

# Inventory of correspondence and other documents in the Samuel Kirkland Papers

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## **The Correspondence of Samuel Kirkland, 1765-1793**

*An Indexed Calendar and Senior Project*, by James T. Freeman

**Call # HAM COLL HE K62C6 1979, v.1**

### **1765**

1a. Joseph Wooley to SK

Feb. 11, 1765

Onohoquarage

(a)

Desirous of more supplies. Mentions Peter's trip to New England.

1b. SK to "Commanding Officier"

Feb., 1765

Kaunandawageah

(d<sup>1</sup>)

Gives advice to officier as the intermediary in Seneca prisoner negotiations.

1c. Occom to Rev. Mr. Whitefield

May 4, 1765

Lebanon

(b) oversize

An account of local Indian affairs? (illegible)

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

1d. Copy of two letters from David Fowler to Wheelock

June 15, 1765

Oneida

(i) oversize

Founded scholastic and singing schools. Living is hard/uncivilized. SK well; teaching children to read.

June 24, 1765

Oneida

(i) oversized

Is well and content. Pupils progressing nicely. Encouraging agriculture. Received letter from SK; SK had a tiring journey.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

1e. Copy of two letters from Joseph Wooley to Wheelock

July 16, 1765

Johnson Hall

(i) oversized

Living with Mohawks. Misses Smith and Chamberlain have not arrived. Indians ravaged by smallpox. In poor health. David Fowler alive and well.

July, 1765

Johnson Hall

(i) oversized

Desires the conversion of the Indians to Christianity. Plans to stay till next spring; wants more assistance. Smith and Chamberlain have not arrived.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

1f. Copy of two letters to Wheelock

Isaac Dakayenerser, Adam Waoonwanoron to Wheelock

July 31, 1765

Lake Utsage

(i) oversized

Request for information regarding tools for Husbandry that have not been received. Refusal to sell land.

Titus Smith to Wheelock

August 3, 1765

Lake Utsage

(i) oversized

Explanation of the perhaps unexpected request of Isaac and Adam for the tools of husbandry and instructors. The Indians are eager to learn Husbandry. The Indian school is a success.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

## **1766**

2a. Jelles Fonda to SK

Cashnewago

Jan. 18, 1766

(a, e)

Asks that K send the Indians to him for trading purposes.

2b. SK to Sir William Johnson

Feb. 21, 1766

Kaunandawageah

(d, i [was d<sup>2</sup>])

Has received permission from the Senecas to dwell among them. Mentions a few of the problems that he faces as a missionary.

2c. David Avery to SK

Aug. 2, 1766

Lebanon

(a,e)

Exalts K's mission. Mentions his own poor health and depression and the trials of Miss Bette. Tells of smallpox infection in Norwich.

2d. John Kirkland to SK

Sept. 3, 1766

Norwich

(a,e)

Hopes to visit soon. Mr. Kinne to become preacher at Norwich.

2e. Henry Van Schaak to SK

Dec. 1, 1767

Detroit

(a,e)

Discusses financial matters.

2f. Wheelock to SK

June 19, 1766

(a)

SK appointed as a missionary by the Connecticut Board of Correspondents.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

### **1767**

2g. Wheelock to Rob Keen

May 21, 1767

(a) oversize

Received Keen's letter. Discusses personal and school-related money concerns; funding a building for SK.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

### **1768**

2h. From Onohogwage to Good Peter

Feb. 20, 1768

Booklet

Iroquois Letters

3a. Eleazer Wheelock to SK

Nov. 21, 1768

Lebanon

(a,e)

Relates news of More's Charity School. Communicates a note from Mr. Rodgers. SK to be paid by agency in Edinburgh.

3b From Samuel Kirkland

Aug. 22, 1768

(d, f)

Copy of an apparently contemporary extract, headed "Extract of a Letter of Mr. Sam Kirtland now at Boston, dated 22 Aug. 1768"; the original is at the University of Tubingen. Kirkland discusses the hardships he encountered his first years with the Indians, when he tried to live among them and work alongside them, and his realization that they would only respect him and his mission when he stopped doing manual labor.

### **1769**

4a. Account of Expenses

Nov. 6, 1769

(a, e)  
SK's expenses for 1769.

4b. Joseph Kirkland to SK  
Feb. 1, 1769  
(a,e)  
Norwich  
Family and business news.

4c. SK to Eleazer Wheelock  
Dec. 20, 1769  
German Flats  
(d,f<sup>3</sup>)  
Returning to Oneida with recent bride. Discusses W/K conflict. News of the Oneida Nation.

### **1770**

5a. Rev. C.J. Smith to SK  
Jan. 17, 1770  
Virginia  
(a,e,e)  
Invites SK to Virginia. Mentions S's illness and SK's conflict with Wheelock.

6a. SK to Eleazer Wheelock  
Feb. 2, 1770  
Ft. Stanwix  
(a)  
Give account of Oneida; Jerusha's acceptance and the Indians' enthusiasm. Discusses particulars of W/K conflict. Mentions issue of his salary.

7a. Phineas Dodge to SK  
March 7, 1770  
Windham  
(a,e)  
Domestic news. Reports news of unrest in colonies, including occurrence of the "Boston Massacre".

8a. SK to David McClure  
April 24, 1770  
Kanonwarohare  
(b)  
Sends greetings, discusses Devil's power. K/W conflict mentioned. Hopes to visit in the summer. Is suffering from a back problem and stiff fingers.

8b. SK to Eleazer Wheelock  
April 25, 1770  
Kanonwarohare  
(a)  
Hopes to administer the sacrament to the Indians in May. Reports of dissatisfaction to be overlooked: "My enemies increase with my friends." The gentleman who might be circulating these reports was very poorly behaved upon his trip to Oneida. Returning some bills of exchange.

9a. John Thornton to SK

April 27, 1770

London

(a,e)

Offers advice on Wheelock/K conflict. Offers to loan SK money.

9b. William Shippen to Edward Shippen

Aug. 9, 1770

Philadelphia

(d<sup>4</sup>)

Mentions SK's travelling to Albany with GW (presumably George Whitefield).

9c. Phineas Dodge to SK

Aug. 28, 1770

Windham

(c)

Discusses circumstances of the death of C. Jeffer. Smith. Reports further unrest in the colonies.

10a. Ebenezer Mosely to SK

Sept. 3, 1770

Onohakwage

(a, e)

Congratulates K on successful mission; his "own situation is very lonesome and desolate". Discusses the plans for building a new church.

11a. SK to Andrew Oliver

Oct. 4, 1770

Boston

(b, b, e, h<sup>5</sup>)

Application to the LBCB for financial support.

11b. Proceedings of the LBCB

Oct. 4, 1770

Boston

(i)

Salary to be paid to SK. Deacon Thomas also to be supported by LBCB.

11c. Andrew Oliver to Andrew Elliot

(?)

(h<sup>6</sup>)

Church news. Discusses Wheelock's Narrative. Thinks that it is unfair to SK.

11d. SK to Eleazer Wheelock

Oct. 9, 1770

Windham

(b)

W's removal (to Hanover) and Whitefield's death "disconcerting". Discusses the expenses incurred in the Oneida mission. Going under the jurisdiction of the LBCB.

11e. Rev. Jacob Johnson to SK



Oct. 26, 1770

Groton

(a)

Mentions Whitefield's death. Greetings to the Oneidas from the Mohigans. Also mentions K/Wheelock disagreement.

11f. SK to John Thornton

Oct. 31, 1770

Kanonwarohare

(i)

Account of SK's expenses for 2 years. House, Household furniture, farming implements, Doctor's bills and other miscellaneous. Also mentions donations. Justifies expenses of furniture as the minimum "necessary for keeping house at such a distance from the White inhabitants" and those of the farming implements because they were "used by the whole town".

12a. Account of Expenses

Nov. 6, 1770

(i)

Date on document probably wrong. Expenses for inoculations, farming utensils and SK's salary.

12b. SK to Andrew Oliver

Nov. 12, 1770

Oneida

(b)

Returned to Oneida on Oct. 29th. Preached on November 4<sup>th</sup> and stayed up until midnight telling the headmen about his recent journey. Talks of erecting a sawmill and a meeting house at Oneida. Relays a speech from the Indians to the Board. The Indians were pleased that they are to get a new meeting house. Do not think that K wastes "Jesus Christ's money". Thank Rev. Pemberton for his advice. The school is well.

12c. Proceedings of the Harvard College Corporation

Nov. 13, 1770

(f,h<sup>7</sup>)

Decision of LBCB to support SK released. (See 11b) Decided to pay SK and Deacon Thomas out of the Williams Fund.

12d. David Avery to SK

Nov. 26, 1770

Beaver Dam

(a)

On the way from western to eastern Long Island. Preached at Beaver Dam and many other places, has visited several sickbeds. Having considerable success: "several of both colors have appeared to be affected". A. does not believe that his health is strong enough for a trip to Oneida in the coming winter.

13a. Dr. Joseph Huntington Jr. to SK

Dec. 28, 1770

Windham

(a)

Travelling to Worthington, near North Hampton... has lately received a letter from Dr. Wheelock: "perhaps you and he don't think alike".

13b. A speech of the Oneida Indians to John, the Earl of Dunmore  
Dec. 31, 1770

(i)

Translated by SK. Welcomes J to New York. Requests a blacksmith to make guns, axes and farm implements. This had been denied by Sir William Johnson.

**1771**

14a. SK to Levi Hart

Jan. 17, 1771

Oneida

(a,e)

News of the mission. "Oneida Indians from seven different villages attend now upon my ministry", on "Communion day between three and four hundred". Hopes to take a preaching tour in the South; to administer to "heathen" whites. Also quote 3 successful Indian converts. (with supplement)

15a. SK to John Thornton

Feb. 6, 1771

(b,e)

Oneida

Working very hard, but in good health. Relates details of Wheelock/K conflict.

16a. SK to Ebenezer Pemberton

March 25, 1771

Kanonwarohare

(b,d<sup>8</sup>)

Received news of Andrew Oliver's resignation as secretary of LBCB. The Indians have met and agreed to begin cutting lumber for sawmill and meeting house. Relays speech of the Indians desiring that the Board support these Projects.

17a. Jasper Manduit to Samuel Locke

April 29, 1771

Hickney

(f,h<sup>9</sup>)

SK's resolution from Harvard Corporation presented to the New England Company and approved. The income of the Williams Fund has increased; SK's salary will be borne by the increased income.

18a. SK to Ebenezer Pemberton

June 1, 1771

Kanonwarohare

(b,d,d<sup>10</sup>)

The Oneida and Kanadesko schools are flourishing. Would like to hear from the Board concerning a meeting house.

19a. SK to John Thornton

June 4, 1771

Kanonwarohare

(b)

Thanks T. for advice. Discusses Wheelock/K conflict. Relates circumstances of patronage of LBCB.

19b. SK to John Rodgers

June 4, 1771

Oneida

(b)

Thanks R for letters and gift of linen. Relates the story of the meeting house request. Tells details of Wheelock/K conflict and SK's subsequent attachment to the Boston Board.

19c. SK to Ebenezer Backus

June 12, 1771  
Mohawk River

(b)  
Dodge's health is bad, although position in a neighboring village has recently opened up.

19d. Phineas Dodge to SK  
June 14, 1771  
Schenectady

(a, e)  
Arrived safely at Wallrod's. Illness as bad as ever.

20a. Levi Frisbie to SK  
Dartmouth College  
August 8, 1771

(a)  
Speaks of SK's mission in glowing terms: "I always like something sentimental". Speaks of Dartmouth, includes gossip.

20b . David Avery to SK  
August 13, 1771

(a)  
New Hampshire  
En route from Long Island to Hanover, will see Wheelock. Would like to visit Virginia, health permitting. Talk in Boston of Wheelock/Kirkland conflict.

20c. Phineas Dodge to SK  
Aug. 19, 1771  
Windham

(a, e)  
Family and church news. Bad reports circulating about Oneida mission.

20d. Samuel Johnson to SK  
Aug. 19, 1771  
Stockbridge

(a)  
Made it home from Oneida although J "just escaped being killed by the kick of (his) horse". Family news. Woodard and Hopkins circulating reports about SK finances. "The Doctor's hearty consort" is currently the object of Woodard's attentions.

20e. Sir John Johnson to SK  
Aug. 22, 1771  
Johnson Hall

(k<sup>11</sup>)  
Demands explanation of reference in Kirkland Journals.

20f. SK to John Rodgers  
Aug. 22, 1771  
Kanonwarohare

(b)  
Copy of petition to LBCB enclosed. Indians anxious for news concerning the meeting house. Quotes from a Jesuit priest's Message to the Oneidas. Sir William has been asked to remove other priest.

20g. David Avery to SK

Aug. 30, 1771

Dartmouth College

(a)

Commencement at Dartmouth was on the previous day. Degrees were not conferred, as a quorum of trustees was not present. A. will spend the winter at Oneida although in poor health.

20h. John Johnson to SK

August 22, 1771

Johnson Hall

(a) oversize

Request for details and explanation of a journal SK purportedly sent to Boston.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

21a. Eleazer Wheelock to SK

Sept. 2, 1771

Hanover

(a)

Sending Avery to Oneida with the highest recommendations. Dartmouth news.

