

One of the inclosed Papers, which I received Yesterday from New-York, will shew you, that the French are at this Time in Motion on the Lake Ontario, and that they have laid a Scheme to reduce our Forts at Oswego this Winter, and seduce our Indian Allies of the Six Nations. I entertain Hopes, however, that such an Enterprize will be rendered abortive by the Measures that General Shirley has taken for the Security of that Place; tho' I am persuaded, that nothing less than all the Colonies exerting their united Strength this ensuing Summer can frustrate the Hopes our ambitious Enemies have entertained, that they shall soon become Masters of that Lake, and thereby have it in their Power to compel our Friends of the Six Nations to join and assist them in extending their Conquests.

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Sir,

Just now came here two Oneidas Express from the Senecas, and brought with them a large Belt of black Wampum, 14 Rows broad and 2½ Foot long, who made the following Speech.

There is about 20 of the Oghuagy and Tuscaroras here these eight Days past, and about 30 more expected: The Express says, there will be a vast Number of the Five Nations down: This goes by Express, which the Indians insisted on.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Robert Adams.

Brother Warraghiyagee,

About three Weeks ago came a large Vessel to Niagara, with a French Officer on board, who enquired where his Children were who always kept there, for that he could not then see any of them.
Children,

The English has been threatening us all last Summer about taking Niagara and Cataraghqua Forts, which I dreaded very much, especially Niagara, which is to be compared to nothing else than a decayed Tree, which if a small Wind came, would blow it down.

Children,

I have been at the defeating of the English at Ohio, and hearing of General Johnson's coming to Crown-Point, immediately set off to meet him; when I first met his People, the Smoke of my Guns made such a Darkness before my Eyes that I could not see my Children, but marching a little farther, discovering Numbers of them lying dead in the Road, which made my Heart bleed, as I heard General Johnson had said he did not want his Brothers to fight, but to look on and see him fight.