

L. H. J. an Englishman taken at Menas when Cutt off the other a Frenchman  
 Liber No. 47 from whom We learn that the French have been incapable of Ac-  
 February 26 complishing their Designs on Ohio by Means of the Indians, but  
 threaten a Second Tryall the next Year, they also inform Us that  
 the Army had been Very Sickley & great Numbers died with the  
 Scurvey thro' the Badness of their Provisions and that the Indians  
 to the Southward had not only bid Defyance to them, but forced from  
 them both Provision & Brandy Sundry Times, they also Inform us  
 that the French had taken from thence Two English Prisoners whom  
 they Sent in Irons to Canada, . . . .

Extracts of Lieutenant Holland's Letter Commanding Officer at  
 Oswego.

p. 384 The following is the Letter from the Lord Commissioners of  
 Trade and the Plantations viz.<sup>t</sup>

Whitehall Sep.<sup>t</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1753.

Sir.

His Majesty having been pleased to order a Sum of Money to be  
 Issued for Presents to the Six Nations of Indians and to direct his  
 Governour of New York to hold an Interview with them for Deliv-  
 ering those presents, for Burying the Hatchet and for Renewing  
 the Covenant Chain with them: We think it our Duty to Acquaint  
 you therewith, and as we find it has been usual upon former occasions  
 when an Interview has been held with these Indians for all his  
 Majesty's Colonies whose Interest & Security is Connected with and  
 depends upon them to Join in Such Interview and as the present  
 Disposition of those Indians and the Attempts which have been made  
 to withdraw them from the British Interest Appear to us to make  
 Such a General Interview more particularly necessary at this Time  
 We desire you will lay this Matter before the Council and General  
 Assembly of the Province under your Government and Recommend  
 to them forthwith to make a proper Provision for Appointing Com-  
 missioners to be Joined with those of the Other Governments for  
 Renewing the Covenant Chain with the Six Nations And for mak-  
 ing Such presents to them as has been Usual Upon the like Occasions  
 And we desire that in the Choice & Nomination of the Commission-  
 ers you will take Care that they are Men of Character Ability &  
 Integrity and well Acquainted with the Indian Affairs.

As to the Time & Place of Meeting it is left to the Governour of  
 New York to fix it And he has Orders to give you Early Notice of it.

We are  
 Sir

Your Very loving Friends  
 &  
 Humble Serv.<sup>ts</sup>  
 Dunk Halifax  
 T Greenville  
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