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Introduction

This collection is divided into two series: Series I contains legal documents and correspondence related to Robert Livingston (1654-1728) of Albany, his heirs, and their estate, "Livingston Manor"; Series II contains propositions, minutes, examinations, accounts, journals, and correspondence - a selection of transactions between the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany and the Native American peoples of the Hudson Valley and central New York, 1679-1723. Several documents in the latter series also relate to Livingston Manor.

Robert Livingston, known as "the Founder," was born in Scotland, but spent many years in Holland, where he acquired the Dutch language and customs. In 1673, he moved to Albany, New York, and was shortly appointed town clerk and secretary of the board of commissioners for Indian Affairs. In 1686, he received a patent for land that encompassed the present counties of Columbia and Dutchess. In 1709 he represented the district of Albany in the Assembly and in 1718 was elected speaker. He retired in 1725. He functioned as secretary of Indian Affairs from the 1670s on, officially from 1696 to 1710, at which time he relinquished this post to Robert Livingston, Jr. (1663-1725), son of Robert Livingston's uncle James and known as "the Nephew."

The collection contains 97 items in 77 folders. Most items are original, with some early copies. Includes items in Dutch. Many items are in fragile condition.

The collection was given to the Long Island Historical Society in 1890 by Mrs. Sylvia A. Livingston of Flatbush, widow of the Hon. Walter L. Livingston, a lineal descendant of Robert Livingston. (See copy of deed of gift, F. 1.) All documents were originally cataloged in the Long Island Historical Society card catalog as individual items. (Boxes A0029 and A0030 also contain other accessions.)

Bibliographical note - For further reading, Stefan Bielinski, director of the Colonial Albany Social History project at the New York State Museum in Albany, suggests the following (c. 1994) at <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/albany/bios/lrlivingston94.html>:

"The definitive work on Robert "The Founder" is Lawrence H. Leder, *Robert Livingston 1654-1728 and the Politics of Colonial New York* (Chapel Hill, 1961). The most useable family genealogy is Florence Van Rensselaer's *The Livingston Family in America and Its Scottish Origins* (New York, 1949) [BHS: CS71 .L787 1949]. See also, Cynthia A. Kierner, *Traders and Gentlefolk: The Livingstons of New York, 1675-1790* (Ithaca, 1992). Also recommended is a major antiquarian history of the family by Edwin B. Livingston entitled *The Livingstons of Livingston Manor* (New York, 1910).

"Livingston's collection of the Albany Indian Records was edited and presented by Lawrence H. Leder as "The Livingston Indian Records, 1666-1723," in a special volume of *Pennsylvania History* 23:1 (January 1956). [This source has not yet been compared, to determine whether items in Series II of this collection

appear among the documents edited and published by Leder. JWM, August 2005] Secretary Livingston first signed the minutes in June 1677.

“A somewhat overstated but still telling account of Alida Livingston as a businesswoman and her plight as a live-alone wife is found in Linda Biemer, "Business Letters of Alida Schuyler Livingston, 1680-1726," *New York History* 63:2 (April 1982), pp 183-207.” Bielinski also cites Ruth Piwonka's, *A Portrait of Livingston Manor, 1686-1850* (Friends of Clermont, 1986).

[Note on terms: Late 20th century nomenclature has adopted the term Native American to replace “Indian,” in reference to the indigenous peoples of North America. However, this guide follows the prevailing usage found in the documents themselves. The transcription of individual, tribal, and place names also adheres to the spelling found in the documents, except where a modern variant may be used to limit confusion. For example, Mohawk may be found spelled as Mohog or Magnase. Here, the Five Nations of the Iriquois are rendered as Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Seneca.]

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Series I - Livingston Manor

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
1	1890	Deed of gift for the Robert Livingston Manor papers; minutes of a meeting of Long Island Historical Society Directors, with remarks by Benjamin D. Silliman, introducing an essay by Edward F. De Lancey of New York on the historical background of the Livingston papers
2	ND	Processing note on envelope, unknown origin, “1649-1679 & 1700-1725 Papers relating to the origin of the Manor of Livingston”
3	1670	Bill of sale by Keeseway of the land named Potamkasik Patcock and Stichsoock to Brandt van Slichtenhorst on behalf of the patroon of Rensselaerswyck, 27 May 1649, a margin note of 20 July 1649, and Notarial record confirming the aforesaid sale, 15 June 1670, being early, signed copies on one sheet, all in Dutch, re: “Landt op Claverack;” each part with note in English, “A True Copy,” signed by Robert Livingston, Secretary; the Bill of sale signed by Mahikan Indians Keeseway and Skinaias, and by Brandt van Slichtenhorst, director of Rensselaerswyck, and Johannis Megapolensis, Pastor; Notarial record mentions Ludovicus Cobes, secretary of the Albany colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schenectady, and is signed by Keeseway, Anahamet, Andries Toller, Jeremias Van Rensselaer; Barent Pieterse [Coeymans?], and Joris Christoffersen [?]

