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may be received, credited, and believed, promising to ratifie —  
conferme & approve whatsoever shall be done by him in this point  
according to this my Commission as if it were done by my selfe given  
at St. Ottawes under my hand and the great Seal of this Province  
the thirtith day of April in the Second year of his Majestie Dominii  
Anno Domini 1677. —

Instructions for Capt Henry Mottley in Execution of his  
Commission for treaty with the Susquehannoughs  
and Minigo Indians &c

*(Signature)*  
*(Lamus signi)*

You are with all convenient speed to begin your journey towards New-York, by the way of Newcastle upon Delaware in Order to your  
going into Albany there to treat with the Minigo Indians, and at  
your arrivall at New Castle to signify to the Deputy Governor there  
for the time being, in generall terms that you are sent to Colonie  
for the time being to come to a treaty with the Minigo Indians  
at front Albany or else where as opportunity shall offer, and you  
are there to endeavour to informe y<sup>r</sup> Selfe from Capt Collars portraies  
of the true state of the Susquehannoughs, what number they  
are, upon what terms they are received by the Minigos, whether  
there be not any of them that are not submitted to the Minigos, if any  
such be under whose protection they live, and how they may be treated  
withall, in Order to the settling an amicable peace betwixt Us, the  
Susquehannoughs, Minigos and the rest of the Indians to the  
Northward and also betwixt the said Indians and all the low land  
Indians in League & Unity with Us. —

2 In case any of the Minigos Propose to meet New Castle at your being  
there, you are to endeavour to speake with them, and to lett them  
know that you are upon your voyage to Albany to treat with  
their Rulers thence of a forme peace, and to obtine if possible a  
cessation of Armes at least if you can betweene them and all the  
Other Subjects in these parts and for all Indians in these parts  
now in Amity with the said Other Subjects.

3 You are next to apply your Selfe to the Governor of New-York  
and rendering him thanks for the diversities he hath shewne to  
this his Majestie Government to desire him to affit you in procuring  
a treaty for you with the said Minigo Indians, and the Susque-  
hannoughs if yett there be such a Nation.

4 When you shall come to a treaty with the Minigos you are to  
lett them know that We had no knowledge of them but by the  
Susquehannoughs reports, that they from time to time told  
Us that the injuries we received in our goods and the murders  
of Our people were all perpetrated by the Minigos, That We  
afterwards found out that those very Murthers which the  
Susquehannoughs laid upon the Minigos were committed by  
the Susquehannoughs themselves, and that that was the  
real cause of the Warre betwixt Us, And the injury to Us was  
the greater because the Susquehannoughs by the Articles of  
peace betwixt Us were obliged to give Us twenty days —