as] His Majesty shall think fit to give thereupon.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant

DARTMOUTH

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

[*Albany August 15th 1772*]

HONOURED SIR/

I Recived Your favour of yesterdays Date acquainting me that M^r Campbell Had Applied For the Indians to Attend the Survey, and Also Desired to Be Permitted to Run the Mistaken

¹ In August 1772 Lord Dartmouth succeeded Lord Hillsborough as Secretary of State for the Colonies and President of the Board of Trade and Foreign Plantations in Lord North's administration. He retained these posts until November 1775, when he was appointed Lord Privy Seal.

Line to the Southwest of the Real Corner of Schuylers Patent &c—

It Always was my intention to Adhear invariably to the Agreement Made with the Indians, in Respect Of the Place of beginning at the North West Corner of North Hampton, and that that Place should Be fixed by Your direction alone

The Map I sent by M^r Campbell was chiefly to Shew How far north, ten Miles North of Crown Point Would be, and at the Same time to Shew What a Large Quantity would be Contained in the Purchase though I should Have been Very Glad if it had been began Right at first

I told M^r Campbell Always, he must begin at the North West Corner of North Hampton, by your Direction, and Where You'll please to fix his Place of beginning [] North West Corner of North Hampton Will be Most Agreeable to me — the Expençe of Surveying new lines Will be Considerable, I belive the Indians was shewn On the Map about half or three Quarters of A mile west of the River, for the S^d. N. W. corner of N. Hampton, and I believe they would not be Deceived by About that Distance from the River for their Place of beginning

And if Your Honour was to take two or Three thousand Acres of Land Along next Above North Hampton as we was talking then I Doubt not but It would be As Agreeable to M^r Banyar as to have it Himself — And the Indians Not in the Least Deceived in the Quantity Neither — and then it Would Save me a Deal of Expences — but as I Said before The Place Which You'll Please to Give to M^r Campbell For beginning is Most Agreeable to Honoured Sir,

Your Most Obliged and Very Humble Servant

EBEN^R JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Should be Obliged to You Sir to Let me Know the Place You'll Please to Direct him to begin, as I have Given Him Orders to Act Accordingly, and also if You incline to take them two or three Thousand Acres As above that I may Acquaint

Mr Banyar &c What Your Honour Does in it; And What is to be Done by Your Humble Serv^t

E. J.

INDORSED:¹

August 15th. 1772

Mr. Jessups Letter —
concern^g. y^e. Survey —
Agreed to run Palmers
Line on y^e. Eastermost
of y^e. 2 lines w^h. were run

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 20th Aug^t. 1772

DEAR SIR

The Bearer Mr. Edward Nicholas of Bristol, is verry warmly recomended to severell Gentlemen here, he purposes (as it's now the fashionable Tour) to view the Falls of Niagara, & would not chuse to pass Johnson Hall, without paying his respects to you. I beg leave to introduce him to your Acquaintance & Friendship, His Meritt & good Sence will recomend him more than anything I can say, & will be the best Apology for my troubling you, I am always respectfully

Dr Sir Your most Obed^t Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t

A PETITION TO GOVERNOR TRYON

A petition to Governor William Tryon, signed by Johnson and more than fifty others, dated August 21, 1772, was sold at Henkel's auction rooms in Philadelphia, Pa., on April 27th, 1900. Present owner is unknown.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.¹*Albany 22^d. August 1772.*

SIR

I have now in my Cellar Six Quarter Casks of Lisbon Wine for you, sent to my care by Hugh & Alexander Wallace, also One paper Bundle Containing One thousand pounds which I am desired to keep in my hands untill I have your Orders respecting the same.

I am Respectfully

Sir

Your very hu Servant

JN^o. MONIERE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 26th Aug^t 1772

DEAR SIR

I hope you have recd the Cash £2000 & the Wine sent you the 14th Inst.

I have your favours 7th & 12th Ins^t. & am happy at the Accto^t the Governor gives me of your good health. He sounds your praise loudly, & says he is much indebted for your Civility —

I have bespoke the Gudge Plates for your Mill, they will be done in a day or two, & Shall be forwarded imediately — & so shall the Glass, Paint &c—& the rum—I am in doubt whether I shall have the pleasure of seeing you this Fall or not. I will if I can — Nothing new here — My Compl^{ts} to all y^r. Family & believe me I am most sincerely

D^r SirY^r. obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 Johnson Hall
 Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

August 26th. 1772

Mr. Wallaces letter

TO CHARLES INGLIS

*Df.*²*Johnson hall Augt 27th. 1772*

GOOD SIR,

I am now (tho' late) to acknowledge your 3 favors the last of which was of the 29th ult^o. by Mr. De Wint, an Agreeable Young Gentleman who made me a short visit,— Col Fanning who is a Worthy Good Man delivered me the last but one of yours & I have given the Shirts to your Godson, whose family seem impressed with the Strongest Sentiments of Regard for your Attention which the Father has requested me to express to you, and I imagine it may not be difficult hereafter to procure his accordation that the son may be Educated for the purposes you Mention.—

I am very Glad to hear that our Friend Dr. Cooper has effected so much for the Colledge &ca and that the Students increase under your Superintendency, which I look on as a Matter of much Consequence to the Church, I should be very happy to hear that the Doctors Success was equal in the other Matters, relative to the Indians, Or that there was a greater hope of the Establishm^t. of an Episcopate, tho' I fear this must be

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; in Guy Johnson's handwriting.

reserved for better times, if we are like to have such;— The Copy of the Memorial¹ you were so kind as to send me is very agreeable & I thank you also for the address to the Episcopalians of Virginia, which is a Spirited piece & I wish it success, but I fancy those to whom it is addressed are lukewarm Church Men, & too fond of Independency to Relish Superiors.—

The Agreeable society of the Gov^r. & his Lady pleased me Much, the former staid with me about a fortnight, & is a Worthy Gentleman of much Candor & Affability; we Visited the Mohocks together and attended Divine service there, with which he seemed much pleased;— The Murder of the Missisagas by the Trader would have proved of imediate Ill Consequence, but for my Interposition, It is not however yet forgotten, but it was not likely to have produced the Attack on my house which I hear was propagated; I am nevertheless much Obligated to you for The Concern it gave you whilst the Report prevailed.

I have been obliged to lock my door against some Indians who wait to Speak with me, till I Write these few Lines, so that I can only add at present that I am with true Esteem & Hearty Wishes for your Happiness,

Dr Sr.

Col: Claus is in Canada,
Sr John & Col. Johnson desire
to be most kindly remembered.

P. S. The Rev^d. Mr. Mosely an Eng^{sh}. Gentⁿ. who was formerly a Chaplain in the fleet & since at a Mission at Pomfret, has been recommended to me & agreed with to Supply Johnstown, you will oblige me by Communicating this to Dr Auchmuty, with my Compliments, to prevent sending any other up.

The REV^d. MR INGLIS

INDORSED: Aug^t 27th. 1772

To the Rev^d. Mr. Inglis

¹ See *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:1091–1117; Q, 4:661–75.

FROM SHAW & LONG

A. L. S.

New York 2th Sep^r 1772

SIR

According to your desire to our Ja^s. Long when at the Hall, we send you 8 Q^r. Casks of Lisbon Wine per Capⁿ. Peter Vanbergen, which we have been very perticular in the Choice of, & make not the least doubt they will give Satisfaction, y^r. Compliments to M^r. John Long were delivered, which makes him very happy, that you are pleased to remember him, & in return he request[s] us to present you with his best respects, having not to add but that at all times we shall be happy in receiving the Honour of y^r. Commands when you may depend, they shall be observed with the greatest Punctuality & Dispatch being very Respectfully

Sir

Your most Obed^t. & Hum^{le}.

Serv^{ts}.

SHAW. &. LONG

The Hon^{le} SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bart
Johnsons Hall

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{le} Sir William Johnson
Bart
at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹ 7^{br}. 2^d. 1772

Shaw & Longs Letter
with an Acc^{tt}.

Ansrd. and Paid by Bill
on M^r. Barrow —

Albany Sept^r. 9, 1772.

Rec^d. & forwarded by Sir

Your very hb^{le} Ser^t.

DAVID EDGAN

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall Sept^r. 2^d. 1772*
[*Completed Sept 16th*]

[DEAR SIR]

Two days since Messengers arrived here from Onondaga to Acquaint me that the Deputies of the Six Nations are returned, and to Report that after having in vain waited a Considerable time for the Wawiaghtonos, Kickapous &ca to meet at the place appointed and at length hearing that these Nations would not see them on account of the Conduct of the Six Nations & Cherokees towards them last Spring they (the Deputies) were constrained to leave their Belts & Embassy in the hands of the Shawanese, who on their parts assured them that every thing thereby directed should be faithfully related to those Nations and that they should have due intelligence thereof:—I have also received a Letter from Mr. M^c Kee the Agent who is Just returned to Fort Pitt and reports that the Six Nations & Cherokees having killed 6 of these Southⁿ. Ind^{ns}. last Spring was the reason they would not attend; That the Chief of the Shawanese with a few more were going as they gave out to one of the Nations at the Misisipi to find out by whom a large black belt they had received was sent, but It is conjectured that his errand is to New Orleans for some bad purpose: what Creates more Suspicion is that as Soon as the Six Nation Deputies left Scioto on their return home, a Friendly Hunt was proposed by the rest to be held this Autumn at the falls of Ohio, which being agreed to, Runners were dispatched to the Cherokees & Wabash Indians to Invite them and that [Several Parties were already set out upon the]² hunt. I find Likewise from one of the [Deputies who has been] with me, that there appeared a Good

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Missing words supplied from the original letter in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

deal of [Disingenuity in the] Conduct of the Indians at Scioto, and that they [cut out little] Embassys for the 6 Nation Deputies during whose absence they held private Consultations, which the Deputies since discovered.

Sept^r. 16th.— I had wrote thus far when a Severe return of my [Disorder] attacked me with much Violence, and Since partly thro a desire to receive farther particulars as well as from the Hurry occasioned by the Arrival of a good deal of Company, I postponed my Letter.

I am since assured by the Indians that 13 belts in consequence of those delivered to the Shawnaese have been given to the Hurons of Detroit &ca who have spoke to the Ottawas, Powtewatamies & Chipeweighs thereon, expressing their purport to see that the Peace should be general, with threats against those who sho^d. attempt to disturb the public Tranquillity; and for the final determination of all these matters, desiring that Deputys from these Nations sho^d. go to the Meeting to the Southward by the Time the Corn began to ripen, and by Advices I have Just rec^d. from Mr. Maisonville I find that they have sent from Ouatonon to Riviere a L'anguille, Coeur de Cerf, Vermillion, Riv^{re}. aux Iroquois, Porte Vincent, St Joseph &ca, to Consult all these People & Call them together thereon, so that we must Wait the result of that Meeting for more particular Information. But My opinion (which is partly founded on what the [Six Nation Deputies] suggest) is that the Majority of these Nations Mean only a General peace amongst themselves & a strict Union which cannot bode any [good] to us: I have Just been favored with your Letter of the [7th. Inst. and can say little on the Affair of Mr. St. Luc but that I dont think any Argument drawn from] his fidelity to his former Sovereign will [amount to a proof] of his Attachment to a Government which even [Obligations] may not render so agreeable as that under which he was bred. [I wish] I could find out the real purport of the Belt, which would determine the Matter — And if the Belt itself was sent to me I might possibly be able to trace it out —

I am Sensible of the Expence & Difficulty attending the keeping up a Post at the Illinois, at the same time I wish that Some of our Enemies may Not be more at Liberty on the removal of the Troops, but this is a private Thought which I must beg your indulgence of.— I shall take care to put these Matters on the best footing I can by representing it to the Indians in such a Light as may appear favorable to us —

I am much obliged by your reception of what I mentioned concerning Cap^t. Stephenson, whose Case as Stated to me appeared sufficient to Justify the Liberty I took. As nothing offers in your power in the way he wished, I am at a loss what farther to say about it, because there is nothing in my way to offer him that would Amount to an Equivalent for his Commission — Your Consideration of Cap^t M^c Leods circumstances is very humane; & I shall let him know it; he is a Worthy Man, who stands in Need of Assistance, & would doubtless meet with yours if in your power at present.

His Excell^{cy}

LIEUT GEN^l GAGE

INDORSED:

Sept^r. 2^d. 1772 —

To his Excell^y Lieut General Gage.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

[]

London 2^d Sept 1772

Foregoing is a Copy of my last¹ since which am without any of your agreeable Letters — Lord Hillsborough has resign'd & Lord Dartmouth succeeds Him — this affair of the Grant² makes some noise & will be the occasion of no small Bustle in Parliament. I can easily foresee that Opposition will take it up with a

¹ Blackburn's letter to Johnson, August 8, 1772.

² The Walpole Grant.

very high Hand & endeavour to paint the Proprietors, consisting of Many Noble Lords & all the Secretaries in office, in Colours of no agreeable Hue — the Grant in my opinion will pass & I hope prove of mutual Benefit to America & this Country —

The appearance of War was great in Your Post, owing to the Hostile preparations — I conjecture there was some design against St Croix which expedition would certainly have taken place if Denmark had not acceded to our Measures. I often wish for the Honor of corresponding with You upon the Subject of Business & hope You will shortly favor me with that opportunity — I beg my best Respects to Sir John & am

Sir

Your much obliged & very
Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹

London [] 1772

Mr. Blackburns letter

FROM LORD DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 509, is entered a letter of September 2d from Dartmouth, at Whitehall,² declaring his Majesty's purpose that a settlement shall be made on the lands purchased of the Six Nations in 1768 (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:311).

FROM CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.³

Kinderhook 2^d September 1772

SIR

I have long since flattered myself with hopes that I should not have had any occasion to have given you fresh trouble upon the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Hillsborough was succeeded on August 4th by Dartmouth, "a man superior both in talent and in temper," Lord Mahon writes.

³ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

Subject of our Militia Affairs.— But it Seems that the opponants to the interest of this Township are so fertile in their invention that as soon as one difficulty is removed an other is started — I realy thought that the merits of the Several Petitions presented to Government had been So well considered and digested that Slight Suggestions (of those who had so manifestedly abused favours of Government) would have had no weight.— There has I am told, while the Governor was at Albany, a Petition been presented to him from several of our People expressing their Disapprobation of the present division Lines of the Districts — As you Sir have been pleased to adopt measures with a view to give Satisfaction to the Majority of the People; I now repeat that Your recommendations in favour of the present establishment have had that effect and have so still, Coll. Vosburgh and four or five others of this Township, Men who have the Welfare of the Place at heart will pay their Respects to you Sir and I trust will intirely Satisfy You of the Propriety of what has been recommended to your patronage. When that is done I flatter myself with the continuance of your Obliging Countenance and protection of measures in this quarter that have a Tendency to give Security and Satisfaction to the People in General.

I am with very Great Respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient
and Most Obliged Servant

CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK

INDORSED:¹

Kinderhook 2^d. 7^{br}. 1772

Col. Vanschaacks letter
☞ Sundry Persons —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

HUGH WALLACE'S ACCOUNT

D. S.

[] Sir W^m Johnson by Cor^s Van Sanford to
[the Care] of Jn^o Monier Esq^r [Albany] Viz^t

[]heads of N York Rum Cont ^s . 235	
Gall ^s @ 2/6.....	£29.. 7.. 6
[] of Glass 11 by 9.....@ 76/.....	15.. 4.. -
[] 12 by 10.....@ 95/.....	2.. 7.. 6
[] 9 by 7.....@ 66/.....	3.. 6.. -
4 Kegs White Lead Ground in Oyle weigh'd } 2 ^c .0.24 ^{lb} .....a 74/8 ⌘ 6..... }	8.. 5.. 4
20 Gall ^s Oyle.....a 6/6 & Cask.....	6..14.. 6
2 Gudgeons, weigh'd 1 ^c ..2..14 ^{lb} ..a 28/...	2.. 5.. 6
1 Cask Nails wt. 342 ^{lb}a 8 ^d ...	11.. 8.. -
Carting to the Sloop.....	0.. 8.. -
1 ^c ..2..12 ^{lb} Whiting & Cask.....	1.. 2.. 6
	<hr/>
	£80.. 8..10
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Errors Excepted New York 3 Sep^r. 1772 —

HUGH WALLACE

INDORSED:¹

7^{br}. 3^d. 1772 —

Hugh Wallace Esq^{rs}. Acc^t.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 4th. Sep^r. 1772

SIR

Inclosed is the Acco^t. of the severall things you ordered Amo^t
to £80..8..10

¹ In Johnson's hand.

You desire a Cask of Flooring Nails but dont write what Size, & there are different Sizes — so please lett me know the Size you want, that they may be sent — I send by the Bearer Mr Ramadge The Deed for the 1000 Acres of Land at Adigo. it ought to have been sent long ago, hope youll excuse its being delayed, I realy had forgot it

Nothing new here of any Sort

I am D Sir

Yr. Obliged & Obed^t Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New york Sep^t. 7th. 1772

DEAR SIR,

Since your Favor of the 7th: Ul^{mo}: I have received a Letter from Mons^r: de s^t: Luc inclosing one to him from Cap^t: Turnbull on the Subject of the Belt. He is high on these Matters, and nettled that Cap^t: Turnbull should give Ear to Storys of the kind Says he was faithfull to his former Sovereign and owes the same Fidelity to his present sovereign; from whom, and the British Nation he has received Obligations and the best usages. There was certainly a Belt as the Indian declares, given by him. It is to be asked what was the Meaning of said Belt? and on what account was it given?

Cap^t: Stephenson delivered me your Letter of the 12th: relative to his Affairs, to which I wish I could give him an Answer equal to his wishes. He is a very good Man and I believe would do very well at any of the Posts; but it's out of my Power to give him, and much less to promise him the Con-

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

tinuance of any Employment that he requires to enable him to live after selling his Commission. The Care of Fort Stanwix is at an End, and that of Fort ontario will probably last but a short time longer. I have had a Letter from Cap^t: M^c:Leod on the subject of assisiting him which I should willingly have done, and had it been in my Power, should have done it prior to Cap^t: Stephenson's Application, and indeed I fear he stands most in need of Assisstance. I have neglected answering his Letter in the hopes some small Matter might offer to his advantage, but in truth I see now little likelihood of it.

Fort Chartres is razed,¹ and a Detachment of Fifty men left at Kaskaskies² where an unlucky Quarrell happened with our Friends the Chickesaws. They were riotous in a Traders store seizing and demolishing what they could lay their hands upon, and a Party from the guard turned them out, and staid to Guard the store. The Indians, all Chikesaws, assembled to the Number of Fifteen, and fired into the Windows for some time and at length killed a Servant, when the Soldiers returned the Fire, killed two and wounded three.

I am to acquaint you that Fort Pitt is now ordered to be abandoned, and the Troops Artillery and stores brought down to Philadelphia. It may be proper to inform the Indians of such an Event, on which account, I mention it to you. I have directed the Commanding officer to make an offer to M^r: Croghan of living in some of the Buildings, which may be of use to him.

I hope the Messengers sent to Sioto have brought such Tidings as will be agreeable to you and the Confederacy.

The Indians about Detroit and Niagara shew a good deal of Resentment at the Murders committed by Ramsay. Major Etherington informs me he is a Prisoner at Montreal, but proper Evidences may be wanted to condemn him. I am trying all I can to get Evidence, for if what is related concerning his Cruelty

¹ Destroyed by orders from General Gage, because the ravages of the Mississippi river threatened its security.

² Where Fort Gage was situated.

is true no wretch ever more deserved the Gallows. I am with great Regard.

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: WM: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: 7^{br}. 7th. 1772 —

Gen^l. Gages letter

JOHNSON'S ORDER TO MESSRS WALLACE

A. Df.

[*Johnson Hall Sept^r 11th 1772*]

sent to M ^{rs} Wallace []
2 pipes of Maderia Wine.....	[]
2 D ^o . of best Teneriff.....	[]
1 D ^o . of best Lisbon.....	[]
1 D ^o . of red Port.....	4	
		<hr/>
	£ 236..	[]
2 Hogs ^{ds} . of Jaimaca Rum.....	50..—..—	
2 D ^o . Common Rum	30..—..—	
8 th . Tea 4 ☞.....	5..12..—	
6 th . Shusong Tea	6..—..—	
6 th . best green D ^o . 30 ^s ☞.....	9..—..—	
5 Ct. Loaf Sugar.....	25..—..—	
3 barrels Muscavado Sugar.....	15..13..—	
4 Boxes Candles	18..—..—	
20 Bushels of Salt.....	3..—..—	
14 th . pepper & Alspice.....	2..10..—	
1 th . Cinnamon, 1 th . Nutmegs, Cloves & Mace.	10..—..—	
Raisins of the Sun.....	5..—..—	
	<hr/>	
	£ 415..15..—	

28th. Coffe;— & 50th Chacolite 14.. 5..—
 2 Barrels Vinegar
 10 Barrels best Scyder
 6 Barrels of Lispernards Beer 3 at 30^s & 3 at 40^s ☞ —

INDORSED:¹

List of Stores Sent for
 7^{br} 11th. 1772 —

FROM JAMES SMITH

A. L. S.

[*Rhinebeck at the Hook Sept^r 14th 1772*]

[]

I Have [] Martin Huffman []
 There is No Commanding [] North Batalion of
 S^d. Cou[nty except Peteros] Tenbrook Who Now holds the
 [office of] Leftenont Coll^o. it Seams Des[irable] The inhaba-
 tons of Said County [] Should have the Command
 in Ch[] Coll Your Honor Will Te[ak this] in to
 Considoration and apynt S[ome] Man that would Be more
 agreabal For that Important office as he seams to be Disagreabal

Sir/ I Expect your Voyce with his Exelancey — Will
 Carrey the poynt — There is a Young Gentelman Son of the
 Deceased Coll Martin Huffman: Which is Liked by Every
 one all most in said County Which is thout to be a Verry Fitt
 man Viz M^r Antoney Huffman Esq^r.

Sir/ Excuse My Boldness to write to Your Honor upon this
 ocaasion — But it Seams that Sum people is Striving to Git the
 Commison for Ten brook — which is Disagreabal to the North
 part of the County in General — Sir Excuse heast

Your assured Frind

JAMES SMITH

To the write Honorabal SIR
 WILLIAM JONSON Baronete

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Jonson
 Baronot

INDORSED:¹

Dutchess County 7^{br}. 14th. 1772

Mr. James Smiths letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York Sept. 16th 1772]

[]

[]²
 from you for some []
 had deliverd you the Deeds []
 Lands, & that you got the L []
 by Lansing — Some days ago []
 this on a Visitt to you, some Gent []
 from S^o. Carolina — One of them Mr David Deas is particu-
 larly recomended to me & is a very worthy honest Man. I
 intended to have wrote you by him, but he went off in a hurry.
 I am sure he will Meet your usuall Hospitality & Civility, so
 my Letter will be no Loss to him —

Being at Our Governor's two days ago, a Letter was
 brought him by Mr Wickham the Lawyer, who said he did
 not know the Contents, but was desired to deliver it—
 I got sight of it, & found it from one *Westbrook*, that lives
 at *Minisink* — proposing to bring down the Delaware
 Indians to wait on the Governor, who he says went to see him
 I [] which []
 [] him to write to Mr []

¹ In Johnson's hand.² Lines burned off.

[] that he would see no Indian []
 [] from them, by thro you — & that []
 [] must apply to you, as he could not []
 or hear them — this I thought was the best way to answer such
 a Letter. I hope it will be agreable to you. I thought proper
 to mention this Matter to you, youll make the proper use of it,
 without mentioning my Name — I send this day a Box of Fish
 to Albany for you it came from Boston, from Mr Winthorp of
 Cape Ann, a Son of Mr Jn^o. S. Winthorp of New London.
 No News here of any Sort, the Packett, & Severall London
 Ships are hourly expected — M^{rs}. Wallace Joyns me in best
 respects to you & Family

I am with great regard

Dr Sir

Y^r obliged & obed^t Servt

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.
 Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To -
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 Johnson Hall
 Albany

FROM THE MARINE SOCIETY

A. L. S.

New York Sept^r. 22^d. 1772

[]
 []
 distressed naturally []¹⁾
 humane, the Marine Society of []
 ed for that Important purpose cannot []

¹ Lines burned off.

forget such a Character as Sir William Johnson []
 soliciting the Patronage of a Gentleman, who has long [been an]
 ornament to this Country, and more than once, under the []
 of Providence, its Defender. It is from Persons thus []
 and distinguished that benevolent Institutions, in all Times []
 have received effectual Support; and such Persons are they who
 most frequently enjoy the sublime Pleasure, which is reflected
 from that bestowed on another. To increase their own Con-
 sideration, and to have an Opportunity of expressing their
 respectful Sentiments of you, Sir, the Marine Society, at their
 last Meeting unanimously elected you a Member of their Corpo-
 ration, and they have now to Request you will be pleased to
 Approve of their having done themselves this Honour, by
 accepting the Testimonial of your Election, and a Copy of their
 Charter.

By Order of the Committee

ANTHONY GRIFFITHS Secy.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}: Sir William Johnson Bart

INDORSED:¹

N. York 7^{br}. 22th. 1772

Letter from a Committee
 of the Marine Society —
 Ansrd.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York Sept^r. 23^d. 1772*]

[]

[

have the sundry Articles [

²]

]

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

Sent up, & you may depend []
 all of the best kind & bought []
 I am pleased to hear such []
 of the regularity of your Courts, []
 Verplank are returned, they express []
 gratitude for your Civility to them —

I hope the Nails sent up will answer. they are exactly such as you now describe. We have severall London ships arrived, & Letters to 27th July — little News —

Our Governer has been ill some days its ended in a fitt of the Gout, which hope will sett all right. There are no Servants arrived here yet, but some expected. I have wrote to Philad^a. & shall get you a Gardner if possible. Exchange on London 72½ pCt. I think it may be 75 before the End of Octo^r. after that its likely to be less.

We have had verry wett stormey Weather for some days past. Its now a little better. I am glad to find Sir John []
 []¹

Y^r. most obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t.

AN ACCOUNT OF PAY

D. S.²

Account of the Pay of Sir William Johnson Bar^t. and the Officers under him, in the Indian Department, for the Northern District of North America for half a Year from 25th: March to 24th: Sept^r: 1772

To my own Salary to the 25th: Sept^r:
 1772 £857: 2: 10²/₇

¹ Lines burned off.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 36, London, England.

to forward you the Inclosed []
 Box with your Freedom of s^d Corpo[ration]]

This is a begging Business youll soon see — I know you have enough of that kind of Business on hand, but realy this deserves Encouragement — it has mett a great deal from all Ranks of People here —

Nothing New — Our Governor has been [ver]y ill, with a bilous Fever, is better & [] turned to a Gout — he will be obliged to take great Care of his Constitution, for its very delicate — its said he was in great danger — He is now so well, as to give notice to the Council to meet him tomorrow.

Your Sundry Stores are getting ready. I send this by Mr Van Eps, who will deliver it safely — M^{rs}. Wallace's Complim^{ts} attend you always —

I am

D^r Sir

Y^r. most obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir Wiliam Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

⌘ Mr. Van Eps, with a small Box

INDORSED:¹

New York 7^{br}. 29th. 1772 —

Mr. Wallaces letter

TO DANIEL BURTON

In the Johnson Calendar, page 510, is listed a letter written October 2, 1772, at Johnson Hall to Rev. Dr Daniel Burton, secretary to the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Society for propagating the Gospel, informing that Johnson has accepted Rev. Richard Mosely for the Johnstown mission and mentioning the incumbents and condition of the English churches at Schenectady, Albany, the Mohawks and the Conajoharees. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:481-82; Q, 4:299)

FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York October 2nd. 1772]

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[]¹

[] to trouble y[ou] [] that arrived yesterday bring[ing] []

Inclosed is the Acco^t of [] agreeable to your Order Amo^t. £ [] There is no Red port to be got here [at] this time, if any comes shall secure some for you — The Syder is not yet made, nor fitt to be bought for [at least] a Month — & M^r Leispinard Says [he] will have the Beer ready to go along with the Syder, at present he says he has none brewed that he would recommend to you. We hope all the things will please you, we have taken all possible care in the Choice of them, & bought them on the lowest terms. We are respectfully

D^r Sir

Y^r. most obed Serv^{ts}

HUGH & ALEX WALLACE

[SIR WILL] JOHNSON Bar^t

¹ Lines burned off.

HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE'S ACCOUNT OF SUNDRIES
A. D. S.

[] Vinegar				
[] loaf Sugar 70 Loaves wt 8..0.. []				
	1..0..17 []			
	<u>7..0.. 3 is 7 []</u>			
[] Contg. 21 Bushells Salt....@ 2/6.....				
Casks Packing &Ca @ 5/..... 1..10				
Cask Raisins of the Sun.....				
Boxes SpermaCite Candles				
40½—10¼				
41 —10½				
40½—11				
39 — 9¼				
<u>161 —41</u>				
41 tare 120 ^{tt} @ 2/8 £16—..—				
<u>4 Boxes @ 2/6..... 0..10</u>				
		16	10	
[] Barrs. Muscovada				
Sugar wt.....8s. 1. 27 ^{tt} Gross				
2. 25 ^{tt} tare				
<u>7. 3. 2 nt. @ 58s/.. £22. 10. 6</u>				
3 Barrells for do..... 2/.. 0. 6.—		22	16	6
1 Bagg Coffee wt. 28 ^{tt} @ 1s/4d & Bag 9d....	1	18	1	
6 ^{tt} Green Tea.....24/ Canisters 6/....	7	10		
6 ^{tt} Souchong do.....14/.. do ..6/....	4	10		
28 ^{tt} Bohea Tea.....4/3...bag. 1/....	6			
50 ^{tt} Chocolate .....1/5...Box. 1/6....	3	12	4	
7 ^{tt} Pepper .....2/6.....	0	17	6	
1 ^{tt} Nutmegs 15s/ 1 ^{tt} Cinnamon 26/.....	2	1		
½ ^{tt} Cloves 9/ ½ ^{tt} Mace 14/6—7 ^{tt} Alspice 7/....	1	10	6	
Barrell for the above.....	0	2		
Paid Carting the whole.....	1	3		
	£	371	10	11

¹ Lines burned off.

Errors Excepted N York 2d Ocr. 1772

[] Mark'd

HUGH & ALEX^R WALLACE

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}
Sir William Johnson Bart.

at

Ⓢ Skipper }
Wendell } Johnson Hall

INDORSED:

Rec^d. in good Order —

Van Eps —

One Hogshead Loa []

Four Pipes Wine

Four Hogsheads Rum

Two Barrels Vinegar

Six Barrels Salt

One Cask Raisons

Four Boxes Sperm []

Three Barrels B []

One Box Chocolate

And One []

ACCOUNT OF HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

[		D.	1]
	[	] Blaag	1000
	[	] Inst. favo'r Robt. Adams.	180
	[	] on us 5 do. Dan Claus.	20
	[	] do. on us 9 do. Thos. Crothers.	50
	[	] do. on us 16 do. Henry Ten Eycke.	485
	[To]	your do. on us 12 do. Dan. Claus.	50
	To	amot. of Sundries sent you ⌘ Skiper Swits by yr order	23 2
	To	your Bill on us 18 June favor Hugh Gaine.	40 8
8	To	your do. on us 11 do. . . . Dan. Claus.	50
	To	your do. on us 1 May. . . . Dan. Campbell.	289 12
17	To	your do. on us 12 June. . Sir Jno. Johnson.	100
	To	your do. on us 8 Inst. . . . Wm Mc Adam. £100 @ 4s/8d	171 8 1
20	To	your do. on us 10 do. . . . Robt. Adams.	42 16
30	To	your do. on us—25 June. D. Steel.	100
	To	your do. on us 8 Inst. . . . Ditto.	70 19 8
	To	your do. on us 13 do. . . . Phyn & Ellice.	100
	To	your do. on us 6 do. Ph. Van Rensler.	270
Aug ^t			
3	To	amot. of 20 barrs. Pork sent you ⌘ Skiper Herms. Ten Eycke, by your order.	95 5
7	To	your Bill on us 3d. July favr. Carpr. Wharton for £14 Philada. Curry. . . @ 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ pCt.	14 18
12	To	your do. on us 4 Inst. favr. Jas. Bennett.	300
14	To	amot. of 6 Qr Casks Lisbon Wine sent by Jacob. Lansing	54 3
	To	Cash sent you this day by Jacob Lansing.	1000
		amount Carried over	£ 4791 []

¹ Lines burned off.

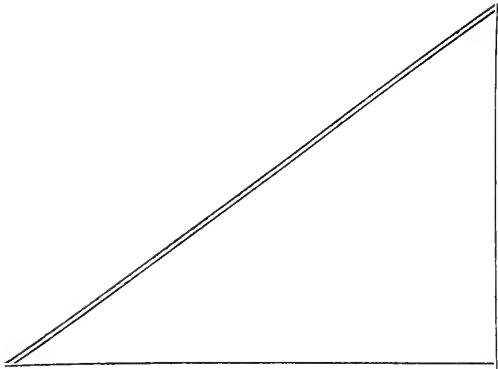
By ditto do

[]

Amount carried over £ 5143 13 6

[				1]
[	] favr. Dan Claus.	50		
[	] 28 Augt. Jno. Van Eps. . . .	47	9	
	Sundries sent you this day Ⓕ Skiper Heny.			
	Wendell by your order & accot. sent.	371	10	
		<hr/>	<hr/>	
	£	5583	15	7
		<hr/>	<hr/>	

¹ Lines burned off.



Errors Excepted New York 7th. Octr. 1772

HUGH & ALEX WALLACE

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York Oct^r 7th 1772]

[]
 I hope you []
 this gets to hand, []
 You — All your Order is []
 the Beer & Cyder, & they shall []
 soon as they can be got ready —

Inclosed is the present State of Your Acco^t ballance due us
 £440..2.. [] which fancy youll find right & hope it will
 prove agreeable to you —

I have yours 30 Sep^r. by the post & shall observe your Orders
 therein. I hope to get you a Gardner, there is no Irish Servants
 yet arrived at Philad^a. but some soon expected — The Vessell
 arrived there with Germans, are verry sickley & not allowed to
 come up to Town yet — I shall look out for a Shoemaker
 Servant & get one if any such to be had — Our Governor is
 got quite well again — I suppose you will hear no more of
 Westbrooke, & y^e. Delaware Indians — The Governor has
 wrote Westbrooke, that the Indians are to apply to you
only, as no other person has []

[]¹
 [] some time again []
 [] be so troublesome to you, in []
 [] & recomanding People going up []
 [] Country, but all must go & see you []
 they press so for an Introduction that its hardly possible to refuse
 them —

I shall put the Governor in mind of the Fairs & Marketts at
 Johnstown

¹ Lines burned off.

The Colours for the Albany Snow shall be sent first Sloop
after they are made

All well & no News here I am

D^r Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

Stormy, rainy Weather

SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson, Baronet
at Johnson Hall
Albany

INDORSED:¹

[]

[] letter with

My Acc^t.

[] £440..2..4

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schenectady }
7th. Octobr. 1772 }²

[]

[

one Thomas Argin [

Goods &ca to Mr. Thomas Argin [

some pork, pepper & Indigo, last year [

8]

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¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Listed under Nov. 7 in Johnson Calendar.

³ Lines burned off.

now Run away, So that I must Shure []
 that he is Guilty, The informers was []
 Battoe, with him one Dinnes Obryant & []
 Andie, who both had Lodged half a Year or m[ore] with
 Argin, and when he begone to push them for his own, they
 begone to Tell of him, now a full Year after the fact, they are
 both here So that I Expect your Honour's Advice about how
 to Act, Argin's Goods, Wife & Daughter, is [] in the
 House, where I have yesterdy taking an Inventory of all
 they have, he also the Same Year carryed up Goods for Mr.
 Adems, and Mr. Stell. Dinnes Obriant says that Argin Stole
 half a Dozn of Kreem coller'd Tea cups & Sausers of Mr.
 Stell —

I hope Mr. Fonda has sent in the last goods which I have
 sent to him the 26th. of Octobr. Viz. 1 Iron bound Hogshead,
 2 barls Salt, 2 D^o. of Sugar, 2 Boxes & a New bagg with 1
 Skippel of Tabel Salt wanting 3 Quarts which I had sent before

The bearror will Deliver you the last Years & this Years
 Receipts —

[]
 [] Down to Albany []
 has no black wampon [] Neither; So Mr. Cart-
 whrite wrote to Esqr. Wallace by him to gitt four pound [for]
 him in New York, and am Honourd

Sir Your most Obed^t.

and Verry Humb^l. Serv^t.

JN^o. B. VAN EPS

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honourab^l.
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 at
 Johnson hall

¹ Lines burned off.

INDORSED:¹

[] 1772
 [] Eps letter ab^t.
 [] who stole some
 [] of Mine &ca last
 [] nor run away.

FROM HENRY GLEN

A. L. S.

Schonectady [Octbr 10th 1772]

[]

I was Yesterday Informd by []
 Attorney at Law that he was order'd by Mess^{rs} [Douw &
 Winne] to Sue me for A Fissing nett I Bought from them
 [] Year Ago; the nett Proved Verry Bad — I have
 Your letter [] me of the 7th. July 1771 Where
 in You mention if they wood not [] Reasonable to
 Employ a Lawyer I have told them from time to time if they
 would Debate there Price I wood pay them As the Nett had
 Prove^d Rotten & Coud not Bare drawing through the Water
 they Ought to take less then the Price of £15 And Even
 Show^d them Your letter, still they insist on their own Price. I
 told Mr. Yates he might Sue me Emiatly as I was Determent
 to [stand] Trial I then told him the Matter I had Bought the
 Nett & that I Look on them both to be Verry Bad men to
 impose on me & You as I told them I was no Judge of netts
 & You Being not Present Mr. Yates told me he wood be oblidge
 in A Verry few days to Sue me, if I did not pay the Cash I
 told him it wood be no favor taken by me if he waite^d one day
 longer then he was at first Inten^d. But as I am A Person that
 does not like to have Dispute with no men But if I think how
 dangers^d it is to have the least Conection with Your Religious
 Sort of People Wood Pick a mens Pocket if they Possible

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Coud I shall Acc^t. just as You will Please^d to Direct & shall be Glad to hear from You by Your Next Post or sonner if Posible —

I Remain Your Sincer Well Wischer & ob^d Serv^t

HENRY GLEN

To SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[] 1772
[]ns letter
[A]nsrd. ye. 10th. Inst.

TO JOHN HILL

*Df.*²

[*New York Oct^r. 12th. 1772*]

SIR/

I have received your Letter concerning [] of the Inhabitants of the North of Ireland, and the [] to be derived from affording them encouragement [] both to themselves & the Landholders, all which you have very rationally described.—

It is with concern that I have heard of the difficulties under which they labour at present, which I think merit Consideration, tho' I know not how far a Settlement on my Lands might contribute to their Service or answer their Desires, for as the whole of my possessions in these parts, are both with respect to situation and quality very valuable, they are [*of late*] applied

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

for so fast, and of late Settling in Leases for 2 or 3 lives, That I have no longer occasion to be at any trouble or Expençe for their Settlement; These Terms might not be deemed agreeable to them from the Ideas People are apt to form in Europe of this Country, Tho' you may perceive it would be very injurious to my interest to offer any others under the Circumstances I have described. But If these are agreeable I shall most Willingly accommodate as many of my Countrymen as I can; or serve yourself in any thing that may be reasonable upon the occasion.—

I am, Sir, Your most humble Serv^t.

JOHN HILL Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Oct^r. 12th. 1772 —

To John Hill Esq^r.
Hanover Prec^t. Ulster County,
concerning the Settlem^t of People from
the North of Ireland.

Ansrd.

TO THOMAS PENN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall October 12th. 1772.—

DEAR SIR,

I beg you will not attribute your Letter of February last remaining till now unanswered to any willfull Neglect, as it was intirely occasioned by the very uncommon hurry of business wch Succeeded the rect of it; the Gov^r. with a Number of Gentlemen hav^g passed some time here with a large body of Indians [*concerning the Sale of Lands*] from whom Lands were purchased, this was [*succeeded*] followed by the Establishment of Courts

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

of Justice in this New County, & the latter by a very severe Indisposition from which I am but newly recovered.—

I shall immediately order the £50. ster rec^d. from you by Lieut Roberts to be paid you by,¹

and at the same time must return you thanks for your kindness in Assisting him with it on a Supposition that he had a right to make use of my Credit for Money which however is not the Case a Circumstance I ought to acquaint you with to prevent his future applications, as I have already done as much as I could for the Gentleman, whom I took the Liberty of introducing as he much wished it on account of some Affairs of his own which he wanted to apply for in England

Be assured, Sir, it will always yield me pleasure to be of any Service to you or your family in any thing in my power & to testify that I am with great Esteem

Dear Sir,

Your most Obliged

& most humble Servt.

At your Leisure it would oblige me to know whether the Letters Patent which I owe so much to your Sollicitation & friendship, were Recorded in England, or not.—

The Hoñble THO^s. PENN Esqr.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall Octbr. 14th. 1772*]

[DEAR SIR/]³

[I have now with Kayashota A Seneca of] Ohio who is come from thence by [way of Philadelphia, He is a great]

¹ Blank space in the draft.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ This and other bracketed sections have been supplied from the original letter in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Chief of much Capacity and vast Influence [amongst all the Nations,] part of his Journey is placed to the account of a [Visit, but I find] that he proposes to meet the Chiefs of the Six Nations who sent me Word that they are coming [on business] down in consequence of] the late Gen^l meet^g at Onondaga to Communicate all their Intelligence & Con[ferr on the] Affairs of the Southⁿ. and Western Ind^s. on which occasion I hope to make a proper use of Kay[yashota.] Just now I received a Letter from M^r. Wetherhead & Subpoena for the Trial on the 26th Inst of the Suit com^{nc}ed by Rob^t. Henry of Albany for the Seizure of Rum at Michilimackinac when L^t. Roberts was Commiss^y.— On this Subject I formerly wrote you representing the hardship it was upon Roberts, who acted therein agreeable to his duty the Rum having been carried out of the Fort in the Night contrary to the Regulations which at that time confined the Trade to the Posts, as the Passes themselves Confined the Traders to the Regulations.—These Regulations were at that time pleaded for in the Strongest terms by the Majority of the Traders, the fatal consequences of the Sale of Rum beyond the Posts being generally, & amst others M^r Cadot & one of the Henrys at that time wrote to me on the Subject; But, the occasion of my troubling you at present thereon, is, that M^r Wetherhead who innocently at M^r. Robert's request became his bail, represents in the Strongest terms the danger he is exposed to from the Construction & Effect of the Common Law that he will be brought in for the Whole, a Circumstance that will probably be the Case, If as he says that "M^r. W^m. Smith will dispute my Existence as an Officer of the Crown & all Officers appointed, or Orders Given by you or myself as meer Nullities" &c. I must confess that I shan't be surpris'd at [any Endeavors to lessen the Authority of the Crown, or its' Officers 'tho in a Matter for the generall benifit of the Public, & far without the limits of any Province, where no other Authority could operate, so that I know not what to do in the Matter.— Major Rojers 'tho Suposed to have connived at the Sending out]

the Rum ordered the Seizure, & [disputed with] Roberts about the Appropriation of it as will appear [from] the Papers I now send Mr. Wetherhead, and Indeed the Comissary could do nothing of that kind without the aid of the Comd^s Officers, by Virtue of the orders they had, and my Orders were general to the Comissary to endeavor to prevent the Contraband Trade, or any other abuses Committed therein, all which depended on the Assistance of the Comd^s Officer. Mr. Roberts is already much in my debt, without which it wd. be very unreasonable that I should be at any Expence on an affair then universally admitted & practiced, but Mr Wetherheads Case is really a peculiar hardship & therefore I am persuaded that Justice to the intentions of Government, & humanity for an innocent Sufferer will dispose you to give him such Countenance as your Superior Station, & authority is alone capable of affording, & I trust that the peculiar Circumstances of the Case will plead my Apology for requesting it.

It is necessary I should acquaint you that since the promulgation of your Advertisement in 1769 directing that all persons who were employed in transport^s of Troops, Provisions or Waggoners Batteaumen &ca should in future be paid by their Employers, I have regularly conformed thereto, but I find that antecedent thereto in 1768 the Certificates, which (as then usual) I gave to Persons so employed were not paid by the Qr Mr General, and the People being denyed payment are of late daily urging me thereon, I must therefore beg the favor of your directions in that matter, or of your Orders thereon, as it is both a hardship to the People, and creates me some Concern & Trouble —

As I shall have the pleasure of writing you soon on the Subject of the Indian Congress I have only to add at present that I am with sincere regard

Dr Sr &c

His Excell^{cy} GEN^L GAGE.

INDORSED:

Oct^r. 14th. 1772.—

To His Excell^{cy}. Gen^l. Gage
 Chiefly concern^g. the Suit com^{nc}ed
 ag^t. Lieut. Roberts.— &¹ the
 Q^r. M^r. Gen^l refusing to pay
 sundry Acc^{ts}. of Batteauing &ca

DAVID JONES' CREDENTIALS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 511, is entered under date of October 15th, New York, this paper: credentials of David Jones, who wishes to be a missionary west of the Ohio (copy); signed "Abel Morgan Moderator" and "James Manning Clerk," for the Philadelphia association, representing 40 churches in Pennsylvania, Maryland, East and West New Jerseys and New York (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:482-84; Q, 4:300)

FROM HENRY WILLIAMS

L.

[New York Octbr 21st 1772]

[]
 []
 [] late proceedings of the []
 John Griffiths of Kings []

I presume to acquaint yo^r hon^r, That David [Jones] out of a hearty desire to spread the gospel, and use his [] in converting to christianity the various Tribes of Indians [] on the Western side of the River Ohio. He left his family [] Spring, and without any assistance or contribution from [] undertook the journey unto, and remained amongst those tribes [] or four months — By Coll^l Croghan's advice, he took with him a [] Interpreter, to whom he paid Five Pounds [Ⓕ] month out of his own purs:

¹ In Johnson's hand from this point.

² Lines burned off.

All the gratification he hath yet enjoyed for so expensive, []some, and hazardus, an undertaking, was, his being kindly received, civilly treated, constantly and devoutely attended in general at Public Worship. From this pleasing begining, and hopes of further success, he promised them to return to them this fall, and employ the ensuing Winter amongst them to endeavor to promote their the best interest, the good of their Souls.

From the kind & polite reception he met with at Fort Pitt from Col^l Croghan & Captⁿ M^c Gee he continued and officiated there two Sundays, he then stood in great need of some Rations, which the Co^modants humanity & regard prompted him to supply, but he could not consistant with his express orders to remedy this in future.

Last week when M^r David Jones was here I introduced him at Gen^l Gages & Fort George in this City, before he set out for his parish. And yesterday I waited on the General to open a way for occasional supply of Rations for M^r Jones. His excel^{cy} (to whom as well as to Gov^r Tryon, I have the hon^r to be personally known) Assured me that he would with great pleasure have given such instructions, but that the Fort Pitt was evacuated and abandoned by the Troops, but that he expected you will instruct Your Agent there, consequently you are the only resorse to apply unto.

[]¹
 [] trader []
 [] David Jones, stands []
 [] Then Your distinguished merit for []
 [] of Great Brittain, and your unwearied endeavors []
 [] good will to the native Indians, Will! Doth! prompt
 [] every Christian to believe, you not only desire the
 [] of the Indians, but that you will patronise and readily
 [] and supply poor Missionaries in such persuits. Con-
 fident [of] M^r Jones's sincerity, and integrity to merrit your

¹ Line burned off.

favor & [] permitt me first, to crave your Name & Seal to recommend [] Secondly, that you will relieve him from a burden his circum[stances] cannot well provide for, viz the payment of his Interpreter f[or the] few months he wants him. Thirdly, the necessary directions [to] your Agents, to supply him with the necessary Rations he may stand in need of, between this, and May next. More [I] dare not crave herein, but leave your hon^r to Suggest others for him. Yet in my own name I have to request the favor [of] any Instructions or Comands you shall honor said David Jones with or any Pacquet designed for him, Your Hon^r will order forwarded to Fort Pitt to the care of your Agent where [M^r] Jones will expect some intelligence. He will think himself honored to receive your Commands to attend at Johnson Hall in his return, and to give you a personal account of his success in the way of his Function.

He is a man of letters, good Sence, & discretion, but not [] Politision, however, as the Indians, receive his Discourses with reverence, he by degrees may gain their esteem, and an assenden[cy] over them, which he will redily imploy, with every laudable [] That Your Hon^r shall prescribe to him, towards, cultiva[ting] [] ening, or improving, The Amity & Friendship necessary between the British Subjects & Those tribes.

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ADDRESSED:

To
The R^t Hon^{ble} Sir W^m Johnson Kn^t & bar^t
Present

GENERAL GAGE'S WARRANT

There is listed in the Johnson Calendar, p. 511, General Gage's warrant, New York City, October 26, 1772, to Thomas Barrow for payment of £4803, 13s, 2d to Sir William Johnson. Destroyed by fire.

¹ Lines burned off.



THE REVEREND MYLES COOPER

From a painting by Copley, owned by Columbia University,
New York City

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

A. L. S.

[New York October 27, 1772]

[]

I now sit down to acknowledge the Favour [] returned an Answer to the several Letters I had [] not been delayed so long; if I had not daily expected Dr. Cooper [] hoped to receive some satisfactory Intelligence concerning [] which I believe You have much at Heart.

Cooper is at last arrived, to my great Joy, & has [] the heavy Charge of the College which I had during his [] I could give You such an Account of the Memorial¹ as I believe [] pleasing to You. It was presented to Lord Hillsborough; [] the plan, acknowledged the Propriety & Expediency of do[] towards Civilising & Converting the Indians — but, as we [] ected the Difficulty of procuring Money to carry the Measure [] Execution. Dr. Cooper repeatedly urged the Subject of the Memor[ial] his Lordship; & he, L^d. Hillsborough, always gave such Attention [to] it, that Dr. Cooper imagined he would exert himself in the Affair, [] continued in the Ministry. But I suppose You have by this Time heard of his Resignation, & that Lord Dartmouth succeeds him in the American Department. This I fear will prove an unfavourable Circumstance to the Design, & gives me much Uneasiness.

You []
[]
[] Memorial. This however []², who (between us) I fear had [] that minute Attention to the Affairs of the [] him to give up the Secretary's Office, & will be [] with whom I am not acquainted.

¹ Memorial of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

² Lines burned off.

[] make Mention of the Memorial in their Abstracts [] — one of which I herewith send You. In the Sermon [] Expediency of attempting something more than has [] Converting the Indians, urged & largely dwelt on — [] Circumstances & Arguments taken from the Memorial. [] pretty plain that the Society intend to move in the Mat[ter] firms me more in this Opinion is, that in a Letter [] recei]ved from the very worthy & learned Bishop of Oxford, Dr. [Lowth he] signifies his Approbation of the Memorial in the strongest Terms, & [expres]ses the highest Sense of the Necessity of the Scheme's taking Place []ing also that Government may attend to it in the Manner its importance requires.

You are the best Judge, whether any Thing further can, or ought [to] be done in this Business on this Side of the Atlantic — or of the Propriety of saying any Thing about it to L^d. Dartmouth, who is a religious man, & bears an excellent Character in other Respects — of Course [] may be supposed favourably disposed to promote such a Measure

[]¹
[] & I do so in these particulars [] Nothing has been yet determined in Eng[] our Bishops; tho all, from the highest to the [] sending us Bishops. There are many Circum[stances] that important Measures, & I am not out of Hopes []leives in America. Things are taking a very favo[]us in Virginia also. Some of the Protesters are asham[ed of their cond]uct, & have signed a Petition for Bishops; & it is expected that on second & better Thoughts, will rescind their Vote of Thanks to the [] against petitioning for Bishops, & declare themselves for the []ure.

I should be glad to know whether John Odescrundy will [cons]nt to let his Son come & be educated here for the Ministry. I am [una]ble of myself to bear the whole of

¹ Lines burned off.

the Expence. But I am persuaded [] Society will contribute towards it, & I have Friends who will do the same. In short if he will let him come, I will engage to have him Educated provided the Society will patronize the affair. You are the best Judge of the Manner how to propose this [] John, & what Time would be the fittest to send the Boy here, in Case his Father should consent.

It gives me great pleasure to hear that Mr. Mosely is [] Your Church. I saw him at Fairfield last Summer, & from that short [] []¹ [] Clergyman. [] been indisposed since his [], & is now gone to Philadelphia. [G]entlemen who were lately at Your House [] your old Complaint. Before now I hope You [] affords no News at present. Every Thing is [] Militia, which is constantly exercising, & makes [] ble Appearance. From the parade & Military [] pr]evailing among us, a Person would be apt to imagine [] e]xpected an Attack from some Enemy. The Cause of L^d. [Hillsborou]gh's Resignation was his Disapprobation of the Grant² for [] a New Government on the Ohio. He was greatly averse to this [] it was carried against him.

I hear we are to be favoured with Sir John's Company this [win]ter. Please to present my best Compliments to him, to Colonels Johnson & Clause, & to Mr. Mosely.

Sincerely wishing You Health & Happiness, I am with perfect Esteem,

Worthy Sir,

Your very affectionate & humble Serv^t

CHARLES INGLIS

To SIR W^m. JOHNSON

¹ Lines burned off.

² The Walpole Grant.

FROM CHARLES INGLIS

A. L. S.

[*New York October 27, 1772*]

[]¹
 [] above, [] as the Bearor [],
 beg Leave to enlarge a little more.

I am really anxious that something should []
 poor Indians. Every Motive of Humanity & Religion [].
 These Motives have taken full possession of my th[oughts]
 [] earthly Wish nearer it than that some Effort were
 made [] Direction to bring those benighted Heathens
 to the Ligh[t] anity.

I always was, & still am, of Opinion that if this is ever to be
 [] it must be by your Interposition. Providence points
 You out, [] many Respects, for this Purpose. I have
 not a Doubt but the [] will concur & exert themselves
 on the Occasion.

Altho I am sorry for L^d. Hillsborough's Resignation yet it
 may turn out for the Benefit of this Scheme. L^d. Dartmouth is
 one of the most religious Men in England. His Piety &
 Character are universally known & acknowledged. You may
 judge of them in some Measure from this Circumstance, which
 may be depended upon as true — That he frequently visits his
 poor Tenants & Neighbours in the Country, when sick, prays
 with them himself as a Clergyman, & gives them Money. A
 Man of this Turn must []
 []¹
 [] adviseable to []
 If you approve of this, & will mention [it to his Lords]hip I
 will have a fair Copy transcribed for [] if You
 think it adviseable, I will write to his Lord[ship] & urge it on
 religious Principles, which I am [] have Weight

¹ Lines burned off.

with him — full as much, if not more, [] Political, which yet are very strong & conclusive.

As to my Godson, I should be extremely glad if he could be []ed for the Ministry. It might be of infinite Service. If his Father [] consent to send him here, I shall charge myself with the Superintendency of his Education, & other Matters whilst here; & I will pay as much Attention to him as if he were my own Son. Nothing would induce me to undertake this Charge, but a Sense of the []ility it may prove to be of hereafter in a Scheme which I have [] at Heart, & frequently employs my Thoughts. I should be glad of your Opinion what age would be the fittest to send him down, in Case his Father consents to it. I should imagine that the sooner the better, before he has imbibed too much of the Spirit, & contracts too strong a Relish for the Manners, of the Indians. Would it be proper for me to write to John Odescrundy on this Subject?

Yours most affectionately

C. INGLIS.

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR W. JOHNSON.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York Octbr 28th 1772]

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[]¹
your Letter to the [] greatly obliged to you — [] Directions in regard to Kayastoto [] Indian Chief you mention—The Colours for the Albany Snow were sent up last Week — so hope they are safe & in time.

I shall order some Potatoes for you from Ireland against Spring. If I have any for myself you shall have some.

I am glad to find Sir John is to be with us soon. Our Governor is gone on a Tour of Pleasure to Philad^a. will be home

¹ Lines burned off.

in 12 or 14 days. We have severall counterfeit Dollars here, & I see no remedy but being carefull who we take them from, they are easily discoverd, & if the Persons who attempt passing them are taken up, & put into Prison, that will be punishment sufficient to deterr them, tho Indian Evidence wont hang them, unless the Indian is a Christian.

I send this by Mr John Cunningham of Hallifax, who goes to you about some Indian []
 []¹
 [] klin & Mr [] of []
 Letters for you — []

Your Beer & Syder shall be [] ready & sent up as soon as we can get it — & I have sent to Philad^a. for the Servants — A Gardner & Shoemaker for you & hope to have both here soon

M^{rs}. Wallace & I are sincerely Y^r humble Serv^{ts}.

D^r Sir

believe me

Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart
 Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir Will Johnson Bart.
 at Johnson Hall
 near Albany

INDORSED:²

Octbr. 28th. 1772 —

Mr. Wallaces letter
 ☞ Mr. Cuning[h]am
 Ansrd.—

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS BARROW

A. L. S.

[*New York Novr 3^d. 1772*]

SIR

According to what I am told has been the custom of my predecessors, I send you enclos'd a Warrant on me from General Gage in Your favour, with three Receipts of the same tenor & date for your signing & indorsing. I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
& most humble Servant

THO. BARROW

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.INDORSED:¹

N York 3^d. Novbr. 1772

Th^s. Barrow Esq^{rs}. letter
wth. a Warrant & Receipts
to be Signed for y^e. last
Half Years Expences —

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York Novr. 3^d. 1772*]

SIR

The Bearer Donald Fraser is discharged agreeable to your Desire, & I paid Twenty Guineas £37 for a Man to go in his Room Inclosed is His Discharge

I am Sir

Your most obed Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

¹ In Johnson's hand.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.
Johnson Hall —

INDORSED:¹

Novbr. 3^d. 1772 —

Hugh Wallace Esq^{rs}.
Letter wth. Inclosures.

FROM EDWARD WALL

A. L. S.

[*Burnetsfield Novr. 3^d. 1772*]

[]
I intended to []
beg your Countenance [] my []
also to Know if M^r John Thompson, of []
I could have your Honour's approbation []
two men with some dry goods to trade amongst the Indians this
Fall & Winter, which hope You'll not deny us, as there
are two New England Men, encouraged by M^r. Kirkland, who
are trying to Monopolize the Trade both here & above; I learned
from M^r. Cunningham that you had wrote him respecting build-
ing a House on Your Rights near this place, therefore will be
glad to serve you with what Nails will be wanted & that at
1/ φ lb which I believe is the price in y^r. Neighbourhood, &
farther hope you will let me Serve You with any Orders which
you'll have Occasion to draw on this part of the Country & you
may depend on my Assiduity in Completing them & on the best
Terms. I should have waited on y^r. Honor in person but find
I cannot without great prejudice to my Business here — I have
the pleasure to inform your Honour that this place thus far
answers my Expectations & that I am with the greatest Respect
Y^r. Honours

Most Obed^t. & very Humble Serv^t.

EDW^d: WALL

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[Novr. 3]^d. 1772 —

[Mr.] Wall's letter

TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 511, are listed two letters to the Earl of Dartmouth: one of the 3d of November in which Johnson engages to transmit all information concerning his department and the welfare of the colonies (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:313-14); and one of the 4th, mentioning the Scioto congress, killing of Indians by Ramsay, Johnson's attempts through the Six Nations to control western nations and obtain bad belts circulated among them, his representations to the Six Nations on the Fort Stanwix cession, and the need of a government on the Ohio to restrain the lawlessness of settlers (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:313-14).

FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L.

[November 3, 1772]

[]

I wrote you []
by Fraser the discharge []
I paid 20 Guineas equall []
paid the Marine Society £50 as you []
for which they are extreamly thankful.

We have put on board Capt. Marsails in Mr. Adams's Care
for your use

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹Novbr. 3^d. 1772 —

Hugh Wallace Esq^{rs}. letter
 wth. an Acc^t. of £ 19..
 & 4..—..11

£ 23..—..11

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

Albany 7 Nov^r. 1772

[]

[]²
 []
 duly to []
 I have paid the Post the fifteen []
 Am Extreably Obliged to You for []
 This Week we have had two Oyster boats []
 The Oysters are bad Sort, none but blue point ones or Should
 have Sent and these Boats tell me one Benson is in the River
 and has a large Quantity for you & family but he is not Arived.
 I bespoke waggons to take them up the moment he Comes &
 Expected him long Since I am extreably Sorry I did not Send
 Some of these here but they are Really very bad and I
 momently expect good ones and am very truly

Hon^d. SirYour most Obed^t hum^l

Servant

R. CARTWRIGHT

The Hon^{le}. S^R W^M JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{le}. Sir William Johnson Barr^t
 Johnson Hall

¹ In Johnson's hand.² Lines burned off.

INDORSED:¹

[] 7th. 1772
 [] Cart] rights letter
 [] ledging y^e. Receipt
 [] of his Acc^t.—

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.²

[*London, Nov. 7, 1772*]

SIR

I did myself the Honour of addressing []
 last since which I am without any of Your []
 trouble You with any remarks or information [about]
 as You must receive more authentick acco^{ts} [from M^r Wharton.]
 I am very sorry to find my Name included [among those who
 opposed] the Grant, it was never my Intent to [stand forth in
 that Publick] Character — unfortunately I was ask'd my
 opinion upon [the] Subject by the two Boards & I could not
 withhold it but as an Honest Man said that I considered such a
 Settlement contrary to the Policy of this Kingdom & no way
 instrumental to the Advantage of America — considering we
 had no many intermediate hands unsettled — If I Err'd it was
 for want of better information — I don't know if some
 malevolent person may not inform You of my taking an Active
 part in this affair but it was not the Case — as I never officiously
 went upon the Business — nor [] at all untill I was twice
 Summon'd — I account it no Fault in any Gentleman's differing
 in opinion with me but I should blame any one who is Call'd
 upon to give His opinion upon a National Point, Either to deny
 or Evade it —

Lord Dartmouth seems a very candid & discerning Nobleman

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Words in bracketed sections are supplied from a copy of the letter inclosed in Blackburn's letter to Johnson, Dec. 2, 1772.

& I flatter myself will acquit Himself to the Mutual Satisfaction of this Country & America — I was told the other day that the Tea duty would be repeald — I hope it will be so settled as to remove every Cause of Uneasiness as to the Principle — this will be the means of reconciling all Bickerings & Complaints & tend to reconcile the affections & Interests of both Countrys [it] is a Maxim I have laid down, that we are one people & he who attempts to separate our Interests is an Enemy to both [Countrys I

[]
 [] Your District, but flatter myself
 [] all will be made easy & happy —
 [] of this Quarter of the World, must
 [] dread — there is no Power in Europe
 [] preparing for War — Yet if my presage
 [] as Minister — this Country will
 [not engage in any War,] but stand forth as a Mediator for
 [all — our Navy is in the most ready condition for a War our
 Army well Accrued — & our Finances in good Condition;
 thus prepared, we bid defiance to other powers & thereby secure
 a Peace — I wish any Information I may communicate is but
 pleasing to You, as it will ever afford me a particular pleasure
 in testifying to You how much I am

Sir William Johnsons

Much obliged & most Obedient

Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New York Nov^r: 8th: 1772.

DEAR SIR,

I have delayed Answering your Letter of the 14th: of October till the Tryal in which M^r: Weatherhead was concerned on

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Account of Mr: Roberts was decided; in which Mr: Roberts has been cast, for want, as Mr Weatherhead tells me, of your Appearance, or some Person from you who could Swear to the Instructions you gave Mr: Roberts. But I do not find upon Enquiry that the Court took instructions, or the Propriety or Legality of them, much into Consideration, tho' the Judges spoke very properly and Sensibly upon the Necessity of Order and Regulations in those distant Posts, where there was no Civil Indicature; and that they should have the Force of Laws. It was proved under Mr: Robert's hand, that he gave Orders for seizing the Rum, that it was taken out of the Store it was first lodged in and put into his Store, and that he delivered to the amount of Eighty Gallons of it to the Indians, and Nobody knows what became of the rest. No Instruction Appeared whereby Mr: Roberts was authorized to act as he did. I paid him as much as in Conscience I could before he left this, and on his Arrival in London he petitioned the Treasury who Sent his Account to me; and with it I received a Letter from him to certify, what I would not certify for any Man on Earth. It's said he Set up his Equipage; and that he is now in the King's Bench. I realy do not know what to do in the affair. The Crown cannot be answerable for every officer who exceeds his Powers and is guilty of illegal Action, but if you can certify by Memorial that Mr: Roberts acted in this Business in Consequence of, and agreeably to your orders and instructions, something may possibly be done in it. As it Appears that the Indians received great part of the Rum it's possible they received the rest and therefore to be paid for if Mr: Roberts has not already charged it in his Accounts, but the Crown cannot be charged twice for the Same Articles.

You mention Certificates in 1767 and 8 which the Quarter Master General has not discharged. I do not know on what Accounts they were given, but the Quarter Master General had not any Business in those years with any Transportations which did not belong to the Troops; either the carrying Provisions and

Stores to the Forts, or the Marching of Regiments and Detachments. If they are on the Business of your Department he had nothing to do with them Colonel Bradstreets Accounts in those years have been discharged long ago.

A Warrant has been granted for the Account you transmitted from 24th: March to 24th: September 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 Nov^r. 8th. 1772

From Lieut. Gen^l. Gage
concerning L^t. Robertss Suit.

FROM HARRY MUNRO

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 512, is listed a letter of November 12th from Rev. Harry Munro, Albany, on improvements made in an Albany church, the growth of St Peters, fund for clergymen's widows and Dr Burton's resignation as secretary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:484-85; Q, 4:301).

TESTIMONY OF ALEXANDER DUNBAR

D.

[*Johnstown Nov^r. 12th. 1772*]

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|---------------------|---|---|--|----|
| [| | | | 1] |
| Ques ⁿ . | 2 | When did you fix the [| |] |
| Answ ^r . | | I believe Fryday or Sat[urday] | | |
| Ques ⁿ . | 3 | What did you first do | | |
| Answ ^r . | | I took the Dementions of the Platform of the
Back [] | | |
| Ques ⁿ . | 4 | What were those Dementions | | |
| Answ ^r . | | Length 8 foot 2 inches Long Breadth ab ^t . 14 | | |

¹ Lines burned off.

- Quesⁿ. 5 What was the Dementions on the Right hand
 Answ^r. 8 foot 7 inches long, 6 foot 4 inches Broad
- Quesⁿ. 6 The Dementions on the Left
 Answ^r. 8 foot Long 3 foot 2 Wide
- Quesⁿ. 7 What sort of Timbers did you use in the Celler
 and where did you get them.
 Answ^r. They were two pieces of Bass Wood and one
 piece of Hemlock which I Suppose was
 intended for M^r Davis Stables
- Quesⁿ. 8 Do you Suppose that you used any of the
 Pieces of Timber about the Celler Platform
 that belonged to the Church
 Answ^r. I Did not
- Quesⁿ. 9 Did you see any Pieces of Slabbs or Boards
 lay in the outside of the Celler
 Answ^r. I think I saw Several
- Quesⁿ. 10 What Sort of Boards did you use about the
 Platform
 Answ^r. They were Chiefly Slabbs & Split Boards very
 bad some I Cut to 8 foot 2 inches and many to
 shorter lengths
- Quesⁿ. 11 Do you Know where the Boards Came from
 Answ^r. I do not
- Quesⁿ. 12 What do you think those Boards were worth
 Answ^r. I know of nothing they were worth Except
 Some Such use as they were put to or for a
 Baker to heat an Oven with

[]¹
 Answ^r. [] I Ever did

Johnstown November 12th 1772 The []fore named
 Alexander Dunbar was Sworn he [] truth of the
 Answers he has Given to the foregoing Fourteen Questions
 Before me

JOS CHEW Justice

¹ Lines burned off.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹[*Johnson Hall Novr. 18th. 1772*]

To the H[]

[I have been favored with your letter of the 7th Ult^o., and 8th. of this Inst^l., and am now to acquaint You with the result of the Congress lately held here.—²]

The first thing Intro[duced by the Six Nations was a particular Account of the proceedings of their Deputies [at Sioto] They Say that as the Ouabache Ind^s &ca did not [attend 'tho] waited for a Considerable time, & as their Negligence [was] attributed to their having lost some People in a Skirmish [with] a party of 6 Nations & Cherokees last Spring. The [Deputies] laid their Belts &c before those who attended charging them Severely with their past Conduct & directing them to Communicate the Whole to the Absent Tribes which they faithfully promised to perform, The Deputies also demanded those mischievous belts so often Spoken of & particularly those said to have been Sent from Agaustarax the Seneca Chief, on which all the neighbouring Nations collected & delivered up sev^l. to the Deputies, but those from Agaustarax were not in the number having been Stopped in their progress by the Cherokees, however the Depy^s. received Assurances that they should be Collected & that all the Chiefs present as well as those of the Absent Tribes would bring them to a Gen^l Congress at Onondaga, where they w^d. ratify all Transactions in the presence of the 6 Nations. The Deputies then delivered to me the Bad belts they had Collected one of which is as large as any I have ever seen, & at the first View convinced me of its being French. It appears to have been Sent by Mons^r S^t. Ange, to stir them up, & was accompanied by a large [black one, or Hatchet Belt with four more which came from Missisipi.—The time for these Indians

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

attendance at Onondaga according to promise being then expired, I spoke pritty warmly to the Confederacy, advised them not to be imposed upon, but to see that these Nations imediately attended or that the remaining Belts were delivered into my Hands without farther delay, as an Instance of the veracity and fidelity of the Six Nations, all which they have promised to pay due regard to.—They then complained] much of the abuses in the Indian [Trade & the total] want of any regulations; That the Traders [now made] it a gen^l. practice to follow every Hunting party [wth. Cargoes] of Liquor which could not fail bringing on the [most fatal] Consequences as they assured me it was universally complained of by all the Nations, to this I made them the best [answer] in my power considering the little prospect there is of any such regulations.

Just before the departure of the Indians, I rec^d Letters from Lord Dartmouth, one of which contained the King's Order in Council, with his Majestys Commands that [I should] signify his Intentions to the 6 Nations on the Ohio or [Government,] which I took that opportunity of doing in the best manner I could & received a very Satisfactory Answer. Your own observations on that Subject in your Letter of the 7th Ult^o are so Judicious, & in general so agreeable to Mine, that I cannot help Expressing my Satisfaction at our accordation of Sentiments on that and many other Subjects. The truth is the 6 Nations never acknowledged themselves our Subjects according to the natural Sense of the Word; the Treatys often [quoted] on these occasions according to the intentions of the Indians [only] put themselves & Certain parts of their possessions under our protection, to prevent our people from settling thereon without [their] consent; so that however the contrary has appeared [in Manifesto's our Right depends on purchase, The Question then is, whether they have a right to Sell those Lands, on which You have expressed y^e. General Ideas of the Indians very Justly, however with regard to the lands on Ohio, this much must be said that long before any public declaration of our Claims of Territory from Their Subjection, these Lands were considered

as the property of the Six Nations, who had conquered all, and actually extirpated Several of the Tribes there, placing the Shawanese Delawares &^{ca}. on bare Toleration in their Stead, as sort of Frontier Dependants, the worst] circumstance is that their People have [of late become more] powerfull by alliances & the 6 Nations less, so that their [Authority begins to be] disputed at a distance, however it may be Expedient [rather to] Support their Authority than encourage the Title of [People, who] of late form such dangerous Alliances, & again as the People [from] the back parts of Pennsylvania & Virginia have for some years past been continually going over the Mountains & are now as Considerable as they are lawless the Indians themselves must in a little time be Sensible that it is better the Settlers sinse they are there sho^d. be under some than under no Government as at present they can neither be restrained from settling or brought to punishment tho' guilty of many irregularities towards the Indians as well as others. No less than 500 of them having lately come to Bedford with design to carry an Election, but if the Powers of the new Government are impotent, The Case will not be mended. You have doubtless received Major Bassetts acc^t. of the Murder of Pond the Trader & his Serv^t. I am well Assured by a Merch^t. at Albany¹ that he was a Wild quarrelsome Man, & it appears that the Ind^s. advised him to leave them [*when they began to drink*] (which the Ottawas often do when they begin to drink) Upon the whole I believe that Ramsays affair Joined to their own unwillingness will prevent them from delivering up the Murderers, or the goods which it is not probable were burned, however should these persons be delivered up Major Basset is desirous I sh^d. acq^t. him what step he sho^d take with the Indians, on which Subject I shall be glad of your Opinion for really all Circumstances considered it is a nice affair —

I guessed that from the gen^l. sentiments of Juries, the Case wd. go against M^r. Roberts, & had anyone from me attended

¹ The manuscript letter reads: "by those who knew him."

it wd. most probably have been the same, and the powers of Government farther weakened in the Eyes of the Public. Mr. Wetherhead thinks that some Satisfaction might be obtained in Chancery, if there was a good prospect of this, I think it Should be pursued, because Success therein would be of some use to Government.— My Orders to Mr. Roberts were general to prevent to the utmost of his power, the carrying out Liquors beyond the Post; which, with your kind Assistance & direction as to the manner of applying to Government I would readily represent: the main part of Roberts' conduct therein being agreeable to Instruction, & to Sound policy at that Post.—

I had much conversation with Kayashota & advised him & the 6 Nations, to withdraw their People from Ohio where they engaged in Interests foreign to, & often brought [reflections] on the Confederacy, of all which he & they appeared very sensible

The Certificates I mentioned were to people [employed] in carrying up Presents, provisions &c for the Gen^l. Treaty at Fort Stanwix, some of them were paid by the Q^r. Master Gen^l. & he then promised Mr Butler to Settle the whole, which he since declined doing. [I have paid every thing of that kind myself Since you Issued a Proclamation for that Purpose in February, 1769.—]¹

My Son Sir John going to pass some time in New York will have the pleasure of delivering you this, he is accompanied by my 2 Granddaughters who are to be sent to the Boarding School.

[His Excellency] L^T GEN^L GAGE.

INDORSED:

Nov^r. 18th. 1772
 To Gen^l. Gage
 on the Congress with the
 6 Nations &c

¹ This and other burned sections of the draft have been supplied from the manuscript letter in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

FROM GOLDSBROW BANYAR

D. S.

New York 19th. }
November 1772 }

SIR

Be pleased to pay to Mr. Ebenezer Jessup or Order the Sum of One hundred and four pounds New York Currency and place the same to the Account of

Sir

To

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON }
Baronet at Johnson }
Hall — }

Your most
obed^t. humble
Servant
GW BANYAR

FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York Nov^r. 20th. 1772]

[]

We have your []
for £800 which is []
& shall call on Cap^t Maturin []
Acco^t with him — We sent a Cask of Nails as you desired by
Cap^t. Sandford we expected that would answer as we then
wrote you — We now send a Cask of Deck or Flooring Nails
Cost £7 — these are the only Flooring Nails to be got here
at present —

Att foot hereof is Acco^t of the Sundry Artickles for Cap^t
Tyse Cost £103..19^s..10^d to your Debit also — Vidonia
Wine is generally very poor & often turns sour, so have sent
Teneriffe Wine, which is much better, & such as our Taverns
in the Country sell for *Made, here, a.*

Your Letters for London go by the Ship Dutchess of Gordon
Cap^t Wynn.

The German Gardner I hoped to get at Philad^a. would not
answer, he is there yet sick — I shall have a lookout for a

Gardner for you & send him up, & a Shomaker also, if to be got — Nothing new here — Our Gov^t. []
 []¹
 [] billous Complaint
 [] Kiashota the Shawaneese []
 [] while here & his Passage to Philad^a. as you desired
 64^s/11^d & for 4^{lb} Glass Wampum f Mr. Cartridges Letter
 from Albany given him 16^s/ in all £4. — . . 11 to your Debit

We are
 Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^{ts}.
 HUGH & ALEX WALLACE

Cost of Sundries Sent you by Skiper Herm^s.

Ten Eyck for Cap ^t . Tyse —			
1 Pipe of Madeira Wine	£50..	0..	0
1 ditto — Tenneriffe	23..	0..	0
1 Hogshead Rum Cont ^g . 110 Gall ^s @ 4 ^s /5 ^d	24..	5..	10
1 Cask Loaf Sugar w ^t . 114 ^{lb} @ 13 ^d & Cask 2/6	6..	6..	—
Carting the whole to the Sloop	0..	8..	—
	<hr/>		
	£ 103..	19..	10

The above sent to the Care of
 Jn^o Monier Esq^r. of Albany

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 at
 Johnson hall

I have advised Mr Van Eps
 of the goods supposed to be
 mentioned for you in this Letter

¹ Lines burned off.

and who promises to send for
them when the Roads are better

JNO MONIER

INDORSED:¹

Novbr 20th. Novbr. 1772

Mr. Wallaces letter
£ 103..19..10

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. D. S.

New York Novem^r 21st. 1772

SIR Please to pay to Maj^r Jelles Fonda the above
Sum of One Hundred & four Pounds, and it will
Oblige Sir your Most Obliged Humble Serv^t

EBEN JESSUP

To the Honourable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON }
At Johnson Hall }

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

[Pittsbu]rg the }
[26 Nov]^r. 1772 }

[
[] ison, it was the []²
the Indian Country, in or[der]
principal Villages as far as Scioto of it, and []
return'd from that Service.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

I first informed them, That every means []
 taken to convince them how sincerely we desire []
 That Friendship between them and us that formerly []
 subsisted, and that this Fort which had been built []
 Quarrell between us and the French was to be dest[royed]
 which singular Mark of our Sincerity towards them []
 not fail of exciting their utmost Endeavours to pre[serve]
 the Peace and Tranquility of this Country, which also in a
 great measure depended now on their own Good Conduct, as
 well as Good Government of their Foolish Young Men, Who,
 I was sorry to observe to them, had been for several Years past
 very unruly to His Majesty's Subjects, and that now it behooved
 them in a most particular manner to give us every Testimony
 of their future Good Intentions.—

I found them exceedingly well pleased with the Demolition
 of the Fort, and they said, provided it was generally done
 through this Country, and all the Sharp edg'd []
 []
 [] them from do[] the same
 was intended [] has given them great pleasure
 to hear wh[] told them, And that as soon as their
 Hunts were over they woud visit their Brethren at Pittsburg
 [and] testify to them their Satisfaction upon this head & return
 their unfeigned Thanks.—

A Few days before I left Scioto, Two of the Shawanese
 who went to the Messissipi last Summer after the Congress with
 a large Belt which was produced at that Meeting with several
 others fixed to it and which they all denied knowing the Purport
 of, Return'd with the following Acco^t: That on their Arrival
 at the Ilinois they mett a Party of the Okawpas (as they call
 them.) The Nation for whom those Belts were intended; That
 upon acquainting them with their Business and shewing this Belt
 which had Figures representing ten nations upon it, who were
 ready to joyn the aforesaid Okawpas in a League of Friendship;

¹ Lines burned off.

It was agreed upon then, That These Shawanese shou'd proceed to the Oussosees and other Nations inhabiting the Missurie who it seems were at Variance with this Nation, in order to bring about a Pacification between []
 []¹
 belts being cut to pieces an[d]
 return, and untill they came []
 They told them, They would treat upon []
 with them — Most of the Indians of the []
 Scioto were gone out a Hunting before this []
 arrived except a few Chiefs, who I found receiv[ed the]
 Account with great Dissatisfaction, as well []
 other Indians I have conversed with since upon []
 General they shew a Degree of more Chagrin than cou[ld be]
 expected woud proceed from the declared Inten[]
 those Belts, At present they breath Nothing but []
 against the Oussosees — The Spring will however sh[ew the]
 Issue of their Determination upon this Head —

The Scalps taken from the Piankishaws last Spring by the Six Nations & Cherokees have been reveng'd upon some of the Delawares hunting below the Falls of the Ohio, A Number of that Nation is gone with Intentions of settling there next Summer —

I have the greatest reason to expect a large Body of Indians will assemble here early in the Spring, and as this place will be so ill provided for their Reception on acco^{tt}. of Provisions &c^a. which they will naturally expect, I have to request []¹
 [] of the Barracks; [] posed
 of a private Sale to the [] and another
 Gentlemen to the Great [] faction of the Merchants and
 Inhabitants; Many [] the late Indian War had their
 Houses pull'd down to [] the Fortifications &c^a.
 Who thought themselves better [intit]led to any Advantage

¹ Lines burned off.

arising therefrom than those []angers — However
 They have prayed a Redress from General Gage upon it — I
 have the Honor to be with the Greatest Respect

Your Honor's

Most Obedient

Humble Servant

ALEXANDER MCKEE

The Honorable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barronet

INDORSED:¹

Pittsburgh 26 Nov^r. 1772

Alexd^r. Mc. Kee Esq^{rs}.

Letter —

FROM THOMAS WHARTON

A. L. S.

[*Philadelphia December 1, 1772*]

[]

I sometime since took [] communicating to thee,
 the Information [] relative to Bro^r. Samuels
 Negotiations, & [] I forwarded by Post, a Letter
 to three, which [] by Him, & which I hope duly
 came to Hand.

Notwithstanding [] not the Honor of a personal
 Acquaintance with [] Yet being Abundantly con-
 vinced of thy Impor[] the English Nation, & how
 Superior thy Abilities [] ments Are, to that of Any
 Other Man, friend [] the Power so long & so
 Justly Exercised by the [] Indians, committed by
 Our Sovereign to thy [] ship, Yet as I find some of
 those Natives [] Occasion to represent their disatis-
 faction [] Another Channell. I have now taken the
 liberty [] Inform that, some few days since Arrived

¹ In Johnson's hand.

in this City from the Westward Jos. Nippee & brought with Him a Belt, which He said was for the Quakers this Caused a few Persons of that Society to be Called together, when He in substance told them, that He [] the Shawanese, Delawares & Wyandots [] Miles to the Westward of the Ohio, with [] them, & that, He was Commissiond by [] to let the Quakers know, they had been [] considerable time pass'd, greatly Imposed on [] Nations, that, they were now determined [no lon]ger to be Subject to the Six Nations, & for that [reas]on, they had sent Messengers with Belts, to [] the Indians who live 400 Miles Westward of them [] icht with them in Opposition to the Six Nations, [The]y also declare, that, they are dissatisfied with [the co]nduct of Sir William, And that, they will have [a rep]resentative of the Great King George to [resi]de Nearer to them & to Obtain this End, they [des]ire the Quakers will procure for them a Vessell in which Ten of their Chiefs may Embark for London in the Spring. Upon those Quakers (who met) taking this Matter into their Consideration, they determined, that, As in its Consequences it May Essentially Affect Government, they would not Meddle with it, but have laid the whole [] What part He may have power or [] In this Affair I know not, but I cannot [] that, some Mischief is in hand amongst [] Wise Interposition May hinder, & th[] Blood & Expencc

I cannot conceive, h[] Pitt been Demolish'd We sh^d. have heard [] Complaint.

I told My Father of [] of Communicating this Matter to thee [] Me to Acquaint thee, He had the highest respect [] for publick Character, & the fullest Sence of the [] thou has been pleas'd to lay Us under, & that [] wishes for thee every degree of Happiness —

To which please to [] Add, they Are the Senti-
ments & Desire of

Thy Obliged Friend

THO WHARTON

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

[] 1772

[] Wharton's letter

Wednesday X^{br}. 16th. Acquainted

[Ab]raham, Hend^k. & Aron

[] Mohawk Chiefs with the

[Con]tents.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 2 Decem 1772

SIR

Your very acceptable Letters of the 30 June & 22 Sept came to my hands a few days ago enclosing me therein 4 Bills Value one hundred & fifty one pounds 14/6 which have met due Honour save Mr Guy Johnsons Bill on Mr Sam^l Baker for £81 . . 14 . . 6 which is now under Notation — as Mr Baker refuses to accept the same — He tells me that Mr Johnson has overdrawn Him about £3 & as He declines acting for Him in future He will pay no more than the real Balance — when the Bill becomes due I will receive from Mr Baker what He makes due to Mr Johnson & Credit Your Acco^t therewith — permitt me as Mr Baker refuses to do any more Business for Mr Guy Johnson to offer my Services & I am happy in having that opportunity of testifying my Regard — I waited on Lieut^t. Roberts in prison & there had an opportunity of treating with Him upon the Subject of His Lands — He seem'd quite out of [Humour & all the answer I could get from him was that he had sent his Power of Attorney to Col^l. Claus & he might settle with you —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

He talks of Some Promises you made Him in Pay & Such like which made me almost out of Humour with] Him — He says that Mr. [Penn offered him the money without]¹ His asking for it — He has been [very Imprudent & I am much] afraid that is the Cause of His Style of Language —

I call'd at Mr Whartons door on [Monday] last but He was not at Home with a View to learn when it would be necessary to pay Your proportion of the purchase Money — I shall pay Your Quota whenever I am Call'd upon & my reason for not doing it before I mentiond to You in a former Letter — it is now beyond a doubt that the Grant² will pass — as to the Mode of Government I do suppose that is not yet absolutely Settled —

Lord Dartmouth is now Seated in His office [& seems] to execute it with Satisfaction to every one — His Character Stands very fair in the World & I dare say He will acquit Himself with Honor to the Crown & Satisfaction to every one in His department —

We have no News in Town save that the Parliament intend to continue the free importation of wheat from America — I wish they would make it for 7 Years — pray do me the favor to make my Comp^{ts} to Sir John as I have not time to Write Him by this packet —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your obliged & most obedient

Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

¹ This and other bracketed sections which were destroyed by fire, have been filled in from a partial copy of this letter in the Johnson Papers—listed in the Johnson Calendar, p. 513.

² The Walpole Grant on the Ohio river. On Aug. 14, 1772 his Majesty in Council approved and ordered to be executed the report of the committee of the Privy Council in favor of the grant of land to Thomas Walpole and his associates, and directed that a new government be established thereon.

ADDRESSED

To
 SR. WM. Johnson Bar^t.
 at Fort Johnson
 near Albany
 to the Care of Henry White Esq^r.
 ☉ paquet New York

INDORSED:¹

London 2^d. Decbr. 1773²

Mr. Blackburns letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York Dec^r 3^d 1772*]

[]

[]³

Sir John, who is []

Lett me assure you []

is nothing in the Power of this []

do, that may give Sir John pleasure, or []

your Grand Daughters that shall not be done. All your Directions & Memorandums shall be attended to with pleasure, as Sir John writes you by this Conveyance, I shall not trouble you further, than to complain of him for not takeing a Bed with us, but I must do him Justice to say, he promises to spend most of his leisure Hours with us, & he must & shall keep it.

Y^r. young Lady's seem very happy & I hope their Mothers will believe they shall not want for Care & affection from us.

The Writts are gone up for the Members for Tryon County. I hope you will send us good Men, & who will do as your Friends will wish — I expect Col^o. Butler will be one, & youll fix some good Man from the upper part of the County if pos-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Should read "1772."

³ Lines burned off.

sible. it will please that part of the County & the German's.
You know the Members must be Residents in the County's

[]¹
[] Mr Barrow² []
[] Warrant ready []
[] order who to pay it []
or how you will have it sent up this Mr Barrow told us to day,
when he paid the Order you gave Sir John

Inclosed is a Letter for Mr Hill of Philad^a. a very particular
Friend of mine pray peruse it & the little Mapp, & give me some
answer to send him. I have no thoughts that you will sell the
peice you got for a Friend, but I fancy he wants some that we
may spare him & if you got a little Map, well laid down
describing the bounds of your 1000 Acres & the adjoining
Lands, we would know how farr we could serve him. pray
return me the Letter & an answer as soon as your time will
permitt.

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compl^{ts}. We have paid her £40
on your Account which she will lay out for the Young Ladys
as you desire I am D^r. Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed^t Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WM JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:³

Decbr. 3^d. 1772

M^r. Wallaces letter
ans^d. 15th. Cur^t. 1772

¹ Lines burned off.

² Thomas Barrow.

³ In Johnson's hand.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE, ABJURATION AND TEST

D. S.¹

I. A. B. do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty, King George the Third so help me God. I. A. B. do swear that I do from my Heart abhor, detest, and abjure as impious and Heretical that damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Power or any other authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed & murdered by their Subjects or any other whatsoever, and I do declare that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm so help me God. I. A. B. do truly and Sincerely Acknowledge, profess, Testify and Declare in my Conscience before God and the World that our Sovereign Lord King George is Lawful & rightful King of this Realm and all other his Majestys Dominions & Countries thereunto belonging, and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I do believe in my conscience that not any of the Decendants of the person who pretended to be Prince of Wales during the life Time of the late King James the Second and since his decease pretended to be and took upon himself the State & Title of King James the Third of England or of Scotland by the name of James the Eight or the Stile and title of King of Great Britain hath any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging and I do renounce, refuse & abjure any Allegiance or Obediance to any of them and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to his Majesty King George and him will defend to the utmost of my Power against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his Person Crown or Dignity &

¹ Original preserved in Canajoharie, N. Y. Photostat furnished by H. V. Bush, Canajoharie, N. Y.

Title do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make Known to his Majesty and his Successors all Treasons & Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall Know to be against him or any of them and I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power to Support maintain and defend the Succession of the Crown against the Decendants of the said James & against all other Persons whatsoever with succession by an Act entitiled (an Act for the further limitation of the Crown and better securing the Rights & Liberties of the subjects) is and stand limited to the Princess Sophia Electoress and Dutchess, Dowager of Hanover and the Heirs of her Body being Protestants and all these things I do plainly & Sincerely Acknowledge & Swear according to the express words by me Spoken & according to the plain common Sense & understanding of the same Words without any Equivocation Evasion or secret Reservation whatsoever and I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgement, Abjuration, Remuneration & Promise, heartily, wittingly and Truly upon the true faith of a Christian so help me God. I. A. B. do solemnly & Sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify & Declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lords supper there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread & Wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ or after the Consecration thereof by any Persons whatsoever, & that the invocation or Adoration of the Virgin Mary or any other Saint & the Sacrifices of the Mass as they are now used in The Church of Rome, are superstitious and Idolatrous & I do solemnly in the Presence of God Profess Testify & Declare that I do make this Declaration and every part thereof in the plain & ordinary sense of the Words rid unto me as they are commonly understood by English Protestants without any Evasion, Equivocation or mental Reservation whatsoever & without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope or any other Authority or Person whatsoever or without thinking that I can be acquitted before God or Man or absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof altho the

Pope or any other Person or Persons or Power whatsoever should dispence with or annul the same or declare that it was Null & Void from the beginning.—

WERNER DEYGERT	NELLES VROMAN
HARMANES VAN SLYCK	FREDERICK FISHER
JOHN DIELE	HENRY HEES
HENRI B MERCKEL Jur ^r	ABRAHAM D QUACKENBUSH
ARENT BROUWER	CORNELIUS SMITH
PETER EHL	HENDRICK VROOMAN Jun
JOHN EISENLOND	PETER COOPER Jun ^r .
ADAM LAUCKS	PETER GROOT
JOHN PODEY	CORNELIUS ALSTINE
SAMEL PETRI	his
PEDER BELLIENGER	JOHN × KLINE
WILL ^m DEYGERT	Mark
GEORGE HENRICH BALL	NATH ^{el} HILLYER
ADAM YOUNG	his
FREDERICK BELLENGER	BARENT × DREDENER
WILLEM CONINGHEM	mark
his	EDW ^d WALL
ADAM S STARING ¹	DIETRICH PETRI
Mark	PETTER WEBER
NICH ^s . HERCHEMER	JOHAN DEIEM ¹
JACOB RES Jur	J. ROORBACH
JOHAN C ^s PETRIE	[
his	GUY JOHNSON
JOHN J D DEMUTH	JOHN BUTLER
Mark	HENDRICK FREY
JOHANN BELLINGER	JELLES FONDA
JOHN BROWN	JOSEPH CHEAS
BARENT B WEMPEL	JOHN FREY
VOLKET VEDER	JOHN JOHNSON
SAMUEL PETTINGELL	PETER MARTIN
JOHN DACKSTETTER	PETER CONYNE

¹ Spelling doubtful.

[] verry well. they are []
 [] School next Week []
 [] with difficulty we could get her to take them, her school
 in so full, being the best here. indeed we fancy if Mr Ogilvie
 had not interfered she would not have taken them, Mr. & Mrs.
 Ogilvie are certainly very civil & polite to them, & so is Col^o.
 & Mrs. Maunsall. If you have any letters for Ireland send
 them soon, our Vessell sails Just after Christmas for Dublin

We are Dr Sir

Y^r most obed Serv^{ts}

HUGH & ALEX^R WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 at Johnson Hall
 Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 9th. 1772 —

Hugh Wallace Esq^{rs}.

Letter. —————

Ansrd 15th. Cur^t.

FROM WILLIAM TEMPLE

A. L. S.

[*Boston Decr. 10th. 1772*]

SIR

I have taken the Liberty [to] Inclose under your Address,
 a Letter to Mr Chew, which I am desirous should get safe to
 him, he pointed out this Path to me, to Convey to him with

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Security any Letters I might write or send him, a freedom which I hope you will Excuse

In Sir Your most Obed^t.

& most Hum^{ble}. Serv^t.

WILL: TEMPLE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honorable
Sir William Johnson Barr^t
Att Johnson Hall
near
Albany
By the Post —

INDORSED:¹

Boston 10th. Decbr. 1772

from W^m. Temple Esq^r.

FROM BRYAN LEFFERTY

A. L. S.

[Hillsborou]gh 10th. }
December 1772 }

[
[] return from Johns[Town]
returning there to Settle [] Possible, the [beginning of]
February Next but at farthest on the breaking up of the Ice
till then

I am S^r

Your Most Obedient

Hble Servant

BRYAN LEFFERTY

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Line burned off.

ADDRESSED

To
Sr/ William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Letter from Mr. Bryan
Lefferty Att^y. ———

Decbr. 10th. 1772 —

FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York Decr 12th 1772*]

DEAR SIR

We wrote you by []
have received the Money for y^r [Bond] on Mr Barrow,² & send
by the bearer Skipper Marselis One Thousand Pounds, sealed
& directed for you.

We hope you will receive it safe.

Nothing new here. Sir John & the young Ladys are verry
well.

We shall send £ 1000 more by next good Hand & are

D^r Sir

Y^r. Most obed Serv^{ts}

HUGH & ALEX WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 12th. 1772 —

Mr. Wallaces letter
wth. Money ☞ Marselis —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Thomas Barrow.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York Dec^r: 15th: 1772.*

DEAR SIR,

Your Favor of the 18th: November was delivered me by Sir John Johnson, and I am glad to find by it that your late Congress with the Six Nations terminated so much to your Satisfaction.