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4	1680	Petition, by Robert Livingston of Albany, to Governor Edmund Andros / Andross, at New York, for the grant of a patent to purchase land lying upon the Kill of Roeloff Jansen or Johnson, the land being “upon the East Syde of Hudson’s River noord Catts Kill” and being disposed of by the Indian proprietors
5	1683	(2 items) Bill of sale, for the land of Roeloff Jansen or Johnson’s Kill, from the Indian proprietors to Robert Livingston, with translations in English and Dutch; mentions Johannes Provoost, and Jan Janse Bleecker, Commissioner of Albany Colony of Rensselaerswyck and Schenectady, and includes many Indian names
6	1683	List of goods which Robert Livingston (“his half”) is to give to the Indians in Pounds for Roeloff Jansen’s Kill, accounting document, in Dutch (numbers represent guilders, not pounds) [CG]; includes map sketch of these lands, on reverse
7	1684	Contract document, in Dutch: Robert Livingston (one side) and Gerritt Teunisse and Maste Cornelis (other side, and representing Dirck Wessels) partition the land farthest back of the Roeloff Jansen’s Kill; Livingston chooses the <i>ronde vlakte</i> “circular flats” and Dirk Wessels takes the “long flats” [CG]; includes list of witnesses, including Teunis Abrahamse, Frans Hardick, Lambert Janse, Johannes Bensingh [Benson], Jacob Vosburgh, Isak Vosburgh, Frederick Claese van Drenthe, and Jacob Janse van [---][document torn at mid-fold]
8	1685	Land grant to Robert Livingston for the purchase of Tachkanak, signed by Thomas Dongan (1634-1715), colonial governor of New York, at Fort James in New York City, with seal, dated 5 June 1685
9	1685	Accounting document, in Dutch, list of items requested for Tachkanak behind Patkoop with a list of the items actually offered [CG], re: Robert Livingston’s purchase, with map sketch on reverse, dated “Albany 9 July 1685”
10	1685	(2 items) 3 articles on 2 sheets, all in Dutch, dated Tachkanak, 1 August 1685, re: Robert Livingston’s land purchase: Survey return for Tachkanak; Agreement concluded with native owners of Tachkanak, with list of items given in the transaction, signed by Joris Aertsen van den Baast, Johannis Benson, and a “Teunis” who makes his mark; List of the measurements of Tachkanak [CG], with a cover note in English describing survey as the work of Samuel Libia
11	1685	Contract of sale, for the purchase of land at Tachkanak by Robert Livingston from the Indian proprietors, signed, with seals, at Albany, dated 10 August 1685; colonial signatories include Major Gervis Baxter commander of Albany, David Schuyler, Johannes Wendel, William Toller, Gerrit Bancker magistrate of Albany, and Robert Sanders the interpreter; Indian signatories include Tataemshatt, Machwe, Tawihaes, Niehotowaw, Minasees, Tantanenowa (wife of Netipo), and Mamattittawawpe [note variant spellings]

