

They then consented ~~that~~ ^{that} they should leave their things - and go with them, when they came to the party they all set smoking and made a sign & set them in the middle of them.

They then took them one in each canoe and went off, & met a number of Savages with bows, who were for taking them right away. They all went ashore and made a ring & set them in the middle. Their warbts ^{or} 24, 26, & 30. They did not stay there long, but told them they must go with them, and took them to where the river forked about a mile - where they built a house to stay all night, when they were there the white people were a little distant with the chiefs - & made a ring & sent for their men and put them in the ring. The head warrior of the Indians got up & spoke - and said that it is the orders of the Commander, to take them prisoners and leave them their till they could go & do their business - that they was always desired, when they came across any enemies, before they could do their business - after that they might go. They told them they would go aside & consider - They then agreed they would not go with them except they was obliged to if they tried to make them, they will strive to kill some of them sooner than go, - but would not go with them as prisoners if they could help it. - They told them they did not come out to go to war - but to hunt, they then left four to guard them & the others went off - they kept them four days & they parted & the four went off back.

When the four left them they went a hunting before they returned to the Indians & discovered the trail of these horses, this is five days ago. They came to the first river from here & discovered two Indians of the back nation but could not talk with them but understood by signs that there was 10 more. They discovered a track at a distance near the falls where they supposed they were so was this all they discovered. This is about 4 days ago - the road was about 2 feet they told them they must not tell any of the women that they had seen this road, Capt. Tamm

Mr. L. B. after Sunday June 3rd 1785

Examination of three amicks who returned here this day from
hunting - They set out from Shumetady about a month ago, and
went as far as the other side of the ^{great} main river - They were
five days going from fort Mackaman till they came
to this river, where they made a canoe & lay two
days. - They were four days after, ^{they} made the canoe, till
they came to the falls, where they stopped, & two of them
went of to set traps for beaver and the other stayed
at home. - These two were gone one night - There was
five Mohawks came there and had two prisoners
boys, - which they said they took near Stone Arabia
They asked them from where they came from they said
from Niagara, and were from that place 33 days -
They asked them to go long a little way with them
one of them cautioned the other to take care of them
as he said they might have some rough design upon
them - They took their guns & ammunition and went
a little way with them, & the Mohawks went of in
a canoe - and left them. & they returned to their
huts and sleep till morning - when one of them went
to the falls to fish, & discovered five Indians in a canoe
he immediately returned to his comrades & informed
them. - They went to see them & went up a mountain
were three these Indians below at a fire - a little after there
was four guns fired. They run again to look and saw
four Indians in a canoe - one of them hollowed to them
and they made their way over to the other shore -
They then told them they should come ashore, & they came
ashore - and they were of four of the back nation
who came from ~~Off~~ Swagato, when they parted
the one that could understand a little, said to them
it was hard he could not understand them, their
head man was behind ~~and~~ who could understand
them, with a party of about thirty Mohawks &
Ind. of the Back nation together. - They went then to their falls
with two beaver skins to spread them. and one
of them went out to get some back to spread the
one when they heard a noise in the bush &
discovered a party of Locknewega's who made
up to the fire, the party consisting of about
thirty, & came from Quipsasny.

After a while they came two or three
of them to fetch them who said their head man
wanted to talk with them & that they should take
every thing with them, they told them they would not
they had their traps out and could not