With regard to the Murther of Pond the Trader you will perceive by my last Letter that I was of the same opinion with you, that the Nations would not deliver up the Murtherers: And if they should, it seems a delicate affair to act properly in; more especially as there are little Hopes of punishing Ramsay as he deserves, for the Many Indians he killed of all Sexes and Ages. Upon the whole it appears best to make as much Merit as we can of our Clemency, and forgive with a good Grace, in which you know best the Instructions that are most proper to be given Major Bassett² for his Conduct. Part if not the whole of the Peltry may possibly be recovered.

The Attorney General has no great opinion of Mr: Wetherhead's Proposal to appeal to Chancery on the verdict against Lieu^t: Roberts. Neither Court nor Jury as far as I have learned went upon his Instructions, or considered whether they were given by proper Authority or not, but it was proved that Lieu^t. Roberts had the Rum in his Possession and gave a large Quantity of it to the Indians, which Circumstance alone condemned him. If he acted according to his Instructions, the best way is to ascertain the same by Memorial with the Cost that has arisen from his doing his Duty.

With regard to the Certificates, Colonel Bradstreet made a Charge of several for the Services you mention, viz^t. Transporting Provisions and stores to the Congress at Fort Stanwix. It remains if the People you apply for are not paid, for Colonel Bradstreet to certify upon the Certificates, that he has not paid

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Major Henry Basset, commanding the garrison at Detroit.

them, and that he has received no Money for that Purpose. Outstanding Accounts are now more difficult to get paid than formerly, and require more Form; all Accounts warrants &c^a. being transmitted to the Treasury every three months. When Colonel Bradstreet has certified in the Manner mentioned, the Certificates may be sent to me.

I have received News from the Illinois to 11th: Sept^r., The Person sent to the Ouabache to order the Settlers to quit Post Vincent, returned with Representations of their Titles to the Lands and a Desire to send two Deputys here to prove their Claims. The Indians threatened to kill the Messenger, and they were obliged to hide him till the Savages were pacified, a French Man was employed on this Service and one of his Company was killed and scalped on his Return, tho' unknown by what Nation. Two Chiefs of the Shawnese were at the Illinois in July who told the Commanding-Officer they were sent by you with Belts to all the Nations to the Southward, and that they were to hold a Congress there in Autumn. They had had a meeting with different Tribes of the Illinois Indians, a Party of the Arkansas, and a large Party of the great Osages. It was the first visit those last have paid to the English Since we have been in Possession of the Illinois. Some of the Kikapoas came also on Invitation from the Commander from the opposite shore, who being Spoke to by him as well as the Shawnese and some of the Mingoes who were also present, they went off well satisfied and made fair Promises. You will guess the Intent of all these Meetings and Secret Transactions, better than I can do, of which the Commanding officer makes no mention, but appears to have believed that the Shawnese were acting by your Directions.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir.

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t:—

INDORSED:¹ Decbr. 15th. 1772 —

Gen^l. Gages letter
Desiring Certificates may
be got from Bradstreet & Sent
to Him, of their having rec^d.
no pay.—

A RETURN OF PROVISIONS

D. S.

Return of Provisions Turned over to [Alexander McKee by]
Order of Robert Leake Esq^r Commissary [General]
the 18th. Dec^r. 1772 —

	[]
	Flour	
Fit for Use & in Good Order.....		
Unfit for Men to Eat.....	930	12 []
Total	930	12 []

AN^s. MACKAY

INDORSED:

Return
of Provisions turned
Over to Alex^r. M^c Kee Esq^r.
18th. Dec^r. 1772 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Honours Lordship, & my person, to have raisd my thoughts so high, as to address you with these inconsiderate Lines; Which may justly merit Rebuke from your judicious Censure, But knowing your favourable Construction on the good Meaning of your informer,

I your Humble Petitioner, as a Relative Disier Preferment as Vaconce Shall admit acaordinging to my abillity. My Honroured Father was born in Ireland in the County Terown, and from thence came to New England. He Deceased in Rutland, in the Year 1753 left a w^d. with a Number of Small Children, God Saw meet to Take from me my Honroured Mother the Next year following, & their now Sirvives but Two be sides my Self one Brother & one Sister both younger. I have Meet with many Miss Fortun and am at Present Redus^d. to low Circumstances. I have been Brought up in the Tread of Merchant-Dise I am in that Busness at present, and shall be, till Next Spring, & then I know not where to go for further imploy. I was Born in Rutland in the County of Worcester of Messachusetts Bay, in New England, under the Pastoral care of the Rev^d M^r Joseph Buckminster, of S^d. Town I am Now in Sutton in S^d. County a Tending a Stoer for M^r. Elijah Putnam & Shall be till Next March

My Humble Duty []

Knight, Baronet, to your
Famely

and in expectation of an Answ^r []
above Request, as Opportunity may Permit.—

I Rest S^r. Your Most Humble Petitioner

JOHN JOHNSON

I was Born in Year 1748, am Now Twenty four years of age —

INDORSED:¹

Sutton In New England
Decbr. 22^d. 1772 —
from John Johnston

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 at Johnson Hall
 Tryon County

INDORSED:

[]

 Mr. []

ALEXANDER ROSS TO ALEXANDER MCKEE

Contemporary Copy

Pittsburg }
Decr. 23^d. 1772 }

[]

As I understand that you []
 of Provisions in the Spring for a []
 you expect there at that time; I must beg you []
 that there is now in the Contractor's Stores []
 sands pounds of Flour with a proportion []
 Beef &c^a. which was purchased before any of the co[ntractors]
 knew anything of His Excellency General Gage's Intentions
 [] Evacuating this Post, and therefore, will become
 the Prop[erty] of the Crown; — So that if You was to apply
 to His Exce[llency] I doubt not, but he would give Directions
 for you to [] it for the use of the Indians —

I am Respectfully

Sir

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

ALEXANDER ROSS

ALEXANDER M^c.KEE Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Copy —
 Mr. Ross's Letter
 to
 Alexander M^cKee —

FROM MAISONVILLE

L. S.

Detroit 23^e Decembre 1772:

[] vous [] jay []¹
 Douitanons du 12^e Septembre []
 Sauvages de ce poste font fort []
 faits aucunes reponses aux colliers []
 poste Vincennes et porteur de la Lettre que jay []
 apprend qu'une Berge partant des Illinois []
 avoit Cinq anglois et une femme montant La [riviere avait]
 été rencontré plus haut que La riviere des c[]
 partie quy s'est nommé de Chikachas et []
 terre, Les cinq hommes ont débarqué et ont []
 La femme quy etoit resté Seule dans la Voiture a []
 force pour mettre La Berge a flot et s'est laisser a []
 Courrant; et a arrivé a que [I] que lieus plus Bas, ou il y []
 chasseurs françois; quy en ont Eû Soins et l'ont rem[]
 Illinois: La meme personne dit que les peorias Sauvag[es]
 Illinois etant insulté et poursuivie par les Saks et []
 Renards avoient été obligés de se refugier dans le fort []
 chartre: Je vous donne ces nouvelles telles qu'elles m'ont [été]
 Conté et non pour Certaines: Mon frere arrivé icy Il y a qu[el]
 que Jours m'a dit que les miamis avoient mendés a tous les
 Sauvages de douabache, de se rendre a leur Village par ce qu'ils
 Vouloient leurs parler de la part des Chadoinons; Les
 douiatanons Seuls y sont Venu au Commencement du mois
 dernier, a quy les Miamis ont dit, mes Freres, voicy une parole

¹ Lines burned off.

que les Chadoinons Vous envoient de la part des Chikachas et des Cherakis, pour Vous demander a fair la paix, et que toutes les nations puissent chasser tranquillement; Les douiatanons ont dit qu'ils n'étoient point Seuls les maitres et qu'ils repondroient avec toutes les nations de douabache; Mon frere m'assure s'etre trouvé dans ce Conseil ou il s'est dit Beaucoup de choses ne resultant qu' a faire la paix: Je ne Saurois Vous Cacher Monsieur qu'il y a quelque tems que Je Serois partie pour douabache, Sy ce n'eut été une difficulté que Jay Eû avec une []¹

[]ampbell etoit un []

[] comme Jay toujours pense et []

[] mal agis vis a vis de moy dans cette []

[] persuadé Je n'ay point été le voir en sortant []

[] je ne doute point qu'il ne Vous Ecrive contre moy; L'ayant [] personnes hautement et qu'il Ecriroit aussy a Son [superieur G]eneral Gage; Je ne crains cependant point qu'il puisse [] J'aye Jamais manqué au Service et a la fidelité [à Sa Majes] te ou a ceux quy la represente; n'y au devoir d'un [] homme. Ma Conduite est Connue de tout le monde. Mons^r [] Il et plusieurs mes^{rs} de Skanectaday me rendront Justice [] es parts de ceux d'icy: Je me flatte que Sy il fait quelques [] au General que Vous Voudres bien luy faire Connoitre mon []; et meme Vous Connoissant remplie de Bonté J'espere que Vous [Vou]dres bien La premiere fois que Vous Ecriray a Son Excellence luy [par]ler de moy et le detourner, des mauvaises impressions que l'on [po]urroit luy avoir donné de ma personne: Soyés persuadé [que] personne N'est plus sincerement attaché au Service de Sa Majesté et a vous que Celuy quy a l'honneur d'etre tres respectueusement

Monsieur

Votre très humble et
trés obeissant Serviteur

MAISONVILLE

¹ Lines burned off.

ADDRESSED:

A L'honorable

Chevalier Guillaume Johnson Baronet

Surintendant des affaires Sauvages

pour Le District du nord

a

Johnson-Hall

INDORSED:¹

Detroit 23^d. Decb^r. 1773³

Mons^r. Maisonvilles letter

Translation

[]
 [] you [] I have []
 Douitanons of September 12th []
 the Indians of that post are very []
 have made no reply to the belts []
 Vincennes post and the bearer of the letter that I have []
 states that a barge from the Illinois []
 carried five Englishmen and a woman going up the river []
 had been met beyond the river of the []
 part which is named for the Chicagos and []
 aground. The five men landed and left []
 The woman who was left alone in the barge to []
 strength enough to float the barge, abandoned herself to [the]
 Current; and arrived some leagues farther down where there were
 French hunters who took care of her and carried her back to the
 Illinois. The same person says that the Peoria Indians []
 Illinois having been insulted and pursued by the Saks and
 [] Foxes, had been obliged to take refuge in Fort

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Should read 1772.

Chartres. I give you the news as it was told to me and not as certainty. My brother who arrived here some days ago told me that the Miamis had requested all the Wabash Indians to come to their village because they wished to speak to them in the name of the Chadoinons. The Douiatanons alone came at the beginning of last month to whom the Miamis said: Brothers, here is a message that the Chadoinons send to you in the name of the Chickasaws and the Cherokees asking you to make peace in order that all the nations may hunt peacefully. The Douiatanons said that they alone could not decide, and that they would reply with all the other Wabash nations. My brother assures me that he was present at the council where many things were said for the sole object of making peace. I can assure you, Sir, that I would have left some time ago for the Wabash if it had not been for some difficulty which I have had with one []

[] Campbell was one []

[] as I have always believed and []

[] has acted badly toward me in this []

[] persuaded. I did not go to see him when leaving. [] I doubt not but he will write you against me, [having said] so loudly to several persons and that he would also write to his [superior] General Gage. I do not fear however that he will be able [] I have never failed in service and fidelity to his Majesty or those who represent him, nor in the duty of an [honest] man. My conduct is known to all the world. Mr [] and several gentlemen of Schenectady will do me justice as well as most of those here. I flatter myself that if he makes some [] to the general, you will be good enough to inform him of my [merits]. And knowing that you are full of kindness, I hope that the first time you write to His Excellency you will be good enough to [Speak] to him about me, and to correct the bad impression concerning me which he may have given him. Be assured that

no one is more sincerely attached to the service of His Majesty and to you than he who has the honor to be very respectfully

Sir
Your very humble and
very obedient servant

MAISONVILLE

ADDRESSED:

To the honorable
Sir William Johnson Baronet
Superintendent of Indian Affairs
for the Northern District
at Johnson-Hall

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[Pittsburg December 24, 1772]

[¹
How within [] and Near one half of []
from ye. pensylvaine [] the pour peple a Very
Larg[] they must pay again to []
& Neaver have a farthing [] Pensylvaine — w^h.
you will []

By the best Accounts I Can [] the Limits of the
New Grant will [] thirty od Millians of ac^{rs}. & the
[] will open att £10 Sterling ₤ []
and a half penny ₤ a^r Quitrent [] will Make a
handsome Devisi[] the 72 I have Given you those I
[]mations for y^r. Satisfaction as I k[now] you
are one of them tho you Ne[ver] was So Kind as to give Me
a hint of itt

the Ginerall was So polite as to order me the best house in
the fort or any thing I wanted butt ye. Commanding puld itt
Down with Some others and Sold ye. Matarials Stockades
blockhouses Gardians orchards fields & Every thing, before

¹ Lines burned off.

[]¹
 [] itt to him wh. I had [] menshon those
 things, as the [] Menshon itt to you & afr[aid]
 [] offer to me think I was []
 [] aShure you was Not ye. Case [] have
 Wrote him on ye. ocation Nor []tice Memorial Butt
 that the [] perted that he had Don all this []
 the Generals orders & its Spread all over [the co]untry & as
 itt Looks So unlike a [mili] tary order to Distroy ye. houses &
 Sell [] Kings fort & blockhouses & Stockades
 [] th] ought itt butt Just He Should have a []
 State of the places

[I desi]re to present My Compliments to all yr. Famely &
 Gentlemen with you & hope you will blive me with Great Respect
 yr. Honors obeident

Humble Servant

GEO: GROGHAN

P. S. I beg Lave to Truble
 you with the Inclos^d. Leter
 to Deliver Mr. Phyn its to
 Requist he wold Send me
 ye. Acc^{tt}. of what Mr. Prevost
 left unpaid in Scanectady —
 as I will pay the whole
 Next first of June —

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

HENRY BASSET TO THOMAS GAGE

*Contemporary Copy*¹

SIR 24th: Decem^r: [1772] 11 OClock at Night —

Since I wrote my Letter to your Excellency & closed the
 Packet for the Savages to sett out for Niagara early in the
 Morning, I have scarcely time to tell you that Mr: Vensleck²

¹ In William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

² Cornelius A. Van Slyck.

a Considerable Trader of this Place, is just Arrived from St: Josephs, the Pottywatomy Indians attempted murdering him & three servants about Ten Days since. He had one kill'd & another wounded So Ill that he left him in the House, & of Course is put to Death. the third was a frenchman who made his Escape to the Fort. One Indian is killed and two he thinks dangerously wounded, (Mr: Vensleck) has received a slight wound in his face & with the utmost difficulty has got here, he tells me that it was the fault of some french Traders that are settled there, I'm informed there's a certain (Louison Chaville) a very bad man, that's marry'd to a Squagh & encourages these Murders, I'm told this is the third within three Years, the Effects that Mr: Vensleck & Mr: Macomb has left there amounts to above £1500 New York Currency, this is realy very hard on Young Men of good Character, whatever Method your Excellency may think best to root out these Villians; I shall put in Execution with the greatest Chearfulness.

I ever am with Respect —

Sir

(Signed)

&c^a:

HEN. BASSET

INDORSED:

Copy of a Letter from
Major Basset Commanding
Officer at the Detroit to
General Gage —
Dated 24th: Decem^r: 1772 —

HENRY BASSET TO THOMAS GAGE

Extract¹

[*Detroit Dec^r 24th 1772*]

I have lately received a Letter by Express from Sague[nay] from a Monsieur Bealieu telling me that the peltry of the late

¹ Inclosed in Gage to Johnson, March 31, 1773.

unfortunate Mr: Pan¹ was not burn'd only two Packs of Elk Skins, that the rest is in Possession of the Savages, and if he was not confined to his Bed, he imagines he would be able to procure the most of it, and desires I'll send over A proper Person, I have sent over a Man of tolerable good Character that Speaks Indian with Belts & Strings of Wampum. I hope he'll succeed, for the Benefit of the Creditors.

I have not heard any thing of the Murderers since I wrote your Excellency.

INDORSED:

Extract of a Letter from
Major Henry Basset to General
Gage ———
Dated Detroit 24th: Decem^r: 1772

TO THOMAS WHARTON

*A. L. S.*²

Johnson Hall Decbr. 24th. 1772

GOOD SIR/

A few days ago I was favored with your letter of the 1st. Ins^t. as I had before received your letter with that of your Brother Samuel giving me the agreeable Account of the Success of his Negotiation, on which I most heartily congratulate You, as I am a sincere Wellwisher to your Family.— I am much obliged to You for this last Instance of your friendship in communicating to Me the particulars regarding the Shawanese Delawares & Joseph Pippee³ whom I know very well.— There has been a Resolution of the House of Lords against the Sending over Indians, and it is likewise contrary to his Majestys Intentions without my Authority, I therefore presume tho' as yet I have heard nothing from Gov^r. Penn about it, that it will hardly be permitted.

¹ Phineas Pond, trader.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

³ A Delaware Indian.

The Schemes of the Delawares Shawanese &c have been for some time to form such Alliances as might enable them to renew their Depredations, and as they can get few of the Six Nations into their Scheme, they pretend many excuses & represent Matters as if they were aggrieved by the latter, the better to enable them to shake off an Influence not so convenient for their purposes, and I should not be surprised if some Malicious Persons were in some measure interested therein, however I am perfectly regardless of any such endeavors farther than as they may in their consequence be productive of Evil to the Country.—

I shall be glad that You will Inform me of anything farther that may have transpired concerning them, since the Matter was laid before the Gov^r., and in the interim remember me most kindly to your worthy Father, assure him of my great Esteem for him altho unacquainted, and that as I have always been disposed to serve his Family, so shall I always continue in the same disposition, and that I heartily wish him and Yourself all true happiness, with every rational enjoyment, As I am with true regard,

Your Sincere Friend

& Verry Humble Servant

W, JOHNSON

FROM WILLIAM GAMBLE

A. L. S

Albany the 25th. December 1772

SIR

I take the liberty of presenting the Compliments of the Season; wishing you a happy New Year, and that your valuable life may extend to a long succession of them.

This day the last Sloop sailed from the Dock, the river entirely free of Ice which has not been the case at Christmas since I have known Albany

Five of the Money-makers are found guilty and more likely to be so

I am

Sir

Your much obliged
and most humble servant

WILLIAM GAMBLE

The fine Sow you were pleased to give me, and I set so much Store by, died in farrowing; and you were good enough to tell me I might have another young Sow with pig — Should your post come down in a Slay and will bring one I will gladly satisfy him —

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 25th. 1772 —

Mr. Gambles letter —

Ansrd.— 31th —

MONEY RECEIVED FROM JELLES FONDA

A. D.²

[					³]
11	D ^o@ []	Each []		
6	D ^o@ 65/6	Each []		
3	D ^o@ 65	Each	.....	9..15..—	
	D ^o			3.. 5.. 9	
	D ^o			3.. 5..—	
2	D ^o.....64/9.....			6.. 9.. 6	
1	D ^o			3.. 4.. 3	
1	D ^o			3.. 4..—	
1	D ^o			3.. 2..—	
1	D ^o			2..17.. 8	
1	Full Joe.....			6.. 8..—	
1	Doubleoon			5..13.. 4	

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Dates of the items have been burned off.

³ Line burned off.

1 D°.	4..16..—
8 Guineas	14..18..—
1 Moydore	2.. 8..—
14 Bills at £10 Ⓢ	140..—..—
8 d°. at £5 Ⓢ	40..—..—
1 D°.	3..—..—
Half Joe at 64 ^s Ⓢ	128..—..—
	<hr/>
	£461..17.. 3
858 Dollars at 8 ^s Ⓢ	343.. 4..—
	<hr/>
	£805.. 4.. 3

Received of Major
Fonda Decbr. 25th. 1772
for Mr. Jessops purchase¹

TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 514, is listed a letter of December 26th to the Earl of Dartmouth, explaining a scheme of the Indians to southward to draw the Six Nations into an alliance against the English (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:340-41).

TO HENRY GLEN

A. L. S.²

Johnson Hall Decbr 28th. 1772.

SIR/

Your favor of the 27th inst is received and find thereby that Mess^{rs}. Winne & Douw have acted a verry ungenteel & Dishonest part thro the whole affair of that rotten fishing net, of which they ought to be ashamed if they had any reflection or feeling.— all I am concerned at, is that you should have so much trouble about it, but as you have made an agreement with them, I shall abide by it, and send you the money by the first good oportunity. as for the Nett you may order it to be left

¹ Receipted by Johnson.

² In possession of Charles E. Gardiner, Johnstown, N. Y.

at their Doors, or give it to any poor body you please, if worth their Acceptance. The Election of our Representatives was Unanimous, and will I hope always be such, as making Partys or Divisions amongst the Inhabitants, can never be for their Interest.— I return you many thanks for your good Wishes, and return the same with great sincerity, as I am really your sincere friend and Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

HENRY GLEN Esq^r.—

I take y^e. first oportunity by Mr. Andrews¹ now here, of Sending you the £ 12 to pay for the Net, wh^h. is so much thrown away —

ADDRESSED:

To
Henry Glen Esq^r.
Schenectady

by favor of
the Revr^d.
Mr. Andrews }
}

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

[*Pittsburg December 31, 1772*]

[]
Keyashuta returnd to the []
whom I was honor'd with Your favour []
have wrote Your Honor since my last Arr[ival] []
Country a full account of every thing that []
them relative to the Business I went upon, as []
else which came to my Knowlege during that Jo[urney] []

Mr. Croghan has communicated to me the G[] []
Intentions of Forming a New Colony upon the Ohio; []
with me in the Necessity of taking the earliest Oppertunity
notifying it in His Majestys Name to the several Nations this

¹ Rev. William Andrews of Schenectady.

way for which purpose I shall shortly sett ou[t to exe-]cute it agreeable to Your Honor's Directions.

The Day after Keyashuta's Arrival he employ'd [Messen-]gers to go to the several Towns to acquaint them of [] and enjoyn'd them in the most earnest manner to be str[ict] in preserving Peace and Tranquility untill he had an opp[er-]tunity of delivering to them the Speeches he is charged with from Your Honor and the Six Nation Chiefs: It is to be hoped from the Tenor of His Behaviour since he came, that the civil Treat-ment he mett with from the White people in General will have an Effect upon []¹

[] for no Indian this way []
 [] Belts when well disposed, or on []
 [] when so inclin'd —

The Indians this way since their last Meeting [] seems to have been principally taken up about [] Belts sent to the Mississippi last Summer. The [] my last Letter contains an Acco^{tt}. and the Six Belts [] Honor's Possession was part of those shewed to me [] C]ongress at Scioto: And altho The Shawanese Delawares & [] on Indians promised to attend the Meeting at Onondago, [] say they never had any Intentions of going to any more Coun[] in the Six Nation Country, having before experienced the [Co]ntempt and Neglect shewn them, and that it coud answer no good purpose of them, as they were always obliged to sit behind Backs at all such Councils —

Keyashuta has informed me, That an Onondago Chief who was at the Congress at Scioto, declared at the late Meeting with Your Honor, That on His return home, he had been told of a Bad Belt amongst the Shawanese, and altho Keyashuta denies knowing anything of it, I have lately been informed of a Story to the same Effect, by the Brother of the person in whose Hands [it] is supposed to be, [] party thereof —

¹ Lines burned off.

The Deputy Commissary of Provis[] deliver
 the Kings Stores left behind to me wh[] is nothing
 but the Sweepings of the Kings Stores [] you will
 see by the Inclosed Return — There is a [] pro]vision
 in the Contractor's Store, which Their Agent here []
 the Crown as your Honor will see by His Letter to me
 here[] There is no doubt but I shall be much
 distress'd for provisions [] Spring when all the
 Nations collect here, which they are de[] to do —
 If your honor wou'd incline to prevail on the General []
 those deliverd me for that purpose it wou'd answer —

From the present Temper of the Indians since the Tr[]
 been removed, I think there is not any Doubt but they will
 receive [] of a Civil Government with great Satis-
 faction as it appears now [] were suspicious of us &
 allways thought our keeping Troops here [] That
 they should be employed one Day or other Against them; But
 [] they seem quite easy in their Minds & all their
 Jealousies on that acco^{tt}. removed —

As there has been frequent Applications to me on Acco^{tt}. of
 []¹
 [Abrah]am Jones's & Sons pay []
 [] Detroit — I therefore wou'd request You []
 inform me by the next Oppertunity to [] as paid —
 [] with Greatest Respect

Your Honor's Most Obedient

Humble Servant

ALEXANDER M^c KEE

The Honorable SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:²

Decbr. 31st. 1772 —

Alex^r. M^c.Kees letter
 wth. Sundry Inclosures

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

BOUNDS OF TRACTS OF LAND

D.

[Dec. 31, 1772]

[] Hampton Thence N: 30^d West []
 [] N. 60^d East ————— 270 Thence ————— S:
 30^d East about 1135 Ch To the Eastermost End of said
 North Hampton, Thence Northerly Round the same, to
 the place of Beginning. 27,000 Acres or thereabouts.—
 The Purchase Money paid by Goldsbrow Banyar Esq^r The
 bounds of Lands to be conveyed to Isaac Low, Derick Lefferts,
 the Heirs of Peter Remsen, Robert Leak, Thomas Palmer, and
 All their Associates.

Begining at the N: East corner of the Tract of Land
 Bounded to John Bergen and his Associates And Runs N: 60^d
 East About 850 Chain Untill a Line Shall intersect it coming
 From the West Branch of Hudsons River North 30^d West
 beginning to run from a Certain place, on said west Branch
 four miles From Hudsons River Due West thence South 30^d
 E: to the Said place, on the said west Branch of Hudsons
 River, thence Up the Same westerly Round the Easterly,
 Northly & Westerly Bounds of a Certain tract of Land of Nine
 Thousand Acres Reserved for John Glen and Others, and Up
 the Said Stream, Round the Patented Lands, to the S: East
 Corner of the Said Tract of John Bergen, thence N: 30^d W:
 About 1135 Ch to the Place of beginning, Containing About
 Ninety Thousand Acres of Land, The purchase mony Paid
 by Isaac Low, Derick Lefferts, the Heirs of Peter Remsen,
 Robert Leak, Thom^s Palmer & thier Associates. Runing up
 [] Tract of [] And Agreed^s
 [] And thier Associates, thence Along []
 Bounds thereof, and As far as the North [] Of the
 Tract Petitioned for by Thomas Palmer and His Associates,
 and being the Corner Also of [] Bounds Agreed for
 Isaac Low, Derick Lefferts, the Heirs of Peter Remsen, Robert
 Leak, the Said Thomas Palmer And Their Associates, thence

South 30 D^s. East to the Said West Branch of Hudsons River, four Miles Due West from the Said north Branch of the Said Hudsons River, thence Down the Same to their Confluence being the place of beginning More or Less, the purchase Mony To be paid by Jelles Fonda & His Associates.

The bounds of a Certain Tract of Land Petitioned for by Edward Jessup and Ebenezer Jessup and Their Associates of Forty Thousand Acres — Begining on the West Side of Hudsons River, five Miles Above A Patent Lately Granted to Ebenezer Jessup and Others, on the East Side of Hudsons River Containing Seven Thousand five Hundred Acres of Land, Thence extending Up the Said River Northerly And back in the Woods Westerly so far as to include the Quantity of forty Thousand Acres of Land The Purchase Mony to be Paid by Edward Jessup and Ebenezer Jessup

[¹]
 [] by John Bergen and his Associates (and to be Laid Out for them) thence Runs N:30^d West Untill a Line Coming west from Ten Miles North of Crount Point shall interesect it Thence East to Hudsons River, thence Down the Same to the North Bounds of a tract petitioned For by Edward Jessup and Ebenezer Jessup and their Associates of Forty thousand Acres, thence Round The Northerly and Westerly Bounds thereof, to the North East Corner of a tract Petitioned for by Thomas Palmer and his Associates, thence South 60^d West To the North West Corner of the Said Tract of John Bergen being the Place of Beginning —

The purchase Money to be paid by Joseph Totten & Stephen Crosfield & Associates.

INDORSED:

The Bounds of several
 Tracts of Land
 for Indian Deeds
 1772

¹ Line burned off.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON VS JAMES DAVIS

D. S.¹

Inferior Court of Common Pleas

Of the Term of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy two —

Tryon ss. Sir William Johnson Bart. Complains of James Davis otherwise Called James Davis of Johnstown In the County of Tryon and Province of New York Hatter in Custody &c of a Plea that he Renders unto him Two Hundred and thirty two pounds fourteen Shillings, seven pence Lawfull Money of New York which the said James owes to the said Sir William Johnson & unjustly detains from him for this to wit that Whereas the said James Davis on the twenty sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy two at Johnstown in the County of Tryon and within the Jurisdiction of this Court by his Bill Obligatory Sealed with the Seal of the said James and to the Court — Now here Shewn the date whereof is on the same day & year Aforesaid Acknowledged himself to be Indebted unto the said William Johnson by the Name of the Honbl^e. Sir William Johnson Bart. in the Sum of One hundred & Sixteen pounds seven Shillings & three pence to be paid to the said Sir William Johnson on the first day of December then Next ensuing after the date of the said Bill and to the said Payment well & truly to be made the said James, by the said bill firmly bound himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators and every of them in the said Sum of Two Hundred & thirty two pounds fourteen Shillings and Seven pence. and the said Sir William Johnson

¹ In collection of Willis T. Hanson jr, Schenectady, N. Y.

in fact says that the said James did not on the first day of December pay to the said Sir William Johnson the said Sum of One Hundred & Sixteen pounds seven Shillings and three pence halfpenny which upon that day he ought to have paid him According to the form & Effect of the said Bill whereby an Action hath Acrued to the said Sir William Johnson to demand & have of the said James the said sum of Two Hundred And thirty two pounds fourteen Shillings & seven pence. Nevertheless the said James Davis altho often required &c hath not paid the said sum of Two Hundred & thirty two Pounds fourteen Shillins & seven pence to the said Sir William Johnson but hitherto hath Refused & Still doth refuse to pay the same to the Damage of the said Sir William Johnson fifty Pounds & thereof he brings this Suit &c

SILVESTER for Pl^t. } pledg
 D. DAVIS for Def^t. } es
 &c

County of Tryon ss. Sir William Johnson Bart. puts in his place Peter Silvester his Attorney against James Davis otherwise Called James Davis of Johnstown in the County of Tryon & Province of New York Hatter in a Plea of Debt &c

INDORSED:

Tryon Court of Common Pleas
 The Honb^{le} Sir William } Dr.
 Johnson Bart.— } Narr
 vs } Penal
 James Davis } Bill

Silvester Att^y.

to be fyled

Filed 21 Jan^y. 1773.

CASE OF MOHAWKS AND CANAJOHARIES

D. S.

[————— 1772]

[]
 appropriate to its Use one thousand Acres of []
 Many Years after the Corporation employed []
 who Obtained a Deed from some of them, which []
 of these Lands, when the Indians Shou'd cease to be as
 [] paid no Consideration. but the Indians always
 [] no more was understood, meant, or intended by
 them [] under the Protection of a body of People
 whom they appreh[ended were] willing to defend this inter-
 esting part of their Property from the [] of any of
 the Neighbours, or the indiscretion of any of their own []

That the Indians did afterwards Convey some part of
 [] to some persons whom they have always permitted
 to hold the same, but that the Corporation intimidated these
 People, and obliged some to enter into Articles to pay them
 Rent.

That *Aria*, a Mohawk Chief who had executed the [Deed
 to] the Corporation was repeatedly blamed by all the rest of
 the Indians, & threatened so soon as they heard that it had a
 different Construction, and [] operate to the giving
 a Reversion to the Corporation which induced him to []
 matter before Gov^r. Cosby at Albany who disapproved of the
 same, [] calling for the Deed, gave it to *Aria*, who
 threw it into the fire.

That some of the former Mayors, and several of the Corpo-
 ration declared that they did not intend to avail themselves of
 that Deed, th[at] they did not afterwards demand Rent from,
 or eject those Persons settled th[ere] in consequence of which,
 the Indians wou'd have rested thoroughly content and Satisfyed,
 had they not lately been told by Several of their Neighbours
 [that] the Corporation wou'd compell those living upon these
 Lands to pay them R[ent] and would take Measures to get it

all into their Possession. this brought [to] the recollection of the Mohawks the treatment of the Scorticoke Indians, [whose] lowlands were claimed by the Corporation under a similar Title, and who were []
 []¹
 [] of the Corporation and Inhabitants of Albany [] with the most reasonable Purchases, and with whom they [], much in favor of that City. they are still willing to hope [] could produce Such a Title, as might appear in their favor at Co[] for the Consideration before mentioned, an Advantage woud not [] []ance of their Ancestors in a matter of so little value to the Corporation [but] So Interesting to them. That therefore they expect both in reason, and [] small Remains of their Property, (the lands they Occupy round their villages []). []ned to them, and to their latest Posterity, with liberty in case hereafter they [] Country, or become reduced as a People to dispose of Same, giving a Preference to the Corporation of Albany, and they trust that this their reasonable Request will meet with the favor, and Countenance of Government.

Case of the Mohawks of Conajohare respecting the Lands around their Village

The Conajohares consider themselves as within the Same Predicament as the Mohawks with regard to the large Sales they formerly made for very Slender Considerations and to the mere trifle of Property remaining in their hands.

They acknowledge that they sold above forty Years ago a Tract of land to Mess^{rs}. Livingston, and Van Horne, but they positively deny that they ever Sold any of the upper part that was claimed under the Patent, those Persons afterwards obtained. besides the Absurdity of the Supposition that they shou'd sell the very Planting Grounds, and Village they lived

¹ Several lines burned off.

on, at a time when they were much more numerous then they are at present. There are very Strong proofs to the contrary appearing on Sundry Examinations, as well as at a Trial at Bar in 1763 that the survey []

[]¹
 That the present Claimants and [] believe of the Premisses, did afterwards agree to [] part, which was perfected by all present except a certain [] Some Man, who has often created much uneasiness in [] Still continues to refuse to execute the Same, and has [] Part thereof, alledging as a reason, "that he had been well []" which the Indians can give no Credit. That although [] are willing to Judge honorably of the Intention of the present Proprietors [] Yet they cannot help being greatly alarmed at the Conduct of Klock [] that a Discontent arising therefrom, may operate on the rest of [] same Effect as is Set forth in the Case of the Mohawks. [] their fidelity, and Attachment to the English intitles them to strict Just[ice] [] Protection of Government, & that for the Considerations before mentioned their [] Slender Remains of their Property, is reasonable, and their Desire moderate.

They therefore request that Klock may be compelled to [] the Release and that Mr. Burnet Brown who was then absent may [] the same according to his Promise, or that such other Measures may be [taken] for their Relief, as may secure these Lands to them their Heirs, or Assigns for ever.

Pro Sir William Johnson

G JOHNSON D Agent

for Ind^a. Affairs

INDORSED:

[] Mohawk Indians
 [] ing the lands around their
 Village — 1772

¹ Several lines burned off.

TO THOMAS GAGE

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall Jan. 1 1773]

[DEAR SIR]²

I have [had the favor of your letter of the 15th. Ult^o., and] have accordingly [wrote to Major Bassett, giving him] such Instructions [for his conduct towards the Indians] on the Subject of the late Murder as I thought best & most Correspondent with your own sentiments. Indeed it is so nice a point that little more can be said to them, than that his Majesty is so Sensible of their follies, and so full of Clemency that he may be prevailed on to forgive them in this Instance on Condition that it is the last, and that they restore the goods or an equivalent, &ca.

I imagined that the Indians about the Ouabache would interest themselves strongly in favor of the French Settlers, what Title the latter can claim by I am at a loss to conjecture. An Indian Title in that Country could not be admitted without establishing a very dangerous precedent, and as to one from the French Gov^t. tho' they latterly grew liberal of their Grants, I have never yet heard that they made any in that Country:—

As to the proceedings of the two Shawanese at the Illinois in my name, I am at a loss what to think of it, for tho' it is possible they might have been sent in consequence of the late Scioto Meeting, they had no Authority from me, I am rather inclined to think that there is some dark Scheme in it, as I have lately discovered that the Shaw^{se} & Delawares are endeavoring to form an Association ag^t. the 6 Nations [*& English*], as the former if we Except [the Mingoes of Ohio and a few Senecaes will not come into their Measures, they trust that the Six Nations will be intimidated at the news of the Confederacy against them, and

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Words within brackets have been supplied from the original letter in the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

thereby induced to Joyn them, which is the more wanted by the rest, as the Situation of the Six Nations] renders them the most [fitting to attack our Communications] & northern Settlements. [They complain bitterly] to the other Nations of the Capture [of Captain Bull &] 40 Delawares by the party I sent out in 1764 & request to be made Independant of that Confederacy, I have Even been lately Assured that a Deputation was Secretly going to Philadelphia with a View to proceed to England to effect this, From which If attended to by Governmt. they hope to set the 6 Nat^s. so much ag^t us, that they will Joyn the rest thro' a Spirit of revenge.

Col. Johnson going down as a Representative for this County, I beg to referr you to him for any thing farther on these or other occurring Subjects.

His Excell^y GEN^L. GAGE.

INDORSED:¹

To His Excell^y Gen^L. Gage

Janr^y. 1st. 1773 —
by Col^o. Johnson

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall Jan^y 1st 1773*]

By Coll: Johnson []
for Lord Adam Gordon which []
I wish that that may prove Sufficient, as I dont see []
either of the Evidences can go down, or what can farther be
done here at present to authenticate it A Bill on England sent
to me here will answer my purposes Sufficiently

Coll: Johnson who goes to take his Seat in the House will
give you the news of the Quarter, so that I have only at present

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

to add the Compliments of the Season to you & yours & to assure you that I am always with true regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Sincere friend

& very humble Serv^t.

Hon^{ble} JOHN WATTS Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Jan^y. 1st 1773

To the Honble J Watts

Esq^r with Lord Ad^m. Gordons

Deed P Coll. G. Johnson.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York January 12, 1773*]

[]

[]¹

members at the Governor's [] they mett a hearty Wellcome & kind reception [at] the House, tho' Pains was taken to kick up [] Dust against any New Members. I think I [can] assure you they will get any Bills passed that they [may] propose for the Good of the Country. Sir W^m Johnson's influence (says a certain Lawyer) can carry anything he pleases now both wth Gov^r. Councill & Assembly — he returns two Members by his Nod, & can direct the Ellection of the Albany & Schenectady Members as he pleases — I wish his Interest was twice as great (says a Friend) for we are sure its his Inclination & greatly his interest to use it all for the good of the Province.

Sir John is very well, & so are the Young Ladys. I have enquired about Dan^l Sullivan's Will & find there is not a penny Left to Dennis Sullivan. what is left by way of Legacy is to John Sullivan, but it wont be £20 as the Lease of the House,

¹ Lines burned off.

which was on the Church Lands was left by the Will to Mr Lispinard —

I am glad to find you got the £ 1000 sent by Marseiles — I expected to have sent the rest ere now by Col^o John Rensaler, but he still is here—he is surrendering a great part of his disputed Claverack Estate to the Crown, & getting a Confirmation for []¹
[] County, but is likely []
[] Insolvent Act. If I find his Clav[]
[] will suit you I will send him up to you —

We have no News here. The Governor [does not] get his Health as I could wish. He says himself that he will not be well untill he gets up to y[ou,] then he says he will recover, as he did last year.

I am told Col^o. Schuyler has paid great Attention [to] Col^o Johnson — Times are changed. I find the Albany Members are instructed by their Constituents to [vote] against Judge Livingston's having a Seat in the House — this is a strange Turn in Affairs — Inclosed is a Letter from London for you — there is a large Letter & a Box from London for Col^o. Claus which shall be sent first oppertunity please tell him this with my Compl^{ts}, & lett him [know] his Daughter is verry well, much admired, & thought by most people she will be the *Belle* of the Province.

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compliments. I hope I need not repeat how much I am

D^r Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

Never was finer Weather
the Gardens are all green,
& rose bushes budding

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall.

¹ Lines burned off.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 at Johnson Hall
 Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

N York 12th Jan^y 1773

Mr Wallaces letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 16 Jan^y 1773

DEAR SIR

I wrote you last Post, & [have this] moment heard of a Slay going off to Albany, (as we have had some Snow & now fine clear frosty Weather) I have sent you to the Care of Mr. Mayor of Albany £500 leas^t you might want it — I did not like to send more at once, a Duplicate shall go by first Conveyance which will be in a few Days. All well here the Slay waits & I have only time to add that I am ever truly

D^r Sir Y^r. most obed Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t.
 Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir Will^m: Johnson Bar^t.
 at Johnson Hall
 Tryon County

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹

Janry 16th. 1773 —

Mr. Wallace's Letter

wth. £ 500. . . — . . —

MEMORIAL OF JOHN WEATHERHEAD TO THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.

[*New York*] the 17th January 1773

[]²
 [sun]dry Spirituous Li[quors]
 [] The practice of sending Rum one of []
 [] attended with the most pernicious Consequences []
 [] well the Garrison or Inhabitants and Traders []
 the Rum.

That on or about the 20th of August []
 [] upwards of forty Casks of Rum had been privately
 conveyed one of [], where it had been discovered by
 some Frenchmen; in consequence [] immediately to
 Major Robert Rogers then Commandant of the Fort of
 [Michilimacinac] soldiers to assist him in seizing and
 bringing back the said Rum into the [] Duty so to
 do; as well in Obedience to the Instructions he had from Time
 to Time [] me, as in Conformity to the Regulations
 which the Indian Traders [] Strenuously urged Him
 to make for the future prevention of So great an Evil, having
 [] arity Signed Bonds in £500 stl penalty to the
 Crown as a Security for their []
 [] Regulations but

That Major Rogers insisting that He alone had the []
 [] Seizures by Virtue of Your Excellencies Generall
 Orders Sent to these Out posts, refused to []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Line burned off.

Assistance to make the Seizure; but on the Contrary He himself sent a written O[rder] then Serjeant of the Guard, commanding Him to take a party of Men to Seize the L[iquor] the Fort; This was accordingly done, and the Rum was delivered to Major Rogers, who []elf, ordering it into the Care of One Maxwell, the Commissary of Provisions, and [] M^r Roberts to have any Care of it or Concern with it; on Account of which Refus[al] the Major and M^r Roberts, Each insisting He had a Right to have the Care of [] Rogers kept the Possession, and immediately ordered M^r Roberts to be arrested and Con[fin]ed aft[er] which He was Sent prisoner to Detroit, from whence He did not return to Michilimackinac [] Month of June following, So that He was absent Ten Months; and on his Return He [] said Rum was either Stolen or had leaked out of the Casks —

That a few days after the Rum was brought back into the Fort []quiry composed of Twelve Traders, with Lieutenant John Christie of the 60th Regt, a[nd] Mathew to inquire to whom the Rum belonged, but nothing Certain could be discovered; [] very Strong Circumstances, it was generally Supposed to belong to Major Rogers himself, and [] concerned with some persons undiscovered, in Sending out the Rum privately; either with [] large Sum of Money by Selling it to the Indians, or perhaps Some much worse Design [] there was Sufficient Reason to apprehend from Major Rogers's Conduct —

That notwithstanding Major Rogers actually did Seize [] of the Said Rum — On M^r Roberts's Arrival in Albany on the 6th December [] filed against Him out of the Mayor's Court in Albany in an Action of Trover [] Henry, John Farrell and James Abbot for the whole Amount of Said Rum and []ly; but not chusing to have the Action tryed in Albany — M^r Roberts wrote to M^r [] that time transacted S^r William Johnson's Busi-

ness in New York, requesting Him to [] as possible to the Attorney General and desire Him to remove the Case into the Supreme []
 []¹
 [] & thereby made []
 [] few] days after which Mr Roberts Sailed for [] Him all the original papers, that cou'd be Eviden]ce []ature and which your Memorialist imagined had been []erall —
 [] Your Memorialist Seeing the disagreeable Situation in which [], and understanding that the Cause must unavoidably be Soon tryed [] Issue; sent a Subpoena to Sr William Johnson; and wrote to Him in [] Terms for Instructions How to act, and requesting Him to furnish [] whatev]er he coud possibly produce in Defence of Mr Roberts your Memorialist [] thinking Sr William's Presence the more necessary to Support His own [], because They apprehended that the plaintiffs Council woud insist th[] pointed by Sr William Johnson and all Orders in Restraint of [] comm]unicated by the Same Authority to Such officers, without a parliamentary [] were invalid and a meer Nullity; and that therefore Sr William Johnson [] Court to Shew the absolute Necessity there was for Such Orders and Instruc[tions [] probability operate powerfully on the Tryall in favor of Roberts and [] the Evil Consequences which might in future attend any of His Ma[jesty's []ing their Duty, Shoud the plaintiffs in this Sute recover against Roberts [] to the above Letters and Representations to Sr William Johnson; your Memorialist [] the Mortification to learn, that Sr William "never had ordered Mr Roberts to [] your Memorialist to become Special Bail, but had only told Him (Roberts) that He [], and try to prevail on Your Excellency to pay the Money in Case a Virdict Shoud []

¹ Line burned off.

the Plaintiffs; for that He thought the Crown and not Mr Roberts ought to pay [] th]at He was not in possession of any papers that could be of Consequence before the [] th]at He was Sorry it was by no Means in His power to come down himself to defend the [] because His Majesties Service absolutely required His personall Attendance on a Con[gress] of the Indians then actually assembled at His own House."

Thus Sir Your Memorialist has been deprived of the Benefit of [] ence and has been forced to defend the Cause Himself in the best Manner he co[ud] and unsupported; which has already Cost Him a great deal of Time, Trouble and [] altho the Evidence produced by the plaintiffs was very Slight and [] merely Circumstantial and presumptive, and turning chiefly upon the [] Mr Robert's Clerk went along with the Soldiers Sent by Major Rogers [] in the Quarrell on the parade Mr Roberts insisting that He was the proper Seizing Officer [] Evidence produced on the part of Roberts, which was composed of the officers and [] []¹ [] that what was barely his duty, in Obedience to [] by His Majesties Authority; and this therefore [] duty as an honest Man and a faithfull Officer —

Your Memorialist firmly relies on the Honor of the [] that Government will never permitt Him to be so great a Sufferer [] Support and Vindicate One of its Officers in Execution and Discharge []

Your Memorialist Therefore most humbly [] Excellency will be pleased to take the [] Con- sideration, and to interpose Your [] Government in His Behalf, which [] will effectually procure Him [] nifying and Saving Him humility [] Loss He must otherwise Suffer from [] And Your Memorialist shall Ever []

JOHN WETHERH[EAD]

¹ Lines burned off.

INDORSED:¹Jan^{ry}. 19th. 1773 —Mr. W^m. M^c. Adem's letterAnsrd. 9th.Feb^{ry}. 1773 &promised to pay y^e. Dem^d.

next April being £171..8..6

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 20 Jan^y 1773D^R. S^R.

I have receiv'd Lord Adam Gordons Deeds [] the
Ten thousand Acres of Land, have sent them Home to him,
[] for the Amount & paid it to S^r. John as you direct,
amounting ₧ the Account you transmitted to £456..18..6
this Curr^y. — In excessive haste I remain —

D^r. S^r.Y^r. Aff^t. & Humb. Serv^tJN^o. WATTSS^R. WILL: JOHNSON Barr^{tt}.

ADDRESSED:

To
S^r. Will^m. Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹New York Jan^{ry}. 20th. 1773

Mr. John Watts letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

PLEA OF JAMES DAVIS

D. S.¹

County of Tryon Court of Common Pleas

James Davis	}	Plea
ads		
Sir W ^m . Johnson		

And the said James Davis by Dudley Davis his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when &c and says that he cannot deny the Action of the aforesaid Sir William Johnson, nor but that the writing Obligatory is the Deed of him the said James Davis, nor but that he Oweth to the said Sir William Johnson, the said Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty two Pounds fourteen Shillings & seven pence, in Manner and form as the said Sir William Johnson above thereof against him Complains;

Dudley Davis Attorney for the Def^t.

County of Tryon ss James Davis puts in his place Dudley Davis his Attorney at the Suit of Sir William Johnson Bart in the Plea aforesaid &c

INDORSED:

County of Tryon Inferior Court

James Davis	}	Plea
ads		
Sir W ^m . Johnson		

Att^y

to be fyled after signed by def^t.

att^y and after Judgment confsd

filed 21 Jan^y 1773

¹ In collection of Willis T. Hanson jr, Schenectady, N. Y.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

*A. L. S.**Schenectady the 23 January 1773*

DEAR SIR

I Send you by the Bearer your Post a pair of Elks Horns — which as they are large & intirely whole makes them a little Curious — I beg you will Accept of them to hang in your Hall, they were sent to me this Fall from Detroit.

I am told Wheat Sells at Albany at 4/6 & Pease at 3/6 p^r Schiple, Cherivaly Butter Sells here at 9^d & 10^d — we buy Good Mutton at 4^d & Beef at 4½^d which is Reasonable at this Season of the Year — I dont know of any News here to give you M^{rs}: Campbell joins me with her best respects — I am Dear Sir with great truth your most Humble & obedient Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹Jan^y. 23^d. 1773 —

 Daniel Campbell Esq^{rs}.
 Letter ———

TO SAMUEL BAKER

*A. Df. S.**[Johnson Hall Jan^y 23^d 1773]*

[]

I should have taken [] of Acknowledging the receipt of your kind favors of the 5th. & 14th. of August, but was prevented by the Multiplicity of Affairs in which I am almost constantly engaged, as well as by my Absence from Home lately, therefore hope you will not impute my Silence to Want of regard, or a due Sense of your

¹ In Johnson's hand.

kindness.— the many Instances I have had from my first Settling in this Country, of the kind Interest Your late Worthy Father took in my Wellfare, makes me hope that you, Sir, will (notwithstanding your resolution to quit the American Business) continue the management of that Small Sum which I have now in the Funds, and that you will with y^e. Ballance of £107..12..5 in y^r. hands and the Dividends of y^e. whole Sum as they become due, be good enough to purchase Stock in Consol^d. 3[⁄]4^c Annuities, until such time as I Can Settle Matters otherwise. And you will greatly oblige, Sir,

Your Sincere Welwisher
& verry Humble Servant

W J

SAMUEL BAKER Esq^r.

INDORSED:¹

Janry. 23^d. 1773

[To Sir] W, Baker [Esq^r.]

FROM JOHN LAMB

L. S.

New York [January 25 1773]

HONOURED SIR

Having been inform'd by M^r. Ratzema that He had receiv'd a Letter from M^r. Yates of Albany, intimating that You had Wrote to him respecting Your Bond, expressing a desire to have it settled; And requesting to know whether it was to be paid in Albany or by a Draft upon this place — I have taken the liberty to write You upon that subject and to inform You, that I always understood that the Money was to be paid here; For which reason I shall esteem it a singular favour, if You'll either send me a Draft for the amount or give directions to some person

¹ In Johnson's hand.

here, to pay the same, as soon as may be convenient.— Your Honours compliance will be gratefully acknowledged, by

Your most Humble Servant

JOHN LAMB

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnstown

INDORSED:¹

N York 25th. Janry. 1773

Mr. John Lambs letter

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.

[*New York February 2, 1773*]

DEAR SIR WILLIAM,

This Moment I had the great pleasu[re]
 favor of the 27 ult^o. which was the only letter []
 self from our Friends by this post: — As I must []
 ready the Post going off early in the morning, the []
 sev^l. Friends who will not write to me, I shall first []
 Matters of business as they happen to occur hoping that []
 impute the want of method to the continual hurry in which I
 am []arily involved, and of which I am fully persuaded
 few can have [any] conception.— In the first place, the Act I
 suggested a hint of for qu[ieting] *Antient Possessions* is
 impracticable, and on more mature reflection I am satisfied in
 this particular.—As for the Indian Affair, it is thus: the Gov^r.
 having spoke to the parties, they have all resigned & re-acknowl-
 edged the Conajoharee Release, as on Inspection, there was a

¹ In Johnson's hand.

long (unnoticed) erasure, which rendered it invalid. This being done & Brown having Executed it [the] Gov^r. says that he will think of some farther measures for compelling [] The Mohock Affair is likely to be soonest determined, the Gov^r. will in a few days send a Message to the House recommending a bill, which some one of the Members will Move for, & then I shall speak to it elaborately.—But, how it will go, I can not Determine & some of our Members have been instructed by their Constituents to Oppose it.— Before the rec^t. of your last I had inserted £ 1600 into the Ct. House & Goal Bill, some of our Friends above advised me to apply for 1800^l.— If the Sum exceeds their Finances, we must manage it in the raising which is to be at 2 Assessments. I [] for establishing, [] generally do even before the Motion, [] (it will do better than any before it) I [] Tavern Bill, a Hungry Wolf bill & filthy Swine bill [] Epithets, also a Gen^l. Excise bill, &ca &ca The Fav[] Ph. Schuyler was going to move for) will be established by the [] I have often spoke to him & Fanning ab^t. it.— If the Names of the Aliens come [] I shall do what I can to get it thro before the end of the Session. The Members look queerly at the time which the House has already given to my [bil]ls & which is without precedent, and as to abatement of Fees, It is a doubt.— I wish I could do more, but I believe I can convince you I've done pretty well, & I have already the high satisfaction of finding you think so

This day the Cumberland Co. Members, Judge Wells, & Mr Brush appeared (in their Laced Cloaths I assure you), & took their Seats — Wells is a Good Looking Man & Brush was formerly Deputy Banyar but has now a good deal of property in Cumberland.—

The House has been hitherto quiet and friendly, but many Circumstances now threaten an Interruption of that harmony. In the first place, the Gov^r. in his Speech recommended some

Exped[ient] to prevent the Circulation of the false money, of which above £8000 is now already in this province.— The House prepared a Bill for emitting a new sett of Bills on better Paper, & calling in the rest.— as this was in the face of a late British Act of Parl^t. which incapacitates any Gov^r. from ever serving in any Capacity, Milil^y. or Civil that shall pass a Money bill, the House sent the Bill privately in Confidence to the Governor to get his Sentiments who declared it w^d not be in his power to pass it & that in delicacy they sho^d not urge it farther, after receiv^g. his private Opinion. Most of the Me[mbers] []¹ [] the best [] already been Committed without opposit[ion] [] taking the Gov^{rs}. private opinion. It is in [] disapproved at home, we shall have no Currency [] I spoke against it near ½ an hour & was Seconded by Two [] the House, with Just success enough to stave off the Evil day [] on again & Crowds attended on the occasion, but we got it [] Another Thing that will cause Trouble is, the establishment [] us & Massachusetts Bay. This is strongly opposed by Mr De [] of the Geog^y. & other matters & irritated at the Gov^r ab^t Militia Com^s. is [] Court^r. now, & the Sp — r & others are likewise disgusted & have altered [] Sentiments which has created a Division amongst the once formidable []. I have therefore a very difficult Hand to play amongst them.—

I proceed now to other Matters.— Your Letter to Baker & that to Lord Dartmouth will Sail with the Pacquet this Day. No oportunity that was safe having offered since my Arrival. I am much at a Loss about an Organ, especially as you Mention no price, there is not one to spare here, but I expect to hear [every] day from Philad^a. concern^g it — the lowest price of any that may be fitting would be 80 or £100 for a very small one.— Col. Rens^r. has obtained fav^r. (w^{ch} I believe has disgusted the Crugers) he gives up ab^t. 60,000^a. & Patents the

rest. Schuyler is very Complaisant & Fry as you'd wish,—The Schenck. Affair is postponed to next Sessions, & Glen return'd. I (accordg. to Form) entertained the Govr. Council & Assembly &ca last Thursday Week it came to Thirty odd pounds which with 10£ that the Maine Society Squeezed out (& 20^l from Sr John) havg. to take me in, elected me Last Novr. has so far penetrated into my Cash that I must again throw my self on your favor & request you'll indulge me with some more.— Fry is to treat next Week, & looks foolish enough on the occasion, but 'tis an Invariable Rule, the first Sitting. The []
 []¹
 [] Natural attention [] this season.—
 [] Gratitude If I did not particularly express the Sense
 [] opinion as expressed in your last, I am far from
 assuming [] ent you so liberally bestow upon me, At
 the same time I cannot [] est Satisfaction at any form
 of praise when coming from so [] tion and I trust that
 in the number of my wants neither [] Affection shall
 ever appear, but that I shall always, [] a]ssert myself

My very dear Sir W^m.

Y^r dutiful Son & Truly Affectionate Serv^t.

G. JOHNSON

[] asked, & obt^d. Const.

[] ent.—

INDORSED:²

New York Febr^y. 2^d. 1773

Coll. Johnsons Letter

FROM THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 515, is listed a letter of February 3d from Dartmouth, Whitehall, expressing regret that the French on the Mississippi

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

are able to stir up the Indians against British interest, and the fear that some of the tribes within the proposed new colony will not consent to its establishment (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:348-49).

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

DR. SR.

New York 4th Feby 1773

This will be handed you by a Man bred at the foot of Gamaliel, who proposes to become an Inhabitant of your rising Town — Woud to God the whole Faculty (some few good Ones excepted) woud steer the same Course, if you want them, or at least woud steer some Course from us, where they might be of more use, than we find them — This Gentleman served his time as the phraise is, with Mr. Skinner Att^y. Gen^l. of the Jersys, and is recommended to me as a person of candor & fairness in his profession which is saying a good deal too — He has various Letters to you, of more consequence than mine, but it seems the Countenance you have been so good as to show to my troublesome recommendations hitherto lays me under the Necessity of adding One More to the long Catalogue —

I can recollect No News to tell you. The Packett keeps out. tho other Vessels arrive, being hyred by the year they become lazy Messengers. I wrote you the 20th. Ult: a line in haste, that I had paid the Money for Lord Adam Gordons Land, pursuant to your directions & drawn upon him for the value. You hear no doubt frequently from Sr. John & the Colonel. They are both well, the former in his Conduct answers your best Wishes. The poor Colonel wo'd be more alert with less bulk — I am allways

Dr. Sr.

Y^{rs}. &c:

JN^o. WATTS

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y. 4th 1773 —

Mr. Watts Letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Febr^y. 6th. 1773 —*

SIR/

Your letter of Yesterday I received, and now Send You inclosed a few lines to Mr. Monier who will deliver One Hogshead of Rum, & 2 Pipes of Wine of mine to your Men, to whom I doubt not but you will give Strict orders Concern^g them.

I am not as yet certain where I shall build the Mill, but will Soon, when I shall let you know it, so that the Horses may not until then be brought up.—

I have this Day only got an Estimate from the Mason & Carpenter of what Materials will be wanting for finishing the Joal.²—I find it will cost vastly more than I thought, and will take double the Quantity of Stones which was first proposed, oweing to y^e. thickness of y^e. Walls — James Seymor has Cast up the Number of perches of work, and finds it will require for Chimneys and all, 2660 Loads of Stone each Load to be one thousand weight.—It will require at least 80 Good load of lime Stone for Lime to be rid to the Kiln here, and about 20 Cord of Wood to burn it. It will also require 3000 Bushels of Sand, w^h. will make 120 Load at 25 to the Load.—

Mr. Bennets Hands will begin to Square y^e. timber on the Land w^h. was Bloomers Monday Morning, after they have Squared Two or Three Days the Sleds might begin to draw it.

As The greatest difficulty you see will be in getting the Quantity of good Stones quarried, and drawn before the Snow goes or the Roads grow bad, It will be absolutely necessary to Sett a Number of good Smart Hands to quarry imediately that Compliment.

¹ In State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Draper Manuscripts.

² Jail.



JAIL AT JOHNSTOWN, N. Y.
Center portion built by Sir William Johnson in 1772

Mr. Laucks & Markel told Doctor Adams¹ Yesterday that the People of that District would begin to ride Stones on Monday next with 40 Sleds, and would continue that Number for 10 Days, whether this Acc^t is to be depended upon I cant say, but I believe the several Districts will ride the most of the Stones.—this is the best Account I am able to give You at present, So have nothing to add, but to wish every thing may go on well to forward the Building, which I doubt not you will take care to Hurry & See it properly done as far as lyes with you.— You shall know ab^t. the boards in a few Days

I am Sir, Your real Friend

& Wellwisher —

W, JOHNSON

GILES FONDA Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Feb^{ry} 6th. 1773

Letter to Major Fonda.

FROM GUY JOHNSON

*A. L. S.*²

N York

Feb^{ry}. 10th. 1773.—

MY DEAR S^R WILLIAM;

I have Just now had the pleasure of receiving your very kind Letter of the 3^d. inst with one from D^r Dease³ & another from Bro^r Claus for which I am much obliged to them. It has vexed me a Good deal to hear that your Votes did not go up early. They went by John Glen, & Gaine assures me he has forwarded

¹ Dr William Adams of Johnstown.

² In New York Public Library, New York City, Emmet collection. Printed in *Orderly Book* of Sir John Johnson, annotated by William L. Stone, Appendix A, p. 237.

³ Dr John Dease, son of one of Sir William Johnson's sisters.

a Sett since; As the Titles of sev^l. bills are allowed in the Committees, It may be necessary to acquaint you that the Road bill,¹ & Money bill for build^g a Ct house² &c are passed thro' every form & the Tavern bill, Swine bill,³ Wolf bill⁴ & ferry bill⁵ will be so in a very few days;— You will find me Voting on a Side that Some people might not expect. it will all be accounted for in due time, but is chiefly owing to certain difficulties imposed on the Governor.— The other day they were for Saddling a £50 ⁷ Ann. Sal^y on the Judges of Circuit to be paid out of our County: but after much difficulty I got it laid Gen^l. on the Province: Maj^r Skeen⁶ is Just going for Ireland, He has the other day got his place established as the County Town.⁷—

The Pacquet is arrived; All Peace at home.— The General has got the Kings leave to go to England, & will Sail in June, with his family: Haldimand comes to take the Command; and Governor Tryon (it is said) will have the Vacant Red Ribband.⁸— he has taken much pains about the Indian matters;— Banyar advises to get an Act for Grain & Markets⁹ in lieu of an Ord^{ce}. but the Governor chuses the Latter.— In the Char^r. for the Church, a description of the Glebe is absolutely necessary; & how the right presentation should go:— I hope you will continue your Parental attention to Polly & the little ones, She is I believe Surprised I stay so long, & I eagerly wish to return.—

The Girls are well & much esteemed.— The like may be said

¹ See *Colonial Laws of New York*, 5:462.

² *Ibid.*, 5:491.

³ *Ibid.*, 5:592.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 5:492.

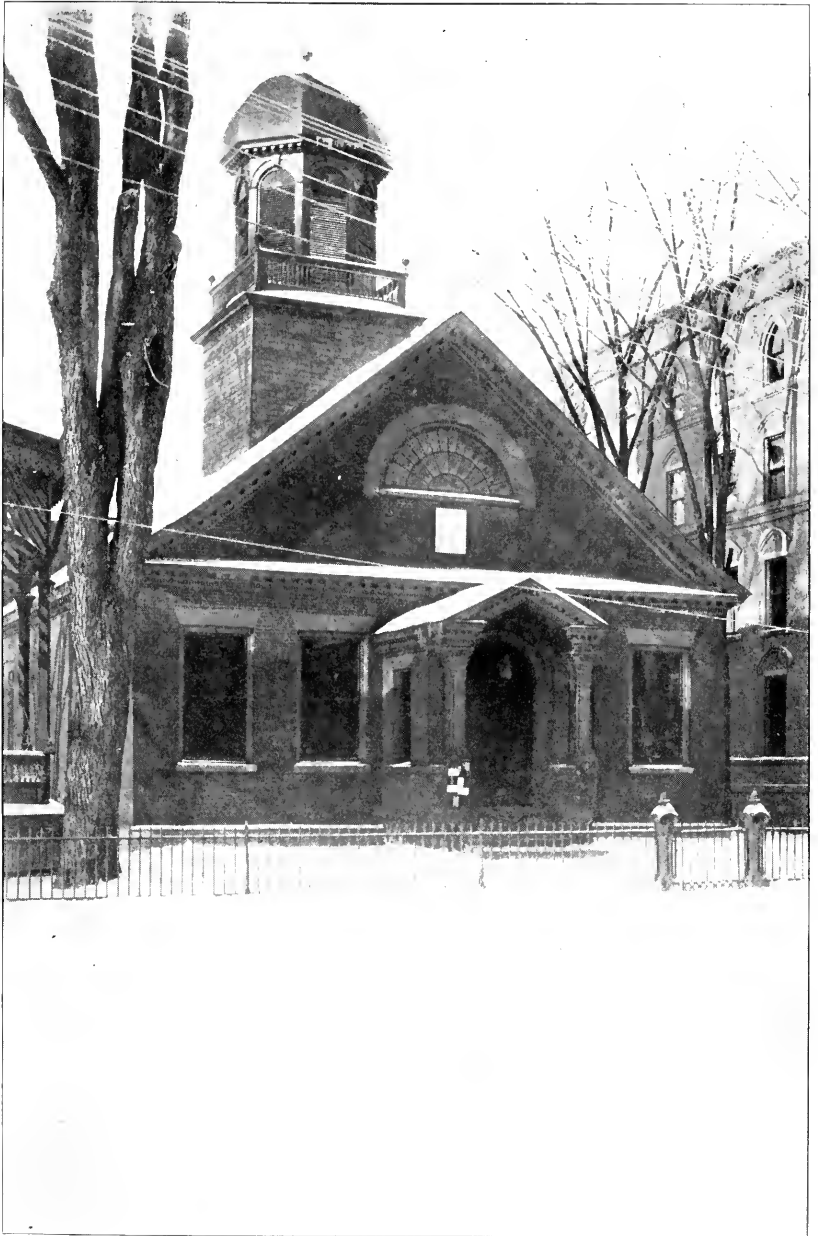
⁵ *Ibid.*, 5:592.

⁶ Major Philip Skeene.

⁷ Skanesborough, in Charlotte county, later Washington county.

⁸ Decoration of the Order of the Bath.

⁹ See *Colonial Laws of New York*, 5:588 — also Johnson to Tryon, October 22, 1773.



COURTHOUSE AT JOHNSTOWN, N. Y.
Erected by Sir William Johnson in 1772

with great Truth, of Sr. John.—he will return with me, & doubtless lay before you, the final determination of the Family here, respecting his Union, which I see nothing to prevent.—The Lady¹ is a fine Genteel Girl, much esteemed as well on acco^t of the goodness of her Temper, as of her uncommon abilities; & she is ready to follow him any where:—

The Man calls for my Letter so that I can only beg a Contince. of your Correspondence, which yields me much real pleasure, and assure you once more of the Cordial Wishes I offer for your Health & happiness, & the true Affection, with which I subscribe myself, my dear Sr.

Your dutiful Son,

& faithfull Serv^t

G JOHNSON

Sr. W^m. JOHNSON B^t.

INDORSED:²

Febr^y 10th. 1773 —

Coll. Johnsons letter

FROM JOHN TROTTER JR

A. L. S.

[Albany Febr^y 13th 1773]

[]

The Articles [that] you Requested are as Follows, Viz^t 9Hh^{ds} Rum, 5 d^o Oysters, 19 Bar^l the Species Unknown, 2 Boxes Dry Goods, 2 Pot Ash Kettles, and Return you my Hearty Thanks for the Cash,

Sir

Your most Obed^t. and

most Hble serv^t for Father

JOHN TROTTER Jun^r

¹ Mary Watts, daughter of John Watts of New York City, and later the wife of Sir John Johnson.

² In Johnson's hand.

To the Honourable
SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnstown

ADDRESSED:

To the Honourable
Sir William Johnson Bar^t
att
Johnstown

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y. 13th. 1773 —

Mr. Trotters letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 16 Feb^y 1773

DEAR SIR

We wrote you last Week by Col^o. Ranselar & sent you £500. hope you will soon receive it safe. Col^o Ranselar has settled his Land Matter, agreed to take a New Grant almost similar to his former Confirmation & gives up the rest of his Claim to the Crown.

Wheat is high here 8^s/6^d ⌘ bushell, but its thought it will fall as the Spring opens tho' the Croppe in England last year was very bad — I dont think any body from home is buying wheat at Albany unless its some Baker — I think you are right, that its best to have *Bushells & yards*, instead of *Skippells & Ells* — I shall speak to Col^o Johnson about it — Our Weather was very cold lately, & the Snow with you was Rain here.

By the Packett Gen^l Gage has got leave to go home, He purposes leaving us in June — & carrys all his Family, so that we fancy he will never return. Gen^l Haldimand is to command, & a Vessell is now fitting here to go to Pensacola & bring him here. this is all the News we have by the Packett.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

All here are well. I fancy you have heard, that its probable youll have an addition of a pretty Lady to your Family soon. I think she will make you all verry happy, & herself too —

I am Dear Sir

Your very hum^l Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir Will^m Johnson Bar^t.

at Johnson Hall

Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

Feb^y. 10th. 1773 —

Mr. Wallaces letter

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.

[*New York February 16, 1773*]

[]

About 2 hours ago the Post arrived and [] favor of the 9th Ins^t with the inclosures for [] my best thanks. I have at the same time the agre[eable [] from it that you are Well & that Polly and the Ch[ildren [] all which I am easily inclined to doubt, every Week, till my [] arrive, as I don't find that any notice has been taken of [] my 2 first Letters by any body but yourself, I should be glad [] whether M^{rs} Johnson receives my Letters. I write regularly [] I did not blame Bro^r. Claus, for I have wrote himself but 2 []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I stated my situation therein, so as to shew him that he must have m[ore] [] leisure than myself,— I heartily wish him well over that troublesome Gout. Tom White has been lately laid up with a more Severe fitt [than] usual, owing as every body says, & as he has himself too late perceived [to] his attention to Cadogan, whose absurdities are now generally the Subject of Laughter,—

The Alien list is given in to the Cl^k. of the House as u[sual] as it is always introduced by Petⁿ.— I wish we may get thro with it this Session,— there is much grumbling on acco^t. of the fees which of right are drawn.

[] not to be settled at []
 [] You have heard that the P[]
 [] ap]proved & Sworn to, (myself being one of)
 [] Go]vernor says that a Minute in their favor
 [] on the Council books, & an Ord^r. to the Rec^r.
 Gen^l. [] part of Van Hornes Patent off the Quit rent
 List. [] as Klock stands single & we must see what to
 do with him [betwee]n this & next Winter; as also what you
 have done with the [Cana]joharees about the Exchange that
 Cockburne was to make,— [] Settled, should Klock
 still be obstinate, an Act of the Legislature [or some] other
 measure must be fallen upon.— The Governor [will] this
 day send a Message to our House, about the Lower Mohock
 affair,— I have already drawn up & have a bill in my Pocket,
 to produce so soon as they agree to order a bill in.— The Att^y
 General says that the Title of the Corporatⁿ. is of no Validity,
 as it was a Grant in Futuro, but the Act is I believe sufficiently
 satisfactory without Contesting it at Law.—

The General is very well (we live within 2 Doors of his House) we Visited him on Sunday, but have not had it in our power on acco^t of pre-engagements to dine with him more than once, he is very Civil [inclin]ed to me on sundry []
 []py to Eng^d. which he looks upon []
 people —

The Debates about the []
 Intrusions are but beginning, they will be very []
 Country, the Court; & the Court, the Country Mem[bers]
 bills I have already in the House, It will be []
 and would appear almost incredible if you knew how []
 M^{rs}. Johnson must doubtless be surprised to find []
 so long beyond expectations, but I hope that at the []
 Month we can leave town with a good grace.—

Dav^d. Colden, recomends one Gardener as a Tanner & Currier
 would he answer at Johnstown, he is but poor, but has ag []
 I wrote M^r Claus that the only Serv^t. I co^d get here was a
 Ten [] English Lad, whom I have prevailed on to
 agree to take 20£ [Ⓕ] [] & a Livery. I want his
 Ans^r. on it.— There is nothing can [] in the Article
 of Wheat that will operate to the end you wish. It may be
 kept in the Prov^{ce}. but will get out of our County. Col^l Frey
 desires to be remembered & bids me tell you he has a 1000 Sk^l.
 of good old Wheat, of which you may have part,—I hope
 my little family do not fall Short.— I beg to hear from you dear
 S^r. & am ever with true Affection

Yours

G. JOHNSON

S^r. John wrote last post, desires his duty.
 The Children are well in health & rem^r. you with tenderness
 Comps. to D^r Dease &c
 thank you for y^r. Visits to my family.

SIR W JOHNSON Bart:

INDORSED:¹

N York febr^{ry}. 16th. 1773

Col. Johnsons letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

THOMAS BARROW'S ACCOUNT

D.

[]

		[] 18th	To Cash paid your draft of 12th Instant in favor of the Honble Hugh Wallace Esqr. for	800	-	-
Decemr		3d	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 18th Instant in favor of Sir John Johnson for	1000	-	-
		9th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 4th Instant, in favor of the Honble Hugh Wallace Esqr for	2000	-	-
		30th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 24th Instant in favor of Messr Shaw & Long for . .	72	4	-
			1773			
Jan		12th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 2d Instant, in favor of Colonel Claus for	156	17	-
			To Ditto paid your Ditto of 2d Ditto, in favor of Colonel Guy Johnson for . . .	131	15	11
		14th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 15th Decemr in favor of Thos. Galbreath for	65	14	7
		22d	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 15th Janu- ary, in favor of Thomas Shipboy for . .	100	-	-
		29th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 2d Ditto, in favor of Colonel Claus for	130	-	-
Feby.		17th	To Ditto paid your Ditto of 12th Ditto in favor of the Honble. Hugh Wallace Esqr for	362	-	-
				<u>£ 4818</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

Contra

Sterling			1772	
466	13	4	October 26	By General Gages War- rant of this day Favor for By Ballance due J. Barrow....
583	6	8		
1166	13	4		
42	2	4		
91	9	11		
76	17	$5\frac{5}{7}$		
38	6	$10\frac{2}{7}$		
58	6	8		
75	16	8		
211	3	4		
2810	16	9		

INDORSED:

Sir William Johnson
 Baronet's Account, with
 Thomas Barrow
 Ball: £ 14..18..4 $2/7$ Curr^{cy}¹

¹ This line in Johnson's hand.

FROM ANDREW MCFARLAN

A. L. S.

Schanactdy 20th Feb^y 1773

SIR

When in Johnstown this week had not the pleasur of Seeing You and as I am Going to N York in Ten days would be oblidge to you to Replass Col^o. Claws Bill Either by a bill on New York or the Cash which answers you best before that time —

I am Sir Your Most

Humble Sarv^tAND^w M^c FARLAN

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hono^{ble}. Sir William Johnson
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Feb^{ry}. 20th. 1773 —

Mr. Andrew M^c. Farlin's
Letter —

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[Albany Feb^y 20th 1773]

SIR/

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that I have Received a Letter from my Brother James Informing me of his safe Arrival at Port Royall in Jamaica from whence he was to sett out about the Middle of December to take the Command at a Place Called Black River

¹ In Johnson's hand.

If you have any Letters for him and Please to send them to my Care I shall take Particular Pleasure in forwarding them

I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged

Humble Serv^t:

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Honbl^e: SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Stevensons letter
acquainting me of his having
heard from his Brother —
Febr^y. 20th. 1773 —

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

[Schinec] tad^y 20th [Febr^y] 1773

[
[
[] to Meet [
[the] Money of the Rood which I [
[wi]ll soon be made up Mr Cornelis [
[] all our accounts promised me [
[] as Soon as Mr John Duncan Cam[
[] for he ackts & answers for all the New York G[
[] Concerned in S^d. pattend
[w]yf Joines me In whisshen Your Honer cong[
[] Your Jong Daughter, we where wonder[
[]t Mad^m. Milly Did not Come Down to See uss
[]th the Childeren but now we need not []yd

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

two Albany Skippers as p^r there Receipts [] but if aney
Objection pray Let me Know

I am Honrd. Sir Your Most
Obediant & Humble Servant

JN^o. B V EPS

ADDRESSED: To

The Hounorable
Sir William John []

INDORSED:¹ Febr^y 20th 1773 —

John B V Eps acc^t. & letter

FROM JOCELYN FELTHAM

A. L. S.

Schenectady Febr^y 22^d 1773

SIR/

as the bitch you were so kind to allow me to get could not be found yesterday, one of your servants gave me another, a very handsome looking bitch but she has been unfortunate enough to receive some hurt which renders her totally unserviceable to me but will answer as well for breeding as any. I shall therefore leave her at M^r Cartwrights in Albany to be forwarded to you by the first oppertunity, and should esteem it as a most singular favour if you would even let me have the use of the other bitch named Lady till the end of next fall when she shall be returnd with many thanks. I hope the solitariness of my situation, and the want of many other amusements may plead in excuse for my being so troublesome, if M^r Hoaksly has not already left your house, he will be kind enough to fetch her to me but if he is, shall wait either here or in Albany untill friday morning in which time I hope there may some oppertunity offer by which I may receive her, in the mean time remain with great respect your most obed^t & most humble Serv^t

J FELTHAM

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnston Bart.
 Johnson hall

INDORSED:¹

L^t. Felthams letter
 Febr^y. 1773 —

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.

[*New York Febr^y 23^d 1773*]

MY DEAR SIR WILLIAM.—

Sir John and I were Just arrived at our Lodgings having contrived to be *One Night* alone, when the Penny Post brought us your Very Agreeable Letters, with one to me from Brother Claus.

I need not tell you what real Satisfaction your Letters give me, or how happy I am now in finding that you, and our Connections are Well —

The business of the House is at length near over. We shall Certainly break up, Next Week, perhaps Sooner. the Nature of it is quite Suitable to my inclinations, but I have had enough for this Session especially as I have Seen all the Bills in a fair Way that will be admitted at this time.— The Mohock Affair has had a Second reading & is Committed to a Com^e. of the whole House, but it is much desired to go no farther in it, but to give Albany till the Next Sessions to shew Cause, however I shall try to Carry it through tho' I doubt it.— Fairs & Markets the Governor insists on to be a Royal Perogative and will Issue the Ord^e. for that purpose, however a bill is going [] for that purpose, for Albany [] but I believe it will Stop with the Governor.— the Church Glebe affair as it cannot be compleated without a particular Survey will Soon be settled after my return.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Sr John will Execute all the Memorandums you comitted to him to the best of his power: he has nothing to offer at present but what I can say, but Expresses his Warmest thanks for your Letter, & most Sincere Wishes for your health —

I dined with the Att^y General Yesterday who (after dinner) entered into a very Animated discourse about Creassys Representations, & 20,000 Acres for Peter, which he Said he had particular Intelligence of — This & the Remainder of Vaughans Purchase was accompanied with so many Insinuations, that I was obliged to Open, & to Rascal and Scoundrel his Authorities &c &c; but the whole is too tedious [] as too Serious a Matter to be entered upon till I have the pleasure [of] seeing you — And the Governor has got orders not to grant [] late purchases (founded I have reason to think on something [] therewith) — We got Done with the perplexing Money Bill this Morning at the House — & at Nine to Night, Just before we adjourned, Settled the rate of the Tryon & Cumberland Members at 12^s. 7^d day many of the House wants it at 16^s. & some 20, but I thought the former Sufficient, till we can carry it, to be paid out of the Colony Treasury, which we had near Effected.— Col^o. W[alsh] the Caribbeans, on St. Vincents, whom [] Completed Surrounded, the Measure is [] England — no less than 5 Reg^{ts}. sent to support an Interested Individual.— I think Roorback (whose Affair I Know) has some Right to the Money which by private Agreement accrued due from the Hussar, (before the date of my Grant in 1768.—

People of Consequence here say very little about the Ohio Grant, other than as a Trifling object.— It is confidently asserted that the Grant is not even passed the Seals nor ever will.— as to its being 30 M^s. of Acres, I know that is a Gross Misrepresentation. We are Much Sollicitted to pass a Law to prohibit the farther Introduction of Negro's, but I dont yet know how it will be.— I write very incoherently but My dear Sr W^m. will excuse me.—

It is with great pleasure I find you occasionally visit my little family I am sure M^{rs}. Johnson will not be well reconciled to my tedious absence, but as we purpose to set out some time next Week I flatter myself with soon Seeing her in health with my little ones, & of finding you in the same State which My very dear Sir, is always the wish of your Most Affect^e Son

& Serv^t

G JOHNSON

The Children are verry Well, &
Eager still to hear from you —
I am very glad to hear Billy Claus is better
Compliments where due &ca
Uncommonly Cold for 2 days past. []
Shut across Just above Town.

S^R W JOHNSON Bart

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y 23^d. 1773. Col^o. Johnsons
Letter, without y^e. Votes —

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York Febr^y 23^d 1773]

[]
[]²
M^r Barrow []
& paid the same Sum for your Bond on Acc^t of M^r. Tyse which shall send you up by Sir John — All Friends here are well I expect the Assembly will break up about middle March, but Sir John & Col^o Guy talk of setting out sooner by a Week.

I cannot think the prices or Grain will keep up, as its not much wanted in Europe — Inclosed is M^r Barrow's Acc^t by which youll see a Ballance due him of £ 14. . 18. . 4 — Never was colder Weather than for some days past, & still continues —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

I hope soon to have your answer in regard to what I wrote you about Lord Ilchesters Lands. There is a Stop put to granting Lands here at present by a Letter from Lord Dartmouth, & even not to pass grants for y^e. Lands lately purchased from the Indians till further Orders. I am Dear Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at Johnson Hall

Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

New York 23^d. Febr^y. 1773

Mr Wallaces Letter

with Mr. Barrows Acc^t.

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

[*London Febr^y 27th 1773*]

[

I did myself the Honor of [Dec^r.] last, since which am without any of Your Favors — Lieut Roberts is still in Prison & Likely to remain there for some time hence as one of His Creditors is inexorable —

I left a Line at Mr. Whartons acquainting Him I had Your directions to pay Your Quota of the Expence of the Ohio Grant & I do Imagine He will call upon me as soon as the Money is demanded by Government — Mr Baker has paid Mr Guy Johnson's Bill —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

The affairs of India are to be agitated in the House of Commons on Tuesday next, when it is imagined that Government will give up their demand of 3^d ₤ lb on teas imported into America — if so it may be the Means of reconciling that only difference that now aparently subsists between Us — Upon a Conversation with Lord Dartmouth some few days ago upon the Subject of the Boundary Line between Your Province & Connecticut He mentiond that He thought the first Possessors of Lands should be maintaind in their property & other Lands given to those who have Since Claimed them in lieu thereof. I mention this Circumstance as it may be of Some Use to You — By the last Letters from New York I had the agreeable intelligence of Your Sons Intention of being Shortly married to Miss Polly Watts who is esteemd a most amiable Lady — I do assure You such an Event would make me very happy provided it met Your Approbation

[]
 [] Continent []
 [] terminate without involving the Maritime Powers —
 Whilst Lord North continues as Prime Minister I see no danger of this Countrys taking any part — the House of Commons has been conducted this Session with Peace & tranquility & the Business carried on smooth & easy —

This accompanys the Snow Sir William Johnson Cap^t Dean who has not succeeded so well in a Freight as I could have wishd, owing to many Causes — as she will in all probability return here very early in the Summer I shall hope for Your kind Aid in giving Her some Freight — I beg my Comp^{ts} to Sir John & am with much Respect

Sir

Your much obliged and
 Very Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

¹ Two lines burned off.

INDORSED:¹London 27th. Feby. 1773 —

 Mr. Blackburns Letter
 Ans^d. 31st. May 1773
FROM ELEAZAR WHEELOCK²

A. L. S.

[Dartmouth College February 27, 1773]

HON^D SIR.

The Bearers [Basteen and Lewis] of the Tribe at Lorett, have been [] at My School, and have from [] to have an uncommon thirst for [] been diligent at their Studies, and [] Proficiency for the Time therein. The[y] rational, Manly Spirited, courteous, [] Obliging, far beyond What I have for [] to Indians; And I have Observed no [] in them to Strong Drink — They have [] a Desire to See Your Honor, Since t[hey] with me, and Now at their desire I hav[e] to their Making You this Visit.

I esteem them the most promising young Indians I have ever Yet Seen, and the most [] to Answer the great and good Ends of an Educa[tion] and I hope their going among their Bretheren [] your parts, will have no bad influence to pre[] or distemper their Kind.

I have advised them to return as Soon as they can after they have Suitably expressed their Duty & Respect to You, as I should be Sorry they Should lose more Time from their Studies than Shall be needful, and also as they will likely have Occasion to take Several Other Journeys Soon after their Return.

I Wish Your Honor to enjoy the divine Presence [and] Direction [] important []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Eleazar Wheelock was president of Dartmouth College.

ADDRESSED:

To
 the Honerabele
 Sir wiliam Johnson B^t &ca
 Johnson hall

INDORSED:¹

March 1 1773

Major Fonda's Letter

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

A. L. S.

[]

[New York March 3rd 1773]

[]²
 Last I Promised to Send the Remainder []
 Indians soon and Sent a Part of it by My Brother []
 and Expected to have Sent the Rest Long ago but Could not
 P[ossibly] Git the Mony Ready I have Some of the
 Remainder of the Mony By Me And My other Brother is
 Going Up and I have Given Orders For Him to Collect the
 Rest in Duches County I hope it will not Be long before I
 Shall be Able to Pay the Remainder of the Consideration
 Mony but As there is a Stop for the Present to Granting the
 Lands the People here is Very Backward in Paying me for my
 work

I Am Very Sorry to Give You So much trouble about The
 Affair and Hope it Will be in my Power to Make you Satis-
 faction Although you never Asked Any thing for it — and I
 Hope you will not think Hard of Me As I do All in My Power
 to Get it Setled As Soon as Possible

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Line burned off.

The Mony I owe You on the Note I Cannot see My way to
Pay Untill Summer As Mony Comes in so Very Sloly
I am

Honoured Sir
Your Most Obliged
and Very Humble Servant
EBEN^R. JESSUP

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable Sir William Johnson Bart
At Johnson Hall
Tryon County

By the favour of }
Coll. Johnson }

INDORSED:¹

New York 3^d March 1773

Mr. Ebenezer Jessops letter
⌘ Son wth. £81..4..3

FROM THOMAS MONCRIEFFE

A. L. S.

[New York March 4th 1773]

[]
I [take this] Opportunity [] Absenting himself
from his Love [] his Duty to His Father, to Con-
gratulate y[ou] on his approaching Happyness. For happy
He must be, If Beauty, Good sense, and a Fine Person
can bestow it. May not I flatter Myself, Nay I must, In having
the Pleasure of Seeing you on that Joyous Occasion. I think
She was in the first class of those I Sent you a List of. Come
and See her. Love & Hymen Expect you, Besides thousands

¹ In Johnson's hand.

of Freinds Who Long to See you. Among Whom none will
have Sincerer Pleasure

than Your Most Obedient
& Affectionate Humble

Servant

T MONCRIEFFE

INDORSED:¹

New York March 4th. 1773

Major Moncreiffs letter

Ans^d. March 23^d.

FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York March 4th 1773*]

[]

[]²

[] you, but by your Letter to Colo []
have the Pleasure to hear you are well.

Sir John & Colo Johnson propose to sett out tomorrow, &
I hope as its snowing now they will be able to go up in Slays.

Inclosed is your Bond given for Tyse. & we have also sent
your Acc^t Curr^t.³ on which there is a Ballance due us of
£28. . 10 which fancy you will find right — Nothing new but
what you will hear from Sir John, & Col^o Johnson We think
the former will soon pay us another Vissitt — pray may we not
expect to see you here at that time or have you quite forsaken
N. York

We are Dear Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^{ts}

HUGH & ALEX WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

³ Account follows this letter. The account of Hugh and Alexander Wallace against Sir William Johnson, Jan. 17, 1771 — May 9, 1772, was probably inclosed also in this letter.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 at
 Johnson Hall
 p^r Sir John Johnson

INDORSED:¹

N York 4th. March 1773

Mr Wallaces letter
 Ansrd. fully 4th. April
 1773 —

HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE'S ACCOUNT

A. D. S.

	[]	
[	]	12	To Cash paid for a suit of Colours sent you	[]
			To y ^r . Bill on us 29 th Sep ^r . to Tho ^s . Crothers	116	10 —
		13	To Cash p ^d . for Ale & Syder sent you by Skiper Marseiles	19	— —
			To y ^r . order 18 Aug ^t . last to Maj ^r . Etherington for Don ^d . Frasers discharge 20 Guineas	37	— —
			To Cash p ^d . the Marine Society this day ☉ y ^r . Letter 22 ^d Oct ^r . last . . .	50	— —
[	]	5	To ditto paid an Indian Chief ☉ y ^r . order	4	— 11
		20	To Sundries sent you this day by Skiper Herm ^s . Ten Eycke	110	19 10
[	]	7	To Cash paid M ^{rs} . H. Wallace to purchase things for y ^r . Grand Daughters ☉ y ^r . order	40	— —
		12	To Cash sent you this day in York bills by Skiper Merselles	1000	0 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Line burned off.

1773	[] ^{n^y} 16	To ditto sent you in d ^o . by Jn ^o . Thurman	500	—	—
	Feb ^y . 5	To ditto in d ^o . by Col ^o Rensaler	500	—	—
	20	To ditto paid the Contra Sum for your Bond to Jn ^o . Lamb.....	362	—	—
		To Postage of Letters to this day....	2	7	2
			<u>£3190</u>	<u>10</u>	—
	[]	[] your order 12 []			
	[]	[] Barrow Esq ^r favor H. Wallace.	800	—	—
	[] 9	By ditto for your ditto on ditto fav ^r . ditto	2000	—	—
1773	Feb ^y . 17	By ditto for your ditto on ditto fav ^r . ditto	362	—	—
	March 4 th	By balance due us.....	28	10	—
			<u>£3190</u>	<u>10</u>	—

Errors Excepted New York 4th March 1773

HUGH & ALEX^R WALLACE

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Wallaces
 Acc^t. Ball to Him
 £28. . 10. .—
 March 4th. 1773 —

FROM MATTHEW GRAVES

In the Johnson Calendar, page 516, is listed a letter written at New London, March 12, 1773 by Rev. Matthew Graves, commending Rev. Mr Mosely and informing that a grant made by Narraganset Indians for the service of the English church is perverted to a secular use (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:485-86; Q, 4:301-2).

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

[Albany March 15th 1773]

[] SIR,

I received your favor of the Eleventh Instant — The only suit that I am concerned in ag^t. Mr Davis & on which he is in custody upon execution is in behalf of Capt. W^m. McLeod The original sum by note I think was about £32. The Damages found by a Jury of Inquiry was in the whole

	£44. . 17. . 0
costs	7. . 1. . 3

51. . 18. . 3

Immediately on receipt of your letter I told Mr. Davis he could be discharged in that suit But he replyed that there was also a suit of Lord Livingston ag^t. him as I suppose he will more fully speak as to that matter I conclude

Your most ob^t.

& very humble Servant

P SILVESTER

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED :

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[] March 1773

P. Silvesters letters

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[] & impowered him

[] lmer G Dentⁿ

[] will not pay

[] him for

[Cu] —

FROM DUDLEY DAVIS

A. L. S.

*City Hall Albany March 16th. 1773*HON^D SIR

Mr. Silvester Call'd to me on Saturday last [and] told me the purport of Your Letter to him wth. Regard to me, for w^{ch}. please to Accept my Unfeigned thanks, and Let me Assure you, if Truth be in man, I will whilst I have being, Gratefully Acknowledge your Goodness, in that and former matters of the like kind, and as soon as in my power, w^{ch}. I hope and believe will be Shortly, will Acquit myself as an Honest man by the discharge of the Whole —

I Presume and believe when you was pleased to Commiserate the Situation of me and Family, and wrote to Mr. Silvester,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

You Apprehended he only was Concerned in the two Affairs that Keep me here, the One a debt of £32 on a note to Captain W^m. McLeod, the other a debt on a Joint Bond to Coll^o. Livingston for £28 on each of which there is some Interest due, and on each (as the worthy Brethren of my Hatefull Profession, like Cannibals, would live on each other, which I never knew to be done Elsewhere) Costs of Course; But Worthy Sir, he is only Concerned in the former, and Abraham Yates in the Latter, And as I knew it wou'd not Answer your Humane Intentions (w^{ch}. I am very Certain, were to Release me and Restore me to my poor Wife and Children) to have me by your means Discharged from One Debt and kept Confined for the other, I therefore Refused to be Released on McLeod's Debt, and Sent for M^r. Silvester and Explained the Affair to him, who writes to you the Enclosed, but what it Contains I know not, and if you take the matter in the Point of View I do, You will think I Acted Rightly, at Least I meant to do so —

Tho^s. McLeod is a possitive man, Yet I know, on my seeing or writing to him, (and he is Expected upon the first Sloop) I can get him to make an Allowance of Part, if not the whole of the Interest, and between him and I can Adjust the Costs; I know the like of Livingston from what he said to me here, as he well knows the debt is [] mine, and the person whose debt it is [] after Adjusting the matter with Livingston, for these Reasons, I Resolved before your writing to pay or to Secure as soon as in my power, the Principal Sum on each Debt, and give a Conditional Note to each Attorney for their Employers, for what shoud remain, and w^{ch} I am very certain they wou'd Gladly Jump at And, More, had I even the money in my Pocket, I would not do —

I am most Certainly Wearied of being from my poor family, and in this Dismal and Infamous Place, for a great many obvious and truly feeling reasons, but Still wou'd Suffer more rather than I shou'd do anything that wou'd Frustrate, or Render Ineffectual, the Intentions of my Benefactor, or Return home without Com-

pleating these and all other Such Affairs, (or at least put them on an Easy Footing) the Consequence of which wou'd be, being Worried and Plagued, as, for a long time past, I have been, by which I was Really Rendered Incapable of Society, Attention to my Family or Capable of my Business —

Permit me, Hon^d. Sir (Seeing out of your Great Goodness, you are willing to remove me out of this Terrible Place, and which I dared not to have Asked you) with the greatest Submission, to propose to you either of The Two following Methods to Release me; One is to write to M^r. Silvester to Satisfie him, for his Client, £32 in M^c.Leods debt, and to Abraham Yates to Satisfye him in like manner £28, Provided on my Setling (which must be done directly by my own means) the Interest and Cost in each, I be Immediately discharged from Confinement; The other is to give me a line to Impower me to draw upon you for Sixty pounds and not more (at what Sight or Period you think proper to mention to me) after getting up your Letter to M^r. Silvester; Either of these Methods will Answer the Purpose, but either way your Letter to M^r. Silvester must be Countermanded and Returned to you —

I hope you will Pardon me for thus Troubling of you, and be Assured I have no greater End or View in it, than to Acquit myself as an honest man. I beg your Answer to this for w^{ch}. Mr. Silvester [] you, as I have wrote to him to come down to me [] an Express immediately, in case you do not forbid [].