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- 12 1687/8 License granted to Mrs. Alida Livingston of Albany to purchase 400 acres of land behind Tachkanak, upon Roeloff Jansen's kill, for the use of her son Phillip Livingston, made, signed and sealed by governor Thomas Dongan at Albany, dated 1 January 1687/8
- 13 1687/8 (2 items) a Contract of sale and a List of Goods (the latter in Dutch), re: the purchase of land at Tachkanak known as Quisichkook, bought by Robert Livingston from the Indian proprietors, the contract signed at Claverack, dated 17 February 1687/8, by witnesses Johannes Benson and Herbert Jacobszen, and signed with marks and sealed by the Indians Tataemshatt, Manetipo, Nekantakos, Tatapenowa (wife of Manetipo), and Michiel (brother of Tataemshatt) [note variant spellings]; this contract later endorsed by Johannes Wendel and Levinus Van Schaick, aldermen, at Albany, on 2 June 1688, their endorsement being noted on the List of goods, signed by Robert Livingston
- 14 [1689] Extract of a patent for land at Roeloff Janson's Kill, unfinished and unsigned, apparently an early copy or draft, "11 Nov 1689" written at the end of the extract, refers to an agreement dated 10 July 1683, made between Robert Livingston and the Indian proprietors
- 15 1697 Purchase agreement between Indians and Robert Livingston, re: land on Roeloff Jansen's kill, mentions Johannes Dyckman, signed and sealed at Albany by squaws My Lady and Manhagh, dated 7 July 1697, witnessed by Johannes Beeckman and Johannes Livingston, confirmed by Goose the Indian at Albany on 14 August 1697, and with appended note, unsigned, re: a complaint of 19 April 1725 made by Trioas an Indian son of Manhagh regarding the above transaction, the complaint being resolved by Robert Livingston and the sale confirmed in the presence of Justice of the Peace Jacob Vosburgh, Jan Tys Smit, Frederick Proper, and Gouwanan, an Indian
- 16 1712 Conditions by which farm land is leased out by Robert Livingston [CG], unsigned, dated 11 December 1712, in Dutch
- 17 1713 (2 items) a Note, titled "Indians convey gochkomekok and their Rights and Titles to the Mannor of Livingston Bounds," 11 May 1713, with notes on individual Indians; and, the original Conveyance, signed and sealed by 15 Indians, including the sachems Tataemshatt and Wampopoham (alias Michiel), and signed by Jacob Vosburgh, John Conrad Petry and two others, with memorandum affirming the aforesaid sale, dated 21 October 1765 and signed at Albany by Judge Rensselaer Nicoll, clerk Matthew Visscher, and witness John Conrad Petry
- 18 1716 Letter, in Dutch, from Robert Livingston (RL) to Mrs. Rensselaer, dated 31 December 1716, requesting that they meet in a convenient place (because he is so far from the city) in order to examine and exempt the indentures (Palatines?) [CG]

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19	1718	(3 items) Copies [CG], two in Dutch and one in English, of a Memorandum titled "Indians desist their Claim of Land lying near ye north Land of Mannor Livingston", dated 13 May 1718, the original signed by Philip Livingston, Robert Livingston, interpreter Martin Vosburgh, Justice of the Peace Roelof Duytser, and Andries Brussie; the memorandum mentions Willem Enough, tenant Nikus Janse, surveyor John Beatty, and Indians Catharickset, his wife Nanakema, her daughter Mawemeen, her sister Shano, and her brother Kochak
20	1721/2	Land document, titled "Indians Release Waentas's Land", dated "Mannor Livingston 19 February 1721/2," re: land "lying and being at ye South end of Taghkanik hills," the release made, signed and sealed by Nepetaw, Sankewenaghik, and Corlaer (alias Unanachquin) son of Pighketay, witnessed by eight other Indians and five colonists, the Release approved of and signed by Justice of the Peace Jacob Vosburgh, mentions surveyor John Beatty [Waentas also spelled Waitas]
21	1724	Land document, titled "The Indians quitt Claim to Land on ye north Line of Mannor Livingston near Roeloff Jansen's kill", dated "Mannor Livingston 4 May 1724," the Quit Claim made, signed and sealed by Nameset and Potighkamow, and witnessed by interpreter Kekughqua, Notamoss, and Akenimitt, and by Alida Vetch and Geertruyd Bayard, mentions surveyor John Beatty, Hendrick Van Rensselaer, Martin Van Dousse [var. spelled Van Dusen, or Van Deusen], Robert Van Dousse, Robert Teunis Van Dousse, Nikas Janse
22	1724	Land Survey, by James Livingston on warrant from Governor William Burnett, with map sketch in ink and watercolor, titled "A Draft of the Land Granted to Severall Palatine head's in ye Mannor of Livingston", dated 17 October 1724, for land adjoining the Hudson River below Robert's Point, comprising 5,768 acres with an addition of 231 acres, mentions grantees Jacob Scherp, Johannes Herremer, John Coleman, and Christophell Huyendom
23	1766, 1767 (2 items)	2 letters of eviction, from Robert Livingston Jr. to tenant William Bevin, both being contemporary or near contemporary copies drawn up at Livingston's request by Teunis Van Vechten, the originals dated 8 July 1766 and 23 March 1767
24	1767	Deposition made by Peter Van Den Bogart, a farmer of Livingston Manor, signed at Albany on 14 July 1767 and sworn to, before Justice John Ten Eyck, re: the matter of Robert Livingston Jr. v. his tenant William Bevin, mentions Hendrick Rensselaer