21b. Joseph Brant to SK

Sept. 2, 1771

Canajoharie

(a)

Written in Iroquois.

21c. James Shuter to SK

Sept. 9, 1771

Schenectady

(a)

Received SK letter. Church is now complete.

21d. Phineas Dodge to SK

Sept. 10, 1771

Windham

(a,e)

Rumours again circulating in Boston concerning the Oneida mission. A visit would be in order. Glad to hear of Avery's going to Oneida. Sorry about mission troubles and Thomas's loss of faith.

21e. Ebenezer Backus to SK

Sept. 12, 1771

Windham

(a)

Requests advice on the sale of a K horse that is poorly behaved in a "garage".

21f. Joshua Willes to SK

Sept. 12, 1771

Norwich

(a)

News and greetings.

21g. Account of Expenses

Kanonwarohare

Sept. 16, 1771

(c<sup>12</sup>)

Extraordinary expenses of SK, October 1770-October 1771. For Provisions, clothing, farming utensils, medicines, and school support. Justifies these expenses as minimal and necessary.

21h. Dr. J. Huntington Jr. to SK

Sept. 16, 1771

Worthington

(a)

Currently moving to Worthington.

21i. Jonathon Huntington to SK

Sept. 16, 1771

Windham

(a)

Domestic news and greetings.

21j. David Avery to SK

Sept. 25, 1771

Canajoharie

(a)

Sorry to have missed SK on his trip to New England. Mr. Dean, accompanying A., plans to collect Indians for Dartmouth and return to there.

21k . Nathaniel Whittaker to Eleazer Wheelock

Sept. 28, 1771

Salem

(d<sup>13</sup>)

SK to be in area soon. Discusses SK's finances. Wants to "give the world a narrative of that affair...his conduct is very displeasing"

21l. Ebenzer Moseley to SK

Sept. 29, 1771

Onohaghkwage

(a)

Recently visited New England, saw Wheelock at Dartmouth. To leave his mission in the spring.

22a. Eleazer Wheelock to Jerusha Kirkland

Oct. 28 , 1771

Hanover

(a)

SK'S visit to Dartmouth was very satisfying. Sends greetings.

22b . Articles of Agreement between Mr. Kirkland and myself

Oct. 30, 1771

(b,d, f<sup>14</sup>)

Attributes this late misunderstanding to the work of Satan. Recognizes that SK'S commitment to the LBCB now more important than his other (earthly) commitments. SK did suffer for supplies under W's patronage,

although this was not because of willful neglect on W's part. SK has not personally benefitted from any patronage, but has put it all into his mission work and the support of his family. SK has also been supportive of Dartmouth. W "never himself accused K with extravagance". W + SK agree not to believe reports injurious of the other until the injured party can be questioned on the issue.

22c. Account of Expenses

Oct. 31, 1771

(a)

Expenses for currency exchange losses, inoculations and farming utensils. Receipts: donations from John Thornton.

23a. SK to Eleazer: Wheelock

Nov. 18, 1771

Oneida

(b,b)

Arrived home safely. Informed Closs and Butler of his plans to educate the "Youth of any denomination" on his return trip. Avery" appears to be engaged at heart for the Cause of God".

23b . SK to Jonathon Mason

Nov. 18, 1771

Oneida

(b)

Returned home safely. Wheelock/K conflict resolved; articles of agreement enclosed.

23c. SK to John Thornton

Nov. 18, 1771

Oneida

(b)

Returned home safely after journey of 1200 miles. Wheelock/SK conflict resolved, Whittaker and Woodard "correct their mistakes". Avery's "health and constitution are not equal to an Indian Mission", although his intentions are pure.

23d. SK to John Thornton

Nov. 18, 1771

Oneida

(b)

Encompasses much of #23c. Discusses meeting with Wheelock, resolution of Wheelock/SK conflict. Unfinished.

23e. SK to James Dole

Nov. 19, 1771

Oneida

(b)

Financial transactions.

23f. SK to Andrew Elliot

Nov . 19, 1771

Oneida

(b)

Returned from New England. Wheelock/SK conflict resolved. Stopped at Johnson Hall on return, left

answer to questions of Sir John Johnson (see #20e). Thinks that Johnson's questions are unjustified. Apprehensive of Crosby as a missionary, as he does not speak the Indian language.

24a. SK to Ebenezer Moseley

Dec. 16, 1771

Kanonwarohare

(b)

Regrets to hear that M is leaving his mission. Discusses Crosby's language problems. LBCB disapproves of Sir John Johnson's hand in ordinations. Hopes to go to Albany in January.

## **1772**

25a. SK to Eleazer Wheelock

Jan. 20, 1772

Stockbridge

(d,d,d,f<sup>15</sup>)

On the way to New England with family. Commotion caused by enemy tribes forbids productive religious work at present. Avery, interpreter, and Tuscarora boy to be at Dartmouth soon.

25b. Jay Dole to SK

January 15, 1772

Albany

(a)

Bill for goods.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

26a. Speeches of SK and the Oneida Indians

Feb./March, 1772

Kanonwarohare

(i)

Feb. 24: SK's speech to the Indians. Discusses Avery, Wheelock's request for students.

March 3: Tagawaron answers in the name of the Chiefs. Students removed from Dartmouth because it was thought to be too far away, and the children derive enough benefit from the Oneida School. Do not plan to send any more students in the future.

26b. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Feb. 11, 1772

Windham

(a, e)

Had a "comfortable journey except a bad cold." Sending furs for JK to sell.

26c. John Thornton to SK

Feb. 19, 1772

Clapham

(a)

Received SK's letters and the Articles of Agreement. Pleased that the Wheelock/SK conflict is resolved. Believes that SK should strive to regulate his work load. Offers SK financial assistance. Thinks that Wheelock lost face in the conflict.

26d. Levi Frisbie to SK

Feb. 26, 1772



Dartmouth College

(a)

Admiring of SK, wishes that he could dedicate his life to missionary work like SK.

26e. Eleazer Wheelock to SK

Feb. 26, 1772

Dartmouth College

(a)

Asks about the possibilities of Matthews and Abraham becoming Tuscarora schoolmasters.

27a. David Avery to Jerusha Kirkland

March 16, 1772

Schenectady

(a)

Expects to soon return to Oneida. Relates speech of Indians to Wheelock.

28a. Andrew Elliot to SK

April 9, 1772

Boston

(a)

After reading the Articles of Agreement with Wheelock, the Board has decided "that it would have been as well if you had not seen him". The LBCB should be informed of future transactions with Wheelock. Dispute with Sir William Johnson should be straightened out. The Board is taking care to prevent the publishing of the portions of Kirkland's journals referring to Johnson. Crosby to be assisted.

29a. Ralph Wheelock to SK

May 7, 1772

Norwich

(a)

Family and Dartmouth news. Expects to spend the Summer at Hartford and Hebron under the care of Dr. Huntington.

29b. Andrew Elliot to SK

May 25, 1772

Boston

(a)

Quotes from a letter from Dr. Erskine to Dr. Chauncey. Is favorable to SK. E. warns SK of being "used cruelly by those who pretend to be your friends". Wheelock has procured 3 Stockbridges for Dartmouth.

30a. John Sargeant to SK

June 9, 1772

Stockbridge

(a)

Understands that the Indian troubles are likely to subside soon.

30b. SK to Eleazer Wheelock

June 18, 1772

Kanonwarohare

(a)

(Never sent) Unhappy that conflict continues with W. Discusses the basis for dispute.

30c. SK to Samson Occum

June 18, 1772

Oneida

(d<sup>16</sup>)

Hopes to see O in September. Unrest is prevalent among the Indians; mission not doing well.

30d. Address to the Indians

June 20, 1772

Kanonwarohare

(a)

Delivered by David Avery upon his departure from Oneida. Tells the Indians that because of their heathen ways: "I have not the least expectation of seeing one of your faces there (in heaven) in comfort, but must stand as a swift witness against every of you that shall come to God's awful Bar in your Sins."

30e. SK to John Rodgers

June 20, 1772

Oneida

(b,e)

State of mission not good, although some Indians still "stand up for God". Believes that the Indians can never become unified. Mentions Avery's departure, and the fact that he may go to Virginia to administer among the Indians there.

30f. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

June 28, 1772

Oneida

(a)

Avery leaving next day. Is very tired.

31a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

July 10, 1772

Ft. Stanwix

(a,e)

Visiting Stanwix to administer to smallpox victims. Discusses disputes concerning the nature of Baptism among the Indians.

31b. SK to John Thornton

July 27, 1772

Oneida

(b,e)

Disputes among the Christian Indians because of Jesuit priests and White neighbors. Is working hard to try to resolve the problems. Mentions latest breach with Wheelock. Hopes to purchase land near Stockbridge for a retreat in the case of an Indian War. Jerusha gave birth to a daughter. Hopes to visit Boston in September.

32a. SK to Andrew Elliot

Aug. 3, 1772

Kanonwarohare

(d,d,f<sup>17</sup>)

Defense of expenses. Lists expenses, receipts 1769, 1770. (Note: researcher should check original, as the copies in the HCL are not in good condition.)

32b. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Aug. 5, 1772

Oneida

(a,e)

Congratulates JK on the birth of their daughter. Mission in poor shape, although SK's friends in England are steadfast in their support.

32c. SK to Andrew Elliot

Aug. 11, 1772

Kanonwarohare

(b)

Sorry that new Wheelock/SK conflict now existing. Defends the expenses of the Oneida Mission, denies the charges of Wheelock, Whittaker and Woodard.

32d. Account of Expenses

Aug. 29, 1772

Kanonwarohare

(b)

Extraordinary expenses Oct. 1771-Oct. 1772. Expenditures for farming tools, hired help, clothing, medicine and the support of the Indian School.

33a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Sept. 16, 1772

Norfolk

(a)

On his way to visit family. Horse went lame in Stockbridge. Will visit New Haven and be in Windham by "the latter end of next week".

33b. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Sept. 26, 1772

Boston

(b)

Offers consolation on the death of Polly, their baby daughter. Has been advised to stay in Boston until affairs are settled, but will return as soon as possible.

33c. SK to John Thornton

Sept. 29, 1772

Boston

(b)

In abiding by an agreement not to purchase Six Nations land, SK looking for a retreat in Stockbridge. May accept T's offer of financial assistance. Currently leaving Boston.

34a. James Forest to the LBCB

Oct. 8, 1772

(i)

Wheelock requests funds. SSPCK feels that SK is doing a sufficient job and should be "properly accommodated".

34b. Stephen West to Jerusha Kirkland Oct. 17, 1772

Stockbridge

(a)

Sympathetic concerning the death of Polly. Invites JK to stay in Stockbridge for the winter.

34c. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Oct . 21, 1772

Landlord Fitch's

(a)

Have had a safe journey so far. Hopes that the family's stay at West's will be all right. Hopes to visit in January.

34d. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Oct. 24, 1772

Ft. Stanwix

(a)

Things still unsettled at Oneida. A murder and a disappearance have stirred things up more. Would appreciate news of Avery.

35a. Phineas Dodge to SK

Nov. 16, 1772

Windham

(a)

Discusses problems. Going to Long Island. Avery to go to Gageborough .

36a. John Sargeant to SK

Dec. 6, 1772

Stockbridge

(a)

Has not looked outside of the neighborhood for land (for SK), only one 12-acre parcel for sale there. Rev. West book disliked: "full of blasphemy".

36b. Stephen West to SK

Dec. 7, 1772

Stockbridge

(a)

K family arrived safely there. West's essays "exceedingly spoken against and maligned".

36c. Phineas Dodge to SK

Dec. 23, 1772

Windham

(a)

D's faith is wavering. Is keeping school in Windham.

36d. Thomas Campbell to SK

Dec . 23, 1772

Cognawago

(a)

Hoping to visit the Flats; will bring some of K's Books.

36e. David Avery to SK

Dec. 25, 1772

Gageborough

(a)

To be in Uxbridge 6-8 weeks. Desires books, plans for dwelling house.

**1773**

37a. SK to Aaron Crosby

Jan . 19, 1773

Kanonwarohare

(b)

Suggests that C. learn the Indian language and customs. Will visit in early March, after going to Albany and Stockbridge. Offers C encouragement.

38a. Ebenezer Backus to SK

Feb. 10, 1773

Windham

(a)

Lately returned from Albany; poor weather and the "filthy" behavior of the Dutch made the trip disagreeable. One of B's children died of the measles.

38b. J. Mason to SK

Feb. 11, 1773

Boston

(a)

Requests SK to purchase 2 large horses.

38c. David Avery to SK

Feb. 21, 1773

Gageborough

(a)

Will be in Gageborough for awhile. McClure and Frisbie returning from Ohio because of restless Indians.

38d. John Sargeant to SK

Feb. 22, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Mrs. Kirkland visiting friends with Avery. Lady of interest recently married, S tells SK: "if you know of any that might suit me, let me know it".

38e. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Feb. 26, 1773

Kanonwarohare

(a,b)

Returned from Stockbridge safely, although sleigh broke twice. Will travel to Onohaghkwage on the 28th.

38f. John Thornton to SK

Feb. 27, 1773

Clapham

(a)

Lends encouragement to SK. Renews offer of financial assistance.