I am Hon^d. Sir, with the Truest Gratitude
and Esteem, Your much oblidged & most
Obedient Servant —

DUDLEY DAVIS

I am, Thank God, much better, than I have been for some time Past, but am Still very Ill, of w^{ch}. I hope M^{rs}. Davis has not been Informed; Pray Let my Meloncholy Situation be an Excuse for any Incorrectnesses in this Scrawl —

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Davi's Letter March 16th. 1773

Ansrd. 21st. by Sutton

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall March 16th. 1773

DEAR SIR,

My Son who after a tedious Journey arrived here 2 days ago delivered me your very obliging favor, which afforded me great Satisfaction, as it contained a Character of him which coming from a Friend so Worthy & discerning; must be very flattering to a Parent, and I am confident that both he, and I, will always entertain the most Gratefull Sentiments for your favorable Opinion & friendship.

As I have for some time wished to see him settled, it is with no small pleasure I find that he has placed his Affections on a Young Lady, who appears so deserving of them in the Opinion of all Friends & particularly of yourself; and I sincerely thank you for your good Wishes on the Occasion.—

I was already informed that you had received his Majestys Leave to return to England; I am sensible it must be a high Gratification to you to Visit your Friends & worthy Connections after so long an absence, and that it may likewise prove advantagious to you. These Considerations compell me to suppress the Concern, which the prospect of your Departure Affords me; and I sincerely wish it may be attended with every circumstance of honor & advantage due to your distinguished Merit & long Services.

I am much obliged by your generous offer of Services at home, and shall gladly embrace it, if anything of that kind occurs

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

previous to your departure, before which I hope to have often the pleasure of your correspondence, as I am with Cordial regard Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient
& most Obliged humble Serv^t.

His Excell^y GEN^l. GAGE

Sir John begs to offer
his most respectfull Compliments

INDORSED:

March 16th. 1773.

To Gen^l. Gage.

FROM JOHN MUNRO

A. L. S.

Fowlis March 16th 1773

SIR/

Few days ago I had the honor of receiving your Friendly line, I am really ashamed the Manner that the mill Stones remains unsettled the Same Summer, that Conveyed the Stones from Albany; I sent to Cap^t. Butler an Acc^t. delivered And put in my hands by Hartman, and Demalet Munro, against Sir William, for Payment of Debts due to me from them, which Acc^t. was Contracted at Niagara in the year 1764. Lieut. Roberts, some time thereafter came to Albany who was also indebted to me; and when I demand'd the payment, he told me that he would pay me whenever he received his money from Sir William Johnston, upon which I gave him a Copy of the Acc^t. Mention'd and he gave me his word and honor that he would deliver the Said Acc^t. and pay the Ballance to Sir William, & at the same time gave him a Letter to Sir William With the Acc^t. and when he came Back to Albany he told me that he delivered my letter and payed the Ballance, being Six Pounds, for which I gave him Credit, But by what Mr. Macomb

Informs me, it appears that he has desived me. however I shall give the Said Acc^t. to Mr. Macomb, and shall also pay the Six Pounds. I was well Satisfied of its being Settled.—

The New England Claimers begins to be troublesome again and pays but little regard to the agreement which the Govern-ment made with them last year

I am
Sir

with the Greatest Respect
your Most obedient
& very humble Serv^t

JOHN MUNRO

INDORSED:¹

Jⁿ. Munro Esq^{rs}. Letter
ab^t. y^e. price of a pair of
Millstones He had of me.

TO DUDLEY DAVIS

A. D. S.

Johnson Hall March 20th 1773

MR. DAVIS

£60 Curcy.

You may, (in case you can Settle your Affairs with the Lawyers for what You are now Confined) Draw upon me for the Sum of Sixty Pounds York Curcy. which Shall be duely honored, & that imediately.—

Y^{rs}.

W, JOHNSON

INDORSED:

St. William Johnson Liberty to
Dudley Davis to draw on him
for £60.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

in opposition to or contradict their (in this particular) unerring and favorite sentiment.

If I remember right in some of my former letters I observed that this would be a proper matter for a Chancery Court to Canvass & in order to gain time & take the best Council & prepare a bill if thought advisable to bring one — the suit in the mean while might be removed by Habeas Corpus to prevent any future Steps being taken in the Court here in the cause I am Hon^d Sir

Your most obedient

and very humble Servant

P SILVESTER

INDORSED:

22^d March 1773.

From M^r. Silvester.—

TO THOMAS MONCRIEFFE

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall March 23^d. 1773

[]

I thank you very kindly for your []
on the Choice my Son has lately made, and am very happy to
hear that the Young Lady appears so deserving in the Eyes of
my Friends, having left it to his own discretion, without tying
up his hands in a business on which his future happiness must
so greatly depend.—

I feel all possible Satisfaction at the approach of a period so
interesting to his felicity; and from the General Character of
the Lady, so much to be wished for by myself, who have long
desired to see him happily settled; but the precarious state of
my health for some years with the often unexpected Calls for
my presence in this Country, put it out of my power to promise
myself the pleasure with any certainty of bearing a part on the

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

from the good opinion I entertain of your Judgment, and the Esteem with which I am Dr Lord Stirling,

Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt.

The Rt. honble
The EARL OF STIRLING

INDORSED:

March 23^d. 1773
To the Earl of Stirling
in Ans^r. to his \wp Mr Bryan Lefferty.

TO ELEAZAR WHEELLOCK

L. S.¹

Johnson Hall, March 23^d. 1773

SIR/

The other day I was favored with your Letter ² of last Month by the two Young Men of Loretto³ who are of your College, and who appear from their conversation and behaviour to merit the good Character you have given me of them; I have accordingly treated them agreeable to their Conduct & Recommendation, and I trust they are satisfied with their Tour to this Country.— They have not expressed any desire to go much farther amongst the Indians, of whom there are few at this Season about this place, but they have made a Visit to the next Mohock Village, where there is a Mission, on my introducing them to the Cheifs.

The Indians of Loretto were taken much pains with by the French, and have been long esteemed an orderly People. I am therefore hopeful that the inclination they Manifest for Study may thro your care be productive of good Consequences.

¹ In Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass. In the American Antiquarian Society is a draft dated March 19th, which lacks the postscripts.

² Wheelock to Johnson, Feb. 27, 1773.

³ Lorette or Loretto, Quebec, where there was a Huron mission.

I am much obliged by the good Wishes you express for me, & my endeavors, and shall always be glad to hear that your pious Undertaking meets with due encouragement, as I am Sir,

Your Hearty Wellwisher & verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

I shall by the 1st opportunity forward all y^e letters for M^r Kirkland, and write him —

The REV^d. M^r. WHEELLOCK

March 29th

P. S. A few days after y^e arrival of the 2 Loretto Indians, four young lads of Coghawaga Village from y^r College, made their appearance here without any letter, or pass, w^h led me to Suspect that they had run away from thence, and on examining them, all I could learn from them was, that they did not like the place nor that way of life. they left this four days ago in order to return to Canada, and took in Company with them a Coghawaga Woman who has been here since last Summer. As the 2 Hurons can give you a more particular acc^t. of them, it is needless to add more on the Subject.

I am

Y^{rs}.

W. J.—

TO BARNARD GRATZ

A. L. S.¹

Johnson Hall March 24th 1773

SIR/

Your favor of the 9th. Cur^t. I received by my last Post, and I thank you for the Carrot seed you Sent, but I never heard of it, so Suppose it must have been lost by the way.— I am also obliged to You for your Offers of Service, and Shall, when any thing Wanting in y^r. way apply to You as soon as any Man I know there.— My method of paying Drafts of that kind, is, by

¹ In Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

a Bill on the Pay Master gen^l. at New York, which I shall do for that Am^t. as Soon as I receive Gen^l. Gages Warrant for the amount of my gen^l. Acc^t., which does not end until 25th. of this Month, so that it will be some time in April ere it can be paid.

I am Sir,

Your Welwisher

& Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

Mr. Mc. Kee was to have
Sent me a Rifle for my own
Shooting last year, should it
come to y^r care, I doubt not but
you will forward it by a trusty Hand.—

MR. BARNARD GRATZ

ADDRESSED: To Mr. Barnard Gratz

Merct

Philadelphia

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

[*Albany March 27th. 1773*]

[]

I can say nothing material in answer to yours of the 20th. Instant respecting Mr. Davis's affairs as nothing is finally concluded upon

Hugh Deniston I have wrote to upon the Subject you requested in very plain terms giving him to understand that unless he paid you without delay process should Immediately issue agreeable to your orders.

having wrote a Joint letter to you in conjunction with Mr. Yates about Palmer and given you our opinion as Lawyers it is Unnecessary for me I presume to add any thing here tho Perhaps a hint may not be unacceptable as a well wisher to you —

Your Character in such respects stands too high in the estimation of the people and so unsullied as to prevent a speech or declaration of such a nature to gain any Credit or you to receive any real Damage therefrom — The Jurys of this Country too generally measure the Damages they allow in cases of this sort from what the party has actually sustained — tho I know your motive is not damages but only to punish him for his unwarrantable & unbecoming behaviour & to deter him for the future to make [] person —

In these actions defendants are not held to Bail in the Supreme Court & therefore he might make off with himself even after verdict if he was not able to satisfy or did not like the Damages & so avoid Paying them & the Costs if he left no estate behind him —

It is however likely that after he is taken he may be willing to make a recantation or some satisfactory declaration or expiation that may be worth your acceptance by way of atonement for his transgression or at least may deserve your consideration upon if offered rather than to have a Tryal upon so disagreeable Subject these few Scattered thoughts I could not well avoid making as I flatter myself you place some confidence in me, least matters should not turn out so fully to your expectations as I could wish & hope they may. For few very few in the Course of my experience have Smarted in point of Damages for their Slanderous Tongues equal to their demerits —

Pardon this freedom From Hon^d Sir Your

most ob^t. & very

humble Servant

P SILVESTER

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 27th. March 1773

Mr. Silvesters letter

Ansrd.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM DUDLEY DAVIS

A. D. S.

City Hall Albany March 29 1773

HON^D. SIR

At Three days Sight please pay W^m. McLeod Esq^t. or order the Sum of Thirty Two pounds New York Currency Value of him rec^d, and place the same, with or without farther Advice, to the Acc^t. of Hon^d. Sir Your Most Obed^t. Serv^t.

DUDLEY DAVIS

£32 —

To the Honble SIR W^m. JOHNSON Baronet

Johnson Hall —

INDORSED:

Dudley Davi's Draft
on Sr. W Johnson —

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 29th. March 1773

HON^D SIR,

I have just now taken a draft of M^r Dudley Davis on you in favor of Cap^t. W^m. McLeod for £32 Currency payable three days sight which I thought not Improper to advertise you of having no good opp^y to send up the bill

I am Sir

Your most

Ob^t. Servant

P SILVESTER

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹March 29th. 1773

 Mr. Silvesters letter
 Ansrd.

FROM DUDLEY DAVIS

L. S.²*30th. March 1773.*HON^D. SIR,

Yesterday I drew on you for thirty two pounds in favor of Cap^t. McLeod and to Compleat the sum you gave me Liberty as above to draw on you for without which I cannot extricate myself I now draw on you for the residew being twenty eight pounds which sum please pay unto Peter Silvester and place it to Acc^t. of Sr. Your most humble Servt

DUDLEY DAVIS

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR W^M JOHNSON Baronet

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.³*New york March 31th: 1773.*

SIR,

I have lately received Letters from Niagara and the Detroit; And find they entertained Some Suspensions of the Senacas at Niagara, but they proceeded from their not having seen, only a very few of that Nation for above three Months, tho' it was customary for the Senacas to go to the Fort to trade long before the Date of my Letter, which was on the 14th: of February.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Reply to Johnson's letter of March 20, 1773. See Davis to Johnson, March 16, 1773.

³ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Lieu^t: Col^o. Smith conjectured, that there having been little Snow till after the Middle of Jan^{ry}: Might make them later than usual in hunting. All the Squaws and Children generally about the Fort had entirely quitted it, and a Senaca Indian informed, that there is a French Trader got amongst them, who was formerly a Colony Officer in the French Troops, who endeavors to raise Discontent, and Spirit his Nation against the English. Lieu^t: Col^o: Smith writes, that he shall be very particular in his Inquirys about this Person, and endeavor to get him from among the Senacas if possible.

My News from the Detroit is of a Worse Nature as you will see by a Copy of Major Bassett's Letter to me transmitted herewith. It seems to me very proper that this Affair should be Strictly examined, and if the Traders have not been to blame by intoxicating the Savages, that it should be taken up very highly and Satisfaction demanded, to which Purposes I Shall write to Major Bassett, and am to beg of you to Send him Such Instructions as you Judge proper for the Forms and Ceremony to be observed on Such Occasions. Scarce a year passes that the Pouteatamies are not guilty of killing Some of the Traders and of Course plundering their Effects, which it becomes absolutely Necessary to put a Stop to; and we May presume that the French Traders who live at St: Joseph are not blameless.

I transmit you also an Extract of another Letter from Major Bassett, on the Subject of Pond's¹ Effects who was killed in the Bay of Saquinain, on which Subject you will likewise be so good to give the Major your Advice.

I thank you very much for your obliging Letter of the 16th: Ins^t: which I have lately received and am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Most Obedient,

and humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t:

¹ Phineas Pond, trader.

INDORSED:¹March 31th: 1773 —

 Gen^l. Gages Letter
 wth. Inclosures —

TO JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.²*Johnson Hall April 4th. 1773*

SIR/

On my return from Sacondaga Yesterday I received a letter of yours inclosing an Extravagant Acc^t. of the Expences of the Pump for the Goal, which I think ought to be greatly curtailed, being too bare faced an Imposition to put up wth.

As to my fixing y^e. price of Sleds w^h. rid y^e. Timber &^{ca}. I must desire to be excused, and also as to the digging y^e. foundation &^{ca}. for you are a better Judge of all them things than I am.— besides as I find that the only Agreement I made, viz^t. for the Mason & Carpenters Work (which was the most difficult to calculate) is thought Injudicious, I could not think of acting or advising farther, in y^e. Affair, but leave it to People of more Experience, who may get it cheap done, for I assure You no Man wishes more to lighten y^e. Expen^{ce} on y^e. good People of the County than I do, as a proof of w^{ch}., I will (altho I agreed with Seymor to finish y^e. building by y^e. lump) break the Bargain with him, if any other can be found who will finish the work compleatly for less money.— and I dare say that I can be off with Bennet too, allowing them both for what they have already done, Notwithstanding that they have been at a con-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

siderable expence laying in provision &ca.— this is all at present from

Sir,

Y^r. Welwisher & Humble Servant

W, JOHNSON

I am greatly Hurried at present on many Acc^{ts}.—

MAJOR JELLES FONDA

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall April 6th 1773*]

[]
 [] at [some tim]e ago favored []
 the 2^d of Decbr^r but begun the 7th of November, wherein you
 seemed to be very [] that some Malevolent Person might
 possibly have represented you as an Active person in the oppo-
 sition to the Grant; but I do assure you no such thing has been
 suggested here; neither if there had, should it have operated
 to abate the very favorable prepossessions I have of you;— for,
 I think as you do both with regard to the reasonableness there
 is for a Gentlemans declaring his opinion candidly, as well as
 in the Objections made to that Grant, and the only part I took
 in it, was founded on necessity, as the frontier people to the
 Southward were for some years past crowding into that Country,
 & could not be restrained by our Governments & as they were
 guilty of great abuses towards the Indians & others, that it was
 better to have some Government (if such can be properly sup-
 ported) than none, in that Quarter. As I looked on Lord
 Hillsborough to be a Nobleman of good Abilities for the dis-
 charge of His important Office, so it gives me pleasure to hear
 from you & other friends that Lord Dartmouth promises so well
 & acquits himself therein, so much to the general satisfaction,
 to which a fair character will always greatly contribute.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

The remainder of your favor dated 2^d Dec^r. regards the Drafts &ca & I thank you kindly for your attention therein As it is not convenient for Mr. Baker to Negotiate my little money matters [] you therefore please to [se]nd over such directions and papers as are necessary to be Executed for Transferring those papers from Mr Baker to yourself, both for me & Col^o Johnson, Lieut Roberts has never furnished Col^o. Claus with any powers for settling with me, or any body else, & as I think his Conduct as you represent it is ungenerous to me I see no reason why I should not take the most effectual & Imediate Steps to secure myself as far as I can, I would therefore have you to pursue Such measures as are best for that purpose, tho' I see no prospect but that of getting his Location in this County, altho' it is far short in value of what he owes me —

There have been reports here lately that the Ohio Grant had not taken place. I shall be glad to hear from you about it, and that whenever the point is Settled my Quota may be paid.

MR. JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:

April 6th 1773.—

To M^r John Blackburn
London.—

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall April 6th. 1773*]

[]
The last post I took the liberty of []
you M^r. Wetherheads case according to that which [Col^o.]
Johnson brought me, with a view to obtain your kind interposition

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

in his behalf by laying it before Government. I now inclose the Acco^t of Expences of my Department to 24th ult^o. for which I request to be favored with your Warrt.

Two days ago about 150 of the Six Nations arrived here, and others have been coming in ever since, so that I suppose when they are all met they will Exceed 300, the design of their coming is to lay before me the proceedings at the late Congress at Onondaga, with other matters, on which I shall write you when the Meeting is over, their coming at this Season in such a body is very inconvenient, as provisions are extremely scarce in this Neighbourhood; the other day, by an accidental fire in Fort Hunter, one of the Block houses, and two of the Curtains were reduced to Ashes, with 2 good framed Houses belonging to the Indians adjacent thereto, the Mohocks have therefore requested of me to acquaint you that as the remainder of the Fort is in a very Ruinous state, they would be very glad to have liberty to use such parts of the Timber as may be fit for service towards the rebuilding the Houses which were burned.

I am always with very great regard,

D^r Sr. &c

His Excell^y
GEN^L GAGE

INDORSED:

April 6th 1773 —

To General Gage
with Accts of the Department
to 24th ult^o.—
Mem. Wrote him March
with Mr. Wetherheads case.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York April 6th 1773*]

[]

[] Sir John got []
 pleasure of a Letter from you — []
 yours 5th March is unanswerd —

I am wrote to about Lord Ilchesters Land & wish you could send me a Diagram of it — that I might see where it lyes, for I cannot find it in any of the Mapps or Surveys.— As to the Balances due you — shall I demand them from General Gage & Mr. Walton, Mr. Hassenlever you know is in England, & I fancy all his Lands will be sold soon. I know nothing of Cap^t Sterling, he never got any Lands — nor is there any Pattent for him, so fancy its a mistake — I fancy I shall get Orders to pay you the Money for Lord Ilchester, if I can get a Mapp of the Land — Crawford the Settler is preparing to go up to you soon. he shall have the Money you order.

Nothing new here, Our Governor has had a Smart fitt of the Gout, is getting better, but I think his Constitution very delicate. He goes early in May with the Commissioners to Hartford to settle the []

[] deed

I am respectfully

D^r SirYour obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

I shall write Mr Smith of
 Burlington about the
 Lands he wants on Suequehanna.

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 at
 Johnson Hall
 Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

April 6th. 1773

Mr. Wallaces letter
 concern^g L^d. Ilchesters
 Money Gen^l. Gages Wal-
 ton's &ca.

ALEXANDER MCKEE'S JOURNAL

*Extract*²

[*Plains of Scioto, April 3-6, 1773*]

[
 [
 upon part of the Lands [] Nations in
 1768; after which [] Belt and informed me.
 That He [] Consideration and in a few days
 deli[vered [] Answer upon it.—

April 6th:

The above Chiefs being again ass[embled] in the Council
 House, I received thei[r] attend their Meeting,
 when they de[livered the] following Speech in Answer to the
 [] them in His Majesty's Name.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Inclosed in a letter from Alexander McKee to Sir William Johnson written at Pittsburg, May 15, 1773 which was destroyed by fire except the conclusion, date and signature in McKee's hand.

³ Lines burned off.

Brother,—

We have considered the Speech you deliv[ered to] us three days agoe from Our Father The King of Great Britain; And We likewise remember the Message you delivered us last Fall of His Demolishing the Fort at Pittsburgh and removing the Soldiers with their sharp edged Weapons out of this Country. This gave us then the greatest Pleasure, as it was a Strong Proof of His paternal Kindness towards us []¹
[]ginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania []
Kinds of public Business with us here, [] the Council Fire alive. We did always [] that way, But we have not as yet heard any thing from them, and the Council Fire is almost [ex]tinguish'd.—It now gives us the greatest Satisfaction That We have reason to hope that this Fire [] again rekindled and the Chain of Friendship []ned.—As Our Brethren the White People for [] Years past have been settleing in great Numbers thro' this Country, We cou'd not help being alarmed, as they appear'd to do it without the Authority of their wise People, or any good Intentions towards us; The Irregularity of their Conduct has made us judge That for the Peace of this Country, it was as necessary for prudent people to Govern them as it is for us to take Care of Our Foolish Young Men.—

Brother,

There is one Thing We wou'd choose to mention to []¹
[]
chief may happen between [] desire That Our Father The King [] may be assured by this Belt, that [] more than to cultivate the strictest Frien[dship] our Brethren the English in this Coun[try] it will give us the highest Satisfaction to [] Person, whom He is pleased to appoint [] Our Brethren here, by

¹ Line burned off.

the Hand, and to aff[ord] all the Assistance on our
 Parts, We are ab[]ing and Strengthening the Chain
 of Fr[] and promoting the Peace & Tranquility of
 [] part of the Country.—

A Belt

ALEXANDER M^cKEE

INDORSED:

[]
 Delivered the 6th. April 1773 —

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

London 7th Ap^l 1773

SIR

Proceeding is a Copy of my last¹ [] the Sir William Johnson
 Snow Capt Dean since which I have not been honord with any
 of Your Favors — I deliverd a Letter for Mr Wharton men-
 tioning my being ready to pay Your Quota of the Money as I
 before advis'd — but have not had the pleasure of hearing from
 Him since which makes me conclude that the Money is not
 wanted — whenever He makes the Demand it shall be comply'd
 with —

I am truly happy to find that Sir John is or will be shortly
 married to Miss Watts — the last Account from New York
 confirm'd that agreeable Intelligence — I sincerely congratulate
 You on the occasion & hope His Years & [happiness will
 improve together —]²

[Lord North in his Speech of the 5 Curr^t upon] the subject of
 India affairs [mentioned that the Tea Trade to America would]
 be open — but did not propose the [mode]

¹ Letter to Johnson, Feb. 27, 1773.

² Bracketed words supplied from a copy of the letter enclosed in
 Blackburn's Letter to Johnson, April 7, 1773.

There seems a Shyness with our [Court &] Prussia & if matters are not made up I should suppose some Designs from that arbitrary & aspiring Monarch — Dantzick seems the Object at present for His attempt & I should not be sorry to See Him Master of that place seeing at best He can be but a very weak Maritime Power — & of course Vulnerable in that Post — so that at any time we might terrify Him into good Behaviour — if the Turk & Russia dont make their Quarrell I can easily presage that War will thin the Ranks of the Continent —

Lord North stands firm as Minister of this Kingdom indeed His Conduct is so uniform & Consistently Right that it disarms opposition — I own myself partial to His Lordship first Upon Principle & Secondly from repeated Obligations conferr'd upon me —

Whenever You see occasion to Employ my Services I hope You will freely Comand

Sir

Your obliged and obedient

Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹

London 27th. Feby. & 7th. Apl

1773 —

Mr. Blackburns letter

FROM THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 517, under date of April 10th, is listed a letter from Dartmouth, Whitehall, declaring his fears of an Indian war and asserting the necessity of preventing a general alliance of savage nations (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:360-61).

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.

[Undated]¹
Jamaica Kingston

DEAR SIR

I now do myself the honor of informing you of our being Stationed in this Town, where I Suppose we will remain for a long time if not relieved by our Neighbours the Spaniards, or French: I do not find by any means the Climate So disagreeable as represented in General the North Wind indeed is a dangerous Enemy to most Constitutions but if you guard against it and frequent Debauches I am persuaded people would be as healthy in this Country as in any others, the Mornings & Evenings are absolutely fine for a Couple of hours generally between Eight & ten the heat & Atmosphere is So Close that its rather disagreeable, when we are relieved by a brisk Sea breaze which lasts till Evening at which time its imed^y. Succeeded by a Land Wind from the North East, which continues all night —

The people of this town are intirely of the marcantille kind who mind nothing else but making of Money. We have as Yett Seen but litle of the Gentlemen Planters, they being now busy on their Estates, cutting of their Sugar Canes, they bear the Character of a Genteel Generous & hospitable poeple, they are in General Scotch, those Gent^l. of that Nation in our Regiment are made much of, & will have an Advantage over the others.

I took the Liberty to Order Major Cochranne of our Batt; who commands at *Savanna La Mar* the next place of consequence on this Island, to purchase me Some Old Spirits & to Ship them with James Farquhar. who is in that harbour bound for New York, to Consign them to D^r. Farquhar, Directed to you; but he informs me that none old of any quantity is to be had att this time ex[c]ept one year Old, and Genuine; I have Sent him word

¹ Earlier than Prevost's letter of April 10, 1773. See Johnson Calendar, p. 517.

that I would wait till a Ship went from hence, but I doubt my Letter will not have reached in time, & Mr. Farquhar Sald, in which case pray Order the Rum not to be touched, till one Year Older, & I am Convinced you will find it Superior in Quality to any we gett in that part of the world, it being the Gen^l. practice to Baptize Colour & Adulterate those Liquors that come from these Islands. Should you Sir (after tryal) want any Quantity for you or Family, I Shall think myself particularly happy to Send you Some of the best, at the rate purchased in this Country — ab^t. 2/6 & 3/ this Currency equal 3/6 N York Cur^y. deliverd at York.—

I impatiently wait to hear from America, and what dependance I can have, with regard to having my Affairs Settled and if Mr Croghan will Succeed in his long wished for prospect of a Governement's taking place on the *Ohio*. I have not as yet heard from him but hope Soon for that pleasure

M^{rs} Prevost joins me in gratefully acknowledging the Numbers of Obligations we are under to you & family She offers her Sincere wishes with myne for Your happiness being with unfeigned Respect

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t. and

most Humb: Servant

AUG: PREVOST

The Honble SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baro^t.

INDORSED:¹

Kingston Jamaica no Date

L^t. Prevosts Letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM AUGUSTINE PREVOST

A. L. S.

*Jam: kingston
10th April 1773*

DEAR SIR

By Cap^t Stevenson I take the Liberty of acquainting you, that Cap^t. James Farquhar, took along with him 44 Gallons of old Jamaica — my friend Major Cochrane having succeeded in getting it from a Gentleman who Spared it to oblige you out of his private Stores — Sincerely wish it may not be adulterated, & that you may find it worth your acceptance, as I have Spared no pains to have it So.

I have the honor to referr you for any particulars relating to this Country, to the Captain who has obtained leave of Absence for Six Months. I envy his happiness, could wish Circumstances might make it necessary for me to return to your happy neighbourhood; the time may Yett come when I Shall have it in my power to indulge my partiality for your Country, My Situation at present is as agreable as these Regions will admit of, my income are more Considerable heere then they could be in any other Country. Should I Succeed in obtaining a Comp^y. then nothing can prevent my inabling myself in a very Short time to acquit myself with honor of my debts that is Suposing Mr. Croghan absolutely incapable of performing his promises to me, this Sir, is the only thing which has, ever given me any uneasiness I shall never forgett D. C's ungenerous behaviour, J. P. behaved better, tho he obliged me to have recourse to an Act which I hoppe has not prejudiced you against me, whatever Answer You have given that Gentlemen, depend on it Shall never be capable of making me forgett one moment the Numberless Obligations I lay under to you, I long much for a Letter from the familly, Anxious with regard to your hea[1]th and that of your Children

Permitt me Sir to Congratulate you on the aproaching Mar-

iadge of Sir John, well assured of your Sentiments on that Subject makes me rejoice in your happiness on So interesting an occasion — I request my Sincere Respects to all my friends at Johnson Hall. I beg to be remembered to Mr. Petter.¹ Should be happy to hear from him when his leisure will admit of it — I have wrote agreeable to promise to my friend Joseph hoppe his Sister is well

Mr^s Prevost is well & begs leave offer her best Respects to you & the Ladys Accept the Same from

Dear Sir

I am: Your most Obliged
& Most Humble Serv^t

AUG PREVOST

my father tenders his best
Respects

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baro^t.

INDORSED:²

Jamaica 10th. April 1773

L^t. Prevosts letter wth.
an Acc^t. of Rum Sent to me

PROCEEDINGS WITH THE SIX NATIONS

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:362–68, are printed proceedings of Johnson with chiefs of the Six Nations from April 7th to 10th at Johnson Hall, in which the Indians promised to refrain from associations with nations unfriendly to the English and complained of the misdeeds of traders, and Johnson exhorted them to bring the Twightwees and Piankashaws to reason and engaged to forward for the Six Nations a threatening message to the Powtawatamies.

¹ Peter Johnson, son of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brandt.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM ROBERT LIVINGSTON JR

*A. L. S.*¹

Manor Livingston 12 April 1773

HON^D SIR

I have but this minute Received your directions, for having a parcell of Mill Iron drawn for a Griss, & Saw Mill, which Shall Send up to my overseer at the works this day, or to morrow, with orders to have it drawn out of hand, & to Send it me down when finish'd, to have it ready at the Landing for the first Sloop, that may then pass, when it Shall be forwarded M^r. Monier, agreeable to your request I am

Hon^d Sir,

Your most obedient

& most Humble Serv^t.

ROB^T LIVINGSTON Jun^r.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baro^t.

INDORSED:²

April 12th. 1773 —

from Rob^t. Livingston Esq^r.
concern^g. Mill Iron

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*³

[Johnson Hall April 13th 1773]

[DEAR SIR]⁴

I inclose you a Copy of the [Proceedings with] the 6 Nations at the Congress here which is Just [finished]

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

² In Johnson's hand.

³ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

⁴ Missing words supplied from original letter dated April 14th in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Number of the Indians were 206 who were for the [most] part principal Men, and appeared not only in public but in the sev^l. private Conferences I had with them, to be very Sincere in what they said, as was the Chief of the whole Senecas tho' indeed all their promises appear to be conditional for the increased irregularity of the Indian Trade is so universal that all are affected by it, in some degree; and whilst it remains a Grievance I am at a loss what farther to say to them; New people some of no property are daily embarking in it, and when they have obtained credit for a little Goods & rambled into the back Country, they must put them into the hands of the French, or be daily exposed to their machinations

From the conversations I have had I am certain I can easily set partys of the 6 Nations on the Powtewatamis &c which would have many good consequences, nevertheless the propriety of this measure I must refer to your farther consideration, on many accounts.— I sometime since wrote Major Basset in gen^l. on Indian Subjects, and shall do so now as you direct, sending him also the belt from the 6 Nations to the Potewatamis as mentioned in the proceedings

His Excell^y GEN^l. GAGE

INDORSED:

April 13th. 1773

To His Excell^y Gen^l. Gage
with the proceedings with the
6 Nations.—

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[]

[*New York April 13th. 1773*]

Since I wrote you by Mr. [] yours 3^d Inst.
all the things you order are [] getting ready &

sending on board Skipper Switz — except Lemons & Oranges, none to [] & a Bell — no such thing here, but we shall endeavour to get one from some Ship, & lett them buy another when they go home.

Nothing new here, tho we have a Ship arrived from London, left it 5 March. Lord Bellamont is likely to recover —

We shall be happy to see Sir John here, & would be very much so to see you I am sorry you cant come down, I hope to have the pleasure of paying my respects to you this Summer, nothing can be more agreeable to me than to see you in your fine Country, & If Business would permitt I believe I should be a daily Stranger there — My best respects to all the Family — The Young Ladys very well & its surprising what fine Girls they grow —

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her Compl^{ts}. & I am ever most respectfully

D^r Sir

Your most obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^m JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

April 13th. 1773 —

Mr. Wallace's letter
ab^t. necessarys Sent for
by me for building &ca

¹ In Johnson's hand.

GENERAL GAGE'S WARRANT

The Johnson Calendar, p. 518, lists a warrant of General Gage, New York City, April 13, 1773, directing Thomas Barrow to pay Sir William Johnson, or his assigns, £5604, 5s, 7½d, New York currency; account annexed. Destroyed by fire.

HUGH DENISTON TO PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.¹

Catts Kill apr^l. 14th 1773

SIR/

your favour^s I Reciv^d & in Regard of Sir Will^m Johnson I Do ashure You Rather ther then I should abuse his favours to me In Regart of leting Sir Will^m. have the trouble of arising me I shall suffer judg^t. against anny thinge I am Master of as it is Real necessity that Deprived me of Discharging it Eare this tieme — but amongst the Rest of his maney favours if his petitions Could Waite to the leter end of Nixt June then I am almost ashur^d. it will be in my power your Compliyance inacquainting Sir Will^m. will greatly oblige your most humble

Ser^t

HUGH DENISTON

To PETER SILVESTER Esq^r

ADDRESSED:

To
Peter Silvester Esq^r
att^y. at Law
Albany

INDORSED:²

Catts Kill April 14th. 1773 —

Mr. Hugh Dennistons letter
to Peter Silvester Esq^r.

¹ Inclosed in Sylvester to Johnson, April 16, 1773.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

[*Albany Ap^l. 16th. 1773*]

HON^D SIR,

The Inclosed letter¹ I this day received which you will please to preserve as there is a possibility it may be of use here after & let me know your further orders on the head I am Sir

Your most

humble Servant

P SILVESTER

P.S.

When its convenient Shod be glad of the Sixty pounds Acceptance on Mr. D. Davis's Drafts —

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

Alby. 16th. April 1773

Mr. Silvesters Letter

wth. Dennistons inclosed —

Ansrd.

¹ Hugh Deniston to Peter Silvester, April 14, 1773.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM JACOB R. HARDENBERGH

A. L. S.

*Rariton April 16th. 1773¹*HONOURABLE S^R.

As a Catalogue of the Names of those Gentlemen Whom his Excellency William Franklin Esq^r. had Appointed as Trustees in the Charter for Queens College in New Jersey, has been published in the New York papers, some Years ago; it is Supposed that you know S^r. you was Appointed among Others as a Trustee for Said College.— Several Meetings of Said Trustees have Since been published and held. Some Subscriptions for the Use of Said College have been taken; and the College and a grammar School Opened at New Brunswick, Under the Care of two Instructors; the Scholars being increased to the Number of between twenty and thirty.— And a Meeting of the said Trustees being again Appointed, to be held in the College house at New Brunswick, on Tuesday the 18th. of May Next, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, where it is expected Some Matters of Importance will be Offered for Consideration.— Agreeable to an Order of a former board of Said Trustees, I Inform Your Honour, that Your Attending at the Appointed time and Place aforesaid, and the taking Upon You the Important trust, to which you have been Appointed, will be exceeding agreeable to the Gentlemen aforesaid. They hope you will not refuse the Accepting of an Office, to which You have been honourably Appointed, and May Justly be Considered as Necessary and Usefull for the Community

With due regard, Honourable S^r., I Subscribe Myself

Your Very Humble & Obedient Servant

JACOB R: HARDENBERGH, Clerk

¹ This letter is listed in the Johnson Calendar, p. 502 under date of 1772.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Baronet
at
Johnson's Hall
In the County of Tryon

INDORSED:¹

Rariton 16th. April 1773

Letter from Mr. Hardenbergh
Clerk to y^e. Trustees of
Queens College in y^e. Jerseys
Ansrd. May 7th., &
Subscribed £20 to the
College —

FROM HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York April 17th 1773*]

[]

[] sent by Cap^t Switz []
amo^t £263. . 16. . 11 — hope all will get safe []

No Bell to be got — there are Bells [cast] at Elizabeth town,
that are much approv[ed] they cost 3/ 6^{tt} — if you chuse it
lett us know the Weight & Size you like & we will get it made,
& have your Name, or what you chuse Marked on it — & the
Date &c

¹ In Johnson's hand.

No Macarrell to be had, nor is there any now Expected before the Fall, nor is any Lemons or Oranges to be got. if any should arrive shall send you a Box, or will you have a Barrell or two of Limes sent you.

Three of our London Ships are arrived & the Albany Snow hourly expected. Nothing remarkable New by them. We are

Dr Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^{ts}.

HUGH & ALEX^R WALLACE

The two Cases with
Picture Frames go by
Cap^t Switz
Inclosed are some
Letters for you & Family to whom our Compliments.

INDORSED:¹

N York April 17th. 1773

Mr. Wallaces Letter and
Acc^t. of Sund^s. £264. .16. .11

¹ In Johnson's hand.

HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE'S ACCOUNT

D. S.¹

25 Barrs. of Pork..@ 96/6..£120 .. [12..10]			
5 do.....Beef.... 55/.....13..17..6	134	10	[4]
4 do.....York Rum.....vizt.			
1..... 32 Galls.			
1..... 32			
1..... 33			
1..... 34½			
131 Galls..@ 2s/6d..£16..8..9			
4 Casks.....4/4... 0.18..-			
	17	6	9
1 Keggs conts. 17½ Galls. Oyle..@7/..6..2..6			
Keggs..... 5..6			
	6	8	-
8 Keggs White Lead wt. 2c..0..23¼ ^{tt}			
nt.@ 75/.....	8	5	4
1 Barrell of Spirits 33¾ Gs..@ 5/...£8..8..9			
Barrl 4/6 & Care for do 5/6.. 10..-			
	8	18	9
9 Casks Nails .....vizt.			
No 93..20d..Nt 198			
99...do.... 198			
105...do.... 198			
76..12..... 216			
78...do.... 216			
80...do.... 216			
56 10d.... 196			
66...do.... 196			
70...do.... 196			
1830 tt..7½d..£57..3..9			
4 Boxes Glass 7 by 9..400 feet..64/			
Box 12.16..-	69	19	9
9 Stock Locks.....4/6d	1	11	6
4 Casks Molasses 124 Galls...1/10..£11..7..4			
Casks .....5/6... 1..2..-	12	9	4
1 Case.....Florana Oyle.....	4	10	-
Carting the whole to the Sloop.....		17	6
	£264	16	11
Errors Excepted N York 17 th April 1773			
HUGH & ALEX ^R WALLACE			

¹ Enclosed in letter of Hugh and Alexander Wallace to Sir William Johnson, April 17, 1773.

FROM JOHN BLAGGE

A. L.

[*Albany April 17th 1773*]

Mr Blagge's very respectful Compliments wait upon Sir William Johnson & is very thankful for the use of the Chair, which will be returned by the Post, together with Three Doz Lemmons which he prays Sir Williams acceptance of; he is very fortunate in procuring a Passage, being to Sail in two Hours & having a fair Wind — the Hatts Sr William mentioned were paid for by Mr Davis three days since of which I presume he will give Notice.—

Saturday Morning 7 oClock.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{bl}. Sir William Johnson Baronet
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹Saturday April 17th. 1773

 from Mr. Blagge —

FROM JOHANNES SCHROM

A. L. S.

*Albany April [17th. 1773]*S^R.

Received your Letter this morning And as Mr: Monier is Gone to new york I shall take Care of your goods as Soon as

¹ In Johnson's hand.

they Arrive and See that they are put in Store

I am with due Respects your

Efectionate Friend

for John Monier p^r

JOH^s. SCHROM

To

S^R. WILL^M. JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To

S^r William Johnson Bart

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

April 17th. 1773

from Mr. Jh[]

FROM NEIL MCLEAN

L. S.

Niagara April 19th. 1773

SIR

I am favourd with Yours of the 12th. March. You may depend on my readiness to communicat anything you desire to him or any other of your friends amongst them. I expect him in this Spring, and then if he has made any new discoveries shall write.

I believe a great part of their uneasiness this winter was owing to a Scoundral of a Frenchman that Traded amongst them who told them a great many lies, which I was inform'd of by an Indian that was present at a Meeting he call'd.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I acquainted the Commanding Officer with the Intelligence I had but he little acquainted with Indians has so high an Opinion of his own Sagacity that he thinks it beneath him to ask for Information. I therefore never could learn whether he took any further notice of it. But I am Certain if he doth not act with less Stiffness he will soon give great unbr[a]ge to the Indians. Poor De Coughny is quite gon he has lately lost one of his eyes and I am Inform'd the other is going very fast.

I am Sir

With Much Esteem

Your Most obedient and

Very Humble Servant

NEIL M^c LEAN

To

The Hon^{le}. S^R. WILLIAM JOHNSON Barn^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{bl}. S^r. William Johnson

Baronet

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Niagra April 19th. 1773

Mr. Neile M^c. Leans letter

FROM THOMAS BARROW

A. L. S.

[*New York*] 21 April 1773

SIR

Inclos'd is General Gages Warrant with three Receipts which I send as usual for your indorsing & signing —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I gave to M^r Wallace an Account of the several payments made by me on account of the last Warrant — Which no doubt he has transmitted to you.

I am D Sir
 Your most Obedient
 & most humble Servant
 THO: BARROW

SIR
 WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar.

INDORSED:¹

April 21st. 1773 —

Th^s. Barrow Esq^{rs}.
 Letter wth. Warr^t. & Receipts
 to Sign & Indorse —
 Warr^t. dated 13th. April 1773

AN INVOICE

D.

[New York April 21, 1773]

Invoice of Sundries Sent Sir John Johnson []
 Skiper Rusbec [] by your order & to the care of Jn^o Monier
 Esq^t. of Albany viz^t.

Grant & Fine's Acco ^t . for Glass & C ^a	6	12	3
W ^m Ustick's d ^o for Nails & C ^a	13	9	7
Samuel Broome's d ^o for Brads.	—	11	6
Nick ^s . Carmer — d ^o for Mahogany & C ^a	9	5	8
Peter Goelet for Locks & C ^a	6	7	—
Charles M ^c Evers acco ^t . for Nails & C ^a	31	7	4
Carting the above to Sloop & a Cask for the Glue.	0	6	6
	£67	19	10

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Errors Excepted New York 21st April 1773

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Wallaces Acc^t. of
Sund^s. Sent to Sir John
£67..19..10

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York April 21st 1773*]

[]

I received yours 14 Ins^t. [] we sent off
severall things for your Family [] at the River, &
amongst the rest, we sent all the Picture frames — We are
getting the severall things for Sir John, they shall all go off
tomorrow at farthest —

We sent off last Week the things you order'd & wrote you
same time to which refer — Mr Blagge shall have the Money
you desire whenever he calls for it. we have nothing new here
of any sort. All well, & all this Family salute you & yours
with most sincere Affection. I am

D^r Sir

Y^r. most obed^t Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

The two young Ladys
are verry well

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

N York 21st. April 1773

Mr. Wallaces letter

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

[*Albany April 21st 1773*]

SIR

I have been inform'd this morning that one Harper has persuaded the Auquege Indians to Sell the Lands they Sold me to the Propritors of Hardenbergs Patent:—It would be impertinent in me to take up your time with a dail of this Affair; I shall therefore only beg You will be so good to desire them to keep their promises & engagements with me respecting those Lands untill His Majestys pleasure is known.

I hope You will forgive this trouble; I have given You a great deal already on this occasion, and should be happy in shewing You how sensible I am of it and how truly I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

&

most humble Servant

JN^o BRADSTREET

SIR W^m. JOHNSON, Bar^t. &c

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹Alb^y. 21st. April 1773

 Coll. Bradstreets letter

TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 518, is listed a letter of April 22d to the Earl of Dartmouth about the importance of cultivating the friendship of the upper Senecas and about measures for bringing back such as have emigrated to the Ohio country (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist., N. Y., 8:361-62*).

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*²*New york April 25th: 1773.*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letters of the 6th: and 14th Inst: as also your Letter concerning Mr: Wetherhead's Case which last I have transmitted to the Treasury and recommended an Indemnification which I hope will be attended to.

A Warrant is made out for the Payment of the Account inclosed in your Favor of the 6th: Inst:, which you will have had Notice of. I am sorry for the Accident that has happened at Fort-Hunter,³ and readily agreed to the Request made by the Mohocks, to use the Remainder of the Timbers, that will be of Service towards rebuilding the Houses that were burned.

I am to thank you for the Copy of the Proceedings at the Congress held with the Six Nations on the 7th: Inst:, and rejoice to find that Confederacy so well affected towards us. I know no more than yourself what to say about the Trade, in which Matter

¹ In Johnson's hand.
² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.³ See Johnson to Gage, April 6, 1773.

I have taken a good deal of Trouble to little effect hitherto. The Provincial Commissioners will not meet nor would they agree if they did, and what would still render any Plan still more difficult to be fixed is, that it must after all meet with the approbation of so many Assemblys. Lord Hillsborough was of opinion that the only Method would be to confirm the Regulations by an Act of Parliament, but I am ignorant of the Sentiments of his Successor in those Respects.

I am much obliged to you for writing to Major Bassett, and hope the Belt you send him from the Six-Nations will contribute to bring the Pouteatamies to Reason. I have desired him to enquire particularly into the affair of Vanslyk at St: Joseph, who may by himself or Servants have given occasion for the Quarrell, If it was a Sudden shuffle raised by Provocation on either side, and not a premeditated affair on the part of the Savages it may not deserve immediate Punishment. The French-Man is to be Suspected, and I hope the Major will fall upon Means to Seize him. I fear we with Reason Suspect the French also on the ouabache and at the Illinois, tho' I cannot discover that any of them act by order and Consent of the Government of Louisiana, and I rather believe they are influenced by the Competition for the Trade. I have Papers from them in which they accuse us of like Practices; both French and Indians, particularly those of the ouabache, have been struck by the Six Nations and the Chikesaws, and they have seen the war Partys of the latter protected and assisted by the Troops at the Illinois. They have therefore Grounds to suspect us, which has not contributed a little to inflame them against us.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: N York April 25th. 1773 —

Genr^l. Gages letter —

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*[Johnson Hall April 26th. 1773]*[DEAR SIR]²

I have been so repeatedly [Sollicit^d by Sundry] persons who had acco^{ts} depending which were to have been [paid] by the Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. and amongst the rest an account of the Battoeing I not long since mentioned to you to have been performed during the Great Indian Treaty at Fort Stanwix that I could no longer refuse acquaint^s you that they have requested my Interposition with you in their behalf, as they say they again lately applied to Gen^l. Bradstreet, who told them he could not pay them, but that he could give you his reasons for refusing, They all appear to have been contracted on the faith of Govern^{ment}, during the time that such duties were paid by the Q^r. M^{rs}. Department, and before the date of your Advertisement directing that those who employed Boats, Carriages or Men should pay them; but as the particulars will appear when laid before you, I have no reason to enlarge, neither is it my business to add more except as to that part which concerns myself as formerly mentioned, to the payment of which I flatter myself there is no material objection, as it was necessarily incurred for the purposes of that important treaty, being for persons employed in additⁿ to those first hired, as the provisions fell Short.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Missing words supplied from original letter in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

I hope you will Excuse the trouble of this & Impute it to the intreatys of the persons concerned.

His Excell^y
GEN^L GAGE

INDORSED:

April 26th. 1773

To Gen^l. Gage concerning
Acco^{ts}. unpaid by the Q^r. Mast^r. Gen^l.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York April 26th 1773*]

[]

We wrote you by Van[] have none of yours.
All Sir John's Affa[] are sent off & hope will please him —

We have supplied the bearer M^r. Crawford the Sadler on
your Acco^t with £65 Currency. he carrys up Leather &c.
with him & hope he will do very well.

Nothing new here since my last.

All here are well, & all this Family salute most affectionately
you & yours.

I am D^r Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:¹N York 26th. April 1773

Mr. Wallaces letter wth.
 an Acc^t. of Cash advanced to Mr.
 Crawford Sadler ———
 Ansrd.

FROM JOHN BLAGGE

A. L. S.

*New York 30 April 1773*DEAR & HON^D SIR

I had a very agreeable time indeed down, and had the pleasure of finding Miss Johnson & Miss Claus very well; I have since made enquiry relative to the Cook, but as yet have not been able to learn the price of him; the General being at present out of Town.— The pork and picture Frames were sent by Swits a few days before I arrived.— I have had two pair of very good Balls and a Doz Maces made, which I have packed up in a small Box belonging to Mr R. Adems, I hope they may be approved of, and Sr. I very sincerely wish you much Health & satisfaction in the use of them.— I neglected on purpose the geting Sticks made, as the Wood here in general is bad for that use, (the Linda with you being by far better), besides that the artificers have got into a practice out of which they will not be beat, of spoiling them by making them too slender.— The sample of Nails I delivered unto Mr Wallaces Clerk who informed me that they wer Ship'd the day before I got down.

I shall be very happy Sir William, if in future I have it in my power to render you, or the Family the least service by transacting any little matter of Business which may require to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

be done while I remain in this place; & am with great Esteem
& Respect Dear & Honour'd Sir

Your much Obliged and
most Obedient Humb. Servant

JOHN BLAGGE

Hon^{ble} S^r WM JOHNSON Bart

INDORSED:¹

NY 30th. April 1773

Jⁿ. Blagge Esq^{rs}. letter

⌘ Br.....

wth. an Acc^t. of £3..—..—

ansrd. 18th. May

TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 519, is listed a letter of April 30th to the Earl of Dartmouth, explaining that the emigrant Senecas whom it is desired to recall from the Ohio country do not live within the proposed new colony (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:368–69).

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 31th. April 1773.

HON^D SIR,

Since my last, upon the Credit of Your bill to M^r. Davis I have advanced him in Cash twenty eight pounds, which with the 32£ he drew upon you in favor of Cap^t. M^c.Leod compleats the sum of Sixty pounds you allowed him to draw for so that the whole of that money is to be paid to me of this I thought proper to give you the earliest notice I am

Sir Your Most Ob^t. Servant

P SILVESTER

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

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

INDORSED:¹

March 31st. 1773 —

Mr. Silvesters letter
 Ansrd.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 1 May 1773

SIR//

I am favoured with yours of the 27th: Ultimo the Mill Saws you Mention I sent over to Schonectady this Week to the Care of M^r: V Eps

I now send 2 M 2^d: Brads 1 M 5^d: Brads & 1 M 6^d: Brads I have no more large ones in the house but Expect some next Week, when the Remainder Shall be Sent I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged
 & Most Humble
 Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

INDORSED:¹

[Albany 1st. May] 1773

Mr. Jⁿ. Stevensons letter
 wth. an Acc^t. of Nails —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

any more at present. The Young Ladys & all Friends here well & happy

I am with most affect^e regard

D^r Sir

Y^r obliged & obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR W^M JOHNSON Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at Johnson Hall

Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

New York 5th. May 1773

Mr. Wallaces letter

promising a Visit this Summer

& acknowledg. y^e. recpt. of my Draft

on Mr. Barrow for £1000

Ansrd.

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

[*Albany May 8th 1773*]

[]

I am very sorry to hear of your Indisposition which I hope you will be soon relieved from by a perfect recovery

I received Inclosed in yours of the 5th Instant the Sixty pounds you gave leave to Mr Dudley Davis to draw on you for — I now send you the letter of Credit & his Drafts with your first letter on the Subject

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I do not recollect the time Deniston proposed for payment when your health & leisure permits please to let me know which can be seen from his letter I sent you that I may thereby & from your last orders be regulated

Nothing further is as yet done in the suit of the Corporation ag^t. Wemp when there is I shall advise you thereof — the writ ag^t. Palmer was returned last court non est an alias is Issued to the Sheriff of Orange County Mr. Yates tells me we shall not be inattentive to that business

Your Clergyman last Sunday favored our Congregation with his performance of the Service both morning & afternoon And give us two Sermons the first I think an excellent composition & true Religion — & well delivered — I am with wishes for the reestablishment of your health Hon^d Sir

Your most

Ob^t. Humble Servant

P SILVESTER

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 8th. May 1773

Peter Silvester Esq^{rs}. letter,

wth. Sundry Inclosures —

Ansrd. fully 18th Ins^t.—

SPEECH OF THREE INDIAN CHIEFS

*Contemporary Copy*²

Speech of Ishwabama, Shawanase, & Minitowabe Chiefs with Sixteen Saguinan Indians, who brought in the Three Murderers of Pond^s & c^a:—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 48–52, London, England; transmitted by General Haldimand. Copy in New York State Library badly damaged by fire. See Johnson Calendar, p. 519.

³ Phineas Pond, a trader.

Detroit 9th: May 1773

Present in the Council

Major Henry Basset,
 Captⁿ: Julius Stirke,
 Lieut: Abbot: R: Artillery.
 Lieut: Shaw 10th: Regiment
 Lieut: Kelly Ditto
 Ensign Basset Ditto

Father,—We are happy that you have kept your Parole, which you gave us last Fall, and thank you that you have now admitted us; We hope that you will now take off the Cloud from over our Heads, which should have crushed us.

We now hope Father that you will support the old Custom we have been used to with the former Commanders our Fathers of Smoaking the Pipe of Peace with us.

Major Basset's Reply.

Before I can take the Pipe I must insist on your Seperating the Murderers from the Rest, and then I will Smoak with you because you have kept your Word in bringing them in —

Ishwabami, Father when you came first to take Possession of this Place, you called us your Brethren, and Assured us that you came here to keep Peace and Quietness and would take care of our Wives and Children, as our former Fathers, whom you conquered had done, and that whenever we came to Speak with you, the dark Clouds should be removed from over our Heads and we should see the Sky clear.

We beg that you will remember what we have said, and what you have promised us, that you'd have Pity and Compassion for us and our Children, and we also beg that Sir William Johnson will take Pity on us, we hold him fast by the Hand and will never part with it.

A Belt of Wampum,

Father — Be assured that all of the Chipawas and Ottawas and all the Nations from hence to Lake Superior are disposed for Peace and Quietness, and are not the authors of, nor Consenting to what has been done.

Father — All the Chippawas in general speak to you today, and beg that you will have compassion on them, and that you will take pity in Particular on these Three giddy Headed Young Men, who have been Guilty of such Bad Deeds, consider they are but young Children who have lost their Senses.

A Belt of Wampum,

Father,— When you came here first you planted a Tree and told us that when we had any Complaint or Demand to make or when wanted to speak, with you we should Assemble there, for which Father we came under it to day, in Order to speak with you and beg that you will have Compassion on us, and that you will keep the Roads open on all Sides, that we and our Children may come and Speak with you; you told us that when any Bad Thing was done we should Assemble at said Tree, and Talk together, and that the Fault might perhaps be forgiven, for which reason we hope you will forgive what has happened.

A Belt of Wampum,

Father — Be assured that all the Indians above are well Disposed and have good Hearts for which Reason they beg that you will have Compassion on them and their Children and particularly on these Three that are Guilty.

Father — Lo the Last Words I have to say to you. I beg that on Account of all those of your children who are so well Disposed you'll have pity on us, tho' they who make this Demand and beg that they may be permitted to come in and go out as usual and to Trade and that you will take them

by the Hand, with a Cheerfull Countenance, and forgive the Murderers; When you came here first and planted the Tree you told us that when we were anywise Embarrassed or Troubled we should come there where you would always be found and ready to talk with us, and try to Moderate any Difficulty's that should happen and to make Matters as easy as possible, for which we came to Day, and hope you will remember your Parole.

Father,— This is all I have to say, I beg that you will remember what all your Children have said and that you will restore Peace to the Land and that we may all Live in Friendship, with one another, we who are here join our Parole, with theirs and beg that you'll have Compassion and take Pity on all of us your Children, and in Particular on these Three (Murderers) and forgive them. they lost their Senses and did not know what they did.

A Belt of Wampum.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) H. BASSET Major
to the 10th: Regiment

His Excellency GENERAL GAGE.—

INDORSED: (Copy) Detroit May 10th: 1773

Conferences
Between Major Basset
and some Indian Chiefs
Respecting
Three Indian Prisoners
Confined for Murder —

To Sir William Johnson
17th. August 1773

HENRY BASSET TO THE SAGUINAN INDIANS

*Contemporary Copy*¹*Detroit 10th: May 1773*

Copy

Major Basset's Answer to the Chiefs Speech of
the Saguinan Indians, concerning the Murder of Mr:
Pond &c^a:²

Children, I have heard your Speech your Conduct has been so very Bad that I blush for you when I think of it.

Children. I'm informed before I had the Honor of Commanding here or being placed over you as a Father that your Nation has Committed Outrages, and that last, I look upon as a perpetrated Murder in Cold Blood.

Children, The Peltry taken from the unfortunate Persons you have Murdered and Traded part of it, must be restored without Loss of Time and this I shall insist on and do expect if you cant the very same, that the whole Nation will make it Good in the most Expeditious Manner possible.

Children, On these Conditions and a promise of your good Behaviour I will have the road cleared and you shall be allowed to Trade and have the use of the Indian Smith to mend your Guns and Hatchets and I will give Leave to some Traders to Visit your Village.

Children, Nevertheless it gives me great pleasure that you have recovered your Senses and kept your Parole so far as to deliver up the Three Murderers. It is an Affair of too great Consequence for me to Determine their Fate, I detain them

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 48–52, London, England; transmitted by General Haldimand. Copy in New York State Library badly damaged by fire. See Johnson Calendar, p. 519.

² Phineas Pond, two batteauxmen and a Panie slave.

here Prisoners untill I have further Orders from the Great Man below Viz^t: the Commander in Chief, and Sr: William Johnson, whom I have wrote to and will again by the very first Opportunity.

Children,— The Speech I made you upon my first Landing I will most religiously stick to, and the Tree planted shall always be a Shade and Shelter for you providing you Continue to behave well and never to molest the Traders, I send amongst you, or that pass or Repass your Way.

Children, At different Times Past, you have destroyed the poor Inhabitants Cattle, Pigs &c^a: and have even taken away their Horses; These are bad Deeds, and the Consequences should you again return to such Practices, may be fatal to some of your Young Men and Warriors, for I should not be surprised nor even Sorry to hear of some being Kill'd on the Spot, if found in the Fact.

Children, I thank you for the good News you bring of all your Hearts being fixed in their Proper Place, and that the Indians in the upper Country are all Peaceably disposed.—

Children,— I take you all by the Hand (the Three Murderers Excepted) and am happy to be at Peace with all your Nations; continue to behave well like Children, and I'll use my utmost Endeavours to be a good Father, as a proof of what I have said, I give you this Large Belt and String of Wampum as a Pledge.

14th: June 1773

(a true Copy)

(Signed)

H BASSET Major

to the 10th: Regiment —

His Excellency GENERAL GAGE—

FROM SAMUEL BAKER

A. L. S.

London May 10th. 1773.

SIR

I have Received your favour of 23^d: January last, and have according to your Request disposed of the Balance & Dividend, due to you, in the purchase of more Stock; which rather Exceeds their Amount; as I was willing to have an even Sum, & your next half year's Dividend will make it Good: It is as follows, & your Account is Dr. for £200 Consol^d. 3 ⌘ Cent Ann^s. at 86¼ ⌘ C^t

	172..10..—
Commission & Brokerage.	1.. 5..—
	173..15..—

So that the future Dividend will be Received on Four Thousand Two hundred Pounds Stock, which I will Take Care of. —

I am
Sir

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t
SAM^L. BAKER

SIR W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at Johnson Hall — Albany
New York

⌘ The Albany
Cap^t. Bunyan

INDORSED:¹London May 10th. 1773 —

Mr. Sam^l. Bakers letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York May 11th: 1773.*

DEAR SIR,

I am to acknowledge your Letter of 26th: Ul^{mo}., and with respect to it's Contents am to say, that nothing is more just than paying People for the work they have done, which never Meets with objection or Difficulty when the work is properly certified, and the Accounts Sent in as soon as performed. But when Demands are Made for Services done in years past, it's a work to ascertain the Justice of them; Circumstances are forgot, and People who can vouch their Authenticity are either dead or out of the way, and withal bad People avail themselves of obscurity to make Pretentions and Claims they have no Right to. Forged Certificates have been detected, and there is no Judging who ought to be paid and who not. Colonel Bradstreet's last Accounts contained Charges for the Services you mention, and if he did not include the whole, I suppose the Reason was that they did not all apply to him. If you will please to transmit the Accounts outstanding with proper Information concerning them, and certified, I will have them taken into Consideration without

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Delay, and See in what shape they can be put to have them paid, and by what Department they ought to be paid.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: WM: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED:

May 11th 1773.—

From Gen^l. Gage
concern^g old Acco^{ts}.

THE CONFESSION OF THREE INDIANS.

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Detroit, May 12th, 1773

The Confession of Kiokam, Sakikabowe, & Makuttemingwa (The Three Murderers of the late Mr: Phineas Pond, his Two Batteauxmen and Panie Slave) Made to Major Henry Bassett Commandant, in the presence of Lieu^t: Waldron, Kelly, and Ensign Rich^d: Basset, and Mess^{rs}: Pierre Chesne Labute, & James Sterling, Interpreters in the Guard House at Detroit 12th: May 1773.

Major Basset. What was your Reason for Killing Mr. Pond and his Two Batteauxmen, tell me Truth, I have good Information of this Affair already, and know much more than you Imagine, and if I find you tell me Lyes, it will be the Worse for you.

Sakikabowe } Since you require it we will tell
speaker for the whole } you the whole Truth; We have done

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 48–52, London, England; transmitted by General Haldimand. Copy in New York State Library damaged by fire. See Johnson Calendar, p. 519.

a very bad Deed, but rum was the Cause of it, when Mr: Pond arrived from Michilimakinac in our River, he told us that he and his People were Hungry and asked us if we had any Thing to give them to Eat, we told him we had Venison, and we Traded it with him for Rum, with which we got Drunk, and then asked him for more, he said he had no more, I told him he had more in the Keg, but if it was Empty I would put some Water into it and Drink the Rinsings. I then went into the Boat and laid hold on the Keg and finding it about a Third full, took it out and waded ashore with it, on which Mr: Pond pointing his Finger at me, said I should not live long, and I then laid down the Keg, he called to his Batteauxmen, who Instantly took Poles and beat Kiokam unmercifully, and he taking up his Gun advanced on us, Makuttemingwa who was next to him seized the Muzzle of the Gun and turned it aside just as the Shot went off. our Young People then began to Stab them, and Kiokam who was the Drunkest of us, began also to Stab them, and we all Stabbed them till they were all Three Dead upon the Spot.

Major Basset. But you say Nothing of the Panie Boy, what is become of him.

Sakikabowe, We killed him next Day.

Major Basset. And what have you done with the Peltry and Money &c^a: which you found in the Boat and their Pockets.

Sakikabowe. We burned the Boat and all the Peltry &c^a: excepting Three packs of Beaver, one of which I took, Makuttemingwa the other Two, for Kiokam was too Drunk to take any, and we carried the other Packs into the Woods and hid them. this Spring we took a French Man along with us to take them up, and bring them in, and not finding them where we had hid them I imagine they were Stolen and carried off in the Winter, and we suspect Miastagwa, a young Chippiwa of the Tribe of Pietwireaskam, who came often to Trade with Beaulieu a Frenchman in the Winter, and this Spring set off for Michilimakinac with a much larger Quantity of Beaver than it was Possible any Indian could kill in a Year, One of our Women

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart^t
 at
 Johnson Hall
 ☞ Mr Will Deal
 with a Barrell Potatoes

INDORSED:¹

May 15th. 1773 —

Hugh Wallace Esq^{rs}. letter
 ☞ W^m. Deale

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 519 is listed a fragment of a letter from Alexander McKee to Sir William Johnson, Pittsburgh, May 15, 1773. Destroyed by fire except date and signature which is in McKee's hand.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²[*Johnson Hall May 15th 1773*][DEAR SIR]³

I Am favored with your Letter of [25th Ulto^o.] and am thoroughly persuaded of the difficulties in the way to the Establishment of regulations for Trade, as well as to the

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ Missing words supplied from original letter in William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Mich.

preventing the Schemes of the French to the Southward; I believe most of the latter are influenced by private views at present, tho' I remember that before the late War, many such persons became secret instruments of Government, whilst they appeared only to act in favor of private interest. The Indians also in that quarter will doubtless have their own complaints, & under all these Circumstances it is extremely difficult, if not impracticable, to remove them.

I have mentioned the Affairs of Trade so often to his Majesties Ministers, & find them involved in so many difficulties, that I am really tired of making representations. The Crown I believe Does not chuse to issue Orders that may be disregarded, & cannot perhaps be prudently enforced, & the Colonies being always in a kind of Competition with each other are unwilling to come to a determination, but above all are alarmed at the prospect of an Expensive Establishment, which it must be in their Eyes, if they appoint a Sufficient number of persons of Character to carry it into Execution.

A report prevails here, that you have rec^d. his Majesties Orders to remain longer in America, I have some reasons for [requesting the favour of You to let me know whether I have been rightly informed.]

I have had two severe returns of my disorder, from the latter of which I am recovering very slowly, so that I am scarcely able to hold a pen, or to add more than that I ever am With true regard

D Sr.

His Excell^y GEN^L. GAGE.

INDORSED:

May 15th. 1773.

To General Gage.

FROM WILLIAM McADAM

L. S.

N. York 19th. May 1773

SIR

I Suppose that the Bills drawn by Col. Gorham on me of which I formerly wrote to you have Escaped your memory.

I shall be much obliged to you for an Order to Enable me to take up the Bills, as the Holders will soon Expect an Explicit Answer — I wish this may meet you perfectly recovered from your Indisposition — with Compliments to Sir John & the Colonel I remain with great respect

Your most Obed^t and very

Humble Servant

W McADAM

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

N York May 19th. 1773

Mr. W^m. McAdams letter
for a Draft —

Ansrd. June 3^d. & paid

by Bill on W^m. Barrow

£ 171 . . 8 . . 6 to 7^{br}. 25th. 1772

w^h. is ye. last he is to receive

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York May 19th 1773*]

[]
I have the favour of your []
extremely concerned for the return you have had of your disorder,
we now have fine Weather & hope that will effectually recover
you — Any thing you order shall be done with care & dispatch,
I shall charge Sir John's Account to yours as you desire, some
Chimney Peices go up from hence for him this day, & hope he
will soon be here, perhaps could you come down with him a
Change of Air might be serviceable to you, & I am sure you
might live as you pleased here, or go on Long Island & enjoy
the Sea Air. The Bell you order for the Oneydas, shall be
got ready & your Name & the Year put on it.

The Box of Pills shall go by the first safe Hand — All well
here & no material News, Our Governor is now at Hartford,
& hope a finish will now be put to the disputed Machessucetts
Line

[]¹

gratefully & affectionately

Dr Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

Johnson Hall.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

Tryon County

¹ Line burned off.

1 Doz: of Childrens D ^o . of 8 years old	1..10.. 0
1 Doz: of D ^o D ^o . of 4 years old	—..18..—
2 p ^s . of y ^e . Strongest blew Walsh Cottons	23..—..—
1 p ^s . Striped Muslin middling kind	6..—..—
4 p ^s . of Yard wide Irish linnen of abt. 4/6 ⌘ yard	22..10.. 0
1 th . thread to make up the Same	—..16..—
4 pair of Womens black Silk Mittens . . . 10/..	2..—..—
	<hr/>
	210.. 5..—
1 p ^s . of Green Cloath at 6 ^s ⌘ yard	
1 p ^s . Scarlet Shalloon for lining D ^o .	

INDORSED:¹

May 20th. 1773 —

Sent to London for the
Within Articles to Mr. Blackburn

SPEECH OF FOUR INDIAN CHIEFS

*Contemporary Copy*²

[*Detroit, May 22, 1773*]

Speech of Pitchbaon, Scinatchowin, Wiakosee, & Quikobeenang, Four Chiefs of the Poutewatamis Indians from Fort St. Joseph with Twenty Two Men of their Nation to Major Basset Commandant at Detroit 22^d: May 1773.

Pitchbaon.— Father, it is very vexing and very Unhappy for us in General, but for me in Particular who am called a Chief,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 48–52, London, England; transmitted by General Haldimand. Copy in New York State Library badly burned. See Johnson Calendar, p. 519.

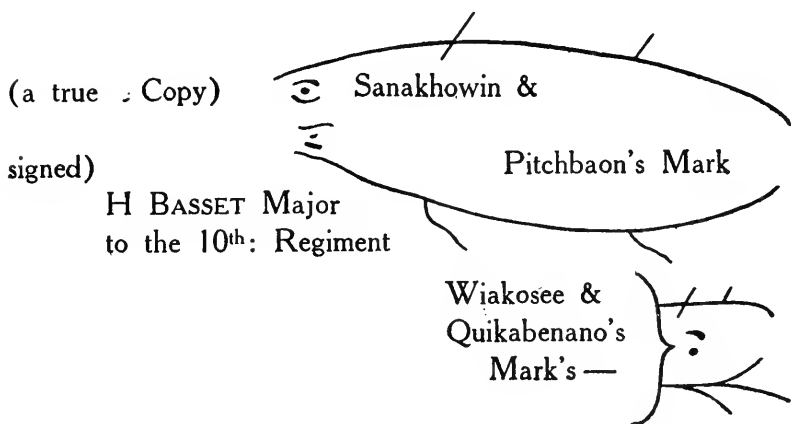
to have bad People amongst us who are always doing Mischief, there are Jealousies amongst us which have caused our People to seperate into different Bands, and those who are at the Head of these Separations, are always doing Bad things as if on Purpose to Embarrass the Old Chiefs.

Major Basset. I am well convinced there are bad Birds amongst you, and I know some of them too, tell me the Truth, the Master of Life hears you and will punish you if you Lye, when Mr: Van Slicke's Two Men were Murdered and his Goods Plundered was not Louison Chevalier at the Head of that Mischief; I know already a great deal of this Affair so take Care and do not Lye.

Pitchbaon. Father, I know the Master of Life hears me and I call him to Witness that I shall tell the Truth, you are not Mistaken with respect to Louison Chevalier, for Immediately after the bad Indians had struck the Blow, and Mr. Van Slicke was fled he Encouraged the Indians to go back and Plunder, they said they were afraid as they had seen Mr: Van Slicke loading his Guns (Louison Chevalier) then told them that he was fled and that they must go and Plunder, that there were a great deal of Rum and Goods yet left, we secured Twenty Blankets, Three Barrels of Powder, Three Bags of Ball, and One Barrell of Rum &c^a: &c^a: all which we kept for Mr: Van Slicke and delivered them to him when he returned; But Louison Chevalier and all the French People there plundered also as well as the Indians, but he was the worst of them and could have saved all the Goods if he would as there were Two Batteau's lying close by the House to carry them away, and we have reason to believe from his Behaviour that he encouraged the Indians to strike the Blow, he nor the rest of the French have not returned the Things they Plundered for they sold us of the Rum this Spring —

Father, We are Worthy of Compassion and hope you'll take Pity on us who have such bad People among us, relying on your former Promise that the Roads should be always left smooth

and open to the Good Indians who do not meddle in any bad affair, we came to see you and have found it Accordingly without any Obstacle, Father this is all we have to say and we have not Lyed,



Witness

JULIUS STIRKE Captⁿ.

10th: Regiment

JAMES STERLING —

14th: June 1773 —

His Excellency GEN^l. GAGE —

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall May 23^d 1773*]

[]

Although I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you on the Subject of the connection formed by my Son in your family, I think it best to acquaint you that he now goes for New York to fullfill his Engagement, with my entire approbation; and as

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

I left him perfectly at Liberty in his choice I am glad it has fallen on a Young Lady of so much Merit as your daughter is represented to possess both by him & Sev^l. of my friends, which will Strengthen the friendship that has so long subsisted between us, & trust be productive of Solid happiness to the young Pair.

I need not point out that his fortune is very promising, or add any thing on a pecuniary Subject, because I persuade myself that you will do all that is proper & Convenient on the occasion.—

Sir John will inform you of the Severe Indisposition I have laboured under, from which I am not Sufficiently recovered to write without great difficulty, I shall therefore only add my best Wishes for your family, & for the happiness of the young people, & that I am always with cordial regard, D^r S^r

Your Assured friend

& humble Serv^t.

The Hoñble

JOHN WATTS Esq^r.

INDORSED:

May 23^d. 1773

To the Hoñble J. Watts Esq^r.

☞ Sir John Johnson.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York May 26th. 1773*]

[]

[] rec^d yours 21st Inst with []

Mr Barrow £1000 which shall be got & sent up as you desire by first safe Hand—All the things you order shall be got ready to send you, wherever you go. Will not Long Island do for you, or will you go to New London, or Rhode Island. I shall try to visitt you there, if you will not come & visitt us — I

shall write about the Organ, & have it sent up, & pay the Trustees of Queens Colledge & the Clerk of Tryon County as you direct

Nothing new here, all friends well The Governer is returned & is pretty well The Line between us & Massachusetts is settled at 20 Miles from Hudson's River, on a Course parallell to the generall Course of the said River, this I am told will be better than a 20 Mile line in favor of New York. I am always

D^r Sir
Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

I fear Gold will be
hard to be got

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

May 26th. 1773 —

Mr. Wallaces letter

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. Df. S.

[Johnson Hall May 31st. 1773]

[]

I am in possession of your friendly [letters] of the 2^d. Decb^r. & 27th. Febr^y. which I should have ac[knowledged] Sooner,

¹ In Johnson's hand.

but for a general Meeting which I held lately wth. the Six Nations &ca, and a Severe return of my Disorder, from which I am but Slowly recovering, and indeed but ill able to Sitt and write, wherefore You will excuse my not being so full as I otherwise should be. I did intend writ^g. by y^e. Alb^y. Snow but was not then able I am sorry to find that You have not yet had it in y^r power to Settle wth. L^t. Roberts ab^t. the Land and as I know no other method of recovering what he owes me I wish you could make an End of it.— This I hope will reach You time enough to Ship the few Articles mentioned in the inclosed Memorandum by the Alb^y. Snow C^t. Dean.— and I heartily wish that my Department was so circumstanced as to afford the Importation of Such Articles as would be most acceptable & usefull to the Indians, the few I now send for, are for the use of my Family & Slaves.—

Sir John is now gone to New York to fulfill his Engagements with the Young Lady You mentioned, & that with my approbation.— I hope y^r. next will inform me how M^r. Wharton has succeeded, and whether he has again called upon You for my Share of the purchase Money &ca.— I am with much Esteem, Sir Y^{rs}. &ca.

W J —————

Inclosed You have 4 Small Bills

the am^t. of which please to put to my Credit —

1 of M^r. Mosely April 5th. 1773 for £ 10. . — . . —

1 D^o. from D^o. 8^{br}. 27th. 1772 for 10. . — . . —

1 D^o. Colin M^c.Leland May 15th.

1773 for 17. . 10. . —

1 D^o. Coll. Claus — May 4th. 1773 for 50. . — . . —

£ 87. . 10. . — Str^{lg}.

M^r. BLACKBURN —

INDORSED:¹

May 31st. 1773 —

To Mr. Jⁿ. Blackburn
 wth. a Memd^m. of Sund^s. for
 My Familys Use —

FROM JOHN BLAGGE

A. L. S.

[*New York June 1, 1773*]

DEAR & HON^D SIR

I did myself the pleasure of writing the last of April, since which I have made enquiry concerning the Cook, and find that he is not to be disposed of at any rate, as his Master intends keeping him if he remains here, and if he returns to Europe to take him along.— I am extreemly sorry Sir, to hear of your indisposition; I congratulate you on the prospect of a speedy recovery, & most sincerely wish your Health may be permanently re-established.— The third of this inst. his Excellency the Governor was pleased to appoint me Coroner of this City and County in the room of my Father who resigned, which appointment will prevent my seeing Tryon County so soon as I intended, therefore shall not have it in my power so early to learn whether the Gentleman I have disputed continues to be agreeable in the Office, however Sir, should he prove otherwise, I must request that to the number of favours you have already confereed upon me you woud be pleased to add this one more of nominating such an one in his room as will properly discharge the trust reposed in him, & upon such terms as you shall think equitable and Just.— I shall ever esteem the time I spent at Johnson Hall as

¹ In Johnson's hand.

the most happy period of my Life, & nothing but pure Necessity could have induced me to leave a Country with which I had so much reason to be satisfied; but as I shortly expect to have more to provide for than myself, & as the income of my Office is by no means adequate to the provision required, I hope that that Consideration and the Prospect I have of entering into advantageous Business here will with you at least Sir, be admitted as a sufficient reason for my leaving the abode of the greatest Civility Hospitality & Friendship.— I have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect & most cordial wishes for your Health & felicity

Dear & Hon^d. Sir,
Your much Obliged and
most Obedient Humb Servant

JOHN BLAGGE

P. S. I beg the fav^r of my Compliments to Mr Dease & Mr Daly

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Blagges letter
wth. out Date, but wrote
I believe ab^t. y^e. 1st. June 1773

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York June 1, 1773*]

[]

[] to what I wrote you []
Have since the pleasure of seeing Sir John here well & happy, & I fancy will be more so soon — Meeting with Cap^t James Stevenson who says he proposes paying you a Vissitt we have

¹ In Johnson's hand.

sent by him One thous^d Dollars to serve you to for small payments £ 400:—:—

61 Half Johannes's Amt ^s to.....	196..14..9
Paper Money & Change as P list.....	403.. 5..3

£ []

& hope all will get safe — I ho[pe to hear] from you this Evening by the Post —

Gen^l Haldimand who is now here desires me to present his Compliments.

I am Dear Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

N York 1st. June 1773

Mr. Wallaces letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO ROBERT GOLDSBOROUGH

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall June 1, 1773]

[²
 [the light I certified it, his death³]
 [write you may make some altera]
 (as I. Nanticoke is now dead)
 adhere to his agreement []
 [as relieved].— If not []
 what to offer farther in their []
 ill policy of the Exclusion must appear [beyond what]
 [or what must naturally [] to the Gover]
 [Nanticokes Claim, was admitted by his own pe]
 [acknowledged by the Six Nations], and the Testim[ony]
 transmitted was as ample as I co^d. make it []
 [corroborated the same & contained]
 [respecting his merit and pretensions]: I have []
 by the Bearer a Letter to the Gov^r. with my []
 on the Matter, and should any difficulty []
 [Cohunk's agreement], I trust my opinion will be atte[]
 Excell^y.

My Son is now in N York I can assure [you] however of his friendly regards, & that thoroughly persuaded of your endeavors on behalf of the Nanticokes, I am with [] Esteem.—

Sir &c

ROB^T. GOLDSBOROUGH Esq^r.—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

³ Words italicized and bracketed are crossed out in the manuscript.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall June 2^d 1773.*

DEAR SIR,

I should have sooner answered your favor of the 11th ult^o. but for the repeated attacks I have lately had of my disorder. With regard to the Accot^s. in which I have concern they were for persons necessarily employed for the Transportation of provisions &ca for the Fort Stanwix treaty over & besides those employed by the D. Q M Gen^l who proved insufficient; he first promised that they should be paid with those of his employing; but having since declined it they are now included in those transmitted to you as I understand by Mr Glen & others, to which I beg leave to refer you. I am much obliged by your good wishes contained in your Letter of the 25th. I could have wished to have had the pleasure of seeing you previous to your departure, as it would have afforded me real satisfaction, but the state of my health totally deprives me of such hopes; Besides the Effusions of a friendship I shall ever retain for you, I had many things to say amongst which one is occasioned by the precarious state of my health; I know the public at this time of day may not think themselves at all interested therein, but altho' I risque the charge of Vanity I think myself bound in duty to observe that the Office I hold will (at Least for some years) be found necessary, & that the Choice of a Successor, is worthy some attention, as he should be a person of Capacity & Interest in the Country, known to & regarded by the Indians, & resident in a Convenient place for affording them access. *[The Consideration of which may probably incline me to offer at a

¹ In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson. In the British Museum is the first part of this letter, that which is concerned with the Fort Stanwix accounts. The extract is indorsed private; and does not differ materially from the draft. See Haldimand to Johnson, June 15, 1773.

Recommendation which if I do You may be assured that the Interest of the public shall be the primary inducement as well as the first Consideration with me And I am the rather inclined to this, because I am aware that Such an Office may probably be conferred on a person in nowise qualified for it, but who has Confidence enough to pass for a Man acquainted with these matters, & a few friends to Countenance & recommend the Application, tho' incompetent Judges of the necessary qualifications, The Effect of an Appointm^t, so circumstanced (and such is the most likely) I think I can foresee and I am persuaded the public would feel, but I am checked from Coming as yet to a determination in this matter, as I would willingly avoid the most distant imputations of prejudice, or private views, principles so prevalent amongst men that the most disinterested Actions are liable to suspicion. If however I should conquer my present objections, I would willingly solicit your future friendship & Countenance provided it appeared reasonable to you.]*

I trust I may have more than one opportunity of hearing from you before your departure, which I do assure you My dear Sir, I cannot think of without infinite regret, after our Long & Amicable communication, & the repeated Instances I have found of your friendship & good opinion, which must ever intitle you to my warmest regards, & most sincere Wishes, for your honour & happiness.

I am with true Esteem

Dr Sr.

You have ere now seen My Son,
 who is gone to fullfill his engagem^t.¹ Your most faithfull
 & most obed^t. Servt

he has always expressed his sense of y^r
 favors & politeniss & I am hopefull
 will ever retain such Sentiments.

His Excell^{cy} GEN^l GAGE

¹ Sir John Johnson married Miss Mary Watts, daughter of John Watts, of New York City, on the 29th of June, 1773.

INDORSED:

June 2^d. 1773

To Gen^l. Gage

Private

The Gen^l. having Sailed it
came to the hands of Gen^l
Haldimand, who promis'd (in
his Letter of June 15th) to forward it
to England.

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany June 4th. 1773

DEAR SIR

With this I have the honour to transmitt you two letters the one from Lieu^t. Prevost & the other from Mess^{rs}. Wallace — These last Gentlemen have given me some money for you, the contents of the Bundles I don't know but by the marks — one Bag contains I think 1000 dollars — as I have no safe hand to convey it by, it waits your orders — I propose myself the pleasure soon to pay my respects to you in person — Sr. John was well three days ago & desired his duty to you — I am with great respect & esteem

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t. humb^l. Serv^t.

JAS. STEVENSON

To

SR. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Alby. June 4th. 1773 —

Cap^t. J^s. Stevensons letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN REID

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall [June 6th. 1773]*

SIR,

I was yesterday favored with your letter concern^g. the Highlanders, who of their own free choice, & without any endeavor of mine, came here about a fortnight Since, Applied for, & got Lands near this place, on terms much more advantagious than I am accustomed to let any, & that I did purely With a View to serve them as Honest people & Strangers in the Country; They at the same shewed me Sundry proposals from different Gentlemen, amongst which were yours, but they declared themselves quite disengaged with any, & I took notice that if they were to govern themselves by proposals, those of Major Skene were so extremely inviting that all others would appear as nothing when compared with them, & accordingly observed to them that the present State of the lands here, as well with respect to Neighbourhood, Market & quality would not permit me to Make any but those which they readily accepted of, for I can now let mine (on much better terms) faster than is consistent with good policy; Sev^l. of them imediately went out viewed the lands & I appointed a Surveyor who ran out the Lines, gave them pieces of Clearings for this Year, on which they planted & also bought Cows.— However you may be assured that I did not give them the least interruption & I presume they, or the greatest part will return to you; for I could not think of engaging with persons who had entered into Terms, with others, & I presume no Gentleman would interfere with any persons who had taken up Lands from me, if that circumstance was known.— I am much obliged to you for the Information you gave me concern^g Sir John, from whom I have Just rec^d. a Letter, & am With much Esteem

Sir &ca

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

INDORSED:

June 6th 1773 —

To Col^o. Reid, concerning
the Highlanders.—

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York June 9th. 1773]

[]

I [] you have ere this []
£ 1000 sent by Cap^t James Stevenson.

By the Post have yours 4 Ins^t. & expect this will meet you
at Albany, or on the Road to New London. All the things
you ordered go by a Sloop to New London tomorrow, every
Artickle, & I shall try & get a Mattrass & Bolster this day to go
along with them. A particular Acco^t of each Artickle shall be
sent by the Sloop — Sir John is not marryed yet, but I suppose
will soon — I hope the Jaunt & Change of Air will be of
Service to your Health, when I hear where you are I shall
endeavor to go & pay you a Vissitt — Yesterday Gen^l Gage
& Family Sailed for England — I have Gen^l Haldimands
Orders to present his respects to you — All here well & salute
you in the kindest & sincerest Manner. I am with unchangeable
Esteem

Dr Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

Tryon County

FROM HENRY BASSET

A. L. S.

[Detroit, June 14, 1773]

[]¹
 [] approve of my []
 [] Murtherers of Pond []
 The 3 Savages that []
 ware delivered up to me []
 wait'd yr answer, before I wd []
 lars wth Gen^l. Gage respecting []
 mentioned to his Excell^{cy} that I []
 guard House, properly secur'd
 The moment I rec^d yr []
 the Gen^{ls} Letters, I sent out for the []
 of that Nation, with Some Strings []
 & I expect them in every Day —
 When they arrive I shall []
 to get them to promise to restore []
 [] will in every particular follow the []
 of his Ex^{cy}. & you, they shall be releas'd []
 given up to the Chiefs

I have taken the liberty to Enclose you thr^r. Speech in
 Councill — Also a Speech of the (S^t Joseph) Indians respecting
 [] Vanslecks) affair, w^{ch}. I wrote to you about.
 under Date the 24th Dec^{br} last att 11 at night. by the express,
 I dont cond[emn] the Indians half so much as (Chavallie)² a
 French Man, and Still ther's no proof against [] him,
 except the poor Savages who much []
 []¹

Faithfull []

HEN: BASSET —

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON/

¹ Lines burned off.² Louison Chevallier.

HENRY BASSET TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Extract of a Letter from Major Basset 10th: Regiment Commanding at Detroit to His Excellency General Haldimand.

Dated *Detroit June 14th: 1773*

Under date the 21st: of May past I answered your Excellency's Letter of the 2^d: April on the 26th: Ult^o: I was favoured with Two Letters from your Excellency one of the 2^d: December the other 29th: March past, I shall Observe and Execute your Excellency's Orders, that Affair of (Vanslicks) at St: Joseph's, I dont Condemn the Savages near so much for, as one (Chevallier) a French-man who is constantly there, and I believe hurts us much in the Esteem of the Indians.²

Your Excellency will see by the inclosed what the Indians have declared, but we have no other Proof, and this will not be sufficient in a Court of Judicature should I get him taken and sent down to Canada there is no one to prosecute him, he would soon come back.

The rest of French Men that Live there will ever be the Cause of frequent Murders Committed by the Savages on English Traders.

I will not grant passes either to French or English to Trade at that post. I have given Directions to the Commd^g. Officer at Michilimakinac to the same Purpose.

These St: Joseph Savages a few Days since brought a Large Belt and Strings of Wampum together with a pack of Peltry, which I refused and told them untill they Behaved better, I should not receive them as I did my other Children.

I have received a Letter from Sir William Johnson with some forms relative to the three Murderers, I shall Obey your

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 54, London, England, transmitted by General Haldimand.

² See Speech of Four Indian Chiefs, May 22d, 1773.

Excellency's Orders, and Observe most Exactly his Directions. I have sent an Express for the Chiefs of that Nation with some strings of Wampum and as soon as they arrive will release the Three Murderers.

INDORSED: Copy) Extract of a Letter from
Major Bassett 10th: Regiment
Command^g: at Detroit to His
Excellency General Haldimand
Dated Detroit June 14th: 1773.

To Sir W^m Johnson
17th. August 1773 —

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹

New York June 15th. 1773

DEAR SIR

Gen^l. Gage has without doubt acquainted you, that he had his Majesty's leave of going to England and that he had received orders of delivering to me the command during his absence.

Being entirely unacquainted with the State of Indian affairs in the Northern Department, I am to request of you to give me all the information in your power on that head and to communicate to me the earliest intelligence of every thing of any consequence that happens in your Department.

When I left the Southward, the Indians in those parts, appeared as Yet peaceably inclined towards us, and I dont See any immediate prospect of a peace between the Creeks & Chactaws as the war is as animated as ever between these two Nations.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 56, London, England. Original in New York State Library injured by fire.

I have been in expectation of having the pleasure of Seeing you att New York it gives me pain that your health, Shou'd deprive me of the Satisfaction of renewing our former intimacy however it is probable that I may do it att Johnson Hall before long.

I can assure you that it makes me very happy to have to correspond with you and to find So able a person in the direction of the Northern Department & I flatter myself with your assistance to be able to give his Majesty's Ministers a favourable Acc^t. of the disposition of the Northern Indians toward us, which they do not Seem to be easy about att present.

two Days after Gen^l. Gage Sailed from hence, I received the letter you wrote to him, which I shall forward in original p^r first opportunity, as it was not directed on his Majesty's Service

I have the honor to be with the greatest regard

Dear Sir

Your most obed^t &
most humble Serv^t

To SIR W^m. JOHNSON

Sole Superintendent of Indian affairs for the Northern
department of America

INDORSED: Copy of a Letter to Sir
W^m Johnson sent June 16 by
the Post

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹

Johnson Hall June 15th. 1773

DEAR SIR

By the last Post I received an Account of the departure of my old Friend General Gage, and of your Safe Arrival at New

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 58, London, England.

York, Be assured Sir, that it is with great Sincerity I congratulate you on your Appointment to the Command of the army in America, and that it gave me much pleasure to find that important Command Devolved on a Gentleman who has been so long acquainted with this Country, and who has Served with so much Reputation in it.

I am in daily expectation of hearing from the Shawanese & Delawares &c^a who are summoned to a Congress, and shall shortly hear the result of the proceedings of the Six Nations concerning some dangerous Belts that have circulated in the back Country, on which Subject I corresponded with General Gage; at present I shall not interrupt You with any other Matters, but to Assure You that I am with verry great Esteem Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient

& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR — GENR^l. HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 73

St. Will^m Johnson

June th 15^e.

r^d. — J^e. the 23^d

TO EYRE MASSEY

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall June 15th 1773*]

MY DEAR []

Tho' I had not the pleasure of hearing from you for some-time I never thought I was out of Your remembrance, & your Letter of March last, has confirmed my sentiments of your regard.—

I assure you it afforded me no small satisfaction to hear that his Majesty had placed you at the head of that respectable

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Corps, in which you served with so much Credit to yourself & satisfaction to the Regiment, nor will your Services in the 46th be soon forgotten. I hear also with pleasure of the increase of your family; and now that you have little else to do I wish you a Continuance of Your Vigour, and the old [Pension?] that you may every way approve yourself as a Veteran;—

My health has been for several years past so much impaired that I cannot have the least prospect (was it otherwise Convenient) of Visit^g Ireland, and therefore one great Satisfaction of my Life is to hear of the happiness of my friends there, since I can not be a Witness of it.

My Son is Just married to Miss Watts of N York, & I expect the young Couple home every day, Claus is well, & at Present in Canada Your old Acquaintance Guy, has lately met with a great Misfortune, his House was consumed by Lightening & thereby (besides his other losses) his large Collection of different Manuscripts, Maps, Plans, &ca have []
[]²
me to assure you of the great esteem he has for you.

This Country is Vastly improved, It has been lately formed into a Separate County, & the County Town which already makes a tolerable appearance is within a Mile of this place, on my Estate; I have laid out a great deal of Money upon it, & the New Church, Court House & Goal are very decent buildings.—

I am now (as usual) hurried by Sev^l. people & therefore shall only say that your Correspondence will always add greatly to my Satisfaction, and that I shall ever be my dear Col^o.

Your Sincere Friend

& very humble Serv^t.

You will before this reaches
you have heard that Gen^l
Gage is Sailed for England &
that Haldimand commands
the Army here.

COL^o. EYRE MASSY.

² Lines burned off.

INDORSED:

June 15th 1773

To Col^o. Eyre Massy
Lackville Street
Dublin.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York 16th June 1773]

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]¹

[] of all the things you ordered are []
New London — I Find you are not fixed yet when to go there.
The things you now order shall be got & sent up as fast as
possible — Sir John I suppose will be soon a *Benedict*. I am glad
you got the £ 1000 sent by Cap^t Stevenson — Gen^l. Haldimand
is well & desires his respects will always be happy to hear from
you. I am his old Acquaintance, & very happy in his Friend-
ship — I have got a Man gone to Jersey for your Organ, & shall
have it sent up as soon as it comes here.

We have no News. The Gov^r. is very well. Pork, Wheat
Flour & all country truck as the Yankees call it fall fast, they
were too high — All well here, Your Young Ladys grow tall
fast & are realy very good & very clever Girls — M^{rs}. Wallace
& all this Family desire their Complim^{ts}

I am Dear Sir

Y^r. obliged & most hum^e Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

¹ Lines burned off.

pay Every One & a Great Overplus, My Dr. Sir You Can have no Conception of the Expences Coming up this River, but Ind[eed] the profits is Equivalent, as to the Rapids in the River St. Lawrence they are In no Comparison to the Rapids in this River which makes it Verry fatigueing & troublesome Coming up, where I Lif is by the french thought to be half way to hudsons Bay, its Verry Certain that You Can go from there to the Bay in 9 Days but it takes 2 or three Months to Return, Oweing to the Current Several Indians that trades at the Bay I have seen, & I am Informed they Come in Every Year to my post to trade, they are a Verry Quiet Good people & strictly honest, the Nature of trade hear is to Give all In Credit, to some Ind^{ns}. 400 Beavers & they are []
 [] it, if there Should be one had Enough []
 []
 [] Fear that we make the Least []
 [] full please God spares Our healths, but its a []
 to Live in Winter, Nothing to Eat but Corn pork & pease we get some Beaver Meat Wild Cats & Rabbits which is Excellent food In this Country. What will You think Sir I assure You it Cost Us One thousand pounds for provisions & Mens Wages, but we have Sufficient to Answer Our [] and is Determined not to Go more in Debt until we C[]
 which We are sure if no Accident happens we Can Next Year Mr. Campbell will not be Uneasy, believe Us we will []
 as soon as In Our power, it was Impossible for us to foresee [] cholly Accidents that happened, the partnership between [] is at an End, but we think the poor Man has sunk more than In the partnership, which we know Funda will think he[] Brother Peter knows the particulars as well as we, as we are Ready for a journey we Cant be so particular as we Could [] Us Infinite pleasure to hear

¹ Line burned off.

