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Sir,

I have received an Appointment and Orders from the Honorable Board to raise or compleat a Regiment, for which I view myself ever Obligat^d for.

Sir, my private affairs are such, I can very poorly take hold of. — But knowing the public must be served. & knowing I am zealous in the Cause of my Country, I will endeavor to do the best that lies in my power to raise my Men and Defend my Country, though I fear the Men will be hard to come at &c.

From your Most Obedient Humble Serv^t;

Dan. Hayes

To the President of the
Council

Letter from ^{Col.} Hayes
Relative to his Appoint-
ment to command a
Regiment.

Albany July 3: 1777

Sir,

The Necessity of inducing the six Nations to abide by the Neutrality they have promised to observe is a matter of a Capital Moment — The Troops it would require to awe those People, if they were unfriendly would create a very considerable Expence, whilst a sum equal to a fourth part of it, properly laid out in presents would have all the desired Effect. — a Conference is to be held with them at this place on the 15th Instant, and as they inform me that they will generally attend, it is necessary that the Articles necessary to give them should be procured without delay.

The importance of the Business, will Apologize for the Liberty I take by entreating your Aid to Major Brunselair, who is expressly sent to procure such Articles as are — indispensably requisite — I have also addressed myself to General Heath on the Subject and hope by your joint Exertions that Major Brunselair will be able to return here in good time with most if not all the Articles I have given him a Memorandum of, which he will lay before you.

Letter from General
Schuyler. Relative
to the six Nations
of Indians

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The Enemy from late some late Manœuvres do not seem to be in great Force. — They have intrenched themselves and thrown a Boom across the Lake at a point of Land about three Miles North of Ticonderoga. — The Militia are moving up, & I hope to follow to Morrow or next Day with the Troops from Beck's-Field, who are momentarily expected.

I have the Honor to be very respectfully, Your most Obedient Humble Servant.

Honorable President of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Ph: Schuyler

May it Please your Honor, Machias 5th July 1777

Letter from ^{Francis} Shaw Jun^r relative to Enemy's Attempts to Land at St. Johns

The following is a short Narrative of Our proceedings since I wrote your Honor from this Place. — After a Passage of three Days we reached Musquash Cove, about three Leagues West of St. Johns River, during the Night, We heard several Cannon, on which we concluded immediately to send off a Boat of Observation, which returned in the Morning, and inform'd that a Ship & Schoon were under sail coming out of the Harbour. — As soon as they were well clear of the Land, we pushed into the River & joined Capt. West's party. — after taking such Steps as we thought necessary to secure our Boats & provisions &c. &c. I proceeded up the River to Akhepaque, after settling my Business with M^r. Allan & the Indians, I set off for the Mouth of the River, intending immediately for this place, leaving the Command (with the advice of M^r. Allan) with Capt. Dyer, on my Arrival I found the Ship Kulture had been in the Harbour two Days, that on Monday the 23rd June upwards of 40 Men attempted to Land in two Boats, near where we had a party of Twenty one Men stationed, who gave them so warm a Reception that after twenty Minutes they were glad to drift off to the Ship, the side of one of the Boats that was next to our Fire was so shattered, they were obliged to heave her Gunnel too, to prevent her sinking. — it is uncertain