38g. Eleazer Wheelock to SK

Feb. 28, 1773

Dartmouth College

(a)

Sorry to hear from SK recently. Curious to know why Jerusha is not living at Oneida, hear rumours to the effect that SK "had not provided stores enough to support her". McClure and Frisbie to tour among the Indians again in the spring. Understands that SK is again writing "injurious" things about W.

39a. Abraham Simon to SK

March 1, 1773

Dartmouth College

(a)

Returned home safely. Working at Dartmouth, learning to be a surveyor. Will send Jerusha money when he can afford it.

39b. David Avery to SK

March 5, 1773

Gageborough

(a)

Accepted position at Gageborough. His parish is helping to pay off Dartmouth debts. McClure "has been in danger of his life from the (Ohio) Indians".

39c. John Sargeant to SK

March 9, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Will return to Dartmouth soon. Local news. Avery to be installed at Gageborough.

39d. Stephen West to SK

March 11, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Sanford to be ordained in April. May not be able to visit Oneida in the summer.

39e. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

March 24, 1773

Kanonwarohare

(a)

Has returned from visiting Crosby at Onohaghkwage. Cleared up differences between Crosby and Isaac and Good Peter. The latter two were made to realize that memorization of the Ten Commandments is not all that is required of a good Christian. Baptism also not to be a "frolick". Six Nations recently held a council at Onondaga; the threat of war seems less. Sending a gown by Abbe.

39f.

SK to Andrew Elliot

March 28, 1773

Oneida

(b)

Journeyed to Onohaghkwage, visited Crosby. Believes that Crosby is worthy of ordination; he has learned the Indian language and his people think highly of him. Settled with Isaac and Good Peter. A number of Tuscaroras at Oneida well-disposed to receive the Gospel lately.

40a. Stephen West to SK

April 5, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Still hoping to attend ordination of Crosby. Attending ordination of Sanford tomorrow.

40b. Phineas Dodge to SK

April 21, 1773

Windham

(a)

Relates personal troubles, tale of man who repented on his sickbed. News from Newent, Stockbridge.

40c. Stephen West to SK

April 26, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Returned from trip to Boston and Sanford's ordination. Elliot advises W to attend Crosby's ordination, but must consult his congregation.

40d. John Sargeant to SK

April 26, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Domestic news. Jerusha may visit Boston.

41a. John Sargeant to SK

May 10, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Jerusha anxious to know whether to go to Boston or Oneida. Avery visited recently on religious business.

41b. Stephen West to SK

May 28, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Has decided to attend Crosby's ordination. Hopes to bring Jerusha and Sargeant.

41c. John Sargeant to SK

May 29, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Death of Sir William John mentioned.

42a. "Unknown Lady" to Jerusha Kirkland

June (?), 1773

New York

(a)

The lady, "who has some of the good things of this world" is willing to donate some of these items to the Kirkland family. Wishes to remain anonymous.

42b. SK to John Thornton

June 5, 1773

Oneida

(b)

Working too hard--contrary to T's advice. Indians are helping to build a church (with a steeple) and are doing well in farming. The mission is generally in good shape.

42c.

Andrew Elliot to SK

June 9, 1773

Boston

(a)

Pleased with the account of Crosby's mission. Desires SK to send more frequent journals. Wheelock has again written the Board. SK is not to have anything to do with him without consulting the LBCB. The board is looking to send out an additional missionary.

42d. Stephen West to SK

June 25, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Has decided against Oneida journey. Wave of enthusiasm in his parish forbids W's leaving at the present. Sends greetings to Crosby.

42e. Stephen West to the Brethren of the Oneida Church

June 25, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Discusses baptism of children: Indians should be "themselves" before participating in the Church or have good Christian parents to instruct them. (With notes in Iroquois by SK)

43a. Samuel Dunlop to the LBCB

July 2, 1773

(d,f<sup>18</sup>)

An account of Crosby's ordination. SK's Indians sang and SK lectured in both Iroquois and English.

43b. SK to Andrew Oliver

Aug. 30, 1773

(b)

Account of disbursements in the Indian service, 1773. Expenses for a meeting house, taking Indians to Crosby's ordination, support of the Indian School, and purchase of numerous farming utensils.

43c. Ezra Stiles and Samuel Hopkins: An Appeal Relative to the Negro Mission

Aug. 31, 1773

Newport, RI

(e, i)

Two former slaves have lately purchased their freedom and are desirous of support in their cause of preaching to the heathen in Africa.

43d. Charge to Aaron Crosby

July 1, 1773

(a)

Speech given at Crosby's ordination: "You have this day in a solemn..."  
From Sermons folder.



44a. SK to Eleazer Wheelock

Oct. 29, 1773

Stockbridge

(b,e)

Discusses W's Narrative: some things concerning K are "without sufficient foundation". Unfortunate that the conflict continues. Jerusha has received donations from Scotland, they have purchased land in Stockbridge.

45s. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Nov. 1, 1773

Schenectady

(b)

Has drawn money for the family's benefit in case of emergency.

45b. SK to John Thornton

Nov. 1, 1773

Albany

Has purchased land in Stockbridge--70 acres with a house, barn, and garden. Thanks Thornton for his contributions.

45c. SK to Andrew Elliot

Nov. 19, 1773

Oneida

(d)

Returned to Oneida on November 10th, consulted with the headmen . The state of religion in the Six Nations is not good; the threat of war has stirred up the Indians. So far the Oneidas are relatively calm. Sending the expenses for 1773.

45d. John Sargeant to SK

Nov. 23, 1773

Stockbridge

(a)

Just returned from Boston. Saw the Doctor and the Board. Told them of K's Stockbridge purchase. Boston in upheaval. Mr. West may be dismissed from the LBCB.

46a. Eleazer Wheelock to SK

Dec . 21, 1773

Dartmouth

(a)

Apologizes for W's latest suspicions of SK. "Shocking affair of President L-- of Cambridge" is mentioned.

**1774**

47a. John Sargeant to SK

Jan. 11, 1774

Stockbridge

(a)

A certain number within the Church are trying to have Rev. West removed. G. W. Kirkland very ill.

47b. Peter Yates: Liberty Pole in Schenectady

Jan. 13, 1774

Albany

(f)

Report of Liberty Pole raising on Schenectady Street.

47c. Aaron Crosby to SK

Jan. 25, 1774

Ononhaghkwage

(a)

Still having problems with Old Isaac; he is still in favor of feasting after Baptism. Baptized his son with much feasting and shooting of guns: "some of them were carried by the Spirit out of themselves into Beasts". C is also trying to get the Tuscaroras baptized by him. Good Peter "met with a fall", is better now.

47d. Aaron Crosby to SK

Jan. 29, 1774

Ononhaghkwage

(a, e)

Finds the visiting Dutch minister unique.

48a. SK to Andrew Elliot

Feb. 7, 1774

Stockbridge

(d<sup>19</sup>)

Journal almost finished, but had to hurry to Stockbridge because of G. W. Kirkland's illness. Returning to Oneida, expect the journal soon.

48b. SK to Andrew Elliot

Feb. 18, 1774

Oneida

(d<sup>20</sup>)

Please excuse inaccuracies in the journal. Health not good. State of religion is encouraging.

48c . SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Feb. 22, 1774

Oneida

(a)

3 a.m. (SK was apparently dozing off while writing this) Sending supplies, enclosing letter from Wheelock. Relates news of Oneida.

49a. SK to Andrew Elliot

April 21, 1774

Stockbridge

(d<sup>21</sup>)

Left Oneida while in poor health. Still has not transcribed journal or answered Dr. Robinson. Jerusha about to have another child.

50a. SK to Andrew Elliot

June 6, 1774

Stockbridge

(d<sup>22</sup>)

Kirkland baby died in Stockbridge. Family hopes to live at Oneida beginning in the fall. Sorry to hear of trouble at Boston.

50b. SK to Andrew Elliot

June 13, 1774

Oneida

(d,d,d,f,h<sup>23</sup>)

Arrived in Oneida last Friday, in "much better health". Preached to 3-4 hundred. Affairs still quite unsettled. A number of Indians were killed at Ft. Pitt. Plans to visit Boston in the Fall, hopes that that town will not suffer too fierce of a punishment from the British authorities.

50c. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

June 14, 1774

Oneida

(a)

Nine of the Indians killed at Ft. Pitt were rumoured to be Senecas.

51a.

SK to Andrew Elliot

Oct. 24, 1774

Oneida

(b,d,d,h<sup>24</sup>)

Delayed in Stockbridge because of the sickness of the twins. Council currently meeting at Onondaga. Some of the Six Nations tribes are not friendly towards SK. Isaac still center of division at Cherry Valley. Hopes to remain at Oneida for the entire winter.

52a. Stephen West to SK

Nov. 2, 1774

Stockbridge

(a)

Oppressive Acts to be carried out against the colonies, although a war with Spain may somewhat stay England's hand. Congresses preparing for war. Canada may "fall upon us". Richmond considering getting rid of its pastor.

52b. Stephen West to SK

Nov. 12, 1774

Stockbridge

(a)

Enclosing excerpts of transactions of the Continental Congress. Council has been appointed to pick a new pastor for Richmond. New Lebanon's pastor may also be dismissed.

52c. Timothy Edwards to SK

Nov. 14, 1774

Stockbridge

(a)

Recently returned from New York. The resolutions of Congress are firm. Precarious situation in the colonies. Acquired some supplies for Jerusha.

52d. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Nov. 22, 1774

Oneida

(a)  
Glad to hear that the children are well. Council at Onondaga "sat nigh a month". Results "favorable". Only a few Cayugas went South to fight with the Shawnees, and were "severely censured". SK sending J. some supplies on his sleigh.

53a\* SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Dec. 15, 1774

Oneida

(a)  
Many of the Oneidas are off hunting, hoping for a little relaxation. Mr. Abbe to visit around the middle of January. Family could accompany Abbe, but SK desires that J. consider carefully whether it would be prudent to bring the boys on such a journey.

### 1775

53a. Andrew Elliot to SK

Feb. 12, 1775

Boston

(a,e)

Butler to serve as the Board's new missionary. SK's journal received, will be sent to Scotland when the whole Board has read it. Advises SK not to work so hard. Troops are in Boston and the Port is closed. General Gage "behaves with great prudence".

53b. Guy Johnson to SK

Guy Park

Feb. 14, 1775

(a,f, k<sup>25</sup>)

Complains about SK's behavior, especially his "political" influence among the Indians. Demands an answer. Relates chiefs' complaints about SK's strict Baptism codes.

53c. SK to Guy Johnson

Feb. 21, 1775

Oneida

(b,c,c)

Answer to J's charges (see 53b). (Is politely sarcastic.) Unaware that he was meddling in politics. Kanahgwaeseu's message is not to be regarded as representative of the tribe's sentiments; was probably conceived in conjunction with Joseph Brant. Relates part of a speech from the Oneida Chiefs refuting the remarks of Kanahgwaeseu. SK states that he did not cause any letters to be burned. (a J charge) Cooperates with the Episcopal missionaries. Will visit Guy Park soon.

53d. A Speech of the Oneida Chiefs to Guy Johnson

Feb. 23, 1775

(b,d<sup>26</sup>)

Refutes J's charges against SK.

54a. A Speech of the Onoghkwage Chiefs to Guy Johnson

March 7, 1775

(b)

Have met and decided that the (New England) missionaries' religion is not bad. Plan to move to Oneida in the summer.

54b. SK to Andrew Elliot

March 28, 1775

Stockbridge

(f)

SK in Stockbridge with family. Advises against Butler's journey into Indian territory, at least until the fall. Crosby being threatened by Isaac. Saw (Guy) Johnson on the way to Stockbridge. SK supposes that Johnson's dissatisfaction lies in the fact that SK related the proceedings of the Continental Congress to the Indians. Would like to visit Boston, but does not dare. Believes that the next Congress should officially address the Six Nations. Several of the Oneidas appear to support the cause of the Colonies.

55a. Andrew Elliot to SK

April 7, 1775

Boston

(a)

Board advancing SK on his salary. Cautions SK about drawing on the Boards funds, as their treasury is often empty. Have heard nothing from Crosby (as usual). SSPCK appears pleased with SK's efforts. Hopes that the Six Nations will not oppose the colonies.

56a. Excerpts of Kirkland's Journals

Feb.-Aug. 1775

(d<sup>27</sup>)

May: Saw Guy Johnson on the way to Oneida: Told that the New England missionaries were to leave Oneida. SK was delayed and Johnson told the Indians at Guy Park that he was a "bad man".

Aug. 14: The Mohawks tried to get the other Nations from meeting with the Albany Committee. Johnson threatens SK. The Six Nations ask SK to leave for his own safety.

Aug. 25: Oneidas determined to protect SK and are willing to ask the other Six Nations tribes to help them.

57a. A reply of the Oneida Chiefs and Warriors to Col. Guy Johnson

May, 1775

Oneida

(b)

The Indians upset that SK being asked to leave their territory.

57b. Oneida Declaration of Neutrality

June, 1775

Kanonwarohare

(i,e)

(Note: This is the first official declaration of neutrality made on the North American continent.) Interpreted by Jacob Reed. The Oneida Nation hereby declares its neutrality; recognizing the past patronage of the English, but refuses to fight against the New Englanders .

