

In your Upper house of Assembly how full of Danger and Prejudice it is to give too ready an ear and too easy a belief unto Reports or Testimony without Oath, which are not strong enough to condemn any: He humbly acknowledgeth that in his Drunk he might talk without the Bounds of reason yet hopeth your Honours in your Justice upon which with confidence he puts himself will acquit him of and from those Misdemeanors where with he is charged, and he hopeth and will Dayly pray that for the future he shall by Gods Grace so watch over his Actions that he shall not give Offence to any —

And Lastly the said Jacob Young humbly desires your Lordship and this Honourable Assembly well to Consider (that since the Year 1676 at which time he was sent for by Coll Coursey and Coll Churoc: to come into this Province from Delaware to gather together the Susquehannah Indians, and to encourage them to live in this Province and likewise to procure the return of those Indians that were gone to Delaware how many Orders and Commissions as well for treating and making peace with the Indians as the Susquehannah Indians he hath justly and faithfully executed & performed without having the least Spott Blemish or Aspersion cast upon him, which said Commissions and Orders could not be Agitated without being friendly to and entertaining the said Indians, which Entertainments cannot be accounted as a Crime, which being considered he hopes neither the false Aspersion of the perfidious and faithless Indians his Enemies, nor the causeless fears of the weak and naked and therefore timorous People shall cause one Drop of Innocent Blood to be Spilt, or can procure the utter ruin of him who with all Alacrity and Cheerfulness hath so oft cast himself naked amongst Multitudes of Armed Merciless and faithless Indians with great hazard of his Life, merely to procure the peace safety and Wellfare of this Province, which for the future he shall again be always willing to do, and prays to be Discharged from this hard Imprisonment

The further Answer and Plea of Jacob Young to the Additionall Charge

The said Jacob Young doth Avere that upon the 10th Day of August 1680 the time in the Charge mentioned, he the said Young was at New York; and did not return untill the first Tuesday in September following about which time he had News brought to Delaware that the Onneide Indians were then upon the falls of Susquehannah River, and had been within this Province about one Month, & had killed Hogs and Cattle, upon which he applied himself to Captain Johnson who immediately went and informed Coll: Wells at Court, and thereupon Coll Wells came from Court to the said Jacob to Sresetty Island, before whose coming the said Jacob Young had sent one Evans Salisbury with a present of two Match coats to the said Indians, then at the falls of Susquehannah aforesaid, to desire the said Indians to come down to speak with our Great Men, Vizt: Coll: Wells and Captain Johnson and Ordered the Messenger if they refused, or were fearfull to come down upon delivery of the present, then to tender Body for Body for their safe return, upon which the Messenger returned with three Indians that Coll Wells then Ordered the said Jacob Young to speak to them and ask them why they went through the Country and bid him tell them the English might do them hurt, and did likewise Order the said Jacob to desire them to go home, and fetch some great Men to treat with our Governor whether they might have privilege to go through the Country or not, was about