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- 25 1782, c. 1784 (2 items) Articles of agreement, made 12 April 1782, between Leonard Conine, tenant farmer of Livingston Manor, and John Laraway, setting terms of one year's rent and labor for Conine's housing of Laraway and his family, witnessed by John A. Fonda and John Bingham; and, c. 1784 Accounting of rent paid by Jonathan Adams to Robert R. Livingston, at Ancram, "for Stephen Johns, for the use of his farm at Oblong," for the period 1782-1784, mentions Mr. Gray, Mr. Van Buren, Capt. Dacker, with "Alford" written at bottom of the page beside a tear, and the name of Robert R. Van Deusen written on the reverse
- 26 1788, 1796 (2 items) Original receipt of 1788 and a 1796 copy, both signed by New York state auditor Peter J. Curtenius, re: collection of Quit Rents, paid by "Robert Livingston Esq. of the Manor" for a period 1765-1787, and received by Robert C. Livingston
- 27 1790 (2 items) Letters, re: a dispute over the rights to Livingston Manor: Letter from Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, at Clermont, to Robert Livingston Esq. of the Manor, dated 2 August 1790; Early Copy of Robert Livingston Esq.'s reply to the Chancellor, dated 2 September 1790
- 28 ND (3 items) Notes, re: the survey and division of Livingston Manor after the death of Col. Robert Livingston, 3rd Lord of the Manor, in 1790: ND Note from Peter Van Schaick to John Livingston, c. 1795-1796, unsigned (possibly an early copy), re: offering recommendations to John Livingston for a defense against claim to lands "near to the Premises in Question," mentions "the Division in 1794"; ND List of Names – James Elliot, Duncan Thompson, John Dings [John Bingham?], John Wigram, John A. Fonda, Judge Woodworth, Teunis Van Vechten, Old Mr. Ten Broeck, Old Mr. Bleeker, John Loomis, Coenradt Clyne, Jacob Cline, William Melius, General Schuyler – with note, in a second hand, re: a land survey by Mr. Wigram; ND Note, unsigned (bottom of the sheet missing), re: apparently deposing Mr. Wigram, surveyor of Livingston Manor and collector of rents, of the details of a survey completed "with a view to accomplish an equal division of the Manor agreeable to the Will of the late Robert Livingston," mentions that 400 farms are contained within the Manor
- 29 1797 Judgment, dated 7 March 1797, affirming prior judgments of the New York State Supreme Court in two cases (the litigants names being partially illegible due to tears to the sheet), possibly "[Jerem]iah Schutt vs. [Jam]es Jackson ex dem: [Ma]ry Livingston" and "[Freder]ick Schutt vs. [James] Jackson ex dem: [Mary] Livingston", an early copy, addresses the State Senate and "the Hon Mr. Chancellor Livingston," mentions Chief Justice Robert Yates and Justices John Sloss Hobart and John Lansing Jr., hearers of the cases, and implies the signature of Bancker, the Clerk of the Court

Series II - Indian Correspondence

[Note - The term "Brother Corlaer," found repeatedly in the following papers, was a form of address used generally by Indian delegations of the New York region during the 17th and 18th centuries towards their counterparts, the colonial governors and commissioners of Indian Affairs. The name comes from Arent Van Curler (1619-1667), a.k.a. Arent Van Corlaer, an early administrator of Rensselaerswyck who befriended the Native Americans and on several occasions successfully mediated between them and the colonists.]

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| 30 | ND | Processing note on envelope, unknown origin, "Papers, Indian Corrs., 1679-1700" |
| 31 | 1679 | Onnondages reply to the Proposition of Colonel William Kendall, Agent of Virginia, in the Court House in Albany, 1 November 1679 [CG], in Dutch, an early copy [20 th c. note, in pencil: "See Col. Hist N.Y., Vol. III, p. 324"] |
| 32 | 1687 | Proposition made by the sachems of Schachtekook, complaining of the killing of their people (now 10 in number) [CG], in Dutch, dated January 1687, unsigned [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. III, Col. Hist N.Y."] |
| 33 | 1687 | (2 items) "Onnondages Soldiers Proposition," made at Albany, 28 June 1687, unsigned (probably an early copy), with reply by the Magistrates of Albany, 29 June 1687, and noting the Onnondagas's response, re: threat of attack by the French from Canada, the Proposition witnessed by D. M[-], Johannes Wendel, Adriaen Gerritsen, Albert Ryckman, Levinus Van Schaick, Hendrick Cuyler [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. III, Col. Hist N.Y."]; and an Account, 29 June 1687, of "ye Presents given by ye onnondages w were weigh'd in ye Court House" and of lead, powder, etc., given back to them |
| 34 | 1687 | Proposals made by the Magnase (Mohawk) sachems in Cachnaquage, 1 July 1687, re: the capture of Johannes Roseboom and his party in jononda by the French and their Indians, written (and translated) by Dirck Wesselsz [CG], in Dutch [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. III, Col. Hist N.Y."] |
| 35 | 1687 | Governor Dongan's proposal to the Mohawk sachems, Albany 10 July 14, 1687, pledging assistance to the Senecas "on this side of ye Lake" against attack by the French, appealing for cooperation among the Five Nations of the Iriquois (Mohawks, Oneidas, Onnondagas, Cayugas and Senecas), expressing concern over the killing by "ye Brethren" of a "gentleman" in Virginia (lest they "make your friends your enemies"), unsigned, possibly a draft or early copy, with a note, re: gifts given to the Mohawks to be delivered to the Senecas [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. III, Col. Hist N.Y."] |

