

“ 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.

“ *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 fend this Post to desire that there may be Men ready to fend to the Relief of *Oswego*, for you may assure yourself the above is nothing but Truth.”

*A true Copy.*

DANIEL CLAUS.

“ S I R,

Onondago, January 23, 1756.

“ 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,

“ To the Honourable Major-General *Johnson*.

JOHN VAN SICE.”

*A true Copy. Examined by*

BENJAMIN BARONS, Secretary.

*The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *March 3, 1756.*

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *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 of Ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money towards his Majesty's Service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. *Lloyd*, Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, reported to Mr. Speaker, That the Committee had proceeded to take into Consideration the Matter referred to them by the Honourable House, and came to the following Resolutions, and desired him to report the same to the House, viz.

That there be a Fort constructed and four Block-Houses on the Western Frontier of this Province.

That 200 Men be employed to Garrison the Fort and Block-Houses.

That the 200 Men, to Garrison the Fort and Block-Houses, be drafted; if necessary, out of the respective Companies of the Militia in this Province, and that there be a Bounty of Three Pieces of Eight, or Twenty-two Shillings and Six Pence, paid to each Man that shall voluntarily offer, be accepted, and shall attend the Service.

That