

Since this last Instruction may prove the hardest part
of your Negotiation, & that the Northern Indians may
perhaps be unwilling to condescend to it from some
injuries done by our Neighbours to them unknown to
you are (in case they stick much ~~at~~ that Article) to
enquire of the true causes of their quarrel, & to make
the Iroquois & other Indians Satisfaction in the name
of the Rasetawages, though were our selves be at
the charge of it, so to settle our own peace, nothing
being so prejudicial to us as a war, nothing more
to the decreasing of his Ma^{ties} Customs then such
distractions as take the people from planting ~

For the rest of the Articles of the peace they must be
left most to your own discretion, depending upon the
information you shall receive in your Voyage of the state
of Affairs. if you finde they aime at a trade with us, you
must informe your selfe of what Articles are made by
his Ma^{ties} Subjects, & by them self others for our trade & way of
trading, if no trade be aimed at there will be little
more to insert but the common termes of inviolable
peace & amity between them the Lord Proprietarys
of this Province & all his Ma^{ties} Subjects in these parts
as well in Virginia as in Maryland, for if we include
not them, we shall suffer as much in their passage
through our Country as in our reputation for having
abandoned our brethren & fellow Subjects ~

You are to Informe your selfe what presents are
usually made by the Govern^r of New York to the
Indians in like occasions, & to make the like in the
name of his Lordsh^{ps}, as also to make a present of one
hundred pounds sterling to the Govern^r of New York
at a token of his Lordsh^{ps} thankfulness for his care &
kindnesse shewn to this Province ~

(You