You are well & may God be [pleased to] Continue You so is
the sincere Wish

My Dr. Sir W^m.

of Your Most Oblidged Obed^t

Humble Servant

WADE & KEIUSER

Our Compliments to S^r. John & the Family —

P. S. pray return this letter after
perusal¹

Y^{rs}.

W. JOHNSON

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.¹

[*Albany June 22, 1773*]

[DEAR SIR:]

My [return home was not soon enough to be] able to forward
you the Med[icines you requested, by the post, si]nce which
I have wanted an [opportunity.]

Four or five of the [pills, more or less, may be taken]
every morning & evening, so as to keep the [body moderately]
loose; and the Electuary I would advise you [only to use at
those] times when you are apprehensive of the Fits com[ing on,
from] a sense of compressure & tightness across the Stom[ach; at
which] times the quantity of a large Filbert may be taken [every
two] or three hours, made into Pills, accompanied with [small
draughts] of warm Whey, which will probably remove the
Ca[use in the] course of a few Doses, by opening the obstructed
[passage of the] Gall; which should afterwards be carried down-
wards, [by gently] purging Medicines taken in Frequent
Draughts of [warm] Whey. Perhaps a Drahm of Crem:
Tarter in fine [powder, to] which a drop of anise Seed oil is

¹ This postscript is in Johnson's hand.

added taken in Draughts [of] Whey sweetend with Manna (the disagreeableness of which wi[ll be] taken off by the acidity of the Crem of Tartar) every hour until purged, woud answer the intention better than any other.

[Soap has been looked upon as improper to be given to persons troubled with scorbutic ulcers. But I have seen it administered in such cases without producing any sensibly ill effects; and undoubtedly] Doct^r M^c Grah woud [not have prescribed it as an ingred]ient in the Pills with the [rhubarb, as he did for you], if he had been apprehe[nsive of any bad con]sequences from the use of it —

[Should these] Medicines, or any others that may be [recommen]ded, prove efficacious in the removal of your [disorder], it would give an inexpressible pleasure to

[		] to offer	} Dear Sir	
[	reg]	ards to		Y ^r . most Obedient
[		]		and very Hum ^l . Serv ^t .
			SAM ^l . STRINGER	

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[New York June 23^d. 1773]

DEAR SIR

I received yours 18th Inst. never have I received a more afflicting Letter, Your being again attacked with your cruel Disorder is a matter of much concern to me, & the Loss of my good Friend Col^o. Johnson's House & Effects is realy a very afflicting Circumstance. the best is no Lives were lost, & I hope a little time will reinstate him & Family again, His Loss in Books, papers &c &c I fear will not be easily restored.

Sir John went yesterday Morn^g to Cap^t Kennedys, returns tomorrow, & I believe marrys next Tuesday I wish it were over, as it detains you from the Salt Water & Air, which I hope will prove of service to you. I have sent for the Hams, & hope to get them, tho' they are scarce here now, & the Tongues are not I fear to be got, its too late in the Season, had you wrote earlyer I could easily have got enough of them. I will do my best & sent you what can be []

[]¹
 present my Compl^{ts} as you desire — The Young Ladys I shall also see today & lett them know of Col^o Johnsons Misfortune in the best Manner I can — M^{rs}. Wallace desires her best respects to you & I ever am

Dear Sir

Y^r most obed hum^l Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

Johnson Hall

Tryon County

INDORSED:²

[New York Ju]ne 23rd. 1773

[M^r. Wa]llaces letter

¹ Line burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 at Fort Johnson near Albany
 To the Care of Henry White Esq^r.
 Merchant
 New York

{ H Albany }
 { Bunyan }
 { Q D C }

INDORSED:¹

[] 1773

[] letter

A POWER OF ATTORNEY

D.²

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Sir William Johnson of New York, Baronet

do make, constitute, and appoint John Blackburn of London Merchant my true and lawful Attorney for me in my Name and on my Behalf to accept all such Transfers as are or may hereafter be made unto me of any Interest or Share in the Capital or Joint Stock of Three per Cent. Annuities, erected by an Act of Parliament of the 25th Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George II. intituled, An Act for converting the several Annuities therein mentioned, into several Joint Stocks of Annuities, transferable at the Bank of England, to be charged on the Sinking Fund: and by several subsequent Acts. Also to receive and give Receipts for all such Dividends as are or shall henceforth be due and payable for the same, for the Time being.

¹ In Johnson's hand.² A printed form filled in.

Likewise to Sell Assign & Transfer all or any part of four thousand two hundred pounds being all my said annuity Stock, to receive the Consideration Money & give a receipt or receipts for the same

And to do all lawful Acts requisite for effecting the Premises; hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney shall do therein by Virtue hereof. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day of
in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three

Signed sealed and delivered (the Paper being first duly stamped) in the Presence of us

***The Date is to be inserted at the Time of Execution in Words at length, and the Place of Abode and Quality of the Witnesses written against their Names.

TO JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.¹

June 26th. 1773

SIR/

please to Send me ☞ Bearer Half a Dozen good grass Scyths, and one full peice of yr. Strongest Oznabrigs for Negroes Trousers & Shirts, wh. you will please to charge to Acc^t. of Y^r.

Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

To JELES FONDA Esq^r.—

Coghnawage

¹ In possession of Henry V. Bush, Canajoharie, N. Y.

SPEECH OF SIX SHAWANESE INDIANS

*Contemporary Copy*¹*Pittsburgh June 28th: 1773*

Copy)

Six Shawanese Arrived here from Scioto being sent upon Business by their Chiefs; and delivered the following Speeches to Kyashuta and me.

Brethren,

We are sent by our Chiefs to this Place to enquire of you, by what Authority a Captain² from Virginia lately came to our Towns upon Scioto; Who told us he had been sent by the Governor of that Colony and their Wise-men to inform us that he was going to Survey Lands and make Settlements upon the Ohio, as low down as the Big Bones³; Which Country, he told us, had been sold to the White People by the Six Nations and Cherokees as far down the Ohio as the Mouth of the Chrokee River; and that as our several Nations had not been Considered when those Purchases were made, He had to inform us that a Large Sum of Money would be raised by the Virginians to give as a Compensation for our Consent — He likewise informed us that as soon as those Settlements were made, The Great Man from Virginia would come there to speak to us in person.

A Large String

Brethren,

Our Chiefs would not listen to this Virginia Captain, and therefore sent us to enquire of you by the Messuage which we have now delivered; But our Young Men advised our Brother

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts, 21670. fo. 70, London, England; transmitted by General Haldimand.

² Captain Michael Cresap.

³ Big Bone creek, a tributary of the Ohio, in Kentucky. "It is noticeable only for the large bones, and salt licks near it."—*The American Gazetteer*.

Warrior to keep above the Scioto, as the Wabash and Southern Indians were frequently passing and repassing below that against one another; and as the Wabash Indians were a foolish people, Mischief would certainly happen between them, should they meet, which might have an Evil Tendancy to the Chain of Friendship — Our Chiefs likewise sent us to inform you of this, that they might not be blamed hereafter for Neglecting any Thing in their Powers for the Good of the Peace and Tranquility of this Country.

A String.—

Keyashuta answered the above Messuage and informed them of the Speeches he received from Sir William Johnson last Fall; of the King's Intentions of forming a Colony upon part of the Lands purchased from the Six Nations in 1768 and at the same Time applauded their Wisdom in coming to enquire at this Place, where they could always hear their Father the King of Great Britain's Intentions towards them from Sir William Johnson who had the Care of all Indians in this Country, and that he hoped they would Continue to give every Intelligence and assistance in their Power to preserve the Friendship subsisting between their Brethren the White People and them.

A Belt

(Signed)

ALEX^R: M^C:KEE

INDORSED: Speech of Six Shawanese
at Pittsburgh 28th: June 1773
To Sir William Johnson Bar^t:
August 17th: 1773 —

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 30th. June 1773

DEAR SIR

I know I need not use any Arguments to convince you that my not answering your favor by Sr. John could not proceed from want of Regard — the Truth is till very lately I understood you was making another Trip to the Salt Water & where to find you upon that Element I knew not

I have now the pleasure to inform you that last Night the Young pair were made happy & are this morning gone with Cap^t. & M^{rs}. Kennedy into the Country for a day or two, attended by my Daughter Susan & her husband, and as Sr. John expresses an anxiety to be soon with you, on Monday I am told they take Passage for Albany — I shall not say much in favor of your New Connexion, As you will Soon be able to judge for yourself but was I a Young Man I do not know a Girl in the Government I sho'd sooner wish to make My Own — God bless them both & make them long happy, the prospect is certainly fair — I am truly sorry for Coll^o. Johnson's uncommon Misfortune, those accidents its true often happen, but they dont often happen so sudden & severe. My good wishes attend him — I hope you have recovered your complaint & will soon have the Young pair about you to administer their portion of affection & care — The post obliges me to subscribe my self, with great truth & esteem
Dr. Sr.

Y^r Aff^t. Humb Serv^t.JN^o. WATTS

I have a long Letter from Lord Adam who says many kind things of you & his fellow traveller which I have not time to communicate — He begs your care of his territory & desires us to pay the quit rent punctually

ADDRESSED:

To
Sr. Will: Johnson Barr^{tt}
Johnstown
recommended to Mr.
Monier at Albany —

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*¹

Johnson Hall June 30th 1773

DEAR SIR

I have had the pleasure of receiving y^r. friendly letter of the 15th. Cur^t. and shall continue to communicate from time to time to you every material occurrence in my Department. There is no particular change in Indian Affairs, since my late letters &^{ca}. to General Gage, which You have probably seen. One of the principal Complaints of the Northern Indians for some time past, is the Irregular method of carrying on the Indian Trade, and the neglect of some of the Colonies (to whom this matter was referred) to make proper regulations for it's better government, a Neglect which is Still likely to be the case from the different views & Interests of the Several Colonies.— In the mean time the Shawanese & Delawares who have been long endeavoring to shake of their dependency on the Six Nations, have by various Artifices, and under many subtile pretences contributed to create differences amgst. their Allies & to form Unions of a tendency apparently dangerous, on which Account I some time since sent them a Message to call them to a Congress here this Summer. And the Subject of my late proceedings with the 6 Nations has chiefly regarded the conduct of the Indians at & near the Ouabache, & the Poutawatamies, whom the 6 Nations have

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 62, London, England.

called to an Acc^t. for their many Acts of Hostility & breach of engagements with us: & also concerning some bad Belts formerly sent under the Auspices of the French to the Southward, & which of late, have been made a bad use of.

As my declining health, & repeated attacks of a dangerous disorder compels me to use every means for relief, & that the Sea side is recommended to me as verry salutary, I purpose to set out in a few Days for New England, where I passed some time with Success in 1768, & shall remain about two Months. I have many Inducements for going by New York, but I dare not undertake it at present, for the many friends, there, and the Number of Visits that must be unavoidable, are by no means calculated for me now; You will therefore please in my Absence to communicate any matter you think fitting, respecting my Department &^{ca}. to Col. Guy Johnson Dep^y Agent for Indian Affairs, who will execute your Commands, or lay before you any thing necessary for your Information.

Be assured it would give me infinite pleasure to see you after so long an absence, and that I am verry happy to hear You purpose to make an excursion this way, which I earnestly wish You may have leisure to do at my return. I flatter myself that You will find the Country vastly improved, and a very Cordial Welcome here, as I am with true Regard, Dear Sir

Your Sincere Wellwisher

& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellen^{cy}.

MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 73

Sir W^m. Johnsons letter

of June 30th

Rec^d July 7th.

Answ'd D^o. 9th.

FROM GEORGE CUCK [KOCH?] AND JACOB MIRES [MEYER]

A. L. S.

[New York July 1st. 1773]

[]
 [As] for my [part] I George Cuck heave [one hundred]
 And fifty Ecks of land and I think that I heave No mare land
 that I Can youse then Seventy Ecers and I think Every hard
 to pay nine pound And for my part I Jacob mires heave one
 Hundred Eackrs and about fifty of that I Can youse Honred
 Sir all that we would Desire of Sir william honnour is this if
 your honour would be plest to let us heave our Enprovement
 for tow years free with out rent tell we mead a begining on a
 other pleace we would give your honour our pleaces which Cost
 us a good Som of money. Sir we hope no offence Honred Sir
 our meaining in tow years From this last march

GORGE CUCK
 JACOB MIRES

ADDRESSED:

To Honred
 Sir william Johnson Barnt

INDORSED:

George Kough &
 Jacob Myars letter

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

[La Chine, July 3, 1773]

[]
 [benefit of the Sea Air & []
 []tary to you as finally to []
 I arrived at this Place to [] Lake
 Champlain in an old Sloops B [] arived and then she

was to wait for [] fortnight, we had brisk Gales for
& agst. us [] Caghnawagey the Indians enquired
anxiously [] were sorry for Mr. Johnsons Loss, and
then acqu[ainted me in a] Sorrowfull Strain of having lost all
their [by the frost (?)] on the 11. June last, and are
very apprehensive [] I told them that the Mohawk
Ind^{ns}. & every Bo[dy] of the Country suffered more or
less by the same [] There was Ice here near an Inch
thick¹ & the Ground f[rozen.]

The Abinaquis of Misisqui² sent me a Dep[utation on]
Tuesday ab^t. Mr. Matcaffs taking Possession of their Land³
which they said was contrary to our Promise in 1760 to let them
[] their Lands unmolested, I told them as Mr. Matcalf
was not present I could not say any thing ab^t. the Matter, but
all I could tell [them] then was that the Governors of N. York
& Canada in 1766 [] it with the Caghnawageys in
behalf of the rest of the Indⁿ. Nat^s. when they were determining
the Boundaries of their respect^{ve}. Provi[nces] that the Indians
should have free hunting & fishing in Lake [Champlain] but
the Ground belong'd to the King who might grant it to his
[soldiers]
[]
[] Mr. Hertell which I sh[]
[] the 6 Natⁿ. Dep^s. have been at the []
[] Prov^s. to the Caghnaw^s. who want to []
[] ed to me for some And I put them off []
[] sent them a Message to proceed without []
[] Messengers if they could not come on to []
[] couple of Sheep among the Inhabitants
[] deferred my Meeting with the Caghnawageys
until [] when they may partake of the Meat

¹ For the opposite extreme of weather see Claus to Johnson, December 27, 1760, III:291.

² Missisque Bay.

³ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 531.

[] w^{ch}. will save the latter something — I had [Caghnaw] agey parties on my Neck.— St. Luke le Corne is [gone since] Spring to Michilimakinac under pretence of collect^{ng}. [] a Debt that were owing him among the French there [] in law de la Nodiere tells me there is much Mischief Com[mitted by] the Ind^{ns}. in the upper Country I cant hear of any but [] Eng^{sh}. Lad who was an Interpr^r. was killed in a drunken frolick, [] the Spaniards Seized one Du Charm¹ & his Effects consisting of upwards 100 packs for trading with the Missouri Ind^s. [] who killed some Spaniards and had therefore Trade stopd from them [by the] Gov^r: of N. Orleans, and were ready to deliver up the Delinquents [] had not Ducharm supplied them but he was watchd & ta[ken.] This is the same fellow whose Effects I seized in 1765 by order [] Gen^l Burton for supplying the Enemy Ind^{ns}. besieging Detroit [with] Amunition &ca w^{ch}. he stole up the Grand Riv^r. in spite of Gen^l. Gages [proclamation [] [] [] lake huron [] [] at Toronto and would [] [] get no farther than Temiscamink [] [] acquainted with the Ind^{ns}. Mr [Kreuser] [merch^t.] here who supplied those Traders [] [] to bring down his Furrs, informs me that he [] [] Person who was beyond the others and made it [] [] well as a Stranger owing as he hears to his [] so well and had particular way to deal with [] and that the others made hardly any thing, And [] went come down this Summer, but Kreuser told him [] as soon as he had traded with a party he expected [] woud pay off what he could. Ferrall Wade told me [] that Kreuser made 30 paks to his 8.

¹ See affidavit from Daniel Claus, V:377-80.

Doct^r. Huntley with his Respects informs you that [Peter]¹ cant make any more Improvements at Montreal ([where] he now lives) than what he has already [] his remaining any longer would perhaps be [] disadvantageous & expensive, he dined with me [yesterday(?)] and longs to go down, and desires his dutyfull Respects [] I have no time to write to any body but beg you will [] me affectionately to them all and believe me to remain with unfeigned Duty & Respect

My dear sir

Your Obedient son

DAN. CLAUS

Hon^{ble}. SR. W^m. JOHNSON Bart. }
&c &c &c }

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

Pittsburgh the 3^d: July 1773

[]²
Wabash Indians, and a []
down the Ohio, from Virginia & []
Lands & make Settlements below the []
Those Shawanese likewise inform's me, that []
they left Scioto a Party of their Nation h[]
from the Illinois Country, & brought with them []
Hatchet from the Chickasaws, Kuskuskies, and []
to acquaint the Shawanese, Delawares, & Six Nations []
they ware going to Strike the Wabash Confederacy []
required their Assistance.— They say several large []
of Chickaswas ware out at War against those Indians []
when their people left the Illinois. They also tell me []

¹ Peter Johnson, oldest child of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

² Line burned off.

they have Received advice from the Cherokees, by a Party
 [] lately arrived at Scioto, that they ware likewise
 determined to Strike the Wabash Indians, for their bad Conduct
 towards the Reconciliation talk'd of between all Nations, for
 [] whilst Wise people ware doing every thing in their
 power to Conclude a General Peace; those Wabash Indians ware
 []¹
 [] has been lately Kill'd by the Ososees
 [] sent the Shawanese a Message leting
 [] th[at it has not been done in Mistake but
 [] ary, and that they might be assured that they
 [] Strike them again. I understand that upon
 [] the above account a Party of Shawanese set off to
 [] revenge upon the Ososees; as they seem now Con-
 vinced [of] the bad Intention of this Nation against them, as well
 [fro]m the Contempt shewn their Chiefs last Year, when they
 went to Council with them, as the Stroke they have received
 at this time. I am informed that a Party of Creeks with some
 Shawanese have lately brought a Number of Scalps to Scioto
 taken from the Chocktaws, & that the Lake Indians ware going
 to War against some of the Nations Inhabiting the Mississipi.
 From this Intelligence there seems Some probability of the
 Western Nations of Indians being embroild in War, which
 may not turn out detrimental

[]¹
 respect,

Your Hon[]
 Most []
 very Humble []
 ALEXANDER McKEE

The Hon^{ble}.
 SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

¹ Line burned off.

INDORSED:

Pittsburgh July 3^d. 1773
 From M^r M^cKee
 with an Inclosure.

HUGH LORD TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Contemporary Copy

Fort Gage Illonise
 3^d July 1773 —

[]¹
 [] Indians since their []
 [] tractors Agent, but I propo[se]
 [] they have behaved very ill in []
 [] of their Lands without asking my []
 [] endeavoured to find out what extent of []
 the Indians Ceded to the French but to [no] purpose. I
 shall wait Your Excellencys orders for my Conduct towards
 this great purchaser and have the Honor to be with the greatest
 Respect Your Excell^y Most Obedient & most Humble Servant
 (Signed) HUGH LORD

I should not have wrote by so uncertain an Oppertunity [but]
 that I thought such an Extraordinary step demanded that the
 earliest information should be given Y^r. Excell^y [] it
 []¹
 Letters and Orders by [] have not yet
 been able to get [] re]lative to the right of the
 In[dians] S^t Vincennes — M^r. Murray
 [] here shewed me the Opinion of []
 & the late Lord Morden, that His [] were at
 liberty to purchase whatever [] of Lands they
 chose of Indians, in con[sequence] of it M^r. Murray has, as
 I am informed [] with the different Tribes of

¹ Lines destroyed by fire.

Illinoise for all the Lands from the Wabashe [] Illinoise River. I told Mr. Murray that [I] could not be supposed to know what [] He had with the Indians, yet he might be [] I should not Suffer him to settle any of the Land as it was expressly contrary to His Majestys Orders

INDORSED:

Letter from Captain
Hugh Lord Commanding
at the Illinoise dated
3^d July 1773 —

FROM WILLIAM ADEMS

A. L. S.

Johnstown July 15th: 1773

[]

When I gave the acct. of medicines for the [Indians] to Mr: Dease, He also desired the Acc^t: for the Family, which I told him I had no mind to do, for I was sensible you was so little acquainted with the quality of medicines made use of for the family, & Negroes, that if I was to send it in, you would certainly have a right (though dont think you would) to imagine that I acted like, as I am sensible many others do, to take the advantage of charging you much more than in justice they ought to do, on which account I told him that I would be very glad if it might be agreeable to you to fix any Sum you thought proper, for supplying the Family yearly; And as the order you was pleased to send me was as much as I should have charged on that acct: I thought proper to draw out the particulars for your satisfaction, which to the seventh day of March amounts to £37..16^s..7^d as appears by the inclosed — at which time I left of making any farther entry, which to this time would make the amount very different — As for the Indian acct: delivered in, I believe there can be no fault found with the charge

therein made, by any that knows the prices of medicines in these parts, but in case any part in that, or in this one now sent, should be thought so, I should take it friendly in being

[¹]

[] I might rectify it

I am Sr:

Yr: Very Hum^l: Serv^t:

WILLIAM ADEMS

INDORSED:²

Doctor Adem's letter

July 1773 —

FROM WILLIAM ADEMS

A. L. S.

Johnstown July ye: 16th 1773

DEAR SIR

I am extremely sorry that you misunderstood my meaning, in sending in the Acc^t: to you yesterday morning, which was not with that view that I find it has been taken in. As You was pleased to send me the order by Mr: Dease (with which I was satisfied) I thought it was but proper then to send you the particulars to let you see what had been given to the Family to deserve it. This I assure you was all that was intended by it, without the least manner of thought of troubling you for the Indian Acc^t: and at a time when I knew you to be hurried much more than was agreeable for your health, which is the thing I would always take a pleasure in to study. If what I wrote along with it, gave you to understand it in the light you have, I assure you it was owing to my incapacity to convey my meaning in proper words, which I am too sensible is often my case. I must

¹ Line burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

therefore hope you will excuse this error, as being done without intention, in hopes of which I remain with wishing you all happiness, & safe return Dr: Sr:

Y^r: real Wellwisher
& Hum^l: Servant
WILLIAM ADEMS

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable Sir William Johnson Baronet
At
Albany

INDORSED:¹

July 16th. 1773 —

Doctor Adem's Acc^t.

FROM HENRY DOUGAN

A. L. S.

City of New Brunswick, New Jersey
July 26. 1773

SIR

I am very Sorry to perplex You so frequently with my Epistles, But my Necessity together with a confidence in Your Goodness, Obliges me again to trouble You Requesting the favour, of a Discharge of the Enclosed, Attested Acc^t., a Copy whereof You have formerly had; If I Remember Right I had the Honour of Stating the Matter very particularly to You, in a letter Dated the 26th. July 1769, which acc^t. as then Stated, was Certified by Lieu^t. William Monsell of his Majesty's 29th. Regiment of foot. In answer to which You was pleased to Say to parson John Forbes Chaplain to the 29th. Regiment that it Should be Discharged; but previous thereto, it was Necessary to

¹ In Johnson's hand.

have it allowed and Certified by Major Joseph Gorham, who had the Immediate Superintendency of the Indian Affairs, in Nova Scotia; I have the pleasure and Satisfaction to Inform You, that I have Repeatedly wrote to him upon the Subject But have never Rec^d. any answer, Either before or Since You acquainted me a Certificate from him was Necessary, And therefore Sir I now flatter myself, when You reflect upon the Many Inconvenient and Difficult Circumstances, that must Inevitably Attend an Attempt of that kind, (and I may with propriety add) the absolute Impossibility of it, Considering the Gentlemen's present Situation, and mine; I say I flatter myself Your wonted Goodness will Readily Slide over a Barrier of that Nature and advance So Small a Sum as the Enclosed acc^t. Especially when Authenticated in the Strongest Manner, and in the Most legal Method I was able, Except, the Mode prescribed by You. I should not trouble You So often, and press So ardently But in assurance of Your Willingness to oblige Me with a Reimbursement, and my absolute Necessity, as I am now Settled here and Dependant upon the Country for a Subsistence, and not Immediately upon his Majesty.

Therefore Your order upon Mes^{rs}. Hugh and Alexander Wallace of New York, or any other Gentleman that You may think proper will greatly oblige.—

Your Most Obed^t. very
Humble Serv^t.

HENRY DOUGAN
formerly assisting
Surgeon 29th. Regim^t.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Baronet
Near
Albany

per favour }
Captain Guess }

INDORSED:¹

July 26th. 1773 —
Henry Dougans letter
& Acc^t.—

HENRY DOUGAN'S ACCOUNT AND AFFIDAVIT

A. D. S.

[*New Brunswick, July 27, 1773*]

Sir William Johnson Baronet.....Dr.
To Henry Dougan

To Medicines, and Attendance on the Different tribes of Indians at Cumberland Nova Scotia, Commencing the thirteenth of October 1767, and Ending the Sixth of July 1768, both Days Inclusive, Amounting to the Sum of Eleven pounds two Shillings and five pence Ster^l.

£ 11:2:5 Ster^l.

New Brunswick the 27th Day of July 1773 personally appeared before me the above named Henry Dougan and being duly Sworn saith that the above is a just and true account and for which account he has not as yet received any reimbursement for said Account

HENRY DOUGAN

Sworn before me the day &
year above said

W^m OAKE May^r.

INDORSED:

1773
Surgeon Dougans Indⁿ
Acco^t.
£ 11.2.3 Ster.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

HUGH AND ALEXANDER WALLACE'S ACCOUNT

D. S.

[New York, July 27-29, 1773]

[]	6 doz best [] & Bottles.	@ 48/	£14.. 8.. —
[]	6 doz best Lisbon d ^o . & Bottles	@ 30/	9.. — . . . —
[]	10 Gall ^s Jamaica Spirits.	@ 5/6	2..15.. —
[]	5 Gall ^s White Vinegar.	@ 5/	1.. 5.. —
[]	6 Loaves Sugar W ^{te} 76 th Nett	@ 1½/	3..19.. 3
[]	1 th Bottled Mustard		—.. 4.. 6
[]	2 Bottles of Sweet Oyle.	@ 5/	—..10.. —
[]	14 th Sparmaceti Candles	@ 3/	2.. 2.. —
	the Box		—.. 2.. 6
[]	2 Gloster Cheese W ^{te} 38 th p ^r	@ 1/	1..18.. 0
[]	1 th Cannister best rapee		—.. 8.. 0
[]	2 th fine hyson Tea	@ 24/	2.. 8.. 0
[]	1 th Superfine Hyson Tea	@ 32/	1..12.. —
[]	3 th Cannisters	@ 1/4	—.. 4.. 0
[]	3 five Gallon Kegs @ 2/6.	7/6}	..14/6
[]	2 Tierces for Pack ^s Wine 3/6.	7.0}	
			£41..10.. 9

Bo^t of John Morton New York 29th May 1773

Box Cong.	6 8/4 Table Cloths @	16/	£	4.. 16..	0
	3 10/4 ditto	@ 27/		4.. 1..	0
	1 Doz fine Napkins	@ 36/		1.. 16..	0
	1 Piece Diaper Napkin	@ 92/		4.. 12..	0
	3 Table Cloths	@ 28/		4.. 4..	0
				<hr/>	19.. 9..
	1 doz Knives & forks			1.. 2..	0
	Cartage			—.. 1..	6
				<hr/>	£62.. 3.. 3

HUGH & ALEX WALLACE

Save Errors

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Wallaces Acct. of
Stores Sent to New London
July 1773 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM RICHARD PENN

L. S.

[Philadelphia July 29, 1773]

[]¹
 [] dissatisfied at []
 beg the Favor of You to appoint []
 few as possible, to see our Surveyors []
 And that you will fix upon any Time []
 proper, for them to meet our People at []
 Branch of Susquehanna, in order to proceed []
 I hope five or six of them may be sufficient []
 Purpose. Perhaps there are some of them [Susque-]hanna,
 whom the Indians may think proper [] the Business.—
 I send you inclosed the Lines and [] of the pur-
 chase, and, that all difference of Opinion [] be avoided,
 I must desire You to explain to them [] that part of
 the Boundary, which extends from the [] Susquehanna
 to Kittanning.

You will please to observe, the [] Kittanning, is to
 extend from the Fork of the [] to Kittanning. All
 the difficulty will be in [] this Fork. We shall not
 differ with them about []

As our people are not settling anywhere [] the
 Line from Owegy to Delaware, I do not see the necessity of
 immediately running that Line; however, it [] be
 done as soon as possible, if the Indians desire it. []
 Draught shall be duly Honored for whatever Expence may be
 at in negotiating this Matter with the Indians I pray your
 Answer by the first Opportunity, and have the

Honor to be with great respect

Your Most ob^d Hum Serv^tRICH^d PENN

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet

¹ Lines burned off.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 Now at
 New London
 Connecticut
 To Care of }
 Mr. Shaw }

INDORSED:¹August 2^d 1773 —

 Mr. Wallaces letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York August 2^d. 1773*]

[]

I wrote you this morning to New London to lett you know I came here yesterday, to get Letters ready for the Packett, & some Vessells that were going to Europe, & that I had rec^d. yours of 29th Ult^o from East Hampton.

I have since got the Long Island Post to carry this tho' he does not go generally so farr as your present quarters — He calls at Jamaica for your Amunition, & I think he will be your Post dureing your stay on the Island. He carrys you the News Papers. Nothing new here, or from England, a ship of Mr Folliotts we just hear is ashore on Long Island near you vizt at Islip, near Mr Nicholls's — we fear she will be lost.

I observe the Curiosity of your Country Islanders — but I am realy not in the greatest pain about your Virtue — tho y^e Females are so handsome. I should fear more for theirs, tho

¹ In Johnson's hand.

I fancy they dont fear what Man can do unto them — I shall return to Jersey as soon as the Packett sails, wont stay there long, but hope soon to kiss your Hand on Long []
[]¹

some thoughts of bringing Mrs. Wallace with me — As this Post Man will go Weekly to you, Lett me know what you want thats postable, or portable for him & it shall be sent — My Compl^{ts} to the Gentlemen with you & believe me always that I am

Dr Sir

Yr. obliged & obed Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL^m JOHNSON Bar^t.
East Hampton

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bart
at
East Hampton

INDORSED:²

[]

[Mr. Walla]ces letter

FROM THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 522, is listed a letter of August 4th from Dartmouth, Whitehall, expressing the King's approval of Johnson's course with the Senecas and approving his measures touching the Ohio colony (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:392-93).

¹ Line burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.¹

Augt 6th 1773 —

MY DEAR SIR W^M

Since my Letter with Inclosures by last post, I have received the Inclosed, which I thought it best to send to you, as I perceive it will revive the Subject of the Six Nations sale of Lands so far as the Cherokee R.² of which the Virginians are doubtless going to avail themselves, & the consequences may be troublesome³ It may be necessary to have the papers back with your directions, as to any thing particular, you would have me write to M^r McKee:— I have really not had time to copy them;—I went yesterday to the Hall about an Article in y^r. memorandum & found all well: but I find the consequence of an hours absence from my buildg is so much that I can only at present express my happiness, on hearing of your safe Arrival at Long Island; & that as I hope by return of the post to know where I can direct to you with certainty I shall only now assure you of the best wishes of all the family, & that I shall Write you & D^r Dean more fully next post, mean time I enclose him a Letter that came by the last, & remain with the Warmest Affection

My very dear Sir, ever yours

G JOHNSON

S^r — is very well
desires to be Affectly rem^d
I send this to M^r Wallace,
to whom I also Write.

S^R W^M. JOHNSON

¹ In Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.

² Tennessee river.

³ See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:166, 172-73.

HENRY BABCOCK TO MYLES COOPER

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 522, is listed a letter of August 11th from H. Babcock at Stonington to Rev. Miles Cooper, regarding the Lake George campaign, a visit to Sir William on Long Island, Johnson's mission to Indian civilization and his likeness to Solomon, his charms of character and manner, and the writer's scheme for establishing a seminary in the country of the Six Nations (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:487–92, Q, 4:302–5).

FROM HENRY BABCOCK

A. L. S.¹*Stonington 12th August 1773*

SIR

Inclosed, I have sent you a Copy of what I wrote to Pres^t. Cooper,² upon the Subject I did myself the Honor to mention to you, when I was at your Head Quarters at Long Island.—I was extremely sorry that I had not more Time that I might have digested the Affair with a little more Method: but those Hints I have thrown out may by you, very easily if your Leisure will permit it be reduced into a regular, well concerted Plan; by which means the Publick will be benefitted more; than by any Action that has been transacted in this Country (as it may very possibly turn out) from the first Settlement of it to the present Day, by which means you'll add Glory, and the highest Renown to all your military Laurels — Believe me great & good Sir, there's more real Merit, in civilizing, and reducing to Reason those Savages; and affording them the means of obtaining the Knowledge, & sublime Truths of the Gospel — than all the dazzling Splendor of Victories.—This you may possibly think is in the Cockloftical Stile, but I give you my Honor, the Affair appears to me to be extreamly feasible; and I cant help thinking

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

² In *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:487–92; Q, 4:302–5.

that it has pleased all indulgent Heaven, to spare your most valuable, & very important Life, to carry into Execution this great Work.—

Upon an Application made by You, to Gov^r. Tryon, Gov^r. Franklin, Gov^r. Penn, and the New England Governors something very handsome might be raised.— and then an Application Home, things might be done.— Possibly the Governors might imagine, that a Subscription in their Colonys might be better, than a Contribution: for such you are sensible is the Pride of the human Heart in general, that when they do a charitable Action, they have no Objections to its being known; and was I permitted to give my Opinion, I should prefer a Subscription to a Contribution.—I propose next Week to Newport, and intend pushing the Affair with Gov^r. Wanton¹ in the best manner that I possibly can.—Could I promise myself the Honor of seeing you at my own House in Stonington,² which tho a coarse one, you would find clean. I do not know any thing that would be more flattering & pleasing to me, I would do my utmost to make it as agreeable, as possible to you and the rest of the Gentlemen, to whom please to present my sincerest Compliments — your Horses I am certain would be as well comoded here as anywhere.— I have plenty of Corn & Oats much at their Service.—But if that is inconvenient to you, would after my return from Newport if my little Affairs will any Ways permit, once more do myself the Honor of paying my Respects to you — I wrote Dr. Hunter this Day, and acquainted him with the Honor you did him by toasting him at Amaganset, and mentioned to him the Affair of the Seminary.— May I presume upon the Favour of a Line upon this most interesting Subject.— I do not despair but that a Society may be established for sup-

¹ Joseph Wanton, Governor of Rhode Island, May, 1769 — November, 1775. William Wanton, John Wanton and Gideon Wanton held the office previously.

² For a biographical sketch of Henry Babcock see *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:492; Q, 4:305.

porting your Seminary, even in this County by their paying
 anually Two Dollars p Man One at Christmas and One at
 Esther. I dare say some Hundreds if not some Thousands
 would immediately upon being properly addressed, become Sub-
 scribers, and each Colony might have a Person to receive the
 whole of their particular Colony which should be paid to the
 Treasurer of the Seminary, who should publish an Annual
 Accompt of Disbursements — I assure you Sir William I have
 the most sanguine Expectations, and verily believe you'll live to
 see one of the genteel Buildings in your Country for the
 purpose above mentioned, that is now in America — I could
 say much more but I did not know of this Opportunity till this
 moment and the Person is in a great hurry otherwise I would
 copy this hasty Letter and correct it and have only time to add,
 that I am, with the profoundest Respect, and sincerest Esteem

Your most obedient,

most obliged,

& most humble Servant

HENRY BABCOCK

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹ Coll. Babcock and
 Doctor Coopers letter
 Augst. 1773

GUY JOHNSON TO RICHARD PENN

A. Df.

[*Guy Park August 13, 1773*]

[]

In the absence of Sir W^m Johnson []
 the recovery of his health, leaving the []
 his Deputy, I have the Honor to receive your []

¹ In Johnson's hand.

run^g the Line from Susq^a to [] measure I make no doubt of Sir Williams ready Consent [] of the Six Nations, [] be timely advertised thereof, and every step taken that [] for rendering them thoroughly satisfied with the Man[ner [] it is to be performed, to which end according to Sr W^m [] practise it will be proper to explain it on [] as they may rightly comprehend it & give no trouble to [] & as that Country has of late been much Explored, I must beg [] being furnished with such a Sketch of the West branch of Susqua^a [] Kittanning with the fork you understand to be the true one as will illustrate the matter to the Indians [] take every step necessary for concluding the business to your [] Satisfaction, In case Sr W^m should not return within [] time to the Care of the Department

I have the honor to [be]

with the utmost respect

Sr. Y^r. most Ob^t. Hble Serv^t

G JOHNSON

The Honble

L^T. GOV^R. PENN

INDORSED:

Aug^t. 13th. 1773

To Gov^r. R^d. Penn

concerning run^g the Line
of Pennsylvania with the
Ind^s.—

INVOICE OF GOODS

D. S.

[	]	1 doz ⁿ Mens felt hats . . . . .	..	16	..			
[	]	1 doz ⁿ do . . . . .	..	18	..			
[	]	1 doz ⁿ do	1	..	..	
[	]	Box . . . . .	..	2	..	2	16	
[	]	Serge purple & white 35yds. . 14d	2	..	10			
1	do. . . .	two Colours 37 . . . 15d	2	6	3			
1	do. . . .	three do 37 . . . 16 1/2	2	10	10			
1	ps	fine white Flannel 65 yds. 85/	4	5	..			
1	ps	red Ditto 31 . . . 1/6	2	1	4			
1	ps	green Drapery Bays . . . 46 1/2 . 56/	2	16	..			
1	ps	Blue Ditto 45 . . . 52/6	2	12	6			
1	ps	Green Cloth No 132 . . . 25 . 24 . 6/	7	4	..			
1	ps	Scarlett Shalloon 48/	2	8	..			
3	ps	red Duffels 189 yds. . . 2/4	22	1	..			
		Packing &c	1	6	6	51	12	3
3	A	Trunk qt.						
1	. . 2	Dozn Youths Double yarn Hose fr.						
		14 Years 8/	..	16	..			
2	. . 4	Dozn Mens do . . . do . . 11/	2	4	..			
3	. . 1	Dozn Childrens blue . do . do for 6						
		yrs . . . . .	..	5	3			
4	. . 1	Dozn Girls do . . . . .	..	6	9			
5	. . 1	Dozn do . . . . .	..	7	9			
6	. . 2	Dozn Womans do 10/	1	..	..	
7	. . 2	Dozn do 11/	1	2	..			
8	. . 1	Dozn Childrens 3 thd for 4						
		Years 15/6	..	15	6			
9	. . 1	Dozn do Cotton for 8						
		do 22/	1	2	..			
10	. . 1	Dozn woms do 36/	1	16	..			
11	. . 1	Dozn do 44/	2	4	..			
12	. . 4	pr woms black Silk Mitts . . . 2/9	..	11	..			
2	black	Callimancos 15 Inchs 40 yds. 28/	2	16	..			
2	blue	. . . . . do 29/	2	18	..			
No. 36	4 ps	yd wd. Irish . . 100 yds. . 2/6	12	10	..			
1 ^{lb}	white	thread for sewg Linens of						
		2/6 pr yd	..	9	6			
4	Dozn	Kilmarnock Caps 9/	1	16	..			
		Trunk . . . . .	..	15	..	33	14	9

INVOICE OF GOODS — *continued*

4	A Trunk qt.						
	2 ps Hamper Oznabrigs..218 Ells..6¾d	6	2	7			
	3 ps 7/8 wd. Brown Russia Sheet- ings	5	17	..			
	1 do.....White.....ditto	2	7	..			
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	1 do....2 Colours & blue...2....	1	17	..			
	3 do..dark ground Chintz..12..3..	8	8	..			
		£26	6	7			
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5	a Bale qt.	[]			
	3 ps Welch Plains....215 yds....15d	13	[]				
	Dying the above blue.....	2					
	Packing	[]			
	Charges vizt.						
	Fees of Entry Searchers &ca.....	..	6	6			
	Cartage Wharfage Portorage & Lighterage.	..	10	6			
	Primage & Bills of Lading.....	..	3	3	1		
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	Commn. 2½pct.....				3	9	[]
	Insurance on £142 at 2½ pct. wth. Comms & Policy 5/6.....				3	16	6
					£146	6	3

Errors Excepted

JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:¹London 16th. August 1773

Invoice from Jⁿ. Blackburn
amt^s. to £146..6..3 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 522, is listed a letter of August 16th from Rev. William Andrews, New York, explaining that failure in health compels absence from his mission and school at Schenectady and begging recommendations to a parish in Maryland or Virginia (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:493–95; Q, 4:365–67).

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York August 16th. 1773*]

[]

Since I wrote you by Cap^t Stevenson I have your favour from Amagansett, *without Date*. am pleased to find you are well, tho disappointed in Sport of Fishing & Fowling — I hope Prince Cyrus of Montock edified you much by his excellent Preachment — All your Friends in Tyron County are well.— I send you a Letter from Col^o. Johnson — the Post carrys this & I have promised him that you will satisfy him, which was not done last time, he rides a long Journey to get to you, & soleey on y^r. Acco^t. I am & have been very busy, & must be so untill Thursday next, then I purpose to sett out to wait on you. Nothing new here. Our Governer not yet returned — M^r Gaine sends you the Newspaper. My compl^{ts}. to all the Gentlemen with you. I am

D^r Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
East Hampton

INDORSED:¹

August 16th. 1773 —

Mr. Wallaces letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

GUY JOHNSON TO BRYAN LEFFERTY

A. L. S.¹*Guy Park Aug^t. 16th. 1773.*

SIR

Godfry Shoe has been with me, concerning the Executⁿ. against him which I find is raised to £27 for that Scoundrel Whitmore who has been already the Author of so much Mischief in the Country, as Shoe has Assets enough if he had time to Sell them to Common advantage, I must request you will prevent the Executⁿ. from being levied at the time proposed, as I shall Settle that matter rather than see the Man most grossly and iniquitously imposed on thro' the means of a fellow who in Strict Justice was not entitled to a Groat.—

It must appear clear to the meanest understanding that your pushing these matters at this time must have a very bad effect, and I shall be very Sorry to find the Effects realized to your Disadvantage as I am your Wellwisher & Humble Serv^t

G JOHNSON

My advice is Candid arising from no motives of interest, for I have no Tenant concerned but Shoe, & he has a good improvement.

BRYAN LEFFERTY Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Col: Guy Johnson's
Letter the 16th. Aug^t 1771²
Relative Godfrey Shoe

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

² Should read 1773.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹

New York August 17th: 1773

Copy)

SIR,

I Received some Days ago from Major Bassett Commanding at Detroit, the Speech held there, by Four Chiefs of the Poutewatam's Indians, concerning the Murder of Mr. Pond, a Copy of which I have thought Necessary to transmit to you —as likewise an Extract of the Majors Letter to me on that Subject.

I suppose Mr: M^c:Kee has transmitted to you the Speech of Six Shawanese held at Fort Pitt, in case of Miscarriage, I send you a Copy of that sent to me.

I hope soon to be informed of the result of the late Congress, which I flatter myself will turn out to your Wishes, and am with great regard

Sir

&c^a:

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t:—

INDORSED: Copy)

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t:

His Majestys Sole Agent and

Superintendent of Indian Affairs

for the Northern District

at

Johnson Hall

New York August 17th: 1773

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 68, London, England.

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

*Schenectady 20th. Aug^t. 1773*DEAR & HON^d. SIR

I returnd last Night from Albany to which place I conducted Governor Tryon after having accompanied him all the way from Quebec to Fort Johnson, where we arrived last Tuesday Evening. The Governor on his Arrival at Quebec being attacked by a fit of the Gout in his right Arm and the Gent^lⁿ. who accompanied him from York being apprehensive of his being likely to be laid up for some time left Quebec, and him all alone, when he asked my Staying and accompanying him on his Return, and having gone through my Business with the Nations about Montreal before I was call'd to Quebec by Col^o. Jones command^g. the North District ab^t. some Land Dispute betwⁿ. the Hurons of Lorette & the Jesuits (the particulars whereof I shall report to you on your Return with the rest of my Proceedings) I told Gov^r. Tryon that I should be able to agree to his Request if nothing material Should Stop me at Montreal; And having on my Return to Heney's, called a Meeting of the Caghna-wageys, they told me that Necessity oblidged them to go hunting 5 or 6 Weeks sooner than usual on Acco^t. of all their Crops being destroyed by the Frost in y^e. Spring and of consequence nothing to subsist & depend on but their chance of hunting & fishing w^{ch}. being the Case with the Caneghsadageys & other Nations in Can^a. They saw no Occasion for my Staying any longer this Year, and had nothing farther to observe than to recommend their Distressfull Situation to your benevolent & Compassionate Consideration with their kind Compliments & Salutation to you, and that your Jaunt to the Sea Side might prove of effectual Benefit to your State of health was their most sincere wish & prayer. I then took my leave of them assuring them of reporting every thing faithfully to you what they recommended to me, as soon [as] I saw you: and set off with

the Govern^r. on the 11th. Inst. the Gov^r. being so impatient to leave Canada that Peter¹ could not get so soon ready as to set off with me, but after advising wth. Doct^r. Huntley ab^t. his going & settling all his Acco^{ts}. & desiring M^r. Stanhouse to fit him out upon his Journey I recommended him under the Care of Lieu^t. Hastings of 26 Reg^t. who is to come to Albany in a few days with a party of Drafts going to N. York & who I am persuaded will take Particular Care of him as an intimate Acquaintance of mine. Poor Emily Prevost M^r. Prevost['s] eldest girl was on the point of dying of an Abscess under her Ribbs discharging dayly a quantity of Matter from her Lungs — I suppose you will also by this Post be inform'd of poor Doct^r. Schuckburgs Death who died suddenly last Monday Morn^g. ab^t. 7 oclock of an apoplectic Fit and was buried on Tuesday Evening. Col^o. Johnson was at the Burial, the Gov^r. & I happend to be in Schenect^y. that afternoon and much hurried to pay his Visit to S^r. John & Lady & return. I went to M^{rs}. Schuckburg to condole wth. her & to make an Appology for not attend^g. the Burial in w^{ch}. she chearfully acquiesced & we arrived at Fort Johnson that Evening & Saluted the Bride & Bridegroom. On which Occasion give me leave Sir [to] congratulate you most cordially & I think Lady Johnson a most aimiable & agreeable person and a valuable Acquisition to the Family. It was with the utmost pleasure & Satisfaction I learned from Bro^r. Guy that the Sea Air & Water agreed with you and I pray God it may prove so l^eneficial to you as perfectly to eradicate all your Complaints & y^t. you may return to us in good Health and Spirits to our general Joy & happiness. In the interim I remain with most dutyfull & cordial Wishes to you & Compliments to the Gentlemen in your Suit.

My dear Sir

Your Obedient Son

To the Hon^{ble}.

D. M. CLAUS

S^r. W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

&c &c &c

¹ Peter Johnson, son of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

INDORSED:¹

August 20th.
1773 —
Coll. Claus's
Letter —

BILL OF LADING

D. S.²[August 20th. 1773]

Shipped by the Grace of God, in good Order, and well conditioned, by John Blackburn in and upon the good Ship called the Sir William Johnson whereof is Master, under God, for this present Voyage, Geo: Dean and now riding at Anchor in the river Thames and by God's Grace bound for Albany to say, One Box, Two Bales, & Two Trunks of Merchandise being marked and numbered as in the Margin, and are to be delivered in the like good Order and well conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of Albany — (the Danger of the Seas only excepted) unto Sir William Johnson Bar^t — or to His Assigns, he paying Freight for the said Goods []ds 8/9 Curr^y with Primage and Avarage accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said Ship hath affirmed to two Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; the one of which Bills being accomplished, the other is to stand void. And so God send the Good Ship to her desired Port in Safety. AMEN. Dated in London 20 August 1773

GEORGE DEAN

INDORSED:¹

Bill of Lading
August []

¹ In Johnson's hand.² A printed form filled in.

JOSEPH WANTON¹ TO HENRY BABCOCK²A. L. S.³*Newport, Rhode Island, August 23. 1773*

SIR,

Your Memorial, in behalf of Sir William Johnson, respecting the founding and endowing a Seminary of useful Learning, amongst the Five Nations of Indians, I have received.

The pious and generous Intention of Sir William, to inculcate the important Truths of revealed Religion, amongst the numerous Tribes of Indians, who inhabit the interior Parts of America, I sincerely wish, may meet with that encouragement and support, which its utility and importance demands.

I am thoroughly convinced that an Institution, calculated to answer the most catholic Purposes, under the immediate Smiles and Patronage of a Gentleman of such disinterested Zeal and universal Benevolence, must be productive of the highest and most permanent Advantages, not only to the Crown, but to this extensive Continent.

The many Obligations which the Colonies are under to Sir William Johnson, for the signal Services rendered them in the course of the last War; and also for his unwearied Zeal and Assiduity, in conciliating the Affections of the Indians to the British Government, whereby the Colonies have been, for many Years past, exempted from the Horrors and Calamities of a Frontier War, leaves me no room to doubt, of their readiness in supporting that Gentleman, in his beneficent Design of serving the true Interest of our Brethren on this Continent; who as yet, are ignorant of the Blessings resulting from a State of Civil

¹ Last colonial governor of Rhode Island.

² See letter of Babcock to Johnson, August 12, 1773.

³ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. Inclosed in Babcock to Johnson, November 24, 1773.

York & Mr Symonds on £10 Each are not yet honor'd but am in hopes they will be so —

I have been with Lieu^t Roberts & with some considerable persuasion have got His consent to Syn a Deed of Conveyance of His Lands to You, & accordingly have given directions to my Attorney to prepare the writings which I am in hopes will be sign'd & dispatch'd by this present conveyance, provided He dont alter His mind — I am the more pressing now, as He hinted a resolution to become a Bankrupt in order to Clear Him —

I spoke to Mr Wharton about a Month ago upon the Subject of the Ohio Grant & suppose He will Call upon me in a very short time for Your Quota — He has my Letter for that purpose which gives Him a Claim as soon as the Proprietors pay the Money into the Hands of the Treasury, & till that is done I should think it prudent to forbear making []
[]¹
marriage & wish His []
other — it is an Event which I am [] afford You no small pleasure & on that account I rejoyce the more —

The State of Politicks in Europe is now arriv'd to a critical point of decision — & in the course of three Months according to my Idea, we should either see a general peace Established or a War prevailing almost over all Europe — it would be impolitick for us to suffer France to become a Mediator between Russia & the Porte without taking an Active part —

The Snow will return again in this Winter & I wish for the sake of the Owner it could be made convenient for You to order the Necessaries for the Indian department — such an Aid of Freight would be very Usefull & give Spirit to the concern'd — I beg my Comp^{ts} to Sir John and am with much Esteem

Sir

Your much obliged & faithfull
Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

¹ Lines burned off.

There is a very good Farmer in Oxfordshire who has a Wife & Six Children & wishes to Settle in America provided He has any Encouragement but cannot pay for His passage without distressing Himself & Family He bears a most amiable Character for His Abilities & disposition if You have an Inclination for such a Man He will come over to You the Eldest Boy is 15 Years, the next 14 & so in progression []¹
 conformity with []omise to m[]ld have []
 He has wrote me a long letter upon the Subject which I now send You — I do imagine from its Length it was intended for Your perusal — You will excuse this from me —

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 at Fort Johnson
 near Albany
 ☞ Sr. W^m. Johnson
 Dean —
 Q D C

INDORSED:²

August 24th. 1773 —

Mr. Blackburns letter
 wth. an Invoice amt^g. to
 £ 146. . 6. . 9 Str^{lg}.

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

BENJAMIN ROBERTS TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

[*London August 26th. 1773*]

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[]¹
 & Sign any Convey[] as I am in []
 Deed would be inva[] I must Own I am much Sur-
 prised that Sir W^m. Johnson or any of his family has not
 Answered any of my Letters, it is a Compliment as a Gentleman
 I have a right to Expect, but when business of Signing Sealing
 & delivering is in Question tis an Actual duty, dont imagine I
 have the least doubt but M^r. Blackburn has Authority to make
 Such a demand, but in the way of business all such Authority
 should be produced, tho I am Sure my blood would Chill to
 see Sr. W^m. Johnsons Signature to an Order to Oppress me

Sir W^m. has petitiond reimbursement for the Lawsuit Weather-
 head was concerned in for me, at the Same time humanity should
 have dictated petitioning Satisfaction for me as 'twas by his
 repeated order in faver of the Sherif of Albany I got into the
 Law suit here, by that means he would have an Oppertunity
 of paying himself & relieving me, he had many other ways. he
 could, nay ought to have procured me an Employ in the New
 County, but perhaps 'tis convenient I should be confined here. I
 had a first claim to be provided for in recompense for my Serv-
 ices, somebody who has no Such Claim finds easier preferment

[]¹
 [] leave no means unt[ried]]
 []ble employ. true he did recom[mend] me Strongly,
 but then abandoned me, which must make Government think
 that he had found out something to make him repent his first
 Letter or else he would for his own honer have seconded it.
 God God! when I think that I have the Strongest Certificates

¹ Lines burned off.

from the Traders of my impartial Conduct, & the Service I have rendered to Indian Trade & that I have been for many months Confined without a Certainty of a Sound meal of Victuals, & never received one friendly Visit from a trader or any of Sr. W^{ms} Friends, I am ready to run mad. I look upon Sr. W^m. as bound by every tie of honer & Nature to support me, which he can do without injuring himself & family. I still believe him the best man breathing, but yet I Know he is a man, therefore his ear liable to be abused, some dark ill minded assassin envying the happiness I seem'd to Enjoy by his faver, has in my absence disgusted him with me, but I can with a safe conscience before God & Man declare that I never offended him or any of the family in thought Word or Deed. had my family affairs been in the prosperous way [] I should never have troubled him or the Government []
[]¹
an advantage

Sr. W^m. Johnson having the deeds of the Lands in his Hands, I should think would be a Sufficient Security besides I have a repeatedly required Cap^t Claus to Stop the pay of Aitse the interpreter, for his notes to me in the hands of Mr Goddard for upwards of 2600 Livres in peltry besides an Account in the book of £60 York Currency. Interpreter Tuckers Account £34. .2. .6 a Ballance in Weatherheads Lands a valuable female Slave of mine in Care of Ferguson [in] Montreal another a Boy with Mr Curson [in] New York £16 received by Goddard from Todd on my Account, all wch moneys Col Claus might get as he resides partly in Canada.

I see more of the World in my Confinement than if I was at large, every bodys first principle is to take care of themselves, I till this moment wish Sr. W^m Johnson preferable to my own how easy would it have been for Sr. W^m. to have push'd me forward, think how grating it is for me to see Mr. La Naudiere provided for whose father & father in Law were prescribed

¹ Lines burned off.

from going up to the []
 []¹
 [] shall make []
 from Cap^t Claus by next Ship I will send an inventory of all
 my Effects, perhaps by this time he has received my Letters of
 the 6 of May. If [I] can get out of this place by November
 I will personally do myself & every one justice, as the whole
 endeavors of my life have been to render myself agreeable &
 Serviceable to Sr. W^m. Johnson & to spend the residue of my
 days in his Neighbourhood. I dare say if you was to Exert
 yourself you could assist in getting me employ in the new
 Government which would enable me to pay you & every body
 else, my Spirits are in such a ferment when I see any of these,
 I formerly thought my friends that I can Scarce Speak con-
 sistan[t]ly & indeed my writing is very little more connected
 yet I most Sincerely congratulate Sr W^m. on the Mariage of
 his Son & he has Still my prayers which is all at present I can
 give who am

Sir

Your humble Serv^t
 B ROBERTS

M^R. JOHN BLACKBURN

GUY JOHNSON TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.²

Guy Park Aug^t 26th 1773

SIR,

As Sir William Johnson's Deputy and agreeable to Customary
 directions in his Absence, I had the honor to receive Your
 Excellency's Letter of the 17th inst. with the several inclosures,

¹ Lines burned off.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 72, London,
 England.

duplicates of which had been likewise received here before, with the additional Information that the Shawanese purposed shortly to come to the Congress to be held here which would have taken place sooner but for the miscarriage of dispatches to Mr. McKee.

Sir William has given Major Basset some general directions respecting the Mode of acting with the Indians who were concerned in the late mischiefs, It is a delicate point however, to determine how to act towards those that were delivered up, if we consider the genius of the Indians, and the particular circumstances that occur in their favor.

The eagerness with which the people in the more southern Colonies push to the Ohio must prove alarming to the Indians, more especially as Settlements appear to be projected far beyond the Limits prescribed by the Crown, the Consequences of which can only be prevented by restricting them in time.

I have nothing material at present to transmit respecting Indian Affairs, on which, or any other subject I shall be glad to receive your Excellencys Commands; I cannot however neglect the opportunity I now have of congratulating you on your Appointment to the Command of the Army here, which I do with sensible pleasure to myself as I am,

with very much respect, Sir,

Your Excellency's most Obedient

and most humble Servant,

G. JOHNSON

His Excell^{cy}

MAJOR GENERAL HALDIMAND

INDORSED:

Guy Johnson

August — 26

re — 31.

FROM GUY JOHNSON

A. L. S.¹Guy Park Aug^t. 26, 1773.

MY DEAR SIR WM.

Mr. Mosely having called upon me on his way to the SeaSide & purposing to pay his respects to you *there* immediately, I thought it a good opportunity for writing you a few lines, notwithstanding I have Nothing new or particular to acquaint you with, having in the Course of the several Letters which I had the pleasure of writing to you exhausted every Subject that occurred.—

I have a Letter from Gen^l. Haldimand (inclosing the Duplic^s. of papers sent by Mr McKee), which shall be answered this post; there are no others at present, neither have any of us for some-time heard of your health or situation concerning which we are extremely anxious; All my late Letters have been addressed to the Care of Cap^t Shaw at N London, according to my directions from yourself, but I should think it as safe, & a more Speedy Channel, to direct them to *East Hampton* as the Post now goes round Long Island.—

We are all Well here at present, My Works go on as usual, the Roof will be raised on or ab^t. Wednesday next; all is well at the Hall, & the Harvests well secured; Mr Mosely can give farther particulars.— I shall visit it in 2 or 3 days, again, when I was last there I gave Mr. Picken particular instructions respecting the ground for the Court House & Goal, but his movements are Slow. Mr. & Mrs. Low are here, they will go down the Country tomorrow, & I believe are the last Visitors for the Season. I have already acquainted you with L^d Sterlings & the Gov^{rs}. Visits, & with the sudden death of poor Shuckburgh.—

The family offer their most dutiful regards, & most Cordial Wishes for your health & safe return, which I expect will be very soon, if you adhere to your intentions at Leaving home, of

¹ In New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

using the Sea Water no Longer than August, under which Supposition, I shall not think it safe to risque another Letter, and indeed I am so anxious to see you that I am willing to hope it will be unnecessary to write again, for I am, & shall ever be,
My dear Sir, with the purest Affection

Y^r faithfull

G JOHNSON

My kind Comp^t. to D^r Dease
& to all the Gent with you.

Co^l. Claus wrote the other day
& desires to be tenderly remembered; as does S^r John &ca.

Conin died last night.

Peter¹ is come from Canada, he is grown very much.

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON B^t.

INDORSED:²

August 26th. 1773 —

Coll. Johnsons letter

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.³

Montaulk Point 28th. August 1773

DEAR SIR,

Your verry kind & polite letter was handed to me by our mutual friend M^r Wallace, who with M^{rs}. Wallace have favoured me with their Company here some Days, and will deliver you these few lines to apologize for my not doing myself

¹ Peter Johnson, son of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

² In Johnson's hand.

³ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 74, London, England.

the pleasure of Seeing You in coming to this place, Indeed the State of my health at that time was such as rendered me unfit for the Enjoyment of my friends Company, besides the Season of the Year was rather too far advanced to admit of any delay.

I understand that Major Basset on Assurances given him by the Cheifs of the Chippawaes that nothing of the kind should again happen has released the 3 Murderers, and if we consider the wanton cruelty committed about Two years ago by one Ramsey¹ a Trader on Eight Men Women & Children of that Nation, whom he Scalped, & that with impunity, I dont see how we could with propriety Act otherwise. By letters lately received from one of my Deputys for the Ohio & a I have reason to expect a Numerous Meeting of the Indians in that Quarter, & Some living more to the Westward at my House soon, with the Result of which Co^{ll}. Johnson will Acquaint You as soon as the Congress is over, and with every thing else necessary for your Information.

I am but In a verry Indifferent Situation here for writing, Viz^t. an Empty Indian House with scarce a Table to set down to, so hope You will be good enough to excuse this Scroul, and believe that I am with the most Cordial Esteem, & Sincere Regard,

Dear Sir

Your Most Obedient

& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

I heartily thank You for y^t. verry kind Invitation by Mr. Wallace, & would most cheerfully do myself y^e. pleasure of waiting upon you, but that the Season of y^e. Year, is far advanced, & that some Land Affairs call me to New England, where I engaged some time ago to meet a Number of People who want to Settle some part of my Estate.

MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND

¹ David Ramsay.

INDORSED: 73

S^r. W^m. Johnson
 of 28 of August
 r^e. the 1. Sept^r.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*East Hampton Aug^t. 1773*]

[]

[]¹
 [] is as much []gned with a Load of bread &
 Wine, for which we thank you, tho' realy its quite unnecessary —
 Except to drink y^r Health.

I found at Col^o Gardners, who is helping us to finish a Bottle
 of your Wine three Letters for you, which goes by the Bearer.
 a Boat that plys from hence to New London is now here, its the
 open common boat that carrys Horses — Mr Shaw he says
 orderd him to lett you know he was here, & ready to carry the
 Horses & what you pleased to New London. Cap^t Tew was
 here, but is gone & Col^o Gardner thought he was gone to call on
 you — All Happyness attend you & those of our Acquaintance
 with you is the sincere Wish of Madam, the Domine & D^r Sir
 Y^r. obliged & obed^t Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

my Love to you all

S W

Paper & Pen bad & tho the Wine is good dont think by this
 Scrawl that I or any body here is tipsey

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.
 Montague

¹ Several lines burned off.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bart.
 at
 Montauk

INDORSED:¹

E Hampton Augst. 1773

Mr. Wallaces letter

TO ——— ALLEN

A. L. S.²

Fishers Island 7^{br} 1st 1773

please to Send me ☞ first oportunity 100, of Limes or Lemmons, 1 Dozen of Porter if good, 2 gallons of best spirits, 6th of Duck & 6 pound of Smaller Shot, & 2 pounds of good powder, which charge to acc^t. of

Y^r. Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

16 Limes —	6 —	
6 btl. Port —	9 —	
2 G Spirit	} 14.	
2 Sug —		
12 th shot	} 8.6	
2 th Powdr		

100 Limes	} —	
to Lester		
50 Lemons	}	
12 doz Oranges		
1 btl Lond ⁿ Wine		

Mr. Brown³

MR: ALLEN

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.

³ A memorandum, added apparently by Allen.

JOHN PENN TO GUY JOHNSON

L. S.

[*Philadelphia September 2, 1773*]

[¹
to take every Step with [] to bring the Matter to a
spe[edy]

Agreeable to your requ[est²] of the upper parts
of Susquehan[na] Kittaning, and the several
Waters of [] which are near it, as I can at this
Time [] may in some Measure answer the Pu[rpose]

You will please to observe by the Bou[ndary of the]
late purchase, that the Line in that []
one, from that Fork of Susquehanna which []
Kittaning. We conceive what is commonly []
Canoe place to be the Fork intended. What []
Indians may have is not known to us. It is []
have no Notion of a Boundary laid out by the []
the Compass, but rather chuse Hills and Waters []
was not the Case at the purchase of Fort Stanwix []
when the Boundaries come to be viewed, perhaps th[]
incline to it, And therefore, the Waters running into []
Alleghany, which extend towards the Fork of Susquehanna
are laid down. I see not how the strait Line []
by the Purchase Deed can be departed from; Yet, []
[¹

[

]

humble Servant

JOHN PENN

COLONEL GUY JOHNSON.

¹ Lines burned off.² See letter of Guy Johnson to Richard Penn, August 13, 1773.

[] now that, whenever they have any B[usiness]
 [] will be proper for them to go to Sir William
 [Johnson (who is] appointed by our great King to do Business
 [] Indians,) and inform him what it is, and get him
 [to write] me about it. When my Brothers the Indians
 [] here about Business, it is very difficult to get
 [Inter]preters to explain what they say; and I am often at a
 [] Loss to understand them. But Sir William under-
 stands [] Languages, and can always make me sensible
 of what you want. And therefore it will always be best to go
 [to] him first, and get him to write to me.—

Brothers,

I have now nothing further to say, but to wish you a good Journey home, and to desire you will tell your Chief Men the Reason I cannot meet them at Shamokin; and that I will order all my People to be kind to the Indians, and not hunt upon their Lands, but live in Peace and Quietness with them, like Brothers.— A Belt of Wampum

FROM WILLIAM MCADAM

A. L. S.

N York Sept. 15th. 1773

SIR

I Hope this will meet you perfectly Recovered from your Indisposition. Col. Gorham desires me to Acquaint you that he is very Sensible of your friendly offices to him, which he will Acknowledge by letter the first Oppertunity — I have a Cask of Jamaica Spirits laying in my Store Directed for you, which came in a vessell last Aprill. It seems to Contain about 40 Gall^s. It is not in my way but I Suppose you may have overlook't the letter which came with it. If you want it sent up the Country It shall be deliverd to your orders. This I mean Shall be Deliverd to you by Captain McGillivray who with his Two

Brothers make a Tour of pleasure into your Country — I dare say you will find them deserving the Hospitallity of Johnson Hall. with due respect I remain

Your most Obed^t & very

Humble Servant

W M^cADAM

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

N York 15th. 7^{br}. 1773 —

Mr. W^m. M^c.Adam's letter

† Cap^t. Gillevray —

Ans^d. 30th Sept^r.—

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*²

New York September 15th, 1773

Copy)

DEAR SIR

I have received by Mr. Wallace³ your obliging Letter of the 28th. Ulto and was happy to hear that the Sea Air had proved benefical to your health, I wish it may prove a lasting cure, and that when you come to seek the same benefitt next year, I, and your friends here, may have the Satisfaction of enjoying your company; M^{rs}. Wallace is so pleased with her jaunt to Montaulk

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 78, London, England. Original letter in New York State Library badly damaged by fire.

³ Hugh Wallace, of New York.

Point that she proposes meeting you there again next time. I yesterday received a Letter from Captain Lord¹ the Commanding Officer at the Illinois wherein he acquaints me with the very Extraordinary proceedings of Mr. Murray, I send you herewith a Copy of his Letter, which may serve to shew you the necessity of putting in time a Stop to such doings, and to prevent the evil consequences, that may derive from it, as I see by your Letter that you expect at your House a numerous meeting of the Indians on the Ohio and others more to the Westward, it has Suggested to me that it might be for His Majestys Service if by your influence you could prevent Sales of that kind in future times without a previous assent from you and to render any sale without it void, and that the Chiefs of the different Nations shou'd enter into covenants with one another not to do anything of the kind for the future, and to disavow what has been done, and annul it, as not having obtained the sanction which you as their father ought previously have given in behalf of the King and in case this could not be done whether or not it could not be made to appear that the very lands now sold to Mr. Murray are part of those formerly conquer'd by the Six Nations, and to which they lay a claim.

This I apprehend ought to be kept as private as the Nature of it will admitt for fear of other persons following the same steps, and involving us in difficultys with the Indians.

I this moment received Col. Johnstons Letter of the Ninth acquainting me with the Murder of four French Men Killed by a hunting party of Senecas. I am very glad to find that the Indians disapprove of the Action and I hope you will be able to obtain that the Murderers be delivered into our hands, and that you will manage matters so as to obtain a proper Satisfaction.

I am with great regard

Y^{rs}. &c.

Signed FRED^K HALDIMAND

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTON

¹ Captain Hugh Lord, of the 18th Regiment.

INDORSED: Copy)
 Letter to Sir Will^m
 Johnston Sept^r. 15 —
 1773

FROM WILLIAM ANDREWS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 523, is listed a letter of September 17th from Rev. W. Andrews, Williamsburg, showing how clergymen are maintained and presented to livings in Virginia and why there is no parish for him and asking to be appointed to the Johnstown mission in the contingency of Mr Mosley's resignation (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:495–97; Q, 4:307–8).

SPEECH OF PITCHIBAON

*Contemporary Copy*¹

[Sept. 18, 1773.]²

The Answer of Pitchibaon a Chief of the Poutwatamies of St. Joseph's to the Speech sent to his Nation by Sir William Johnson and the Six Nations
 Father

We thank our Father and our Brethren the Six Nations for their good Speech which brings us to our Senses and saves our Women, our young men and our Children.— We repeat again that we thank our Father and the Six Nations for the good advice they give us that if we behave well we shall live peaceably and happy with our Wives and families; but if we behave ill that we shall Suffer.

Father & brethren,

Continue to have compassion on us we have been unhappy in loosing our old Chiefs who Conducted our affairs, we who are

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 80, London, England. Copy in New York State Library badly burned.

² Date taken from Johnson Calendar.

appointed in their place are no more listned to, every one sets up for Chief and make Towns and Villages apart; and they are the Cause of all the Mischief.

Father,

Pardon us the Chiefs and forgive also those who have been foolish and Guilty of the bad things that have happened, we have not been the Cause of it, but we thank you that you are willing to forgive what is past if they behave well for the future. We beg you may be assured that we (the Chiefs) will do every thing that lies in our power that all may be well.

(a True Copy)

H BASSET Major
to the 10th. Reg^t.

Detroit 27th Sep. 1773.

INDORSED: Answer of the St. Joseph
Indians, to the Speach
Sent by Sr. W: Johnson
& the Six Nations

TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

*Copy*¹

Johnson Hall Sep 22^d 1773

MY LORD

My late ill state of Health having rendered it necessary that I should go [to] the Sea Side, in order to make use of the Sea Water, It was not sooner in my power to say any thing material, to y^r Lordship on the subject of your dispatch of April last (N^o 4) especially as I wrote two letters to your Lordship during the month (N^{os} 4 & 5)

Amongst other particulars of intelligence since my last transmitted by my Deputy to the Southward and from the Indians,

¹ Printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:395-97.

I find that a certain Captain Bullet¹ with a large number of People from Virginia are gone down the Ohio beyond the Limits of the proposed Government, with authority (as is said) to survey and lay out Lands there, which are to be forthwith Patented this has a good deal alarmed the Indians who sent Six Shawanese from Sioto to Pittsburgh with a message there-upon a copy of which is herewith enclosed. A little before these Messengers were dispatched from Sioto, Two Indians returned to that Town from the Arkansas and Dussesses where they had been on public business, who were called to a meeting by some Spaniards and French who delivered them several Speeches, setting forth the danger all their Nations were in from the designs of the English, who they said had it in view to possess all their Country. Custalaga Cheif of the Delawares with a hundred of his Nation have retired on invitation below the falls of Ohio², the Wabash Indians, there are still eight hundred Delawares & Munsies at their former places of residence about Ohio, but many of them talk of removing lower down, with a view as I understand & have reason to believe, of joining the other Tribes and becoming more formidable to us—The Indians in April last at Sioto, returned my Deputy for answer to the information I gave them of His Majestys Intentions to form a Colony on Ohio, and of the evacuating of Fort Pitt, that they were very thankfull for the whole they had thereof and hoped

¹ Captain Thomas Bullit, of Virginia, the founder of the city of Louisville, Ky., was a man of great energy and enterprise. He served under Washington on the frontier, and was afterwards in the battle which resulted in Braddock's defeat. Having been sent down the Ohio in 1773, by Governor Dunmore, to make surveys, he landed and built the first cabin on the site of the present city of Louisville. The knowledge acquired of the country in this exploration confirmed him in his determination to settle in it, and he accordingly hastened back to his friends to procure supplies and to induce them to accompany him to his new home. But he was unfortunately prevented from accomplishing his purpose by sickness and sudden death. Marshall's *History of Kentucky*, I., 31.—Ed.

² Perhaps intended for "Ohio to."

that the person appointed to govern there would prove a wise man and restrain the abuses in Trade & irregularities committed by the Frontier Inhabitants, which continued to cause much discontentm^t amongst them. After this, they proposed to hold conferences with the Ouabache Indians and Cherokees &c^a in July, & then if the Season would admit of it, purposed to come to a congress with me which they could not do earlier as my dispatches and Belts had been unluckily delayed at Fort Pitt, so long that they could not meet me at the time appointed. The Shawanese on the whole appear at present the most attentive to the Six Nations Councils of any to the Southward, but they are much alarmed at the numbers who go from Virginia &c^a in pursuit of new settlements leaving large Tracts of Country unsettled behind them, and who I am sorry to find can not be restrained being numerous, & remote from the influence and Seats of Government, and the old claims of Virginia conspiring to encourage them, so long as they confine themselves within the ceded Tract. The Indians can be satisfied that they have little cause of complaint, & this was one principal reason for the extent of the purchase but these People are not to be confined by any Boundaries or Limits, and the rest of their conduct is alike disorderly, so that Robberies & Murders are & will be committed, and I wish it may go no farther, as it assuredly would have done long since, had I not thrown difficulties in the way of their scheme for a general alliance.

These settlers generally set out with a general Prejudice against all Indians and the young Indian Warriors or Hunters are too often inclined to retaliate, a Party of the latter from the upper Senecas very lately killed four French men in a Birch Canoe on Lake Ontario, they made light of it till they were told that these men were British Subjects and under our protection, but I have not as yet received the particulars when I do, I shall take the Steps proper on that occasion, most of these evils result from the rapid intrusion on Lands, and the unrestrained irregularities in Trade, to which I see no prospect of a period, from any steps that are likely to be taken in the Colonies.

During my absence from this place Mr Richard Shuckburgh¹ Secret^{ry} for Indian affairs died suddenly. I mentioned in a letter my desire to be permitted to recommend to that office on such an event from the opportunity I may be presumed to have of choosing a gentleman well & sufficiently qualified for the discharge of its duties, in the hopes of which indulgence, I shall take the liberty of recommending such person in the next letter I shall have the honor to address your Lordship, when I hope to have it in my power to impart a more satisfactory account of the Indian Councils and the prospect of affairs with them

I have the honor to be with great esteem

My Lord

Your Lordships

most obedient and

most humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York Sep^r. 22^d 1773*]

[]
I was much pleased with yours [] Fishers Island, & more so to find by a Sloop from Albany that you passed thro' there last Friday very well, so hope this will find you well at the Hall, & that your Jaunt has established your Health.

I shall take an Oppert^y of talking with the Governor about the Montauk Folkes, & hope there will be no Injustice done them, I spoke to one of Mr Miller's Son's a Merchant of good repute here, & told him, if there was any Complaint of the Indians — it would be worse for the East Hampton People —

¹ For a brief biographical note concerning Richard Shuckburgh, see *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:244.

he said he was sure there would be all the Justice that could be desired done them.

I fear by some News paper Acco^{ts}. we have lately, that there will be some trouble with the Indians on the Ohio &c. &c. they seem displeas'd.

Our Governor & all Friends here very well we have no late News from England, but expect the London Ships & the Packett next Week.

I shall send you all the things you have orderd as soon as I can get them ready. Lett me know if the Two Looking Glasses are to be Hanging — Swinging — Gilt Frame, Wallnutt Frame or what kind as there are great variety.—

Mr Ashe is gone up with your Organ. I wrote a few lines by him, & also by Palmer the [

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[] Lands — I am told that in the Grant to the Ohio Company (which is however not yet finally & fully passed) there is a Clause excepting any Lands, that may have been granted by any of the Governors, this is thought to be an Opening left for Lord Dunmore to grant Lands, & make Money in the meantime. how true this is, I cannot say — but it seems likely.—

M^{rs}. Wallace desires her best respects to you & all the Gentlemen with you — The two Young Ladys are very well & seem pleas'd with their return —

There is a Serjeant Dean, a very clever fellow, a good Writer & Accountant, and understands a good deal of Farming — he is about 40 years old has a wife & three Children & about £700 in Cash is discharged the Army — he wants a peice of Land with some Improvement on it, as a House &ca — & would make a good Steward for you. Is there any Opening with you for such a Man — I have a great Charecter of this

¹ Lines burned off.

Man, & a very good Oppinion of him — My Compl^{ts} to all your
 Family's — & believe me ever most sincerely

D^r Sir

Y^r. most obed hum^l Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t

Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Johnson Hall

Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

[] 1773

[] Wallaces letter.

TO THOMAS PENN

L. S.²

Johnson Hall Septbr. 22^d 1773

DEAR SIR,

I have Just received a letter signed by Mr. Upsdell³ during
 your late Indisposition, acquainting me that the Bill for £50⁴ was
 received, but payment refused thro my having omitted to indorse
 it, a Neglect of this Sort which I do not recollect ever to have
 happened before, can only be attributed to my great hurry of
 business, and Infirmities, I now send another w^h. I wish safe to
 y^r. Hands.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Penn manuscripts, Official
 Correspondence, vol. XI, 1772–1775.

³ Peter Upsdell, of Stoke, England.

⁴ See letter of Johnson to Penn, October 12, 1772.

I am Just returned from a Tour I made to the Sea Coast of New England, on Acc^t. of the Ill State of my health, during my Stay, I had an oportunity of dissuading many, inconsiderate People from prosecuting their design of going to & Joining their Countrymen at and about Wioming, I had likewise Influence enough to do the same in other Quarters, for I plainly foresee that if they increase much beyond their present Numbers they will create you infinite trouble in Penselvania, A Circumstance which would give me concern.

I hope this will find you restored to perfect Health, and I shall always be glad of demonstrating the sincere regard with which, I am Dear Sir,

Your Assured Friend
& Verry Humble Servant
W JOHNSON

The Hon^{ble}.
THOMAS PENN Esq^t.

FROM MAISONVILLE

A. L. S.

[*September 26, 1773*]

[¹
the Vermilian [] Number of one hundred []
thirty Warriors — The Port [vincent] Vermilian Indians,
are [] Same Tribe, but differe[nt] the
Distance Between the [] is about Sixty Legues,
Portvincent is on the South side of the River and the Vermilian,
on the North

Twenty Legues above the Vermilian up the Said River, is the Cecopous which has in Number Two hundred Fifty Warriors

¹ Lines burned off.

Directly opposite on the South [] Said River is the Weaughtoneu [] have to the Number of Two hundred Sixty or Eighty Warriors

[]¹ leagues long) is the Meamy [] is the Principal Village of the [], which Consists of about one hundred Twenty or Thirty Warriors

The abovementioned Villiages are all [] ed Makes but one Nation— all those aforementioned Towns are at Present at War with the Charicees, Chicasawks, and the Rest of the Southern Nation's of Indians but are at Peace with all the Northern Indian's.

I am of opinion that the above mentiond Tribes of Indians, are some what dissatisfied that you have sent to all the Nations and Tribes of Indians Round about them, to come and Speake to you, and that they were forgot, which they have often told me; a further Reason they have to be Dissatisfied, is that all other Nations of [] the Meamy's who had [] Englishmen, which the Young men, without the [] and Consent of their Cheifs [] nearly the Same way as the f[our [] Men were killed lately on [] Lake, I think it wou'd not be for [the] Interest or Safety of his Majestys Subjects in That Country to have Peace Concluded Between them [and] The Southern Nations of In[dians] I have the Honor to be

Sir with the Greatest
 Respect, your
 most obd^t & Hu[m]ble
 Serv^t

MASONVILLE

¹ Lines burned off.

	N ^o . of Warriors
Port Vincent	110
Vermilion 60 L ^s . up	125
Kickapous 20 higher	250
[]ghtons opposite to it	270
[] 20 L ^s . higher	60
Higher on the Miamis	
[] place —	125
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ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honorable Sir William
 Johnson Bart^t
 Johnson Hall

TO MRS SHUCKBURGH

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall Sept. 30th. 1773*]

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My time has been so taken up since my return home that it was not in my power earlier to assure you how much I was concerned at your late Loss, and how Sincerely I wish you may be able to console yourSelf thro' the aid of Religion & Philosophy.

As I had a great friendship for your late Husband so I shall always preserve the same for yourself and family to whom I wish all happiness, and that you may be able to arrange your affairs to your satisfaction. I understand you go to N York for the purpose of settling these matters which induces me (least you did not know it) to acquaint you that Mr Shuckburgh in Nov^r. 1771 borrowed £100 from me, the principal of which

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

I dare say will Soon be repaid, as I never mean to charge any Interest for it, tho' my Expenses are great, & the Calls for money perpetual.

I wish you all happiness & am Sincerely

Madam Your friend & Serv^t.

M^{rs}. SHUCKBURGH

INDORSED:

Sept^r. 30th 1773 —

To M^{rs}. Shuckburgh.

TO WILLIAM MCADAM

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall Sept^r. 30th. 1773*]

SIR/

Capt M^c Gillivray delivered me your Letter he with the Two Gentlemen his brothers favored me with a Visit the other day, and appeared to me to be Men of Sense and Merit, tho' their hurry prevented me from having an opportunity of paying them the attention I should willingly shew Gentⁿ who were Strangers & your Friends. I recollect the Cask of Spirits and thank you for your Care of it and shall be obliged to you if you'll forward it by some safe conveyance to Mr J Monier at Albany

When you write Col^o. Gorham, pray make my kind Complim^{ts} to him & believe me to be very Sincerely your Friend
& Servant

M^R. M^CADAM.

INDORSED:

Sept^r. 30th. 1773 —

To M^r. W M^cAdam

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall, Septbr. 30th. 1773.*

DEAR SIR

I have had the pleasure of receiving your kind letter of the 15th. Ins^t. with the inclosure from Cap^t. Lord, and am much obliged to You for your friendly wishes concerning my health which is something improved by my late Journey, but my time will hardly permit me to repeat My Visits to the seaside as often as my health may require And tho it would be no small Inducement to me to see You, I flatter myself I may have that pleasure here, if you hold Your former Resolution.

I think Mr. Murrays proceedings verry extraordinary The Spirit of purchasing & pushing Settlements into the back Country, remote from the Influence of Government, and where they do as they please is already so prevalent that unless his Majesty shall fall on some vigorous measures to prevent it, I despair of its being ever done. The Indians Justly observe that we have not half settled the Country near the Sea, and that those who go back are a Banditti who disregard our Laws, as much as they hate them.

Thro the Delay of some dispatches, and the Several Councils held amongst themselves of late, I apprehend I shall hardly See the Southern Indians &ca this Season, I shall not however neglect to give them the proper Cautions wth. regard to Lands, but it is so easy to get Deeds from a few of them & they are liable to so many Temptations & Impositions that it is in Fact the rigorous Hand of Government alone that can effectually prevent it, All which I have often represented to his Majestys Ministers, The Lands You Speak of are certainly within the Claim of the Six Nations. And the purchase appears to have been made without

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 82, London, England.

the Consent, & contrary to the Expressed Sense of Government, farther particulars relative to this Affair You may receive from Mr. Kennedy a Trader who is come from y^e. Illinois and was present at the time, and is now gone to New York together with Mons^r. Maisonville a Person in my Employ.

I have Just received a Pacquet from Major Basset Commanding at the Detroit inclosing an Answer to the Belts I sent to the Westward, wherein the Miamis assure me of the Satisfaction my Belts have afforded, & they are busied in opening the Road of Peace (as they term it) and will Continue to observe what is recommended to them.

I understand the Senecas are still busied in Conferences, & that I shall soon hear from them on the Subject of the Murder of the French Men w^h. Col. Johnson Communicated to You, I shall do every thing for the best in that Affair, which appears to me to be an Act of Revenge of an Individual, who led in the rest of the party to Joyn him, 'tho against their Inclinations.

I am with perfect Esteem & sincere Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Real Wellwisher

& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^l. HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 73

Sr. W^m. Johnson

of Sep^t. the 30th.

r^e. Octo^e. the 5th

FROM BARNARD GRATZ

A. L. S.

[*Philadelphia Octr. 1, 1773*]

[]
 []
 [] p^r. post where [] Inclosed a Letter
 Rec^d from [] M^cKee of fort Pitt for your, as also
 a Copp^y. of an [] from S^d. Mr. M^cKee in my fav^r. on
 y^r. Hon^r. for £413..9..4 [New] York Curr^y. Which no
 Doubt Come Safe to y^r. hands, [] have advanced
 Cap^t M^cKee the Greatest part of that Draft [] Should
 be much obliged if y^r. Hon^r. Would be kind enough to Send me
 an Order on the paymaster Generall at New York for the above
 amount, and I will Either Send M^r. M^cKees Draft to y^r. Hon^r.
 or Deliver it to the paymaster or anybody Else, as you Please
 to Direct me, for so Doing y^r. Hon^r. Will Much Oblige
 Y^r. Most Obed^t. & Most Hum^l. Serv^t.

BARNARD GRATZ

The Hon^{ble}.SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Baronett

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Hon^{bl}.
 Sir William Johnson Baronett
 His Majestys Sole agent & Superintendant of
 Indian affairs in the Northeren District of
 North America

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

[] 1773

[]ratz's letter

¹ Several lines burned off.² In Johnson's hand.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*¹

Johnson Hall, Octbr. 7th. 1773

DEAR SIR

Since my last, my time has been entirely Occupied with a Deputation of Indian Cheifs from Canada on some disputes amongst themselves, and other Matters, which, I shall hereafter probably have occasion to lay before You; this prevented me from transmitting sooner my Half Years Acc^{ts}. of Disbursements for my Department to the 24th. Ult^o., which I now herewith inclose You, and for the Amount of which, I beg to be favored with your Warrant as Usual, so soon as is convenient to You, being generally in advance to Several persons on this Acct.

At present I have only to add that I am with true Esteem & Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Sincere friend,

& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^l. HALDIMAND —

INDORSED: 73

Sir W^m. Johnson's

Oct^r 7th.

Rec'd D^o. 11th.

Answ'd D^o. 20th.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 85, London, England.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schinectady 9th Oct^r. 1773

[]
 [] I Intend going to New York [] I
 Whould be verry mutch Oblige to Your Honner for our Last
 Iears Settlement which is £126. .10^s. .3^d

When his Excellency Governer Trayon was up here with
 Coll^o: Clauss he thould me to Applay for this farry and that
 he whould Doe for me what he Chould, But that I Should not
 be toe Gready not to Exceed 10 Iears So what it will be I Can-
 not tell I hoop John Poule Sent home the 20 Baers Iron which
 I Sent there Monday Laste I thought the Expençe whould a
 been toe hay to Send it to M^r Fondas

I am Sir Your Most Obedient

& verry Humble Servant

JN^o: B V EPS

p^r the Post the black
 horse Comes home

ADDRESSED:

To The Honourable
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t &ca
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[] 1773

[] B V Eps

[] payment of

[] for last Year —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Octbr. 15th: 1773*

DEAR SIR

I have waited for some time past in expectation of hearing from the Senecas themselves on the late Misconduct of their People, but I find that it has occasioned much trouble and Confusion amongst them, and that they are at a loss what to do in it, I shall therefore (altho I had rather they made the first advance) send a proper Message to them.

I have been much sollicittd by Cap^t M^c.Leod to represent his Situation to You, and the Hardship he must suffer if oblidged to go imediately to Ontario, I am sensible of all this, at the same time, I would by no means take upon me to request any indulgence for them that was inconsistent with the good of the Service, but as the Season is so far advanced that it will be in some measure impracticable for him to dispose of his little matters, & remove his Family, and that it does not seem to me probable, that he will have much to do in y^e. Winter at a Post of late Years so little frequented, if it appears to You in the same light, I dare say You will take his Circumstances into Consideration, However I could not avoid saying something in behalf of a Gentleman who with a verry good character has been unfortunate.

I am with perfect Esteem, Dear Sir

Your most faithfull

Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND.

INDORSED: (73

Sir W^m Johnsonof Oct^r. 15thAnsw'd D^o. 20th.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 89, London, England.

FREDERICK HALDIMAND'S WARRANT

The Johnson Calendar, p. 524, lists a warrant given by Major General Frederick Haldimand, New York City, October 15, 1773, for payment by Thomas Barrow of £5342, 5s, 8d to Sir William Johnson. Destroyed by fire.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schindy 16th Oct^r 1773

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[]¹
and I have forgote to Mention in my Last Letter that Hugg Wallace Esqr 1772 Sept^r 18 payd me £47..9..9 as I had Creditet it In its please

If I doe but Know where the Millstones are I Shall Shoerly Meack it my bussiness to Stoop there, and have them Lead up hay Enough

as Soon when Your Honers goods &ca Arrives Shall forward them by good Honest men. My Sonn is this Marning gone to albany to Bring up Coll^o: Johnsons Loeking Glasses &ca, & he will Know of what is Come here is Come 2 Lood and I Expect one more this Evening for your Honer and if all is Come I Shall Send it on on Monday as for the money of the Patentees thy all bleams M^r Duncan who allways answers for the New York Gentelman & we Can Never gite none from him but its in a Lickly Way to have the whole Settled Soon

I am Honerd Sir Your Most Obed^t

Humble Servant

JN^o B V EPS

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^r^{ble}
Sir William Johnson Baronett &ca &ca
Johnson Hall

¹ Lines burned off.

INDORSED:¹

Octbr. 16th. 1773

Mr Van Eps Letter

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*²

New York October 20th. 1773.

Copy)

DEAR SIR

I have now before me your Several Letters of September 30th. and 7th. and 15 October yet unanswered, I am glad to find that you joined in Opinion with me, concerning Mr. Murray's Purchase of Lands in the Wabash, and that your ideas on that Subject and Similar Transactions, correspond with my own in our representations to the Secretary of State, I have had an Opportunity to see Maisonville, whose Account has been Satisfactory with respect to Kennedy, I have 'ere now, had unfavorable Accounts of him, he lived on the Mississipi, and is not to be depended upon, this is a hint I thought necessary to give you, to set you on your Guards in case you might be inclined to employ him in any thing.

You will now receive the Warrant for the Amount of the half Years Account of Disbursements to 24th. September, which cou'd not be sent by last Post, having received your Letter too late to Answer it that Day.

I wait with impatience to know the resolution of the Senecas, respecting their late Murder on Lake Ontario, I am very certain that you will do all that lays in your Power to obtain a proper

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 91. London, England.

Satisfaction, as an Action of that kind can hardly be Palliated, I hope the Murderers will be Given up

The turbulent turn of mind of the Indians in General had made it necessary in my opinion, that Captain M^cLeod shou'd be at Ontario, that any Material intelligence might be Transmitted you and me, with more Expedition, but since you interest yourself in his favour and don't see his stay at Ontario, in the same light that I do, I shall consent to his remaining with his Family till next Spring when it will be proper that he shou'd be glad to serve Captain M^cLeod, being a Gentleman for whom I have a particular regard.

I have just received a Letter from General Gage by a Ship from London, wherein he mentions that M^{rs}. Gage has made him a present of another Daughter, She layin, in London, tho, it was to have happen'd in the Country.

I am with very great regard & esteem

Dr. Sir

Yours &ca.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: Copy) To

Sir William Johnson Bart:

His Majesty's Sole Agent for, and Superintendent of
the Affairs of the Indian Nations
in the Northern District

at

Johnson Hall

New York October 20th. 1773

TO WILLIAM TRYON

A. L. S.¹

Johnson Hall, Octbr. 22^d. 1773

DEAR SIR/

This is accompanied with a letter in answer to Yours concerning Lord Dartmouths Queries, A Subject I presumed You would chuse to be treated seperately, & therefore I would not introduce the following into it, Which is, That I observe according to the old Act passed in 1692 for Establishing fairs now extended to this County that the Governor of the Province Shall for the more regular Governm^t. of such Fairs Commissionate some Person to be Governor or Ruler to hold a Court of Py powder &^{ca.}, And as our Fair Commences the Second Tuesday in next Month I should therefore from an inclination that all such matters Should be well conducted, desire the favor of y^r. Excellencys Direction herein, & that a Commission (if necessary as I apprehend) be sent up appointing Joseph Chew Esq^r. the Gov^r. or Ruler of the Fairs to be held here.—

I have but Just time as the Post is waiting to Offer this little Matter to your Attention, & to Assure You of the true Regard with which I am,

Dear Sir,

Your Excellencys

Most Oblidged & faithfull

Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

HIS EXCELLENCY

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¹ In Onondaga Historical Association, Syracuse, N. Y.

FROM ALEXANDER WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 25th Octr. 1773

SIR

I received your favour of 15th Inst. to my Bro^r. Mr. Hugh Wallace (who is at present in Philad^a.) & will not return here for two or three weeks, being obliged to go down to Maryland & Virginia on some busness — I hope to get all the differant Artickles you orderd ready by next week, to Send by Mr. Adams — my Bro^r. writes me from Philad^a. that he will get the boy you want there —

I am Extreamply Sorry to Acquaint you with the Death of your Grand Daughter Miss Claus, the particulars of which Mr. Adams has wrote you by this post & Mr^s. Hugh Wallace has also wrote the Melancholy Tidings to Mr^s. Claus & Mr^s. Guy Johnson by this post, hir Death has thrown all hir Acquaintances here into great distress — I sincearly Sympathize with you & the family on the loss of so Valuable a young Lady & I most heartily pity hir Father & Mother but hope reason will teach them to Sett bounds to their Sorrows — I am with much respect — Sir your most obed^t Serv^t.

ALEXANDER WALLACE

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:¹Oct^r. 25th. 1773 —

 Mr. Alex^r. Wallaces letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM ROBERT ADEMS

A. L. S.

New York 25th. October 1773

SIR

It is with the greatest difficulty I can bring Myself to write You a word, that would give You or any of the Family a Moments uneasiness, but cannot avoid the present. I Arrived here last Tuesday Afternoon and next Morning paid the Children A Visit who I found very well, on coming away I ask'd the Madam to let them come now & then to see me, which she promised. Accordingly Polly with another Young Miss came a Friday Evening and not seeing Katty I ask'd where she was, she told me she had got a Sore throat, on which I went next Morning to see her and found her aBed and seemed to me very Feverish, I then Enquired of the Madams if a Doctor had been sent for, & who he was, they answer'd me they had sent on her being taken ill for Doctor Bruce (who attends there) and that he had been to see her twice, and had sent some Medicine, which they had given the Child a little before I came. I staid with her some time and promised to call in the Evening when I hoped to see her better, (little thinking my next Visit wou'd see her a pale Breathless Corpse) but had not been long gone when she got worse & a few Fitts carried her off in less than an hour. her disorder was the same kind that Polly had, whose Behaviour on her Cousins death would have drawn Tears from the most hardned of Hearts, and with a great deal of difficulty M^{rs}. Wallace & M^{rs}. Ogilvie (who were with the Child some time before she []) her to consent to go to the House of the latter, as they [] to be afraid of her geting Fitts. She is now pretty well composed. You may assure the Afflicted parents that all the care Immagineable was taken during their

Childs short illness. The Inclosed she wrote the day before she died.