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36	1687	Memorandum of Francis, Lord Howard of Effingham, governor of Virginia, of a fatal skirmish and its aftermath, re: action occurring in Virginia at the head of James River, March 1687, involving a hunting party of Englishmen and Appomattock Indians who were ambushed by 60 or more "Seneca Indians" [Oneida? See folder # 39, below], the memorandum signed and dated 13 July 1687 [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. III, Col. Hist N.Y."]
37	1687	Account of the trading party of Captain Rooseboom to Ottawa in the Fall of 1686, and of their capture and robbing at the hands of the French, from information taken at Albany, 16 July 1687, related by Caristasio and his brother, two Mohawk Indians of Capt. Roseboom's party [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Col. Hist N.Y., Vol. III – this is an interesting account"]
38	1687	Examination of two Mohawk Indians "come from Canada who was in ye Company of Cryn" [Cryn, a.k.a Joseph (Sosé) Togouiroui, called the Great Mohawk, chief of the French Mohawks, d. 1690], taken in Albany by the Mayor and aldermen, 25 August 1687, re: efforts by the Governor of Canada at Montréal, the Jesuits, and Cryn to influence the Mohawks, Oneidas, and Onondagas not to make war with the French [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. III, Col. Hist N.Y."]
39	1687	Proposition made by Oneida sachems to the Mayor and aldermen (the sachems having six prisoners with them), at City Hall in Albany, 3 September 1687, "with a Severe answer" to the sachems "for their wickedness in falling on Virginia People" (referring to Francis, Lord Howard of Effingham, governor of Virginia "who is come to N. Yorke for Satisfaction for ye mischief you have done" [see Memorandum, folder # 36, above]), and also the Indian's reply, on one sheet, signed by Robert Livingston (RL), those present: Mayor Pieter Schuyler, Dirck Wessels, Levinus Van Schaick, Hendrick Cuyler, Albert Ryckman, Adriaen Gerritsen, and [Keman] Jacobszen [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Col. Hist N.Y., Vol. III"]
40	1695	Letter from Johannes Abeel, Mayor of Albany, to Governor Benjamin Fletcher, dated Albany 11 August 1695, unsigned (perhaps a draft), re: Indians of the Five Nations moving towards Canada "for war," mentions the arrival of Captain Sands from Schenectady [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist N.Y."]
41	ND	Processing note on envelope, unknown origin, "Indian Corrs., 1700-1723"
42	1700	Propositions of three Onondaga messengers, made before and recorded by Robert Livingston at Albany, 11 June 1700, showing payment [given by Livingston] and his reply, re: a party of Seneca sachems "gone to Canada to speak there," a visiting delegation of Waganhae (Ottawa) sachems, and a request for more powder [20 th c. note, in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist N.Y."]

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43	1700	Propositions made by Sachems of Cagnawaga / Kahnawake [Quebec Mohawk] to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Albany, Robert Livingston, 28 January 1700, with reply, a draft (“This is corrected & transcribed”) [20 th c. note, in pencil: “original draft {Compare “Colonial History of New York”, Vol. IV p. 692, for the “corrected” copy.}”]
44	1700	(3 items) Indian Propositions to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Albany, Robert Livingston, et al., being two drafts dated 30 June 1700 and one dated 3 July 1700 (with the Commissioners reply), re: relations between the Five Nations, the French government of Canada, and various Canadian tribes, including the Dowaganhaes [the Iriquois name for the Ottawa (and possibly also the Chippewa or Ojibwa), alternately spelled Dowanganhaes, Dowaganhas, or Waganhaes]; the drafts mention colonial administrators Peter Schuyler, Peter Van Brugh, Jan Janse Bleecker, Johannes Schuyler, David Schuyler, Johannes Rooseboom, Evert Wendell, Wessell Ten Broeck, and Thomas Williams, and various Indian sachems [each draft with 20 th c. note, in pencil, referring to the <i>Colonial History of New York, Vol. IV</i> : 1. “See p.693 ... a first draft;” 2. “p. 693 ... the corrected draft;” 3. “the original draft ... p. 695”]
45	1700	Unsigned document, titled “Our answer to the Praying Indians (of Canada) and their Reply,” Albany, 3 July 1700 [20 th c. note, in pencil: “original draft, Col. Hist. N. Y., IV, p. 692”]
46	1700	Minutes of a Conference between the Earl of Bellomont and four Indian sachems - Kanogari and Orachqui of the Senecas, and Aquiendero alias Sadskanakti and Kashewagyiris of the Onondagas, Albany, 19 August 1700 [20 th c. note, in pencil: “not in Col. Hist, Vol. IV”], mentions witnesses Peter Schuyler, Abraham de Peyster, Jan Janse Bleecker, Ryer Schermerhorn, and Hendrick Hanse
47	1700	(3 items) Accounts of conferences between the Earl of Bellomont and sachems of the Five Nations, at Albany: a copy in Dutch dated 26 August 1700, an English translation of the same date, and an English version of the conference dated 28 August 1700, all re: conversion of the Indians to Christianity, noting the attempts of the Jesuits of French Canada to “deceive and seduce” the Indians from obedience to the King of England, and promising the delivery of Protestant ministers to preach among the Indians in their own language; the Dutch copy contains extensive lists of the colonial witnesses and of the sachems by tribe [CG] [20 th c. remarks in pencil note that the English translation of the 26 August conference appears on pages 727-8 of the <i>Colonial History of New York, Vol. IV</i> , and that the 28 August conference appears on page 732]

