

Lib. H. D. ffirst, They told me they were very Sorry to hear you should be troubled about ffrench messingers: They say, its true, they were in their Castle, and drew off with them, ffive men and ten or twelve Squaws, but they were all Affected to the ffrench, their Relacōns being in Canada.

That if any such thing shall happen for the ffuture, according to yo^r directions, will pursue and treat them as the Enemy.

That the Proposicōns made to them by the messing^{rs} from the Govern^r of Canada, was.
Children.

By my last March in yo^r Country I only whipt you a little would not kill you.—And I must tell you, if you hold obstinate, and not Submit yo^r Selves to me Speedily, but will depend upon Cajenquirago, and take his Advice longer, I will come and destroy you; therefore you had best leave yo^r castles and repair to Kagnovego (i. e. a Small ffort near Mount Royall) where you may live as well, and have the same priviledges as you have, where you are now.

Children, I must farther tell you I will Come this winter and cutt off Albany, ffight Cajenquirago, and kill him; therefore
p. 472 let me Advise you, never to have more dependance on him.

They Answered Onondio, meaning the Govern^r of Canada. You talk of killing Us, but we are yet alive, and never had yet the oportunity of a ffair battle with you.

If you can kill Cajenquirago, and destroy Albany, as you tell us, we shall then be at some loss what to do; but we believe, if you Venture to ffight Cajenquirago, he may have as great strength as you, and will keep his ground.

Therefore as long as he stands upon his legs we will be firm to him and depend Vpon him, but if he fall, or leave us, possibly we may come over to you.

I certifye that this is taken by me from the Indian Interpreters, as it was Rendered in Dutch.

Dellius.

An Answer to the two foregoing Letters is as follows Viz^t

Port of Annapolis, March 22th 1696/7.

His Exncys
Lre to Gor
of New York

Gov^r ffletcher.

S^r.

I have the ffavour of yo^r Ex^{ncys} Letters of the 9th 10th & Jan^{ry} 23^d as also of one from M^r Jamison of ffeb^{ry} the 8th with a Copy of Indian Intelligence and a printed Acco^t of yo^r Ex^{ncys} Message to the ffive Nations all which I have Communicated to his Ma^{ts} hon^{ble} Councill of this Province I am very Sorry