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Children,

I now tell you, that I am going to steal Oswego from them, and my Army that's coming is very numerous, and makes a great Noise.

I don't intend to listen any more to my Children; you have never heard me promise any Thing but what I always fulfilled; and I desire you, Children, to keep from that Place they call Oswego.

Brother Warraghiyagee,

We, the Sachems of the Five Nations, now assembled at Onondago, do now let you know, that we see Death before our Eyes, and that we send this Post to desire that there may be Men ready to send to the Relief of Oswego, for you may assure yourself the above is nothing but Truth.

A true Copy.

Daniel Claus.

Onondago, January 23, 1756

Sir,

This is to acquaint you of the News what the Indians brought here, a Belt of Wampum which is come from Niagara, and desires our Indians that they should stand aside; that they would go to Oswego to take it within 10 or 12 Days: The French is to set out from Niagara To-day or To-morrow, as the Indians told me; and they desire me to write it to your Honour to acquaint you with all the Speed.

The Indians is to go from here within 4 Days; so no more at present; but remain

Your humble Servant,

John Van Sice.

To the Honourable Major-General Johnston.

A true Copy. Examined by Benjamin Barons, Secretary.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

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Wednesday Morning, 3^d March, 1756.

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The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

M.^r Beall appeared in the House.

The Order of the Day being read;

In Pursuance of the Resolve of Yesterday, the House Resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money towards his Majesty's Service.

M.^r Speaker left the Chair.

M.^r Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

M.^r Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, reported to M.^r Speaker, That the Committee had proceeded to take into Consideration the Matter referred to them by the Honourable