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48	1700	Propositions made by six chiefs of the Magnase (Mohawk) Protestant Indians to Richard, the Earl of Bellomont, at Albany, 26 August 1700, with the Earl's reply, re: Christian instruction of the Indians, mentions Mr. Freeman [20 th c. note in pencil: see Col. Hist. N.Y. Vol. IV, p. 727]
49	1700	Proposal of Henry of the Magnase (Mohawks) to the Earl of Bellomont, at Albany, 31 August 1700, offering beaver skins and praying "that ye Great King of England may protect us from any harm that may befall us" [20 th c. note in pencil: Col. Hist. N.Y. Vol. IV, p. 743]
50	1701	"True copy of Peter Schuyler & Robert Livingston in answer upon ye Commissionsers Memoriall", 4 April 1701, re: a message delivered 29 March 1701 to the President and members of His Majesty's council for the Province of New York, following the death of Richard, Earl of Bellomont [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
51	1702	Journal of a trip to Canada and back, made by David Schuyler, Wessel Ten Broeck, and Jean Rosie [Johannes Roseboom?], 5 September 1702 [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
52	1702	(2 items) Two documents, re: French Jesuit Priests from Canada found in Onondaga country: the Journal of John Baptist van Eps and Laurence Claese of their trip to Onondaga on behalf of Colonel Peter Schuyler, and, a Message from the Sachems of the Onondaga, both dated Albany, 8 November 1702
53	1702	An early copy of a letter to Lord Cornbury, from Robert Livingston, re: the preceding items (see folder # 52), indicating that John van Eps is returning to Onondaga, with a belt of wampum and a message that his Lordship "will not approve of [the Onondaga's] Receiving Jesuits into their Country" [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
54	1703	Proposals to the Five Nations, Albany, 1703, in Dutch, re: replies to proposals made by the Indians the previous day: Peace has been made between England and France, so the Five Nations should no longer kill the French; the Jesuits are deceitful, not to be believed; Mohawks request news about events in Europe [CG] [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
55	1703	Account, taken from 3 sachems of Schaahkook [Schachtekook], at Albany, 26 June 1703, re: the killing of a frenchman at Quachkeek near Pennekook by "some English," and of the scalping of an englishman and the taking of 3 prisoners by "3 french & 2 Indians from Canada," the document witnessed by Peter Schuyler, Dirck Wessels, Evert Bancker, and Albert Ryckman, with accounting of presents [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]