57c . SK to Leonard Gansevoort

June 26, 1775

Albany

(a)

Receipt for money received from the Committee of the City and County of Albany.

58a. Governor Cooke to the Oneida Nation

July 1, 1775

Rhode Island

(a)

A reply to a speech by the Oneida Nation to the inhabitants of New England (June 19, 1775). Sorry that differences exist between Old and New England. R. I. is appreciative of the friendly disposition of the Oneidas.

58b. Proceedings of the 2nd Continental Congress

July 18, 1775

Philadelphia

(i)

Resolved that SK be employed to secure the friendship of the Six Nations and assure their neutrality.

58c. Connecticut Delegates to Governor Jonathan Trumbull

July 28, 1775

Philadelphia

(f<sup>28</sup>)

Treaty to be made with the Six Nations. SK advised the Congress, received money with which to buy presents for the Indians.

59a. SK to Volkert Douw

Sept. 5, 1775

Albany

(b)

Account of expenses incurred in the service of the Commissioners of the Northern Department. Expenses for wampum, travelling, payment of Indians.

59b. William Gordon to Richard Price

Sept. 12, 1775

Philadelphia

(f, f<sup>29</sup>)

Mentions SK's detention by Guy Johnson.

60a. Jonathan Trumbull to John Hancock

Oct. 9, 1775

Lebanon

(h<sup>30</sup>)

SK to be trusted to try to keep the Six Nations friendly to the Colonial cause.

61a. Volkert Douw to John Hancock

Nov. 6, 1775

Albany

(f<sup>31</sup>)

Many Cayugas, Senecas and Mohawks for siding with Col. Johnson against the colonies. Some to come to Albany; need an interpreter.

61b. Proceedings of the 2nd Continental Congress

July/Nov. 1775

July 18: SK hired to keep the Six Nations neutral.

Nov. 8: Committee appointed to confer with SK.

61c. SK to the Cushing, Ward and Wythe Committee

Nov. 19, 1775

(b)

Asks allowance for time and expenses incurred in the service of the Northern Department.

**1776**

62a. Philip Schuyler to SK

Jan. 5, 1776

Albany

(a)

Rumour has it that Brant and the Mohawks plan to move" to the Senecas or elsewhere". SK to relate it to the Oneidas (and thus to the rest of the Six Nations) that this would be "very disagreeable" to the Americans.

63a. James Dean (?) to Philip Schuyler (?)

Feb. 24, 1776

Kanonwarohare

(b)

At Niagara; Butler "spoke nothing to them (the Six Nations) but peace". Meeting soon to be held at Onondaga. Please find out the basis of the message from Onus asking the Indians to attend a conference at Philadelphia. Unsigned, unfinished .

64a.

James Dean to Philip Schuyler

March 10, 1776

Oneida

(k,k<sup>32</sup>)

Last report in which D. stated that Butler spoke of peace may not be accurate; Oneidas are now distrusted among the Six Nations and are probably poorly informed. Many Onondagas and Cayugas are at Oneida; they came down supposedly for the funeral of Cagy (or Kegg) but have been making speeches of reprimand to the Oneidas. D. believes that the capture of Niagara would stop that place's influence on the Indians.

[Note 32: 2 original copies in James Dean's handwriting [one is oversize]]

64b. SK to Philip Schuyler

March 11, 1776

Oneida

(b, c)

Western Iroquois tribes beginning to swing over to the British side. They are told that Americans do not like Indians. The Oneidas alone hold an "unshaken friendship for the colonies and a firm "attachment to their council fire at Albany". The Mohawks are working against the colonies, although pretending to be friendly. William Johnson (son of Sir William) is at Onondaga, waiting for news of the council there. Unity of the Six Nations is precarious. Some think that a band of Cayugas plan to deliver a war hatchet to S. when they visit and help to clear the way for a Johnson campaign. Dean is highly respected among the Oneidas. Some Senecas met the Boston delegation to Onondaga and warned them not to visit Oneida on their way to the council.

64b.1. SK to Philip Schuyler, fragment of letter

[March 11, 1776]

A fragment of the letter of which 64b is the draft (bottom half of the page). Includes Samuel Kirkland's signature and a fragment of the broken wax seal.

64c. Oneida Sachems to Philip Schuyler

March 18, 1776

Oneida

(i)  
Interpreted by James Dean. The colonial delegation made it to Onondaga, despite Seneca threats. Will proceed to Onondaga themselves, when summoned. Note by Dean: The Canadian tribes may like to visit S. as they pass through Albany.

64d. James Dean to SK

March 22, 1776

Kanaghwage

(k<sup>33</sup>)

Threats delivered to the Oneida delegation warning against D's attendance of Six Nations Council. April 6<sup>th</sup>--returned safely to Oneida. Several Oneidas, Kanaghwages, and Onondagas kept a constant guard over D.

64e. Philip Schuyler to James Dean

March 26, 1776

Albany

(a)  
Copies of D's and SK's letters forwarded to the Congress. Washington's recent successes will hopefully have an effect upon the prevailing sentiments of the Western Indians. New York preparing for a possible British landing there. Please communicate the results of the Onondaga council as soon as they are available.

64f. "Wagongadonse Rakheni"

(March) 1776

(a)

Unfinished letter written in Iroquois.

64g. (?) to James Dean

March, 1776

(a)

Letter in Iroquois language with "James Dean's" on the side.

65a. SK to J. Edwards

April 18, 1776

Oneida

(b)

Council ended at Onondaga. Butler to kindle another at Niagara. He has warned the Indians of a blow from the colonies. The Oneidas are firm in their support of the Americans.

66a. Oneida Chiefs to Philip Schuyler

May 22, 1776

Oneida

(b,e,e,k<sup>34</sup>)

Results of meeting at Niagara at which 2 Oneidas were present. It was first stated (in response to Col. Butler's belts), that the Six Nations, the Kaghwages, and the seven tribes of Canada "had all united and resolved to maintain peace, both with the King and the Bostonians and receive no axe from either". Col. Butler then pointed out the weakness of the colonies. The Indians replied by pledging peace to England. The commander at Niagara spoke of Britain's power. "Upwards of sixty of the Six Nations have embarked" on a journey to Quebec to meet with Johnson.



66b. Volkert Douw to SK

June 25, 1776

Cagnuage

(a)

Schuyler ordered colonial troops into Tryon County. The Mohawks were told of this and were alarmed. Col. Dayton met with them.

67a. SK to Philip Schuyler

June 8, 1776

Lake George

(b, f<sup>35</sup>)

Met with Col. Dayton at Johnstown. Mohawks were "imprudent". More Senecas, Cayugas, and Onondagas enlisting on the "King's side". May soon begin attacking the frontiers of New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Many feel that the colonies should show their strength by making a decisive move against the frontier.

68a. John Thornton to SK

July 7, 1776

Clapham

(a)

Thinks that God wishes Americans to be British subjects.

(enclosed) Joseph Ashwith to John Thornton April 17, 1776. Thanks T. for helping establishing his mission.

69a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Sept. 15, 1776

Ft. Schuyler

(a)

Finds affairs at Johnstown better than expected. Held Sabbath there. Ft. Schuyler almost completed. Sir John Johnson expected to lead troops to Oswego soon. 2 of Col. Dayton's men were killed, supposedly by Mohawks, who escaped. Hopes to visit soon.

70a. Aaron Kanorraron to his Brother David

Oct. 28, 1776

Niagara

(i, i<sup>36</sup>)

Niagara Mohawks under Butler's command. Advises D. and all other Mohawks along the Mohawk River to remain friendly to the King, although surrounded by "Bostonians". Most of the Indians at Niagara conference favored action against the colonies, but were discouraged because of the precarious situation of the eastern half of the Mohawk nation. A. is "of great service" to the commander.

70b.

October 28, 1776

(2 pages)(a)

“wakyadora negeawiande... ronghwa”

Possibly original of 70a. Possibly continuation of 70c. Iroquois Letters

70c. To (or maybe from?) Aaron Kanonvavonvogyadon

October 28, 1776

See also 70a and 70b. Iroquois Letters  
oversized

71a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Dec. 5, 1776

Ft. Schuyler

(a)

Post to Albany once a week from Ft. Schuyler.

71b. Jonathan Trumbull Jr. to SK

Dec. 10, 1776

Albany

(a)

British marching through New Jersey, although Washington and Lee are delaying them. New York probably to be invaded soon. On the seas, the British ships are being intercepted and defeated with stores for the King's army.

71c. Timothy Edwards to SK

Dec. 21, 1776

Stockbridge

(a)

British marching through New Jersey. General Lee was taken by the enemy. Many oppose the Crown, although few join the Continental Army.

71d.

Jonathan Trumbull Jr. to Governor Jonathan Trumbull

Dec. 30, 1776

Albany

(h<sup>37</sup>)

SK intelligence: Commander at Niagara has recently died. Brant and a companion recently visited the eastern branch of the Mohawks and advised them to move to Canada.

71e. Bible passages, 1776

“Thomi Raoti ... tsi yohnotes [?] –adarason”

Iroquois Letters

## **1777**

72a. Philip Schuyler to SK

Jan. 7, 1777

Albany

(a)

Recommended to Congress an addition to SK's salary.

72b. J. Lansing to Philip Schuyler

Jan. 24, 1777

Philadelphia

(i)

From the resolves of Congress. SK to receive a salary plus an allotment for expenses in the service of the colonies.

72c. SK to Philip Schuyler

Jan. 25, 1777

Oneida

(b-with original seal)

Three Oneida chiefs have been invited to Niagara by Brant and Butler. Several "family connections" of Brant also invited, but declined. Ft. Schuyler "not to be attacked this season", according to Butler.

Ticonderoga may be taken, however. John Johnson is living in the Seneca country as an intelligence coordinator.

72d. Philip Schuyler to Jonathan Trumbull

Jan. 31, 1777

Albany

(h<sup>38</sup>)

SK arrived in Albany. He reports that General Carleton plans to move against Ft. Ticonderoga as soon as Lake Champlain freezes over.

72e. Philip Schuyler to the Sachems of the Six Nations

Jan. 1777

Albany

(a)

Reports Washington's victory at Trenton. War imminent between England and France. Asks tribes to remain neutral. Sending rum to every Nation: "drink health, peace and Liberty to your American Brethren".

73a. The Chiefs of the Oneida Nation to the Inhabitants of New England

March 14, 1777

(a)

Ask that their Eastern Brothers be allowed to move freely into New York. Vow again not to disrupt the neutrality.

73b. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

March 17, 1777

Hartford

(a)

Sending package. Being kept quite busy, without much time to write. Hopes not to be detained at headquarters for long.

73c. Three-dollar Bill 1777

(a)

Printed by Hall and Sellers.

**1778**

74a. Philip Schuyler to SK

May 11, 1778

Albany

(a)

Anxious to hear the results of the Onondaga Council. May call a council with the Indians at Ft. Schuyler.

74b. James Dean to Marinus Willet

May 13, 1778

Oneida

(a)

Send supplies to Stephanus.

74c. William Gordon to SK

May 30, 1778

Jamaica Plain

(a)

Think that the French joined with the colonies just in time. Is writing a history of the American Revolution and wants SK's help. Rumoured that the British plan to leave Philadelphia and gather at New York .

75a. Resolves of the Massachusetts House of Representatives

Oct. 15, 1778

Massachusetts Bay

(i)

SK exempt from taxes in the state of Massachusetts.

### **1779**

76a. James Clinton to SK

June 1, 1779

Albany

(a)

Orders SK to Albany for expedition.

76b. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

June 27, 1779

Wyoming

(a)

Camped on the banks of the Susquehanna River. Does not know when he will return; "the present expedition is of vast importance to the safety and protection of our frontier settlements". Army to be about 5000 men.

77a. Account of Expenses

1779

(b)

SK's Expenses Oct. 1777-April 1779: Treaty of Albany, Treaty of Johnstown, Travel, miscellaneous.

77b. Sermon or Prayer

April 1779 [or 1777]

Fort Schuyler / Fort Stanwix

(a)

Sermon or prayer possibly in the hand of Samuel Kirkland, 2 leaves, 4 pages. Bottom of last page is dated Fort Stanwix, April 1776. First page is headed, faintly, F. Schuyler, April [illegible year--could be 1777 or 1779]. Fort Stanwix, empty since 1768, was occupied by the Americans and renamed Fort Schuyler in July, 1776, so the April 1776 date is dubious. Kirkland was stationed at Fort Schuyler (with occasional exceptions) from September 1776 through 1779, so the later dates are possible. The work begins "Awake my Soul -- look up to thy God. Awake my Soul look into thyself. O Thou whose spirit can make these bones to live -- those that are very dry -- may my Barren Soul -- not be left dead." Starting at the bottom of the first page, marginal or interstitial numbers refer to which of the Ten Commandments is being addressed in the adjacent passage.

78a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

July 5, 1779

Wyoming

(b,c)

Has been living with General Sullivan's family. "Conversation in the family for some days past has been chiefly upon religious subjects." The General has written "30 pages in quarto to prove the Existence of a Supreme Being, the divinity of the Bible and that Jesus is the Saviour of the world". Provisions for the army are 3 weeks overdue. British raids nearby have scourged the countryside. Advises J. to apply to Captain Jones or Dr. Sargeant for farming help if it is needed.