I am with the greatest respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Hum^l Servant

ROB^t. ADEMS

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart.

P. S. there is not anything
New astiring, except the
Lieu^t. Governor going to
make his Appearance once
more at the Helm, the Governor going Home in the Spring.
some will have it that he is recal'd & others that is his own
desire, having obtain'd leave of Absence from the Government
for a Year.

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Adem's letters
wth. the Melancholly Acc^t.
of my Grand Daughter's²
Death —

FROM HUGH GAINÉ

A. L. S.

[*New York Oct^r. 25th. 1773*]

SIR

Your Favour of the 8th did not reach me sooner the 18th,
and agreeable to your Orders, have this Day sent you by an
Albany Sloop the Sundry Articles you wrote for agreeable to
the Memorandum below.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Katty Claus, daughter of Daniel and Ann Claus.

The Set of the Gentleman's Magazines I had were sold a few Days ago for £29 Currency, and in Case you have an Inclination for a Set, I su[ppose] they can be got in London, and on receiving an [order] from you for that Purpose, none will Serve you better than Sir

Your humble Servant

HUGH GAINÉ

Sir William Johnson, Bart.

Bought of Hugh Gainé

2 Reams of Paper.....	3..12..0
2 Reams wrapping D°	0..14..0
1 Common Prayer	1.. 0..0
1 Telemachus	0.. 8..0
1 Dozen Inkw powder	0.. 8..0
1 Inkpot	0..12..0
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	£6..14..0
1 Ream rulled by Order Mr. Adams.....	1.. 6..0
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	8.. 0..0

ADDRESSED:

To
 Hon. Sir William Johnson
 Bart
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Octr. 25th. 1773 —

Mr. Hugh Gaines letter and
 Acc^t. amt^g. to £8..—..—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM BARNARD GRATZ

A. L. S.

[Philadelphia Oct. 26th. 1773]

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[] the Stage Boat for N York a keg of Wild Carrot Seed Directed to y^r. Hon^r. to the Care of W^m. Robert Clinch who is Now there & is going home, promis'd to take under his Care & forw^d. it which No Doubt will Goe Safe I am Much obliged to y^r Hon^r. for the Promiss of answ[e]ring Mr. M^cKees Draft when you Rece^d. the Warrant from the Generall, which hope you have, and make No Doubt you have before this Comes to y^r. Hands Sent me an Order for the Payment, which will Much Oblige

Y^r. Hon^{rs}.Most Obed^t. & Most Hum^l. Serv^t.

BARNARD GRATZ

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILL^m JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}.

Sir William Johnson Baronet

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

[] 1773

[] atz's letter

¹ Several lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Octbr. 29th. 1773*

DEAR SIR

I am favored with yours accompanying the Warrant for the Amount of my last Acc^{ts}. for which I am obliged to You, as also for the Hint you gave me concerning Kennedy. He is a man I never See before, neither shall I employ him; Maisonville I employ, & think I can Confide in him, having tryed him some years, & have had a general good character of him from Officers & others to the Westward.

I have received an Acc^t. that the Cheifs of the 6 Nations are on their way down about the late Murder on Lake Ontario, It is a perplexing business because their Ideas respecting punishments are so different from ours, at the same time that it is a Duty we owe to the Crown & to the Public to insist on the Satisfaction required by our Laws. You will hear farther from me upon this after their Arrival;

Your Indulgence to Cap^t. McLeod on my Application is extremely obliging, He is verry thankfull for it, & I trust that it may not be attended with inconvenience to the Service.

I am glad to hear of the Safe arrival & encrease of Gen^l. Gages Family in England, and I am Always with great truth & regard,

Dear Sir,

Youe most obedient

& most Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

P. S. After finishing the foregoing, I received a letter from Major Basset with an answer from y^e. Poutawatamies of St. Joseph to a Speech sent by me to them last Spring, in w^{ch}. the

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 93, London, England.

Six Nations (then Assembled at my House) Joined, on my letting them know the several Murders & Robberies committed by that Nation since the Surrender of Canada, Copy of which I thought proper to Send You.

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 73

Sir W^m. Johnson

October 29th.

Rec'd Nov^r. 4th.

FROM J. MILLER

A. L. S.

New London 10th. Novth. 1773.

[] W^m. JOHNSON

Sir I Imagine you Expected to have heard ere this how I had Settled the Affair with Mr. Brown (committed to my care by Dr. Dease) I would now Informe you that it was Some time before I was able to se[e] young Mr. Brown with whom I took pains to obtain an Acco^t. of the Particulars as requested, and could get no other Answer than that he could give no Acco^t. more particular than he had already done but that he would accept of what Sum you pleased to give therefore I rested the Matter in order to treat with his Father, but being much Engaged untill lately I had an Opt^y. of talking with the old Gentⁿ. who Said the requisition was reasonable but as he was Unacquainted with those matters it was not in his Power to give the Sattisfaction required, but would acquiesse with whatever Sir W^m. tho't proper, & give a Discharge — Should be glad of your

direction herein & where I am to return the over plus money if any —

with best respects to Dr. Deas Mr Chew &ca.

I am in all your commands your ready
& most Obed^t. Hum^l

Serv^t
JM MILLER

ADDRESSED:

To
Sr. William Johnson Barronet
att
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

New London 10th Novbr.
1773 — Cap^t Millers
Letter concerng. Brown
Ansrd. 20th. Janr^y. 1774

FROM ALLAN MACDONELL

A. L. S.

[Albany Novbr. 14th. 1773]

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[] my friend []

met this evening & considered of the contents have accordingly committed our observations to writing & is here inclosed we hope they will be agreeable to you as we have a great desire of Settling under your Wing and in which we may have a mutual Interest. You have large estates to make & we some influence over people tho' at a distance that may be of consequence in Subsequent years. If the Situation & Quality of the land is attracting we will

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Several lines burned off.

Settle as to the few hundred Acres you are ready to dispose off if other Matters are agreed upon the farm also.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Most Ob^t. & most

hum^le Servant

ALLAN MACDONELL

ADDRESSED:

To the Hon^{ble}.

Sir William Johnson Barr^t.

FROM ALLAN MACDONELL

A. L. S.

[*Albany Novbr. 14th. 1773*]

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 [] to new Beginners and of which Sir William is so well convinced that it requires no explanation.— Customs and Carriages was a Nuisance in the Mother Country and the cause of removing thence many of its Inhabitants and the latest of them do not incline to be the first introducers of it by compact in the New World.— Sir William will please remember that £6 and not £6. .3 was the Conversation and Offer at Johnson Hall.— The 18,000 acres adjoining to Schoherry appears to be the Cheapest but as we know nothing of the Soil & Situation we will refer saying any thing upon the head.

The 13,000 Acres adjoining to Lord Adam Gordon's we shall be glad to know at what its Sett in fee Simple or if any advantages of Saw or Griss Mills fish or Fowl attend it — The lands in the neighborhood of the Sisquehanna in the same way as you have []

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¹ Lines burned off.

FROM JOHN BLAGGE

A. L. S.

*New York 15th Nov^r 1773*D^R & HON^D SIR

I arrived safe with my Charge the Fryday week after leaving Johnson Hall, & the Tuesday following he run away, and notwithstanding my having made every enquiry immaginable to discover his retreat, coud learn nothing of him until this Morning, when I found by an Advertisement in Gaines paper, that he was apprehended on the Post Road near Col: Phillips's & is now confined in the Borough Goal of West Chester, from whence I intend fetching him tomorrow morning and shall endeavour to prevent his doing the like in future. I am wholly at a loss where he cou'd have got the information of his being sent down to be sold, having myself never mentioned that circumstance, but on the contrary always passed him for my own property.

If you recollect Sir, when I was at the Hall I mentioned to you my intention of geting Mr Lefferty appointed in my room to the *Office of Surrogate*, provided he was agreeable, which you was pleased to say he was; since my being here I have waited on his Excellency the Governor for that purpose, who is so desirous of giving satisfaction, that he declines doing any thing in this matter until he is assured it is with your consent and approbation. I must therefore beg that to the many obligations already confere'd, you wou'd be pleased to add this one more of signifying (when you write to him) that mr Lefferty is a Man who you approve of to fill that Office.

I very sincerely condole with you Sir on the much Lamented sudden & untimely Death of Miss Claus, a matter in itself truly affecting to the whole Family, but heightened & rendered much more so to her distressed parents by the Circumstance of her being absent from all her Friends & Relations except her poor Cousin, whose Grief on this Melancholy occasion may more

easily be immagined than described. I have the Honour to be with great Respect & most hearty wishes for your Health & Felicity, D^r & Hon^d. Sir

Your very much Obliged

& most Humb^l Servant

JOHN BLAGGE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹

New York 15th. Nov^r. 1773

Mr. Blagges letter

Ansrd. by Col^l. Johnson

Jan^r. 6th. 1774 —

TO HENRY BABCOCK

In the Johnson Calendar, page 524, is listed a letter written at Johnson Hall November 19, 1773 by Sir William Johnson to Henry Babcock, expressing doubt of the opportuneness of the design [to found a seminary among the Six Nations]. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:497–98; Q, 4:308.)

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

[*Philadelphia Novbr. 19th. 1773*]

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your favour of the 8th Ins^t last night ³ your []
& Cap^t Chew who Communicated to me your sentiments respect^g.
the manner you would Chuse to have him³ treated during his
residence in this place, it being a matter the greatest Consequence

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Line burned off.

³ Peter Johnson, son of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

to the lads future welfare the procureing him a suitable place. I think best to keep him at my house for a while until I Can make Choice of such for him by which means I shall get better Acquainted with his disposition &c & sound him on that head, in the mean while as Mr Wallace is Expected in town in a few days shall Consult him as you desire on the Occasion, from what little I have had an Oport^y. of seeing of the lads behaviour, I have no small hopes of his turning out to your satisfaction you may rest assured nothing shall be wanting on my side to make him so, I shall take particular Care of his morrals & the Comp^y. he keeps, as well as to take him with me & my famely to Church which will be the only means of instilling good principals in him, if theres any part of his Education that he is Deficient in & that you are desirous he should have should be glad to have your orders on that head or any other matters you think requisit, there's one thing necess^y to mention that a fee will be Expected with him which will be Accord^g. to the place he is put to, some £200 some £100 & some £50 this you may rest assured I shall do my Endeavours to get as low as possable without demean^g. you or the lad as [

[¹]
 Occasion of the kind, which shall be spent not only in that but the other necess^ys requisit for his Apearance. I should be glad to know what sum you Chuse to allow him for his pocket as in these as well as every other matters of the kind theres none so proper Judges as the parents themselves, when it shall be my particular study as near as in my power to obey your Commands in that or any thing Concern^g. him

The short stay Captⁿ. Chew makes prevents my entering into farther particulars. I have taken the oport^y. by him of inclos^g. you my broth^{rs}. letter for the persual of which together with all your fav^{rs} bestowed upon him am under the greatest obligations, which must Consequently attatch me in a most particular manner to yours & your famelys Intrest & welfare & am happy

¹ Lines burned off.

in haveing an Operty. of Convinceing you & them of the sincerity of my professions, & sincerely wish you all hapiness this life Can afford & am with Mr^s. Wades & my most respectful Compliments to you & the famely and

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t. and

Most Hble Serv^t.

FRAN^s. WADE

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Barr^t.

PS pray Excuse
the incorrectness of
my letter hav^g. but
a Verry short notice
to write

ADDRESSED:

The Hon^{ble}. Sir Will^m. Johnson Barr^t.

Johnson Hall

favour^d. by }
Cap^t. Chew }

INDORSED:¹

Novbr. 19th. 1773

Mr. Francis Wades letter

☞ Mr. Chew

left y^e. sole Expence and
Managem^t. of Peter to his
prudence & Oeconomy

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM HENRY BABCOCK

A. L. S.¹Stonington, 24th. Nov^r. 1773

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

I did myself the Honor to write to you some time ago, and enclosed a Letter, that I received from Doc^r Canner² of Boston, a clergman of the Church of England, who is Presi^{dt} of the episcopal clergy of that Province, which was an Answer to a Letter that I addressed to their Convention at Boston, and who have assured me they would give it all possible Encouragement as soon as it should receive the regular Sanction of Government, I mean the Seminary for civilizing & christianizing the Indians.

I am very certain that the making those Savages capable of the Discipline of Law & Religion,— must afford you, a very particular Satisfaction, and I am extremely confident, that under your Patronage, and Influence, I could easily raise a very considerable Sum for the above purpose, both in the Colonys as well as the Mother Country.

If the Seminary should be placed beyond the English Line, & in the Indian Country I cant at present see any Inconvenience, because it would be easily in your Power for them to surrender the Jurisdiction to the Crown of G Britain, & the Crown might erect a Jurisdiction similar to that of Oxford, & the Chancellor who undoubtedly would be Sir William Johnson would preside over and govern the College with the President & the rest of the Professors — This I know some will call a visionary Establishment — So said the Dutch at Albany at your first settling in the

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

² Dr Henry Caner, Rector of King's Chapel, Boston, 1747–76. "Upon the great American Revolution in 1776, the Episcopal Society was broken up. Many of its most important supporters were royalists, who fled from Boston, and with them their minister, the Rev. Dr. Caner, and their house was shut up."— Samuel G. Drake, *History and Antiquities of Boston*, p. 471.

Mohawk Country,— But you have convinced them, as well as all the World that you settled there to good Purpose, and suffer me to say that it will add Dignity & reflect Lustre to all your military Atcheivements, to be the happy means of Introducing Religion & Learning amongst those Savages who you have made so very subservient to the english Interests in America — Shall be much obliged to you for the Favour of Line when your Leisure will permit —

I am with profoundest Respect

Your most obedient

& most humble Servant

HENRY BABCOCK

I have inclosed Gov^r Wantons Answer to the memorial I presented him which after you have perused please to transmit back

INDORSED:¹

Nov^{br}. 24th 1773 —

Coll. Babcocks letter

TO HECTOR THEODORE CRAMAHE

*Df.*²

[*Johnson hall Novbr. 25th. 1773*]

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[] had lately the honor of your [] Chevalier Lorimier, concerning the Loss he sustained by the Late Robbery committed on Lake Ontario, and after some Conversation gave him Assurances that I should do all in my power to procure him restitution; At the Congress which was opened a day or two after his departure I spoke to the Indians with the greatest Warmth upon the occasion & insisted on the delivery up of the Murderers and Restitution of the goods; I find that part has been already collected and given up at Ontario & have

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

now received Assurances for the performance of w^{ch} they have left Hostages that the two Murderers who are at home shall be delivered up, and that imediately after the Winter Hunt they will make up the full Compliment of Skins; As Some of the Indians are still here, and I am much occupied in making up my pacquets I have at present only Just time to observe that thoroughly sensible of the Consequences of accepting any Attone-ment according to the Indian forms on such an Occasion, I spoke to them in a Stile which greatly alarmed them, and produced Assurances which I believe they never before made, neither were these things formerly insisted on, in that manner least they might be productive of Worse Consequences, for, should they obsti-nately refuse to give Satisfaction according to our forms of Justice, a []
 []¹
 of obtaining satisfaction without [] and you may be assured that I shall always be glad to have it in my power to render any Service to, or promote the Trade of your province and to assure you of the perfect Esteem with which I am Sir,

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

HONBLE. H T CRAMAHE Esq^r. L^t Gov^r of Quebec

INDORSED:²

Novbr. 1773 —

To the Honble
 H T. Cramahé Esq^r —
 L^t Gov^r. of Quebec
 concern^s the restitution promised
 by the Ind^s. for the Murder of the french
 Men on Lake Ontario.

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Novbr. 25th. 1773*

DEAR SIR

Ever since my last my time has been entirely taken up with the Cheifs of the Six Nations, with whom I have at last concluded in the best manner I could, they engaging to make good the loss of the Peltry, & to deliver up the Two Murderers who are yet in one of their Towns, for the Performance of which, they have delivered three Hostages, and indeed it is more than has been before asked of, or complied with by these Indians, who have hitherto made up all private Acts according to their own Antient Customs. I herewith inclose You a Copy of the Public proceedings, at the same time I should observe to You that the main business is generally conducted in private Conference with a few of the principal Men, Many such I have held in order to bring matters to the Issue I have done. Indeed it has produced much trouble amongst themselves, and the fidelity of one of the Cheifs of the Senecas in urging them to make Ample Satisfaction, occasioned much concern to the dissaffected, a Cheif of whom insulted him, and was by him degraded from the rank of Sachim, and this fellow has since fled to the Southward with a purposed design to create trouble, but I shall try to disapoint him by sending Messages after him to y^e. Several Nations.

I must request the favor of your Sentiments on the late transaction & how to act if the Men are delivered me, as I have told the Indians that I should imediately lay the Matter before You As I could not come to any farther determination 'till You were acquainted with what was proposed, on the whole of which I have to remark, that if they comply with these engagements,

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 95, London, England.

I Apprehend it will establish a good Precedent, and as a private Act will prove Satisfactory.— I have the honor to be with the most sincere regard, Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient
& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency
MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 73

Sr. W^m. Johnson
of Nov. the 25th. re. d^o. the 30th.
at New Yk

TO RICHARD HIND

*Df.*¹

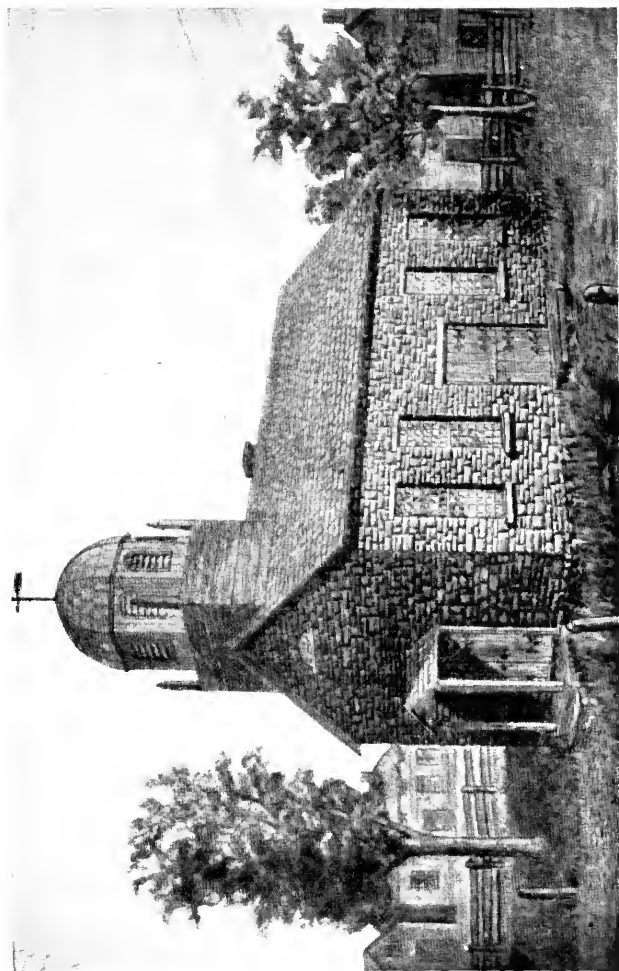
Johnson hall Nov^r 25th. 1773.

SIR,

I had the favor of a Letter from D^r Burton,² dated last Dec^r. on the Subject of My Correspondence with him concerning the State of Religion, & of the Societys Missionaries in this Country in which he acquainted me that You was then to succeed him as their Secretary — Since which I was for some time absent for the recovery of my health, as well as occupied with the Affairs of my Department so that I could not sooner tell Dr Burtons worthy Successor how sincerely I am disposed to Con-

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson except the last sentence which is in Sir William's hand. The letter written from this draft and dated Dec. 3, 1773, is in records of Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B series. Vol. 2. New York, 1759–1782. Part II. Transcript is in Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

² Dr Daniel Burton, secretary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts.



OLD ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN, N. Y.
Erected by Sir William Johnson in 1772. Destroyed by fire in 1836

tinue my endeavors for cooperating with the truly laudable designs of the Venerable Society.

As to the Mission established at Johnstown near this place it is at present enjoyed by Mr Mosley;¹ I knew nothing of this Gentleman until a very short time before his arrival here, when he was mentioned to me by some friends as a person of good character and who was desirous of coming to this place, and as I apprehended free from any particular engagement elsewhere, in consequence of which he has ever since been here, & is lately entered into the state of Matrimony, his Health has been in general but indifferent but I am in hopes it will improve so that he may perfectly discharge the duties of his Mission here, which is of much importance to Religion & more especially so to the Church of England, the people within my Neighbourhood alone having encreased from 40 to 240 families since the year 1760 owing to the great encouragement I have given them to the utmost extent of my Abilities, & the adjacent Country is becoming populous, tho' not in any such proportion, for want of the same encouragement, all which people were without the benefits of Religion, till I built the Church at Johnstown, which is a handsome Stone building, near 90 feet in length with the Steeple and Chancel, to which I have lately added a neat Organ that cost me £ 100 Ster.— By these attentions, the New Settlers who were in general very poor and ignorant, & of various denominations, are now become much improved in their manners, & members of our Church, whilst the Free School I erected near the same contributes to enlarge the understanding and confirm the faith of the rising generation, the prospect of this must be very pleasing to a benevolent mind I have promoted it hitherto as far as was in my power, And am heartily sorry that the circumstances of the people does not as yet enable them to lessen the charge they are to the Society & to myself. The Allowances being certainly in many places too small to prove any encouragement to Men of Merit, and yet I am persuaded that the Society

¹ Rev. Richard Mosley.

go to the utmost extent of their precarious fund, Mr Andrews late Missionary at Schenectady¹ has lately assigned his Necessities as a reason for sollicitting to get a Living in Virginia, whither he has removed & Mr Doughty² (a Gent I have not yet seen) is come up with a View to succeed him, The Rev^d. Mr Stuart³ is as assiduous as he can at the Mohocks, besides which he has a large Congregation of the White Inhabitants, & the Indⁿ. School goes on as Usual. I lately had that Church repaired at my own Expence. I likewise have favorable accts of the Rev^d. Mr. Monroes Congregation at Albany,⁴ The Church at Conajohare which was erected at my own Expence about 5 year since, continues Still without an Incumbent, The Gent mentioned in a Letter some years since altered his mind, & no Missionary, notwithstanding the most diligent enquiry has since offered, which is a sensible Loss as well on account of the White people as of the Indians at that place who are much disposed to receive Instruction & repeatedly complain that they are neglected.⁵ To convince them of the contrary I have allowed them a Schoolmaster these 12 Months past at my own Expence, but am at a great loss for Y^e want of proper Books for that & the other two schools.

Your most Obed^t. &ca

To The REV^d. DR. HIND

¹ Rev. William Andrews, rector from 1762 to 1773.

² Rev. John Doty, rector from 1773 to 1777.

³ Rev. John Stuart, missionary at Fort Hunter from 1770 to 1777. See memoir in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:505-20; Q, 4:313-22.

⁴ Rector of St Peter's Church, Albany, from 1768 to 1775. See notice in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:410-11; Q, 4:258.

⁵ The following matter, occurring at this point, is erased in the original:

"I formerly proposed to the Society a Tract of about 20000 acres of Land not far from hence, the Indian purchase of which I made them a Compliment of, if they would obtain his Majys Lfes Patent for it for the use of an Episcopate, or towards raising some future fund for the uses of Religious establishmts. In this Province, on this Subject I have not heard for some time, and shall be glad you'll give me their farther thoughts on that or any other occurring Subject being with great regard and best Wishes toward that Venerable body & yourself, Sir"

FROM GEORGE MORGAN

A. L. S.

Philad^a Nov^r 30th 1773

SIR

When Mr. Alexander Maisonville was here last, & on his Road from hence to Fort Pitt, he borrow'd several little Sums of Money from me amounting to Fifty pounds York Curr^{cy.}, which he intended to repay me from a Sum he expected to receive at Pittsburgh, but was disappointed — He therefore desired me to take the inclosed Draft on you, which I would not trouble you with so early, was I in a Situation to let it lay — If you could favour me with an Order on this City or New York for the Amount of it I will esteem it as an Obligation —

In the Indian Deed to the Sufferers of 176[3] Reference is made to a Paper delivered into your Hands containing the Amounts of each Sufferers Demand or rather to the Accounts themselves on Oath — Several Persons concern'd join with me in requesting as a particular Favour from you a List of the Sufferers & the Amount of their several Demands — I beg you will excuse the Liberty I take in troubling you on this Matter as we know not where else to apply for Satisfaction — I am Sir with the greatest Respect

Your most Ob^t.

& most humble Servant

GEO: MORGAN

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson

Baronet

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹Novbr. 30th 1773 —

George Morgans letter
wth a bill of Maisonvilles —
Ansrd. Janry 3^d. 1774
£ 50— Cur^{cy}.

FROM PETER UPSDELL

A. L. S.

*Stoke**1 Decem^r: 1773*HONOUR^D SIR

Mr: Penn employs me to inform you that your letter of the 22 Sept^r: Covering the second bill value £ 50 Sterling, is come safe to hand, & Cancells that account.

I am also for Mr: Penn to return you many thanks for your care and attention of the peace of his Province in dissuading the several people intending to go to their Countrymen at Wyoming; which favor he shall at all times acknowledge, as he knows you will persevere in every thing tending to the Welfare & Tranquility of Pennsylvania.

Mr: Penn hopes that your Tour to the Sea Coast has had the wish'd for effect, & I am to acquaint your Hon^r. that nothing can give Mr. Penn more real pleasure than to hear that you are perfectly restored to good health — for whom I have the honor to be

Hon^d Sir

Your most Obedient and
very Humble Servant

PETER UPSDELL

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bart.
Johnson Hall
New York

INDORSED:¹

Stoke 1st. Decbr. 1774

Mr. Upsdells letter for
Mr. Penn _____

BENJAMIN ROBERTS' NOTE TO THOMAS PENN

A. D. S.²

At sight I promise to pay to The Hon^{ble} Thomas Penn Esq^r
Fifty pounds, for value Received this 19th day of November
1770.

£50. .— . .

B. ROBERTS

INDORSED:

Reced the Contents by
Bill from Sr. W^m. Johnson
on Mess^{rs}. Drummonds
in London
THO PENN

THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Extract.

[*Whitehall December 1, 1773*]

“Capt. Lord’s Report [] passed in the Illinois
District, [] the commendable attention of []

¹ In Johnson’s hand.

² Inclosed in a duplicate of Peter Upsdell’s letter to Sir William Johnson, December 1, 1773.

to the very extraordinary and [] attempts to acquire a title to [] of Lands in a part of the Country [] settlement has been forbidden by [] Proclamation. You will do well to [] his merit to this respect, to give [] support that may enable him by [] any Establishment being made in [] of those pretended Titles; and to auth[orize] him to declare The King's Disallow[ing] of such unwarrantable proceedings, which can have no other effect than to bring the authority of the Crown into contempt and to disturb the public peace, by exciting the Indians, already too jealou[s of] our growing power, to commence Hostilities

FROM THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 525, is listed a letter of December 1st from Dartmouth, Whitehall, considering the danger that the trespasses of the King's subjects and the influence of the French and Spaniards will excite Indian hostilities, inquiring about an alleged message from the French King to the Six Nations and mentioning the death of the Indian secretary (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:404).

ALLEGED MESSAGE FROM FRENCH KING TO SIX NATIONS

*Contemporary Copy*¹

[*Date uncertain*]

[]²

Translation

"The Salution [] former Children of the five Nations [] are you yet alive? I yet remember

¹A copy of this alleged message contained in a letter from a gentleman in America to a gentleman in England, was inclosed in a letter of Dec. 1, 1773 from Dartmouth to Johnson. See Johnson Calendar, p. 525.

² Lines burned off.

[] five Nations, & am longing to see you [] things concerning your Circumstances [] that the English have settled all the [] made pretensions to by Conquest; are [] upon you; are building Towns even up [] & are also oppressive in their Trade. The [] was not the Conduct of your former Father [] King. When I conquered you the five [] immediately resigned your Territories, became [] Land of that part of the World, that God [] you Indians. I owned nothing in your [] Wherever I set foot it was upon your Land [] dear Children, I resent this Treatment that you [] received from the English. I am grieved for [] cruel Usage. Courage my Children: Courage my [] Your Father is awaking out of his stupor. You h[ave] received a Blow from the English, with which []
[]¹
[] of one mind, in general []
[] your old Father within two or three y[ears]
[] has many ships in readiness, & Men, & wa[]
[] stores without Number. By that time, near up[on] Eighty ships will be ready to enter Canada; & an equal Number shall enter the Mississippi for my Southern Children. Then I expect to see you all, furnish you for the field, & supply all your Wants. Your old Father salutes you all & longs to see you."

The above is known only by the Sachems & Head Warriors, who conceal it for the present from the Commonalty. It has wrought strangely upon them. They are expecting a french War, & are ready to cooperate with France in any Attempts against the English. They have for some time been planning an Union among all the different Tribes of Indians as a Counterpoise to the growing power of the Colonies. This Hint was given first at the Congress in 1769 & is like to be pursued till accomplished unless [] prevented by special Management.

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹*New York December 1st. 1773*

Copy

DEAR SIR

I am favored with your Letter of the 25th: Ulti^o. with the transactions of the Meeting of the Six Nations at your House, I am very glad to see that you are able to procure the promise of their Surrendering two of the Murderers, and hostages for the performance of their engagements.

I have not determined fully what ought to be done in this Affair, I shou'd wish to have your Sentiments in respect to the treatment of the prisoners, as far as I can Judge at present it wou'd be proper to detain them some time in Prison, to seem afterwards to give them up to the repeated solicitations of the Six Nations; to take that oppertunity to influence them to bring the Nations near the Scioto and the Wabash to a more pacifick sense and behaviour in respect to us, and to reward the Chiefs of the Senecas who are most Steady in our Interest, and will beg for the lives of the Delinquents by pardoning them at their intercession.

The Packet came in last night but brought no news, the Mail closes this night, which keeps me fully employed and obliges me to conclude by assuring you of the Sincere regard & Esteem with which I am

Dear Sir

Your most obedient

& very Hum^{le} ServantSigned FRED^K. HALDIMAND

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 97, London, England.

INDORSED: Copy
 Letter to Sir W^m.
 Johnston New York
 December 1st. 1773

TO WILLIAM TRYON

*Df. S.*¹

[*Johnson Hall December 4, 1773*]

[
 representations he endeavoured to [
 []ly to be productive of dangerous conseq[uaences]
 In addition to which I have Just received inf[ormation]
 actually gone to New York with *Jacob* a poor []
 does not confederate with the rest, and two young []
 no estimation in any public affairs, with design []
 England to misrepresent matters concerning Lands, []
 View to complain of the Division of Tryon County []
 established for its Capital.—One of his Friends a few []
 by Like artifices inviegled two Young Indians thro' his []
 Exhibitted them in England at a certain price to each Sp[ectator]
 he was taken into Custody by order of the House of Lords, &
 the In[dians] by order of Government with a Letter from the
 Sec^y of State to me [] Nation, The Cona-
 joharees therefore hope, and I must request t[hat your]
 Excellency will interpose your authority to have him apprehended
 and the Indians who are the Dupes of his Artifice restored to

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson, except the conclusion and postscript which are in Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

their [] I am persuaded your Excellency will consider as highly Exp[edient] and necessary.

I am with the utmost Respect

Your Excellencys

Most Obedient

& most Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

I shall by next opportunity write your Excell^{cy} in answer to your last favor.

His Excellency

GOVERNOR TRYON

FROM THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL

*Contemporary Copy*¹

4th of Decembr: 1773

HON^D SIR/

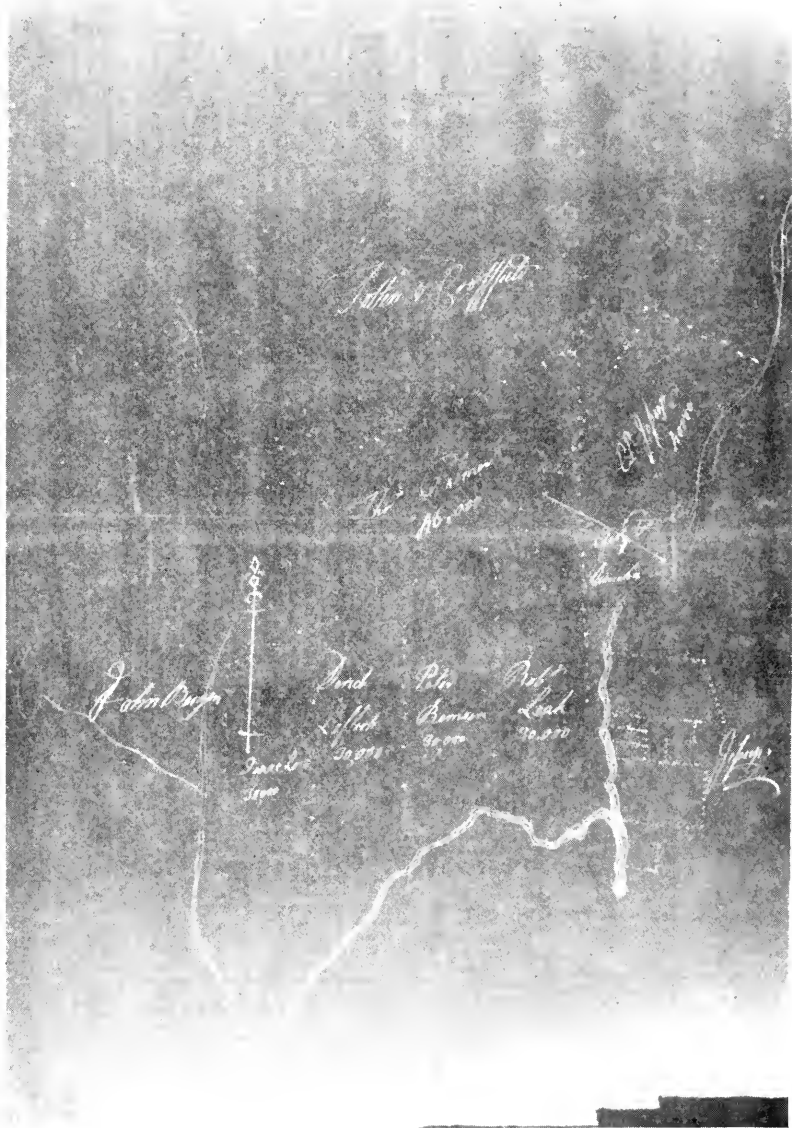
We have understood that the Mohawk Indians residing in the lower Castle or Village are much disquieted on Account of the Claim which we under the Charter of this City have to the Quantity of One Thousand acres at Tionnodoroge² now in their possession. And as we are Sensible that no Act of ours can have

¹ In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:33, in New York State Library, Albany, N. Y. The original letter in the Johnson manuscripts is badly damaged by fire.

² In July, 1686, Governor Dongan gave the corporation of the City of Albany permission to purchase from the Mohawk Indians one thousand acres of land on the Mohawk river, above Schenectady, to be held as municipal property. The following October the commissioners were sent by the common council to locate the grant. A tract was selected south of the Mohawk, 56 miles from Albany, later known as Fort Hunter, in Montgomery county. In August of 1687 the corporation decided to sell the land in this tract. Accordingly both sales and leases were made to citizens of Albany and Schenectady. Further action was taken by the corporation in 1714 and 1725 to perfect the city's title. Apparently either a first or a more satisfactory deed was obtained from the Indians



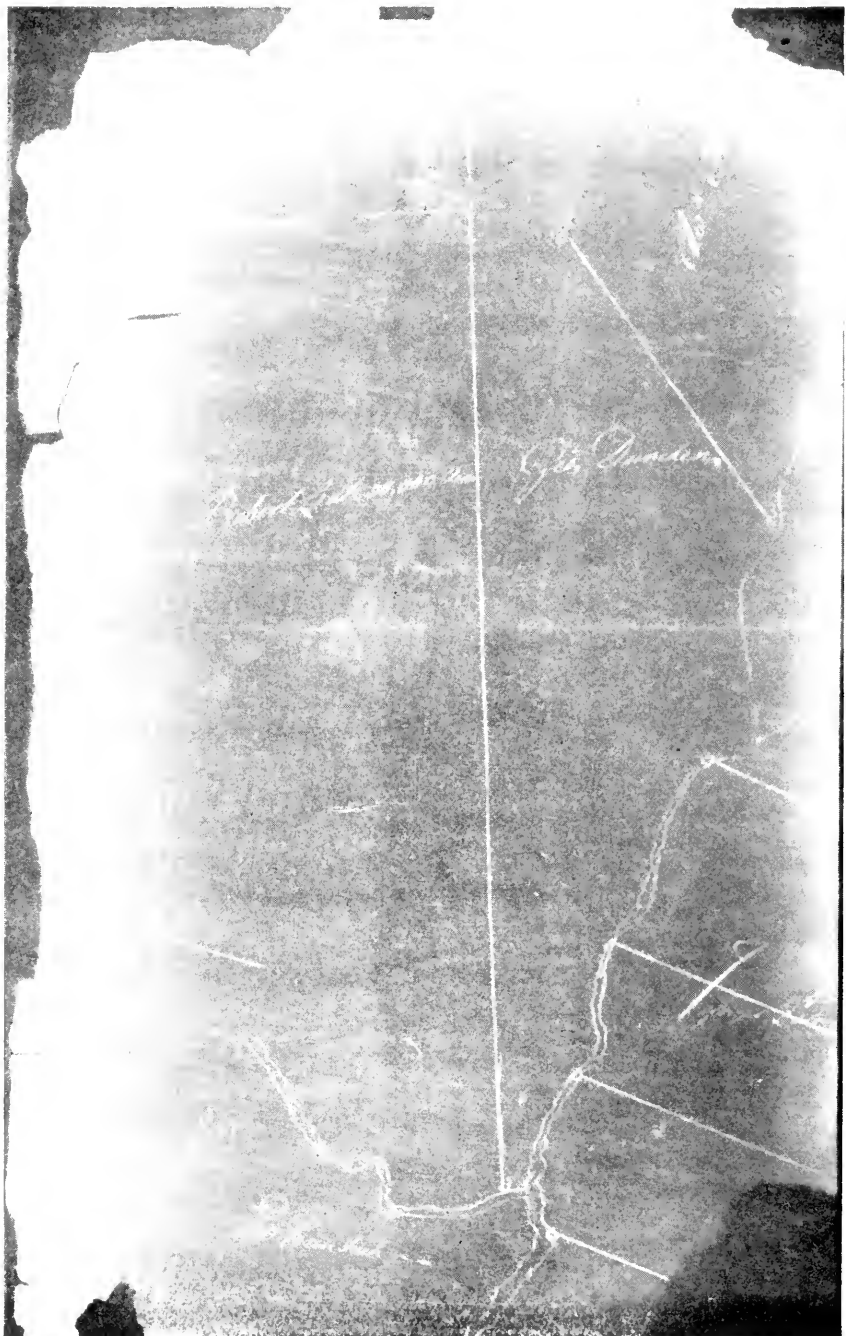
MAP OF LANDS BOUGHT FOR TOTTEX AND CROSSFIELD IN 1771,
SHOWING ALSO NAMES OF OWNERS ON THE SOUTH



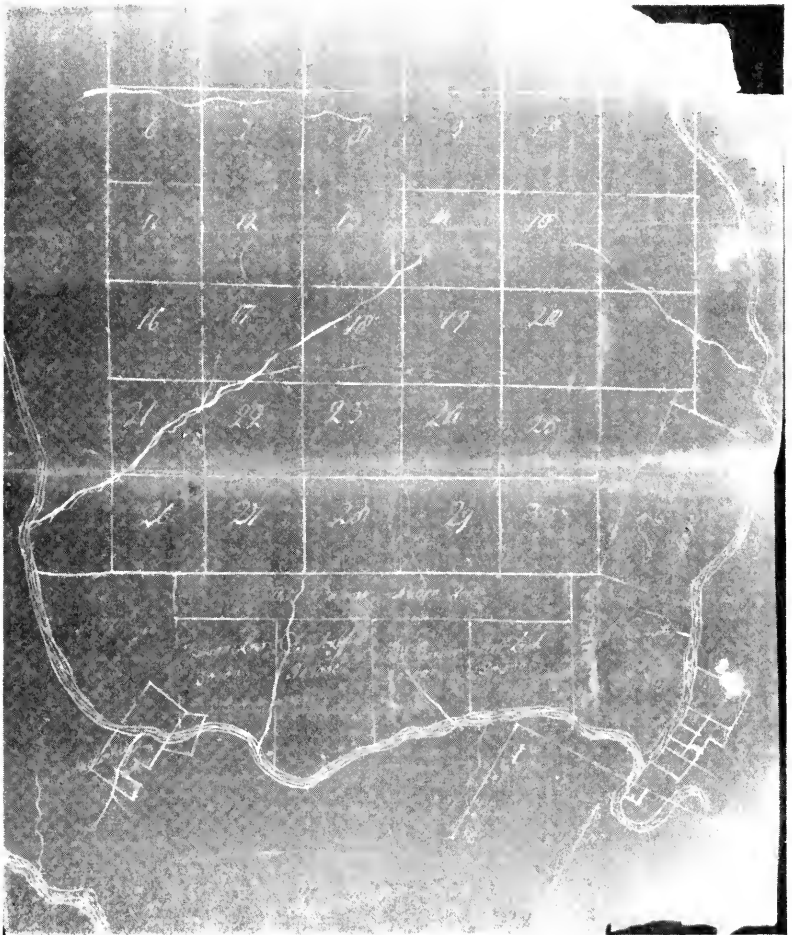
MAP OF LANDS ON NORTH AND WEST BRANCHES OF HUDSON RIVER, BEING ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDS OF TOTTEN AND CROSSFIELD'S PURCHASE



ANOTHER MAP OF LANDS ON NORTH AND WEST BRANCHES OF HUDSON RIVER, BEING ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDS OF TOTTEN AND CROSSFIELD'S PURCHASE



CONTINUATION OF MAP ON OTHER SIDE OF SHEET



MAP OF TOTTEN AND CROSSFIELD'S PURCHASE AND LANDS TO THE SOUTH, SHOWING THE TOTTEN AND CROSSFIELD'S PURCHASE DIVIDED INTO LOTS AND NUMBERED

given any Just or Reasonable Foundation to Occasion their uneasiness, We are therefore much Concerned that any jealousy or suspicion from an apprehension that this Board would unjustly usurp or encroach on their Right should be harboured by them against us, we have therefore resolved to address your Honour as their Superintendant to request the favour of you that you will be Pleased at any time when it may suit your Convenience within a fortnight (if Possible) to assemble those Indians together so that we or a Committee of this Board may in your Presence lay before your Honor and them a Just representation of our Proceedings and Claim relative to those Lands, and at the same time to offer them such assurances as may tend to dispel & remove any apprehensions they may entertain against this Board. Should this proposal meet your Honors approbation you will be Pleased to acquaint us of the Time and Place of Such Meeting, We are Hon^d. Sir/

Your most humble and

Obedient Servents —

by Order of the Corporation

STEP^N: DELANCEY Clerk

To

SIR/ W^M: JOHNSON, Bar^t:

in 1730, under Governor Montgomerie. Three years later this deed was destroyed by Governor Cosby. Measures were then taken by the Board to remedy Governor Cosby's act, and leases were executed until 1773, when Governor Tryon again disturbed the situation by recommending the legislature to pass a law securing these lands to the Mohawks. Munsell, *Collections of the History of Albany*, 1:355.

The Common Council on learning of the Governor's message to the House of Assembly, on February 23, 1773, sent to the Assembly a protest on the grounds that such action would abridge their rights to those Lands, which they had secured by Royal Charter and purchase from the Natives, and further stated that they deemed it "absolutely necessary by all legal ways and means to oppose the passing of the said Law." Accordingly a committee was appointed and sent to New York City with full power to act in the interests of the corporation. Munsell, *Collections of the History of Albany*, 1:243.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*¹*Johnson Hall, Decbr. 8th. 1773.*

DEAR SIR

Since my last, with the Proceedings at the late Congress I have received an Account that one George Klock a fellow of notorious bad Character who has long by various Artifices continued to defraud the Indians in Land Matters, and create Divisions amongst them, who would formerly have suffered capitally but for my mistaken lenity, & who since was concerned in sending over two Indians to England which highly displeas'd his Majesty, has lately gone to New York, or Philadelphia, with three Stragling Indians originally of Conajohare, but Persons of no consequence, with design to carry them to London on some mischevious purpose in which he is interested, Imediately acquainted the Governor with this, that he might be apprehended, but Should he have eluded a search & got off, I must request you will give the earliest intelligence which y^r. situation at New York will best enable you to do to his Majestys Ministers, that the Conajoharees & lower Mohocks are highly exasperated at this fresh Instance of his behaviour and have entreated that he may be punished, & the Indians sent back to them, as they are carried off without y^e. Consent of their Nation, and without my Passport which it is necessary they should have on any such Expedition.

The Post is Just going off so that I have not time to add more at present, but shall in my next point out many Matters relative to the State of the Indⁿ. Department which I shall treat in a seperate Subject, so that You may if you think proper make use

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 101, London, England.

pay him the 20/ You Desired me To pay him, I am Sr Your
Sincere Friend and most Humble Servant In Great Haste

A HASBROUCK

To

S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON Barohnight
at Johnson Hall —
In the County of Tryon

ADDRESSED:

To
William Johnson Baronett
at Johnsons Hall —
In the County of Tryon

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 9th. 1773 —

[] Hasbrouck Esqr.
[]
[] that I was ready
[] at York
[] to the Sum of £20. . 12
[] him for his
[] in serving me
May 4th. 1774 I sent
[] sum to Major
[] to Send to Him

¹ In Johnson's hand.

going. indeed I should not chuse to send money, but by somebody of your own appointment.

I am Sir

with great truth & regard

your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

THO: BARROW

P. S. Just as I was going to close this Letter I reciev'd Yours of the 25 ul^o. & immediately wrote a note to M^r Wallace that I would give a draft on M^r M^cEvers for £2000 Y. Cur^y to any person whom he should think proper to be entrusted to carry the money to You.

I did not write to You on the receipt of the Warrants & Receipts because it was unnecessary, but I sent Your account & I paid Your drafts, which I could have not have done according to the forms of []
[]¹

I am Sir

Your most Obed^t

humble Serv^t

THO: BARROW

ADDRESSED:

To Sir William Johnson
Baronet
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

Decbr. 9th. 1773 —

Mr. Barrows letter
Ansrd. warmly
ye. 14th. —

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

TO THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL

*Contemporary Copy¹**Johnson Hall Decer: 9th: 1773*

GENTLEMEN.

I am favoured with a Letter Signed by your Order respecting the lower Mohawks whose unesiness concerning the Claim they understood you laid to their Lands have been of Long Standing. Tho I have at different Times taken much pains to assure them that they need not be uneasy especially as One of the former Mayors of your City declined such Claim and Assured me that it was the Opinion of Gentlemen Learned in the Law that the Claim of the Corporation was Defective of which I have also Sundry Opinions —

His Excellency the Gov^r. when at Albany apprised you fully of his Resolutions in Case his Generous Proposals were not Excepted of, and the affair has since been laid before the assembly Notwithstanding which to manifest how much I am disposed to Gratify the Desire of the Corporation of Albany I am ready to appoint a day without loss of time for the purpose you require Provided there is any Prospect of your Offering Such Proposals as they may probably approve without encreasing their uneasiness and that of their Confederates who have for some time expected the Decision of this matter If therefore you think you can give them Satisfaction therein I shall on receipt of your answer fix upon Monday the 20th: of this Ins^t when I shall be glad to meet the Gentlemen you appoint at this Place, I am with Esteem Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

¹ In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:35-6, in New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.; the answer to the Common Council's letter of December 4, 1773.

FROM JOHN MONIER

L. S.

Albany 10th December 1773.

SIR

I now inclose you Skipper Barrent Roseboom & C^{os}. freight Account ag^t you amounting to £ 10 . 7 . 0 I made them Deduct from the Account given them to M^r. Ash of bringing up the Organ

Windsor Chairs
& his Passage

40/ which brings it right

Wessell Van Schaicks Account is also inclosed for Lead M^r. Ash had of him for the Organ.

I am

Sir your very hu Serv^tJ^{N^o}. MONIERSIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Att

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹Alby. 10th. Decbr. 1773

 M^r. Moniers letter
wth. two Acc^{ts}.Ansrd. & Sent him

£ 12 . 17 . 6 to pay of

Roseboom & W Van Schaick

¹ In Johnson's hand.



PETER JOHNSON

From a painting by an unknown artist in the Public Library,
Toronto, Canada

FROM PETER JOHNSON

A. L. S.

Philadelphia 13th. December 1773

HONOUR'D SIR/

I had the pleasure of Seeing Mr. Wallace a few Days ago who Seem'd to be of Opinion I should go to a whole & Retail Shop, and Mr. Wade thinks it better to go to a whole Sale merchant who Deals Largely and import[s] goods from London, & Mr. Wallace also was Speaking of sending me to a gentleman in town who Mr. Wade Seems to Disapprove of & I Believe will Write to you by this post. I Like the place extremely well. Mr. Wade was good enough to Show all the particular places in town to me.

Pray give my Best Duty & Respects to my Mother, Brother & Sister & my Love to Mr. Dease and all friends at Johnson Hall.

I Remain Honoured Sir

Yours most Dutifully

& Affectionately

PETER JOHNSON

Mr. Wade has bought
an Extreme good Violin
for me.—

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir Will^m. Johnson
at Johnson Hall

In

Tryon County

INDORSED:¹

Peters Letter

Decbr. 13th. 1773

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

[Philadelphia Decbr. 13th. 1773]

[]

Hav^g. fully considered the Contents of your [] letter respect^g. your son, since my last ⁵ Cap^t. Chew & hav^g. Consulted Mr. Wallace agreeable to your desire on that head obliges me at this time to trouble you farther on the Occasion before I make any Certain agreem^t. for your son^s entering into business — Mr. Wallace is of opinion he had best be put to a wholesale & retail shop keeper & propos'd a person with the advice of his fri[e]nd Mr. Nesbit for that purpose, the reasons I advanced to him for his not going to that place were such as had weight enough with him to Join with me in Opinion, & he partly left the Choice of the place to myself, as knowing the people better than what he Could, this I did not Chuse wholly to undertake, he being on the spot, & Called on him, a second, & a third time, for his Opinion of another place which I propos'd, & which he agreed to, provided the gentⁿ. would take him, altho I must say I have more then one objection to it, which is the gentⁿ. has no famely, altho he keeps house, this place from what hints I droped on that head to the gentⁿ. I have reason to think I Could get him to, however I must differ in Opinⁿ. with Mr. Wallace with regard to puting him to one of those sort of dealers, for these reasons, that they in the first place dont go under the denomination of Merch^{ts}, but shopkeepers, and secondly he will not have so good an opert^y. of seeing the regular meathod of keep^g Merchants Acc^{ts}, the nature of bills of Exchange &c. Notwithstand^g those people may Import some goods from England they are in general so trifeling as scarce to be mentioned all []

[]¹
[] put on them which []

¹ Lines burned off.

will as they generally sell as they Can and which [] never be at a loss about, when he's well Acquainted with the Sterling Cost, and the advance to put on them in the wholesale way According as bills of Exch^e. rates and the demand there may be for goods which is generly Consider'd among Merch^{ts}. as well as retailers.

These Considerations with some others that might be advanced together with that part of your letter in which you desire he might be put to a good reputable smart man who deals largely in the dry goods way, obliges me to leave this matter for your farther Consideration

I am as is my famely Exceedingly desirous to promote the lads future welfare, not only from the respect & regards I have for you, & your famely, but from his present deportm^t. & good disposition, I have great hopes he'l deserve every mark of fav^r. you or your frinds bestows upon him, I have gone so far without your orders as to give £5. .10 for a Violin for his present amusement & Can assure you he's looseing no time whilst in my famely as I have him Improved every Even^g. in his writ^g. & arithmetick by a Capable person who attends my sons every Even^g. at my house notwithstanding. they go to Collage every day —

I must farther observe that Mr. Wallace is of opinion it would be best he should stay here at least three years & to agree to give the person he goes to fifty pounds a year, from what distant Conversation I have had with some gentlemen of my Acquaintance in that way I have reason to Expect I Can get him to a good place in the wholesale trade for that time for 40 or fifty guineas or probly so many pounds this Curr^y. with board & Lodg^g. but not find him in any other necessarys []

[]¹
 [] would Chuse otherwise to trouble you
 [] flater myself will be a sufficient apology for my so doing as its my Sincere disposition to be ready to serve you & the

¹ Lines burned off.

rest of the famely in any way whatsoever in the Compass of my power, I beg in future you or they will not be backward in Communicating your sentiments at any time on that head, as your readiness on former Occasions to serve me or my famely has been such as to deserve every mark of respect & fav^r. I Can shew to any of your Connections

I sincerely wish you a Continuance of good health and that you may live to see that part of your offspring that are deserv^g. of your notice, & favours, provided for, in this life to the Summit of your Wishes — M^{rs}. Wade & her Sister altho unknown, as you observe, to you & the famely, joins in most respectful Compliments to you & them Accept of the same from him who ever wishes to deserve yours & their Esteem and belive me to be with sincere friendship & Esteem

Dear Sir

Your most Oblig'd & most
Obedit. Humble Serv^t.

FRAN^s. WADE

PS I must not only beg your Excuse for the liberty I am about to take with you but earnestly request you'l take no notice of an aplication I hear there is to be made to you by a brotherinlaw of mine, late from England, in behalf of my Sistr. in this City, as she has been led into it, quite Contrary to my opinion Entirely out of selfish motives by him, to superceed my famely, who had some Expectations from that quarter, this between ourselves for which shall in a future day assign you sufficient reasons to Convince you I had a right to Interfere altho I fear from your readiness to serve when applied to, it will be too late —

SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Barn^t.

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 13th. 1773

Mr. Wades Letter

FROM THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL

*Contemporary Copy*²

December 14, 1773.

HON^D SIR

We have rec^d: your favour of the 9th. Inst. in answer to ours of a former date,³ were we not well Assured in our minds that our intended Offer will be satisfactory to those Indians we should not have Troubled your Honour with our Prosals We shall therefore attend for the said Purpose on your Hon^r: at the time and Place fix^d. on —

We are Hon^d Sir &ca

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:36, in New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.; a reply to Johnson's letter of December 9, 1773; printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:356.

³ Letter of Dec. 4, 1773.

Following the copy of the letter the manuscript minutes contain the following: "The Board have appointed Abraham Cuyler Esq., Mayor John H. Ten Eyck, Esq., Recorder Gerrit Van Sante, Robert Yates, John Ten Broeck, Aldermen Henry Van Veghten, Cornelius Van Schelluyne and Leonard Gansevoort to be a Committee to attend on Sir William at the time and Place and for the Purposes mentioned in the Request of the Board." See report of meeting of committee with Mohawks, Dec. 21-22, 1773.

FROM ISAAC ADOLPHUS

A. L. S.¹[*New York Decbr. 15th. 1773*]

[]

[I Took the Li]berty [to] Inclose Coll george Croghans
 Draught for twenty pound fifteen — Philad^a Currancy being
 for Sundries delivard An Indian as p^r acc^t above the draught
 for which you will be pleased to order payment hear I am with
 Respect Sir Your Most obed^t. Humble Sarv^t

ISAAC ADOLPHUS

To the Hon^{le}.SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Barenet

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^e. Sir Will^m. Johnson Bart..

At

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

New York []
 1773 —

Mr. Isaac Adolphus []
 inclosing an []
 for £20
 to y^e. Sherry []
 to Dr. Hunt []
 Dr. Caner —

¹ Missing words supplied from a copy of the letter inclosed in letter of February 2, 1774, from Isaac Adolphus to Johnson.

² In Johnson's hand.

TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 525, is listed a letter of December 16th to the Earl of Dartmouth, apprising of the consent of the Six Nations to make atonement in accordance with English law for the murder of four Frenchmen, and of Klock's success in taking three Indians to England (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:405-6).

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*¹

Johnson Hall Decbr. 17th. 1773

DEAR SIR

I mentioned in a late letter that my next should contain some Matters relative to my Department wh. required Improvement, and which I Judged it necessary to communicate to You, with whom I am directed to consult on all Occasions.

You know that there is a certain Annual Sum Allowed for the expences of my Department wh. Sum was encreased to what it is at present to make proper provision for my Deputy Agents &ca, who are an Essential part of the Establishment, and these Officers were by the Plan of the Lords of Trade in 1764 to have been all Officers of the Crown, but as that Plan was not carried into full Execution, because of its great Expence, and the representation of some interested Traders, that part relating to Trade was left to the Management of the Colonies, and such Officers as were appointed for its inspection namely Commissarys, Smith & Interpreters at the Posts were discontinued, whilst the Deputys who act under me in the Districts allotted to them have from the Beginning acted alone under my Commission altho I believe this is not the Case in the Southern District, the neglect is owing to myself, as I thought I had reason to apprehend, more

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 103, London, England.

especially from Lord Hillsboroughs letter to me of Decbr. 1771 that some improvements might shortly take place, but as I do not see any such prospect at present and as the Officers of my Department daily experience Difficulties in the Discharge of their Duties thro' the want of their holding their Offices immediately under the Crown, Difficulties too tedious to comprise in a Letter, but such as often prove Obstructive to their Duties, I am desirous to have your Sentiments whether it is not best to Sollicit Government for their bearing his Majestys Commission as the Secretary for Indian Affairs has always done, and as it was intended they should. if You think with me on this occasion I shall be glad after I hear from You, of your cooperating in any representation that may be thought necessary to Government hereon, I ought at the same time to mention that I have lately fallen on severall Inferior Regulations which have for some time appeared to me highly necessary, for as the Duties of my Officers are often carried on at a distance, and they are occasionally embarked in Expences which sink deep into the Fund since it has been limited, I have Judged it expedient to limit them to £300 Sterlg. Each p Annum for their whole pay & Expences, which they are not to exceed, or to incur any farther Charge unless they receive particular orders for that purpose, which before could scarcely be prevented, These & the Appointment of Occasional Residents for Intelligence &ca are likely to be productive of much more Regularity in the Department, & of benefit to the Public, which were my Motives for so doing.

I have been favored the other day with your letter of the 1st. Inst., and I cannot but verry much approve of your Judicious thought respecting the treatment of the Seneca Prisoners when delivered up, it corresponds with my own Sentiments on the Occasion, and I am persuaded that such a procedure, or something similar thereto, will have the Effect to answer every good purpose without the risque of producing any dangerous consequences, & in fact I dont see how more can be done, as there is no legal Evidence of their committing the fact, I shall there-

fore act correspondent to Your Sentiments, and be assured that I remain with very sincere regard, Dear Sir,

Your true Freind

& most humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENERAL HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 73

Sr. W^m. Johnson

of Decem^{br}. the 17^e

re. dt. the 24th.

Answ'd

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schindy 18th Decr 1773

HONRD. SIR

I Recevid Your feavoure And have all the Roop Ready which I Shall forward by the furst appurtunity & have thould Mr Brown about the Damask not to Send it It is a great pitty that I Did not Know it Iesteroday as I have Sent a battoe Lood for Your Honer Iesteroday by good Luck with the opening of the Iss the artickels here under Mentioned

I am with Cind Complement Sir

Your Most Obediant

& Humble Servant

JN^O B V EPS

The Battoe Lood

1 hhad of Rum

5 Barrels ale

3 D^o of fish

MEETING OF AN ALBANY COMMITTEE WITH THE MOHAWKS

D.¹

[Johnson Hall December 21-22, 1773]

[²]
[]	the	Worshipfull	Abraham	[
				John H. Ten Eyck	}
				Guysbert G. M[erseles]	
				Robt. Yates	
				John Ten Broeck	
				Peter W Yates	
				Cornelius Skirline	}
				Henry Van Veghten	
				Leond ^t Gansevort	

Mohocks	
Abraham al. Teyorhansera	}
Aaron	
Hans al. Unaguaandchonge	
Isaac	
Hans al. Canadagaya	
Laurence	

The Committee tendered to Sir William Johnson []
 Speech setting forth the state of their Disputes which they

¹ Following the provision made by the Albany Common Council, Dec. 17, 1773, the committee named by the Common Council, Dec. 14, 1773, met the Mohawks at their Lower Castle, Dec. 20, 1773. Sir William Johnson attended the congress. A partial copy of the proceedings is in the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:37-42 in New York State Library. Some of the missing sections have been supplied from these manuscript minutes. The manuscript records in the Johnson papers and Council Minutes are not identical. The council records do not contain the material found in the latter part of the manuscript in the Johnson papers. This partial copy is printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:357-59.

² Lines burned off.

d[irected] be read, and explained to the Mohocks, and the same was [done accor]dingly, which was in the words following —

Friends and Brethren of the Mohock Nation of the lower Village

We have requested from Sir W^m. Johnson your Attend[ance here] that we might have an Opportunity to lay before you a Det[ail of our Claim and Proceedings respecting the Lands at Tionnondoroge and that we may also offer to you our best assurances to secure those Lands upon the basis of your former agreements with us and Others and by means whereof endeavour to remove the Supposed Wrongs & Injuries you Pretend to have Received from us.

It is not unknown to you that our Ancestors the Dutch and English upon their first Arrival in this Country were the first White People with whom you entered into an Alliance of Friendship which has remained Inviolate from its Commencement] until this day.—

The inhabitants of the City of Albany the nearest & chief [Christian Settlement] to you have always cultivated your friendship, and [deemed their Preserv]ation, and Interest to be inseperably connected with yours [against the Perfi]dy, and Encroachments of the french, and their Indian Allies, [and as our da]nger from that Quarter were equal, we acted in every Emer[gency like f]riends, and Brethren by giving, and receiving Aid and Pro[tection of a]nd to each other against the common Enemy.—

About 86 years ago while we lived with you on this [friendly] footing, the Inhabitants of Albany obtained from Thomas Dungan¹ the then Governor over this Province under James the 2^d King of England by [letters pat]ent, or Charter of Incorporation the liberty, and licence at their plea[sure] to purchase from you the Quantity of 1000 Acres of low or Mea[dow land] at Tionnondorogoe which said Quantity of

¹ Thomas Dongan, colonial governor of New York, 1683–88.

1000 Acres, the said Thomas Dungan did thereby in behalf of his said Majesty give grant, and [confirm] to the said Inhabitants of Albany by the name of the Mayor, [Aldermen] and Conmonalty, and their Successors for ever.—

Brethren —

Under this Grant the Inhabitants of Albany never have intended to encroach on, or usurp your lands, but on the contrary always [deem]ed it a Happiness as well to them as you that the Individuals of your nation [were] deprived by this Grant from selling Parcels of those lands to white People, and [thus] your Property in those lands was rendered safe to you, and your Posterity while a [Nation], and so long as you continued in Possession thereof,— yet not long thereafter [several] of your nation from motives of interest, or otherwise proceeded to the Sale of [divers] Parcels of those Lands to white People.—

Here [is a Deed by which Tenegwanegie One of your Ancestors about 52 Years ago Sold a piece of this Land to Abraham Cuyler.¹ Here is also a Deed by which Aaron Segehowanie and Colliam about 33 years ago sold to him another Parcell of these Lands.

Here is also a Certified Copy of another Deed whereby Daniel Gideon Jacob Canestagie Jacomyne and Senina Sold another Tract of those lands about 43 Years ago to Peter Brower for the Term of 999 Years.]

And though we have [not at Present the Deeds in our Possession yet] we know, and if necessary, will prove [it that some of your Nation also about the] same time sold another Parcel of those lands to Jan Wiemp.

We also heard that Several of your Nation [were about the same time] in Contract to sell to others Part of those Lands.—

Brethren —

Your wise men, and Sachims being [thereupon justly Alarmed] convinced that the continuance of those Bargains, wou'd [of course break up] your Settlements, and consequently

¹ Abraham Cuyler, mayor of Albany, 1770-78.

that your Power, [Influence and] very Existence wou'd dwindle away, therefore deputed [three of their Num]ber to apply to us who complaining of these Proceedings [Earnestly requested] us in their name to come up, and receive from them a [Deed for the whole] of the said Lands.

Upon this Invitation, the City of Albany sen[t John Depeyster] Mayor, Dirck Ten Broeck Recorder, Reyer Gerritse, [Jacob Lansing] and Cornelius Cuyler Aldermen, and John Visscher Jun^r [Assistant to your] Castle for that purpose. There your Ancestors unanimously [executed a deed] for those lands to us in trust nevertheless for you the said Mohock [Indians so long] as you Shou'd be a nation, and be there Settled, and immediately [after] the Remainder to the City for ever.—

Thus you devised and put into Execution the only E[xpedient] which has preserved to you ever since the free use, and Enjoyment [of the] Residue of those Lands.—

The Persons who had before bought from you part of those [lands] well knowing that their Title was imperfect, unless confirmed by [the Kings Grant or Letters Patent and as the City had already such a grant from the Crown they therefore applied to us by your Consent & approbation and Voluntarily became and attaned Tenants under us for those Lands by accepting and Taking from us Deeds for the same.

Brethren —

After we had received your Deed we Deposited the same in the hand of said John Depeyster who about three years after the same was intrusted into his Custody was requested by William Cosby¹ our then Governor who was then at Albany in Treaty with the Five Nations to [attend on him with the said Deed which he] accordingly did, and the said Governor [gave it to one Arie an] Indian with Signs, and directions to destroy it [who accordingly tore] the deed in pieces, and threw the same into the fire. [In this manner] against our Consent, and

¹ William Cosby, colonial governor of New York, 1732–1736.

by the Contrivance of a designing [Governor and] one Single Indian, we lost a Deed executed by your whole [Castle.]

Brethren.—

Though Governor Cosby pretended to act for your [Interest in] destroying this Deed, yet we know full well, and are able to [prove it] if necessary, that he had in this Transaction his own particular In[terest at] heart, as we know that he was then in Treaty with you to buy those [very same] lands for his own use, and the use of his particular friends, and therefore Con[trived] the Destruction of the Deed whose Existance he conceived the chief [Obstacle] to his design in compleating his self interested Designs.—

Since which time, the Heirs of Jan Wemple have by our Order been [arres]ted for refusing, or delaying to pay us the Rent he had by Deed promised [to] pay.—

Thus have we given you a faithful account of the Proceedings of our Ancestors, and do hereupon declare we are much at a loss to know from what particular Transaction of Ours, your Discontent & Jealousy doth arise.—

It cannot justly proceed from the Right we have to compel those white People to perform their voluntary Engagements, because no Injury can arise to you whether they do, or do not pay us those Rents.—

[Nor can it arise from their Continuing in Possession of those Lands for we Cannot immagin that you are men who when you have Once Sold Land without any Condition would Claim them again nor do we Conceive that you can be Injured if those People who bought from you do not return you those Lands.—

Nor can it be any just cause of Jealousy or Discontent to you that they have by agreement thus Obligated themselves to us they were not] your [Servents or Slaves they were free men and Could] without any Injury to you become [our Tenants.—]

Respecting the Remainder [of the Lands at Tionnonderoge] which your whole Village conveyed to us in [the Manner we have] mentioned before, have we ever presumed to [take any

Possession of it] or have we placed any Tenants on it? Surely [not, and if we had] we wou'd have done wrong, because those Lands [are yours so] long as you remain a Nation, and are there [Settled and we do] declare before you, and the whole World that we [have no right] or Pretensions to it 'till your Removal from the[m or extinction] as a Nation.— But lest you Shou'd be doubtfull [to trust to this] Solemn declaration, and in order wholly to ease your [minds we] shall give you you more Substantial Proofs of our Since[rity —] Here we Offer you a Deed¹ by us executed for [that Purpose.]

The Committee tendered to Sir W^m. Johnson [] following Deeds — viz^t. One to M^r Abraham C[uyler] Teneghwanage as the Property of Arie and Taghrard [] 14th. June 1721 forever.— Another from David [] Jacob Canestagie, Jacomyne, and Seinia Sachims & fo[] of Strouds, 7 Kettles, and other Merchandize to Peter Brow[] 999 Years 7th. July 1730 all which are referred to in the [] Speech or Address.—The Deed to Jan Wemple did n[ot]

Then delivered the Mohocks a Deed from the Corpor[] their farther assurance in the said Lands, so long as they [] []² [] mentioned having been fully [] [] Mohocks, they signified that they were [] [], and accordingly on Wednesday the 22^d. they [] Sir W^m. Johnson and the Indians Assembled.—

Present as before

Abraham the Mohock Chief arose, and addressed the [] and the rest of the Committee acquainting them that they had [] considered their Speech, and the Instrument tendered to them [] they wou'd then answer. after which he proceeded as follows — viz^t.

¹ A copy of this deed is in the manuscript records of the Albany Common Council in the New York State Library; printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:359–62.

² Lines burned off.

[Broth]ers —

We do not think it necessary to give a particular and [] part of your Speech.—We have attended particularly to [] of our first Acquaintance, the Wars that followed and the Assistance we []ed one another.—You next Speak of our having requested [] Assistance to protect our Lands from Encroachments, and that according[ly] some of your People obtained a Deed for its Security.—

Brothers —

As to your saying that you Obtained the Deed out of regard [] us, and our Interest, we must observe that we always shewed as much [] regard towards you. We gave the Lands of Albany, Schenectady and [those] on this Side gratis to your People, by which means many of them became great. but we will not enter upon all we have done on these Occasions. Notwithstanding, Brothers, the Regard you profess you appear to us to covet the little spot we live upon which cost you nothing, and even to take []
[]¹
defence of the Country in the late Wars []ly in the same when many chose to stay [] we therefore little expected we shou'd have met [] for our good Behaviour.—

Brothers —

Where is that Love you mention flown [] you have proposed for our Acceptance is to hold so long [] a Nation.—We don't know what may be your [] perhaps when may have half a dozen or ten Houses [] say we are no Nation, and turn us off.—But Brothers [] Shall not bear it.—We are neither without friends or [] well known that many Nations around us, and to the so[uth are] much disaffected at present, and shou'd you take such a Step

¹ Lines burned off.

[the Conse]quences might prove fatal to you, and you wou'd be [] Brand that spread ffire over the Country. it is with the [] difficulty our Brother Sir W^m. Johnson can at present pre [] but if this was to happen, a Rupture wou'd certainly be the []

As Encroachments on our Lands have been the [] of repeated trouble, the King sometime since ordered a Boun[dary] Line to be settled between the White People and us which was [ac]cordingly done at ffort Stanwix in 1768 where the Chiefs of all Six Nations, Shawanese and Delawares in the Presence of the Governor []
[]¹
[] that the King []

Brothers —

Though the Tuscaroras had Quarrells and Wars with [] [] North Carolina, and also the Nanticokes, yet they h[] [] with fair treatment, and the small Remains of them w[] [] sell their Lands. Now, Brothers, we have been [] your known Friends, and Alljies, and we are therefore much []d that our Lands shou'd be attempted to be taken without [] fair Purchase after our long Fidelity, and Services.—

Thus, Brothers, we have told you our Uneasiness, and [] cannot be satisfied unless our Lands are firmly secured to us []

As for your Deeds, or Papers, we really do not [underst]and them.—we refer those matters to our Brother Sir W^m. Johnson [] our Superintendant, and whom we trust will take Care of our [] And we request that you will consider this, and not be in [] hurry.—You have doubtless long considered what you have pro[posed], and we have had but short warning, and be assured it is for your interest as well as ours that this matter be amicably settled.—

¹ Lines burned off.

The Committee then desired to withdraw, and shortly after returned with a Paper which they desired shou'd be read and interpreted to the Indians, which was done accordingly and was in the Words following — viz^t

Brethⁿ.—

[We have heard and Considered your answer to our Speech or proposal of yesterday We are extreemly sorry that you seem Dissatisfied with our generous Offer of a deed executed by us and Delivered to you in order totally to pacify your minds respecting the Lands at Tiononderoga and as you mention that you Conceive it will be for the Interest of us both to have the Matter Settled if you should hereafter]¹ have any thing farther to [propose on the Subject we shall at] all times be willing, and ready [to hear you and Take the same] into Consideration.—

After which the Mohocks Ch[] to the Mayor observing that they were [] these matters, but referred them to Sir W^m. [Johnson]

The Mayor and the rest of the Council [] and immediately after returned to Alb[any] Mohocks remained in Council —

At 4 P. M. the Mohocks sent [to Sir W^m Johnson] to acquaint him that they were surprized [the Committee] had retired so abruptly, and that they had [a few words to] mention to him previous to their going [home,] and having accordingly assembled, Abraham spoke as follows — viz^t

Present

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.— Superint[endent]

Dan^l. Claus }
 Guy Johnson } Esq^{rs}.—Dep^y Ag^{ts}

John Butler Esq^r.— Interpreter

¹ Missing sections supplied from manuscript Minutes of the Albany Common Council, 9:53; printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:365.

Alexander White Esq^r.— High Sherrif

Joseph Chew — Esq^r

John Dease Esq^r

Mr. Daly —

[Brother

We requested to speak a Few words to you before we depart
Brother/

When you first acquainted us that the Albany Committee desired to Settle Matters amicably here with us we agreed to attend with the same Disposition but we find from the Proceeding, Particularly from their last Speech and abrupt Departure that they had not the Inclination they Professed

Nevertheless to shew our generous Inclination we are Disposed] to wait a few days to hear [whether they have further Considered the matter] according to our desire, and whether [they acquaint us of their] resolutions, but shou'd they neglect to do this, [then it is our Particular] Request that you will lay our Case immediately before [the great King and] request the assistance of the Governor of New York, [that we may] receive Justice.—We rely on you, Brother, that you will [do this for we] are fully convinced, seeing they took no notice of our [Reference to] you that we have no other Hopes of Redress or means [of Preventin]g the evil Consequences that may ensue —

To which Sir William answered.—

Brothers —

I have heard you with Attention, and am concerned [that the] Gentlemen of the Committee withdrew without offering any [thing furt]her on the Subject of their coming to this Place.— I shall [agreeab]le to your desires, wait a reasonable time to hear the Issue of their Deliberations.— but shou'd nothing favourable to your [desires] be offered by the Corporation, you may rest assured that I shall [lay the] State of your Affairs before his Majesty, and request the [coopper]ation of his Excellency the

Governor of New York.—In the [mean]time I desire you will rest satisfied with the Readiness of [Gouver]nment to afford you all the Justice your Case shall appear [to] deserve.—

INDORSED:

[] of the Proceedings at a Meeting with a Committee of the Corporation of the City of Albany, & the Mohock Indians — Johnson Hall 21st Dec^r. 1773

SPEECH OF ABRAHAM

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Johnson Hall Dec^r: 21st: 1773.

<u>Present</u>		<u>Indians Present</u>
Sir William Johnson Bart: Coll Claus Coll Guy Johnson Coll John Butler Interpreter	}	Abraham Arent White Hans Isaac James Canadagaye
		}{
		Lowrancee Seth David Peter Abr ^m Hans's Son Cornelius.

We have Considered of your Speech of Yesterday and are now a going to answer it

1st: I do not Pretend to enter into the first part of your Speech in relation to Friendship, the wars and so forth

¹ In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, in the New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

In the Council Minutes the document is preceded by the following statements:

“That the said Indians then took the said deed and Informed the said Committee that they would on the Day following give in their Answer.

2^d: You said that in regard to the lands at Tionondoroge that they were sold and parcelled out by Pieces by some of us to White people It was not then as it is now when we went or sent to the City of Albany to give a Deed to you when one or two could give a Deed and not a whole Castle

3^{dly}: You said that the People of Albany came up and Complied with our request and took a Deed from us in trust for us and out of Friendship

4th: In regard to the Deed you took then there was then as much Love on our parts as on yours the Friendship was mutual

5^{thly}: We have been much more generous and Grateful to you than you have been to us we have given away to you the Lands at Albany at Schenectady for Nothing and we have by Presents and Gifts made Several amongst you Rich

6^{thly}: We have also given away for nothing the Lands above Schenectady particularly to Hansen and several Other Persons to whom we have been gratefull

7^{thly}: That notwithstanding the friendship and regard you say you have for us you will take from us the little spot from us which never Cost you any thing is this friendship? Why have you sued Wemple? Last war I have been myself with the army

That the said Committee on the next Day Pursuant to Sir Williams Invitation again waited on him and the said Indians and then received the following Answer."

At the close of the letter the Council Minutes read as follows:

"That at the Close of the said Answer they redelivered to this Board in the Presence of their Superintendant the said Deed by us Given to them

That thereupon the said Committee gave them the following reply:
Brethren

We have heard and Considered your answer to our Speech or proposal of Yesterday we are extreemly sorry that you seem Dissatisfied with our generous Offer of a Deed executed by us and Delivered to you in order totally to pacify your minds respecting the Lands at Tiononderoga and as you mention that you Conceive it will be for the Intrest of us both to have the Matter Settled if you should hereafter have any thing to propose on the Subject we shall at all times be willing and ready to hear you and Take the same into Consideration.

to fight the French with Others of my nation in hopes to preserve our Lands while you in Albany stayed home and is this friendship now to take them away While we were at war many Settled on our Lands

8^{thly}: The wars you had with the French we have always joined you and in so doing we have Lost a great many of our men which at Present reduces us to an inconsiderable number and we Could no[t] expect from our Brethren that after we had rendered them such Services in those wars that you would take our Lands from us From this Treatment we cannot see the Love and Friendship you say you have for us. Where is it gone? Is it lost?

You say that our Deed was given to you in Trust to us as long as we remain a Nation What is meant by it, would you turn us of those Lands when we have only about 12 Houses. And tho we are inconsiderable by our selves yet our Friends are jealous of your Claim and if you take away this Land it may be the reason of a Fire to Break out of which you would be the Occasion and we know the Trouble Sir William has already had to keep them quiet

Lands have often been the Occasion of Quarrels a Representation from that motive was made to the King and to prevent futer Disputes a meeting of several Nations of Indians was Called together at Fort Stanwix when a Boundry Line was fixed between us and the white People we mentioned it then in Publick that as we lived within that Line and that our Lands Should be

By which Representation of the said Committee of their Negotiation with the said Mohawk Indians as above mentioned it appears that the said Indians were not fully Satisfied With the Offer made them by the Order of this Board and being informed by the said Committee that their Superintendant Sir William Johnson Bart: had Honoured their meeting with his Presence It is Resolved that the thanks of the Board should be given him for the Trouble and pains he has taken in that affair and that the same be Transmitted to him accordingly by Mr Mayor."

secured to us to which all the nations assented and agreed since which time his Majesty has been Pleased to confirm the Proceedings of that Congress and so we thought our possessions still more sure

I shall not pretend to go thr'o the whole of your speech, yet we must Tell you that when the English were at war with the Toskaroras, they yet purchased from them Lands and you who never Quarreled with us and who were always your friends want to take away our Lands for nothing

Our uneasiness of our minds arises from the Lands and We want you to give up your Claim to them intirely we will have our Lands again absolutely

In regard to the Deed you have offered us we know nothing about we leave that to Sir William

This all we have to say we do not chuse to repeat the whole But you must not be in a Hurry for you have had a Long time to Consider and we have had but a Short time and it will be for the Intrest of us both that this thing is amicably settled.

FROM JOHN BLAGGE

A. L. S.

New York 22^d Decr 1773.

D^r. & HON^d. SIR

I took the liberty of writing the 15th of last Month since w^{ch}. I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you; agreeable to what I therein mentioned I set out for West Chester the next day & returned with Mr. Dick who shewed great marks of contrition, and behaved himself exceedingly well indeed untill the 7 Inst. when he run away again without my being able to assign the least reason for this his vilanous Conduct.— At the time he was apprehended last he was so far as Col^o. Philips's on his way to the Hall, & when I considered the expence already

attending his elopement, & that it was more than probable he wou'd still endeavour to reach it, I on purposely delayed advertising him, & the more especially as there are people enough between this place and that who wou'd make no scruple of stopping him without the Authority of an Advertizement and the offer of a Reward for that purpose.

In my last I requested the favour that you woud be pleased just to mention to his Excellency the Governor that you approved of Mr Lefferty's being appointed Surrogate in my room, as he declined doing it, without he was assured that it was agreeable; I sincerely ask pardon Sir for troubleing you with a recital of this matter, and hope you will please to admit Mr Leffertys solicitude for the appointment, and my own desire for the Business of the County's being properly discharged as my excuse in this affair.— I wish you much Health Sir & the Compliments of the approaching Season & am with very Great Respect & esteem Dr. and Hon^d. Sir

Your much Obliged

and very Hble Servant

JOHN BLAGGE

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

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 22^d. 1774²

Mr. Blagges letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Should read "1773."

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹*New York December 22^d: 1773*

Copy

DEAR SIR

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 8th: Instant, on the 15th: following, but it came too late to be Answered by the same Post. I enquired of Governor Tryon if he had received any intelligence of George Clock and the Indians he has inticed away, but he has not heard of them and it is not probable that they sailed from hence, as the owners of the Vessels lately Sailed for England know nothing of the matter.

I wrote immediately to Governor Penn to acquaint him of the Affair, and require his Assistance in Endeavouring to send back the Indians if they shou'd come to Embark in any of the Ports of that Province, and by a Vessel sailing in a few Days for London I shall not fail to acquaint the Secretary of State with it, for fear they shou'd have made their Escape unknown

I am informed that there are a number of Indians now Assembled on the Wabash, I shall be glad to have from you the Earliest intelligence of their intentions, there is an Account in the Publick Papers of a number of Virginians who on their way to the Falls of the Ohio, were attacked and most of them Killed by a party of Indians, I wish it may cool the Ardour and Rashness of our Emigrants.

I am with very great Regard,

Dear Sir

&c:

Since writing the above I am informed that an old Dutchman, named Clock, with One Indian only, went on Board the Snow

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 105. London, England.

Sir William Johnson, Captain Dean, just before she Sailed from the Narrows for London

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: Copy) To

Sir William Johnson Bart.
His Majesty's Sole Agent
and Superintendent of the
Affairs of the Indian Nations
in the Northern District
at
Johnson hall
New York December 22^d: 1773

FROM CORNELIUS A. VAN SLYCK

A. L. S.

[*Detroit, December 24, 1773*]

[]

I am [] melancholy Subject, but per[mit-]
wishes & that of every British [] you take in
redressing their g[rievances]

Being well acqu[ainted] Pottewatamies, I
went last Fall to [] Joseph's & took with me a
Cargo of [] wards belonging to Mr. Alexander
Mc[Kee(?),] Jacobus Teller & myself.—After I []
myself a House about a mile below th[] & was
settled there much to the satisfac[tion] the Chiefs
of that Nation I imagin'd my [] dreading nothing
but the bad Intentions [] French at that Place —
On the 14th instant I [] attack'd in my House by
Six Indians & th[] Squaws; they laid Schemes to get an

oppor[tunity] to kill me, but from their manner of acting
 []
 []
 [] not necess[ary] []
 [] Indians fix'd him []
 [] her of struck one of my []
 [] Mohawk what render'd him Senseless [] ally
 were intent to do mischief [] fight bravely rather than
 suffer [] mely to be knock'd in the Head, & []
 the Fellow who guarded my Bed [] Pipe Toma-
 hawk; he retir'd; I instantly [] from my Birth &
 struck my Tomahawk [] the Head of one who had
 seiz'd another [] Men which freed him from their
 hold, [] this, my third man which was all I
 [] had about me & the one I had releas'd []
 the Indians Grips ran into the Loft, [] le]ft me
 alone to fight my Way among the [] of them; I
 drove about me with my Tomahawk [] under the
 Eye on [] Brand from a Squaw []
 behind the door, which had [] down, the
 Indians perceiv'd my [] in]stantly at me, but
 I had still [] eno]ugh to lift my Tomahawk,
 which [] retire: One of them presented his Gun
 [] upon which I ran in the inner Room []
 house & shut the door just as he fir'd [] the very
 moment his piece was discha[rged] [] me my Man who
 was in the Loft shot [] Indian dead on the Spot,
 with a M[usket] loaded with Swanshot, upon which the
 [] all ran off; I had given two of them []
 Cuts in the Scull.—The Squaws muc[h] []
 []
 [] untill they had []
 [] Indians had met with; []
 [] whole of them at my house []

¹ Lines burned off.

[] to save the Life of the wounded []
 [] save the Goods, which I told the[m]
 []d easily do, as there not one []
 [] Place but those who had attackd []
 of whom were disabled; They had the []ity almost to
 refuse me, but I told [] it was incumbent on them &
 beg'd of [] God's sake not to let the Goods be
 distroy[ed.]

Among those who are at St: Joseph [] Lewison
 Chevalier who has a Squaw of the []ackie nation to wife,
 they are Chief [] & I am persuaded they had
 stimulated [th]e Villains to drive me away, because he knew
 []¹
 [] thing disrespectfully []
 [] which alienates the []
 [] Nation, which he does not []
 of age; One day his Son took that [] me in the
 Presence of Some Indians [] I kick'd him most
 heartily — Judg[ing by] the Treatment I met with with
 after [] with the Indians, was such as an Eng[lishman]
 ought to expect from those Wretches [] His Majesty
 thro' his Clemency has gi[ven] some Liberties &
 priviledges of his [] Subjects: Instead of being sub-
 missive []ight & assisting the Distress'd, Th[ose
 at St] Joseph's are quite the Reverse, ever []
 the Savages to murder us, a Nest of [] runaways,
 who dare never leave that []
 []¹
 [] this Chevalier [] for Fear of
 having th[] murder'd — Every English []
 [] goes to trade among the Indians []
 are Frenchmen have either [] murder'd or rob'd,
 sometimes both, wh[] they are by themselves they
 remain [] & the Indians are as harmless to []

¹ Lines burned off.

as any other Nation; And why are [] murder'd?
 By the Instigation of the [Frenc]h, who know we are capable to
 take [] from them, & for that Reason []
 Savages, Englishmen have no Right [] them &
 encourage them to rob & destroy

Could you thro' your Interest & []
 []
 [], you would []
 [] to come, & do a ch[]
 []ny Merchant in Detroit []
 [gr]atefully acknowledge & par[]

Sir

Your unfortunate

Humble Servant

CORNELIUS A VAN SLYCK

The Indians were all sober —

INDORSED:

[]
 — tamies at the []
 French there

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 25th: Xr: 1773

DEAR SIR/

Sometime ago I was honour'd with your favour of the 10th:
 instant, & am now to return you thanks as well as Molly for
 the pains you have taken about my Young Warrior,² & I have
 only to regret the trouble I gave you on this Acc^t

We have a report in Town that the Bostonians *felt bold* &
 in consequence have thrown all the Tea into the River — If

¹ Lines burned off.

² See Stevenson to Johnson, May 18, 1770 and March 13, 1771.

some effectual method is not taken to curb these Unruly people, all Government is at an end, for they are arriv'd to a pitch of Licentiousness that knows no bounds.— I wish you & all round you the comp^{ts}. of the Season —

I am

Dear Sir

Your very oblid'g hum^{le}. Serv^t

JAS. STEVENSON

S^R. WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

Decem^r. 27th: 1773

The New York post is not arriv'd & for fear the papers should give no Acc^t. of the proceedings concerning the Tea, I transmitt you herewith an Extract of a letter from New York — No Ice in our River this day nor any Snow on the Ground —

I am as usual

J. S.

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 25th. X^{br}. 1773 —

Cap^t. Stevenson's letter
wth. an Inclosure —

FROM ONE UNKNOWN PERSON TO ANOTHER

Extract²

[*New York December 27th. 1773*]

[
[] that His Excellency desired to preserve [the]
Peace of this City & the good will of the Citizens, that should

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² An extract from an unknown person in New York City to another in Albany; inclosed with the letter of James Stevenson to Johnson, December 25, 1773.

³ Lines burned off.

[] arrive as the Commiss^{rs}. for vending it had resign'd & had recommended it to his Excellency's care, which by advice of Council he had determined should be landed & gave his word & honour that it should be landed at Noon day, & that it should never be taken out of the Fort but at Noon day, that it should not be delivered to the Commiss^{rs}. nor to the India company, nor be dispos'd of in any shape whatever, but by advice of Council or an express order from His Majesty — this was voted unsatisfactory by those who came determined to oppose the landing by a loud No-No — The Mayor dismounted & Mr. John Lamb proceeded on the business — & a vote carried that the Tea should not be Landed — A Committee of Correspond^{ce} was appointed & so the meeting Adjourned Untill the Tea should arrive — I must tell you that notwithstanding the foregoing proceedings, I take it that $\frac{3}{4}$ ^{ths}. of the people are for closing with the Governors proposal — of the Committee none but one party would serve & not all even of that side of the question, Mess^{rs}. Low, Vanhoxn, Livingston, Lewis, Walton & C^o. would not serve — M^{rs}. Sears, M^c.Dougal, Vanzandt, Aspinwall, Hallet & one or two more make up the

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF ALBANY

*Contemporary Copy*¹

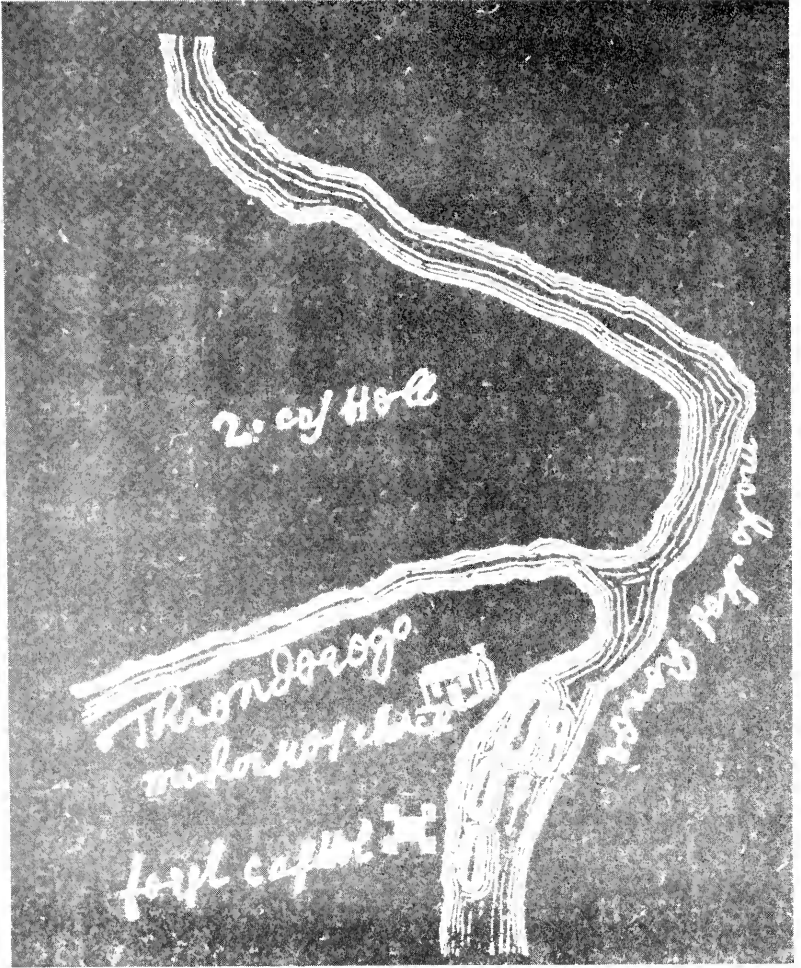
[*Albany December 27, 1773*]

[²]	} Assistants
[Jacob] Roseboom		
[Abra]ham Ten Eyck		
[Leona]rd Gansevoort]	

This Board having this Day received [a representa]tion from their Committe of their [Negotiation with the] Mohawk Indians

¹ The missing parts of the document have been supplied from the manuscript report of the Common Council of Albany, dated December 27, 1773, in the New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

² Names burned off.



THE PATENT OF TIENONDEROGA

From *Documentary History of New York*, 3: 543

respecting the [Deed of the Land at Tionnon]dorage whereby it appears that the [said Indians were] not fully Satisfied with the offer made [them by the] Order of this Board and they being [informed by] the said Committe that their Super-[intendant Sir] William Johnson, had Honoured them [with] his Presence, It is resolved that the [thanks of this] Board be given him for the Trouble [and pains] he has Taken in that Affair and that [the same be] Transmitted to him accordingly by the [mayor.]¹

The above is a True Copy Taken from the [Minutes of the] Common Council Ex^d. the 27 of Dec^r 1773

P^r STEPⁿ. DE LANCEY Cl

FROM ABRAHAM C. CUYLER

A. L. S.

[Albany December 27, 1773]

[]
I herewith [] this Day by the Corperation of this [] to transmitt you ☉ the earliest Opp^y. [] to you for the trouble & pains you had [] their meeting with the Mohawk Indians [] I remain with much esteem, by Order of the same []

Sir

Your Ob^t. Humble [Serv^t.]

ABR^m: C. CU[YLER]

To

the Hon^l. SIR W^m. JOHNSON Barn^t.

Superintendant of Indian Affairs &c

¹ Abraham C. Cuyler.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹*New York 27th: December 1773*

Copy)

SIR

Two Days ago I was favored with your Letter of the 17th: instant, relative to the improvements which you propose in your Department, I shall observe to you thereupon that the Plan you propose of procuring the Kings Commission for the Officers Employed under you, as it might be the means of preventing a few Difficulties, which they may meet with, for the want of it, wou'd at the same Time render them much less dependent upon you and for ought I know and I think I am pretty certain that the Officers Employed in the Southern Department are in the very same Predicament with those of yours, and I cannot but think that they ought to remain as they are considering the Difficulties Attending the Dispossessing one of them of their Commissions if they held it under the King and were Guilty of a misdemeanor, which tho' very clear and conspicuous to you, and tending greatly to the hurt of His Majesty's Service, might not appear so for want of Evidence before a Court Martial.

Your long Experience and your wise Administration of the Affairs of the Indian Department are too conspicuous to admit even of a doubt that you have not in your Power to obviate all Difficulties which your Letter makes mention of and you may rest assured that as long as I retain the Chief Command, I will always heartily concur with you in any measure that may render the Conduct of that Department easy to you.