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56	1703	Propositions and replies, between sachems of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga and Cayuga, and the Commissioners at Albany, made the 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th and 29 th July 1703, all on one sheet, re: comments made by the Jesuits to the Indians concerning the intentions of the English Crown, the Commissioners insisting on the falsehood of such reports, and also a Mohawk request for assistance in building a fort at Tionnonderoga [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
57	1703	"Examination of an Indian called Cayingquiragoe, come here from Canada", Albany, 29 September 1703, re: French scouts "on ye River of Chamly" [Lake Champlain?], Canada Indians prepared for war against New England, Ottowawa Indians at Montréal, and the Governor of Canada on a mission to Québec [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
58	1703	Propositions made by Brant and one other Mohawk sachem, Albany, 26 October 1703, giving account of how the French and their Indian allies "persuaded ye Indians of two Castles of Onnagongwee" [Onondaga?] to fight with them against New Englanders, resulting in the killing of 180 of the latter [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
59	1704	Intelligence from Onondaga, re: talks with Canada, together with the draft of a complaint by Robert Livingston against Philip Phillipse of Schenectady, for debts unpaid, all one sheet [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. IV, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
60	1705	Warrant, from Queen Anne, 12 December 1705, authorising payment by high treasurer Sidney Lord Godolphin to Robert Livingston, for his assistance to two companies of foot at New York, those of Captain James Weems and Colonel Ingoldsby, the warrant addressed to Richard Earl of Ranelagh and entered by William Blaithwayt, an early copy, signed as received by Livingston (initials)
61	1707	Complaint of abuses in New England, by Henry and by Brant Jacob, Mohawk Indians, made to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany, 9 May 1707, signed by Philip Livingston, Deputy Secretary [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
62	1708	News from the sachems at Onondaga relayed by Laurence Claese the interpreter, re: the French building of two forts for garrisons to be posted at Sweegasie and Oghjagre on hunting territory of the Five Nations, of the colonial government's late neglect of its covenant with the Five Nations, of attempts by the French to gain favor among the Onondaga, of Oneidas gone to visit Canada, of Canadian Indians hunting on the grounds of the Five Nations, threats of war against New England, etc. [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
63	1709	Translation of a report from Onondaga, a copy sent to Lord Cornbury, March 1709, relating difficulties in the affairs of the Five Nations, the colonial government, Canada and Canadian Indians, mentions Indian sachems by name [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y."]

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64	1704	“Information given by Laurence Claese, interpreter, relating affairs at Onondaga,” at Albany, 2 June 1704, and “Propositions given by two sachems of Mohogs (Mohawk) Castle,” at Albany, 3 June 1704, both on one sheet; Claese reports of a visit to the Onondaga by a Monsieur Longuel from Canada, and of what Longuel is telling them; the Mohawk sachems inform the Albany government of exchanged visits between their people and the Cagnawages (Kahnawake) of Canada, and relate Colonel Schuyler’s reply [The dating of this letter may be questioned – it was previously thought to be “1709”; 20 th c. note in pencil: “not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y.”]
65	1709	(3 items) Three letters, unsigned, being early copies: Two letters from Colonel Peter Schuyler, at Albany, to William Whiting of Westfield, MA, 7 June 1709, re: intelligence of threats to New England made by the governor of Montréal, and requesting that New Englanders refrain from encouraging deserters from the garrison at Albany; also, a letter addressed “May it please your Excellency,” re: messengers from William Whiting of Westfield, and of a reply to Whiting that there is “no certainty of a settlement - but that ... if a settlement be made it must be upon a River called Quaasick which runs towards New England” [20 th c. note in pencil: “not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y.”]
66	1709	Proposition made by Toquajnoui [sp?] at Albany, 10 June 1709, with answer, and a resolution made at Albany, 20 June 1709, all on one sheet: Toquajnoui requests that his relations, who have been scattered by divisions within the “praying Indians of Canawage Castle in Canada” created by “this war,” be permitted to settle with him, and his request is accepted; and the commissioners of Indian Affairs and Albany aldermen resolve that a Christian be sent out with these Indians as a scout [20 th c. note in pencil: “not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y.”]
67	1709	“Information given by Captain Johannes Bratt & Elbert Harmense who were sent out Skouts with 7 Indians towards ye Lake, now come home,” Albany, 23 June 1709, with “Proposition made by Wallaglawit a Sachem of ye Shaahkook Indians,” et al., Albany, 24 June 1709, and Answer, also, “Instructions for Hendrick Vroman [or Vrooman] and Cornelis Hendrickse with 2 Indians,” 24 June 1709, all on one sheet: the scouts’s account seemingly a fragment of a mission to Saratoga and beyond; Wallaglawit’s proposition: “Father Corlaer – It is many years a-gone when we were a great nation and of great number. Then we called one [an]other Brethren, but since we are become a few people we call you father and therefore Truly Resolved to live and die with you ...” re: the difficulties of his people in finding beaver to hunt and land to plant corn, answered sympathetically; Vroman and Hendrickse instructed to march north, beyond Saratoga, to “Lake St. Sacrament,” to spy on “enemy” and return to Schenectady [20 th c. note in pencil: “not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y.”]
68	1709	Draft of a cover letter, from Colonel Schuyler, at Albany, to Lord Cornbury, at New York, 19 August 1709, unsigned, re: enclosing an account of the Colonel’s journey to the Four Nations, requesting payment for costs of the same and for provisions [20 th c. note in pencil: “not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y.”]