78b. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

July 30, 1779

Wyoming

(a)

Army now in motion after one-month delay. Reports the details of the Battle of Minisink. Also reports Northumberland County massacre, both actions by Butler and Brant's band. Relays news of Stony Point capture, British massacres at Newhaven and Milford.

79a. Extract from the minutes of Congress

Oct. 16, 1779

Philadelphia

(i)

SK established as the chaplain at Ft. Stanwix, with pay of brigade chaplain. SK still to "pay great attention" to the Six Nations.

## **1780**

80a. Joseph Brant to the Bostonians

April 30, 1780

On the Delaware

(i)

Original translation by SK. B. asserts that he has never massacred the defenseless and has released many of the "weak and helpless". However, he vows to begin killing all unless the Americans begin to treat their prisoners better.

81a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

June 20, 1780

Ft. Schuyler

(a)

Oneida Nation is threatened. The last of the Onondagas and Kanaghsorages have deserted to the British. Aid should be forth coming. The garrison has been crowded with Indians since Saturday.

## **1782**

81b. SK sermon at Stockbridge

Nov, 1782

Stockbridge

(a)

"The duty of thanksgiving and praise to almighty God..."

From Sermons folder

## **1783**

82a. John Roof to SK

Oct. 13, 1783

Canajoharie

(a)

Asks SK for money owed to him.

82b. Samuel Kirkland to Samuel Philips [Phillips]

October 15, 1783

Blanford

(a)

Kirkland says he hopes to visit Philips this autumn, discusses Philips' offer of schooling one of his sons, but is now on his way to visit the Indians in Oneida at their request for a month or so. Hopes for money from the "Scotch Society" (The Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge). Expects to go to Boston after returning from Oneida.

### **1784**

83a. Barna Bidwell to SK

Jan. 13, 1784

New Haven

(a)

Enclosing copy of Dr. Aryton's commencement address.

84a. SK to James Bowdoin

Feb. 18, 1784

Stockbridge

(b, e)

Discusses wartime activities and debts incurred, these the result of the Oneida house being burned etc. Asks the SSPCK to pay for SK's labors during the Revolution.

84b. Timothy Edwards to SK

Feb. 20, 1784

Stockbridge (?)

(b,e)

Recommends that SK receive reimbursement for wartime work.

84c . Jonathan Trumbull to SK

Feb. 25, 1784

Lebanon

(b,e,e,g,i)

Recommends that SK receive compensation from the SSPCK for Wartime Indian work.

85a. Proceedings of the LBCB

March 9-10, 1784

Boston

(i)

March 9: SK's application considered.

March 10: Resolved that SK deserves a favorable recommendation to the SSPCK.

85b. SK to James Bowdoin

March 10, 1784

Boston

(b)  
Account of SK's finances during the Revolution.

85c. SK to James Bowdoin  
March 10, 1784  
Boston

(b)  
An account of the present state of the Six Nations. 800 Oneidas, 300 Onondagas and Cayugas to live near Oneida Castle. Senecas to live west of Oneida. The Stockbridge, Mohigan, and Narragansett Indians have been invited to live at Oneida. The Delewares have also requested a small tract of Oneida land.

85d. SK to Jerusha Kirkland  
March 11, 1784  
Boston

(a)  
Took J.T. Kirkland to visit his grandparents in Lebanon before proceeding to Andover. Left him with a fine family there and "he bore (the separation) much better than the father". Financial affairs being resolved. Wrist in sling.

86a. John Rodgers to SK  
June 8, 1784  
New York

(a)  
Shall write a letter of recommendation for SK to Dr. Erskine.

86b. Joseph Brant to James Dean  
Aug. 30, 1784  
Ft. Schuyler

(a)  
Written in Iroquois.  
Attached note by George Clinton.

87a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland  
Sept. 13, 1784  
Albany

(b)  
Expecting commissioners from Congress. Sends consolation in J's "afflictions". SK's own health has improved. Sending some money.

87b. Oliver Wolcott to SK  
Sept. 20, 1784  
Albany

(a)  
Asks SK to go to Ft. Stanwix to receive the Indians. The commissioners were delayed by unfavorable winds.

88a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland  
Oct. 4, 1784  
Ft. Stanwix

(a)  
Treaty conference beginning. Glad to hear that things are relatively well.

88b. Articles of the Treaty of Ft. Stanwix

Oct. 22, 1784

Ft. Stanwix

(d<sup>39</sup>)

Hostages to be delivered to the US until all Iroquois prisoners are returned. New boundaries for the Six Nations.

88c. SK to Francis Johnston

Oct. 26, 1784

Ft. Stanwix

(f<sup>40</sup>)

Receipt for money received as interpreter at Ft. Stanwix Treaty conference.

89a. LBCB to SK

Nov. 19, 1784

Boston

(a)

Proceedings of November 19th meeting. SSPCK to grant SK 300 pounds. Copy of their letter to be forwarded.

89b. SK to James Gates

Nov. 23, 1784

Stockbridge

(b)

Asks to be reimbursed for money given to Benjamin Pierson.

89c. Samuel Mather to SK

Nov. 26, 1784

Boston

(a,i)

Relates content of SSPCK's letter. They did not grant SK his whole request because he was employed in the service of those "that were in Arms against Great Britain".

89d. William Cordon to SF

Nov. 29, 1784

Jamaica Plain

(a)

Thanks SK for his help with the history of the American Revolution. Indian chiefs and historians appear cooperative.

90a. Oliver Wolcott to SK

Dec. 21, 1784

Litchfield

(a)

Treaty of Ft. Stanwix approved by congress. Has received word of a dubious land deal involving the Oneidas.

90b. John Rodgers to SK

Dec. 22, 1784

New York



(a)  
Sympathizes with SK's receipt of only part of his request to the SSPCK.

**1785**

91a. SK to J. T. Kirkland  
Jan. 3, 1785  
Stockbridge

(b)  
Gives fatherly advice concerning education and the commandments. Second page is lost.

91b. SK to James Bowdoin  
Jan. 14, 1785  
Stockbridge

(a)  
Made 3 visits to Inman Country over the past year. Hopes to receive the SSPCK payment; "my creditors press hard upon me".

91c. SK to Samuel Mather  
Jan. 29, 1785  
Stockbridge

(h<sup>41</sup>)  
Acknowledges receipt of Mather's letter. Will immediately negotiate the bills of exchange.

91d. James Bowdoin to SK  
Jan. 22, 1785  
Boston

(a)  
Translates SSPCK's objections to SK's request for wartime reimbursement.

91e. James Bowdoin to SK  
Jan. 27, 1785  
Boston

(a)  
Extract of meeting of the LBCB. SK 's salary approved.

91f. John Rodgers to SK  
Jan. 28, 1785  
New York

(a)  
Pleased to hear that the SSPCK reimbursed SK for at least part of the amount that he requested.

92a. E. Willett to SK  
Feb. 24, 1785  
Albany

(a)  
Business transactions.

93a. Deed of the Rittenhouse and Holland Land Purchase  
March 7, 1785  
(h<sup>42</sup>)

94a. SK to the United States Congress

April 6, 1785

Stockbridge

(b)

Petitions Congress for reimbursement for SK'S wartime work.

95a. US Congress to SK

June 1, 1785

(a)

SK to be compensated for loan of clothing to Indians, his overdue salary and an additional \$250.

95aa (or 95b). James Dean to SK

July 11, 1785

(a)

Request that SK forward a letter to the President of the Congress.

96a. SK to Samuel Phillips

Aug. 15, 1785

Stockbridge

(b)

Will soon set out for Oneida. Hopes to keep J.T. at Andover until the spring. A large purchase of Oneida land was recently made.

96b. Joseph Brant to Skenandoa

Aug. 26, 1785

Niagara

(i)

Asks that the Oneidas attend a peace treaty conference of the Six Nations.

97a. E. Wesserlo to SK

Sept. 5, 1785

Albany

(a)

Letter of recommendation for Mr. Erkelins.

97b. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Sept. 10, 1785

Old Oneida

(a)

Back at Oneida. Having trouble readjusting palate to the Indian diet. The Oneidas have sunk to new lows: they "are in plain English -Filthy, dirty, nasty creatures -a few families excepted".

97c. James Dean to the US Congress

Sept. 15, 1785

Oneida

(i)

Encloses speech by Joseph Brant. Conference of the Six Nations with the Shawnees and Cherokees finally resulted in agreement. It is requested that the Congress send Schuyler, Monroe, and Dean to hear the Indian's proclamation.

97d. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Sept. 22, 1785

Oneida (?)

(a)

Hopes to be in Stockbridge before October 15th.

### **1786**

98a. James Dean to the Indian Commissioners of the State of New York

March 1786

(d<sup>43</sup>)

Account of expenses incurred by D. in the service of the State of New York.

99a. President and fellows of Harvard College to SK

April 17, 1786

Missing as of 1979.

99b. David Ramsey to SK

April 15, 1786

New York

(a)

Asks SK for help with a history of the American Revolution. Particularly interested in Sullivan's expedition. Encloses list of questions.

99c. Joseph Willard (?) to SK

April 7, 1786

Harvard College

(a)

Vote to supply SK with compensation for his work; continuing SK's position as a missionary.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

100a. George Clinton to SK

Sept. 3, 1786

New York

(a)

Refers SK to James Lansing concerning the sale of Indian lands.

100b. SK to Barry Van Schaack

Nov. 3, 1786

Stockbridge

(d<sup>44</sup>)

Acknowledges receipt of letters.

### **1787**

101a. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Jan. 14, 1787

Oneida

(a)

New Stockbridge very pious village. Oneidas beginning to accept religion again.

102a. Edward Wigglesworth to SK

Oct. 26, 1787

Cambridge

(a)

Sargeant hired by SSPCK. Both he and SK to be required to submit quarterly journals.

103a. John Wheelock to SK

Nov. 28, 1787

Dartmouth College

(a)

G. W. arrived at Dartmouth. Hopes that SK will visit in the spring. Asks him to bring any potential students and Indian artifacts that he can find. Relates a theory of the origins of the Indians.

### **1788**

104a. John Wheelock to SK

Feb. 16, 1788

Dartmouth College

(a)

Offers consolation on the death of Jerusha Kirkland. G.W. Kirkland has been told of his Mother's death: he was "properly affected".

104b. SK to the State of New York

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(b)

Asks granting of additional lands and a tax exemption.

105a. Proceedings of the Massachusetts House of Representatives

March 13, 1788

Massachusetts

(i)

Gives deed to Phelps and Gorham for purchase of land in New York.

106a. SK to Harvard College

April 10, 1788

(b)

SK's account with Harvard College. 1786-1788

107a. John Wheelock to SK

May 12, 1788

Dartmouth College

(a)

Sorry not to see K again in Boston. Straightened out things with the SSPCK. G. W. Kirkland will probably write soon, he progresses well in school.

107b. Edward Wigglesworth to SK

May 20, 1788

Cambridge

(a)

SSPCK received latest journal; because of SK's extraordinary effects and expense, he is to be allowed an extra 80 pounds.

108a. Edward Wigglesworth to SK

Aug. 30, 1783

Cambridge

(a)

Financial business. J. T. Kirkland transcribing journals, which will be submitted to Scotland.

109a. Proceedings of a meeting of the Commissioners appointed to hold Treaties with the Indians

Sept. 22, 1788

Fort Schuyler

(i)

Two miles square given to SK adjacent to the Oneida Reservation.

110a. Permit

Oct. 29, 1788

Niagara

(i)

Allows K to pass from Ft. Erie to Buffalo Creek.

111a. Hannah Adams to SK

Dec. 6, 1788

Medfield

(a)

Would like advice as to the religious sentiments of Indians for 2nd edition of book.

111b. SK to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs of New York

Dec. 18, 1788

Albany

(b)

Asks that 2 extra land portions be added to his original grant of 2 miles square.

## **1789**

112a. John Butler to SK

Jan. 22, 1789

Niagara

(a)

Interested in official and unofficial news from the U.S.

112b. Edward Wigglesworth to SK

Jan. 26, 1789

Cambridge

(a)

Due to lack of funds for bills of the SSPCK, SK is to draw on Mr. Wigglesworth's account.

112c. Bills of Exchange

Jan. 29, 1789

Boston

(a)

SK's pay from the SSPCK. A rough census of the Six Nations is scratched onto the back of this document.

113a. Petition of Gorham and Phelps

Feb. 7, 1789

Granville

(i)

Ask permission to construct Roads in Gorham-Phelps Purchase.

113b. SK to Samuel Phillips

March 8, 1789

Stockbridge

(b)

Met with the Indians concerning the final status of reservations. Heard from Col. Butler. Asks Phillips to accommodate J.T. Kirkland for another year.

113c. Samuel Street to SK

March 12, 1789

Niagara

(d<sup>45</sup>)

Desirous of communication from SK. Sickness has struck at Ft. Niagara; S. and several of the officers quite ill.

113d Jacob Reed to SK

Feb. 14, 1789 (July 5 on verso)

New Stockbridge

(a)

Translated and published ("Two Eighteenth-Century Oneida Letters," by Jack Campisi and Richard Chrisjohn, in *Northern Iroquoian Texts*, IJAL-NATS Monograph No. 4, 1980, University of Chicago Press).