I am of the same opinion with you that the limitation of Extraordinary Expences of the Officers under you, was very requisite, and I doubt not but that the new Regulations you

¹ In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 107, London, England.

have introduced in your Department, will be productive of more regularity and answer your purpose of benefit to the Publick.

I am with very great Esteem and Regard,

Dear Sir

&ca:

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: Copy to

Sir William Johnson Bar^t:

His Majesty's Sole Agent

and Superintendent of the

Affairs of the Indian

Nations in the Northern

District

at

Johnson Hall

New York December 27th: 1773 —

TO ABRAHAM C. CUYLER

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall December 28, 1773*]

[² deliberate more seriously on their [] as they had desired, that as the offers y[] did not appear [] Security or Satisfaction you disposed to enter into a Treaty the result of w^{ch} [] more [] Interests, but as they were informed you [] out for Albany they requested to speak to me in p[] to their departure, Accordingly I went into the R[] by the Gentlemen here, where we had [] Conference of which I herewith inclose you a C[opy]

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

I have only to remark that the Indians [] that they are ignorant of the Law & the operation of Con[] were naturally inclined & really meant to have [] Such as I could procure before they proceeded far[ther] were fully persuaded, you would have been more explicit [] material point of the duration of their possession, pre[] their saying any thing farther, I must therefore request that [] will communicate this with the inclosed to the Corporation th[at] may with all convenient Speed be enabled to tell the Indians whether you will enter into any Treaty with them that may [] to the Amicable Settlement of this matter, & the determining material point If so I shall readily afford you all the [] friendship I can consistently offer, persuaded that the Mohawks will listen to reason & Joyn this proposal for an amicable Settlem^t., otherwise I must [] to endeavor to procure them satisfaction without delay (altho very disagreeable) according [] mode they have proposed,

I am Sir &^{ca}.

ABR^m. C. CUYLER Esq^r.

FROM HENRY BABCOCK

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 526, is listed a letter of December 28th from Colonel Henry Babcock, Stonington, arguing in favor of his design (to found a seminary among the Six Nations) and maintaining that the preservation of Johnson's life in times of danger indicates a providential purpose (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:498-99; Q, 4:308-9).

TO THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL

*Contemporary Copy*¹*Johnson Hall Dec^r: 28th: 1773*

SIR

I Judge it an Act of Justice and friendship to acquaint you that the Mohawks Continued in Council for above an Hour after the departure of the Committee the Other day, when they sent a Message to me Expressing their Surprize that the Gentlemen had set out for Albany Observing that when you left them in the room they had expected you retired some where to deliberate more seriously on their Speech and the matter before you as they had desired that as the offers you had made did not appear to them to be any additional Security or Satisfaction they hoped to se[e] you disposed to enter into a Treaty the result of which might prove more favourable to their Intrest but as they were informed you had actually set out for Albany they requested to Speak to me in publick previously to their Departure accordingly I went into the Room attended by the Gentlemen here where we had a short Conference of which I herewith send you a Copy

I have only to remark that the Indians who are Sencible that they are Ignorant of Law and the operation of Conveyances &c^a: were naturally inclined and realy ment to have my advice and such as I could procure before they Proceeded farther & that they were fully Persuaded you would have been more explicit on the material Point of the Duration of their possession previous to their saying any thing farther I must therefore request that you will communicate this with the Inclosed to the Corporation that I may with all Convenient Speed be enabled to tell the Indians whether you will enter into any Treaty with them that may lead to the Amicable Settlement of this matter and the

¹ In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:55-6, in New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.; printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:364.

determining on that material point. If so I shall readily afford you all the friendship I can Consistently Offer persuaded that the Mohawks will listen to reason and join their Proposals for an amicable Settlement Otherwise I must (Altho very Disagreeable) be compelled to endeavor to procure them satisfaction without Delay agreeable to the mode they have proposed, I am Sir, with much Esteem

Your most Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

To ABRAHAM C CUYLER Esq

P S. Since writing the foregoing there being no opportunity of getting over the River/ I was favoured with your Letter inclosing the Resolutions of the Board I take this Opportunity of Returning them my best Thanks for their polite mention of me as well as to you Sir for the manner in which you transmitted it

FROM EBENEZER JESSUP

L. S.

Albany Decem^r 29th 1773

HONOURED SIR/

I Receiv^d. yours of the 24th Ins^t. In which you Desire me to Send the mony for the Indians &c

Since I came out of the woods I have Spent The whole of my time to Git the mony, all the people that Is in my debt, in the Country and here, have failed in Paying — My Brother Edward had the promise of having The mony without fail, and Sent a man on purpose Twice to Stanford at the Cost of £23, and after All they cannot Pay untill Spring, our Edward & I have Sold our place at Fort Miller Some time Ago, on purpose to Settle this Affair. But though All Rich Farmers that

Bought of Us, could not Pay as they first Agreed so as to Relieve me — Several of My friends here, that have frequently Lent me Several Hundred Pounds for two or three months at my will, have not mony By them, and have been to the Trouble of Enquiring of their Friends, for the mony for me, and there it fails too —

The Stop from Granting Lands, Stops my mony that way, of many Interested in the Lands, the delays People makes in paying me my book Acc^{ts}. & Bonds, and Mony being scarce with my friends Really puts me to Shame, I am Ashamed to write,— it is not ingratitude Makes me delay the payment, I thankfully Acknowledge the Favours I've Recev^d, and Should have paid the Mony Sooner to free^d. You from the troubles of the Indians had It Been in my Power —

I will try all ways in my Power to Git the Mony if I can find where it is to be put to use & will Give Undoubted Security for it, Either Lands, Bonds, or Any thing I have — I have been so unwell that I have not been out of the House four days, but whether I do, or do not git the Mony here intend to be up to the Hall in three or four days, Interim

am Sir

Your most Obedient and

Very Humble Servant

EBEN: JESSUP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Jessups letter

Decbr. 29th. 1773 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Post Office Albany 30th Decr. 1773

SIR

This morning about nine OClock your Post Arrived here — I am sorry that He made so many attempts to get down without effect, for had he Arrived here Yesterday at 2 OClock P M he would have been in time for the New York Post who set off then, and who will not arrive at this Office untill Friday the 7th January 1774 — so that you will be pleased to be govern'd with respect to the time of sending down your Post —

I have now your Package of Wild Carrot in my care, and it shall be put into Doctor Deases Slay when he arrives, as well as the Box of the Root of all Evil. I wish you and yours many happy seasons, such as we now Enjoy. I am Respectfully

Sir

Your very hu Serv^tJ^Nº. MONIERSIR W^M. JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson

Baronet

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹Decbr. 30th. 1773

 Mr. Moniers letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Schindy 30th Decem^r 1773

HOUNORED SIR

I Receivid Your greavon Letter about The beer of which I am Sorry for I hoop it will Come toe agine in a wharme Celler The Reason of my Sending this Last battoe was Mr Adems aquainting me that Your Honer Was Oblige to buy Rum by the Gallⁿ. And had this Hhad Marked here by Mr Lyon

I wisch the Letter had Come a fue Days before I had payd them thy are all 3 payd 16/ Each Edword Early Peter Bratt & John Lean thy where out Eight Days & had only one blanket to Law under and Spent 12/ In one hous above the willeges besides one Doller I give them on there Rood & a Quart of Rum each god Knowns I Did it for the Best The 3 bars of Iron Lays here which I Shall Send by the furst oppurtunity My wyf Joines me with hure best Compliments And Wishes ye. all a Marry Chrismuss & a happy New Year & Am Sir

Your Most Obediant

And verry Humble Servant

JN^o: B V EPS

PS I give the 3 battoemen Such a Suvare Lassing before thy went of I thould them if one Dropp of the Licquor was gone that thy whould Loess there tripps thy made Answer thy Know^d it well But when thy Brought me John Powels Receet Mentching Every artickel Seamonly In good order

J B V EPPS

ADDRESSED:

To the Honourable
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t. &cc
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 30th. 1773 —

Mr. Van Ep's letter

FROM PHYN & ELLICE

A. L. S.

Schenectady 30th December 1773

SIR/

By next Post we have a remittance to make (to a Correspondent in New York) of £200 Currency if the Money will be Acceptable to you for a Draft be pleased to let us know and we shall send you the Cash with first safe Conveyance and that we may be prepared against the Post returns shall be glad to receive the Bill as soon as any opportunity

We very sincerely wish you many happy returns of the season and are

Sir

Your most Obed^t & Hum^l Serv^{ts}

PHYN & ELLICE

P S: The Express for Niag^a.Detroit &c will set out y^e 8 or 9 JanuaryThe Hon^{bl} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honorable Sir William Johnson
Baronet at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 30th. 1773 —

Mess^{rs}. Phyn & Ellice
Ansrd. Jan^{ry}. 1st. 1774
& gave them a Draft for
£ 200 On Mess^{rs}. Wallace

FROM HENRY GLEN

A. L. S.

[Schenectady Decbr. 30th. 1773]

[]

I find after a Great deal of Trouble and pains I have been at to Get the outstanding debt^s. Paid by Generall John Bradstreet of the Transportation of Provisions Navel stores And for the Superintend^g. of Indian Affairs, When he was Quart^r. Mas^{tr}. Gener^{ll}.

There is Still Diviculteys ARising By paying of the Battomen &c which I for my Part Coud not have Expected in the least Since I myself Mess^{rs}. Ab^m. Fonda & Cornel^s Cuyler waite^d on Generall Bradstreet at my Brother^s in this Town in order to tell us if he was Determent to pay the outstanding debt^s at the time he was Quarter Master Generall he told us that he wood not pay it & if Generall Gage was to Inquire what his Reasons was he then wood tell it to his Excelency — I with a Good deal of pains Brought it about to Get all the Acc^{ts}. drawn in a Clear Light & Go to Albany to Colonel Schuyler & have them examined & then tell us what Acc^{ts}. he wood pay & what not.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

Gen^l. Bradstreet then Kept the Acc^t. of the outstanding Debt^s & Laid Said Acc^t Afore his Excelency Generall Gage and I have been informed that Gen^l. Gage has order the whole of the money to be paid According to Said Acc^t.— This day the Bearer John ogdon & Adam Conday Came to me & told me that Gen^l. Bradstreet will not pay them for a Trip done by them & four more from this place to Fort Earie the Reason is that their was 15 Barrls of Rum in the two Battoes for the Rest of the things in the two Boats he will pay for but not for the Rum — Now Sir W^m: must understand that I have Loaded these 2 Battoes for Your Department as the pass setts forth which the Bearer will Schow You with a Good Receipt — their has allways been a Diffrant^s betwen a Pass of the Provisions & of Sir W^m: Department the Provision Passes Mentioned the Quanty & what Spiece & the Passes for Your Department only mentioned So many hand^s with So many boats —

[]¹
 [] who has Given a Good Receipt for the two []
 I amagain General Bradstreet must think that the Acc^{ts}. was for Mr. Roberts then in Sir W^m: Service — or the Blacksmith own Private use or Ells he Coud Never Deny the payment of so Just a Trip whare their is a Receipt for their Loading & a Receipt of the Commanding offercer at Niagra for the two Battoes which was want^d for the use of the Garrison

I must Conclud with wishing You a Marry Crissmiss & a happy New Year that You may have the Pleasure of Seeing many more of them & I Remain to be Your Sincere Well Wisher

& Most Humble Servant

HENRY GLEN

[] pray Excuse my Long
 letter about this matter

To

SIR W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t.

¹ Line burned off.

NB: Shoud the Crown not pay
this money for the Rum these
Battoemen Look^s to me for their
money So I shall Expect to be
put in Away by Sir W^m: how to
Get these men paid

ADDRESSED:

On His Majestys Service
To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Decbr. 30th. 1773 —

Henry Glen Esq^{rs}.

Letter —

Ansrd.—

DUNCAN & PHYN'S ACCOUNT

D.

[*Undated*]

[Hon]b^l. Sir William Johnson

Bought of Duncan & Phyn

6 Barrells Com: Rum Delivered at Niagara At an
Avar[] each Barrell containing 32 Gall^s is 192 Gall^s
@ 3/6 Bar^l 30/ £35:2

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[Albany December 30, 1773]

[]

I Rec^d. your obliging fav^r: of the 21th Inst.

[] your order Shall be Sent by the first Opportunity that Offers

The Ax Iron you Mention I sent to Schonectady by Mr: Van Eps Son about Six Weeks ago —

My Brother James Desires his Compliments to you

I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged

Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON BaronettINDORSED:¹Mr. Jⁿ. Stevensons letterDecbr. 30th. 1773 —

MOHOCKS' DEMAND ON CORPORATION OF ALBANY

Contemporary Copy

[December 30, 1773]

[]²
 Acres, making the Matter [] on the Land, which
 they look upon [] a right to, and by a good &
 [] to secure the peaceable enjoyment []
 the Mohawks, so long as one Family [] Tribes

¹ In Johnson's hand.² Several lines burned off.

remained there, or three Family[s] [] unless these persons were then disposed [] Should agree to remain Contented with [] of one Hundred Acres, and let the Corpor[ation] [] the remainder,— Or in case they should [] to retire sooner, that the Corporation shall [] give them Half the Value of the Land as []

That the precise Limits of the [] forthwith Surveyed & described, & good & Suff[] Instruments executed for the Security of y[]

His Majesty by ratifying y^e. Treaty [] at Fort Stanwix in 1768, Confirms their Right [] Lands at Tionderogo,— as well as the Settlements in other parts of the Country, See L^d. Hillsboroughs Letter

The Cession to y^e. King Novb^r. 1768, Ratified & con[] Majesty as directed at a general Congress

See the Treaty of Fort Stanwix, and y^e. 6 Nat^s. Speech by [] th] at all Settlements of Indians within the line be secured to them

DEED OFFERED THE INDIANS

*Contemporary Copy*¹

TO ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall come We the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany send Greet-

¹ In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:43-50, in the New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.; printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:359-62.

On December 18, 1773, it was "resolved" by the Albany Common Council "That the Mayor Sign a Deed to the Indians for the Lands at Tionderoge To hold to them as long as they Continue a Nation and are Settled there and Cause the Seal of the City to be thereunto affixed." This is the deed offered to the Indians at the close of the meeting of the representatives of the Albany Common Council with the Indians December 21-22, 1773.

ing Whereas Thomas Dungan Esquire formerly Lieutenant Govenor of this Province under his Majesty King James the Second did by Charter or Letters of Incorporation to the City of Albany under the great Seal of the said Province bearing Date the Twenty Second Day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred and Eighty six among Other things therein contained grant unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Albany the full Liberty and Licence at their Pleasure to Purchase from the Indians the Quantity of One Thousand Acres of Low or Meadow Land Lying at a Certain Place called or known by the name of Tionondoroge which Quantity of One Thousand Acres of Low or Meadow Land should or might be in what part of Tionondoroge or the Lands adjacent on Both sides of the River as the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Albany should think most Convenient which said Parcel of Low or Meadow Land he the said Thomas Dungan in behalf of his said Majesty his heirs and Successors did give grant and Confirm unto the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of Albany aforesaid to be and remain to the use and behoff of them and there Successors for ever To have and hold all and Singular the said Premises to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Albany And their Successors forever Rendering & Having therefore unto his most Sacred Majesty his Heirs Successors & Assigns or to such Officer or Receiver as shall be appointed to receive the same yearly forever thereafter the annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgement of One Beaver Skin in Albany on the five and twentieth day of Marh forever and whereas after the grant of the said Letters Patent or Charter of Incorporation the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty on the applycation and at the request of the Mohawks Indians residing at the Lower Village or Castle did accept and take from them a Deed in due form of Law Executed and bearing Date the twelfth Day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and thirty for the said Quantity of One Thousand Acres situate at Tionondoroge aforesaid which was then with the

County of Albany but now is part of the County of Tryon. By which said Deed the Lands were granted to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty and their Successors In Trust Nevertheless for the said Mohawks Indians so long as they shall Continue a Nation and be Settled on the said Lands and from and immediately thereafter the Remainder to the only proper use and behoef to the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty their Successors and Assigns for ever and whereas after the Execution of the said Deed it was intrusted to the Care and Custody of John Depeyster the then Mayor of the City of Albany who remained the Possessor thereof until the Twelfth Day of September in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty three when upon a Message he received from his Excellency William Cosby Esq then Governor of this Province requireing his attendance on him with the said Indian Deed he delivered the same into his Hands for the Purpose Communicating its Contents to the Indians with whom his said Excellency was then in Treaty at the City of Albany and whereas the said William Cosby after having examined the said Deed gave it to Lauranee Clase the sworn Indian Interpreter and Directions to Interpret the same to the Indians who were then about Six or Seven in Number Present — and whereas after the Interpretation thereof the said William Cosby advised with the said Indians what should be done with the said Deed who thereupon Declared that if he though[t] proper he might keep the same & upon his declining to take the Charge thereof thereupon requested the said William Cosby to return the said Deed to the said John Depeyster to remain in his Custody and Care requireing at the same time a Copy thereof to Preserve among themselves The said John DePeyster readily promised the said Indians that they should be favoured with a Copy wherewith the said Indians appeared Satisfied and whereas. Notwithstanding the said agreement of the said Mayor & Indians the said William Cosby tho' repeatedly urged by the said John DePeyster to have the Deed redelivered to him refused Complying but instead thereof

Delivered the said Deed to one of the said Indians named Arie with Signs and Directions to have the same destroyed who there upon tore the said Deed into Pieces and threw the same into the fire and whereas previous to the execution of the said Indian Deed to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty to wit on the fourteenth day of June in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty one, two, of the said Mohawk Indians had Conveyed the Quantity of Eleven Morgans Part of the said One Thousand Acres to Abraham Cuyler in Fee whose Heirs afterwards to wit the Twenty Fourth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine Obtained from the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty for the Consideration of Thirty Pounds an absolute Release and Conveyance for the same Recourse being had to the said Indian Deed and Conveyance may more fully and at Large appear and whereas also previous to the Execution of the said Indian Deed to us the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty to wit on the Seventh day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty some of the Sachims of the said Mohawks Indians had conveyed the Quantity of Ten or Eleven Morgan more or less of Low or Meadow Land part of the said One Thousand Acres to Peter Brower for the Term of nine hundred and ninety nine Years who afterwards to wit the twenty ninth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Seven hundred and thirty four by Indenture of Release did for the Consideration therein mentioned Sell assign and set over the said Quantity of Ten or Eleven Morgans to us the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty and our Successors the said Term yet unexpired as may more fully and at large appear by the said Indian Deed and assignment relation being thereunto had and whereas the said Peter Brower afterwards to wit the Twenty seventh Day of April in the year One Thousand seven hundred and forty nine applied to us and Obtained from the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty a Lease for the said Quantity of Ten or Eleven Morgans for the said Term of Nine hundred and ninety nine Years under an Annual Rent of one Skipple of

wheat for each Morgan as may more fully and at Large appear by the Counterpart of the said Lease and whereas also previous to the Execution of the said Indian Deed to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty the said Mohawk Indians or some of them had Conveyed to Jan Wemp the Quantity of Twenty two Morgan part of the said one Thousand Acres, and whereas the said Jan Wemp afterwards to wit on the Thirteenth Day of September in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and thirty seven applyed to and Obtained from the said Mayor Alderman & Commonalty a Deed or Conveyance for the said Quantity of twenty two Morgan under an annual Rent as may more fully and at large appear by the Counterpart of the said Deed executed by the said Jan Wemp recourse being thereunto had and whereas Divers uneasinesses have since arisen in the minds of the said Indians residing on the said Land who conveyed the said Premises As abovesaid and their Descendants from a Supposition that we the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty would take the Benefit and advantage of the Grant mentioned in the said Charter or Letters of Incorporation and by Virtue thereof eject or oust the Present said Indian possessors from their Possession of the Premises as aforesaid For the Purpose therefore of quieting the minds of the said Indians and for secureing to them the use of the said Lands agreeable to the Reservation or Trust expressed in the said Indian Purchase except the Quantity of Morgans the said Indians had Conveyed to others as abovesaid and Also to evince the equitable conduct of us the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty for and towards the said Indians Know ye that we the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty Have hereby for and in Consideration of the Premises, surrendered assigned and set over and by these Presents Do Grant bargain assign and set over unto the said Indians Dwelling and residing at the said Lower Mohawk Village & Castle and their Descendants all the Estate Right Title Intrest Benefit Claim and Demand whatsoever which we the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty have or may have or Claim of in or to the said Quantity of One Thousand Acres Scituate

and Described as above said granted to us as aforesaid Excepting as abovesaid To have and to hold the same excepting as aforesaid unto the said Indians dwelling or Residing at the said Lower Village or Castle and to their Descendants so long as they shall continue a Nation and be Settled on the said Lands Remainder to the use of us the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany and Our Successors for ever So that neither we the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty or our Successors or assigns at any time hereafter so long. they the said Indians shall Continue a Nation and be Settled on the said Lands shall or will ask Demand Claim or Challenge any Intres Benefit or Prevedge in any respect or manner whatsoever in or to the said above surrendered & assigned Premises or any Part thereof excepting as aforesaid by reason Couler or means of the said in part recited Charter or Letters of Incorporation or Indian Purchase or any Clause Grant Matter or Thing therein Contained or Otherwise howsoever during the time last aforesaid but thereof and therefrom and of and from all Actions Suits and Demands whatsoever which we our Successors or Assigns may have Concerning the same shall be wholly and Intirely Barret during the time last above mentioned In Testimony, whereof for and on behalf of us the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany the said Mayor hath hereunto Set his hand and Caused the publick seal of the City of Albany to be hereunto affixed pursuant to a Resolve of Common Council made and entered the Eighteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy three

ABR^M. C CUYLER Mayor

Sign'd Seal'd & Delivered }
 in the Presence of }
 HENRY BLEECKER
 W MANCIUS



SKETCH OF BOUNDARY OF PENNSYLVANIA ON THE NORTH

FROM THE CORPORATION OF ALBANY

L. S.¹

[Albany January 8, 1774]

[HOND SIR/]

The Mayor has this day communicated to this Board your favour of the 28th Ultimo together with an extract of the subsequent Conference the Mohawk Indians had with your Honour upon the Subject matter of what the Committee had offered [them on the Preceding day relative to the] Lands at Tionnon-doroge, which being [taken into our most serious] consideration, we must observe to your [Honour that as this Board entertained] no doubt but their offer of the Deed, declaring [anew the uses whereon] formerly the Ancestors of those Indians had di[vested themselves of those] Lands, would have fully answered the purpose [of given compleat] satisfaction to them: From a firm persuasion of its [Producing those salutary] effects, our Committee had nothing farther in charge [that the offer of that] Deed together with the Speech preceeding that offer.

They appear however dissatisfied as they term it [with the Committees] abrupt and unexpected departure, and thereupon [insinuate as if this Board] were disinclined to enter into an amicable settlement [of this dispute the] contrary whereof we conceive we have manifested by [offering a Deed of] security, superior as to authority to the uses reserved [in the Deed their] ancestors formerly at their own earnest request executed [to this Board nor] could they justly charge the Committee with abrupt[ness in Leaving them] when it appeared from their answer that nothing [would satisfy them] but an absolute Reconveyance of those Lands [which the Committee] had no power to do, nor

¹ The missing sections of the manuscript have been supplied from the manuscript records of the Common Council of Albany in the New York State Library, Albany, N. Y. This copy of the letter differs slightly in wording from the original letter; printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:365-67.

could they complain [of the unexpectedness of] their Departure, as the Committee in their rep[ly to the Indians told them] that they were sorry that their generous [offer was not complied with] and in case they should at any time [thereafter have anything farther] to propose to the Corporation on the subject we should at all [times be willing to hear them and take the same into consideration, upon which the said Committee in a formal manner took leave of those Indians.]

[This Board readily agrees that the Indians are ignorant of the Operation of the Law upon the Deeds and Conveyances, and of course that they are diffident of their own Judgment in matters beyond their abilities to determine upon but the Committee had Conceived that as the Indians had this Deed with them for a Day during which time they could avail themselves of your Honours Opinion thereon together] with the advice of [Council then present that they therefore returned] the Deed in Consequence of your [Honours disapprobation of its Contents.] But should this be misapprehended, [we have no Objection that your] Honour may be furnished with a Copy of the [same for your future] Consideration.

[In their] answer to the Speech they required from the Committee [an explicit definition of] the Term, *Nation*, for the purpose of knowing from them [what idea] this Board had of the duration of their possessions which [depends upon their] existence as a people by that distinction; to which we [must observe that] as the Ancestors of those Indians were pleased to [part with their Lands and] only reserve the use thereof as long as they were a Nation [and settled thereon] this Board do not call their Title anyways in Question, until [their rem]oval or extinction as a Nation; and therefore they conceive it [improper] they Should be called upon to give an explanation of Terms which [are not in dispute] at present, and should those Terms at any future period be [unfortunately] drawn in question, it is well known that this Board as a Body [interested in its] determination cannot be Judges upon it, and consequently [their explanation] now or at any future time cannot effect the Rights

of [the Natives. This] Board also from a cautious regard on the one hand to the [right of the Natives] and on the other hand to the sacred trust reposed in [them by] the City under a Royal Charter, would chuse as far as possible [to avoid] the Sensure of both the Natives and Citizens which a presumptious [or incon]siderate Explanation might entail on them.

Notwithstanding [these our Sentiments we readily would embrace your Honours Offer of entering into a farther Treaty with the Natives in order to come to a final Settlement and while we acknowledge with gratitude your Honours goodness in offering us your friendship towards Procuring an amicable Settlement upon consistent terms we Humbly Conceive as we have already made a generous Offer of a Deed with which the Natives refused to Comply, if they are Sincerely inclined to treat with us any farther on the Subject they ought to make their proposals to this Board for that Purpose as will take the same into our] Consideration. We remain with esteem

Your Honour'd most []
obedient []

By Order of the Common [Council]
of the City of Albany

STEP^N. DE LA[NCEY Clerk]

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:

[Jan^y.] 8th 1774

Lett^r. from the Corporation in
Ans^r. to Mine relative to the
Mohock Lands —

FROM JACOB LANSING JR

A. L. S.

[*Albany January 16th 1774*]

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Inclosed you have two separate Accounts the one of my Father in Law Benjamin Egbertse dec^d & another of my Brother in Law Egbert Egbertse dec^d I have sent both these Accounts to you some time ago and never so much as rec^d. an Answer from you I now would request of you as these Accounts are of a long standing if you would let Mr. John B. Van Eps of Schonectady Merch^t. have the Money due which Acc^{ts}. together [all] amounts to £12..10^s..9^d as you may see [by] the Acct^s. inclosed. I would be glad if you would let me have an Answer by the first Opportunity I am Hon^d. Sir

Your most humble Serv^tJACOB LANSING Jun^r

ADDRESSED:

To

The hon^{ble}. Sir William JohnsonKnt. & B^t. at

Johnson Hall

to the Care

of Mr. Jn^o. B. V Eps

QDC —

INDORSED:¹

Jacob Lansings letter

& Acc^{ts}.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BLAGGE

A. L. S.

New York 18th Jan^y. 1774

D^R & HON^D. SIR

The enclosed Letter was delivered to me a few days since from Boston, as also a Box which I shall take care of untill I Receive your Commands purporting what is to be done with it.

I am glad to find from Col: Johnson that the Negro is returned, as I was not quite free from apprehension on his account.

I am very grateful Sir for your kindness in writing the Governor in M^r Lefferty's behalf, & shall always entertain a just sense of your Goodness, and the many favors you have been pleased to bestow on me tho almost a Stranger, I have the Honor to be with much Esteem & great Respect Dear & Honor'd Sir

Your much Obliged

and

very Humble Servant

JOHN BLAGGE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet,

INDORSED:¹

N York 18th. Jan^y. 1774

John Blagge Esq^{rs}.

Letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 19th Jan^y 1774

SIR

I am favourd with your Letter of the 15th by Mr Adams who has taken the Box of ——— and the Keg of Wild Carrot —

I am Sorry you miss your papers some times, but I always send forward what I find directed to you — I think I wrote to you in time acquainting you what time the New York Post was expected in, and it seems that you Rec^d. my Letter as Your Post came in, in time —

The New York Post will be in again on Sunday the 30th Jan^y.

I am Respectfully

Sir

Your very hu Servant

JN^o MONIERSIR W^m. JOHNSON BaronetINDORSED:¹Janr^y. 19th. 1774 —

 Mr. Moniers Letter —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[*Albany January 19th. 1774*]

SIR

I Rec^d: your kind favour of the 17th Ins^t: and agreeable to your request I now Send you by the Bearer hereof the Brass Mounting you ordered

I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged

Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Honb^{le}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Jn^o. Stevensons Letter
with an Acc^t. of brass Mount^s.

Janr^y. 19th. 1774

£ 21 . . 1 . . 11 Begins
a New Acc^t.—

FROM CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK

L. S.

Kinderhook January 20, 1774

[]

His Excellency Governor Tryon informs me (in a letter I very lately received from him) that you Sir have acquainted him "that the Colonels and Commanding Officers of the Regiments of the Northern District have either entirely neglected or been greatly remiss in making the Proper Regimental Returns"

¹ In Johnson's hand.

as there appears an implied censure in this Paragraph of his Excellencys Letter on my Conduct as well as those who have deserved it, I hope you will be pleased to allow me to exculpate myself from that charge.— In looking over the several orders directed to me and Copies of the Returns made in consequence of them I find by their Several Dates that your orders have been punctually executed, except the last, which overruns the time a few days only, the reason of which is assigned at large in a letter from My Son to the Adjutant General Duplicate of which as well as Copy of my last Return I beg leave to Send under Cover least the originals might have miscarried. The Respect I have Sir for you as my Commanding Officer and the obligations you have been pleased to confer on me in a Series of instances makes me feel extraemely unhappy that my conduct should be subject to censure before the Commander in chief of the Province. The meny proofs I have had of your good disposition towards me and my Family makes me hope that you did not mean to fix a Stigma on me.

I have the Honor to remain very Respectfully

Sir

Your most obedient &
most obliged

CORNELIS VAN SCHAACK

INDORSED:¹

Janry. 20th. 1774 —

Col. Corn^s. Van Schaicks letter
wth. a Return of his
Regiment —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Janry. 20th 1774*

SIR/

I am now to acknowledge the receipt of y^{rs}. of the 24th. August, with the Articles which I wrote for last May, and should have done it sooner, had I not been most of time from Home, and much employed since my return.

As the letter which You inclosed me from M^r. Roberts to You appears to have been intended for my perusal, I think it best, after expressing the surprise which it gave me, to give it an Answer thro y^e same Channell I did not expect, or chuse to receive from that Gentleman any Invalid Conveyance, at the Same time I believe he will not deny that I have a good right to ask it when it can be given with safety to myself. I never heard any reason Assigned for the Familys long Silence, but that they had nothing to write that would prove satisfactory to Him, which was realy the case with myself, for he was but a short time in London when every Letter or Person that came from thence mentioned his being embarked in so luxurious a way of living, as I was sensible so far exceeded the bounds of common discretion, or the State of his Finances or expectations, that I plainly saw even admonition would be of no use to him, and that it would be highly imprudent in me, by letters to other People to afford the least colour or countenance to such proceedings. I realy looked upon the Assistance I afforded to M^r Wetherhead to be an Act of Justice as he was innocently involved. I made the same application to the General regarding M^r. Roberts, My Orders to whom were general to prevent Clandestine Trade as far as in his power, and to apply to the Commanding Officer for Aid, He carried this point in that case so far as to expose

¹ In British Musuem. Additional Manuscripts 24323.fo.7, London, England. The draft in the New York State Library is partly destroyed by fire.

him to the Laws, at least no paper or Evidence was in this Country that in y^e. Eye of the Law Justified him, which I believe was owing to his however right, verry untimely Quarrel with the Command^r. Officer. The Idle Sentences that close his Paragraph on that head hardly deserve an Answer, and are indeed in some measure unintelligible, for I should think he knows there are no Offices in a new County here that are lucrative, or would answer his views. The Idea that "it may be convenient to keep him there" Savours greatly of vanity, if it has any meaning, as does that of his boasted Services, & his going for a Physician, which I wonder he is not ashamed of mentioning, and which alone obliges me to tell what I know of his Services. Among the many Officers of inferior Rank I must necessarily have seen, was Mr. Roberts, whom I had several times seen in 1759 & 60,— the more so as he was an Acquaintance of Col^l. Johnsons, the difficulties he after lay under, and which I have no business to enter upon together with his own choice as he said inclined him to wish to leave the Service, & try to get into my Department, on which occasion He Applied to me, as he did repeatedly to Col^l. Johnson by letter & otherwise, all which the latter communicated to me, and strongly Sollicitted for him, so that when Appointments were making for Commissarys of Trade, which was a temporary measure soon opposed, and never carried fully into Execution, I made him one, as I did some other Military People, observing that it was but a temporary Affair, on the duration of which, neither He or any of them could depend, In this point both He and the other Gentⁿ. were obliged, & I believe verry sensibly had it lasted a less time, but could never be disapointed, & Mr. Roberts continued in the Department as long as I could possibly keep Him which was about four years, during which I dare say that he did to the best of his Judgment what he could, and all the rest will I believe say the same, I need not to add farther on this point because it is forreign to the purpose to draw a parralel between him & the other Commisaries, or to enter upon their particular merits with which I am Satisfied, As to his other merits I shall not contradict what I

have had no opportunity to be acquainted with, having already given an Acc^t. of my whole acquaintance with him, and having always shewn a disposition to serve him without farther enquiry, as I would still if it was in my power, but should never renew my Sollicitations in favor of any person who had acted in so many circumstances so indiscreetly as he has done in England, & therefore I cannot help expressing my Astonishment that he should either conceive his Situation to be so important to me, or that any body who was intimate enough with me to do him injury should envy his happiness, My friendship is neither so contracted, nor my Acquaintance with him or his merits of such a Standing as to be in any bodys way, or to Justify the most distant Idea of what he insinuates. I have often asked Col. Claus, & he has as often, as also this verry day assured me that he knows nothing more of Mr. Robert's Affairs than that he told him of something that was in an Interpreters hands a Trading, and who keeps in the Indⁿ. Country about Michilimacinac, but he knows no particulars, neither had he ever any authority, or particulars to enable him to do what it seems is expected

I could say much more on Mr. Roberts letter, & perhaps others would, or at least ought to do so, but I shall for the present forbear because I am still inclined to attribute his extravagant expressions to the ferment he mentions on his spirits in which his own folly involved him.

I find that matters are in much the same state between the powers in Europe as when you wrote, but it is extremely probable that either the Affairs of Russia, or perhaps of Poland may draw us into a War, for it is not likely that the different powers Can see that Country cut into peices by such active Spirits as have invaded it,¹ Should a War with France break out, some of our Frontiers at least here, must be greatly effected by it, for the French have ever since the reduction of Canada been busy amongst the Indians who notwithstanding every thing that can be insinuated to the contrary do certainly receive large presents

¹ The first treaty for the partition of Poland was signed July 25, 1772.

from them particularly of amunition &^{ca}. to preserve their Interest, till they have an Occasion for their Services, and indeed besides the irregular behaviour of the Frontier People of Virginia & Pensilvania which nothing can equall, and the passion they have for Settling beyond the Line, there are many other matters that give (& verry Justly) great uneasiness to the Indians, 'Tho in case of a Rupture I am pritty confident I can secure a verry respectable Number in our Interest.

A Circumstance which happened lately has given all the Mohawks great concern, which has already extended itself to the rest, One George Klock, an old German farmer in this Country who speaks the Mohawk language a little, and has been often used as an Instrument, by designing people, to defraud y^e. Indians & who was the cause of Trepanning two Young Indian Lads who were exhibited in London some years Since, 'till the Government discovered it, this same Klock has lately seduced an old drunken Conajohare Indian of no estimation who spent his time in rambling from place to place to go with him to London promising him great things, Klocks character being infamous, and his person liable to Arrest on various Acc^{ts}. many years, He took his Rout in the Night thro y^e. woods towards New Jersey & obtained a pass at one of the Frontier Settlements from an Ignorant Magistrate who keeps a Tavern by this Rout he eluded y^e. pursuit of the Mohawks who followed with intention to kill him, and got down without touching at New York to the Watering place or Narrows, where he got on board the Snow notwithstanding the viligance of both the General & Governor, and is I suppose by this time in London, This Affair the Indians highly resent, as their pride is touched at the Idea of their People being stolen, and besides, that, this is a contemptable fellow that they are sensible would give an unfavourable impression of them and may possibly be employed on some bad purpose, and this is aggravated on their reflecting, that, two of their People were seduced about Seven or Eight years ago by the same person, who sent another Man with them, on which occasion y^e. Governmt. desired that none might come over again, unless on some remark-

able occasion with proper credentials from their Nation, & from Myself. I have therefore wrote to the Secretary of State about it, and am doing all in my power to pacify the Indians with Assurance that the Indian will be sent back & Klock punished, I Judged it fitting that you should have these particulars if occasion requires, as for Klock he is one of the most notorious Villains that ever left the Country, his History cannot be comprised in a small Compass, I shall only mention one Anecdote, that, in the former War, for Stirring up some Ind^s. agst. y^e. White People, (which had verry near cost the lives of many of His Majestys Subjects) & sending treasonable Belts & Messages, He would have Suffered at New York, had I not thro mistaken pity interposed with y^e. Governor & Council on account of his ignorance, and the distressed State of his Family, some of whom are since grown as bad as himself. I am told that he has a petition signed by several of y^e. Country People some of whom told me that some Months since He prevailed on them (a thing too common here) to sign a Petition which he told them was for their good, but that they did not know the contents, and he may be furnished with many other papers obtained in that way, for he once produced a Deed at New York which tho subscribed by only one drunken fellow, and Some Children he endeavored to pass them all for Sachims or Cheifs. I must beg your pardon for troubling You with so long an Acc^t. (tho not the twentieth part of what I could say) of so worthless & bad a Man, & beg that you will (if necessary) make his character known, so that he may not impose on those who do not know Him —

I now inclose you Captⁿ. Daniel Claus' Bill for £25 Ster^lg. Co^l. Johnson has been so occupied about his New House, the former having been destroyed by Lightening last Summer that he has not as yet sent you his power of Attorney, but will do so verry soon.— I am obliged to You for your caution about the Share in the Ohio Lands, that affair is I suppose by this time Settled.— I am also to thank You for your congratulations on My Sons Marriage, which is verry satisfactory to me.

I shall whenever occasion requires, give my freight to the Snow, and wish it was in my power to afford her more Encouragement, which perhaps may soon happen.

When you write me, be kind enough to let me know the price of Stocks.— and I would have You to pay for me Annually 2 Bever Skins at Windsor Castle, on the 1st. Day of January, and that from the Year the Patent was Granted, w^h. was the ninth Year of his present Majestys Reign, sending me a Receipt for the Same. I call y^e. Tract Kingsland, or the Royal Grant, perhaps the payment may not (altho directed by the Patent) be expected or necessary, if so, you will let me know.—

The am^t. of Roberts Pickens Bill here inclosed for £17d 11 you will please to put, (together wth that of Cap^t. Claus) to my Credit

I am with Cordial Esteem, Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

MR. JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED

Johnson hall 20th Jan^y. 1774

Sir W^m. Johnson

Reced 2 March

Ans^wd_____9th

TO JOHN MACLEOD

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall Jan^y 20th. 1774*]

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Your [

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Cap^t MacLeod came to my hands last Summer [just as] I was setting out for the Sea Side for the benefit of my health, which

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

prevented me from answering it at that time & occasioned its being mislaid till the other day.

I am now to thank you most kindly for your very friendly Letter and favorable prepossessions of me. Assuring you that the acco^t. I have of yourself is a Sufficient inducement to me to Cultivate your friendship especially as I have a great Esteem for Capt MacLeod who is a Worthy Man and one I am always disposed to Serve.— I had it in my power for some time to do so, & much regret that occasion does not now offer for doing it more effectually.— he has been lately appointed Command^t. of Fort Ontario with a Sally^y of 5^s Str. a day, & has been indulged to Continue on a Farm of mine (where he has resided some time) until the Summer. I hope he may continue to Experience the regard of his friends as his Finances require it, my cooperation in any thing for his advantage shall not be wanting whenever opportunity offers, and be assured of the Esteem with which I am

Sir

&ca

JOHN MACLEOD of
Esq^r.

INDORSED:

Jan^y 20th. 1774
To John MacLeod of
Esq^r.

TO ALEXANDER MCKEE

Df. S.

[*Johnson Hall January 20, 1774*]

[
[] the Chiefs of the Shawanese [
directions to you last ffall was a Year. I have [
can only attribute the disapointment, and your silence []]

¹ Lines burned off.

As affairs appear at present, their Journey hither is now [] necessary; but I wou'd have you fall on some method, where [by] Ohio, the Place of your Abode might be known, so as to prevent [] of letters, and also to be punctual in giving me every material [] the utmost speed, as I often receive Intelligence from other Qua[r]ters [] from yours.—

The Uniform regular Channel through which [] directed by his Majesty to pass to the Superintendent, and from [] and also to the Commander in Chief, as it is more direct, and super[] System, must also prove more advantageous to the Liberties, and Relief, [] a circumstance they have been for the most part, and Shou'd be all [] without hearkening to idle Stories, rely on the attention of the Depart[] and the readiness of the Crown to afford Relief wherever it is necessary and []

I have charged Kayaghshota with several Messages [] Indian affairs to the South, and West principally, all which he will [] and I wou'd have him return here as soon as possible, and make Report, [] he may be very useful on such Occasions, as he is a sensible prudent man well attached to the English Interests, and much esteemed by the severa[] and I intend to make it worth his while.— when he sets of from [] my Message to the Hurons and Twightwee Confederacy, you will provide []
[]¹
[] the Authors, and that if they divide []
[] it must tend to their great Injury. to know indian [] or the Heads of them, is the direct means of preventing [] therefore I have no doubt that your constant endeavors will be [] — Seeing that matters of Expence cannot be entered up[on] as in the times when Government had more Objects in View, [] therefore recommend the strictest Oconomy to you, and expect-

¹ Lines burned off.

ing to hear from [] the true State of the
 Indians in that Quarter, in which (in some []) will
 depend the Steps necessary to be taken by me, I conclude

Sir

Your most Obedt &c

W. J.

[] see any necessity for Girty's
 [] way with any Indians for
 [], as there is no want of an
 [] here, nor do I think
 [] with you.—

To ALEX^R. M^CKEE Esquire —

INDORSED:

[] W^m Johnson
 [] M^CKee Esq^r—
 Janr^y 20th. 1774 —

TO GEORGE CROGHAN

Df. S.

[*Johnson Hall January 20, 1774*]

[]¹
 []
 [], and I believe you []
 transactions, and that candidly, yet it []
 also from him — I am well pleased with []
 now employed him again, as I judge he may be []
 I think the Removal of the Shawanese, and []
 the marks of their disaffection — if they pursue different []
 instead of being great, become of no Consequence —
 I am very sensible that the extravagant []
 must give them Pain, and that it is no easy task to re[]

¹ Several lines burned off.

Majesty has Issued Orders to the Governors to prevent more [] which I presume Lord Dunmore has 'ere now received, and [] have the effect to lessen the number of straggling settlements, [] to the Public and much Concern to the Indians in that Quarter.

I have not lately heard any particulars respecting the [] I heartily wish it may prove some Check to the many Irregular [] complained of — All here are well, and desire to be kindly [] to you. I hope you are better of your Gouty Complaint, and that you [] me
Sincerely your Wellwisher &

Humble Serv^t.

W. J.

To GEORGE CROGHAN Esq^r.

ACT OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Albany, Monday the 24th: of January 1774

Present

Abraham C Cuyler Esq	Mayor
John H Ten Eyck Esq	Recorder
Robert Yates	} Esq Ald ⁿ .
Guy G Merselis	
John Ten Broeck	
Gerrit Van Sante	
Leonard Gansevoort	} As ^s :
Henry Van Veghten	
Abraham Ten Eyck	
Jacob Roseboom	

This Board find it Necessary pursuant to their Petition delivered in the Last Sessions to the Assembly requiring to be heard by

¹ In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:62-3, in New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

Council against the Passing of a Bill entitled "An Act for securing to the Indians of the Lower Mohawk Village and their Desendants the possession of the remainder of their Lands Adjacent to the same under certain regulations," That a Committee be sent Down to New York to make the said Objections For which purpose they do hereby appoint Guysbert G. Merselis Alderman & Leonard Gansevoort Assist^t: to be a Committee, and they are hereby fully authorized and Impowered either by themselves or Council to enter upon and make the said Opposition to the said Bill or any Other Bill which may be Preferred to the said House to the same Effect

And for the Purpose aforesaid this Board do hereby furnish the said Committee with all the Papers and Vouchers relative to the same in Order for them to make such use of the said proofs as to them may appear Necessary

It is also Ordered that the Chamberlain furnish the said Committee with all such Deeds and Papers as they may require from him relative to the Lands at Tiononderoge and that the Chamberlain do also pay to the said Committee the sum of £25 for which sum they are to render an Account of its Disbursements to this Board upon their Return

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*¹

Johnson Hall Jan^y. 26th. 1774

DEAR SIR/

I thank You for your letter of the 27th. Ult^o. and for the Candid Advice you gave me concerning Commissions for my Officers, I am sensible there would be a difficulty in case of misbehaviour how to act with them if they had the Kings Commission, unless they were made during pleasure, & indeed I only proposed the Commission for my Deputies, on whom I could

¹ In British Museum Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 111, London, England.

confidently rely, The other regulations I fixed in such manner as I hope will be found an Advantage to the Department.

Herewith, I inclose You a Copy of my Transactions with Kayaghshota the great Cheif from Ohio, who gave me a particular detail of his Embassys in which he has acted verry faithfully, and I have again employed him and Others verry trusty, who I expect will return here some time in May. You will see at the Sequel that the French are in a great measure at the bottom of the numerous Meetings of late to the South Westward and from the whole that the Shawanese are not to be much depended on. I know it does not appear probable to the Public that the French have any Agents at present, or Interest themselves in Indian Affairs, but I have all along had undoubted intelligence of verry large presents, part of which I have seen, w^h. were delivered to them by persons who gave them in the name of the French King, and in such quantitys as cannot be supposed to have been given by Individuals, to draw a Trade, but rather to keep up a good Understanding with them, that in case of a War they might make use of their Services to distress our Frontiers, or perhaps for a more material purpose, And I have formerly experienced the like conduct from them in times of peace, 'tho they would never publickly Acknowledge it.

I am inclined to believe that the Speeches I have again sent by Kayaghshota² &ca will prove of the utmost Service, as he has always acted faithfully when employed, and is so much respected by the Nations to the Southward & Westward; & I am persuaded that the Indians have verry Justly accused the Shawanese of Altering the purport of Belts & Speeches to accommodate them to their own purposes.—

I am with the cost Cordial Esteem,

Dear Sir,

Your most sincere Wellwisher

& Verry Humble Servant

His Excell^{cy}.

W. JOHNSON

MAJOR GENR^l. HALDIMAND

² Chief of the Mingoes, or Ohio Senecas.

Hands, & that I beg leave, tho late to return You my most Humble Thanks, for your money & Humane Services to an Unfortunate Brother, and am Sir with great Pleasure Your truly obliged &

most Obed. St

RICH^d. PRESTON

ADDRESSED:

To

His Excellency Sir W^m. Johnson
North America

INDORSED:¹

London Jan^y. 30th. 1774

Mr. Ric^d. Prestons letter

FROM JOHN BAPTIST VAN EPS ET AL.

L. S.

Schonectady the 31st January
1774

SIR

Wee imbrace this Opportunity of acquainting you, that Mr Vroman & Captain Yeats are both Returned from New York Sunday Night last, & as we know it will give you pleasure to hear of our Success in the Assembly, concerning the Action with Myer Schermerhorn & others. we had Sixteen Votes on our Side & they had but five — So that its now entirely discharged from the House — As you have always been a great Benefactor & Patron to this Town in this Cause, as well as in many other matters — we with hearts full of gratitude Sincerely Acknowledge the great Services you have done us — & we farther return our greatfull thangs to Sir John, Colonel Johnson & Colonel Claus all [of] whom was warm in our Interest upon

¹ In Johnson's hand.

this Occasion — with wishing you every Blessing which God Almighty can grant your, we are

Sir, with great respect

Your most Hble Servants

JN^o B V EPS

HERMANUS BRADT

ABRAHAM FONDA

JOHN SANDERS

GEIRETA LANSINGH

NICOLAES V:PETTEN

ABRAHAM WEMP

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

January 31st. 1774 —

Letter from y^e. Trustees
of the Township of
Schenectady —

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

philad^a. 1th Feby 1774

[]

[]²
[] of the 16th of [] in which []
explicit with regard to your sons³ hav^g. no occasion for []
insight into Business then to make him Cap[a]ble of keep^g. a
store in the Country, which together with the Confidence you are
pleas'd to repose in me for that purpose, as well as the fee to
be given with him, put me Immediately on look^g. out for a suit-

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

³ Peter Johnson, oldest child of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

able place for him, and have fixed on a place that I am of opinion will answer all our Expectations one Mr. Will^m. Barrell who I mentioned to Mr. Wallace when here & he aproved of him, he is not only the genteelest man in the wholesale & retail business but he is the most Capable of Improveing him & Imports the largest of any in that way in the City. I find it makes a material Odds the short time you propose his staying with regard to the fee as he would not take him for so short a time under £ 100 Curr^y. & find him in nothing Except breakfast in the morn^g. as he should not be detained from business, but that makes little odds only the trouble of Comeing to my house, where he shall have a hearty welcome, and my famely is Verry desirours he should Continue, and I shall be better pleas'd as I Can have an Oport^y. of seeing that he is not led into bad Comp^y., so as to be out at nights, &c, altho at this time, I can assure you, of all the young gentⁿ. I have ever had under my directions & I have had several of my fri[e]nds Children, I never had one of a better disposition with which he seems to have an ambition to improve himself in anything he is put to —

He has been with Mr. Barrell near two weeks and he seems to like the place, as dose Mr. Barrell him, so that I have the greatest reason to think that must be the place, & must provide Accordingly, which with his Expenses for Cloathing would be most agreeable to have remited to philad^a., I shall be as Careful as possible to see that he keeps an Acc^t. himself & keeps his things togethr^r. I was oblig'd to furnish him with a winter Suit a settout &c as his Cloths was too thin & too small for him, which with the Violin & some other articles will Am^t. to between twenty & thirty pounds.

I mentioned in my last that Mr. Wallace was of opinion he had bettr^r. Stay three years, this I would not agree to, until I had your answer, in that & every other matter recommended to me, you may rest Assured, as far as my knowlege leads me, in matters of this kind, I shall do everything [

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¹ Lines burned off.

I should think myself highly []
were I to intrude so much on your friendship as to give you a
Circumstantial Account of Mr. Prendergasts proceed^{gs}. in an
affair which he has no doubt ere now laid before you, I took the
liberty in the pos[ts]cript of my last to request you would not
take any notice of his solicitations on that head, & were you to
know the meathod that gentⁿ. took to get himself engaged in that
affair, so much ag^t. my Inclination, to trouble you with it, I am
almost Convinced you would not make use of your Influence in
a Cause where the person Concern'd to Execute it, is not worthy
of the trust & Confidence repos'd in him. this be assured is the
Case with that gentⁿ. which I am the more Convinced of since
he left this, then I was before, hav^g. an Account from a strange
gentⁿ. who I fell in Comp^y. with lately in the Jerseys, when the
Conversatⁿ. fell on the evil of gameing &c & he said there was a
strange gentⁿ. lodged at Hulls tavern in N York that was on
his way to Sr. W^m. Johnsons, who shook his rist to some purpose,
as he gamed as high as sixty & seventy pounds in a night, & he
beli[e]ved stayed there on purpose, however as he termed it he
was in luck when he Came away —

Before I had this Account I had Cause to suspect him in that
way, as well as his sincerity, from his ungreatful behaviour to
me & my famely in going Contrary to all the arguments I made
use of to him, & that without even takeing leave of any of us,
after the reception I gave him on his first arival, & being six
weeks at my house and rec'd other fav^{rs}., in the Cash way, which
Convinces me he has more his own Interest in View, than that
of serv^g. my Sistr.— I am Exceedingly sorry to be under the
necessity of being so troublesome to you on this Occasion, which
I flatter myself you'l Excuse when you Consider the Cause &
the motive I have in so doing. I shall take Care to procure the
articles mentioned, in due time, & am with great truth

Dear Sir

Your Most Oblig'd & most

Obed^t & Humble Serv^t.

FRAN^s. WADE

P. S. we have strange Accounts from
 Fort pitt of the goverment of Vrigin^a.
 taking it into their goverment and
 many here thinks it was our fri[e]nd
 Croughan promoted it & that he has got some
 Commission &c as the Accounts are Various Cant
 give you any particulars, a great Jalousy prevails —

ADDRESSED :

To
 The Hon^{ble} Sir Will^m. Johnson Barr^t.
 at
 his seat
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Philadelphia

Mr. Francis Wades [letter]

Ansrd.

Febry. 15th. 1774

[] I would apologize for his not [] this
 post, he joints in Complim^{ts}. to all fri[e]nds [] pleased
 to present mine to Sr. John Coln^l. Johnson [] Clauses
 & their ladys in which M^{rs}. Wade Joins
 I am as before
 Yours &c &c &c

F. W.

Sr. W^m. JOHNSON Barr^t.

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

FROM ISAAC ADOLPHUS

A. L. S.

New York February 2th 1774

SIR

abov is A Cobby of A Letter¹ which was Send by the post to his Hon^r. with the Bill & acc^t Incloased I Can not but Think at must Slept his Hon^{rs}. Memre els Shoold had his Hon^{rs}. anser So that I Coold Inform my vrind M^r Barnard gratz of the Same his Hon^{rs}. Anser Will gratly oblidgh & am with

Respect Sir Your Most obed^t Humble Sar^t

ISAAC ADOLPHUS

To the Hon^{le}.

SIR WILL^M. JOHNSON Barnett

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson
Baronet
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

Mr. Adolphus []
for a Draft
p^d. by Mr. Wa[llace]

¹ Letter of December 15, 1773.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM GEORGE MORGAN

A. L. S.

[*Philadelphia February 6 1774*]

[]

I have just now had the Honour to receive your Favour of the 3^d Ult^o. for which & your obliging Acceptance of M^r Maisonvilles Bill, I beg leave to render you my Thanks —

I will esteem it a particular favour to be furnish'd with an Abstract of the Acc^{ts}., as before requested, when you have sufficient Leisure — I do not mean Copies of each particular of the respective Acc^{ts}. but the Names of the Sufferers & the Amount of their respective Demands — And if you have any other Papers which immediately concern Mess^{rs} Baynton Wharton & Morgan you will add to the Obligation by favouring me with a Copy thereof —

My Father in Law & myself placed an unlimited Confidence in our Partner M^r Wharton who for Reasons of Policy perhaps, has studiously secreted several of his Transactions & in others notoriously betray'd the Trust

[]¹
part for the Trouble I give you Sir in which I am join'd by several other Gentlemen

I am with Respect, Sir

Your most Ob^t.& most hum^l Servant

GEO: MORGAN

To

The Hon^{ble}. SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

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

Johnson Hall

¹ Lines burned off.

INDORSED:¹

Feb^y. 6th. 1774

Mr. George Morgans
Letter —

A CERTIFICATE

D. S.²

Albany 7th Feb^y. 1774

[
[v]indication of himself relative to Br. John Cole's charge
against him, of having endeavoured to undermine him in respect
to the Office of Undersheriff and Goaler of this City and County,
Do certify that we have heard the allegations of both the Parties
and find that the said Charge is true, And further that Br.
Pemberton, acknowledged he had wrote to Sr. William Johnson
to intercede in his behalf after having been informed by the
Sheriff that he had given his Word and Honour to Br. Cole
that he should have it, and that he had even wrote to Sr. William
after having seen the Sheriffs Order to Marten to deliver the
Keys up, of the Goal to Br. Cole

MATTHEW WATSON }
EDWARD S. WILLET } Com^{ee}.
MATTHEW VISSCHER }

NB Br^s. Cole and Pemberton
are both Members of Union
Lodge N^o. 1 in this City
By order of the Lodge

INDORSED:

Report of a Committee
of Lodge N^o. 1. relative to
Pembertons Conduct.
Feb^y. 1774

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Inclosed in Richard Cartwright's letter to Johnson, Feb. 9, 1774.

³ Several lines burned off.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Febr^y. 7th. 1774.*

DEAR SIR/

As My Son Sir John goes for New York to Spend a few Weeks, I could [not]² let him go without a Line to You, altho I have nothing particular as yet of any public nature to entertain You with.

Several Indians have been lately with me with Assurances that the Senecas will fullfill their engagements as quick as possible.

I have been several times of late applied to by a Man of the name of Lewis Andrews who was inlisted very Young in New Jersey in the 46th. Regiment, and was Shortly after Seduced to leave the Regiment, and retire amongst the Indians where he has lived many years, married one of their Women, by whom he has several Children, and has often been usefull in the way of intelligence. His desire is to know whether he could be pardoned for that Crime, as it was done when he was very Young and a long time ago, I promised at the request of his Indian Connections, to lay the matter before You & recommend it to Your Consideration.

I am always with very true Regard, -

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient

& Affectionate Humble

Servant

His Excellency
MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND

W. JOHNSON

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 113, London, England.

² Omission in the original.

INDORSED y4

Sr. W^m. Johnson
 of febr^y the 7th
 recue le — 14
 Ans feb the 18

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 8th. Feb^y. 1774.

DEAR SIR

This Morning Mr. Coale waited on me with the inclosed Paper requesting that thro me it might be conveyed to you. The Contents will sufficiently explain its intention; and the respect the Sheriff has for yourself, and the attention he woud pay to your recommendation, has made it necessary for poor Coale (who has served in capacity of undersheriff for some Years, & much liked) to take this Step to convince you that he has been ill used by Mr. Pemberton — & by acts of Lenity he is reduced to as great Straights —

The Sheriff therefore, in order to serve him for his faithful Conduct, has annex'd to his office that of Goaler, in order to give him an opportunity of replacing his losses — with the greatest Regard

I am D^r. SirY^r. most Obed^t. Hum^l Serv^t.SAM^l. STRINGER

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bart.
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹Alb^y. 8th. Febr^y. 1774

 Dr. Sam^l. Stringers letter
 wth. an inclosure —
 Ansrd.—

FROM HENRY TEN EYCK

A. L. S.

*Albany February 8 1774*HON^D SIR

I have recived your favour of the fourst² instant Recommending M^r Pemberton to the office of Golear upon the Discharge of M^r Martin which I would have answered Sooner had I not been called Out of Town immedialey after the Receipt Thereof. I am extreamly Sory that you Honours Recomendation did not come sooner, as I Would thereby have prevented the ingameant I have made to M^r Cole to that Office, yet upon Your Honoures request and that of Several of my Frinds, I am incline to Appoint M^r Pemberton to the Office but yet as M^r Cole Seemes assured to think that upon his personal application to your Honour he will be able to remove that Recomendation in favour of M^r Pemberton, I shall suspend the appointmant untill your Honours farther montive thereof I shall at all times find it a happinass to Complexy with the Recomendation of your Honour and that of my Frinds

I am Honourd Sir

Your most Obediant

Humble Servant

HENRY TEN EYCK

To SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart

¹ In Johnson's hand.
² Apparently an erroneous correction of "first" to "fourth."

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y. 8th. 1774 —

The High Sherriffs Letter
concerning a Dep^y. & Goaler

INDORSED:¹

Febr^y. 8th. 1774 —

The High Sherriff of
Alb^{ys}. Letter —

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. D. S.

Albany 9th Feb^y 1774

SIR

I now inclose you sundry Shippers freight Bills as follows—

Henry Wendell's for.....	£4.. 7..3
Mess ^{rs} . Pruyn & Groesbeck.....	0.. 4..0
Cap ^t Dox	4.. 5..6
John Fryer	2..17..9
Joeghim Staats	3.. 5..9

£15.. 0..3

I am Respectfully

Sir Your very hu Serv^t

JN^o: MONIER

PS When these Account are Return'd
to be paid I will get Receipts to them

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

¹ In Johnson's hand.

INDORSED:¹

Moniers letter wth.
 Acc^{ts}. for Sloopage —
 Febr^y 9th. 1774 —
 Ansrd. y^e. 12th. Cur^t
 & inclosed £ 15 to pay y^e
 within Acc^{ts}. & get Receipts

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany Febr^y. 9th. 1774

DEAR SIR

The Corporation of Albany had a meeting yesterday and examin'd a Mohawk relative to their dispute with the Indians— Whatever Information they receiv'd is kept a profound secret — I would not chuse to have my Name mention'd as having acquainted you with this matter, 'tho I think it proper you should be inform'd — I beg my Comp^{ts}. to Mess^{rs}. Deas & Daly & also to Molly — I am

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t. & Hum^{le}.Serv^t. JA:^s: STEVENSONINDORSED:¹

Captⁿ. J. Stevensons
 letter Febr^y. 9th. 1774

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

Albany 9 feby. 1774

[]

I write this to Interseed with you in behalf of the bearer John Cole who has Served the Sheriff ever since he has been in Office with Care and fidelity and is extreemly well respected, And beloved in the Office. But by your request to the Sheriff he will be Deprived of it as the Sheriff Says he has no Other Cause but Your request in faviour of W^m. Pemberton to Deprive him of it. I think that Pemberton must have made some rong reports or it would not have been so.

Mr. Stringer has wrote and desired me to do so has Sent a Certificate¹ which he thinks right and tells me Pemberton has been Extreemly busy & made rong representations while Cole was Absent at the Susquehannah after a Person who ran away from him And I know the Sheriff has promised it to Cole but is now afraid of Disobliging you Pray Excuse this Scrawl and believe me with all manner of Dutiful Respect

Hon^d. Sir

Your Most Obed hum^{le} Serv^t

R CARTWRIGHT

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{le}. Sir W^m. Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall
Fr. Mr. John Cole

INDORSED:²

Alby. 9th. Febr^y. 1774

Mr. Cartwrights letter
fav^r. of Jⁿ. Cole —
Ansrd.—

¹ Printed under date Feb. 7, 1774. See p. 1025.

² In Johnson's hand.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹

New York $\frac{\text{February } 10^{\text{th}}.}{\text{Feb. } 18^{\text{th}}}$ 1774

Copy,)

DEAR SIR

I am favor'd with yours of the 26th: January, accompanying the proceedings with Kayashota, which are a new instance of the Fidelity of that Chief, I am sorry to see that the Shawnese are so refractory, but I hope from the wise measures which you have taken, that their Scheme will be rendered abortive, and their Sufficiency and conceit humbled, by the resolution taken by the six Nations to shake them off for their unfaithful behaviour in the late Transactions. I hope that the Spirit shewn by the Six Nations on this Occasion, will have a great weight with the rest of the Western Nations, and preserve the Peace and Tranquillity which seems an object of great importance in the present political System with respect to America, I feel a great satisfaction at the prospect you have of having the Murderers of the four French Men delivered into your Hands, as a thing of that kind cannot but be conducive to raise the importance of the Nation in the Eyes of those People, and be attended with great advantages; with respect to that affair, I beg leave to refer you to a Letter I wrote formerly to you on that head as I have not altered my Sentiments about it.

I am Surprized at what you mention concerning the French interfering still in Indian Affairs on this Continent, I shall give directions to the Southward to try to find out, by what means they communicate with the Indians and who are their Agents, but I have very little doubt of their being able to effect any thing of any consequence while the Administration of that Department lays in your Hands. I find by your speech to the Hurons that

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 115, London, England; original in New York State Library badly damaged by fire.

you have appointed one John Hay a Commissary of Indian Affairs at Detroit, I hope from some circumstances that the Person you have appointed is Mr. Jehu Hay, as I know your good intentions for him and he is a very deserving Man in my Opinion.

18th: February

Having had no Opportunity to forward the above, I have since received your favor of the 7th: instant, delivered to me by Sir John whom with Lady Johnson I have had the pleasure to see here in very good health.

I observe what you mention in regard to Lewis Andrews, and will readily do all that lays in my Power to settle that affair to your satisfaction, but as precedents of that kind are not very proper, it will be necessary that he should Surrender himself to You as a Deserter and on mentioning his Services to me and the use he may be of in giving proper intelligence I will send you his Discharge.

I am with the most Sincere Esteem,
Sir
&ca.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED Copy) To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t:
His Majesty's Sole Agent for,
and Superintendant of the
Affairs of the Indian Nations
in the Northern District
at
Johnson Hall

10th:

New York February ——— 1774.

18th:

ALEXANDER ROSS TO ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

[Fort Pitt February 14, 1774]

[]¹
 [] not be admitted as []
 [] with the Crown; I am therefore obliged []
 [] payment of them amounting £ Abstract []
 [] $\text{£}94:11:11^d$ Sterling which I have been obliged []
 contractors for long Since.— I am now So hard p[]
 that I am constrain'd to tell you, that I cannot []
 longer from the payment besides, my stay here []
 that I cannot help calling upon you in this []
 manner.— I hope you will make it Agreeable []
 with this my reasonable request, which will p[]
 taking Steps that wou'd indeed be Very irks[ome]
 and which nothing but real necessity cou'd [] me to.
 I am in the meantime —

Your Verry []
 AL[EX^R ROSS]

TO DOCTOR HUNTLEY

Df.²[Johnson Hall Febr^y 14th 1774]

I was some time since favored [] Letter,
 which my absence from home & a multiplicity of business that
 succeeded (of which few can have any idea) prevented me from
 sooner acknowledging, and which demands my best apology, as
 I consider myself under much obligation to you, for your great
 kindness and attention to my son Peter whilst at Montreal, for

¹ Lines burned off.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

which I beg you will accept of my Sincere thanks & Assurances of the warmest inclination to serve you on any occasion in my power. The money which you mention was charged to me in Col. Claus's account, but thro' his hurry he forgot to pay it before he left your City, on hearing of which I directed him to order payment immediately which I presume has been long since done; had it not been for this mistake I sh^d. have settled it directly, as it must appear very unreasonable that you should be at any farther trouble on that Subject.

Your friend D^r Dease offers his kind regards and be assured that I am with much Esteem

Sir

D^R HUNTLEY

&c

INDORSED:¹

Feb^y. 14th. 1774

To D^r. Huntley at Montreal.—

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

[*Pittsburgh, February 15, 1774*]

[²]
 [] this Post.—
 At the Time I had the Honer [] upon me the management of Indian [] it was thought adviseable that some [] shou'd be given to such Indians as came [] siness, for that a total Refusal of this kind m[ight] Discontent and occasion much Trouble; Th[] I looked upon it for the Good of the Service assu[] the Payment thereof to the Contractor's Agent, [] ing but

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

an Allowance wou'd be made by the C[] for so essential an Expende.—

I have before mention'd this matter, [] I have not been favour'd with an Answer, ha[] to pray Your Honor's Advice, and that you m[ay] be pleased to point out such Method as Your H[onor] may think most expedient for having the same adjusted.—

I flatter myself His Excellency The Commander in Chief will be convinc'd of the Hardship []
[]¹

Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

TO THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL

*Contemporary Copy*²

Johnson Hall Febr'y: 16th: 1774

GENTLEMEN

I some time since was favoured with yr: Letter of the 8th: Ult^o: on the Subject of my last concerning ye Mohaw[k] Indians whom I assembled as soon after as I Could, communicated to them what you had farther offer'd to them on the Matter recommending it to them to Consider of some Proposal to be made on their Parts towards settling the Dispute without carrying it farther The Indians Observed that they thought the explanation of the Term Nation a very Just and reasonable request that it might as well be Determined now as at any Other

¹ Lines burned off.

² In the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of the City of Albany, New York, 9:66-7, in New York State Library, Albany, N. Y. This letter is the answer to the letter of January 8, 1774 from the Albany Common Council. Following the copy of the letter is this record: "Thereupon the Board resolved to appoint Robert Yates, Peter W. Yates and Leonard Gansevoort as a Committee to draw an Answer." The answer is the letter of March 2, 1774.

Period. and they are Intirely of Opinion that none of their Ancestors had this Term explained to them when that deed was executed and that it is more than probable they did not know its real Contents especially as there is no proof that it was fully explained interpreted, and Understood, as was, and is, Customary in transactions of y^t: Sort, However at my repeated Desire they took it into farther Consideration and acquainted me that in Consequence of my advice and to manifest their hearty Inclination to determine the matter in an Amicable way they proposed that a Deed should be given to them for the Land in dispute, To hold so long as three Families remained in that place and that should these incline to relinquish the possession they should receive some gratuity for so doing and also that Situation of the 1000 Acres of Low Land be particularly described. They at the same time declare that they did not make this Offer from any doubt within themselves of the Justness of their Case but purely to Shew their love for Peace and their regard for my advice and that as they thought it a very fair One it was the Only One they would ever make —

I therefore now Transmit you this their Offer requesting to know as Quick as Possible whether you will enter into a Treaty upon this Offer or not, And I flatter myself you must Join me in Opinion that it is in Honour and Conscience highly reasonable to come to a nearer explanation of the Vague Term that must ultimately be explained and that the Deed they require is not unfavourable to you Should you think differently I shall be Necessitated wth. all possible Dispatch to lay the whole of the matter before his Majesty which must give much Trouble to all Parties and when probably it will not be viewed in the same favourable Light in which it appears to you. It will give me Great pleasure to find that this matter is settled as Proposed be because I am Gentlemen

Your Real wellwisher

& Humble Servent

W JOHNSON

TO HENRY TEN EYCK JR (SHERIFF)

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Feby 17th 1774*

SIR,

I lately rec^d. your Letter & make no doubt of your readiness to pay regard to my recommendation. As for M^r Pemberton, my Motive for writing in his favor was owing to his Character, Necessities, & (as was apprehended) his qualifications for that Office.—I have since heard that he had taken some measures for obtaining it that do not appear to be such as I was first apprized of, and Indeed I am inclined to think that he may get into some other way in a place where he has so many friends, & thereby free you from the difficulty you appear to be under which I am far from inclining to increase If M^r Pemberton has no Claim to that Office.—I have now wrote to him about it because I would not neglect an honest man whom I wish well, neither would I willingly give you as my friend any uneasiness as to the appointment.

I am Sir, &c

J^s TEN EYCK ESQ^R.

INDORSED:

Feby 17th 1774

To the Sherriff of

Albany, & Cap^t Pemberton

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Evidently this should be "H" instead of "J."

TO WILLIAM PEMBERTON

*Df.*¹*[Johnson hall Feby 17, 1774]*

SIR,

I have lately seen the report of a Com^e. of the Lodge which seems to Condemn the measures you took about the Office you Sollicitted. I have also seen your Note to Col. Johnson, & upon the Whole I am of opinion that as affairs are Circumstanced you may lose some friends by getting the Office, whilst on the other hand I shou^d think you have a tolerable chance in a Town where you have so many well wishers, of perhaps getting on a more respectable footing. I have Ans^d. the Sheriff upon it who appears under great difficulties from his preengagement, and therefore you must be Sensible it would be indelicate in me to urge in that case a point that must give pain to any Gentleman. I don't mention this with a View to neglect you if the Sheriff is at all free in his choice, & not tyed down by prior promises, but to advise you as a friend to consider the matter coolly, whether there was not such an engagement, and whether if you had the Office it might not preclude you from Some friends and the chance of a more reputable livelyhood.

I am always your true Wellwisher

CAP^T PEMBERTON

TO HENRY CANER

*Df.*²*Johnson Hall, Feby 17th. 1774*

SIR,

It was not till the other day that I was favored with your letter concerning the Edition of the Church service in the Mohock

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Tongue, which you directed to be sent to me for distribution & for which I beg to return my thanks with assurance that they shall be as faithfully distributed, as I am persuaded they will be gratefully received by the Indians &c

I am not at all surprized that there are errors in a Work of that Nature, the imperfect knowledge of their Language, & the difficulty of establishing its orthography must occasion many, & indeed the last edition tho' partly overlooked by myself, & printed at my desire, & the Press corrected under the Inspection of a Clergyman at N. York who was acquainted with the language is nevertheless faulty in many places.

The almost inconceivable hurry of business in which the duties of my station constantly involve me, has hitherto put it out of my power to give these subjects the attention they deserve, I am however endeavouring at present to get materials for a Compilation of a brief History of the Bible to contain, a short Historical deduction of facts & incidents in a regular & well connected order, which I am inclined to think will be of much use to the Indians, as it is best adapted to their Capacities, & by giving them a general Comprehensive idea of the Whole may Guide them to a farther inquiry into the great truths of Christianity.

I greatly applaud the zeal you have manifested in this laudable design, & shall always remain with much esteem

Sir &c

The REV^d. D^r CANER

FROM WILLIAM PEMBERTON

L. S.

[*Albany Feb^y 20th 1774*]

[]

[

but must at the same Time inform [] I am an

¹ Lines burned off.

Enteir Stranger to what the [] wrote you, and have this to Observe [] in Vindication of my self, that when the [] was with me it was to Enquire of me by []plaint Lodg'd against me in my Absence by Mr: Cole that [] Undermind him, I then told the Gentlemen that [] had not Petitiond but was but Recommended [] Principle Gentlemen of the Town, and from [] commendation I was Determined to Try with [] assistance of my freinds to Obtain this place Telling them at the same Time I had wrote to your Hon^r. for your Intrest. I am Greatly Obliged to your Hon^r. for your kind Advice in your Letter and for your freind ship for me, and shall take Particular Notice of what you Mention in your Letter, and shall Endeavour to Comply with what Ever your Honour thinks is Consistently Best for my Intrest, I must now Conclude myself—

Yours Honours

Most Obedient

& Most Hum^{le}: Serv^t

P S, I flatter myself that through your Interposition for me that I will get the Office and that my being a Mason Dont Prevent my Doing the best for my poor Distres'd Family

WILLIAM PEMBERTON

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{le}: Sir William Johnson Bart

at

Johnston Hall

GUY JOHNSON TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. D. S.¹*Guy Park Feby 21st. 1774*

Exch. for £70 ster in sight of this my first of Exchange (second and third of Like Tenor & Date not paid) pay to Sir William Johnson Bart or Order the Sum of Seventy Pounds Ster, which place to my account with, or without farther advice from,

Sir,

Your most humble Servt:

G JOHNSON

70 Ster.

To M^R JOHN BLACKBURN
Merch^t. in London

FROM JACOB STERNBERGER AND JOHN LAWYER

A. L. S.²*Schohary February 21st. 1774*

HON.

SIR

Your's of the 5th. Instant is Just Come to hand, Wherein You Acknowledge the Receipt of my former, which I understand by Your's is Misslaid I herein Inclose You A true State of the Matter as Was Laid before You — in Consequence of the Company of Cap^t. Bouch;— Cap^t. Bouch, by the last line, of Division of the two Countys, is in Alb^y. County. and the, Whole of his Comp^y. Except Eight private men resides in Tryon C:—; Notwithstanding their being in that County — nay even those that signed the petition, to have Officers of there Own have since been to M^r. Lawyer & me to Draw Another petition to refute

¹ In British Musuem. Additional Manuscripts 24323, fo. 11.

² In New York Historical Society, New York City.

the former and begg'd our interest to keep them in — Our regiment — this is A true state of the matter

I am Now to Inform You that, When Our Regim^t. was first Established I had A Comp^y: within the Manor of Renslaer, which You was pleased to take of the reg^{mt}. now A Secon'd Upon the Eve of being Struck of also gives me reason to think I am not treated According to my Rank.

as I think I Cannot Appear at Any place of review with Eight Company's Instead of Ten as A Colonel, therefore if You think proper to take the Other Company & leave my regim^t. as above would be glad You would bestow Mr. Lawyer's Commission and mine On Whom Your Superior Judg^{mt}. thinks Best, from Sir Your Most Obed^t. & Humb^{le}. Serv^{ts}

JACOB STERNBERGER

JOHN LAWYER

SIR W^m. JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honb^{le}. Sir William
Johnson Bart:
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Scohare 21st. Febr^y. 1774
Co^l. Starnbergs letter

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹

New York 24th. Febr. 1774

DEAR SIR

I Send you here next Several paragraphs of the S^o Carolina Papers which corresponding with the intelligence Sent to me

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 117, London, England. Original in New York State Library is badly burned.

by Capt. Stuart, will enable you to form a judgement of what may be expected from the Creeks. So that you may counteract any Steps they may take to draw Some of the wavering Northern tribes into their measures particularly the Shawnese for tho' it does not Seem as yet to be a general combination of the whole Creek nation, (the upper Creeks appearing as Yet Strangers to the proceedings of the lower) Still there is no knowing what they may be led to do in that affair, and the insult offer'd to the English Nation is of so gross a nature that I do not see any great improbability of it's involving us in difficulties with them.

a happy circumstance in our favor is the war now Subsisting between them & the Chactaws, and if any of the other nations can be brought to Side with us, it may bring that quarrel to a Speedier and better conclusion, I wou'd beg to Suggest to you the propriety of taking some steps to prevent the Cherokees joining the Creeks on this occasion and impart to me any prospect of advantage that may be expected from the Northern Indians in case the rupture with the Creeks shou'd take place.

I am with perfect esteem

D^r. Sir

Yours &c

[FRED: HALDIMAND]

SIR W^m. JOHNSON

INDORSED (74

Copy

Letter to Sir W^m. Johnson

Feb^y. 24th.

FROM PATT SMYTH

A. L. S.

Fort Edward 25th. Feb^y. 1774

HON^d SIR/

Your fav^r of the 22^d: I have Rec^d: from Tom Wildman, and agreeable thereunto have given him part of the Grain, the

rest he is to have as he wants, I Shall always be happy in Obeying Sir Williams Commands, and think it an honour to be his most

Ob^t and most

Hble Servant

PATT SMYTH

INDORSED:

Fort Edward Feb^y 25th 1774

Patt Smyths Esq^r Letter

FROM WILLIAM EDMESTON

*A. L. S.*¹

Mount-Edmeston Feb^y 25th: 1774

DEAR SIR

I enclose you a letter from Colonel Vaughan,² which I thought to have had the pleasure of delivering with my own hand as I fully intended paying my respects to you last fall on your return from Long Island; but unlucky for me, was prevented by a fall I got with my whole weight on my side on the nott of a Hemlock tree; which hurt me so much, that I was not able to be abroad for three months after.

I believe the contents of his letter is to signify his wishes that I might have your help and friendly assistance, in procuring a tract of Land from the Indians, which Lays contiguous to my Land on the Small River Tieunaderrah;³ without which my Land here will be of very little or no value because of the Mountains runing so close to the River; it has cost me a great deal of money above 1500 £ Ster^s for 10,000 acres which are

¹ In Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

² John Vaughan, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of 94th regiment January 12, 1769, Major General January 1, 1776.

³ The Unadilla river. For location of the tract see *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 489.

between my Brother & me, nine tenths of which is mountain, & will be of little or no value for this hundred years to come, had I known the situation & quality of this Land before I came over myself, I would not have layed out one Shilling upon it. I thought of keeping the Colonels letter till the Snow was gone, and then to have delivered it as I propose doing myself the honour of paying you a visit as soon as possible, but finds there was one Smyth with you last Christmas applying for the same Lands, this Smyth came to me last Summer & I very generously gave him 200 acres of my very best land for nothing, I therefore cannot help thinking that if Smyth without any pretentions to the favour of Government, and without one Shilling expense should come in previous to me, that it will be exceedingly hard — I know not what answer Smyth got from you, but he intends going very soon to Onide to tamper with the Indians about it. I mention this as I flatter myself I shall have you good wishes & friendly interposition in the affair

I am with the greatest Respect Dear Sir

Your very Sincere &

most obedient Hum^{le}. Serv

W^m. EDMESTON

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 26th February 1774

SIR

I now inclose you my Account of Receiving & forwarding of your goods, including Freight and Cartage paid by me at different times, also Storage, and you will perceive that this account being properly Adjusted there appears to be a small Balance due to me of £12. . 15. . 0.—

I am always ready to Oblige you and your Sons in Receiving and forwarding your goods, but as it is almost out of my power to attend the keeping separate Accounts for such small

Transactions, I hope you wont take it amiss that I include the whole Yearly in your Account, yet at the same time it will appear in said Account what every Gentleman as a Right to pay — and I will take it kind that you will let me do so in future.—

Then an inclosed two little Accounts that was not sent up to you to be approved of before payment, which however I have paid, being Cuylers and Groesbeeks. Receipts are annexed to all these freight Bills.—

I am Respectfully

Sir

Your very hu Servant

JN^o: MONIER

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED:¹

Albany 26th Feb^{ry}. 1774

Mr. Moniers letter wth.
a parcel of Acc^{ts}. also his own

FROM DUDLEY DAVIS

A. L. S.

[*Albany February 26, 1774*]

[]
My stay here has been much [] Expected
or Intended, or indeed was Consistent with []
Strength of my pocket, however believe it will be some time
before I Visit this very Aggreable City & its Social Inhabitants
Again —

I cannot leave this before Wednesday or Thursday next, and
mean to go home with your post, and as I am Informed there is

¹ In Johnson's hand.

a Sum of money for you in Town, If You think you can Confide in me so farr, I will engage to bring it up safe; in that Case please to favor me with a Line & send me Mr. Dease's Small Pistolls I am Dr. Sr. with the

most Sincere Gratitude & Esteem, Your
Much Oblidged & Obed^t. Servant —

DUDLEY DAVIS

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honble Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Alby. Febr^y. 26th. 1774

Mr. Davis' Letter

rec^d. this 3^d. Day of March

⌘ Post —

FROM FOUR INDIANS

*L. S.*²

Onenhoguage 27th Febr^y 1774

BROTHER

Our Circumstances make it necessary to write you to prevent any Suspicion of neglect in us, that you don't See us among the Rest, we assure you that we chearfully comply with your Request, have already procur'd the Skins, had agreed to accompany our Brethren whom you now see; but y^e way being so bad & we so Feeble by reason of old Age, were discouraged; yet still determine, as Soon as y^e way is passable for the feeble, to present ourselves & what we have prepared, before you; It will be very Satisfactory to see a Line from concerning wha^t we have

¹ In Johnson's hand.

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

wrote; We conclude, Dear Brother, with our compliments & Hearty wishes that you may have long Life & see good Days, till y^e End.

from your Brethren

ADAM

ISAAC

JACOB

SETH — TUSKARORO

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon:
William Johnson Bart:
at
Johns-Town

INDORSED:

Ogrequago 27 Feb^y 1774
Letter from y^e. Ind^s. there
ab^t. y^e Skins for y^e. French
Man who was robbed —

TO ROBERT HENRY JR

A. L. S.¹

Johnson Hall 28th. Feb^y. 1774

SIR/

I received Yours of the 22^d. but yesterday, Signifying Mr. Yate's Request of becoming a Member of the Ineffable Lodge, and the Bodys Desire of his being admitted. to which I have no Objection, but on the contrary think he will make a verry good Member. I am much hurried at present, so that I have only time to desire You will present my best Regards to the Body, & believe Me Sir,

Y^r.

Verry Humble Serv^t.

W JOHNSON

MR. ROBT. HENRY JUN^R. Secr^y.—

¹ In the possession of William Keeney Bixby of St Louis, Missouri.

ADDRESSED:

To Mr. Robert Henry Jun^r.
Albany

INDORSED:¹

Sir William Johnson's
Letter Feb^y. 28th. 1774

FROM JOHN COLLENS

A. L. S.

Mayfield, March 1, 1774

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²]

[] to find out the []
[wh]ich is as follows, the whole of [] or []
[] Except W^m Bradlies Jn^o. & James Reynolds
[Each] have Eight Lots Tho^s. Gononey Selah Woodworth
[] Woodworth & Amasa Stevens have been [in] the
Settlement the most of the time but not on thier Lots whereas the
Bonds are to Abide on and improve on S^d. Lot Nine Months in
a Year for the Space of two Years, but the time is So far
Relaps^d that it is not in their Power to Perform — I hav Sir
for a long time flatter^d. myself that we should have a Good
Settlement in this Place and be abele to Support Good order &
have been very unwearyed in my Pains but being Oppos^d. in Evry
attempt by Bradley & Reynolds's I find it to no Purpose —
in the first Place they Brought up a number of Refuse Goods &
Remnants which they Sold for Sent p^r. Sent Promising to take

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

Some figures and annotations in another hand and of no relation to the letter appear on the Verso about a William Wheeler who seems to have been in some difficulty about payment of toll at a toll gate. A Mr McKay is mentioned also.

arshes ther Straind for Cash which hath mad great Confusion
in the Settlement Buck Indeavoring to Oppose the Same they
Quarrelel him out of the Settlement then attacked Buck who
rather than See them out joined them in their wickedness till he
Got Rid of them, then they attempted me and after a long
Struggle found I would not Give over then they Pretended to
bury the hatchet and Come to an Amicable Settlement and
Live Like Neighbours but it Prov^d only a Sessasion to Prepare
for War — they are now Decoying of the Setlers Privately and
when they are Gone they become masters of their affects by
which means there are only Six Setlers left in Mayfield and two
in Col^o. Claus's Pattend — therefore I think it is time Some new
method Should be fallen into and not the hole Pattend Ly
Vacant to indulge a few il Moinded men —

[¹
[] which I have []
and they Can have no objection to —

Secondly to put Some of these Bonds in Execution or at Least
Let the People know that you intend Putting them in Execution
as Soon as they are out —

Thirdly that they have no Right to assign over their Deeds
without Your Honours Consent

Fourthly Should any of them apply to Your Honour to
acknowledge the Deeds to Put them of as they themSelves Look
upon them Insoficent till that is done and that You have a Right
to Give others being acknowledged take Place before them —
by this time I immagine they will give up their Lots on very
Reasonable terms and those Merchants be oblig'd to Sel what
they have here at any rate as there is a bond against them in
New England of £ 150 which has bin out Some time which is
more than they are worth Likewise they are in debt to Mr.
Adems & Doct^r. Adems about £ 40 which they must Loose if
Judgment Should be Given on the other Bond first — Your
Honour need not Doubt my assistance in the affair if Required

¹ Lines burned off.

as the trouble these People have occasioned Renders my Situation very Disagreeable and hardly know what to betake to
 from Your Honours verry Humble Serv^t.

JOHN COLLENS

To the Honourable S^r. W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t

ADDRESSED:

To the Honourable S^r. W^m. Johnson Bar^t

att

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Mayfield March 1st. 1774

John Collens Esq^{rs}. Letter

RECEIPT OF GEORGE PHEALPS TO ALEXANDER MCKEE

*A. D. S.*²

Pittsburgh 1st March 1774

Rece[ived of Alexander] McKee Deputy Agent for Indian affairs [] thirteen Shillings and Nine pence Pennsylvania [currency] being in full for sundry Smith work done by [me] from the 24th. Sep^r. 1773 to the 24th. March 1774

G^o: PHEALPS

INDORSED:

Voucher for George Phealp's

Pay from the 24th. Sep^r. 1773 to

the 24th. March 1774.—

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Inclosed in McKee's letter to Johnson, March 2, 1774.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[*Pittsburgh March 1, 1774*]

SIR

I Rec^d: your kind favour of the 28th: Ultimo with the Dimensions of the Iron you Want as The Iron that I have in Store will not Answer I shall order some to be Drawn for you and Endeavour to gett it up early in the Spring

I now send you two Pounds of the Best Holland Gun Powder I Could get in Town the Cost of it is 4/6

I am

Sir

Your Oblidged

Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Hon^{ble}: SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

FROM THE CORPORATION OF ALBANY

L. S.¹

[*Albany March 2, 1774*]

[HON^d: SIR/]

[We have received your favour of the 16th Ult^o: in answer to ours of a former Date —

The trouble your Honour receives on account of the Dispute the Indians have Commenced against us] relative to the [lands at Tiononderoge gives us a sensible concern], and we cannot sufficiently [acknowledge our gratitude for the pains] you have taken to obtain a final settlement [thereof.—]

¹ Missing sections of this letter have been supplied from a copy in the manuscript Minutes of the Common Council of Albany, 9:69–72, in the New York State Library, Albany, N. Y. The wording of the copy differs slightly from that of the original manuscript; printed in Munsell's *Collections on the History of Albany*, 1:368–69.

We cannot agree with the Indians, that (previous [to any agreement with them) it would] be necessary for us to explain to them the term *Nation* for [the Reasons already assigned in ours] of a former Date. And tho' the Indians may be ever so [clear of opinion that at the time] of the execution of the Deed, their ancestors were strang[ers to the Contents thereof] and particularly that the term *Nation* was not explain[ed to them. Yet this Board] entertains no doubt, but that they are able (should they [unfortunately be driven] to that issue) to prove that the whole Deed was interpreted [to them and Explained] by Council of their own chusing: Besides the Term *Nation* is neither [a technicle Term] in our Language, or such a word, to which theirs doth not affix a cer[tain determinate] idea, an Explanation therefore at its execution was even rendered [unnecessary or at] least superfluous. This remark is evinced in our opinion, upon [the Consideration] that when they and their alies are mentioned by them or us, they [are usually dis]tinguished by way of pre-eminence by the Term five or six Nations. [It must] therefore follow that they fully understand the propriety of the term [when applyed to a] people, or collective Body of men, and whenever they cease to [be such they must know] when the term doth also cease to be proper.

Notwithstanding these remarks, we are well pleased that the [Indians in Compliment] to your Honour's advice appear disposed amicably to settle [with us. But the Offer they make in Consequence thereof we conceive an insufficient Basis to ground a Settlement on as it is more than Probable if agreed to instead of determining a Controversy would hereafter be the means of Creating a new Subject for Litigation. For by their Offer to us to accept a Deed whereby their Lands may be secured to them, as long as three *Families* remain thereon, the term *Family* would probably hereafter be Conceived a more indefinite and] vague Term than that of [Nation by your Honour. For example it may be Construed to] signify a whole Tribe originated from [a Common Ancestor. A Man and Wife with] their

immediate Descendants — and even [a Single Person Settled & Tran]sacting his own Business and Concerns. For [these reasons we Decline Acceding to their] proposals; But in order to shew how sincerely [we are inclined to make] an amicable settlement with them, we would willingly [agree on the following Terms — 1st: that an exact] survey be made of one thousand Acres of the Flatts by [a Surveyor or Surveyors] mutually agreed on by this Board and the Indians.

[2^{dly}: That such] Surveyor or Surveyors shall then in their presence & [pursuant to such Directions as] are made and agreed to amongst the said Indians survey [and lay out their] respective Farms claims or Shares.

[3^{dly}: That] such Surveyor or Surveyors make exact Maps of such survey and [Divisions One] whereof to be subscribed by the said surveyors and this Board to [be Delivered to the said] Indians, and another be also signed by the said Surveyors and [the Indians and] to be delivered to us.

[4^{thly}: That the] three several Tracts heretofore by the Indians sold to Cuyler [Brower & Wemple] be also separately surveyed and Laid out on such Map [and that they or their] Heirs or assigns in severalty shall hold the same as Tena[nts under the Board] according to the deeds to them executed by this Board.

[5^{thly}: That there] be also noted on such Maps the number of the Indian [proprietors now residing and Occupying the premises Together with an Account of their Children who also reside there —

6^{thly}: That this Board agree to execute a Deed to those Indians thereby releasing to each Family or Person and his and their Decendants his Farm Claim or Share in Severalty for so long a Time as they and their Desendants do respectively remain settled thereon and are the actual Occupiors thereof provided] nevertheless that the several Farms [Claims and Shares shall revert] to this Board from time to time as [each of those Families shall become] extinct or remove therefrom, and provided [also that this Board] shall have the exclusive right to buy their Farms,

when[ever the Indians before] the contingency takes place should be inclined to [sell all or any part of those] Lands upon such reasonable Terms as can be [agreed on.]

[7^{thly}]: That the said Indians execute to this Board a Coun[terpart of such Deed.]

These are only the out-lines of our proposals which [we are willing to alter] or amend whenever it should appear that some parts [thereof are] exceptionable, or when any improvement can be [suggested.]

But] should the Indians disapprove this mode of settlement, [we then instead t]hereof are willing to agree with them on the following Terms:

That an exact survey be made of the 1000 acres as above [and that we] are [then]¹ willing to release to them in fee our claim to a part [thereof Provided they] on their parts release in fee to this Board as a Body [Corporate the Rem]ainder including the three Tracts before mentioned, but [we leave it to them] to offer us how much of those Lands upon these Terms [they are willing to release], and if we find their offer reasonable we will close [with it. Nevertheless should] the Indians appear averse to a settlement on either of [these Proposals we] must observe to your Honour that we in such Case adhere to the [Deed of Settlement we] have already Tendered because we are fully convinced that the [same is Consonant to and Squares with the Deed the Indians executed to this Board and we do therefore declare that the above Offers are made from a Sinneere² of peace but not from any diffidence of the Justness of our claim.

We are Hon Sir &c^a

Most humble Servt

by order of Common Council

STEP^N: DE LANCEY Clerk

[SIR] WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t. }
 [Superinten]dant of Indian affairs }

¹ This word not used in original manuscript.

² Word "desire" evidently omitted.

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

L. S.

Pittsburgh }
March 2^d. 1774 }

The powder for the []¹ I have not been able to procure in [] accom] panied Keyashuta to Your Honor's [] he may be still there to give it himself [should] this be the Case shall forward it as soon [as he] returns to this place.—

There are some Indian Chiefs [] here in a few days upon Business, when I [shall] be able to write Your Honor a circumstanti[al account] of what has pass'd amongst them this Winter. In [the] meantime I have the Honor to be with the g[reatest] Respect —

Your Honor's most Obedient
& most Humble Servant
ALEXANDER MCKEE

Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

[Pittsburg, March 3, 1774]

[]¹
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[] them: They strongly []
[] of it and delivered for Answer []
[] Congress was finished this Spring []
[] to between the Southern and West[ern]
[] they wou'd then accompany the Chief[s]
[] nations who are to assemble there to the Six []

¹ Lines burned off.

when they wou'd Speak to the Six Nation Con[]
 this Head, as well as upon everything they []
 them these several Years past.—

In a Conversation with the Shaw[] whose
 Possession the above Belt is supposed []
 acknowledged to have received a War Belt w[hich] he says,
 came from the Weyondats to the D[] delivered by
 a Chief of that Nation to him [] purport of it, was
 no more than to head a [] against any Nation they
 might be at Enm[ity] that this Belt he had given
 into the hands of a []
 []¹
 []
 [] together to prevent the []
 [] as far upon them or usurping []
 []ays. This Belt has not as yet []
 [] is preserv'd by the Six Nations []
 [] against the English.—

I understand that a large Body of Cherokees []
 early this Spring to Muskingum upon an Invitation from the
 Delawares, who have also sent for the [] Indians to
 meet them there — The Chiefs here are preparing to go home in
 order to attend those [] the expect.—

Some Traders who are returned from the In[dian] country
 have brought an Acco^t: of several Trad[ers]
 cut off this Winter by Parties of the Shaw[anese]
 []¹
 []
 [] conduct in this manner passed []
 []ably wou'd draw upon them []
 [] many innocent People.—

The Expeditious Settlements of [] all the Indian
 Nations this way [] is the Subject of their constant
 Complaint [] the real Cause of their disturbing such
 [] down the River, which Practice has a very

¹ Lines burned off.