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69	1711	“Proposals made by the Sachems of the Five Nations to his Excellency Robert Hunter, Captain General & Governor in Chief, etc.,” Albany, 26 August 1711, re: giving thanks for materials with which to build forts, and requesting that Robert Livingston’s salary be paid, includes list of witnesses and interpreters and gives definitions: “Brother Corlaer – the Indian name of the Governors of New York; Annadagarriax – the Indian name of Lieut. General Fr. Nicholson” [20 th c. note in pencil: “not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y.”]
70	1713	Letter, from Governor Robert Hunter, at New York, to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, at Albany, 8 May 1713, re: the redemption of an Indian of the Five Nations captured among the Tuscaroras of North Carolina, with instructions to the Commissioners to restrain the Five Nations from joining with the Tuscaroras at war with the Carolinians, “her Majesty’s subjects” [20 th c. note in pencil: “not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y.”]
71	1713	Propositions made by Blew Bek, chief of the Senecas, and Dekanissore [a.k.a, Decanesora / Teganissorens], chief of the Onondaga, et al., to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany, 2 and 3 June 1713, with replies, on 4 separate sheets [extensive, and barely legible], re: diverse topics, including matters of war, relations with the colonial government, problems with “strong Drink,” mentions the Tuscarora and Catawba (“Flathead”) tribes of the Carolinas, and the Dowaganhaes (Ottawa) of Canada; Dekanissore indicates he is inclined to resign as Sachem
72	1722	“Answer made by the Five Nations of Indians, viz. the Magnase, Oneydes, Onnondages, Cayouges & Sinnekes, to his Excellency William Burnet, Esq., Capt. Generall and Govern. In Chief of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Territories thereon Depending and vice admirall of the same,” Albany, 1 st and 4 th September 1722, “interpreted by Laurence Claese in Dutch and rendered into English by Robert Livingston” (those present: William Burnet, Rip van Dam, John Barbarie, Dr. Cadwallader Colden, James Alexander, Col. Lewis Morris Jr., Peter van Brugh, Johannes Cuyler, Evert Bancker, Philip Livingston, Johannes Wendell), on 5 pages sewn together, re: promises made not to correspond with the French of Canada, encouragement of “the farr Indians” to come trade at Albany, the Governor’s orders “not to go a-fighting towards Virginia,” communications with the Governor, a resolution to discourage and not to join warring French Indians, a rejection of overtures by the Tuscarora to make war on the Todorighgroones [of Virginia], a conference between sachems (including Blewbeck of the Seneca) and the Governor of Canada, war with the Flatheads, loyalty to the English, mentions presence of Governor Alexander Spotswood of Virginia and Governor William Keith of Pennsylvania [20 th c. note in pencil: “in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y., p. 658-666”]

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73	1723	Letter, from the Comissioners of Indian Affairs, at Albany, to Governor William Burnet, 29 October 1723, an early copy, the original signed by Henry Holland, Johannes Cuyler, Evert Bancker, Philip Livingston, John Collins, Johannes Bleecker, Evert Wendell (Cornelis Cuyler absent), re: expressing strong concerns for the safety of Albany in light of recent attacks by Indians from Canada at Northfield, near Rutland, in their war with New England, blaming the actions of Colonel John Schuyler for the Colony's peril, noting also that the "Far Indians" will not trade with the Colony in time of war, mentions a mission by Philip Schuyler and John Groesbeek to Canada to redeem captives [20 th c. note in pencil: "not in Vol. V, Col. Hist. N.Y."]
74	1725	Agreement made with Paulus Dik concerning land in Livingston Manor sold by Robert Livingston in 1710, dated 1 July 1725, in Dutch [CG]
75	ND	Processing note on envelope, unknown origin, "Miscellaneous 1753-1800"
76	1753	Proclamation, given by Governor George Clinton of the Province of New York, ordering the arrests of inhabitants of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire – Josiah Loomis, William Webb, John Hallenbeck (son of Michael Hallenbeck), Joseph Arcourt, Jonathan Younglove, David Picksley, et al. – for encroachments upon lands in Albany and Dutchess counties in the Province of New York and the abduction of Robert Vanduersen and his son, Johannes Vanduersen, from Livingston Manor on 19 July 1753, printed matter
77	1792	Copy of a Land Deed by which "the Insurgents first founded their claims," the original signed on 15 March 1757, conveying land from two Indian proprietors – Benjamin Kaukewenuhonaunt, sachem, and Mankuarent [var. spelling], hunter, both of Stockbridge, Hampshire county, Massachusetts Bay province - to John Hallenbeck, William Hallenbeck, et al., 81 purchasers listed in all (compare names with those in the above Proclamation, Livingston Papers, folder # 76), the land said to lie within Hampshire county, nine witnesses listed, approved by Justice Timothy Woodbridge, recorded on 7 April 1762, and the copy made by Caleb Hyde Jr., dated at Lenox, 17 September 1792

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