Iroquois Letters

114a. Stephen West to SK

April 18, 1789

Stockbridge

(a)

Discusses K's sometimes-conflicting business and spiritual interests.

114b. John Sargeant to SK

April 20, 1789

Stockbridge

(a)

Bresters to visit SK at Clinton, hopes to buy land. S suggests selling them some of SK's so that he would have good neighbors.

115a. Timothy Edwards to SK

May 11, 1789

Stockbridge

(a)

Stockbridge news. "New" Government...is now working with George Washington at the head." Several of SK's cattle have died.

115b. From J. Atsiaktye (sp?) Reed to Ranadanonghne

May 12, 1789

Kanongharoghghare

(a)  
Translated and published ("Two Eighteenth-Century Oneida Letters," by Jack Campisi and Richard Chrisjohn, in *Northern Iroquoian Texts*, IJAL-NATS Monograph No. 4, 1980, University of Chicago Press). Iroquois Letters

115c. From J. Atsiaktatye Reed to Ranadononghne  
May 18, 1789  
Kanongharoghhare  
(a)  
Iroquois Letters

116a. John Sargeant to SK  
June 3, 1789  
New Stockbridge  
(a)  
Phelps on his way to Oneida Country. SK may be called away.

116b. William Gordon to SK  
June 10, 1789  
Ipswich  
(a,e)  
Sending SK a copy of his history. Hopes to hear from SK and the "aged blind Indian Historiatraditor."

116c. Samuel McCluer to SK  
June 15, 1789  
Hanover  
(a)  
Greetings.

117a.  
Edward Wigglesworth to SK  
Aug. 8, 1789  
Cambridge  
(a)  
Kemp succeeding McFarlan as the Secretary of the SSPCK. That body willing to hire another missionary for the Oneida area, at SK's recommendation.

117b. SK to G.W. Kirkland  
Aug. 14, 1789  
Stockbridge  
(b)  
Discusses the family's finances and the necessity of frugality.

117c. SK to Edward Wigglesworth  
Aug. 18, 1789  
Stockbridge  
(b)  
Journal still unfinished. Health has been regained recently.

118a. Edward Wigglesworth  
Sept. 2, 1789

Cambridge

(a)

Encloses a part of a letter from Kemp concerning the hiring of a second Oneida missionary. Also passes on an excerpt from a Southern missionary's letter, in which the missionary maintains that the "improved state" is not advantageous for the Indians.

118b. John Sargeant to SK

Sept. 15, 1789

Stockbridge

(a)

Will probably return to Oneida around the beginning of October. Mrs. Sargeant quite ill. Family news.

118c. John Taylor to SK

Sept. 20, 1789

Albany

(a)

Encloses letters from Clinton to the Oneidas. The Governor would also like more of the Rheumatism ointment presented to Mr. Penet.

119a. John Butler to SK

Nov. 24, 1789

Nassau

(a)

Believes that the Cayugas were swindled in their recent land sale in New York. Asks that SK intervene, but not mention B's name.

120a. Census of the Six Nations

Oct. 20, 1789

(i)

Census gives Nation's names, tribal names, location of tribes, family names, English translation of family's name, the family mark and the number of men, women, girls, boys and children in each family. Also sum total of the Six Nations.

120b. Captain Isaac Shoradowanee to SK

1789

Oneida

Iroquois Letters

## **1790**

121a. SK to Harry Van Schaack

Feb. 23, 1790

Stockbridge

(d, h<sup>46</sup>)

Recently returned from New York. Have been in Oneida and Genesee Country before that. Does not expect to hear from Van S. again. Some dispute between the two discussed.

121b. John Wheelock to SK

Feb. 23, 1790

Dartmouth College

(a)



Greetings. G.W. doing very well; to deliver the "quarterly oration to his class". Requests the "sketches of Indian History."

122a. John Sargeant to SK

March 30, 1790

New Stockbridge

(a)

Relates troubles at Oneida. French Priests again around. Other Indian news.

123a. John Taylor to SK

April 28, 1790

Albany

(a)

Requests SK to come to a meeting of the Indians and the N.Y. Commissioners of Indian Affairs.

124a. Excerpt of SK's Journal

May 4, 1790

Albany

(a)

Received letters from Taylor concerning a meeting at Ft. Stanwix with Indians. Relayed message into the woods where the Oneidas and Onondagas were hunting.

125a. Samuel Carrington to SK

June 4, 1790

Lennox

(a)

C. regrets that he will not be able to stay with the Kirkland family because of poor health.

125b. Deed of Sale

June 30, 1790

(i)

Involves the sale of Kirkland land to Roswell Hoskins.

126a. William Gordon to SK

July 12, 1790

(e<sup>48</sup>)

Reflects SK's sentiments, as related to G.

126b. William Gordon to SK

July 13, 1790

Ipswich

(a,e)

Has broken leg. Is sending materials to European Magazine. Interested in knowing more about Brant. Thornton well, but quite anti-American. Possible war between England and Spain is brewing.

126c. SK to G.W. Kirkland

July 21, 1790

Stockbridge

(a)

Will make every effort to keep G.W. well supported at school, but urges him to observe economy. To set out for Oneida on July 22.

127a. Ebenezer Pemberton to SK

Aug. 7, 1790

Andover

(a)

J.T. Kirkland proving to be an excellent scholar and of fine character.

127b. J.A. Bonar to Peter Thatcher

Aug. 6, 1790

Edinburgh

(h<sup>49</sup>)

Acknowledges the receipt of SK's journal to June 12, 1790. Expresses pleasure with the contents, reports that the SSPCK to grant famine-relief funds for Oneida.

127c. A Plan for establishing a School, by Samuel Kirkland

August, 1790

(a)

“A Plan, for establishing a School, or Seminary of learning, in the Town of Whitestown, & county of Herkimer, contiguous to the Oneida Nation of Indians, for the mutual benefit, of the young flourishing Settlements in this County, & the various Tribes of Confederate Indians, proposed to the Inhabitants of Whitestown & County aforesaid.” Similar title given on back, followed by “which since the Charter has been obtained, now called H. O. Academy. 1794.” From Kirkland-Plan of Education Folder

127d. On educating the Indians, by Samuel Kirkland

Undated, but may be the “other papers” referred to in 127c

(a)

“A General Plan of Education for the Academy in Whitestown & vicinity of Oneida with Rules and Laws for regulating the same, approved of by a majority of the Trustees.” Body of document begins with “A short reflection upon the grand design of the great Parent of the Universe in the creation of Mankind, & the improvements of which the mind is capable both in knowledge & virtue; as well as upon the prevalence of ignorance & vice, disorder & wickedness, and upon the direct tendency & certain issue of such a course of things, must occasion in a Thoughtful mind, an anxious solicitude to find the source of these evils, & their remedy.” From Kirkland-Plan of Education Folder

127e. A Plan for a School, by Samuel Kirkland

Undated [earlier than 1791 documents?]

(a)

“A Plan for a School to be erected in the vicinity of Oneida, designed for the benefit of the Indians, & the adjacent English settlements.” From Kirkland-Plan of Education Folder

128a. SK to Miss Jerusha Kirkland

Sept. 9, 1790

Near Oneida

(a)

Wishes to know more about the youth's religious awakening in Stockbridge.

128b. Edward Wigglesworth to SK

Sept. 23, 1790

Cambridge

(a)

Discusses proposal for additional Indian Schools. Also mentions the sickness and death of his son, as well as W's own illness.

129a. John Sargeant to SK

Oct. 2, 1790

Stockbridge

(a)

Delivered SK's salary to Polly in Stockbridge. Reports that the SSPCK approved 2 Indian Schools.

129b. Peter Thatcher to SK

Oct. 8, 1790

Boston

(a)

The SSPCK has decided to support 2 new Indian schools: "at a distance from any English settlements".

129c. Samuel Phillips to SK

Oct. 30, 1790

Boston

(a)

J.T. Kirkland unhappy at Andover; considers the discipline too strict. Interested in property now belonging to Col. Sanger.

130a. SK to Harry Van Shaack

Nov. 1, 1790

Oneida

(a<sup>50</sup>)

Does not have Van S.'s money, hopes to by January.

130b. Peter Thacher to SK

Nov. 6, 1790

Boston

(a)

Asks SK to submit an account of the extraordinary expenses incurred during the famine.

130c. Oliver Phelps to SK

Nov. 14, 1790

Suffield

(a)

Asks that SK travel to meet with him. Indians petitioning Congress concerning various land deals. They accuse SK, Brant, and Butler of altering deeds in favor of P.

131a. Theodore Sedgwick to SK

Dec. 11, 1790

(a)

To set out for Philadelphia soon. Would appreciate SK's company. Also, Census of December 24, 1790. See 140a.

## **1791**

132a. SK to Oliver Phelps

Jan. 6, 1791

New York

(d<sup>51</sup>)

Relates details of Philadelphia trip. Cornplanter convinced of mistake, but the rest of the Seneca Nation still in doubt of integrity of Phelps-Gorham purchase. SK to travel to the Genesee. A land agent is to be appointed for the Senecas. Encloses part of a speech from the President of Congress to Cornplanter.

132b. SK to Peter Thacher

Jan. 14, 1791

Stockbridge

(b,b,e,e)

Recently returned from Philadelphia, where several Seneca chiefs met with Congress. Knows of no schoolmaster for the new Indian Schools. Suggests that the LBCB consult with Crosby. Apologizes for laxness in submitting journals. Kirkland family may join SK in the wilderness.

132c. Deed of Sale

Jan. 25, 1791

Albany

(i)

For sale of 50 acres of Wemple land to David Hawkins.

132d. SK to Oliver Phelps

Mid-Jan. 1791

Stockbridge (?)

(d<sup>52</sup>)

Will not be able to visit P. Suggests that further dealings with the Indians "be managed with great delicacy".

133a. John Kemp to Peter Thacher

Feb. 1, 1791

Edinburgh

(d<sup>53</sup>)

Discusses SK's journals and his "astonishing labors". Also Sargeant journals and schoolmasters for the Indian Schools.

133b. Peter Thacher to SK

Feb. 4, 1791

Boston

(a,e)

Presented SK's letter to the LBCB. They approved his requests. Ask that a special copy of SK's journals be made for them, as well as for the SSPCK.

133c. Jacob Reed to SK

Feb. 22, 1791

Oneida

(a,e)

Has begun to instruct at Oneida. Needs more books.

133d. G.W. Kirkland to SK

Feb. 25, 1791

Dartmouth University

(a)

Will accompany the family to Clinton, although G. hopes not to be away from College for too long.  
Wheelock not well.

133e. John Wheelock to SK

Feb. 25, 1791

Dartmouth College

(a,e)

Received manuscript from SK. Recommends G.W. Kirkland as a good student, mentions Kirkland family's plans to move to Oneida.

133f. SK to Peter Thacher

Feb. 28, 1791

Oneida

(b,e)

Consulted with Sargeant re. the Indian Schools. Has almost completed a census of the Six Nations.

134a. Joseph Brant to SK

March 8, 1791

Grand River

(a,e)

Discusses problems of Indians and Whites. Feels that the Indians are justified in their many complaints about the white people. B. has not had time to work on his history of the Six Nations, as he is constantly called upon to intervene in Indian affairs. Thinks that the United States is hypocritical in its position towards the Indians. Believes that the U. S. had better: "lay down the hatchet and call a general treaty with the United Nations".

134b. John Sargeant to SK

March 10, 1791

Stockbridge

(a,e)

Kirkland family is well. Will propose Indian Schools at Oneida and Genesee to the LBCB.

134c. John Sargeant to SK

March 22, 1791

Stockbridge

(a,e)

Discusses dispute with Occum, situation with western Indians.

134d. SK to John Taylor

March 22, 1791

Vicinity of Oneida

(a)

Asks John Taylor, Albany, for money left with Taylor for Kirkland by Mr. Warner, to be sent to him via Mr. Willard. Includes endorsement by Stephen Willard for the money (Nine Pounds NY Currency). [letter formerly framed, in folder "Samuel Kirkland Autograph"; removed from frame, in folder 134.]

135a. Stephen West to SK

April 13, 1791

Stockbridge

(a,e)

Does not know of a professor for the Clinton School. Feels that J.T. Kirkland "will probably make a figure in any of the learned professions".

135b. George Clinton to SK

April 15, 1791

New York

(a,e)

Is turning down the request of the Oneidas.

135c. SK to Henry Knox

April 22, 1791

Oneida

(b,e,f,h<sup>54</sup>)

Enclosing copy of letter from Brant. (see 134a) SK thinks that his position forbids comment. Captain Hendrick suggested as a peace ambassador to the Western Confederacy.

136a. Joseph Brant to SK

May 3, 1791

Grand River

(a)

Written in Iroquois.

136b. Henry Knox to Philip Schuyler

May 11, 1791

War Department

(f<sup>55</sup>)

Interested in Schuyler's opinion concerning a peace delegation to the Miamis.

136c. Henry Knox to SK

May 11, 1791

War Department

(a,e,g)

Approves of Hendrick's travelling to the Miamis. Agrees with Brant re the establishment of boundaries.