[] Tendency, and may in the End draw on []
 An Appointment this Winter ha[]
 [] by Lord Dunmore the Governor []
 [] the Assembling of a Militia has []
 []ive, as the Civil Authority extended h[]
 []¹

I have the Honor to be with []

Yours Honor's Most Obedient

and most Humble Servant

ALEXANDER M^c KEE

To the Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.²

London 5th March 1774

SIR

I am Honor'd with the rec^t of Your letter under date of the 20th Janr^y enclosing me therein two Bills Value Forty two pounds Ten Shillings which will in course be to Your Credit in said Sum — I am much oblig'd by Your confidence in the Narrative You have given me of M^r Roberts & the delicate Motive for so doing — He had an astonishing tincture of Vanity in all He did — & a turn to dissipation — upon His arrival in London He presented me with a Letter from Sir John, which promis'd Him a general Invitation to my Table — & I made it my Business to throw in my Small Share of Interest with Lord Hillsborough in His Favor — He now enjoys a Place of £100 [Ⓕ]annum obtain'd upon the Strength of Your recommendation & if His extravagance had not exceeded all Bounds of Prudence & discretion I am confident He would have been further provided for — He is now in Prison & waits for an Act of Insolvency which is expected either this or next Session of Parlia-

¹ Lines burned off.

² Missing parts supplied from a copy of the letter in the New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

ment — I am afraid either His Head or Heart is warp'd from the plain road of rectitude — otherwise He never could have express'd himself in the Style He has done of You & others to whom He has been so much indebted — [Upon the rec^t. of your letter I sent for Cap^t Dean & enquired of him if he knew where this confirmed Villain George Klock was] to be found — & was glad at that time to learn, He has taken [] passage along with the Indians on Board the Snow — begg'd of Deane to Use the Indian with all the Civility in His power & to influence Him to return, at same time told Him not to Shew any resentment to Klock who I find had behav'd very ill upon His passage from N York — Cap^t Deane is just now gone from My House & tells me He has neither seen Klock nor the Indians for those two days, nor does He know where either of them is to be found — otherwise I would go after them — I am afraid he has impos'd on Lord Dartmouth — however I shall know if it is so on Wednesday as I am to wait on His Lordship on that day — a Motion was made on Yesterday in the House of Commons to desire His Majesty to lay the American Papers before them on Monday next — & to lay upon the Table for their deliberation — I am of opinion that the Seat of Government will be remov'd from Boston & some alteration made in their Charter for what the Ministry call an Outrage upon private property — & if so the Consequences may be displeasing — the Nation in General seem to condemn their proceedings in throwing the Tea overboard & think they ought to suffer as well in a pecuniary as an exemplary — [I am sorry for the event as it may tend to widen the Breach that]¹ has been made between this Country & Her Colonies — It must be understood that what I now relate is not from any other Authority than the Coffee house Intelligence. I am of opinion that this operation at Boston will protract the Settlement on the Ohio — D^r Franklin is dismissd from His office of Deputy Post Master & M^r Temple from that of Surveyor General of the

¹ Missing sections supplied from a copy in New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

Customs owing to Gov^r Hutchinsons Letters being returnd by the former to Boston in a Way not altogether so honorable as one would wish from the Doctor — I have enclos'd You a small Pamphlet with M^r Wedderbams Speech upon that Charge — I propose taking my Horse & riding to Windsor upon the business of presenting two Beaver Skins for You & shall not omitt to perform that office upon the 1st of every Year — at foot of this You have the prices of our Stocks for Your Government — if a Peace continues they will in all probability maintain their present prices — but if a War should happen they must fall at least 10 or 20 ꝯct — The Government propose discharging a Million if not more this Year — which will add to the price of the Stocks a little & but for the drain of Wealth necessary to improve the New Ceded Island Sugar Estates we should have had the [3 ꝯ C^{ts}. at 90 & upwards, I shall not take up your attention] further at present save to assure You I shall be happy [] every opportunity of testifying with how much sincerity I am

Sir

Your obedient and faithful

Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

Price of Stocks this day

3 ꝯC Bank annuities reduced 87 $\frac{1}{8}$

3 ꝯC Consolidated annuities 86 $\frac{5}{8}$

4 ꝯC do 92 $\frac{1}{8}$

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart^t

INDORSED:¹

London 5th March 1774

M^r Blackburns letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WILLIAM NELLES

A. L. S.

Balentine Dest'r [5 March 1774]

SIR

this with my Kind Love to you and Family wishing this few lines may find you all in good Health

Sir I have a Lod of Land 185 acers Lying Close at jacob Snells they Cleard at the Site of it Roning upon the Canity Creek at the Said Creek a blase to bild a mill to have water winder and Summer a Neet plase is worth 200 pounds and I Thought my Lord Could by it and if you have a Opportunity to take it to write me how much he would give for it

Remember my Love to your
Family —

I am Sir Your

Friend & Humble Serv^t.

WILLIAM NELLES

Excuse my }
Hant }

INDORSED:

W^m Nellis's Letter

March 1774 —

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.¹*[Philad^a March 6 1774]*

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[

be paid directly and the other half []

last Jan^y the time your son³ went to him, what []

¹ On the margin of the first page of the manuscript is some writing that cannot be read.

² Lines burned off.

³ Peter Johnson.

for a Violin Cloths mak^g. do. shose boots &c amounts to about [] what Cloths he brought down with him, is so small for him that he Can Scarce get them on, so that he'l want a fresh suply ag^t. the spring, of which shall furnish you a particular Account every six months, as to his being at my house it makes Verry little difference in my provideing, and I have plenty of room and I Can assure you his deportment in every respect Continues to be such and he gives so little trouble that makes his Continue^g. quite agreeable to me and my famely.

I take notice what you mention about his fiddle Engroseing too much of his time from his other studies &c. I have not as yet found it to be the Case if I had no person would be more ready to tell him of it, then myself, hitherto he has not had an oporty. of Improv^g. in the french, but I am on a plann that I think will keep him in mind of it, & he may Improve with the assistance of some books which I intend to provide for him, I propose to Introduce him to a gentⁿ. thats a perfect master of that language, and fond of Converseing in it & he may have an oporty. of seeing him often, which will be a great help to him, I have shewn him that part of your letters respect^g. his writ^g. to you & Dockt^r. Dace, and your observatⁿ. on the manner he should Conduct himself to those whose Care he is under &c, all of which he as fully Complys with, as any Lad I ever knew. Indeed Mr. Barrell gives me a pleasing Account of his readiness in takeing notice of what directions he gives him. I likewise Acquainted him of the welfare of the famely, & their desire to be rememberd to him, all which seemed Verry pleas^g. to him, and will answer himself by letter, to you & Mr. Dace, for whom he profess^s a great frindship — The reception you are pleas'd to Communicate to me, that you gave Mr. Prendergast I Cant but say is Verry pleas^g. to me, and which I Esteem as a farther mark of your frindship, had I not been well Convinced of the design of that Gentⁿ. & his ungreatful behaviour to me & mine, as soon as he adobted that plann, it would have had a different Effect on me and I should have Acted a different part by him, the Accounts I have of him from N York & Albany the more

Convinces me in my Opinion of him []
 []
 [] opinion among the generality of people [that]
 Mr. Croghan is at the bottom of what I mentioned to you in
 my former letter, respect^g. the Virginians Claim, at this side of
 fort pitt altho he dont appear so publickley in it, as others do, yet
 some ass[ert] he has a Commission from that govern^t. for my
 own part I have a [] thought, & made it an argument,
 that it must be against him [] to take such a step, for
 the reasons you mention, his holding [] so much lands
 in this province, the answers to which is, that he []
 go farther than that, to shew his resentment to this govern^t. for
 w[hich] reasons you no doubt are well Acquainted with, the
 Acting person in [] affairs & who published his
 Commissⁿ. is one Docket. Connely, [] it is Immagined Ex-
 ceeded his Commissⁿ., being [] as I hear to a Certain district,
 some distance from fort pitt, and he took [it] upon him to Call the
 people together under arms within the bounds of the new County,
 laid out by this province sometime ago, Called West []
 such proceedings of Course Alarmed the people in power, in that
 quarter that were well dispos'd to this govern^t., and one Captⁿ.
 St. Clair [] is apointed prothonetary for that County,
 & a Justice of the peace, with another Justice, & a body of
 people they Collected, Came up with & dispersed Mr. Connelys
 Company, & took himself prisoner, & on his refus^g. to Enter-
 Sufficient Bail for his apearance at Court, they Confined him
 in the new County goal, for about six or Eight days, when he
 thought proper to Enter the necess^y. Bail, which put a stop to
 farther procee[dings] and the matter rests, I suppose to be
 desided between the govern^r. of Virginia & our governor, who
 has wrote two lett^{rs}. to Lord Dunmore on that affair, but had
 not a few days ago rec'd any answer, there's a great many
 different storys about this affair, & Mr. Croghan's tak^g. possession
 of Fort pitt &c but I have reason to think the Accounts I now

¹ Lines burned off.

give you is as near the truth, as Can be Collected, as I had them from men of Varac[ity] that lives near the place & knows the Country & the gentⁿ. Concern'd well.

I Cannot take upon me to assign any other reasons then the above for Mr. Croghan^s looseing his popularity Except what you must be Acquainted with before now, the story of the three Clergymen that went among the Indians sometime ago, & on their return gave out among the Inhabitants, some undue measure taken by Mr. C. among the Indians to the prejudice of the Inhabitants, which had like to have lost Mr. C. his life, these storys with the matters above recited & his Conduct in a private Capacity has Caused a good deal of murmuring, among people here, as well as in the back Counties, what grounds there may be for it, is not for me to determine. I have only Endeavour'd to Comply with your desire to give you a scetch of the different sentiments of the people from that quarter many of whom I am well Acquainted with and the sentiments of diifferent people in this City —

[]¹
 [] they get a Chart^r. or grant for []
 [] their famelys of Considerable property from []
 [] is gone there with, from 10 to 50 Negroes, & worth several th[] pounds. I am told by persons that I Can depend on, & was that [] ay last fall, that it was no uncommon thing, to meet from twenty to thirty wagons a day with famelys going to settle there, so that from the present appearance of things in that quarter it bids fair to be a great Country & a great Aquisition to the proprietors if they succeed in geting a grant & Charter for it, if not its thought, it will fall into the govern^t. of Virg^a. Indeed its now s^d. the governor of that Collony has granted Commiss^{ns}. for the peace to some persons there, it is a doubt with numbers of people here, wheath^r. it will be granted so soon as is Expected to the present aplyers, it being so much against the nation to settle an Inland Collony

¹ Lines burned off.

of such Extent, & so much of our sea Coast which would be a nursery for season Expos'd & care of Inhabitants, by others it is posetively asserted as near at hand, and gives out that notwithstanding. the Accounts by the last packet dont Confirm the Charter^s. pass^s. &c, yet it was so far gone through Examinatⁿ. with the solicit^r. General as that it would not take up above a week to Compleat it, so as to be in readeness to lay before the board, where there was no doubt of it passing in ten days at most, for the Confirmation of which M^r. Wharton in London has transmited as I hear, a lett^r. he rec'd from the solicit^r. generals secretary, Concern^s. that business to his brother here, and it is posetively asserted that Coln^l. Mercer who has been wait^s. a Considerable time in England for the govern^t. or some other apointm^t. was Coming away in a pett on Account of the delay & had an Express sent aft^r. him to portsmouth in Consequence of which he stoped his bagage & returned to London, in Expectation of hav^g them matters fully settled in a short time, these are the most material Accounts I Could Collect that may be relyed on, & shall be happy to hear they will be [] to you, and am with sincere regards for you & famely

Dear Sir

Your most Oblig^d.

& most Obed^t. Hble Serv^t.

FRANC^s. WADE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:¹

Philadelphia March 1774

M^r. Francis Wades letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN DUNCAN

A. L. S.

[*Hermitage March 7 1774*]

[]

Experience, the best Proof, has often convinced the world & me in particular, of your worthyness, being ever ready to Assist those who were anywise in need, this is the only Apology I make at Present for what I further say

I have for some time past, had A Strong inclination to go home, thinking that I have yet Some Small Pretention for past services, to the Countenance of Government, in whatever small request, that I could with the advise and assistance of my freinds point out, And as there is no Gentleman in this Country so able to advise as yourself, Nor any freind to whome I [am] better known, Makes this Application and particular request of a double fold.

First, if there was anything of your own knowledge in this, or even in A Neighbouring Government, (Not in any wise presuming in the least to interfere with the Interest of your own Family or Nearer freinds than me) That you may think me capable to perform and worthy of your recomendation, I Should by no Means doubt of Success.

Second, Should nothing at present occur, a few letters from you to take home, cou'd not fail to get me Something, were it in the Army way with leave to Sell &c; However, to enable you the better to know the Subject, take the liberty to Mention Some things, part whereof probably come under your own Knowledge.

I came to America with the 44th. Regimt. of Foot, in which I Served upwards of Twenty Years, was at Genl. Bradocks defeat, and a principle in Carrying that Genl. out of the Field, As a proof thereof, and my behaviour in that unlucky affair, was particularly Recomendend by His Excellency Genl. Gage, then Lieu^t. Colonel of the 44th. Regimt. to His Majestys Secretary of Warr.

Was at the Reduction of Niagara, Under your own Command
 Ticonderoga under the Comm^d. of Gen^l. Abercrombie
 Fort Will^m. Augustus & all Canada, under Gen^l. Amhurst
 [¹
 part of which was destroyed at the Massacre of the light
 Infantry [] Command of Lieu^t. Geo. Campbell. I
 lost upwards of a Thousand Pounds [] also, at the
 Burning of Fort St. Marry. I personally lost Two Thousand
 Pound.

I was particular to Aid and Assist Cap^t. Dalyell in 1763. See
 Col^o. Campbells Certificate here inclosed.

As to Proof for any of the Foregoing Matters, I can Easily
 Produce if Necessary, And for my Character as A magistrate,
 & behaviour to Gentlemen in General, and all denominations of
 the Army in particular, &c &c, there is no better Judge than
 Yourself.

Having thus, Sir, opened myself to you, None knowing any
 thing of my intention but my Son & Col^o. Johnson, wou'd like
 it shou'd remain so, because if I have not your Countenance, on
 which I Sincerely declare Success depends, will in all probability
 drop the Scheme, and in that case who'd not choose this
 publickly known,

I am Not Master of words, to express my gratitude for past
 favours, far less for this Addition, wherefore, contrary to
 inclination, must be Sillent, Only beg you'll beleive me with
 great Truth & Sincerity ever to be

Most Honourable Sir

Your Most Obed^t. & ever Much

Obliged Humble Serv^t. Whilst

JOHN DUNCAN

P. S. Your Ans^r will)
 ever oblige)

To the Honorable }
 SR. WILLIAM JOHNSON Barronet }
 Johnson Hall }

¹ Line burned off.

INDORSED:¹

March 7th. 1774 —

Letter from John Duncan
Esq^r. Ⓜ Son —
Ansd. by him

TO RICHARD HIND

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 530, is entered a letter of March 8th to Rev. Dr Hind, secretary to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, informing that Rev. Mr Mosley retires from the Johnstown mission because of ill health and showing that the field is inviting by reason of rapid settlement and the freedom of the newcomers from sectarian attachment (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:500-1; Q, 4:309-10).

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 8th March [1774]

SIR

I now inclose you Samuel Pruyns freight Bill, some part of which I perceive was in the year 1759 but how it should stand so long unsettled is somewhat strange, more especially as he is a very worthy honest Skipper — Herewith also is Cap^t Holts Receipt, he had forgot to bring in a Passage which should be 12/, but as he did not do so, I did not pay it him, altho in my Account you have Credit for £3. .12 Rec^d. of Rob^t. Adams for this purpose, however I will pay it him, and bring it in, in my next Acc^t

No News, nor no Packet as yet

Your Post I expect down next Saturday

I am Respectfully

Sir

Your most hu Serv^t

JNO: MONIER

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Baronet

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Moniers letter
 March 8th. 1774

FROM JEHU HAY

A. L. S.

New York March 8th 1774

[]

When I had the pleasure of seeing you last, I thought [I wou]ld not stay in this place above three Weeks, but it was some time before I had the oppertunities I wished to let the General know my Circumstances, and in what manner I hoped for relief from him, since which he has shewn me some marks of his Friendship for me He sent for me about three weeks ago and ask'd me if I had receiv'd any Letters from you, I told him I had not, he then shewed me a part of a speech of your to some Nations of Indians that had been with you in which you mentioned [that] you had appointed John Hay your Deputy at Detroit, and as[ked] me if I was not the person as he knew of none of that name but me that had been Commis^r. there. I told him I believed I was the person but that the Name being an uncommon one was wrong spelled— Since that he sent for me again and ask'd me if I would undertake to go to Port Vincent on the Wabache and to the Illinois and make him a report of the Country &c agreeable to Instructions he would give me, and as I am so dependant and want everybody's Assistance who can serve me, I could not refuse him particularly as I imagined it would not interfere with any thing you would

¹ In Johnson's hand.

employ me in at Detroit, but told him I could not go as a Trader, or a Stranger which he proposed as both the Indians a[nd] french people mostly knew me in that Country, and that it w[ould be] attended with some Expence, as the different Nations might e[xpect] some presents from me, to which he said he would write to you to allow me what was necessary — I also told him as the Indians in that Country are not altogether reconciled to us, it would be necessary to have one or two or more Indians with me from Detroit, which he thought right, and said he would mention it to you & give me Letters to the Commanding officers at the Posts, and proposed my taking Maisonville with me, of which I shall speake to you more fully on my return from this — What the particulars are that the General wants to be inform'd of in that Country I cannot say, but when I get the Instructions you will see them; he desired me not to make it publick which for my own sake I would not choose to do.

The people of Boston are in great Commotion the Governor is going Home, the Lieut. Governor is at the point of Death & the Assembly going to Turn out their Chief Judge for Unconstitutional behaviour in receiving a Salary from the Crown, in short it is said there is a Storm gathering there, that will soon burst with such Violence as to overwhelm some of them —

About a fortnight ago I wrote to Col^o. Johnson desiring him to be good enough to speak to [] about Lieut. Roberts Bill of £32. .15. .4 and my Pay as Commissary from March to the latter end of June after I was Struck off, but if you have no means of reimbursing me, and will be good enough to advance me something in part of what you were so good as to mention to me when I saw you last you will greatly serve me, as I am at an unavoidable Expence here without the Means to Support it

Your kind Offices will never be for[gotten] by him

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

JEHU HAY

TO SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
Johnson HallINDORSED:¹New York 8th March 1774

Jehu Hays Letter —

Ansrd. & desired Mr.Wallace to advise £50 Cur^{cy}.

FROM ISAAC ADOLPHUS

A. L. S.

[*New York March 8th 1774*]

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[]²
with A Bill on Mess^s Wallace for [] pound Philad^a
Cur^{cy}. which met with du onor Do his Hon^r. maid A mistack
the acc^{tt}. I Draw It I Send Was fifteen Shillings Philadelphia
Money more which Arer at any thim was his Hon^r. write to
those gentleman Can order at to be payd if he plees as I go
Warry offen in A Day by those gentlemans Store I am with
Respek Sir your most Obed^t. Humble Sar^t

ISAAC ADOLPHUS

To the Hon^{le}.SIR WILL^M JOHNSON Baronett

ADDRESSED:

To

the Hon^{le}. SIR WILL^M JOHNSON Baronet

at

Johnson Hall

¹ In Johnson's hand.² Lines burned off.

TO THE EARL OF DUNMORE

*Df.*¹[*Johnson hall March 10, 1774*]

[]

The desire I have to Serve a Man []
 Misfortune, will I presume plead in favor of [] my
 present application to your Lordship

Cap^t Joseph Chew, of an old & reputable family in Virginia, but for some years a Resident to the northward, & now here, had a Brother named Colley who was a Lieutenant in Col Washington's Regiment in the late War, & was killed in y^t action near Ft Pitt, died without Issue sometime Since wherein Major Grant was taken Prisoner, He leaving no Issue his Brother Joseph became Heir to his property & Claims, whose reduced Circumstances & large family require his utmost endeavors.—Among other things he is credibly informed that your Lordship has been pleased to grant Lands to the Officers who served in the Virginia Regiments, and apprehends that thro' my recommendation he might obtain the Share which his Brother was intitled to, & which his death prevented him from receiving.—I should willingly have declined giving your Lordship this trouble but that I can averr him to be a Gentleman who was once in good credit, & much Esteem, but thro' a series of misfortunes is reduced to such Circumstances as would render such a Mark of your Lordships favor a very seasonable relief to him, but I am persuaded his Merit and distress will plead more powerfully in his behalf than any thing I can add, and I am only anxious least he sho^d. have been misinformed or the request be deemed inconsistent.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

I congratulate y^r. Lordship on the safe arrival of your Lady & family, & sincerely wishing you all happiness

I remain my Lord &c

His Excell^y

The R honble

The EARL OF DUNMORE —

INDORSED:

March 10th. 1774 —

To the Earl of Dunmore
in fav^r. of Mr. Chew.—

FREDERICK HALDIMAND'S PROCLAMATION

D. S.¹

[*New York March 10, 1774*]

[And whereas it is just and reasonable, and essential to our interest, and the security of our Colonies that the several nations or tribes of] Indians with whom [we are connected, and who live] under our protection, sh[ould not be molested or disturbed] in the possession of such parts [of our dominions and] territories as not have^g: been ced[ed to, or purchased by] us, are reserved to them, or any of them, [as their hunting] grounds; we do therefore, with the [advice of our Privy] Council, declare it to be a our royal will [and pleasure, that] no governor, or commander in Chief, [in any of our] colonies of Quebec, East Florida, or West [Florida, do] presume, upon any pretence whatever, [to

¹ The royal proclamation of October 7, 1763, to which Haldimand's proclamation refers, and which he quotes in part, is printed in full in *American Archives*, 4th ser., 1:172-75, and *Select Charters and Other Documents illustrative of American History, 1606-1775*; ed. William McDonald, p. 267-72. Missing sections of Haldimand's proclamation have been supplied from the royal proclamation.

give warrants] of survey, or pass any patents for lands [beyond the bounds] of their respective governments, as desc[riber]ed in their] commissions; as also that no governor [or commander] in chief of our other colonies or plant[at]ions in America,] do presume for the present, and untill [our further] pleasure be known, to grant Warrants [of survey] patents for any lands beyond the [heads or sources of] any of the Rivers which fall into [the Atlantic] Ocean from the West or North-West; [or upon any] lands whatever, which not having b[een] ceded to, or purchased by us, as aforesaid, are reserved to the said Indians, or any of them.

And we do further declare it to be our royal will and pleasure, for the present, as aforesaid, to reserve under our sovereignty, protection, and dominion for the use of the said Indians, all the lands and territories not included within the limits of our said three new Governments, or within the limits of the territory granted] to the Hudson's Bay Com[pany; as also, all the] land and territories lying to the [westward of the] sources of the rivers which fall into the [sea from] the west and north-west as aforesaid; and [we do] hereby strickly forbid, on pain of our displeasure, all our loving subjects from making any purchases [or] settlements whatever, or taking possession of an[y] of the lands above reserved, without our especial lea[ve] and Licence for that purpose first obtained.

And we do further strictly enjoin and require all persons whatever, who have either wilfully or inadvertently seated themselves upon any lands within the countries above described, or upon any other lands, which not having been ceded to, or purchased by us, are still reserved to the said Indians as aforesaid, forthwith to remove themselves from such settlements.—

[
 their lands and territories [] the mode of purchasing¹
 the [] be thought fit by the Indians []
 Whereas contrary to the true intent [] the Proclama-

¹ Lines burned off.

tion hereby refer'd, sev[eral] have unwarrantably made purchase [] of the Illinois and Nations adjacent [] to acquire a title to the possession of land [] where any new settlements are strictly [forbidden] by the King's said Proclamation; No [] that none of His Majesty's Subjects who [] Ignorance or in open Defiance to the [] all such purchases, are or may be [concerned or interested in] such irregularities, they are hereby [] made acquainted that all purchases [made] of the Indians of any part of the lands will be consider'd as void and fraudulent [and will not permit anyone to establish himself there unless the said lands are purchased in the manner prescribed in the aforesaid proclamation.]

FRED: HALDIMAND

Given at General Headquarters
New York March 10, 1774
[By His Excell]encys Command
FRAN^s. HUTCHESON

FREDERICK HALDIMAND'S PROCLAMATION

D. S.¹

[*New York, March 10, 1774*]

[]²
etablis depuis la Paix & reser[vez] Tribus pour
leur Seul & unique usage [] leurs terres & territoires,
prescrivant en [] terres ou territoires devoient etre
achetez [] Souhaitoient de les vendre; & Comme
con[traire au] vrai Sens de la Susditte Proclamation a []
plusieurs personnes ont depuis peu Sans au [] des
achapts considerables dans le district des Illinois [& des nations]
adjacentes, tâchant par la d'acquérir un titre pour [la possession
de] terres dans des pays ou tous nouveaux établissem[ents sont

¹ A fragment in French of the preceding document.

² Lines burned off.

expres]ement & Strictement defendus par la ditte Pro[clama-
 tion du Roi] En consequence afin qu'aucun des Sujets
 qui par ignorance ou mepris de la defense de [faire des]
 acquisitions Sont ou pourroient estre concernez & in[]
 transactions aussi irregulières, On les avertit par [cette]
 declaration que tous achats faits d'aucuns Sauvag[es] d'aucune
 partie des terrains qui leur Sont reservez p[ar la ditte Proclama-]
 tion du Roi, Seront regardez comme nuls & fraudu[]lent et qu'on
 ne permettra a personne de S'y établir amoins q[] n'aient
 été achetées de la maniere prescrite dans [la ditte Pro]clamation.

FRED: HALDI[MAND]

Donné au Quartier General
 York le 10^e Mars 1774/
 [Par or]dre de Son Excellence
 FRAN^s. HUTCHESON

A ROYAL PROCLAMATION

The Johnson Calendar, p. 543, lists, under date of March 10, 1774 an extract from his Majesty's proclamation of October 7, 1763, forbidding governors of Quebec, East Florida or West Florida from granting warrants of survey or patents outside their governments, and governors of other colonies from making grants beyond the sources of any rivers which fall into the Atlantic from the west or northwest. Destroyed by fire; printed in *American Archives*, 4th ser., 1:172-75, and *Select Charters and Other Documents illustrative of American History, 1606-1775*, ed. William McDonald, p. 267-72.

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[Albany March 11, 1774]

[]
 []¹
 send you by the bearer a []
 it is one half of what I have — the Gentleman [who] made me
 a present of it, told me it is much stronger than Holland powder,
 if you find it so, it will be well worth whole to write to Mr.
 Blackburn for some for your own shooting — The Packet is
 arriv'd but no post came in — I beg my comp^{ts}. to the Gentlemen
 with you & am

Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.JA^s: STEVENSONSR. W^M. JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED:

To
 Sr. William Johnson Baronet
 at
 Johnson-Hall

INDORSED:²

[]

 [Mr. Steven]sons letter
¹ Lines burned off.² In Johnson's hand.

some person of Influence in England Stating your Merit & Services & recommending them to notice, which Joynd to your own sollicitations & friends may perhaps promote your service to which I should gladly contribute as I can

&c

JOHN DUNCAN Esq^r.

INDORSED:¹

March 12th. 1774 —

To John Duncan Esq^r.

☉ his Son.

FROM WILLIAM PEMBERTON

A. L. S.

[Albany March 13th. 1774]

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After my Sincere, & most kind Respects I must Beg Leave to take this oppertunity of Returning my Hearty thanks for y^r kind & Unbyased friendship: I am now in the Station which I Sought for: there is Nothing Extraordinary Since my preferment only Some of the Prisoners thought to Elope at the time of my Comencement & had Underminded the Jaill wall half through which Hapilly I Discovered I think I am In Duty Bound to Congratulate your Honour at Every Oppertunity which I hop you will Excuse & not Reckon that I am Troublesom from Sr: y^r Sincere friend & most Ob^{dt}:

Hb^{le} Serv^t

Whilst

WILLIAM PEMBERTON

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honourable
St: William Johnson Bart.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

March 13th. 1774 —

Mr. W^m. Pembertons letter
on being appointed Jailer

FROM JOHN MONIER

*A. L. S.**Albany 13th March 1774*

SIR

Yesterday your Post bro^t. me your Letter of the 8th and he also delivered me the money for my Ball. and also for the Amount of Samuel Pruynes Account, Rect^s. are now inclosed to you for the same, the overplus 13/9 is carried to a New Account

The Ear Bobs are given to a Silversmith to mend, and as soon as done I will send them up to you.

The New York Post did not arrive untill this morning, when yours set off with the dispatches.— on Wednesday Week your Post may be here again —

I am Respectfully

Sir

Your very hu Serv^t.JN^o: MONIERSIR W^m. JOHNSON Baronet

¹ In Johnson's hand.

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Baronet
At
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[] 12th. 1774

[] oniers Letter

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*²

New York March 18th: 1774

Copy)

DEAR SIR

It is with some Pleasure I can now acquaint You that the Hostilities of the Creeks on the Settlements of Georgia, have been carried no farther, and from the Letters which I had from Sir James Wright³ and Mr: Stuart⁴, I have some reason to hope that matters may be made up, There are different reasons assigned as the cause of the Murders they committed, some will have it to have been occasioned by the Murder of one of the Indians by White, who with his Family was Sacrificed in their Resentment, and occasioned the other Hostilities, the Accounts of which you have seen in the Papers, another reason as probable, is that one of the Creeks having been Killed by Four Renegadoes of that Nation living amongst the Cherokees, who

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 119, London, England.

³ Governor of Georgia, 1760-76.

⁴ John Stuart, southern superintendent of Indians.

bore an Enmity to him, and carried away his Horses, that probably to prevent their being followed and to avoid Suspicion, they went by Whites House, whether being followed by the Brother of the Deceased with Five more who went in Pursuit of the Murders, they without further enquiry took for granted that he had done it, and Murdered him and every Person of his Family not yet satisfied they soon after proceeded to another Settlement, where the People were Fortifying themselves, they Killed some of them, the rest fled into the House and defended themselves several Hours, and Killed two of the Indians, and Wounded Three more, which obliged them to Retreat, but soon after being Fifty in Number, they proceeded again towards that House, when they met that Party of the Rangers and Militia which was going thither, Killed Lieutenant Grant and Several of his Men, and put the rest to flight, since which it is probable that they have learned the Truth of the Affair as the Head Men seem much concerned and that no other Hostilities have been committed since. still there is little dependence to be made on the Stability of the Indians, and the difficulty of giving a Satisfaction adequate to the Offence may put many difficulties in the way of an Accomodation.

I expect every moment to hear again from Charles Town and will communicate to you the result of this Affair; I could wish to be informed who were the Indians who Attacked that Party of Captain Russel on his way to the Ohio, some say they were Cherokees but I would rather suspect them to belong to the Shawanese than any other.

I am with the most Sincere Esteem,

Sir

&ca:

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED:

Copy To
Sir William Johnson Bart.
His Majesty's Sole Agent for, and Superintendent of
the Affairs of the Indian Nations
in the Northern District
of North America,

at

Johnson Hall
New York March 18th. 1774.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*¹

Johnson Hall March 19th. 1774

DEAR SIR

The last Post but one, brought me your favor of the 24th. Ult^o., which I was prevented answering sooner, by reason of the Communication between this & Schenectady being stopped, for some days. By the inclosure from the Carolina Gazette I have great reason to apprehend that altho the whole of the Creeks have not declared themselves, it is extremely probable they will be drawn into the measures of the rest, & that the Shawanese who have lately removed to the Southward, and have been always a disaffected people will be inclined to engage in the Quarrel having long sought for Alliances for that purpose. As the Situation of the Creeks &^{ca}. is so verry remote from y^e. principal Members of the Northern Confederacy, it will require some time before any measures that may be resolved on with the latter can be carried into execution, and in the interim the Creeks (if so disposed) may have it in their power to do much mischeif, & to strengthen their Alliance by drawing their

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 121, London, England.

Neighbors into the dispute, but as Kayaghshota, &ca is dispatched by me by the way of Fort Pitt & Detroit to the Twightee Confederacy I have reason to hope that the nature of his Messages & Embassy will have a happy operation in checking any Attempts towards a more general Rupture, and producing an Union to the Northward for suppressing the evil designs of these troublesome People, for altho the object of his Journey was to Interest the Nations in checking the Shawanese & Nations about the Wabache &ca., it must have equal effect in case any Nation should (as the Creeks are said to have done) disturb the public tranquility, so that until the return of Kayaghshota which will be about the latter end of May next, little certain can be determined in that way, However as the Six Nations by desire of Government, and my persuasion entered into a Solemn Treaty of Peace and Alliance with the Cherokees a few years ago, and as reciprocal Acts of friendship have occasionally passed between them since, I purpose getting the Six Nations to Join me in Sending Belts (by some of their principal Warriors) to the Cherokees reminding them of the nature & object of the Engagements & promises they then solemnly made here in my presence, and that we expect they will duly observe them at this time, by their firm adherence to our Alliance, & their discountenancing the evil designs of the Creeks or any other neighbouring Nations. These are the first thoughts that occur to me at present in the Matter, but I shall farther digest it, and by sounding some of the Northern Chiefs (whom I daily expect) discover how far it may be expedient to propose that they engage themselves to act in our behalf if thereunto required, which I believe many of them would readily do, altho they have an unlucky aversion to the Chactaws, and would have willingly Joined the Creeks against them last Year, had I not prevented it, at all events, I persuade my self that their interposition will tend to divide the Strength & weaken the Alliances of our Enemies.—I have at present so many Indians here, some of whom are come with Skins to make up the losses of the French Man, whose people

were Murdered last year, & also the Cheifs of the Mohawks about a Dispute between them and the Corporation of Albany relative to the Lands on w^h. the former live, that I have scarcely leisure to attend to anything else, and shall therefore only add that I am with the greatest Esteem & Sincerity, Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient,

& very Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency GENR^L. HALDIMAND.—

INDORSED: 74

Sir W^m. Johnson

of 19th March

Rec'd D^o. 28th

Ans ap^r the 7

FROM JOHN DUNCAN

A. L. S.

[*Hermitage March 20, 1774*]

[]

I duly received your kind & very [] by my Son. This Scheme of going home I have had long in View, but in Fact, could not think of giving it any Serious Attention, Untill Submitted to your Consideration, haveing now received your Sentiments thereon, and Your kind Promise of Contributing thereto gives me the Greatest Encouragem^t. & hope of Success.

On this Occasion, give me leave to return you my most gratefull thanks, for this fresh Instance of your regard, And beleive me Sir, I am very Sensible of the many past favours I have received at your hands, for which, I Should be happy to have an Oppertunity of giving A more Sensible Testimony.

Tho I Soon intend doing myself the Honer of waiting on you, yet in the Meantime, think it right to Acquaint you, that p^r.haps I may be Able to Embark Early this Summer, When if any thing can be thought of, wherein I can be of the least Service at

home to you or the Family, Will Trust the Event to Prove Sir,
with what Alacrity I wou'd undertake & Integrity Execute Any
Commands intrusted to the care of

Most Honorable Sir

Your ever Obliged & faithfull

Humble Serv^t.

JOHN DUNCAN

To

The Honble

Sir William Johnson

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

March 20th. 1774

Mr. Duncans letter

FROM JOHN BROWN AND ROBERT CLENCH

In the Johnson Calendar, page 531, is listed a letter written at Schenectady, March 21, 1774, to Sir William Johnson from John Brown and Robert Clench, churchwardens, about an address which they have framed to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and unfriendliness of Dr Samuel Auchmuty and Mr Charles Inglis to the Schenectady mission. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:502-3; Q, 4:310-11).

FROM GEORGE MANN

A. L. S.

[Schohary 24 March 1774]

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Mr. Lawyer till now; his Answer is such that []

Zimmer intends to hold A full fourth & part of the []

and by what he says falls short of the full Quantity Expected
by Sr. William to be Contained in the Letters patent 2000 Acres
this Can be found Out by refering to the Survey — which he
Says he has not Got (only A Copy he took himself) — if youl

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Lines burned off.

take the Trouble to Send for this Starnbery who Surveyed, or Yates and get from them their returns if they prove to Contain what Sir William mentions Viz^t: 36,600 acres I will on your Notice Confute Mr. Lawyer, Otherwise find out his drift Concerning the whole Affair, I have told Col^o. Johnson all I Could say on the Subject Concern^g the Number of the Lotts, & their Quality, who Can Inform you of the Whole; any thing in my Power shall be always to Serve Sir William and Connections, from Hon^d: Sir Your Most Obed^t: & Devoted Servant

GEORGE MANN

P. S. Mes^{rs}: Lawyer & Zim^r. insists on your and the Heirs of Girtman Loosing Equally with them in the Quantity Swart Snyder, Balk, Dietz and other's has; as also in the 2000 Acres Sidney & Houck has this is there Sentiments from yr^s. Ut Supra

To the Honbl^e.
 SR. WILLIAM JOHNSON }
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 }

ADDRESSED:

To
 The Honbl^e: Sir William Johnson
 Bar^t: Johnson Hall

INDORSED:²

Schohare March 24th. 1774

George Manns Letter

FROM PETER W. YATES

A. L. S.

Albany 24 March 1774

HONOR'D SIR/

I Yesterday receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Lane-Jones, who is concerned with me as Council for Gilbert Tice, wherein he writes me as follows,

“The Injunction in the Cause of Tice and
 “Taylor is dissolved and Mr Smith has got

“the Costs taxed and suppose has issued
 “Execution, but whether to the Sheriff of New
 “York, in order to charge the Bail, or into the
 “County of Tryon, I know not. Tice may still
 “prosecute his Cause in Equity, if he thinks
 “proper, but it appears to me to be a hope-
 “less Cause.

If Tice could really prove the Facts he from Time to Time has told me he could; I think he might meet with Success in carrying on his Suit in Chancery ag^t. Taylor, but if he cannot (Taylor having under Oath denied all the Equity Part of the Bill) it is most advisable for him to submit without going to farther Trouble and [] to no Purpose.

I should not trouble your Honor with a Letter on this Subject, was it not that Tice informs me you are his greatest Friend and that in Case he should in his present Situation apply to you, you might know how Matters relative to this Suit, were at present circumstanced.

I conclude with most gratefully returning you my most sincere & hearty Thanks for all the Goodness & Civility wherewith you have hitherto been pleased to favour your Honor's

most obed^t. and

very Hum. Serv^t.

PETER W. YATES

TO SIR W^M JOHNSON

INDORSED:¹

Alb^y. March 24th [1774]

Letter from Peter W. Yates
 Concern^g Tice —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH THE CROWN

D. S.¹

Disbursements on Account of the Indians

	£		
1773			
Septem ^r : 27 th :	7.	12.	9
October 4	15.	18.	6
	48.	16.	....
	9.	10.	....
5 th : 6 th :	16.	8.	4
	6.	14.	10
	5.	9.	7
	8.	6.	8
23	6.	19.	5
<p>To a Meeting of the Mohawks &ca on Accot: of the Murder of four French Men on Lake Ontario by the Seneca's....</p> <p>To Belts and Messages sent thro' the Several Nations on that Occasion</p> <p>To the Salary of the Schoolmaster to the Conajohare Indians, also Stationary & Postage of Letters foregot to charge in last Accot:</p> <p>To a Meeting with the Oneidades &ca, on the New England Indians proposals</p> <p>A Party of Susquahana Indians came on Business & remained 4 Days</p> <p>To a Seneca Chief who came to inform me how the Murder of the four French men happened and the cause of it.....</p> <p>To a Meeting with a Deputation from Seven Tribes of the New England Indians who came to talk with the Six Nations on Sundry matters.....</p> <p>To a Party of Ondagoes Tuscaroras &ca come to me upon Business</p> <p>To Sundry Small Parties come to get their Arms repaired.....</p>			

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21687. fo. 195-7, London, England.

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH THE CROWN — continued

October	25	To two Messengers sent by the Six Nations on Acct ^l : of the Murder.....	£4.	12.	....
	29	To Three Runners, to let me know the Sachims were on their way hither.....	5.	....	....
	31	To 2 Indians sent from Oneida, by the Chiefs, requesting an order for Provi ^s . as they were without any having expended what they had.....	2.	16.	6
Nov ^r .	2 to the 20 th :	Expences attended the Gen ^l : Congress held here with the Six Nations, which continued Sixteen Days owing to many causes.....			
		Provisions for 268 Persons during that stay.....		£287..16..—	
		Cash to Purchase d ^o . on their Journey Homewards.....		25..16..—	
		Clothing to such as behaved well on the Occasion.....		178..19..10	
		Belts of Wampum used at the Treaty.....		29..12..—	
		Baking, Firewood &c.....		15..18..6	
Decem ^r .	6	To Several Parties of different Nations come to get their Arms, repaired, and beg Ammunition going on the Hunt...	538.	2.	4
	10	To Messengers with Speeches & Belts sent by me to the different Nations.....	27.	18.	10
			19.	16.	5

22

To the Condolence of a Mohawk Chief supposed to drowned by the White People, and which caused much uneasiness amongst them

To a Meeting with the Tuscaroras occasioned by a Letter brought by Colonel Fanning from the Indians of Carolina to those living in these parts

To a party of Canada Indians come upon business which caused much trouble

To a Draught on me from Fort Pitt for the Expence of a party sent by me to the great Plains of Sioto with Messages.

To 2 Messengers sent by me desiring the Senecas to bring down the Murdr^s

8.	12.	6
9.	6.	8
13.	15.	....
25.	13.	9
11.	14.	3

Carried over

Brought over

Expences attended the General Congress held here with Keyashota Chief of Ohio, and the Six Nations which lasted several Days.

a Present of Clothing &ca £220.. 0.. 0

Provisions & Liquors 68.. 10.. 4

Cash on their return for Provisions sled hire &ca 16.. 8.. 0

Private Presents to Keyashote & 5 more Chiefs 79.. 11.. 10

£793.	4.	4
£793.	4.	4
384.	10.	2

1773

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH THE CROWN — continued

1774	To Mr: John Thompson's Accto: of sundries supplied the Indians p ^r : order	£45.	11.	10
Jan ^y : 30 th : to Febr ^y : 5	To a Meeting with a number of Oneidas, Onandagoes &ca who came to advise with me concerning the settling of seven Tribes of New England Indians in their Country, also about the Quantity of Land they should give them &ca.	39.	6.	.....
10 th : 11 th : 12 th :	To Cash on their Journey Home, & also to the New England Ind ^s : for Provi ^s :	8.	16.	.....
14 th : 16 th :	To a party of Ganngsaragey Ind ^s : come upon Business	7.	15.	8
21 st : to 24	To a party of Tuscaroras come for a pass to the Governor of Carolina in order to fetch the remainder of their People from thence and settle their Lands	5.	18.	10
March 2 ^d :	To a Number of Canada Indians come to learn the result of the last meeting here with Keyashota and the six Nations	9.	14.	7
4 th : 5	To John Friel Taylor for making a number of Indian Coats laced & plain	23.	16.	.....
7	To several partys of Onandagoes Cayugaes & Mohawks	12.	7.	4
	To Jeles Fonda Esq ^r : acct ^r : for Sundry's Supply'd the Ind ^s : p ^r : order	13.	17.	.....
	To Mr: Adems d ^o : for to the Indians by . . . d ^o	39.	18.	10

8	To 32 Susquhanna Indians who Brought a parcel of skins towards making up the French mans loss agreeable to their promise made to me.....	11.	13.	9
D ^o . Die	To a meeting with the Mohawks on acco ^t . of a dispute with the Corporation of Albany relative to the Lands they live on within the Corporation.....	7.	12.	6
9 th : 14 th :	To 4 Chenussio Chiefs come with some intelligence from the Southward	8.	16.	7
D ^o . Die	To John B: Vips Esq ^r : Acco ^t . for Waggoning, Battoing & Sundry Expences on acco ^t . of Canada & other Indians passing & repass as p ^r : d ^o	111.	9.	6
14	Rudolph Shoemakers Esq ^{rs} : Acco ^t : for supplying Indians at the Flats p ^r : order.....	22.	18.	10
15	Hendrick Markells Acco ^t : for d ^o	17.	12.	8
17	To Expences in Canada District.....	138.	2.	6
19	To Iron Steel, Files &ca for the Smiths and Armourers.....	89.	6.	4
	To Burning & Riding Coals for the Smiths.....	16.	10.	3
	To Clothing and keeping 3 Seneca Hostages 4 Months & 16 Days	48.	.....	.....
21	30 Thousand grains of Black, & 30 M White Wampum.....	97.	10.	.....
	To making them up in proper Belts.....	6.	12.	.....
	Carried forward	£1961.	1.	6

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH THE CROWN — concluded

	£1961.	1.	6
Brought forward			
An Acco ^t : of Provisions laid in for the Half Year Vizt:			
30 Barrels of Pork and Freight to this place. £180.. 0.. 0			
370 Sk ^t : Wheat@ 4/6.....	83.. 5.. 0		
290 d ^o : Pease@ 3/6.....	50.. 15.. 0		
310 d ^o : Indian Corn.....@ 3/-.....	46.. 10.. 0		
3 Hogsheads Common Rum & Freight here	43.. 9.. 0		
1 Hogshead of Tobacco & 2 Boxes of Pipes	14.. 17.. 10		
	418.	16.	10
24 To Stationary, Postage of Letters &ca to this date.....	28.	17.	6
	£2408.	15.	10
Account of Pay due to Sir William Johnson Bart: as Sole Agent for and Superintendent, of the Affairs of the Northern Indians and to the Deputys, and other Officers employed under him to 24 th : March 1774 inclusively.			
Sir Williams own Salary from the 25 th : Sept ^r : 1773 to the 24 th : March 1774 both inclusive.....	857.	2.	10 ² / ₃

To His Deputys for said time.....	735.	14.	....
To a Surgeon for said time and Medicines.....	65.	.....	.....
To a Clerk	50.	.....	.....
To a Storekeeper & issuer of Provisions.....	20.	.....	.....
To Interpreters for the different Languages.....	150.	.....	.....
To 2 Smiths Armourers.....	171.	8.	6
Storehouse Rent at Albany Schenectady & Coghnewagey.....	25.	.....	.....
		£4483.	
		1.	2
		Errors Excepted	

(Signed) W JOHNSON

Johnson Hall }
 March 24th: 1774 }

INDORSED: Copy

Warrant 6th: April 1774
 To Thomas Barrow Esq^r:
 Deputy Paymaster General of
 His Majesty's Forces in New York
 to Pay to Sir William Johnson Bart:
 His Majesty's Sole Agent for, and
 Superintendant of the several Nations
 of Indians in the Northern
 Department the Sum of £2615 . . 2 . 4 . . Sterling —
 ct.

FROM BARNARD GRATZ

A. L. S.

[Philadelphia March 25, 1774]

[]¹
 [] from the [] but last Night from
 Mr. M^cKee of fort [] bad of the waters High
 Prevented its Comeing Down [] or in time for
 which am Very Sorry, as Mr. [] Drawn on y^r.
 Hon^r. in my fav^r. for the amo^t. of his [] years
 acco^t. for £441 . . 6 . . 8 N y^k. Curr^y. as p^r Inclosed Draft, []
 Doubt not y^r. Hon^r. Will be kined enough (if Possible []
 Can be Done) to Send me an order on the paymaster Gen^[ll]
 at New York to be payd this Spring as the money for the Draft
 is allready Advanced. Should it not be Conveni^[ent] for the
 money to be paid this Spring, y^r. Hon^r. wi^[ll] be Pleased to
 Accept the Inclosed Draft & when payble, and Return the
 Draft Back to me p^r first post, Which [will] Much Oblige
 Y^r Hon^{rs}.

Most Obed^t. & Most Hum^[ble] Serv^t.

BARNARD GRATZ

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Baronet
 On His Majestys Service

ADDRESSED:

To The Hon^{ble}.
 Sir William Johnson Baronet
 His Majestys Sole Agent & Superintendent of Indian
 Affairs in the Northern District of North America

@

Johnson Hall

¹ Lines burned off.

INDORSED:¹

March 25th. 1774

Mr. Gratz's letter wth.
 a Draft of Mr. M^c.Kee's
 inclosed, for £441..6..8
 Dated March 2^d. 1774 —
 Accepted y^e. Draft w^h. I will pay
 when I receive it from the
 General.—
 returned y^e. Draft indorsed

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

A. L. S.

[*Fort Pitt March 28, 1774*]

[
 [] since returned, I now take []²
 [] inclosing it — I have the Honor to be Your
 Honor's —

Most Obedient

Humble []

ALEXANDER [M^c.KEE]

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barronet

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² Several lines burned off.

HENRY VAN SCHAACK TO JOHN MONIER

L. S.

Kinderhook 28 March 1774

DEAR SIR

Yours of the 21 Instant I have recived and have made all the enquiry in my power about the Negro you mentiond to me by what I can Learn he is fond of Drink Stubborn when Drunk and in general idle unless the Masters Eye is over him — The Bearer is his Master who goes up to Johns Town for the Negro but means I believe to Sell him rather than bring him back — The result of my enquiries I have wrote to S^r. William by the Bearer.— I am D^r. S^r

Your aft. humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

ADDRESSED:

To

Mr. John Moneer

at the Post Office

Albany

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[*Kinderhook 28 March, 1774*]

[]

I received a letter lately from Mr. John Moneer wherein he desires me to make some inquiry about the Character of [a] Negro Fellow now in John's Town Goal — As I have reason to apprehend from Mr. Moneers Letter that you have some thoughts of buying of him, I have taken every method I could think of to get the best infamation I could. His first Master at Kinderhook tells me that the Fellow will make a good Slave if he works under the eye of a strict Master or overseer — his prin-

ciple faults are idleness (when by himself) and Drunkenness, that the latter [is] generally accompanied with insolence.— His next master is a Brother in Law of mine, who had [him] a spel but could not manage him when he got drunck he did as he pleased — The Master being a man of a very easy And irresolute disposition was obliged soon to part with him; he soon after reverted back to his first Master who then sold him to the bearer Johannes Claner a near neighbour of mine — The Negro has lived several months in the neighborhood with a master of a disposition wholly unqualified for the Government of a Stubborn Slave, for so this Negro boy may be Stiled when he is drunck. I do not remember to have heard of any atrocious crime that he has committed since his stay among us and all that I knew of him before is that he has been principally employed in a Forge.— I believe his Master goes us with a determind purpos of selling him, though he should dispose of him at an under lay — I have desired him to wait upon you Sir before he takes the Negro out of Gaol.—

Col^o. Vosburgh desires me to acquaint you that he has had the Honor of receiving you Letter last Saturday and that he will with all possible dispatch compleat your orders.— He tenders his future services and so does him who is with the Greatest Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and

Most humble Servant

H V SCHAACK

INDORSED:¹

March 28th. 1774

Henry Van schaacks letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

AN ORDER FOR WHEAT

A. D. S.¹*Johnson Hall,
March 28th. 1774*

Whoever Supplys the Bearer Malcolm M^c.Cloud & Donald
M^c.Lean with Ten Skipples of wheat to each I will pay for it —

W JOHNSON

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

*Schenectady the 30th March
1774*

DEAR SIR

Some days before I received my Commission untill this present time I have been exceeding Ill with a Periodical pain in the head — which is every 24 hours — from Six to Eight hours, the fit continued, Attended with Violent sweatings. however thank God — I am much better, but still have a little of it yet — left Sir John very soon after his Arrivel at New York — Agreeable to your desire to the Governor Obtained the two Commissions, which he was so kind to forward to Colonel Langsing & my Self — for which I beg leave to return you my most gratefull Acknowledgements for the favour — you have done me

Colonel Langsing & I have sent the fees of the Commissions to Colonel Fanning which []
[Gov]ernor will said for England []

M^{rs} Campbell begs her best Respects to you — I am with my Compliments to M^r Deace —

Dear Sir your most

Humble & Obedient Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

¹ In collection of Dr Edward J. Abbott, Fonda, N. Y.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall March 31st, 1774 —*

DEAR SIR/

I am extremely glad to find by your favor of the 18th. that there is a likelihood of an accommodation with the Creeks as the late Intelligence was really alarming.— I think it very probable that the whole was occasioned by the Murder committed by White, & that what followed was done in the first effusion of their resentment, but as it is also likely that other causes may have in some measure cooperated, it will be very proper to watch them closely for a time, & the conversation I have since had with some Indian Cheifs strengthens my opinion, more especially as there is reason to believe that y^e. Shawanese who went to the Southward would be apt to widen any breach which accident had made.

The Six Nations readily came into the measures I proposed of sending a Deputation to the Southward, which they think would soon bring them to reason, and a party was already on their way on that business when I received your last letter, which occasioned me to send after & detain them for the present, as I dont think it altogether proper to make use of their Offices, but in a Case of absolute necessity, Your next intelligence will I presume enable us to determine with still greater certainty in this matter, when if necessary the party (which is still here) shall be immediately dispatched.

I have lately received a letter from L^d. Dartmouth concerning attempts to make Settlements near the Illinois, on which Subject he mentions his having wrote to You, You may be assured of my ready cooperation with you for preventing as far as in my power the Execution of any such design, which I look upon, as a very dangerous & impolitic measure.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 123, London, England.

I now take the liberty of inclosing You the Accompts of Pay & Expences in my Department to the 25th. Inst; for the amount of which I beg the favor of your Warrant, And I remain with great truth & Esteem

Dear Sir,
 Your most Obedient
 & verry Humble Servant
 W JOHNSON

His Excellency
 MAJOR GENERAL HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 74

Sr. W^m. Johnson
 of March the 37st
 re. April the 5^d
 Ans dt. 7

TO THE CORPORATION OF ALBANY

A. Df.

[*Johnson Hall March, 1774*]

[]¹
 [] Kayajashota, & the []
 I hope they will have a due weight [] they were
 Sent, & Intended for,— [] my Belts & messages
 to the Hurons, [] not say any thing on them
 now, as you [] acquainted with the purport
 [] wait to hear the answers to them.—
 [] will all be made acquainted with my
 [] Sent by y^e returning messengers []

Tuesday 21st. 3 Runners from y^e. Sen[]
 Days, wth. an Acc^t. of 60 of y^e. Cheifs & Principal

¹ Lines burned off.

Warr[iors] hither, & would be here in ab^t. 4 days, requested []em by the way, wh^h. was accordingly done.— []ved here with letters from Fort Pitt.

Thursday 23^d. Sowidoak []th Sevr^l. Warriors arrived, & acquainted me th[at] principal Warriors were coming down with [] present Ill treatment & greivances before [].— [] hearing of so many Ind^s. being murdered at Ohio, that the []ns to make up the French mans Losses, were so enraged []posed of them at Canawagon & other Towns in y^t. Quarter [] for Am^{ts}. &ca, and were determined to revenge y^e. Death of their [] the greatest difficulty prevailed upon by the old Cheifs, & principal Warriors [] coming down to me, & hear what I would say to them on y^e. Affair, [] their actions. []¹ [] Mohawks arrived, who []r]espects to Sir William, after his [] he ordered them provisions, pipes &ca [] them conducted to their Encampment.—

Monday 18th., they sent a [] Sir William know that they were ready to [] to which he answered that he would be glad [] the Council Room at 3 p M.—

Being all Assembled, Sir William ([according to] Custom) went thro the Ceremony of Condolence for [] Chief Sachim of Cayuga, named *Tagaايا*, who d[] ago, also the Speaker of Onondagaes Wife.— [] did the Same for our losses. After wh^h. Sir [] that, (as they had both performed the Ceremonies [] agreeable to the Antient & invariable custom [of] their Ancestors)

¹ Lines burned off.

he was now ready to hear w[]

On which *Sagenquaraghto* Cheif Warrior of all []
 [] stoo]d up, and holding an uncommonly large Belt
 of W[ampum in] his hands, addressed Sir W^m. in the words
 following:

Brother, & Cheif of all our Warriors &c^a I am he[re to]
 Speak to You the Sentiments of all the Young Men of the
 [] from *Kanawagon* near Ohio to this place; and
 hope [] pay a regard thereto, equal to that they have
 always shewn to []
 []¹

INDORSED:²

Johnson Hall March 1774

To the Corporation of Albany
 with the Mohocks Answer to
 their last Proposals —

FROM JAMES STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[*Albany, April 1, 1774*]

[]

I receiv'd your obliging favour []
 family, & am now to return you thanks for forwarding them —
 they have furnish'd matter of conversation for the Albanians,
 who I think I have set a good example to own their offspring³—
 when I have a little leisure I shall endeavour to compose a small

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

³ See Stevenson to Johnson, March 13, 1771 and March 31, 1774.

P. S. Compth to Mess^{rs}.

Deas & Daly —

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Baronet

[1]
 [found] in England as to make []
 [wit]hout knowing the consequences & getting []
 [in]formation — in fact S^t. Luc will be []
 instead of Campbell, & Gov^r Carleton is fool enough to countenance a fellow of that kind — this sage Governor is to return to Canada next summer

INDORSED:²

Albany March 31 1774

Cap^t. Stevensons letter

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

[Albany April 1, 1774]

SIR

Doctor Dease delivered me your Letter of the 30th U^{to}. and he takes with him the £1000.

I can't think neither who detains your Notes, every Paper and thing directed to you, coming into my hands most assuredly goes forward to you — I am not at a Loss to know how your Letter met with an Elaceration, it came by Rubbing and Chafing in the Mail Bag, and not from a Thirst or Inclination to see what it contained, but mere Casuality — Postmasters always mention when Letters come thro' the different offices wth broken Seals

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

I have no Mill Saws but I Expect Some by the first Bristol
Vessells When they arrive Shall Let you know in Case You
should not be Supplied

I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged

Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

To The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

INDORSED:¹

Alb^y. 1st. April 1774 —

Mr Jⁿ. Stevensons letter
ab^t. Mill Iron & Saws

TO ROBERT CLINCH AND JOHN BROWN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 532, is listed a letter of April 1st to Robert Clinch and John Brown, reassuring in regard to the friendly disposition of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel toward the Schenectady mission (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:503-4; Q, 4:311-12).

¹ In Johnson's hand.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT WITH SAMUEL BAKER

D^r Sir William Johnson Bar^t. in

May 6	To Cash paid for £200 Consolidated 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Bank Annuity transferr'd into your name . . . £	173	15	
April 2	To Commission $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Receiving £186. Dividends		18	7
	To Postage of Letters		2	
		174	15	7
	To Balance remaining due	118	16	10
	£	293	12	5

Errors Excepted
 London 2 April 1774.
 SAM^l. BAKER

Acco^t. Curr^t. with Samuel Baker

[17]72 Aug ^t . 14.	By Balance of Old Acco ^t . Ad-justed this day	£ 107	12
[17]73 Jan ^y . 26.	By ½ Years dividend due 5 Jan ^y . 1773. on £ 40003 ¾ C ^t . Con-sol ^d	60	
July 27.	By D ^o 5 July 1773. on £ 4200 Ditto	63	
[17]74 Jan ^y . 20.	By D ^o 5 Jan ^y . 1774. on Ditto	63	
		£ 293	12

INDORSED:¹

Mr. Bakers Acc^t. Settled
 To the 5th. Jan^y. 1774 —
 Ball: due to me £ 118. . 16. . 10

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM SAMUEL BAKER

A. L. S.

London 4th: April 1774

SIR

A Vessel offering for New York, I take the Liberty of Forwarding your Account Current adjusted to the 2^d: April. The Balance of it is £118. . 16. . 10 Sterling due to you, with which I will Soon Take an Opportunity of purchasing more Stock, if I do not in the Interim Receive your Order for an other Application of it.—I wish this may Arrive Safe & find you in Health, of which I beg to be informed. And assure you

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t: Serv^t:SAM^L. BAKERSIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t:INDORSED:¹London April 4th. 1774 —

 Mr. Samuel Bakers letter
 wth. Acc^t. Curr^t. —

FROM JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.

[London April 6th. 1774]

[]

I did myself the Honor of writing You on the 1st. Ult^o, a copy thereof shall go on Coupar who Sails on the 8th — & as the paquet will be dispatchd this night I should think myself wanting in that Respect due to You not to give You a small

¹ In Johnson's hand.

sketch of the operations here Relative to the Town of Boston & the Charter of Massachusetts Bay Government

a Law is pass'd interdicting the Inhabitants of Boston from either landing or Shipping off any kind of Goods after the 1st of June next save Fuel & Provisions necessary for the Inhabitants, until it shall appear to His Majesty & Council that the Inhabitants have made ample Satisfaction to the East Indian Company for the Loss of their Property & a Submission to good order & Government — another Bill is now before the House authorizing His Majesty to appoint Council to the Governor in lieu of being Elective from their assemblies with many other regulations interfering with their Charter — Gen^l Gage Sets sail on Sunday next for Boston in His Majestys Ship The Lively being appointed Governor of the Province & goes Cloathd with very Ample Power — I fear much the Consequence of those Measures upon the present disposition of the People in that Quarter & the many Stimulating Letters to opposition that will be wrote over from hence by Men who I have always held as Enemies to both Countries — for it is a Maxim laid down in my Creed of []
 [] from the country []
 [] but such men there are who under the Cloak of []
 to America & at same time [] Basking in the []
 Favor have been fomenting all or most of the disturb[ance] []
 have experienc'd.

The King, Lords, & Co^mons seem'd almost Unanimous in their Resolutions relative to the Boston Port Bill, as it was Carried without even a division or Protest — & seem Resolv'd to proceed further in case the People of Boston should be refractory I dont find the least Idea of a further Taxation & in my own opinion if the people would but return to a Sense of their duty as good & loyal Subjects — this very Tax upon Tea would be Repealed.

I have very little other news to Communicate to You & but for

my Confidence in Your discretion & Honour I should not have ventured so far on the political Line as it is almost dangerous to declare one's Sentiments of these critical Situations — for I am told that it only needs to say in Boston that a Person is not their Friend to be subject to Tarring & feathering — or any other mark of their Resentment I observe by the paper that Sir John & his Lady was []

[]¹

my best Respects — He is a lazy Correspondent

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your much obliged and
faithfull Humble Servant

JOHN BLACKBURN

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bart^t

at Johnson Hall

in the Province of

New York

(⁷o pacquet)

INDORSED:²

London April 6th. 1774

Mr. Blackburns letter

FROM THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:416 is printed a letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Sir William Johnson written at Whitehall 6th April 1774 relating to the murder committed by the Senecas at Lake Ontario, the advisability of showing clemency to the offenders, the character and conduct of Klock and the feeling against him.

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Johnson's hand.

FREDERICK HALDIMAND'S WARRANT

*Contemporary Copy*¹

New York 6th: April 1774.

Copy/

By His Excellency Frederick Haldimand Esq^r: &ca &ca &ca.—

You are hereby directed and required, out of such Monies as are, or shall come to your Hands, for the Contingent or Extraordinary Expences of His Majesty's Forces under my Command, to Pay, or cause to be Paid to Sir William Johnson Bart^t: His Majesty's Sole Agent for, and Superintendent of the Affairs of the Six Nations of Indians, Inhabiting the Mohawk River, and their Confederates, or his Assigns, without Deduction, the Sum of Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Three Pounds, One Shilling and Two Pence New York Currency, Equal to Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Two Shillings and Four Pence Sterling,² Being for Sundry Disbursements on Account of the Indians of the Six Nations, and others, and for a half years Salary due to him, his Officers, Smiths, Interpreters, Surgeon &ca, from 25th: September 1773 to 24th: March 1774, both Days included, as p^r: the Annexed Accompt; the Vouchers for which are Lodged with Sir William Johnson Bart^t: And for so Doing, this, with the acquittance of the said Sir William Johnson Bart; or his Assigns, shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

Given &ca —

To THOMAS BARROW Esq^r:
Deputy Paymaster General of
His Majesty's Forces in New York } }

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21687. fo. 195-7, London, England.

² See Johnson's Account with the Crown, September 27, 1773 to March 24, 1774.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹*New York 7th. Ap^l. 1774.*

DEAR SIR

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 19th & 31st ult^o. together with your half Year's Acc^t. for which I have order'd a Warrant & sent you herewith will be disposed of as usual, as I observe that there is an augmentation in the list of Salaries I suppose that your appointment of Mr Hay as Commissary at Detroit has occasioned it.

I am very glad to See the readiness with which the Six Nations at your request, have agreed to interpose their influence to prevent the Cherokees joining with the Creeks, but as it is probable Still that matters Shall be accommodated with the latter, I can not but commend greatly Your prudence in putting off their mediation as long as there is a possibility of not wanting it, I have hopes that we may be able to do without as I can not find that the Creeks have committed any more hostilities Since Jan^y last, the letters I daily expect from Mr Stuart, will determine nearly what can be expected and the turn that that affair will take, I shall transmit you the earliest intelligence of it, that if a rupture shou'd take place you may cooperate with in the means to endeavour to obtain a Satisfaction adequate to the offense, the departure of the Shawanese portends no good. I shou'd be glad to be informed, where they have fixed their residence and doubt not your being able to check their evil designs.

Mr. Jehu Hay being a person on who's knowledge and good Sense & judgment I have great reliance I have prevailed on him to go to the Illinois, to procure an exact description of that country and it's inhabitants, I shall by him Send a proclamation relative to the incroachments attempted by some of our people

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 125, London, England.

on the Wabash & shall give the Strictest orders to the Comm^y. officer to prevent any such attempts by all the means in his power.

Sir John having determined to return home I send this by him & must express my Sorrow of having had so little of his company, he has so many friends here, that it was not in my power to Shew him the civilities which I wou'd be glad to shew any time to the son of a person for whom I have so much regard Permit me to conclude with the assurances of the great esteem with which I am

D^r. Sir
your &c

INDORSED: (74

Copy

Letter to Sir W^m. Johnson

dated Ap^l. 7th.

FROM RICHARD MOSLEY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 532, is entered a letter of April 11th from Richard Mosley, New York, declaring his gratitude for kindness experienced at Johnstown (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:504; Q, 4:312).

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 11th April 1774

SIR,

I have your letter of Yesterday. I Rec^d. your Pork &c and have already sent sufficient forward to satisfy the Hungry Copper Coulerd Gentry who I find are Troublesome to you on a late occasion, and by their making some retaliation it seems as if they were bro^t. to a just sense of their misconduct, happy for some of us, that you Sir, is so Indefatigable in your Troublesome Department.

Herewith is the Ear Drops,— the Post I think will now come
& go regular Every Saturday as usual. I remain Respectfully

Sir

Your very hu Servant

JN^o MONIER

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

INDORSED:¹

April 11th 1774

Mr. Moniers letter

TO THE CORPORATION OF ALBANY

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall April 15–28, 1774*]

[²]
[] willingly part with some of []
than give occasion for much []
could not think of Injuring their []
to improve in knowledge, or of ruining []
must depend on that for a Subsistence []
of little importance to you; That from []
The Reversionary claim you made, might []
(If your title was unexceptionable) in many []
therefore your obtaining imediate possession of a part []
Advantage to you, and tho' it would prove []
themselves; That altho' they may be esteemed []
present denomination by the Ind^s when reduced to a much []
they know not what advantages may betake []
whose Ideas may differ thereupon, at the []
declared their utter aversion to controversy & their []
to a reasonable accomodation; I then Exhor[ted] []
to a Conclusion & laid before them the Survey of []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

that Quarter accurately performed by order of his Excell^{cy} the Gov[] which it appears that the Whole of their Low Lands [] 800 acres, & that the three Tracts contain more th[] Intended; Upon the whole they very Judiciously []
 []¹
 [] such persons as you []
 [] measure corresponding with the []
 [] showed in your Letter of Counter []
 []nd. Or If the Lowland (according to your []
 [] Object they will treat about releasing a part []
 from a private Conversation with the Chiefs I []
 that they might be brought to release their Land []
 of Shohare Creek contain^s 698 acres of Wood []
 about one third of which is of the Latter kind, reserving []
 [] three Acres about their Church, as then there would be a [] natural boundary; but this will give some pain to those [] thereabouts altho' the majority live on the otherside at [] If this did not answer I believe they might treat [] on the West Side, allowing the Three Tracts at [] mentioned in the Deeds, but these points tho' reco[] must be reserved for Treaty in which I wish you would [] a speedy conclusion, because if nothing satisfactory arises from this negociation I shall be under the disagr[eable nece]ssity of proceed^s in it as I formerly mentioned in such a manner [] I am well convinced will be disagreeable, & which may lead to worse consequences than is I believe apprehended, the great trouble attend[ing] which, as well as the Concern it must give me to enter into such a Contention will I trust Convince you of my inclination to favor your Wishes as far as my Idea of the matter, and the duties of my stati[on w]ill permit me.

I am &c

The Worshipful
 the Mayor &ca of Albany

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

*Saturday AM 8 oClock
16 April 1774 —*HON^d. SIR,

Yesterday I received 2 Plow^s. from Cap^t Legrange with a line from an unknown Person to forward them with the greatest dispatch as you much wanted them

I therefore now Send them and a Cagg with 500 Oysters Open They are fresh large & Good, hope you may get them Safe. Let the Cook only wash them in Cold Water, As they are used.

I also Send you 2 Barrels Oysters in the Shell they are fresh & Good and a Dozⁿ. good Lemmons. no fresh fish of the right Sort to be had, when any Offers worth Sending you may Depend on haveing Some No News only the Governours Embarkation, the Arival of the Packet, and it is Said the recorder of New York is turn'd out of Office, pray Excuse haste and permit me to Assure you that I really am

Hon^d. Sir Your most Obed^t Hum^l Serv^tRICH^d CARTWRIGHT

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{le}. Sir Will^m. Johnson Bart.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹April 16th. 1774 —

 M^r. Cartwrights letter

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall April 17 1774*]

[
 I cannot [
 of Congratulating my Worthy and [
 this fifth entrance upon the Gov[
 Tho' the various duties of such a Station must render it [
 burthensome to a Gentleman of an advanced Age, especially if
 he loves retirement, Yet it is with a pleasure equal to that of
 any of your Friends that I view you once more able to enter
 upon these arduous duties with a portion of health as I am
 informed of which I wish you as much enjoyment as a Man of
 Sense can at a Certain period hope for, and of which the Gentle-
 man you succeeded appears to stand in much need.—

It is with pleasure I find you take the reins of Governmt. when
 Tumults & disorders have given place to tranquillity & I sincerely
 wish you may have nothing to disturb your Administration.—
 As I may have occasion during the Course of it to write you on
 different occurring subjects, I flatter myself when your leisure
 will permit of hearing from yourself that you enjoy health and
 ease, my only design of Writing at present being to Assure you
 of the Steady friendship & Constant regard with which I always
 am D^r S^r.

Your assured friend
 & faithful humble Servt

The Hon^{ble}
 L^T GOV^R. COLDEN

INDORSED:

April 17th. 1774

To Lieut. Gov^r. Colden on
 his 5th. entrance upon the Administratⁿ.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM JOHN COLLENS

A. L. S.

Mayfield April 18th 1774

[]
 []
 [] company []
 [] May have taken Signers to the Num[]
 [] Committee Consisting of three Men Viz Col^o.
 [] Thompson & Doct^r. Berry who are Principle Men
 [] Your Honour Soon to agree for Land to
 accomodate the whole. these men have apply^d to me to Show
 them S^d. Land but on a Strict Examination I Learn they are
 not Sent by the Company nor have apply^d. to Y^r. Honour and
 that there is a Controversy Subsisting between them & Cap^t.
 Pitcher and others and that they are Dispos^d to Give a bad
 account of the Land and if they find the Land Bad they can
 Stop the Committee Proseeding on which I told them Plainly
 I thought thir Design Mischivious and Should Give them no
 assistance as their Proseedings were not Regular I have also
 advis^d. our People not to go out with them but Reynolds
 notwithstanding has undertaken to go out one Day which
 will only care² them on the worst of the Land and is not
 acquainted with the Lines nor any Cumpas — I further Learn
 that Tho^s. Frasier and others have given them a bad acount
 of the Land which affords them great Satisfaction I would
 therefore Recommend it to Y^r. Honour to Wright to these
 People not to give up till Some men of Judgment have Explor^d.
 this Part of the Country which I think will totally Defeat the
 Design of these ill moinded men.— from Y^r. Hon^d. Humb^l.
 Ser^t.

JOHN COLLENS

¹ Lines burned off.

² Evidently intended for "carry."

Since my last of the 15th Inst. which am hopeful wont meet with the feat of the last, there has fresh Accounts Come from the back Country I gave you a scetch of the Cooleness that was likely to be between the Gr. of Virg^a. & our Gr. which has it seems almost broke out to an open rupture as the Accounts we have by Express yesterd^y. says Gr. Dun^e. by advice of the Council has sent orders to Fort pitt & that quarter to take up any persons that presumes to Execute the pensilv^a. laws there or thereabouts & has Actually taken up three Justices apointed by this goverm^t. & Confined them in a place Called Dumfries in Virg^a., they being advised as the Accounts says, not to Enter in Bail where these troubles & that with the New Engl^d. Claim will end is difficult to determine, its a fact that the Gr. of Virg^a. is granting large tracts of land in the new intended goverm^t. & Mr. Crⁿ. has had a land office open for some Considerable time past granting & selling lands in that quart^r. how good his grants will prove to be I Cant determine but I seen a man since my last who gave him £63 for about 240 Acr^s. theres a great deal of such work going on a scetch of which I thought might be agreeable

I am

Dear Sir

Your most Obligd & most

Obed^t Humble Serv^t

FRAN^s. WADE

[] by Mr. Caldwell that Captⁿ. Gray told him he knew I wrote to you & the famely against a Certain gentⁿ. [] be only a Surmise of his own as I dont apprehend any of the famely would mention what passes [] [] at a loss to [accou]nt for not receiv^g. a line from one of the famely but you will [] [] Coln^l. Clauses that used to be so good a Correspondent how [] but have not []

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}. Sir Will^m. Johnson Barn^t.
at his seat Johnson Hall
Tryon County
fav'd. by Mr.
James Caldwell

INDORSED:¹

[]

[] Wades Letter
Answ^d. May 19th.—

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[Albany April 20, 1774]

I now Send you to the Care of Mr John B V Eps at Schonec-
tady the 4 p^s. Mille Iron you Ordered Amounting to
£ 15 . . 6 . . 3 as per Inclosed Bill

I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged & Most
Humble Servant

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

INDORSED:¹

Alby 20th. April 1774

Mr. Jⁿ Stevensons letter
wth. an Acc^t. for Iron

¹ In Johnson's hand.

JOHN STEVENSON'S BILL

A. D. S.

*Albany 20th: April 1774*The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson BaronettTo Jn^o: Stevenson D^r

C Q II

To 4 p^s. Mill Iron W^t. 6..0..14 at 50/ £15..6..3

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Contemporary Copy¹**Johnson Hall April 20th. 1774.*

Duplicate

(Copy.)

DEAR SIR,

The second of June last I did myself the Pleasure of writing you a long Letter, which unluckily did not reach New York till Two Days after you sailed, but General Haldimand promised to forward it to you. It's purport was that the declining State of my health had alarmed the Indians, and had produced a desire towards making a Provision for a Choice of an Agent in Reversion who should be qualified to conduct this peculiar Office, and who possessed the Affections of the Indians, and requesting your Interest and Friendship upon the Occasion, which I again take the Liberty of solliciting and indeed hope for it, because I have that confidence in your Regard and good Opinion, that when I assure you I think the Measure necessary and expedient from the long Experience of the Indians you will probably be induced to give it your Countenance.

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5. 763. p. 463, London, England. Inclosed in a letter of July 18th, 1774, from Thomas Gage at Boston to Lord Dartmouth.

The Indians who have of late years frequently been Witnesses of the Suddenness and Violence of the Attacks of my Disorders, have latterly Addressed me very Seriously upon it, and after making some pertinent and Judicious Remarks on the Event of an Accident to me, such as that perhaps they would be deprived of the means of applying to one fixed Officer in their various Affairs, or else have to transact them with some Stranger, to them, their Politicks and Customs, they have warmly express'd their Apprehensions of the Consequences in which either of these Cases might embark them, And repeatedly urged me to lay their Desires before the King, for the Choice of a fitting Person in Reversion whom they have pointed out, without this Circumstance, satisfied as I am of its propriety, I am very doubtfull whether I should mention it, as I would willingly avoid the Imputation of Interest or partiality, as I am not conscious of either, but on the contrary act purely with a View of being the Means of serving the Public when I am no more.

To one whose Opinion of Indian Affairs have always proved so Judicious, I think it needless to point out the extreme propriety there still is for an Agent with the Indians, or that such an Agent should be an Officer under the immediate Direction of the Crown, detached from local Views and different Opinions and Interests of the Colonies, because this has been the Opinion of all His Majesty's Ministers, and is that of every sensible Man, who has any Knowledge in their Affairs, but I well know that Appointments to Offices depend upon Interest, and that the Qualifications are liable to be overlook'd in One at this Distance from Court, for which Reason I would observe, what I am persuaded you will agree with me in that altho general Qualifications may Answer for Offices in general, yet the Office of Superintendent of Indian Affairs is of so peculiar a Nature, that without a proper choice, it is better to make none, for it is only by long Residence amongst them, and a thorough Attention to, and Experience of their Politicks, Disposition and Usages, join'd to a Knowledge of the Manner in which Business has been conducted with them,

that a Man can be deemed qualified for the Discharge of such Duties, to which he should add the favorable Prepossession and Esteem of the Indians, this my Deputy, Guy Johnson has so far acquired, that they are Unanimous in requesting I should express their wishes, that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to nominate him in Reversion.

I am my Dear Sir well aware of every Reflection that may be made by some People on my writing in Favor of a Gentleman so little known to the Public and so nearly connected with myself, but as I most solemnly declare, that my Principal Motive is to gratify the Indians and serve the Public, and that I know no other Person so fitting, My Friends at least will I trust believe me to be as disinterested as another Man, for this Gentleman however from Situation &ca very little known, has by long Attention and Application and by so many years employed in the most important and difficult parts of my Duty, acquired so perfect a Knowledge of the Indians and their Affairs, that I am in no wise apprehensive, that either myself or any of his Friends, would ever have Reason to repent of their Recommendation, and as I value my own Character too much to make a sacrifice of it to mistaken Prejudice or Interest, I can with the greater Confidence solicit your Friendship in his behalf which I must do without observing on the great Respect he has ever express'd for you, or any other Points but the wishes of the Indians and my own Knowledge of his Capacity.

I am,

&ca

(Signed) W^m: JOHNSON

The Hon^{ble}: LIEUT. GENERAL GAGE.

INDORSED: Duplicate.

Copy of a Letter from Sir

William Johnson Bar^t.

In the Hon^{ble}. Lieu^t. Gen^l.

Gage's (N^o. 5) of 18 July 1774.

TO WILLIAM EDMESTONE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall Ap^l. 21st. 1774*]

SIR,

The inclosed Letter is Just come to my hands which I take this opportunity of inclosing to you.— It was not till last Week that I received your Letter dated in February last, how it came to be so long by the way I have not been able to discover, but as you therein gave me hopes of the pleasure of seeing you about this time, prevented my answering you. I trust you have not altered your intentions, but that I shall Shortly have an opportunity of talking with you on the contents of your Letter, on which I shall be glad to do you any Service as far as is in my power being with Esteem Sir &c

MAJOR EDMESTONE

INDORSED:

Ap^l. 21st. 1774

To Major Edmestone

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*²

Johnson Hall April 21st. 1774.

DEAR SIR/

Since my last the Cheifs of the Six Nations accompanied by 260 of their People arrived with Two of the Murderers whom they have delivered up. I am to Answer their Speeches this day, but they are so extremely sollicitous about these Young

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 127, London, England.

Prisoners, that I have promised them to write to you immediately without waiting for the Close of the Conferences, when I shall transmit more particulars; they most solemnly declare their abhorrence of the Murder, & the Ignorance of the Young Men concerned in it, enlarged much on the many Murders committed on their People upon y^e Frontiers for which no Satisfaction can be obtained, which is verry true, and upon the whole when we consider that it is a great point to bring them so far, it may not be amiss, as you observed, to give them up to their Sollicitations, they making restitution for the Robbery which (according to our Laws) they need not to do if capitally punished. I shall therefore beg the favor of hearing from You on the Occasion, so as to be able to deliver your Answer to them, and if you will signify that You yield it as a favor to their Sollicitations, It will have a verry good effect.

I now take the liberty to inclose the Acc^t. of Mr. M^cKee at Fort Pitt which did not come time enough for my last, & therefore not being included in mine, I must request your separate Warrant for it. I have also received one from him concerning provisions long since advanced, which I never expected to have anything to do wth. neither was it ever included in any of my Acc^{ts}., tho I now find it is like to fall on Mr. M^cKee, which is a hardship, I could wish removed; As soon as possible after the Meeting, I shall transmit the result, And I remain always with verry great regard, Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient, and

verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^l. HALDIMANDE

INDORSED: 74

Sir W^m Johnson

of Ap^l. 21st.

Rec'd Ap^l. 27th.

Answ'd D^o. D^o —

FROM JOHN GLEN

A. L. S.

[Schonectady April 26 1774]

[]

Mr. Yates Promisd me [] ago that he would go up [] The Line between you & me at [] Little falls. I wrote him a line the other day to know when he Intend [] go up he wrote me back he Could not go as I would be glad to have it done as Soon as posible I would be glad to Know if you will Please to nominate a person Too do it for us —

I am Your Most Obedient

& Most Humble Servant

JOHN GLEN

Honorable

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t &c. &c. &c.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable

Sir William Johnson Bar^t. &c. &c. &c.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

- [] letter
- [] y^e. line
- [] & Mine
- [] Falls
- [] Duncan
- [] if agreeable

¹ In Johnson's hand.

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall April 27th. 1774*

SIR/

I wrote You a long letter in January last Since which I have not been favored with Yours, but as I understand the Snow is arrived, It has probably brought me some letters, so that I shall deferr particulars, 'till the Arrival of the next Post, as this is principally intended to acquaint You that by this opertunity, you will receive a Pacquet containing a Letter for Lord Adam Gordon & another for Gen^l. Gage which I have not been able to direct in a particular manner, not knowing where they are at present for which reason I beg you will make enquiry, & cause them to be safely forwarded. Gen^l. Gage is probably in London, if so you can have it safely delivered, and pray inform me concerning the same —

I herewith inclose You a draft of Co^l. Johnsons for £70, also Mr Mosleys two Drafts for £20 & £10 Each & Colin M^c.Lelands for £17. .10 making in all £117. .10. . which place to my Credit, Co^l. Johnson writes You by this opertun^y. and incloses You a power of Attorney, & setts of Affidavits for his Half pay, and as I daily expect to hear from You, and am besides so occupied with a Number of Indians now here, I can only at present add my sincere regards, being
always, Sir, Your hearty Wellwisher

& verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

M^R. JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED: Johnson Hall

27 Ap^l. 1774Sr. W^m. Johnson

Reced — 8 June

Answ — 6 July —

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 24323. fo. 16, London, England. The draft of the letter is in the Johnson manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Copy)

New York April 27th: 1774.

DEAR SIR

I am this moment favor'd with yours of the 21st. instant, together with Mr: M^c Kee's Account, for which a Warrant shall be made out.

With respect to the treatment of the two Indians who have been delivered up by their Nation for being concerned in the Murder of the four Canadians, tho' they highly deserve to be capitally Punished, yet at your Solicitation, and in consideration of the abhorrence which the Nation to which they belong in General and their head men in particular, express for the Crime of which they have been guilty, and hoping that their promises of punctuality in observing the Treaties, will be minded, I am inclined to grant the Pardon of the two Criminals, not however untill a full satisfaction and equivalent has been given for the Robbery they committed; which condition you will be pleased to see fulfilled, previous to their being released.

I doubt not but you will improve and take all the Advantages which the present circumstances may afford, I wou'd not defer answering by this Post that you might be enabled the sooner to put an end to this affair.

I am with perfect truth and esteem

Sir

&ca.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart:

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 129, London, England.

INDORSED: Copy) To
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t:
 His Majesty's Sole Agent for,
 and Superintendant of the Affairs
 of the Indian Nations in the
 Northern District —
 at
 Johnson Hall
 New York April 27th: 1774 —

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON'S RECEIPT

The Johnson Calendar, p. 533, lists a receipt of Sir William Johnson, April 28, 1774, for 11,207 36/56 dollars to Thomas Barrow. Destroyed by fire.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Copy)

New York April 29th: 1774.

SIR

Mr: Hay, as I mentioned it to you formerly is now going to the Illinois to procure a true account of the State of that Country, it's Inhabitants and the Settlement at Poste Vincennes and as some few presents to the Indians may facilitate his Success and procure him a better reception amongst the Wabosh Indians, he may meet with, I wou'd beg of you to give him what you may think conducive to the success of his undertaking, and to point out to him such measures as your knowledge will Suggest you to be proper on such an errand as he is going upon.

I send by him a Proclamation to Detroit and the Illinois, in order to prevent as much as lays in my power the ill effect which the late irregular Proceedings of Mr: Murray² and others might

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 131, London, England. The signed letter in the Johnson manuscripts in the New York State Library was nearly destroyed by fire.

² William Murray, representing the Illinois Company, made purchases of the Indians in 1773.

produce, I beg you will cooperate with me, in acquainting all the Nations of Indians within the meaning of the Royal Proclamation of 7th October 1763¹ with His Majesty's Gracious intention to prevent any fraudulent purchases from them and not to permit any of His Subjects to go to settle amongst them and to encroach on their hunting grounds which are intended to be reserved to their Sole use and benefit, and I send you herewith a Copy of the Proclamations to make such use as you shall think most advantageous for His Majesty's Service.

I am with the greatest truth and Regard.

Dear Sir
&ca.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bart:

INDORSED: Copy) To
Sir William Johnson Bart:
His Majesty's Sole Agent for,
and Superintendant of the Affairs
of the Several Nations of Indians
in the Northern District
at
Johnson Hall
New York April 29th: 1774.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*²

Johnson Hall April 29th. 1774

DEAR SIR

You would have a Copy of the principal transactions at the Meeting with the Indians by this opportunity, but that a Con-

¹ Printed in *Documents Relating to the Constitutional History of Canada, 1759–1791* (Canadian Archives, 1907). See also *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:478–79.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670. fo. 135, London, England.

siderable Number of them still remain here, and occupy my time so much that nothing else can be attended to. They delivered up the Two Prisoners whom I committed to the County Jail last Week, but I find that Several of their Cheifs chuse to stay till they hear what is farther intended, and the novelty of their delivering up any of their People to be dealt wth. according to our Laws (more especially as they have so often represented the ill treatment they receive from our Frontier Inhabitants without redress) has occasioned much private Contention amongst themselves, attended with some ill natured Surmises concerning us, which have been unluckily aggravated by a severe indisposition with which one of the Prisoners in Jail has been seized, & which thro the natural Jealousy of their dispositions may have a verry bad effect unless he shortly recovers, the Doctor has visited him Several times, but he will take nothing that he prescribes, I therefore hope verry shortly to hear from You, that I may be enabled to tell them that in consideration of their making restitution for the robbery, and thro Compassionate regard to their Sollicitations, especially as the Criminals were young, this Instance is past over in the hopes that the Senecas in particular will by their future conduct merit this Act of Grace and favor.—

Your kind favor of the 7th. Ins^t. was delivered to me by Sir John who is verry Sensible of your civilities, as I am much obliged upon the occasion, 'tho sorry that it was not in his power to be more frequent with a Gentleman whom he and I esteem so highly, the particulars of your letter by him shall be answered in my next, as you may Judge how I am plagued at present, as soon as ever this hurry is over, I shall transmit the proceedings, and I remain with verry true regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient

& verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^l. HALDIMAND —

INDORSED: 74

Sr. W^m. Johnson
of Ap^r. the 24
re. May — 3^d.
Answ'd D^o. 4th —

FROM PETER JOHNSON¹

A. L. S.

Philadelphia April 30th. 1774

HONOR'D SIR,

I take the oppertunity of writing you by Mr. Hare A young Gentleman a Friend of Mr. Wades & Mine — A Clever Geenteel young Man. he is a porter Brewer Lately come from England & has set up a very elegant porter Brewery in this City, & intends takeing a tour to Quebec & Ni[a]gara & them places for his health — with Mr. Allen Son of Judge Allen of this City — Who are both to set off to morrow Morning.

I am Just come from the field where I saw four men hung & a woman the one a Sergant for killing his Wife and the other for Robbing the third for Money makeing the fourth for Brakeing open a house & Robbing also & the fifth a woman for killing her Child. I think its the Most Dismal sight I ever Saw. there were thousands of people altho it rained very hard — it was with the greatest Dificulty I could come near enough to See them, I haer Gouvernour Franklin from the Jerseys is come to town, & that his father has lost his Commission & its thought Gover Franklin will Lose his Gouverment also — I hope the Gentlemen are all well Please to give them my Best Respects

I have wrote to my Mother to Send me some Indian Curiositys As there are Gentlemen & Ladys here very desirous of Seeing them. I would be Glad you would Bring me some french &

¹ Peter Warren Johnson, oldest child of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant; named after Admiral Peter Warren, uncle of Sir William Johnson.

English Books to read at Leasure hours, & an Indian Book, for I am Afraid I'll lose my Indian Toungue If I dont practice it more than I do.—

I am In great want of a watch as I have to come to dinner, & go early to the Store I dont know what time to go without one. If you'l write Mr. Wade to get me one he will get it very cheap & Good

I am Honor'd father
Your most Dutiful & Affectionate
Son PETER JOHNSON

I inclose A Letter
for Betsy¹ in Yours

INDORSED:²

April 30th 1774

Letter from Peter
at Philadelphia

TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH³

L. S.⁴

N^o. 8.

Johnson hall May 2^d. 1774.

MY LORD/

I have the Honor to transmit herewith a Copy of the principal Transactions with 260 Chiefs & Warriors of the Six Nations who bro^t. here two Senecas concerned in a Murder committed last Year on 4 French Men on Lake Ontario as mentioned in

¹ Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

² In Johnson's hand.

³ William Legge, second Earl of Dartmouth, colonial secretary, 1772–

⁴ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 29237, fo. 1. Printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:421–24.

my Letter N^o. 6, Which Persons contrary to Antient Custom I made a point of their delivering up to Justice, and having at length prevailed, they are now Committed to the County Jail, where they are to remain until I hear from General Haldimand, who sometime since Joyned me in opinion that on their making restitution for the Goods they plundered at that time, It would at this Juncture be good policy to discharge them, in consideration of the many murders committed on their people for which no Satisfaction could be obtained & of the Youth of the parties who were influenced thereto by a fellow who fled,— Besides its being considered as an Act of Clemency, there were no proofs to convict them, neither could restitution be expected If they Suffered, which would have proved very Injurious to those Merch^{ts}. whose goods were taken;— Indeed this is the first instance wherein the Senecas were ever prevailed on to Sacrifice their Antient Customs to our Laws by delivering up offenders, & therefore I hope it will establish a Wholesome Precedent, without even carrying it to the utmost rigour of the Laws.

I come now to Answer your Lordships of the 1st. Decr. (N^o. 6), The Effects that may derive from the unwarrantable Establishments on the Lands therein referred to, and of which your Lordship appears so sensible, are really alarming, and your Lordship may be Assur'd of my full co operation with Gen^l. Haldimand in every Wholesome Measure for preventing an Evil of so Dangerous a tendency, tho' I must Confess I have very little hopes that Settlements can be restrained by any ordinary Measures, where the Multitude have for so many years discovered such an ungovernable passion for there Lands, & pay so little regard to Title or Authority of the American Gov^{ts}.

At the same time your Lordships Most Judicious reflections on the present Critical Situation of Ind^a. Affairs, arising from these Causes combined with the Endeavors of our Natural Enemies give me a full persuasion that Government will use every consistent measure for applying a remedy to these Growing evils.

Last Summer I rec^d. a long Accot of a Message said to be sent to the Indians by the French King thro' the Channel of Canada, with many particulars not mentioned in the Copy I had the Honor to receive from your Lordship tho' corresponding generally. Indeed I have met with the like so often since the reduction of Canada, & have so often transmitted Accot^s. of such Intelligence, that I am grown cautious how I enlarge on such reports to his Majesties Ministers (for reasons I shall give presently) without such undeniable authorities, as will remove every doubt, and these are not likely to be obtained; It is true I have always had some Men, employed to gain intelligence who have been of great use who have never deceived me, and whose Attachment and Interest secures their fidelity; but these Men are Indians and as such extremely cautious of giving a public Testimony that would endanger their Lives neither would their authority I apprehend be deemed sufficient to Criminate those they accused, for their united accot^s have borne hard on not only many of the Clergy, but other Persons in Canada some of whom have within these few Years had the address to acquire powerfull Advocates of whom they co^d. little avail themselves were their Artificers as well known to Others as they are to Myself. But however persuaded I am within myself of the truth of such Informations in Gen^l It is probable that I may be mistaken as to some of the parties & It is neither Consistent with my Character, or feelings, to expose an Innocent person to suspicion or bring so heavy a Charge on such Authorities without demonstrative proof.

