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A true Copy & translation of a letter wrote by Aaron Kanorraron—
A Mohawk Chief from Niagara, to his Brother David
Residing in the lower Mohawk Village—

I write this day 28th of October 1776—

You shall now be informed of our situation this way— for which
purpose we send back Kargah, (a young Mohawk so call'd from
Niagara. And I wish we might be certify'd what you are doing
your way—

Our Eyes are fix'd upon Canada— the Commands of the Governor
there, determine our conduct. But we are assur'd he is well disposed—
he will not punish such as are behind hand of others in coming in,
or joining him)— and altho you reside in the midst of Bostonians you
are loved by all the Britains, & by all the different nations of
Indians— It is only expected of you, that you dont take ^{an} active
part with the Bostonians while you reside in the midst of them
the only reason why they dont arise this way— and destroye all
around you, is your situation— Viz residing in the midst of Bostonians

The Indians universally are firmly united with you on the Kings
side— the Cherokees are of your sentiments, let this strengthen
your minds— with the disposition of the Governor of Canada, he
purposes in the first place to take possession of Ticonderoga, and this
way— and then New York— they are to meet in Albany— then the Indian
one & all are to proceed and make thier way thither— I hope no
Misfortune will befall you in the mean time— these are all the
Important matters I have now to communicate— Let these sentiments
possess your minds my younger Brothers, and be assur'd of there taking
place— I must however observe, at our grand meeting at Niagara
(consisting of Ottawas Chippaws & others with some of the Six Nations)
many of the Indians were discouraged by disappointment— they were eager
to rise and fall upon the frontiers, But the Commander woud not
consent to it, solely on account of your situation, being surrounded by
Bostonians— In this, god has mercifully spared us, especially my
Country (the mohawks) this conduct of our Commander I attribute
to the divine disposal. let Coll^o Butler receive many thanks from you
for his friendly administration— he is well & the one that is with
him (As the Indian letter does not specify, wether the one here mentioned
be the Commander, or some other.)

Let no offence be taken that I dont return so soon as expected— The
Commander will not part with me— I am of great service to him—

Fort Schuyler 11th Nov. 1776
Translated by, J. Kirkland. Nip^o.

Aaron Kanorraron—

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Sir

I here send you a translation of a letter - which was found at this post - a Mohawk Indian from Niagara falling in with a scout I sent to Oswego, came this way - he made too free with strong liquor - while rolling on the ground - the letter was discovered in his breech - I could not procure a translation till Mr Kirkland came - nothing new has cast up at this post, save this letter since my last to you.

Your Honors, most obed^t humble

Major Gen^l Schuyler -

Sam^l Elmore

Col. Sam^l Elmore

R. 20. 1776 Nov. 11th

From Colo. Elmore

Fort Schuyler

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