136d. John Taylor to SK

May 15, 1791

Albany

(a, e)

Hopes that the Indians will be "punctual and attend to receive their rent."

137a. SK to Joseph Willard

June 7, 1791

Stockbridge

(b,e)

Census almost complete. Discusses sources of hostility among the Indians. Hopes to accompany Brant to Albany. Oneida School in "flourishing state".

137b. SK to Peter Thacher

June 9, 1791

Stockbridge

(f<sup>56</sup>)

Discusses schoolmaster for Oneida and finances.

137c. The Earl of Dorchester to the Earl of Grenville

June 14, 1791

(h<sup>57</sup>)

Encloses March 24 letter from Brant to Sir John Johnson. Mentions SK as that "deep dark Presbyterian".

137d. Samuel Phillips to SK

June 17, 1791

Boston

(a, e)

Doubtful as to whether J.T. will enter into ministry.

137e. Joseph Willard to SK

June 18, 1791

Cambridge

(a, e)

Acknowledges receipt of Kirkland journals. Good Peter granted 10 pounds.

137f. SK to Peter Thacher

June 24, 1791

Stockbridge

(b,e,d<sup>58</sup>)

Was unable to meet Brant at Albany. Hendrick and Good Peter have set out for the Miamis, although they may be too late. Discusses Indian Schools.

137g. Oliver Phelps to SK

June 24, 1791

New Town Point

(a, e)

Asks that Kirkland come to treaty-signing.

138a. John Sargeant to SK

July 9, 1791

Stockbridge

(a,e)

Will return to Oneida area soon.

138b. NewTown Point Treaty

July 16, 1791

NewTown

(i,e,e)

Matter of Gorham-Phelps purchase price finally resolved.

138c. Hendrick Aupaumut to SK

July 11, 1791

NewTown Point

(a, e)

To travel to Miamis soon. 38 nations are allegedly preparing for war. Good Peter will not go on the trip.

138d. Narrative of Capt. Hendrick

July-Oct. 1791

(d<sup>59</sup>)

Notes from H's journey to the Miamis. Western Indians upset because the whites took all the "best hunting grounds". Brant and Butler harass H. Discusses conversations with Western Indians and the sources of misunderstanding between them and the whites. The New York Commissioners of Indian Affairs apparently intimidated the Indians at NewTown Point.

138e. From Atsiaktatye to Ranadanonghne (= SK?)

July 18, 1791

Kanonaloghare (location)

(a)

P.S. in English: "you will please to let me know what you have done about my papers and knife." Iroquois Letters

139a. Stephen West to SK

Aug. 18, 1791

Stockbridge

(a,e,e)

Edwards to visit Whitestown to form Church.

139b. SK to John Taylor

Sept. 1, 1791

Near Oneida

(d,d<sup>60</sup>)

Has received complaints from the Cayugas concerning the violation by several whites of the Treaty of Ft. Stanwix. This is backed by the Onondaga Nation.

139c. From J. Atsiaktatye Reed to SK

August 29, 1791

Kanonaghraghare

(a)

Iroquois Letters

140a. Census of the Six Nations

Oct. 15, 1791

Stockbridge

(b,c,c,e,i)

Lists numbers of Indians living in various Nations and also scattered about New York, Pennsylvania and Canada. Some names of chiefs. Also, Census of December 24, 1790.

140b. John Kemp to SK

Oct. 1791

Missing as of 1979.

140c. Belknap's Queries

Oct. 1791

(a) oversize

Queries left by Dr. Belknap about the Indians to whom Kirkland and Sargeant ministered. [from S. Kirkland Misc. folder]



140d. Plan of Education draft

Oct. 4, 1791

Oneida

A Plan of Education for the Indians, particularly of the five Nations, in Kirkland's hand. From Kirkland-Plan of Education Folder

140e. Plan of Education fair copy

Oct. 4, 1791

Oneida

A Plan of Education for the Indians, particularly of the Five Nations. Signed by Samuel Kirkland. From Kirkland-Plan of Education Folder

141a. Ebenezer Hazard to SK

Nov. 2, 1791

Philadelphia

(d<sup>61</sup>)

Letter of introduction for Benjamin Barton.

141b. Proceedings of the London Board of Correspondents in Boston

Nov. 3, 1791

Boston

(i,e)

SK to employ Ebenezer Calkin as schoolmaster at Oneida.

141c. SK to John Kemp

Nov. 3, 1791

Boston

(b)

The Board met: SK's journals and the Plan for Indian Education have been forwarded to Scotland. Discusses financial worries. (unfinished)

141d. SK to J.T. Kirkland

Nov. 15, 1791 (?)

(a)

The Taylors to winter at Oneida. Asks J.T. to visit Oneida.

141e. SK to J.T. Kirkland

Nov. 15, 1791

Stockbridge

(b)

Family concerns. Jerusha to begin instruction under Mrs. Gillett.

141f. SK to J.T. Kirkland

Nov. 17, 1791

Stockbridge

(b)

Spent Thanksgiving with the Wests. News of Stockbridge and friends.

142a. Timothy Pickering to SK

Dec. 4, 1791

Philadelphia

(a)

Discusses SK's plan of Indian Education. Is agreeable to most parts.

142b. SK to Henry Knox

Dec. 6, 1791

Philadelphia

(a, [previously identified as f,f<sup>62</sup>])

Lists expected expenses of the Plan for Indian Education. From Kirkland-Plan of Education Folder

142c. Henry Knox to Timothy Pickering

Dec. 20, 1791

War Department

(h<sup>63</sup>)

Discusses the Indians' visit to Congress. Suggests that Brant be expressly invited. SK to meet the Chiefs at Geneseo and accompany them to Philadelphia.

142d. Henry Knox to SK

Dec. 20, 1791

War Department

(a,e)

The Chiefs are going to visit Philadelphia. SK to sit in conference with them at Geneseo and then accompany them southward. Brant is also invited.

142e. SK to Henry Knox

Dec. 28, 1791

Stockbridge

(b)

News from the West: the Army was defeated at Miami. Brant has been dangerously ill.

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143a. A Plan of Education for the Indians

1792

(d<sup>64</sup>)

To establish school at Oneida with 7 promising Indian students. Discusses curriculum, admittance of white students, the teaching of husbandry, a workhouse, location of the School, etc. [Dartmouth College Library 792900.5] See also 127c, d, and e; 140d and e; and 142b.

143b. Discussion of the Plan of Indian Education

1792

(h<sup>65</sup>)

Proposes a Board of Trustees to assume actual ownership of the school. A charter to be applied for. [Dartmouth College Library 792900.3]

143c. Edward Wigglesworth to Dr. Erskine

1792 (?)

(Probably) Cambridge

(d<sup>66</sup>)

Discussion of the Plan of Indian Education. Feels that SSPCK may not want to get too involved, because the school would be associated with the U.S. Government. [Dartmouth College Library 791690]

144a. SK to Joseph Brant

Jan. 3, 1792

Oneida

(b)

Describes the Plan of Indian Education. Also invites B. to Philadelphia, and asks to meet him at Geneseo on Jan. 20.

144b. SK to Henry Knox

Jan. 5, 1792

Oneida

(b)

Returned from Albany. Pickering's invitation sent to Buffalo Creek by Indian runners. Defeat of the Army has alarmed the Six Nations, as the Western Confederacy is now looking their direction. Will set out for Geneseo on Monday with Good Peter and others. May bring more chiefs than specified to Philadelphia, as many more will doubtless want to come.

144c. Henry Knox to SK

Jan. 7, 1792

War Department

(a)

Discussion of Indian Affairs.

144d. Mason Cogswell to SK

Jan 8, 1792

Hartford

(a)

Letter of introduction for a young Mr. Smith.

144e. John Smith to SK

Jan. 13, 1792

Dartmouth College

(a)

G.W. Kirkland is an outstanding student.

144f. Sally Kirkland to Jerusha Kirkland

Jan. 15, 1792

Clinton

(a)

(Brief) Description of Clinton. Family news and greetings.

144g. SK to Henry Knox

Jan. 17, 1792 [or Jan. 27, 1792]

Near Kanadasegea

(b)

Arrived at Kanadasegea yesterday after wearisome journey through the cold. Several of the Old Chiefs requested a one-day rest. Relates intelligence received concerning the Western situation. The British were apparently very active in supplying the Miami Indians and their allies.

144h. SK to the Inhabitants of Kanadaigua

Jan. 18, 1792

Kanadaigua

(b)

Proclamation requesting that no liquor be sold during SK's council with the Indians in that town.

144i. SK to Henry Knox

Jan. 19, 1792

Kanadaigua

(b)

Held a council with the Indians here. Relates details of the proceedings.

144j. SK to Joseph Brant

Jan. 25, 1792

Kanawagoas

(b)

Reextends the invitation to B.

144k. John Kemp to Peter Thacher

Jan. 27, 1792

Edinburgh

(d,f,h<sup>67</sup>)

SK's journals "continue to give the same pleasure and satisfaction to our members which they have done for several years past". SK granted additional funds for famine work. The Plan of Indian Education was reviewed, approved. [Dartmouth College Library 792127]

144l. SK to Henry Knox

Jan. 27, 1792

Genesee

(b)

Thinks that the Indian delegation should visit Philadelphia as soon as possible. War spirit beginning to infect the Six Nations. Peace with the Western Confederacy may be possible in the spring.

144m. John Kemp to SK

Jan. 27, 1792

Edinburgh

(a)

Received SK's latest journals, they are much approved by the SSPCK. Additional funds appropriated for SK's famine relief work. The Plan of Indian Education has been discussed and approved.

145a. Joseph Brant to SK

Feb. 4, 1792

Niagara

(a,c)

Very cool answer to SK's invitation to Philadelphia. Will not accompany the chiefs. Thinks that the US should make an official policy statement on the Indians.

145b. SK to Joseph Brant

Feb. 16, 1792

Genesee

(b,c)

Urges B. to come to Philadelphia. Willing to send the old chiefs down first, so that B. will be paid the proper respect. Desirous of meeting with B.

145c. SK to Henry Knox

Feb. 16, 1792

Kanawageas

(b)

Did not attend the Buffalo Creek Council, as the presence of whites was expressly forbidden. Is behaving very cautiously. Brant will probably not come to Philadelphia.

145d. SK to Henry Knox

Feb. 13, 1792

Kanawageas

(b)

Relates proceedings of secret conference at Ft. Niagara. The chiefs have decided to go to Philadelphia. Brant also invited SK to Niagara, an offer that he declined, after consultation with Red Jacket and Good Peter. Many (including SK) think that a split in the Iroquois Confederacy is inevitable: "unless a general peace is settled, and... unless a representation of all the Five Nations is taken to Philadelphia...many warriors will join with the Western Confederacy in the spring." SK suggests that Brant be properly invited to visit Congress. A certain animosity now evident between Brant and the British.

145e. SK to Israel Chapin

Feb. 18, 1792

Genesee

(b)

Buffalo Creek Council has broken up, with the chiefs deciding to proceed to Philadelphia. Smallpox has broken out in Little Beard's village. Will stop in Kanandaigua on the way southward.

145f. Seth Reed to SK

Feb. 19, 1792

Cannadabago

(a)

Will send son with sleigh and money to meet SK and the Indians. Sleighing is good from Tioga to Wyoming.

145g. Mr. Street to SK

Feb. 20, 1792

Kanawageas

(a)

Several Senecas and 1 Onondaga chief have just arrived. Want to meet SK and the other chiefs on the next day.

145h. Narrative of Capt. Hendrick's trip to Niagara

Feb. 1792

(d<sup>68</sup>)

Left Genesee on the 18th of February. Met with 2 Chippawas and a Delaware on the 22nd. They are desirous of peace, but very confident after the triumphs at Miami. Saw Brant, who explained why he chose not to visit Congress. Stopped at Buffalo Creek and Ft. Niagara, where H. was interrogated by Gordon and Col. Butler.

145i. John Wheelock to SK

Feb. 4, 1792

Dartmouth College

(a)

Thanks SK for the sketches regarding Indian folklore and history. G.W. Kirkland to make the salutatory address at commencement.

145j. SK to J.T. Kirkland

Feb. 13, 1792

Genesee

(a)

Hopes that the family have been well in the cold weather. Tells of his travels.

145k. Edward Paine to SK

Feb. 22, 1792

New York

(a)

Met with his Excellency and transmitted the information.

145l. SK to Henry Knox

Feb. 25, 1792

Kanadaigua

(b)

Arrived here with "about 40 chiefs and Warriors; a complete representation of the Five Nations, the Fish-Carrier and one village on the Allegany excepted." Apologizes for the great number of chiefs, but feels that the delicate situation requires it. Sends intelligence from Ohio. Asks that Col. Proctor meet the chiefs in Pennsylvania--it is of highest "importate that the delegation go down without any insult from the inhabitants".

145m. Henry Knox to SK

Feb. 25, 1792

War Department

(a)

Brant's presence at Congress "considered of great importance". SK to try to "induce him" to attend, General Chapin may accompany the rest of the delegation.

146a. Henry Knox to SK

March 7, 1792

War Department

(a)

Sedan and Proctor to meet delegation. Keep trying to persuade Brant to attend.