The Religion Government & Genius of the French conspire to render them dangerous to us, & their enterprizing Disposition with the plausible manner they use to lull us into security until they compass their Views has often been felt, & may as often be Experienced hereafter, But in this Capacity to do us harm, the Canadians exceed the Native French, as they have less liberality of Sentiment, Stronger prejudice founded on greater ignorance, so that they are never without Inclination to hurt us, or hopes of success, and this is not so much the case of their common people, as

of those who from the difference of our Government, are lowered as Noblesse or princip^l. Traders, injured by our application to Commerce which they would engross to themselves, & which they use every Means to keep in their hands, In short their disposition & Attachment to old Interests is still so Strong that I have known Some of them when Speak^g to the Ind^s. who even in my presence could scarcely be restrained from Reflections on the English & Encomiums on the French, I am Sensible there may be sev^l. that think or say otherwise, but I speak from Longer Experience, & as little prejudice, emboldened by a Consciousness of my own Integrity.

This System of politicks & National Character of the French, as it led them to Cultivate the Affections of the Ind^s, has probably occasioned the French Gov^t. to consider them as very well Calculated to create a diversion here, in case of a Rupture, or to second their endeavors, sho^d. they find it Eligible to re-establish themselves in America, to which end Emissaries were necessary for keeping up an Intercourse with & Encreasing the Ind^s. Jealousy of our growing power. but the Effects are nearly the same, whether the Crown of France interests itself therein, or not, for the Canadians are full of these Sentiments, & would find their accot therein, If they had no other Object but that of possessing the most Valuable part of the Trade, which their people in the back Country can Carry on when our Colonies are engaged in War, of which there were proofs enough during the last Indⁿ. Troubles,—From whichsoever of these Causes, or from whatever authority The fact is pretty certain that Imediately on the reduction of Canada, very Large belts were deliv^d. by y^e clergy & some other persons of Consequence to Certain French Men & Indians who Carried them thro' all the Nations to Detroit Michilimacina &ca importing that the King of France tho' conquer'd in one place was Still alive, & that a French & Spanish Fleet w^d. soon make its appearance, when they sho^d. all be made happy & freed from the incroachm^t. of the English, That therefore they should be in readiness with their Axes sharp to Strike a blow when called upon, & in the interim

that they sho^d. guard the Avenues to their Country agt the English;— The next Year (1761) more belts were Sent to Detroit, advising them that the time was come for Mischief & Exhorting them to rise,¹ care hav^s. been taken by Joncaire who had great Influence with the Upper Senecas A people much inclined to the French, to induce the former to Joyn therein & Dep^{ys}. went accordingly to the Nations at Detroit, &c but the plan being timely discovered and arriving there myself on the same Year where I held a Congress, The Storm blew over for that time. The ensuing Winter the belts were renewed, & 4 French partizans went with them thro' all the Nations Inviting them to a General Confederacy, & to attack our Ports, Traders & Frontiers at once with Assurances of an Approaching Fleet &ca, The Complaints of Grievances encreased fast, & in my Letter of 20 Aug. 1762 to the Lords of Trade I stated my sentiments & Apprehensions, as well as afterwards communicated my farther discoveries. Lt. Col. then Major Gladwin a Worthy Man & a brave Officer, in March of that year obtained from 2 or 3 different Ind^s. a very Circumstantial Acct of the whole design, with even a List of those Clergy & others who had Explained & delivered the belts to the Indians, at the same time I rec^d. sundry Corroborating proofs but People in general were not inclined to think that the Ind^s. were capable or Willing to imbarck in such an Undertaking, & many unlucky Events too tedious to be at this time recapitulated then occurring the ensuing spring, the Storm began, The Outposts & Traders felt the first Sacrifices, & the Effects are too well known to require a relation. In justice however to the Major Part of the 6 Nations, who preserved their fidelity & whose situation renders them so consequential to us I cannot omit observing that they were of Signal use at that period agt the Enemy, amongst others One Indⁿ Detachm^t. I sent out attacked a party coming agt Our Settle-

¹ See above Campbell to Walters, June 17, 1761 and Campbell to Johnson, July 8, 1761 (III:405-6, 448-53).

ments, & Made the Chief with 40 others pris^{rs}.¹ who were committed to our Jails whose impending fate tied up the hands of their people, & those circumstances did not a little contribute to the Calm that succeeded. however the attempts to rouse the Ind^s. did not end with the War those who contributed to Excite it saw plainly how much Indians could do without aid and how little they could suffer,— The Old Belts were revived additional Ones with Messages brought by Way of Misisipi, & delivered to the Tribes on the branches of the Ohio &c accompanied wth. very substantial presents, False reports circulated & every Extravagance of the disorderly frontier Inhabitants & Encroachers exaggerated Parties Excited to do mischief on our Communications, As well as to Rob, Murder & Banish our Traders, whilst those from Canada were caressed, who are n^{ow} in many places become Factors for the English & derive Reputation from their Goods. So that what with the Artifices practised by designing men amongst them, the Encroachments & many other Acts of Injustice of the Inhabitants on most of the Frontiers, the Incapacity and (as it appears to the Indians) unwillingness of our American Gov^{ts} to redress them, the Jealousy of the Ind^s. is rather increased, & the Belts are secretly cherished by those most Aggrieved as so many assurances of relief, insomuch that it was with great difficulty I had some of them delivered up & there are yet more which I am using every practicable measure to Obtain, The fresh Ones that have lately crept in amongst them with a View to revive the former, like all the rest were delivered by Cautious Men, in the most secret manner, without Witnesses, as the only information to be obtained is in our Laws defective, & the Testimony of Indians however clear, or corroborated by others is in general regarded with a Slight, which is sensibly Noticed by themselves.

In Effect, My Lord, tedious as this Epistle may appear it really contains only heads, which to State fully w^d. require much enlargement, Your Lordship will imediately perceive from

¹ Captain Bull and 40 other Delawares, captured in February, 1764.

what I have already mentioned, how difficult a task it must be to detect the Authors or Trace such belts or Messages to their true Origin, to which I sho^d. add that the Indians are so universally averse to our modes of Capital punishment that they w^d. never stand to their Information even against an Enemy, much less a secret friend, from an Apprehension that the Parties must Suffer death, of all wch I could give instances, those who give the Intelligence are often unacquainted with the Authors, or content themselves with the relation of what they have heard but this shall not prevent me from using all my endeavors to detect them as well as to prevent the Operation of such Schemes & Artifices, In which should I fail thro' any unhappy combination of unlucky events, I am still confident that I Can divide them & make good use of the fidelity of a very large Number, than which nothing can be more alarming to the Indians, who sensible of our Numbers, dread most a disunion of Confederacies. On all these Matters I hope to give y^r. Lordship more particular satisfaction after the intended Onondaga Congress & the return of the Embassy which I sent to the Westward. I am much Oblidged by y^r. Lordships politeness respecting the Appointmt, of a new Secy.¹ for w^{ch}. Office I take the liberty to recomend Mr Joseph Chew a Gent. of a Reputable family in Virginia, who was formerly an Officer in the Troops of that Colony, & afterw^{ds} a Capt. in the Levies of this Province under my Com^d. in 1747 in which he behaved very well, he has since had many opportunities of being acqt^d. with the Ind^s. & has been for some time Settled in this Country where he is a Magistrate, I trust that if he Meets y^r Lordships Approbation, he will acquit himself with fidelity in that Post and I remain with very high Esteem

My Lord, Y^r. Lordships,

Most Obed^t. & most humble Serv^t

W J.

The R^t honble

The EARL OF DARTMOUTH

¹ To succeed Dr Richard Shuckburgh, who died in the summer of the preceding year.

INDORSED: N^o. 8

Letter to the
Earl of Dartmouth
May 2^d. 1774 —

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

[*Philadelphia May 3, 1774*]

[]

Since my two last one [] by Mr. Jam^s. Caldwell have nothing [] your notice to Communicate to you, but [] with the Oport^y. of the bearers hereof Mr. Rob^t. Hare & Mr. Will^m. Allen Jun^r., Could not omit writing, as well to Acquaint you of your son¹ being well, as to Introduce the above named Gentlemen, as worthy yours & the famelys notice, any favours or services rendered them will Confer a particular obligation on

Dear Sir

Your Obliged & most
Obed^t. & Hb^{le}. Serv^t.

FRAN^s. WADE

SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Barn^t.—

ADDRESSED:

To
The Honb^{le}. S^r. William
Johnson Barn^t.
at his seat
Johnson Hall
fav^d. by Mess^{rs}.
Hare & Allen

¹ Peter Johnson.

INDORSED:¹May 3^d. 1774 —

 Mr. Wades letter ^r Mess^{rs}.
 Hare & Allen —

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*²*New York 4th. May 1774*

DEAR SIR

I herewith Send you the duplicate of my last letter in answer to yours of the 21st ult^o. I am in hopes you have received it before this time, I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 29th and coincide in opinion with you respecting the good effect which may be expected from Shewing lenity on this occasion, I hope that we may not be disappointed.

I had not the pleasure of Seeing Sir John during his Stay here as often as I cou'd have wished, but I can assure you that my esteem for you exclusive of his merit entitle him in my opinion to any attentions in my power.

I am with the most cordial esteem

Dr. Sir

Yours &c

SIR W^m. JOHNSON

INDORSED: 74

Copy

 Letter to Sir W^m Johnson
 of the 4th Day of May

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 137, London, England.

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall May 5th. 1774*

DEAR SIR

I now inclose You a copy of the principal part of the transactions at the late Meeting with the Indians when they delivered up the Two Senecas who were concerned in the Murder, and who are still in Confinement in the County Jail, a Circumstance You may easily Judge not a little mortifying to the Indians. I am also to acknowledge the favor of Yours of the 7th. & 27th. Ult^o. and You may be assured of my cooperation whensoever the State of Affairs to the Southward shall require it.— I am glad to hear that Mr. Hay merits your favorable opinion, As I have given him a little appointment to y^e Westward In which I think he may be of use, and I believe he will prove a verry fitting Person to visit the Illinois for the purpose You have mentioned.—

Be Assured I have taken effectual measures for Collecting without delay the Skins proposed as an Equivalent for the losses sustained by the Canadians on Lake Ontario, I am much pleased with the readiness which the Six Nations have shewn upon this occasion, and it is no small Satisfaction to me that notwithstanding all grievances, & when so many rumours are abroad, the fidelity of the greatest part of that Confederacy may be relied on, especially as their Situation Influence & capacity render them of the most essential Importance to us wherever there is any prospect of trouble with the rest, and therefore I shall satisfy them as far as I can in the present Instance, and avail myself of it to manifest the regard we pay to their Sollicitations.—

Agreeable to your favor of the 10th. February Lewis Andrews who many Years since (when he was verry Young) deserted from the 46th. Regiment, has Surrendered himself to me, I cannot help recommending him to your favor as a Person who has

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 139, London, England.

for some time behaved wth. great prudence amongst the Indians, & executed Several Trusts amongst them with great fidelity, and that he is likely if he meets with your indulgence, to be a verry usefull man in my Department.— I remain with great truth, and the most sincere regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient

& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND —

INDORSED: 74

Sr. W^m. Johnson

of May the 5th.

FROM ALEXANDER MCKEE

L.¹

[Pittsburgh May 6, 1774]

[
 [] I am sorry to [] they have not
 gone safe to [] have miscarried, and I am also
 [] find that Your Honor shou'd enter []
 any Intelligence to any other p[] Honor, I have
 never done to any one wh[]ntment, except once
 last summer to the Con[] I was apprehensive of
 some mischief happen[Shaw]nese and White
 people settling below the [w]ou'd not have done,
 but that I heard Your Honor [] New England,
 and that Your Instructions to Mr. [] I was always
 sensible That the Channell which [] pleased to
 mention was superior to any other.

¹ Signature, if any, burned away.

² Lines burned off.

With Respect to Oconomy [] strictest, and avoided to incur every Expence [] appointment, and I [] may not be found to have had a great [] Western Nations discontented these some years [] that the Northern and Southern Indians were [] to renew and brighten their Friendship [] lost upon the Neglect shewn them, to be done [] them as a people of no Consequence, and [] the Western Indians make many Complaints [] []¹ [] against white people [] whole Country for one hundred [] abandon'd, and it is with the ut[] strained from falling upon our [] to assist in making up the Bre[] Such Distraction reigns amongst [] to reconcile matters extreamly troublesome [] certainly horrid Murders, and I make no [] that Light, when a proper representation is [] Your Honor; For although some of the public [] undertaken this matter, We have not the Confide[nce [] have that Weight, and therefore will not suffice to [have the des]ired Effect.—

I have imployed the Bearers, two Six Nation Indians, [] to your Honor and have to request you will be [] the]m for their Trouble, and I have been under the necess[ity [] Girty since his Return as it appears no[] but if you are pleas'd to order him discharged [] on your Honors signifying to me, although [] undoubtedly lay me under great Difficulties as [] unders]tand the Six Nation Language enough to [] imploying some person.—

[]¹
[] presents his most

¹ Lines burned off.

with Consent & advice of his Majestys Council by this proclamation in his Majestys name to order & require the officers of the Militia in that district to Embody a sufficient number of men to repel any Insult whatever & all his Majestys Liege subjects within this Colony are hereby strictly required to be aiding & assisting therein as they shall answer the Contrary at their peril & I do farther Enjoyn & require the several Inhabitants of the territory aforesaid to pay his Majesty^s. quitrents & all publick dues to such officers as are or shall be apointed to Collect the same within this dominion until his Majes^s. pleasure therein shall be known given under my hand & the seal of the Colony at Williamsburg this 25th Day of April 1774 &c

Sign'd

DUNMORE

You'l observe in a former lett^r. I gave you an Acc^t. of a Certain Dockt^r. Cy.¹ who was apointed by the govern^r. of Virg^a. as a Magistrate was taken into Custody for some unprecedented proceed^s. and Entered Bail however he sometime since at the siting of our Court in them parts Came with a body of armed men 120 to give himself up & surrounded the Court house that
 []²
 [] beg the fav^r. of you to []
 []nts to Mr. W^m. Allen Jun^r. & Mr. Ha[re]
 [] I took the liberty of Introduce^s to you, if they have not left your seat before this gets to hand & let Mr. Hare know theres nothing Extrad^y has ha[ppened] since he left this, my best & most sincere wishes attend you & your good famely I am with truth

Dear Sir

Your Most Obliged &

Most Obed^t. Hb^l. Serv^t.

FRAN^s. WADE

¹ Dr John Conolly (Connely). See Francis Wade to Sir William Johnson, March 6, 1774.

² Lines burned off.

P. S. Peter¹ has wrote so
often that I have only
to Acquaint you he is well
& desires his duty to you &
love to the famely Complim^{ts}.
to Docktr. Dease &c —

ADDRESSED:

To
The Hon^{ble}. Sir W^m. Johnson Barn^t.
at his seat Johnson Hall
Tryon County

INDORSED:²

Philadelphia 9th. May 1774

Mr. Francis Wades letter
Ansrd. 19th. Ins^t.

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[*Albany May 14th 1774*]

SIR

I Rec^d: your kind favour of the 11th: Instant the Saws and
flatt Iron I have got ready, the Square Iron I have not got of
the Size you Mention, but I Shall Endeavour to get it and send
the whole to Schonectady by the first Opportunity that offers

I am

Sir

Your Most Oblidged

Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Hon^{ble}: SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

¹ Peter Johnson.

² In Johnson's hand.

JOHN STEVENSON'S BILL

A. D.

Albany 16th: May 1774

The Hon^{ble}: Sir William Johnson Baronett

To John Stevenson D^r

To 6 bars flatt Iron W ^t :.....	37/	£ 4..17..5½/2
To 3 bars Square Bo ^t : of Wessell Van		
Schaick W ^t : 1..3..5 th @ 50/.....		4.. 9..7
To 2 Steel Mill Saws.....	57/	5..14..-
		<hr/>
		£ 15.. 1..0½/2

INDORSED:¹

Jⁿ. Stevensons Acct.
 For Iron & Mill Saws —
 May 16th. 1774 —

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[Albany May 16th 1774]

Inclosed you have the Acc^t. of the Iron and Saws, which I now send you to the care of Mr. Van Eps of Schonectady, I am
 Sir

Your Most Oblidged

Humble Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

To the Hon^{ble}: SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronett

INDORSED:¹

Alby. 16th. May 1774

Mr. Jⁿ. Stevensons letter
 wth. an acc^t. of Iron

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM RICHARD DUNCAN

A. L. S.

Hermitage May 19 [1774]

SIR/

This forenoon I left Albany, where having seen Cap^t. White, who is just arrived from N. York, I asked him if he had got one of the inclosed papers, he answered me he had not, for which reason I take the liberty of sending this to you — The news is come by a Vessel which arrived at York a few days ago in Twenty-Seven Days from London — I am with Respect and Gratitude

Sir/

Your much obliged

Humb^le. Serv^t.

RICH^D. DUNCAN

SIR W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^le. Sir Will^m. Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

INDORSED:¹

[] 1774 —

Rich^d. Duncans letter wth.
[an] Act of Parliament relative
to Boston Port &ca

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM WILLIAM FRANKLIN

A. L. S.¹*Burlington May 25th. 1774*

DEAR SIR,

A considerable Time has elapsed since I have done myself the Pleasure of corresponding with you by Letter, but I have never omitted any Opportunity of enquiring after your Welfare, and have often had the Satisfaction of hearing of it from Gentlemen who have travelled into your Country, and from our worthy Friend Mr. Chew I was, indeed, in hopes, when I sat out on my Tour to the Northward last Summer, to have had the Happiness of meeting you at Johnson Hall, and making my Apology in Person, but was prevented by your having taken a Journey at the same Time to Long-Island.— The Truth is, as I have no private Secretary to assist me, that more Writing falls to my Share than I am well able to perform. However, had any thing material occurred to me, which could have afforded your either Information or Pleasure, nothing should have prevented my paying my Respects to you sooner.

At present I beg leave to address you on an Application I have just received from the celebrated Doctor Robertson, of Edinburgh,² the Nature and Occasion of which you will see by the enclosed Papers Your much admired Account of the Manners and Customs of the Indians,³ lately published in the Philosophical Transactions, has occasioned you this Trouble; nor, indeed is there any one so well qualified to answer the Doctor's Wishes on this Subject as yourself. If you should think proper to gratify him with Answers to such of his Queries

¹ In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 29237, fo. 3, London, England.

² William Robertson, the historian, Principal of the University of Edinburgh.

³ See W. L. Stone, *Life and Times of Sir William Johnson*, 2:479–86.

as are more immediately in your Way, which I doubt not you will be so kind as to do if your Leisure will permit, I shall be greatly obliged to you if you would transmit them to me, that I may forward them to him thro' the Hands of Mr. Strahan.—

A Baptist Minister (one Jones)¹ has lately made two Visits to the Ohio Country intending to settle there with a Part of his Congregation, in case the intended new Colony should take place. He has just published his Journey a Copy of which I send you enclosed, tho' I cannot say whether it is worth your Perusal, as I have not yet had Time to read it. I have no Opinion, however of his Abilities, but he is said to be an honest well-meaning Man.

The last Letters from England mention that “the Ohio Affair stands still, the present Rage against America making it improper to be moved; yet the Partners continue to think well of it, supposing the Government cannot go back, after solemn Steps taken and Agreement made.” For my Part, as I see no Prospect of that Rage being lessened, for some Years at least, I think the Matter may, if it depends on that Circumstance, be almost as well given up.

I am always, with sincere Esteem & Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obed. hum. Servant.

W^M: FRANKLIN

SIR W^M: JOHNSON —

INDORSED:

Burlington May 25th. 1774

Gov^r. Franklins letter with
Inclosures of a curious nature

¹ David Jones. See Johnson Calendar, p. 511.

TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall May 27th. 1774*

SIR

I have received your favors of the 5th. March & 6th. April which I cannot answer as fully as I could wish by this opportunity, by reason of some dispatches I have received.— I now inclose You Mr Dudley Davis' Draft for £ 101 . . 15 . . 9 Ster., & hope You are, or will be soon enabled to fulfill his desires.—

George Klock with the Indian returned in Cap^t. Deane, the former skulked away thro the Woods on his landing and the Indian declared he had robbed him of 5 Half Johs on the passage, & some other things given him in England, in return for which the Indian with some of his relations has since broke into Klocks House, Abused him verry severly, and taken back the money.— The Indian complains bitterly of y^e. Imposition put upon him by that fellow, & I hope it may not be attended with worse consequences, He says he was persuaded to present some paper to his Majesty, the contents of which not being known gives the Indians, & all those acquainted with his Villainy uneasiness, I shall therefore be glad You will enquire what it was, & if possible obtain a Copy for me, that I may satisfy the Indians. Before he went to England, he prevailed on some people to Subscribe to a paper without examining its contents, a thing too often done here, & he likewise got a friend to put down the Names of Several who never saw the paper, so that it may be worth enquiry.— I am verry much obliged to You for your free communication of Sentiments & intelligence respecting the Affair with the Massachusets, & you may be assured that no improper use shall be made of anything You write me.

There is no certainty of Gen^rl. Gages being as yet landed, I am in hopes he will soon bring these refractory People to their

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 24323, fo. 18, London, England. Draft in New York State Library badly damaged by fire.

Duty, for be assured they are not as formidable at bottom as is I believe imagined by the People of England, their boasted Virtue is better understood here, even by those who are interested in speaking on their behalf. And altho the natural genius of the People, & the republican turn of their Charters incline them to exonerate themselves from all Taxes if possible, yet perseverance in the Government will I persuade myself bring them to at least a different way of Acting.— they have but too many busy People in England as well as here, who impose Misrepresentations on the Public, and appear warm in their behalf, otherwise I dont think they would have proceeded the lengths they have done.— Mr. Roberts has acted strangely, and the unhappy Man now Suffers for it, as I Judged that his letter which You inclosed me was framed with a view that I should see it, my Answer was intended for You to make use of with him if necessary, I could have said much more upon it but that I was ever unwilling to give pain, & that I did not think the Subject deserved much of my time or attention.—

Sir John & Lady are returned from New York, I am sorry He is so negligent a Correspondent, tho' persuaded he esteems You much, He desires his Compliments as does Col. Johnson who has lately wrote You.—

The Snow performs verry well I think, I believe She will be the Bearer of this, to which my present hurry will only permit me to add that I am always with much regard,

Sir, Your hearty Wellwisher
& verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

MR. JOHN BLACKBURN

INDORSED:

Johnson Hall 27 May 1774

Sr. W^m. Johnson

Reced. — 2 July

Answ^d. 6 d

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[*Kinderhook May 28, 1774*]

[¹]
 [] take the earliest opportunity to acquaint y[ou]
 [] your Cart and that as soon as it is finish[ed]
 [] agreeable to your directions to him.

My Father begs his most Respectful []
 [] to know if Col^o. Johnson has been pleased to lay
 his [] Philip Van Alstyne before you and also
 if any Resolut[ion] [] thereof. My Father is the
 more anxious about [] this matter as a very
 melancholly affair has happened (as there is []
 apprehend) in Consequence of a Turbulent Frolick of this
 Captain []sosiates on the Night of 26th March last — I
 meant the Death of [] she herself apprehended on her
 Death Bed of a fright she met with [] is waiting I
 have therefor only time to add that [I am]

Sir

Your most Obedient
 and most humble [Servant]

H. V. SCHAACK

[] Capt Philip Van
 [] p]articularly at the
 [] on the Day &
 [] March last

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM PETER JOHNSON

A. L. S.

[*Philadelphia May 31st. 1774*]

[]¹
 []
 [] I am pretty well acquainted []
 it is fairtime our store is scarce empty all []
 we are to Shut up all the Stores in the City in Memory of the
 poor Bostonian whose harbors is to be Shut up to []
 being the first day of June, Pray give my Love to My Mother,
 Brother & Sisters & my Dear friend Mr. Dease who I hope
 will Excuse me for not writing by this Opportunity as I am very
 much hurried. Please to write me as soon as Convenient &
 pray tell Betsy² to write to me oftener as it will improve us both
 I Remain Most honered sir,

Your most dutiful

& affectionate Son

PETER JOHNSON

Mr. Barrell begs to be
 kindly Remembered to You
 & the family.

I forgot Mr. Prevost & his Lady are arriv'd here & are gone to
 Langcaster where they propose to stay six Weeks & from that
 to Johnson Hall the[y] desire ther kind Respects to You & all
 the fam[ily]

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

¹ Lines burned off.

² Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

INDORSED:¹

Philadelphia May []

Letter from Peter

TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*A. L. S.*²*Johnson Hall June 9th. 1774*

DEAR SIR

Since our last letters I have received an Account of General Gages Arrival at Boston, & have now wrote to him a few lines on the occasion, but as I presume he is at present deeply engaged in affairs of another nature, I declined giving him the trouble of any matters regarding my Department, as You are acquainted with the whole train of my late transactions.

The outrageous & Licentious Conduct of Col^o. Cressop,³ part of the particulars of which are published in the Prints, and of which I have had circumstantial Acc^{ts}. & Information, is likely to prove of verry dangerous Consequence The Indians before sufficiently alarmed at the forcible Entry of the Virginians & others into Lands at and below the Falls of Ohio, far beyond the limits proposed by Government, are now in an uproar in that Country, since the late public attack made on their Persons, with the Additional Circumstance of Scalping the dead, which they always consider as a Declaration of War — The more moderate and those who are desireous of preserving Peace have requested that as a proof of our favor & Indulgence to them under these Circumstances, the Two Prisoners may be discharged, at the Same time promising with all the dispatch it will admit of to make the restitution required, & urging the dangerous State of

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 147, London, England.

³ Colonel Thomas Cresap.

the health of one of them in farther Justification of their request.— I must confess they are daily so urgent on this Head, that I am utterly at a loss how to give them Satisfaction from the peculiarity of their Ideas in all such cases, and I already foresee the Consequences.— The particulars transmitted to me of the Speeches & proceedings on Ohio, are many, but from the whole it is evident that, whatever wholesome measures are taking by the Cheifs in consequence of my repeated endeavors The Bulk of the People, particularly the Warriors will not sit down contented, & see themselves deprived of their Hunting, their Country, & their Lives.— The few Acts they have committed compared with what they suffer are nothing, especially when we consider that they are a People without Laws or Authority, & that we pretend to both, tho as they say we Manifest neither.

You were pleased to promise me a Warrant for Mr. M^c. Kees Expences at Fort Pitt, the Amount of which, I have been obliged to answer to his Order, I must therefore beg You will give directions concerning it, in case It is still in y^r. power, otherwise that you will please to mention it to Gen^l. Gage as I have not yet inclined to trouble him with business of that sort.

I shall be verry glad to hear from You on these Subjects, And I remain with true regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient

& verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON

His Excellency

MAJOR GENR^L. HALDIMAND

INDORSED: 74

Sr. W^m. Johnson

of June the 9th.

r^e. dt.— 15th.

FREDERICK HALDIMAND TO THOMAS BARROW

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Copy)

*New York, 15 June, 1774*By His Excellency Frederick Haldimand Esq^r: &ca &ca &ca.

You are hereby directed, and required out of such Monies as are, or shall come to your Hands, for the Contingent, or Extraordinary Expences of His Majesty's Forces under my Command, to Pay, or cause to be Paid to Sir William Johnson Bar^t. His Majesty's Sole Agent for and Superintendant of the Affairs of the six Nations of Indians, Inhabiting the Mohawk River and their Confederates, or his Assigns, without Deduction, the Sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Nine Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Two Pence New York Currency, Equal to One Hundred and Fifty Seven Pounds, Eight Shillings, and Seven Pence half Penny Sterling, Being for Sundry Disbursements on account of the Indians, and for the Pay of a Smith and Interpreter at Pittsburg, from 24th: September 1773 to 24th: March 1774, both Days included, as p^r: the Annexed Accompt, the Vouchers for which are Lodged with Sir William Johnson, Bar^t: And for so Doing, this with the Acquittance of the said Sir William Johnson Bar^t: or his Assigns, shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

To THOMAS BARROW Esq^r:
Deputy Paymaster General of
His Majestys Forces in New York

Given &ca

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21687, fo. 199-200, London, England. Copy in the Johnson manuscripts destroyed by fire.

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

*Contemporary Copy*¹*New York June 15, 1774*D^R. SIR

I was last night fav^d with y^r. Letter of the 9th. Inst^t. and as you make no mention of M^r. J. Hay I am apt to beleive that he has met with some delay in his Journey — I herewith send you Duplicates of the two letters I wrote you by him from which I had reason to Expect that the Indians would have before this made good the loss sustained by the Canadians & that the two Indian Prisoners were at Liberty but it being not the case and circumstances being such that we find our selves under an absolute necessity to humer the Indians I woud have the two Prisoners relased Immediately taking however proper means with their Nation to have the Canadians Indemnified for the loss of their Goods but as Gen^l. Gage is so near at hand I shall write him by tomorrows Post desiring him to send you his directions on this head and all other matters concerning y^r. Departm^t. having delivered over the Command to him on the publick business, however for the sake of regularity I do not close my Acco^{ts}. till the 24th Inst^t. If Your half years Arrives before that time I shall send you the usual Warrant

I herewith send you a Separate Warrant for M^r. M^cGees² Acco^t. of Expences at Fort Pitt agreeable to your Desire.

Not having received for some time any Acco^t. from the Southward I have reason to hope that matters with the Creeks have been made up but I am apprehensive that the unWarrantable behaviour of Cressop will draw the Just resentment of the Indians upon us and I forsee nothing to prevent it but your assiduity and skill in mannging those people.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 149, London, England.

² Alexander McKee.

As the Post is Just going off I have only now time to assure you that I am with

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: 74

Copy

To Sr. W^m. Johnson
of June 15.

ALEXANDER MCKEE'S ACCOUNT

*Contemporary Copy*¹

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

To M^r: Alexander McKee Dep^y Ag^t. to Indian Affairs Dr:
1774

To Simon Girtys Pay as Interpreter from the 24 th : of September 1773 to the 24 th : of March 1774 both Days inclusive being 182 Days at 5/ York Currency, equal to £42..13..1½ Pens ^{ia} :	} £45..10..0
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To George Phealp's pay for sundry Smiths Work done for the Indians from the 24 th : Sept ^r : 1773 to the 24 th : March 1774 £47..13..9 Pensilvania Curre ^y : equal in N. Y. Money	} 50..17..3
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To M ^r : Thomas Smallmans Accot: for Sund ^{ys} : delivered to the Ind ^s : p ^r : my order as p ^r : acc ^t : & Rec ^t :	} 173..10..11
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£269..18..2

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21687, fo. 199–200, London, England.

Received from the Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t:
the amount of the above acco^t: by a Bill drawn in favor
of M^r. Bernard Gratz.

(Signed) Alex^r: M^cKee —

£ 269 . . 18 . . 2 —

INDORSED: Copy)

Warrant 15th: June 1774
To Thomas Barrow Esq^r:
Deputy Paymaster General of His
Majesty's Forces in New York to Pay
to Sir William Johnson Bar^t: His
Majestys Sole Agent for and
Superintendent of the affairs of the
Indian Nations in Northern
District of North America
the Sum of £ 157 . . 8 . . 7½ Sterling En^t.

JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT

D.¹

Indian Department

Dr: Sir William

Dates			Sterling		
1774					
April	6 th .	To Thomas Barrow Esq ^r .	£2615..	2..	4..
June	15 th .	To Thomas Barrow Esq ^r .	157..	8..	7½
			£2772..	10..	11½

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21687, fo. 201. London, England.

OF INDIAN EXPENSES

Northern District

Johnson Bar^t: Cr:

	Sterling		
Being the Amount of Expenses } incurred in his Department from } 25 th : September 1773, to 24 th : } March 1774, as $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Accompt } Annexed to the Warrant, the } Vouchers for which are Lodged } in his Hands..... } Being for Sundry Disbursements } on account of the Indians, and } for the Pay of a Smith and } Interpreter at Pittsburg from the } 24 th : September 1773 to 24 th : } March 1774	£2615..	2..	4
	157..	8..	7½
	£2772..	10..	11½

INDORSED: Accompt

Indian Department

Northern District

Sir William Johnson Bar^t:

For the Year 1774.

Amount £2772..10..11½

Sterling

A PASS FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

A. D. S.¹Sinaki Country: June 18th 1774 —

This by the Bearears^s: Sinake Chiefes on Importiant Buisness
Going to Sir William Johnsons

Desires any Person^s: who has Command of Waggons to ride
them over the Carrying Places. at Fort Stanwix & the Little
falls and Charge the Same to the Hon^{le}: Sir William Johnson

Pr: JOHN JOHNSTON

TO ALEXANDER MCKEE

Df.²

[Johnson Hall June 20, 1774]

[³]
[] first produced by that affair []
in my Instructions to you as I would [] The
Expectations I had from the Embass[] his
Associates for quieting the Minds of [] others
to reason were Sanguine, but this [] & unforeseen
difficulties in the Way, & all [] imediately done
is to assure the Indians that [] such Acts to be
highly Cruel & unjust, that [] Nature,
Regularity & Authority of our Laws [] be
perpetuated by the Meanest & Worst of our []
Nothing shall be wanting on the part of Govern[]
them Strict Justice therein, but at the same []
those Indians who avail themselves of such []
must be associates with those who have []
of years guilty of Various Irregularities & de[]

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ Lines burned off.

the persons & properties of the White people, & []
 Incumbent on all who have not deserved that []
 withdraw their attention from them, & avail thems[elves] []
 present occasion for demonstrating their regard to []
 & the Treaties they have entered into with us.

[] M^c. KEE Esq^r.

FROM THE TUSCARORAS

L. S.

[Cherry Valley June 21, 1774]

BROTHER

We beg [] you, tho', by our Conduct,
 we [] ourselves unworthy of your notice
 [] the neglect of Religion, & in those []
 that are intirely contrary thereto [] God in his
 mercy has opened our eyes to [] Some measure,
 the necessity as [] the Pleasures of a religious
 Life [] but we are destitute of those things
 [] are necessary in order to make progress in
 Religion; Therefore We lay our Case before you, beging that
 you would consider us; our Brethren the Oneidas just by us
 have the word of God pr[eached.] we think it would be
 serviceable to [] and greatly assist us in acquiring
 the knowledge which is so necessary for [] if you
 can help us in this Case we [] look upon it a great
 Favour. Some [] have a desire to learn to write
 [] not Paper or Ink; Perhaps our []
 []
 [] leave it before []
 [] do, we will acquiesce []

¹ Lines burned off.

Please to accept our Con[] wishes for your
Health []

from your Brother
Tuscororo's

SETH, []

in the []
of the []

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir

William Johnson Bar^t:

at

Johnstown —

INDORSED:

21st June 1774

From the Tuscaroras

at Onoghquagey

The Ans^r. wrote on the back —

TO THE TUSCARORAS

*Df.*¹

[]
[] & the Sense You have of the []
[] Life. Indeed I have long regarded []
[] who knew the Value of Christianity. The []
[Ono]ghquagey having formerly been Instructed b[y]
[] Divines of the Church of England, and afterwards []
[] ledge took great pains with their People, teaching []
[] to Pray to & to praise their Creator to promote which
I have []n them many books, sufficient (I apprehend)
for your purpose [] I wish you may continue to pay
due regard to them; but I [] very sorry to find that

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson, written on back of letter of June 21st from the Tuscaroras to Sir William Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

for some time past, there is not that Cordial Affection between you & the rest of Y^r. Village that ought to Subsist between brothers & fellow Christians, but that you appear to be Separating yourselves from the Oneida Chiefs who are the proper heads of your Settlement, & whom I know to be good Men.—

Let me advise you to consider this in its true Light, to remember that the Oneidas, the Proprietors of that Country ga[ve] you a Settlem^t. there out of kindness that you lived happy with them whilst you regarded their Civil & religious Instructions & that you ought Still to Continue to do so, in which Case you may be [] of my Countenance;— I have sent you a little Paper by this [] opport^y. [] hope you'll make a good use of, & above all things that you will [] that [] Older Brethⁿ in the practice of piety & Charity one to another [] this Wholesome Advice from Your friend

& Wellwisher

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

A. L. S.

[Sinakes Country June 22, 1774]

[]¹
 I'm profound []
 [] who wanted to Stir up []
 I have seen the Skins as they []
 Bleive is far Short of the number as []
 Expected they would be: Wishing the []
 as it must be I think Attended with Great []
 I told Takonadu of the Present that Y[]
 as mentioned in Your Letter which he has not []
 a few days Before Kayingwauranto Arrived he []
 and there Set things on foot according to Your []

¹ Lines burned off.

that the Chiefs and the Skins Should be Immed[ately]
 down (which for Granted I took him to be a prin[]
 in forwarding Your Desires) I have no news at p[resent]
 Communicate Only a Currant report that the []
 been Set on as they Say by the Shawness has []
 or Sixteen of this nation: (which doubtless Your honor []
 fully hear at this Treatye) one thing I Bleive is []
 there affairs is Settled: with which they have been []
 the Expect to make there Address for there []
 I have Sir with my utmost Power Endeavourd []
 Prosicution what You was Pleased to Communi[cate]
 I have Sent down my Battoe with them as Kyaing[]
 it was Your desire it is but a half wore out Battoe []
 and the Bearear I take to be the two princaple Leading []
 Last not Infeeriour to the first: any thing of momen[]
 allways Indeavour to Communicate Remain Sir

Honours Most Obed^t: hum^l: Serv^t:

JOHN JOHNS[TON]

[] SIR WILLIAM
 JOHNSON Bar^t:

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

A. L.

[Sinake Country June 23, 1774]

[]
 [Kirt]land being Lately Arrived []
 [] have Sir to Inspect into the []
 [y]our houours most Obed^t hum^l: Serv^t:

JOHN [JOHNSTON]

PS/ the Bearear as far as I can find out []
 to You for a hat not Infeeriour to any []
 as in the Longe Terme of time I []
 honoures friend.—

¹ Lines burned off.

the Bearear has Likewise a Petition from []
 in Law to have his Gun Stocked: and []
 Your honour untill he Comes himself and Lea []
 the father of the Owner has []
 honours friend

INDORSED:

Seneca — Letter from
 John Johnston
 June 1774

TO WILLIAM FRANKLIN

*L. S.*¹

Johnson Hall June 27th. 1774

DEAR SIR,

The Very great trouble occasioned by the late Murders committed by Cressap & others, with other matters which occupied my whole time prevented me from Answering sooner your favor of last Month,— This behavior of the people to the Southward is likely to become a Serious buisness, & the Whole Chiefs of the Six Nations are now Assembling at this place on this & other matters which will solely engross my time for some days but as the request of so Valuable a Writer as Dr Robertson ought not to be Neglected, I thought it best to acknowledge the rect of your kind favor, with the inclosures, that you might not remain longer in suspence, with Assurance that I shall very shortly transmit the best Answers in my power to his Queries & be happy in contributing in any manner to his Information, & you'll please to acquaint your father (with my Compliments) that altho' I am glad of the opportunity it has afforded me of hearing from you, he might with great propriety have applied to me as I shall be always pleased to answer him.

¹ In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 29237, fo. 7, London, England.

I thank you for Mr Jones's¹ Journal, It is a homely production but the Man appears to be of a pious turn, & a great observer of Lands.²— I agree much in sentiments with you respecting the Issue of the Ohio Grant, for I am very apprehensive that the Spirit diffused on both sides of the Atlantic, will require much time to allay, at the same time the disorders daily committed by the Frontier Inhabitants in that Quarter, on the One hand inclines me to wish there was a Governm^t. & on the other points out the Weak & Inadequate State in which a Government amongst such people would probably remain for many years —

I was sorry that I was by my absence from home depriv'd of the pleasure of seeing you last Summer, but hope a better opportunity may offer as I am &c

His Excell^y GOV^R. FRANKLIN.

INDORSED:

June 27th. 1774.

To His Excell^y Gov^r Franklin

Sent away July 1st.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

*A. L. S.*³

New York 27 June 1774

DEAR SIR

I returned last Saterdag after a long & very troublesome Jaunt thro Maryland & Virginia & take the first Oppert^y. to pay my respects to you & all your Family, who I hope are all in Health & Happyness. I am afraid you will have a good deal of Trouble on your Hands with the Indians, on acco^t of the ill behaviour of some People in Maryland & Virginia, especially one Cressop

¹ Rev. David Jones.

² See *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:300; Q, 193-95.

³ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 29237, fo. 5, London, England.

who I am told has most wantonly & barbarously murderd some of them. Inded I was told he had sent a Blankett & a Scalp of a Cheiff to Gov Eden,¹ as a Trophy of his Valour & that he was after at Annapolis & told before many people how he killed the Indians, as if it was a gallant Action I could not help expressing my Surprise that he was not taken up & put in Jail for his Murders, but it seems that not the Policy of that Colony. Indeed Virginia Maryland & Pensilv^a seem striving who can get the Lands fastest & I fancy this is all a Land Jobbing Scheme — The Governors of Virginia & Pensilv^a. are at open Warr about Lands, & some tolerably high toasted Letters have passed between them & now they wont answer each others Letters. I think some Means should be taken to satisfy the Indians, & bring Mr. Cressop &c. &c. to Punishment —

You'll see by the Publick Prints better then I can inform you how the different Colonys are affected towards Boston, who seem to carry their Affairs pretty high already towards their Governor Gen^l Gage. I expect they & he will be at open Warr soon — they are impudent & obstinate, & he is pretty warm, & not a little positive — He will do his Duty to a tittle, & not abate them an Inch, & I fancy he will soon make them feel poorly — Provided they are not inflamed & supported by some of our Violent Libertines — Indeed I fear that will be the case, as farr as talking & resolving at Town Meetins &c — but I am sure no farther.

I saw your Son Peter at Philad^a. last Wednesday. he was verry well & I think is a verry sober good Lad. he has a verry good Name from his Acquaintance —

Mr Banyar who carrys this, will tell you about some little trouble we are likely to meet with about a little peice of our Lands near Tinedarra.² I fear the Indians there are sett up by some White People, & by a Blunder of Mr. Metcalf the

¹ Robert Eden, Governor of Maryland, 1769–74.

² Tianderra, Tianderah, "early Mohawk names of the Unadilla," W. M. Beauchamp, *Aboriginal Place Names of New York*, p. 175.

Surveyor want to keep us out of a Valuable Bitt of Land, for I am told that the Cheifs of the Oneida Castle say we are right & that they gave up & sold you that Land. Mr. Banyar will explain it to you, & I hope you will easily get the Indians to give it up, so that we may have no dispute. I have been so short a time returned can say nothing about any Business, only find that Your Cupp is not made, as I wanted to send it by Mr Banyar, its about half done & will be finished in 3 or 4 days. I shall be happy at all times to hear of your & Familys Health & Happiness, & I beg youll believe me with the greatest Sincerity

D Sir

Y^r. most obed^t hum Serv.

HUGH WALLACE

The Compl^{ts} of all this
Family to you & yours.

SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON Bar^t
Johnson Hall

ADDRESSED:

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t:
at
p favour of }
Mr. Banyar } Johnson Hall

INDORSED:

27 June 1774.—
From Honble H Wallace

THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH TO AN UNKNOWN PERSON

A. L. S.

[*London June 28, 1774*]

[]

I return your Lor[ds]hip Sir] William's Johnson's Letter
[] many thanks for the commun[] your

Lordp's testimony confi[] the good opinion I have
 always] entertained of that Gentleman. [] have no
 doubt to believe that [] Recommendation of Mr. Guy
 John[son] his Principal View is the hon[our of] the
 King & the good of the [] Whether his Majesty
 will think [it] fitting immediately to make [the] nomination Sr.
 W^m. desires []
 []
 [] whenever the vacancy []ppen, will not fail
 to pay [] regard to the Recommen[ation] an
 officer of Sr. William [] experience in the Service,
 [] person indeed that is pretty [] to give
 an opinion upon the []

I exceedingly lament the []sing propensity to emigration
 [] appears in that part of the Kingdom [in] wh. yr.
 Lordp. resides, but not in [], & the removal of persons
 [] description that yr. Lordp. mentions [] and
 a very serious & alarming []ance. I am told that many
 [] have gone in the course of []
 []
 [] to return. [] worth while it any []
 enable them to accomp[] wishes. the report of a
 few [] would more effectually quench []
 prevailing madness on that [] than any persuasions of
 the [] are not so well qualified to []

I have the honor to be [] great Respect, my Lord,
 yr. Lordp's most obed[ient]

Humble Serv^t.

DARTMO[UTH]

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM JOHN PENN

*Copy*¹*Philadelphia, 28th June, 1774.*

SIR:

By the repeated Accounts which I am daily receiving from Pittsburg, and other Parts of our Western Frontier, there seems little room to doubt but the mutual Hostilities which have unhappily taken Place between some of the Inhabitants of Virginia and the Western Indians, particularly the Shawanese, will end in a general War, unless some prudent Measures are speedily taken to prevent it.

The occasion of this unfortunate Breach, as well as the particulars of the Murders which have been committed on both sides, have no doubt been communicated to you, by the Deputy Agent for Indian Affairs at Pittsburg. It will therefore be only necessary for me to inform you in general, that a great Part of the Settlers in our back Country have fled from their Habitations, and that the Panic is daily increasing, to such a Degree that there is just Reason to apprehend a total Desertion of that Country.

I have been induced from a Representation of the Distresses of these People, to Issue Writs to call our Assembly to meet at Philadelphia on the 18th of next Month, to enable me to afford them the necessary Relief.

As it is of the utmost Consequence that this Affair should be properly represented to the Six Nations, and that they should, if possible, be induced to become Mediators between us and the Shawanese and Delawares, I must request you will take such Measures as you shall think most proper to satisfy them that any

¹ A letter drawn up by an appointed committee of the Pennsylvania Council, which was dispatched after approval of the Governor. Printed in *Pennsylvania Council Records*, 10:192, and in *The Olden Time*, 1:495-96.

Injuries which the Shawanese may have received and may consider as a Provocation for the Hostilities committed on their Part, were by no Means done by the Orders or Consent of this Government, but that on the contrary, we have been ever sincerely disposed to preserve Peace and Friendship with them, and are now very willing, notwithstanding what has happened, to listen to Terms of Accommodation, and to renew our Friendship and forget every Thing that is past. Your interposition and influence in this Matter may very possibly have the most salutary Effects. If a Rupture can be prevented, it appears to me it must be through the Six Nations; however, I submit the Matter entirely to your Consideration, and am Sir, with great Regard,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

JOHN PENN

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet

FROM FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.

[New York July 12, 1774]

[
 [] Major Blunt [] Welsh Fuzelers had
 [] my leave to make a [] with his
 Lady up the [] River and intending to pay []
 a Visit, I take the liberty [] presenting them to you
 [] the pleasure you will have [] shewing
 every Civility to [] man & Lady of their Cha[racter]

I am with very []

Dear Sir

Your most []

FRED: [HALDIMAND]

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSTON

SKETCH OF CHARACTER, SERVICES, DEATH AND FUNERAL
OF SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

D.¹

[July 13, 1774]

[²]
[ser]vices in defence of the Country []
[] Particular Still persisting in the []
[] at the Expençe of Health Ease and []
Discharging the Labourious duties of a []
Dificult Department, he tho much []
transacted Bussiness with the Six nations wh[]
Johnson Hall on Account of the murders Co[m]mitted on
the Frontier Inhabitants of Virginia, the []
Spirits Occasioned by the Dificulties he fo[und]
these affairs at Last oblidged him to Retire to []
he was Immediately Seized with a Violent Attack []
of in an hours Time

To Characters so well known p[]
the Impartial publick will know and enjoy []
distinguished Services Whilst Crowds have []
and Private Bounty and his united Tal[]
[Im]prover of this Country will Ever Preser[ve]
[] most distinguished Personages of the []
[] Recently []
[] the Church of his own Building at Johnstown on []
[] Thousand People

INDORSED:

[] W^m Johnson
[] the day of his death
[] Order of ffuneral.³
13th July 1774 —

¹ Evidently a memorial prepared by a committee chosen for that purpose by some organization.

² Lines burned off.

³ Rev. John Stewart (Stuart) of the Fort Hunter Indian mission conducted the burial services July 13, 1774.



ROOM IN JOHNSON HALL WHERE SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON DIED

THOMAS GAGE TO THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH

*Contemporary Copy*¹(N^o: 5)*Boston July 18th: 1774 —*

(Duplicate)

MY LORD,

It is with great Concern I acquaint your Lordship, that an Express from the Mohock's River arrived here on the 16th: instant, with the News of the Death of Sir William Johnson. I shou'd at all times consider this event as a Publick Loss, I look upon it as a heavy one at this Juncture, when the frontier People, of Virginia particularly, have taken so much Pains to bring on an Indian War. They have slaughtered a Number of Indians so wantonly and cruelly, that we might expect every Tribe would rise upon us, and I can only attribute it to Sir William Johnsons Influence over the Nations, and his skill in managing them, that any have been restrained from taking Revenge.

From a Letter² this poor Gentleman wrote me before he had Knowledge of my leaving England, he appears to have been sensible of his End Approaching, I transmit your Lordship a Copy of said Letter wherein he recommends M^r: Guy Johnson to succeed him, who has for some time transacted most of the Indian Business, and I believe him to be both capable, and fit for the Employment. I have desired him to carry on the Department, 'till his Majesty's Pleasure is known, in the same Channell in which it is left, and to pursue the Systems adopted by Sir William Johnson, for the Management of the several Nations.

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.763, p. 457, London, England.

² Johnson to Gage, April 20, 1774.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Regard, Respect,
and Esteem,

My Lord,

Your Lordships,

Most obedient and most
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

Right Hon:^{ble} EARL DARTMOUTH,

One of his Maj^s. principal Secretary's of State.

INDORSED:

Boston July 18th: 1774.

Hon^{ble}: Lieut Gen^l Gage

(N^o. 5)

R 7th. Septr.

(Dup—Orig^l not recd.)

One Inclosure.

Ent^d.

GUY JOHNSON TO JOHN PENN

*L. S.*¹

Guy Park, 22d July, 1774.

SIR:

Your Dispatch of the 28th Ult^o., to Sir Wm. Johnson, arrived when that worthy man was, thro' the Fatigues occasioned by the late general Congress, (which is just ended,) very much indisposed; he nevertheless continued all that day to do Business with them, but in the Evening was seized with a Relapse, which carried him off in a Fit that night. As it was a very critical Period, and that he had strongly recommended me for his Successor to His Majesty's Ministers, I continued to conduct the Business of the Congress, at the earnest entreaty of the Indians, and brought it, I think, to a happy termination; and I have now

¹ Printed in *Pennsylvania Colonial Records*, 10:200.

received His Excellency General Gage's Appointment to the Superintendancy, 'till His Majesty's final Pleasure is known; I enlarged during the Conference on the unhappy Situation of your Frontiers, and represented it as the Duty of the Six Nations to bring those they call their Dependants to Reason; they have accordingly agreed to send Deputies from each Nation to the Southward, who will set out to-morrow, but they complain very much of the ill treatment they receive from the frontier People of Virginia, &c^a., and of their Encroachments, and demand Redress. The Hurry in which the late sudden Accident has engaged me, and the number of Dispatches I must now necessarily make up for the Post, who is waiting, will not permit me to be more particular at present, but you may be assured, Sir, that whilst I have anything to do in these Affairs, I shall use my utmost Endeavours for the Peace and Happiness of your Province, and from true personal Regard, shall always be glad to serve or oblige you.

as I am with real Esteem, Sir, your most Obedient
and Most humble Servant,

G. JOHNSON

I have taken the Liberty to inclose a Letter to Mr. McKee, on occasion of the present Troubles; as I understand there is no Post to Fort Pitt, and that it might meet with great delay. I shall be glad to have any further Information respecting your Frontiers.

ADDRESS TO SIR JOHN JOHNSON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 535 is listed an address sent from Kinderhook, July 23, 1774, by the officers of the militia regiment of Kinderhook and Kings districts, expressing regard for the character and public services of the late Sir William Johnson and tendering sympathy (printed in Stone's *Johnson*, 2:530-31).

THOMAS GAGE TO COMMANDANT AT NIAGARA¹L. S.²*Salem July 25th: 1774.*

SIR,

You will probably have heard, before this Letter can reach You, of the Death of Sir William Johnson his Majesty's Sole Agent and Superintendant of Indian Affairs in the Northern District; I am now to acquaint you that I have thought proper to direct Mr: Guy Johnson, who has been long employed in that Department, and resides at Johnson Hall, to take upon him the Superintendancy of these Affairs, till his Majesty's Pleasure shall be known, You will therefore be pleased to correspond with him as heretofore with Sir William Johnson, and give him every necessary Information of the apparent Temper and Disposition of the Indians that visit your Post, or any Occurrences that happen relative to them, that you think it necessary he should be acquainted with.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

THO^S: GAGE

To the OFFICER COMMANDING,

Niagara

INDORSED: July 1774.

¹ Lieutenant Colonel John Caldwell, of the 8th regiment, was in command of this post in September, 1774, and probably at the date of this letter.

² In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21678, fo. 185.

LEGAL OPINIONS OF PETER SILVESTER

A. D. S.¹

1st. August 1774

Points arising & Questions proposed upon Sir William Johnson's Bar^t's. Will² dated the 27th. January 1774

I Give & bequeath to the Persons therein men^d. the Sum of Money in the said Will mentioned to be Paid them by my Executors *out of the money which I may have in the Three p^r Cent Consolidated Annuities &c*

Question 1st. How is this money to be got out of the ffunds, or Received, or Recovered of the Agent in England?

Answer I am of Opinion that the Probate of the Will from the Prerogative Office of this Province will not be Sufficient to enable a Recovery of this money at Home, but that Letters of Administration must be obtained in England in Case of any Scruples in Paying it.

Quest. 2^d. What is to be done with the One Thousand Pounds Sterling divided to the Children of Mary Brant?

Answer 2^d. I think it may with Safety be paid to the Trustees (upon a Presumption that there is a Sufficiency of Personal Estate to Satisfy all Debts & Legacies) proper Releases and Acquittances Shou'd be taken on the Payment of this Sum, and I would Recommend it also in every other matter.

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

² Printed in Stone's *Johnson*, 2:490–502; the original in office of the Clerk of Court of Appeals, Albany, N. Y.

Case &

Question 3^d. The one fourth Part of all his Slaves he gives to his Son Sir John Johnson, and the same of his Stock of Cattle of every kind. To his two Daughters Ann Claus and Mary Johnson two ffourths of his Slaves & Stock of Cattle; The other ffourth of his Slaves and Stock of Cattle of every kind, Sir William gives, and bequeaths to the Children of Mary Brant his Housekeeper, or to the Survivors of them to be divided equally amongst them, except two Horses,— two Cows, two Breeding Sows, and four Sheep which I would have given (before any Division is made) to young *Brant*,¹ and William of Canajoharie,² Is the Clause of Exception, viz^e. the two Horses &c to be taken out of the whole of this Bequest, or any other, and what Part.

Answer

I think they must be taken out of the last ffourth.

Case &

Questⁿ. 4th. I Devise & bequeath unto Peter Johnson the ffarm & Lot of land which I purchased from the Snells in the Stoneraby Patent &c also two Hundred acres of Land adjoining thereto,— Also ffour thousand Acres in the Royal Grant, and another Stripe or Piece of land in the Royal Grant from the little ffals &c

Answer

4th. I am of Opinion that, only an Estate for life is Devised by the above Clauses.

Question 5th. What Estate has Magdalene³ to the ffarm at Antony's Nose N^o. 8 containing about 900 Acres.

Answer

5th. I think it only an Estate for Life.

¹ Joseph Brant.

² Son of Sir William Johnson and Caroline the daughter of Abraham and niece of Hendrik, Mohawk chiefs.

³ Daughter of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

Quest. 6th. What Estate has Margaret¹ to the two Lots of Land part of Stoneraby Patent, the one viz^t. N^o. 25. & 12. Also the two thous^d. acres of the Royal Grant.

Answer 6th. I think this also an Estate for life only

Questⁿ. 7th. What Estate has Mary¹ Daughter of Mary Brant in the two thous^d Acres of land &c devised to her?

Answer 7th. Only an Estate for Life, I think.

Question 8th. What Estate has Susanna¹ in the Three thousand acres of the Royal Grant?

Answer. 8th. I think that She likewise has only an Estate for life.

Questⁿ. 9th. What is Chattles, or the Personal Estate, and as such to be put on the Inventory.

Answer 9th. They are Divided into Real, and Personal,— Real such as Leases for life, Years &c.— Personal— such as Cash, Bonds, Book Debts, everything moveable — Grain Standing & growing or severed.

Questⁿ. 10th. What is to become of such of the Real Estate as is not taken Notice of, or Divided by the Will.

Answer 10th. Sir John will be Intitled to it as Heir at Law.

Questⁿ. 11th. Who is Intitled to such Part of the Personal Estate as is not particularly bequeathed by the Will?

Answer 11th. It must be Divided equally between Sir John, and his Sisters agreeable to the Statute of Distribution, as if there had been no will.

P. SILVESTER

NB The foregoing is a Cursory
Opinion. P. S:

¹ Daughter of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant.

GUY JOHNSON TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

Copy¹Guy Park, Aug. 2^d 1774

SIR

Since I had the honor of Writing to you last I have received his Excellency's General GAGE'S Order appointing me to the Superintendency of Indian affairs till his Majesty's pleasure is known concerning which he has Likewise wrote to the Secretary of State as SIR W^M. JOHNSON had done agreeable to desire of the Indians some time before his death.

Having been much indisposed for some days past it was not sooner in my power to write you on a matter complained of by the Indians at the last Congress² respecting the conduct of their old Antagonist, GEO: KLOCK. It would take up too much of your time to enter at present into the relation of his repeated Offences; these were highly aggravated by the circumstance of his seducing one of their People to accompany him last Winter to England and Exhibiting him as a Show, but LORD DARTMOUTH having sent in quest of KLOCK he returned hastily to America & defrauded the Indian of his money on the passage, of this the Indian complained & went (with some others) to his House, where they took part of that Cash away and insisted on his signing a Release for part of the Lands of their Village, included in the patent of *Van Horne* and *Livingston*, which all the other Proprietors had long since done. He at length promised to comply & appointed a time, but when their Chiefs attended for that purpose with a Justice of the Peace, they were refused admittance & shortly after he went to Albany, from whence he transmitted an affidavit of his danger with a View to have the Canajoharee Indians Indicted by the Grand Jury, tho' SIR W^M. JOHNSON had given them a strict Caution against offering him any Insult, promising that the Affair should be

¹ In State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Draper Manuscripts.

² On July 11th, at Johnson Hall, shortly before Johnson's death.

laid before Government as it had been before, tho' without effect, he having refused to Execute the Release.

KLOCK has since returned to his House, where he keeps close so that the Indians have nothing to expect from his Justice & thro' repeated disappointments are in doubt of relief from Government; this has induced some of their People to throw out threats, which I have hitherto prevented them from putting into execution, but the Neighbours are much alarmed & have lately proposed to Petition your Honour, requesting that he may be compelled to satisfy the Indians or that some steps be taken for freeing the Neighborhood from the apprehensions occasioned by his quarrel.—The Copy of the Speech made by the Canajoharees, which I now inclose, will explain their sentiments; but I am concerned least some accident should happen, as I can't see how they can be relieved & he now gives out that he has mortgaged or sold the Lands in dispute. I could, however, wish I was enabled to promise them some relief, whilst I am endeavoring to prevent mischief, as their public complaint to the rest has made it a matter of serious concern.

I had the pleasure to conclude the Treaty (which was interrupted by the death of your Worthy friend SIR W^M JOHNSON) in a satisfactory manner & Deputies are sent from each of the Nations to accommodate the Breach to the Southward,¹ but those tribes who took Arms there are using all their influence to form a strong Association there, which it shall be my utmost endeavors to prevent by separating their Interests.

I shall be glad to be honored with a Line on the Subject of this Letter and I beg leave to assure you of the perfect Esteem, with which I am, Sir,

Your most obedient and

Sir Jno. Johnson
offers his best respects.

most Humble Serv^t

G. JOHNSON

The Hoñble
L^T GOVERNOR COLDEN

¹ Known as Cresap's war, occasioned by the murder of Logan's family on the Ohio. See *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:464-65.

GUY JOHNSON TO FREDERICK HALDIMAND

A. L. S.¹*Guy Park Augt 2^d. 1774.*

SIR,

I should much sooner have addressed you on the late Melancholy event of the death of your Sincere friend Sir W Johnson but for my extreme hurry and an Indisposition that succeeded it; Sir William had sometime since at the desire of the Indians recomended me strongly to his Majesty to succeed him as Super-Intendant and his Excellency Gen^l Gage has since been pleased to Appoint me, 'till His Majestys determination is known.— As Sir Williams death happened during the Congress, I reassumed business imediately after the Funeral, and have prevailed on the Indians to send Delegates to the Southward to prevent any dangerous Associations & endeavor to restore Peace; but the conduct of the Virginians is a great Obstruction to every pacific measure.—

I find in a late Letter of yours to Sir Wm that you had not heard from him concerning Lt. Jehu Hay. I can therefore inform you that he was Appointed a Resident at Detroit, & that Sir W^m gave him Instructions respecting his conduct towards the Indians on his way to Illinois &ca I have just heard from him from the Detroit which place he was to leave in a day or two after the 3d of July having been long detained on his way thither;—

I shall be always happy, Sir, in every opportunity that Offers for testifying my respect for you, and the true Esteem with which I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient &
most humble Serv^t.

Sir John Johnson desires to present
his sincere regard, as does Claus, who
is ill of the Gout.

G JOHNSON

MAJOR GEN^L. HALDIMAND.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 151, London, England.

INDORSED: 74

Col Johnson
of August the 2^d.
recue the 10th.
andsered Sep^r 1^t.

JOHN STUART TO RICHARD HIND

Extract¹

Fort Hunter, August 9th, 1774

The Church of England has lost a powerful & zealous Protector by the Death of Sir William Johnson,— his Influence was always exerted in her Defence, when any Opportunity offered;— and indeed the Clergy of every Denomination have lost, in him, a generous Patron.— His Death will be long regretted by all who knew him —²

The Indians have long desired, that some pious Tracts, and particularly, that the New Testament might be translated into their Language;— Sr. William press'd me to prepare something of that Kind for the Press, and promised to pay the Expencc of printing, himself;— in Consequence of which, I have, (with

¹ Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B series. Vol. 2. New York, 1759–82. Part 2. Transcript in Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. Richard Hind succeeded Daniel Burton as secretary of the Society.

² "I presume You have heard of Sir Wm Johnson's Death; He began to be sick about two Hours before he died — His Death is not only severly lamented, But Much felt by those that are Crying out for Bread, and the Sick in Distress — The Church will want a good friend in Johnstown now he is gone — It is doubtfull to me whether many will not follow their own Religion R. C.—k — An number of the Inhabitants are Irish and all of that opinion, But Sir Wm would not permitt them —" Rev. Richard Mosley to Rev. Dr Richard Hind, July 25, 1774, in papers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B. series. Vol. 3, New York, 1759–82. Part II.

the Assistance of an Indian who understands English) prepared a Translation of the Gospel of St. Mark,— with a large & Plain Exposition of the Church Catechism, & a compendious History of the Bible,— all in the Mohawk Tongue, and they are now nearly ready for the Press,— But, as no mention is made of this in Sir Williams Will, I cannot expect his Heirs will perform it.— I wou'd be glad of the venerable Society's Commands, in this Matter, whether the Manuscripts, when done, shall be sent over to England? — or whether they wou'd chuse to be at the Expence of printing them in N. York or Philadelphia?

ALEXANDER MCKEE TO SIR JOHN JOHNSON

The Johnson Calendar, p. 535 lists a letter which was destroyed by fire, from Alexander McKee to Sir John Johnson, Ohio, August 13, 1774, expressing his sense of Sir William's services to the country and of the country's loss by his death.

GUY JOHNSON TO JELLES FONDA

*A. D. S.*¹

G Park Augt 17. 1774.

MR FUNDA,

Let the bearer have 3 black Strowds, also 2 Shirts 2 Laps & 2 ¶ Stock^{gs}, & a bag of paint with 4 lb of Powder & a proportion of Lead.— & four Child^{ns}. blankets for Acct.

G JOHNSON
SuperIntendant

INDORSED: To Maj^r. Fonda
at Caghnawaja

¹ In State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Draper Manuscripts.



GRAVE OF SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON IN YARD OF ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN, N. Y.

Fonda November 3 1913

Sir William Johnson whe [n] building St Johns Church constructed a vault in which his body was buried. In 1833 the vault was opened & I was present & the remains were buried in church yard. This demolition of the vault was part of the alteration then made in the interior of the church. In the summer of 1842, the remains were again resurrected & were reinterred being placed in a stone sarcophagus & I was present. There was a large attendance of citizens & it was a very solemn occasion. All that was left was part of the skull & the back bone with a few ribs but it was the remains of a great man & we all felt the power of such a scene. One of its most important features was the discovery of a wedding ring which he gave his wife & which after her death he either wore or carried on his person. This ring effectually refutes the statement that the marriage was delayed until her approaching death. The ring is still preserved & is the oldest wedding ring in America.

WASHINGTON FROTHINGHAM

91 years & eight months

FREDERICK HALDIMAND TO GUY JOHNSON

*Contemporary Copy*¹

New York August 31st. 1774.

SIR,

It was with great Concern I heard of the heavy loss you have Sustained by the Death of my late Worthy friend Sir William, not only his Family but the Public will feel the loss of that good and useful Man, I hope you will be able to preserve the influence he had with the Indians, and I sincerely wish you success in your Appointment.

I am glad to find you have been able to prevail on the Indians near you to endeavour to restore Peace to the Southward I fear their Complaints of the Virginians are too well founded,

Make my best Compliments to Sir John and to Clause I hope he is again upon his Feet, and believe me to be with great Regard.

Sir

&ca.

COLONEL GUY JOHNSON

INDORSED: Copy)

To

Colonel Guy Johnson

Acting as His Majesty's Sole

Agent and Superintendent

of the affairs of the several Nations

of Indians in the Northern District

at

Guy Park

Mohawk River

New York August 31st: 1774 —

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21670, fo. 153, London, England.

GUY JOHNSON TO JOHN BLACKBURN

A. L. S.¹*Guy Park Sept. 12th: 1774*

SIR,

I have Just received your favor of the 6th July, and also the Books &ca for your punctuality in which I am much obliged to you, as well as for your very friendly tendre of Services.

You must have long since heard of the remarkable event in our family, & in which indeed the public are most interested. My worthy father in law the late Sir Wm Johnson was for a long time sensible of his approaching end, the Violent returns of his disorders rendered it but too apparent, and the Chiefs of the Indians for these two years expressed their apprehensions & often spoke to him concern^g. a successor, & that their wishes were for me; he at length last April Wrote to the Sec^y of State in the strongest terms in my behalf, pointing out my long & intimate knowledge of Indian Affairs & of the Duties of his department, the whole of which next to himself I alone discharged for many Years; In July his Health visibly declined, a Considerable body of Indians were then come to his Seat on business of Consequence, & the Whole Frontiers were alarmed with the fears of an Indian War, on acco't of a Wanton piece of Cruelty committed by some Virginians on a large body of Ind^s. whom they waylaid & Murdered; the Nations were in an Uproar, & Sir Wm Exerted himself so far as to sit one Entire day in Council with the Chiefs, but the next (the 11th. July) he was suddenly carried off Just as he had retired to his Chamber;— I cannot describe the concern shewn by the Ind^s. augmented by their fears least they might be neglected by the Govern^t. or that I should not have their management; I however gave them all the Assurances I could, sent proper belts thro' the Nations, & concluded the Treaty with them (wch had been begun by Sir Wm) in a

¹In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 24323, fo. 20, London, England.

manner far Exceeding my Expectations.—Since this I recd. General Gages appointment to the Super Intendency till his Majesties pleasure is signified, and I have had the good fortune to defeat the purpose of the Shawanese who sent Embassadors to obtain assistance from the Six Nations, 250 of the Chiefs of the latter are now come down to assure me that in the hope of my attending to their Affairs they mean to Consult me & follow my advice at the great Congress they have called of their Whole Confederacy, which I Expect to influence in such a manner, as to Calm the public fears & once more restore Tranquillity.—This is the state of matters at present which I thought you would be glad to know, & I Was the rather induced to give it because my Extreme hurry since the death of Sir Wm, to whose Will I am an Act^s Executor, and the Various but Constant trouble I have had with the Indians, at this particularly Critical period, prevented me from Writing you sooner.— I dont know the light in which the Event of Sir Wm's death may be viewed by the Ministry, or how far I am likely to succeed, neither am I inclined to repeat what the Indians declare daily respecting me, least it should (to those who are unacquainted with their ideas or Attachments) Carry the appearance of Vanity, or Artifice, the latter is too often us'd to obtain offices, but I despise and scorn its assistance;— doubtless there have been long since Applications' misrepresentations, Sir William expected it and so do I.—If I should succeed in this Affair, I must give you the trouble of sending me a proper Assortment for presents agreable to a List I shall transmit time enough to have them out in Spring; it is a vast disadvantage buying here, & I have felt it; However this is all a Chance at least I shall think so till I hear farther.

I have not time at present to say any thing respecting American Affairs. The Delegates are sitting at Philadelphia¹ I really cant

¹ The first session of the Continental Congress, which opened on September 5th, 1774.

foresee what it will end in; but I hope the event will rather be productive of harmony than disunion.

It will give me pleasure to hear from you on the subject of this Letter as soon as possible, and in the Interim be assured of the regard with which I am

Sir

Y^r Sincere Well Wisher

& very humble Servt

G JOHNSON

Sir John has just called on me, desires his best regards & will write you soon on the Subject of yours.

MR. JN^o. BLACKBURN

ADDRESSED: Albany 5-8
To Mr John Blackburn
Mercht 3 N 4
London

INDORSED: Guy Park 12th Sept^r. 1774
Guy Johnson
rec^d. 10 Nov^r. 1774
Ans^d. 7 Dec.

GUY JOHNSON TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

*Copy*¹

Johnstown, Septbr 17, 1774.

SIR

Since my arrival here, where I am attending a Congress with about 250 of the Chiefs of the Six Nations,² I received the Petition & Speech which I have the Honor to inclose, the Speech

¹ In State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Draper Manuscripts.

² September 12-18. At this council Guy Johnson received the Indian title, *Uraghquadirha*, Rays of the Sun enlightening the Earth. *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:496-506.

might have been better translated for the design of the Canajoharees, as they told me before some of the Signers was, that as the Inhabitants of that Neighborhood feared least the dispute with Klock might affect them, that therefore the Indians agreed to call some of them together and state the matter, desiring them to prevail on *Klock* to sign the Release. It is however a sufficient proof of the Indians uneasiness on that Score, whilst the Petition will manifest the Sense, which many respectable Inhabitants there entertain of his Base & dangerous Conduct. I have signified to the Indians your intention to fall upon some method for their redress and have taken all possible measures for preventing them from carrying their resentment to any dangerous length, but his two endeavors to get the Whole Village Indicted, because some of them took back part of the money, which he had fraudulently obtained from one of their people, whom he seduced to go to England and his Extraordinary conduct since has aggravated their resentment & may without great Care have had Consequences.

His Various Excuses when called upon by persons in power are proof how little he deserves credit; even the outlines of his Character and behaviour cannot be contained within the bounds of a Letter. It is a little unlucky, that our Laws do not reach many offences, which with respect to the Indians indanger the public peace, but possibly the Chancery may afford relief in this instance.

I hope for a more favorable Issue from the present Congress than could have been reasonably expected. The Chiefs present are the first men in the whole Confederacy, some of whom have not been down for a Considerable time; they have already given me the Strongest Marks of their Affection and readiness to follow my Councils and I shall take an early opportunity of giving you the result of their meeting.

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Sir, Your most obliged and most

obedient servant

G. JOHNSON

I have taken the liberty to inclose under a separate Cover a Dispatch to the Sec^y. of State, which I do for its better Conveyance & hope, you will receive it safe.

The Honble

L^T. GOVERNOR COLDEN

GUY JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 535 are listed the following letters and documents, which were destroyed by fire:

Guy Johnson's account, September 24, 1774, of expenses of the Indian department from March 25, 1774.

A grant by the Oneidas, Guy Park, October 4, 1774, of land to the Indians of Mohegan, Naraganset, Montock, Pequods of Groton, and of Stonington, Nahanticks, Farmington; executed before Guy Johnson.

Guy Johnson, Guy Park, March 20, 1775, to the magistrates of Palatine, Conajoharie and the upper districts, informing that a body of New Englanders proposes to make him prisoner and that preparations are made for his defense.

Committee of [Palatine] to committee of Albany, March 21, informing that Col. Johnson has called down the upper nations, fortified his house and cut off communication with communities to the eastward, and asking to be supplied with ammunition.

Guy Johnson's account, March 25, against the Crown for pay of officers and disbursements in the department from September 25, 1774.

Minutes of meetings of committee of Palatine district, May 18-[22]. Articles of association signed and standing committee headed by Christopher P. Yates appointed May 18.

Approval given of letter of 18th to the Albany committee, May [19].

Copy of letter from Guy Johnson to magistrates, May 20.

Letter, May 21, from the Mohocks to the Oneydas read and resolutions adopted avowing sympathy with New England proceedings, agreement with the Continental Congress, disapproval of Colonel Johnson's course in fortifying his house and surrounding himself with armed men, requesting cooperation from the people of German Flatts and Kingsland districts, and ordering letter to be sent to Albany committee.

Joint meeting, May [22], with committee of Canejohary, ordering that two men be sent to the upper nations of Indians to acquaint them with the true nature of the dispute with the mother country and dissuade them from coming down, appointing John Pickerd to act with appointee from German

Flatts and Kingsland districts, and naming the 24th for next meeting of committee. [The minutes of this joint meeting are dated Monday the 21st May 1778 which is clearly wrong as May 21 did not fall on Monday between 1770 and 1781, from the fact that a joint meeting of the district committees of Tryon county was held May 24, 1775, and from the subject, it seems likely that the date should be Monday, May 22, 1775.]

Mayor, aldermen and commonalty, Albany, May 22, to Col. Johnson, assuring that he has nothing to fear from New Englanders or people of Albany or Schenectady and asking him to restore tranquillity among the Indians.

Samuel Stringer, Albany, May 23, by order of the committee, to the committee of Palatine district, informing that a committee from Albany and Schanectady will wait on Col. Guy Johnston to learn the reason of his military preparations and the quarrel between the mother country and colonies will be explained to the Indians, that no ammunition can be furnished at present and Rev. Samuel Kirkland has been asked to exert a peaceful influence among the Oneidas.

Answer of the Oneidas, Burneafeald, May 25, to [the Mohawks?].

Colonel Guy Johnson to the [committees of Tryon county], Thompsons Cosby's Mannor, June 5, affirming liberty of opinion and defending the King's attitude toward the petition of the delegates as well as his own course in convoking the Indians and fortifying his house.

Edw'd Wall, German flats, June 8, to Christopher P. Yeates, declaring that he can no longer act on the committee unless its resolutions are to be respected by all members of the association.

Address of Massachusetts Provincial Congress, Watertown, Mass., June 13, Joseph Warren president, to New York Provincial Congress, informing that the Continental Congress has been desired to take measures for quieting the apprehensions of the Canadians and six Nations.

Indian conference, Kingsland district, July 1, regarding action of the Oneydas in stopping provisions designed for a meeting of the Five Nations at Colonel Guy Johnson's.

Copies of letter of Guy Johnson to P. V. B. Livingston, July 8, complaining of indignities actual and contemplated; and of the Albany committee to the committee of Palatine, not dated, stating that they have written Samuel Kirkland to exert his influence to maintain peace between the Oneidas and the whites.

Nicholas Herchheimer, Conajahary District, July 11, to Capt. Jacob Clock, Palatine, informing that Colonel Guy Johnson is ready with 800 or 900 Indians to cut off the settlements on the Mohawk and asking that all committees "till to the Moh'ks and Cherry Valley" be summoned to a meeting.

Nicolas Herchheimer, Conajohary District, July 12, to the committees in Schenectady and Albany, asking for 800 or 900 men to meet Col. Guy Johnson's intended attack below the Little Falls. [Inclosed in Nicolas Herchheimer to Capt. Jacob Clock, July 11.]

ACCOUNT OF A QUARREL

D.

[August, 1775]¹

[
 [] Inhabitants [] to have him out
 of M[] ion to have him [] move[d]
 The following is a few of [] of his Misbehaviour—
 as allעדg[ed] The Sheriff³ has declared
 tha[t] Slaves that would come to him []
 and made free — this Fact it is [] Affidavit —
 He has also committed [] Committee of the
 German Flats [] Process or cause to obtain
 any — an[] from the Committee to let them
 know [] why they confined Petrie
 which [] damned all the Committee said
 [] parcell of Villians and Rebels and []
 would all be hanged — About [] on a Sunday he
 spread a long [] Road leading to Church and
 hu[] of Sticks to it, told the People as th[]
 Church that the Sticks represen[ted] People
 and named some and a [] whether they
 were going to raise the []
 []
 He came among the People in their [] :ted
 some of them and insulted o[thers] they
 confined him — He entered [] House in the

¹ Written, according to the Johnson Calendar, p. 537, before Aug. 29, 1775.

² Lines burned off.

³ Alexander White, appointed Sheriff of Tryon county in 1772. Johnson Calendar, p. 501.

dead of the Night w[]:sented a cocked Pistol
 on Seebers [] declared he would hang all
 the []

Upon Assurances from Sir John []
 that the Sheriff had left Johnstow[n]
 go out of the County, the Committee dismissed []
 collected together who dispersed im[]
 and on Sir Johns Request several []
 Committee met him at Johnstown a[]
 the matter over — They gave Sir John []
 Assurances that their only aim w[] Sheriff and
 that they never did [] coercive Steps to bring
 People [] and that they would not
 molest [] peace of any person, who did []
 in their Measures — Sir John [] would remain
 a peace [] present struggle with []
 that he had hi[s]
 []¹
 [s]ent and asked [] him says the Sheriff
 co[] and I will shew you the w[]
 dont want to go there and o[] offered to take
 Bail which [] the Sheriff took him to Goal —
 [] at two OClock a number of Peop[le]
 an Intention to rescue him out of [] when they
 came there Have the [] Goaler heard a Great
 noise and [] Windows and asked what they
 wan[t]ed [] they wanted Fonda out of Goal
 up[] said he would be ruined — if []
 on which Major Fonda said he wou[ld]
 indemnified if it should cost him so[] on which
 Hare let him out — then [] went about
 Johnstown to look for the [] and he discovered
 himself by lookin[g]:ers The Sheriff as

¹ Lines burned off.

th[] along asked what do you want the []
they were heard to say dead or alive []
have White — Is that you Simmons s[]
Yes says Simmons — Upon which say [] goes
your Brains and fired a Gun on [] out of
Pickens Windows — then the Peo[ple]
about fifteen Guns then they [] open and then
fired thro the Floo[r] way wounded but
scratched along [] with the Glass Window
scratched hi[s] was heard to say Lord have
mercy o[n] and they thought he was dead —
[] People went off — At first there were []
People — []:wards about one Thousand in
[] at the river side []
the People were at Pickets House the []
[re]ports of three small Cannon at []
Afterwards they heard White was at []
the Committee wrote to Sir John to l[ook him] up — they
received a verbal Ans[wer] protect him as long
as he was in[] he was out of his House he did
[] about him they might take hi[m]
mean while after they got [] they wrote to the
Committee [] Afternoon Sir John Sent Word []
[] ted some []

INDORSED:

[] of []

The Sheriff

and

the People of Tryon County

Enclosed by Albany Committee &

rec^d. August 29, 1775 —

GUY JOHNSON'S ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES ETC.

There are listed in the Johnson Calendar the following items which were destroyed by fire: An account dated Sept. 24, 1775 of Colonel Guy Johnson's expenses from March 25 for officers, rangers and batteau-

men, for fortifying his house and transporting goods and provisions to the Indian country and Canada and for presents to Indians — £17,081, 3s, 6½d, New York currency; a payroll dated Sept. 24 of the Indian department from March 25 — £2988, 15s, 8¼d New York currency.

TRYON COUNTY COMMITTEE TO SIR JOHN JOHNSON

The Johnson Calendar, p. 537, lists a letter of October 26, 1775, written by Nicholas Herkimer, chairman, for the Tryon county committee, to Sir John Johnson inquiring whether the inhabitants of Johnstown and Kingsborough will be allowed to form companies according to the requirements of the Continental Congress, and whether Johnson asserts proprietorship in the courthouse and jail (printed in Stone's *Johnson*, 2:504).

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF TRYON COUNTY¹

D.²

[October 26-27, 1775]

[]³

[] McMaster []

Ebenezer []	}	for []
[]		
[]		
[]		

Anthony V. Vechten	}	for C []
John [Frey] Esq ^r .		
Isaac Paris		
[]		
Harm ^s . V. Slyck		
And ^s . Reber		
W ^m . Fond		
John J ^s . Clock		
Christian Nelles		
John Eisenclong		
Jacob Clock		

¹ Held at the house of Gose Van Alstyne.

² In handwriting of Nicholas Herkimer.

³ Lines burned off.

Duncan M^c Dougall for Ger[]

Resolved That the Tryal of Philip Sheff[] noticed
of this our pres^t. meeting [] adjourned to
the next meeting

Resolved, That the Agreem^t. and Sett^l. of []
presentative in the Case Agst. the [] palatine
[] shall stand and []

[]
[] accordi[ng]
[] Clyde and Ei[senlord]
[] Day's Wages of one of our []
[] Congress, Shall be Eight []
[] and that their account Shall []
[] first raising Taxes for our County's Expenc[e]
[] t Interest shall be paid to our late []
[] Esq^r. for a part of his acco^t. amount^s to £ 30—
[] 13th. of June last until the said princ[ipal]
[pa]id _____

[] tion of Cap^t. French's Letter of Warrens []
[] to this Committee dated augst. 23^d. a. c. it
[] by the Confession of Cap^t. French him[]
[] at Mess^{rs}. W^m. Schuyler and Abraham V. [Horne]
[] of the particular Reflections made in []
[] eting of our Committee, that a Man, who []
[] icient Estate, even if he would give Bail, []
[] a Commission in the Military Service, []
[] was intended to be applied upon him as []
[] understood— Therefore it is []
[] said W^m. Schuyler & Abraham V. Horne []
[] Reason therefore to the Committee at our nex[t]
[]

¹ Lines burned off.

[] on Cause — []
 [] nezer Cox, Mr. Ma []
 [] chosen and appointed, to []
 [] ment^d.—
 [] was Sent with the afores^d. Messenger []
 [] above ment^d. Questions, and a Copy kept []

— Oct^r. 27th.—

[]d unanimously, that a Letter Should be sent []
 [to the sac]hems of the Conajohary Castle in Regard to the []
 [] present abiding of some Indians in their []
 [] Canada, who have acted inimically against []
 [] and fought against our united forces near the []
 [] John, not to give Shelter to such real Ene-
 []mong [th]em —

[] hereby ordered, that Cap^t. French of the Moh^{ks}.
 []ll prosecute his disobedient privates for not appear []
 []der Arms to exercise according to Resolves of the []
 []l Congress therefore provided —

[] edied on Order alike to Captⁿ. Samuel Clyde of
 [] Valley & Cap^t. John Eisenlord of N Germantown in
 [Pala]tine Dist^t.

[]ach Battallion of Militia shall meet on Saturday
 [] November next at convenient places respectively
 []d by each Colonel, to choose the minute Men
 []m them into Companies, and also to procure
 [] by them, according to the Resolves of the
 [] and a Return to be made to the
 []ly after proceedings —

1]

[] { Abraham []
 [] { Sampson []
 [] { W^m. Schuyler

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[Palat]ine	{ Peter Waggoner Daniel M ^c . Dougall
[C]onajohy.	{ John Pickert Cunrad Pickert Henry Hein[]s
German flats & King'sland	{ W ^m . Petry Fred ^k . Hellmer George Herkheimer Michael Ittigh Augustinus Hess Fred ^k . Ahrendorf George Wents Fred ^k . Fox John Franck Jacob N. Weaver John Demooth Henry Harter

Moved & Resolved, Unanimously [] of our
Committee Shall be sent to [] to ask
him, whether he will allow [] of Johnstown
& Kingsborough sha[ll]

[]³
[]on, that the []
till he is paid £ []
pocket for the bu[]
2) In Regard of Embodyin[g]
nies, he never did for []
as they may use their pleas []
Save ourselves the Trouble, []
they would not.—
3) Concerning himself, []
he would Sign any Association []

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hand up against his King []
 that his head Shall be cut off []
 Further he replied that if []
 unlawful Use of the goal, he []
 And also he mentions, that [un-]
 fair means been used for Sig[]
 and uniting the people, []
 by credible Gentlemen in []
 obliged to unite otherwise []
 and that he was informed by []
 likewise two thirds of the Con[German]
 flatts people have been forced []
 And by his Opinion the Bosto[n]
 Rebels, and the other Colonies []
 []
 [] opposed by []
 [] will bring them to [] our []
 [] High Sheriff, John Frey Esq []
 []diately inform thereof our C[]
 [] Directions.—

Answer of the Indians of Conajohary Cas[tle]

[] Letter Sent to them this day —
 [] as well as the Warriors appeared, and made
 [] in the following Manner: Viz^t: —
 [] thankfull to you that you opened to us your
 [] we comprehend to be all true, what you wrote to
 []we live together, Gentlemen, and we Shall do ou[r]
 [] to answer you upon all the Contents of your Letters
 [] as we can Remember thereof —
 [] we have not yet forgotten our agreement made
 [] it is not Such a long time ago, we can remember
 []lthough We have not put it in writing, but it is
 [] memory —

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[] remember very well that there have been 12. gover
 [] with whom we Agreed, and we made a levell Road
 [] 6 Nations, to Boston and to Philadelphia —
 [], we have as well, as the Senecas, and others of
 [n]ations been very glad to make that Road, where
 [] and shall go, it is all peace and very good —
 [] have been very glad for the making of that good
 [] have been very glad for the making of that good []
 []
 [] suade to stay, and []
 []ighting of the white peop[le]
 [] are glad to See them []
 have been debauched to go away []
 Brothers, the 6. Nations are now []
 Road made, and be glad, but if they []
 that Road and see Some blood Spil[led]
 be surprised — Brothers, we ha[ve]
 agreement of friendship together, []
 not break it for sake of some wrong []
 have been debauched, you will drop []
 present —

We Replied to them, that if their young peop[le]
 Spilled blood of our brothers, are con[]
 should repent the same, Such a one []
 to us, and Shewed to us, that he be sorry []
 passed, and make promises to be not []
 but the quest^d. W^m. Johnson did not do []
 the Contrary he braked of his hostile proceeding []
 very boldly against our Cause —

A Letter was sent to the provincial Cong[ress]
 -turn of 4. second Majors & 4 []
 be Commissioned according to Reque[st]

¹ Lines burned off.

INDORSED:

Nichlus Harkamore Chairman of
Commatee to Be foreded with all
Spead

John Marlatt

Oct. 30th. 1775

Conference with the in[dians]

NATHANIEL WOODHULL TO NICHOLAS HERKEMER ETC

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 537, are listed the following papers which were destroyed by fire:

Nathaniel Woodhull to Colonel Nicholas Herkimer, New York, December 9, 1775, for the provincial Congress, declaring it unnecessary to get Sir John Johnson's consent to the forming of his tenants into companies, proper to ascertain his attitude on the controversy with Great Britain, impolitic to use the Johnstown courthouse for confining persons inimical to the country, or to molest Sir John while he is inactive, and advisable to petition the Governor for the removal of [the sheriff, Alexander White].

Colonel Guy Johnson's account against the Crown, March 24, 1776, for pay of officers and sundry disbursements in Indian department from September 25, 1775.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account against the Crown, Sept. 24, for pay of officers and sundry disbursements in his department from March 25.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account against the Crown, March 24, 1777, for salaries of officers from September 25, 1776.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account against the Crown, Sept. 24, for salaries of officers from March 25.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account against the Crown, March 24, 1778, for pay of officers and sundry disbursements from September 25, 1777.

Information furnished by John Peters, Quebec, July 18, to show that Sir Guy Carleton is imposed on; containing charges of political or personal unreliability against John Grant, Hayzelton Spencer, Lieut. Green, Andrew Cheinett, Simson Jenny, Benj'n Haugh and Philo Hurlbut.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account against the Crown, Sept. 24, for pay of officers and sundry disbursements from March 25.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account, March 24, 1779, for pay of officers and sundry disbursements in Indian department from September 25, 1778.

Frederick Haldimand to Sir John Johnson, Quebec, May 13, concerning accounts, supplies and confinement of deserters.

Frederick Haldimand to Sir John Johnson, Quebec, Sept. 2, directing that an expedition be led by way of Carleton Island and Irondequot, or other point, to join forces intended for the relief of the Five Nations, designating the troops that will be taken and informing that Colonels Campbell and Claus will lead parties up the Mohawks.

Frederick Haldimand to Sir John Johnson, Quebec, Sept. 13, saying that Colonel Mason Bolton has sent a company of the 34th to Major Butler's aid, the detachment of the 47th will go to Detroit, rum must not be served to Johnson's men after passing Carleton Island, and grasshopper guns may do execution.

Memorial of Edward Bisshopp and W. Brummell to General Conway, asking that Sir John Johnson's regiment, the King's Royal Regiment of New York, be established.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account, Montreal, May 20, 1783, against government from March 1779 to October 1782.

Statement of the account of Colonel Guy Johnson, late superintendent of Indian affairs, Quebec, Oct. 24, arranged in consequence of having received a report of the officers appointed by General Haldimand to investigate his claims against the government.

Address to Sir John Johnson, 1784?, from the officers of his Majesty's late provincial regiments and the principal inhabitants of Lunenburg, expressing their sense of his sacrifices and services.

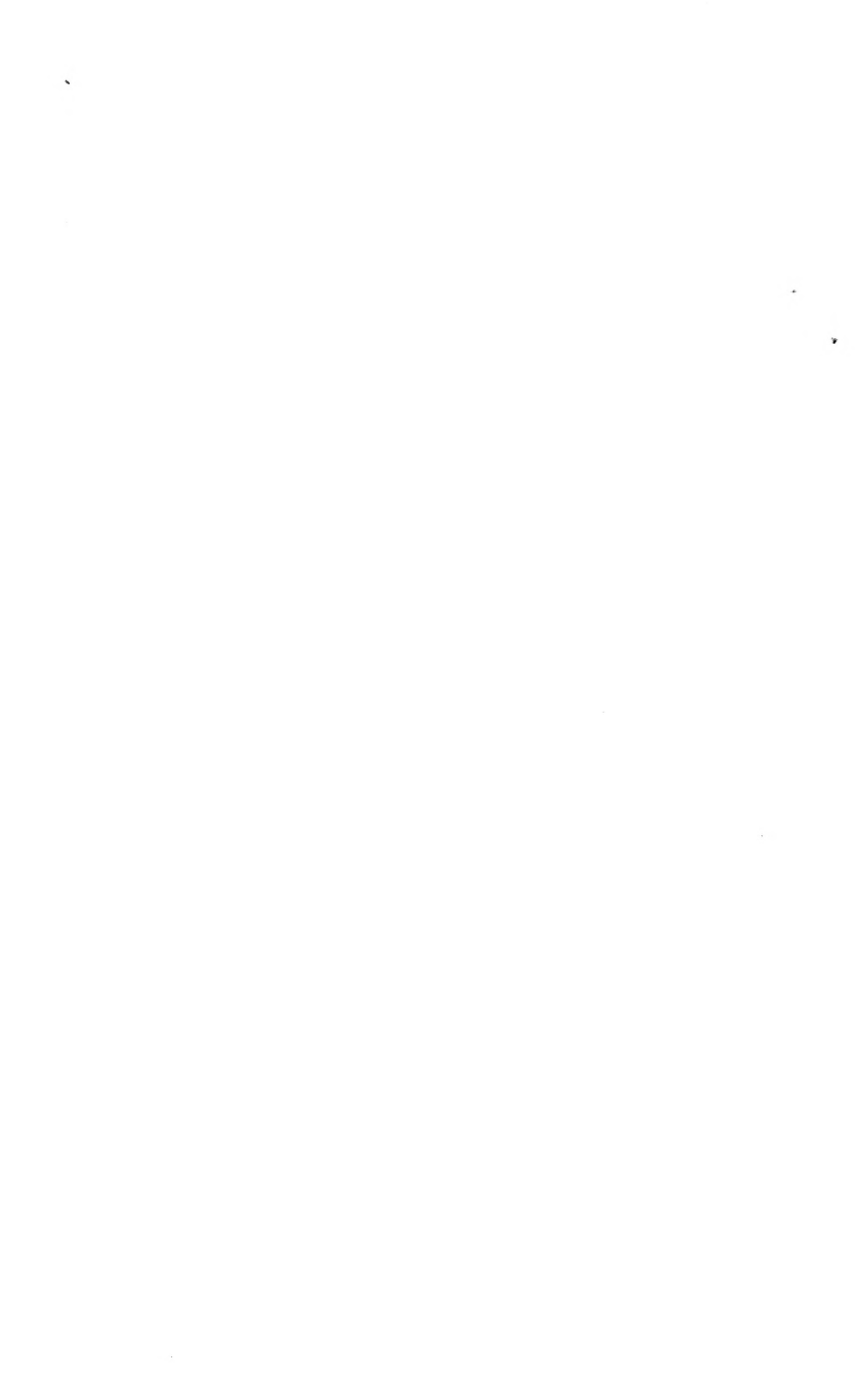
Petition to the King, London, April 11, 1785, from Sir John Johnson and others, in behalf of officers and soldiers of the provincial troops and Indian Department who served in the late rebellion, and other loyalists, now settled in Canada: praying that they may be relieved from the rules of French tenure and that the country from Lake St Francis westward may be comprehended in a district distinct from the Province of Quebec but subordinate to Quebec as Cape Britain is to Nova Scotia; and showing the advantages of such a colony in trade, Indian influence and attractiveness to immigration.

Colonel Guy Johnson's account, August 29, against the Crown for expenses of the Indian department not embraced in previous accounts.

A statement before the court of exchequer June 7, 1788, regarding accounts of Sir William Johnson for which the vouchers are lost, containing a history of certain records; with an order of the court to the commissioners for auditing to allow certain accounts of Sir William Johnson without vouchers.

Sir John Johnson to Captain Joseph Brant (private), February 22, 1791, discussing the relations of the United States to the Indians and the claims of the former beyond the line established in 1768.

Lieutenant Colonel R. Mathews to I. L. Mallet, Chelsea College, March 30, 1808, relative to the accounts of a corps of loyalists who served under Sir John Johnson in the Revolution and were paid by him from June 1776 to December 1779.



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