146b. SK to Henry Knox

March 10, 1792

Bethlehem

(b)

Met up with Sedan and Proctor. Discusses accommodations for the Indians, suggests a military parade upon the chiefs' arrival.

146c. Israel Chapin to SK

March 21, 1792

Kanadaigua

(a)

Smallpox still among the Genesee Indians. Forwarded the letters to Brant. Hendrick to join the delegation in Philadelphia.

146d. Gov. Mifflin to the Iroquois Chiefs

March 1792

(i,i)

Welcomes the Chiefs to Pennsylvania.

146e. Jacob Reed to George Washington

[March] 23, 1792

From Anadakarids to Kanadayeaghgo

(a) oversize

Pages begin and end “twatatekea twanonghsyonnie, twayaner ok oni ... agwagh ge agwegon tsi [?]; yenagrenyon ne ... ahe yagh tage; nha tsi nyaayoghtonghhatye ... niwaghgeghse; ne waghaghkwani ... 23 1792 Anadakarids.”

Iroquois Letters

147a. SK to Oliver Phelps

April 3, 1792

Philadelphia

(f<sup>69</sup>)

P. not to worry about slander of Cornplanter's latest speech. SK believes that the Indians now trust P.

147b. SK to J.T. Kirkland

April 5, 1792

Philadelphia

(a)

Is healthy. Hopes to return by early May.

147c. Timothy Pickering to the Iroquois Chiefs

April 18, 1792

Philadelphia

(i)

Expresses consolation on the death of Farmer's Brother's son.

147d. B. Woodward to SK

April 19, 1792

Dartmouth College

(a)

G.W. Kirkland returning to Oneida. Speaks very highly of him.

147e. Peter Thacher to SK

April 20, 1792

Boston

(a)

Enclosing a letter from Kemp. Wants proposed expenses of the Plan of Indian Education and a large map of the Oneida Country.

147f. SK to J.T. Kirkland

April 20, 1792

Philadelphia

(a)  
Dislikes city life: "God made the world, man made cities." Since Great Peter's death, Farmer's Brother's son and Big Tree have died. These have served to delay the delegation in Philadelphia. Hopes to leave soon.

147g. Henry Knox to SK  
April 21, 1792  
War Department (?)  
(f<sup>70</sup>)  
Invitation for 22 Iroquois chiefs and SK for dinner with President Washington.

147h. Thomas Cassety to SK  
April 27, 1792  
Paris  
(a) oversize  
SK's neighbors support the idea of an Academy, as stipulated in the Plan of Indian Education.

147i. J.T. Kirkland (?) to SK  
April 27, 1792  
Near Clinton  
(a)  
Gives advice concerning SK's land and family. Thinks that he should try to spend more time with his family. (page 2 is lost)

147j. Henry Knox to Israel Chapin  
April 28, 1792  
Philadelphia  
(i)  
Instructions to C. concerning his administration over the Five Nations. The Indians are to be taught to farm and are to have blacksmiths and carpenters to live with them. Provides money for these improvements. President Washington to the Five Nations (enclosed): An address. Greetings, expresses sorrow at the death of Great Peter and Big Tree.

147k. Edward Wigglesworth to Peter Thacher  
April 30, 1792  
Cambridge  
(d,f<sup>71</sup>)  
Agrees with SK's Plan of Indian Education, but does not think that the SSPCK should have to fund the project.

147l. A. Ewing to SK  
April 30, 1792  
(a)  
Discusses manner of payment for the "Indian Horses".

147m. Address of the Iroquois Chiefs  
April, 1792  
Philadelphia  
(a)  
Transcript in SK's handwriting, is almost illegible. Seems to be an address to the Congress or some other official body.



147n. Tiohogwando to the Commissioners

(?)

(i)

Speech concerns the sale of land to Pennsylvania. The "commissioners" (possibly the US Commissioners of Indian Affairs) promise to "represent the matter to a grand Congress at Philadelphia".

147o. Timothy Pickering to SK

April 24, 1792

Philadelphia

(a) oversize

Request that Kirkland look in to accusations of dishonesty and abuse of power on the part of Pickering. From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

148a. Samuel Martin to SK

May, 1792

Monimail

(a)

M. is "the minister of the Parish where the...President of the (SSPCK) resides". Is forwarding epistles concerning SK's journals.

148b. Timothy Pickering to Henry Knox

May 2, 1792

Philadelphia

(d, f<sup>72</sup>)

Discusses claims of Good Peter and Skenandoa.

148c. (?) to Peter Penet

May 4, 1792

(d<sup>72\*</sup>)

Front page only.

148d. Account of Expenses

May 6, 1792

Philadelphia

(i)

Account of SK's expenses incurred while bringing the chiefs to Philadelphia. Travel, lodging, and baggage transport costs.

148e. Joseph Bloomfield to William Norcross

May 6, 1792

Philadelphia

(a)

Indian chiefs coming to Bordentown. Please show them all respect.

148f. SK to Timothy Pickering

May 10, 1792

New York

(d<sup>73</sup>)

Oneida and Tuscarora chiefs on their way home. SK concerned with P.'s role in a Cayuga lease to John Richardson.

148g. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

May 15, 1792

Stockbridge

(a)

Wants to settle her accounts and visit the family in Clinton as soon as possible.

148h. SK to Peter Thacher

May 15, 1792

Stockbridge

(b)

Thanks the SSPCK and the LBCB for 55 pounds given to him to relieve his "embarrassments". Discusses his late mission to the Five Nations and the subsequent trip to Philadelphia.

148i. SK to Israel Chapin

May 31, 1792

Oneida

(d<sup>74</sup>)

Congratulates C. on his appointment as the superintendent of Indian Affairs: "if the honor and (?) be in any measure adequate to the trouble". Chances for peace with the Western and Southern Indians look very good. Does not plan to attend the Buffalo Council. Hendrick beginning to be lost to the vice of alcohol. Asks for a copy of the Treaty of Philadelphia.

148j. SK to Timothy Pickering

May 31, 1792

Oneida

(b,d<sup>75</sup>)

Arrived at Oneida safely. The Congress's generosity met with a cool reception at Oneida thanks to the influence of Penet. Discusses the current problems at Oneida.

148k. Monetary grant issued to the Oneida, Tuscarora, and Stockbridge Indians

May 4, 1792

(a) oversize

A total sum of \$415 to be given to said Indian tribes for agricultural equipment. Oneida portion of the grant is to be paid to SK. The grant is certified by Timothy Pickering.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

149a. SK to Timothy Pickering

June 5, 1792

Near Oneida

(d<sup>75</sup>)

Debate among the Stockbridges as to who should handle the money granted by Congress. Letter allegedly by Brant currently circulating among the Indians.

149b. SK to Peter Thacher

June 6, 1792

Oneida

(b)

Discusses Congress's plan to help the Iroquois.

149c. Mr. Dwight to SK

June 11, 1792

Stockbridge

(a)

Fragment of letter dealing with financial matters.

149d. Major Frederick Augustus de Teng to SK

June 11, 1792

Ft. Stanwix

(a)

Discusses financial matters. Also begs "live to inform the Revd. Mr. Kirkland that I am no Frenchmenn, but a German from Saxony".

149e. Ebenezer Tolman to SK

June 12, 1792

Stockbridge

(a)

Discusses the purchase of farming supplies for Oneida.

149f. SK to Oliver Phelps

June 14, 1792

Oneida

(d<sup>76</sup>)

Wishes to hear from P. concerning an Ontario County Clerkship.

149g. SK to Timothy Pickering

June 14, 1792

Oneida

(b)

(unfinished and unsigned) Oneidas feel cheated by the benefits granted to them by the Treaty of Philadelphia. SK hopes that trade will eventually be regulated among the Six Nations.

149h. Proceedings of the LBCB

June 15, 1792

Boston

(d,h<sup>77</sup>)

Approves money for the Plan of Indian Education. Funds granted for the erection of a schoolhouse.

149i. SK to Peter Thacher

June 16, 1792

Oneida

(b)

Discusses finances, "flourishing" condition of Oneida School.

149j. SK to Oliver Phelps

June 16, 1792

Oneida

(d<sup>78</sup>)

Discusses the possibility of a Clerkship for SK's nephew.

149k. Bills of Exchange

June 18, 1792

Oneida

(a)  
Bills of exchange for K's salary.

149l. Stockbridge Indians to SK  
June 22, 1792  
Near Stockbridge

(i)  
Appeal for SK to overrule Samson Occum, who is dividing and otherwise troubling the Stockbridge tribe.

149m. SK to Peter Thacher  
June 30, 1792

Oneida  
(b,d,f<sup>79</sup>)

Presents the anticipated expenses of Plan of Indian Education. Discusses site for the proposed school. Mentions trouble with some Frenchmen, they have introduced "the seeds of discord and jealousy throughout the whole Nation".

150a. Account of Expenses  
July 2, 1792

Oneida  
(b,b)

Account of expenses incurred in buying oxen and farm implements for the Oneida Nation.

150b. Account of Expenses  
July 2, 1792

Oneida  
(b,b)

List of expenditures incurred in the repair of the Oneida mills, damaged by floods.

150c. Ebenezer Calkin to SK  
July 9, 1792

Kanonwalohale  
(a)

In need of supplies. Dam being finished, despite the Indians' stalling. Discusses other troubles.

150d. Asa Danforth to SK  
July 12, 1792

Onondaga  
(a)

In need of a school for whites and Indians.

150e. Ebenezer Calkin to SK  
July 17, 1792

Kanowalohale  
(a)

Sally is well, as is C.

150f. SK to John Kemp  
July 17, 1792

Oneida  
(b)

Will visit Dartmouth towards the end of the Summer.

150g. Joseph Kirkland to SK

July 17, 1792

Lansingburgh

(a)

Receiving instruction from Mr. Lovett. Is no longer interested in the clerkship in Ontario County.

150h. Peter Thacher to SK

July 20, 1792

Boston

(a)

Discusses payment of Calkin.

150i. SK to Oliver Phelps

July 21, 1792

Oneida

(d<sup>80</sup>)

Hopes to see P. soon. Brant passed by recently without stopping in; "he must act the Indian sometimes".

151a. Letter from a Gentleman recently returned from Niagara

Aug. 8, 1792

(d<sup>80\*</sup>)

Speaks with contempt of the efforts to civilize the Indians: the British influence is too strong.

151b. SK to Israel Chapin

Aug. 13, 1792

Oneida

(d<sup>81</sup>)

Asks C. for a copy of the Treaty of Philadelphia.

151c. SK to Oliver Phelps

Aug. 18, 1792

Blanford

(d<sup>82</sup>)

Mentions the circumstances surrounding Jimmy's death. Asks P.'s advice concerning Sally Kirkland, discusses financial matters.

151d. Dartmouth College to SK and Capt. John

Aug. 23, 1792

Dartmouth University

(a<sup>83</sup>)

Welcomes SK and J. to commencement.

151e. Capt. John to John Wheelock

Aug. 23, 1792

Dartmouth College

(a)

SK's translation. Replies to W.'s welcome. (see 151d) Compliments Dartmouth. Addresses the graduating class.

151f. Israel Chapin to SK

Aug. 30, 1792

Kanadaigua

(a)

Will deliver a copy of the Treaty of Philadelphia to Oneida in September.

151g. Josiah Dwight to SK

Fall, 1792

Stockbridge (?)

(a)

Willing to serve SK's orders for winter supplies.

152a. Joseph Willard to Capt. John

Sept. 4, 1792

Cambridge

(a)

Greets J. on his and SK's visit to Harvard College.

152b. SK to Timothy Pickering

Sept. 8, 1792

Suffield

(b)

Bound for Oneida. Good Peter and others are headed for a council at Buffalo Creek. Asks that the carpenter etc. for the Oneidas be procured.

152c. David McClure to SK

Sept. 10, 1792

East Windsor

(a)

Greetings.

152d. SK to Jerusha Kirkland

Sept. 12, 1792

Suffield

(a)

Sorry that J. is not accompanying him to Oneida. Hopes that her studies progress well.

152e. SK to Oliver Phelps

Late Sept. 1792

Stockbridge

(d<sup>84</sup>)

Travelling to Oneida from Boston. Hopes to see P. Mentions P.'s late payment of Indian lease.

152f. David Fowler to SK

Sept. 8, 1792

(a)

Notification of the religious conversion of a Miss Bettse.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

153a. SK to Israel Chapin

Oct. 16, 1792

Oneida

(d<sup>85</sup>)

Conferred with Wemple, who declined the job of blacksmith at Oneida. This refusal is making the Indians uneasy.

153b. Timothy Pickering to SK

Oct. 21, 1792

Philadelphia

(a)

Will forward the Plan of Civilizing the Indians. Regrets to hear of Good Peter's death.

154a. SK etc. to the Regents of the University of New York

Nov. 12, 1792

Oneida

(i,i) oversized

Applies for the charter for the Hamilton -Oneida Academy. List of the original trustees.

154b. Elihu H. Smith to SK

Nov. 20, 1792

Wetherfield

(a) oversized

Asks for historical information concerning the Iroquois.

154c. Timothy Pickering to SK

Nov. 30, 1792

Philadelphia

(a) oversized

Chapin and P. have drawn up the article of the agreement between the Oneidas and Congress. P. thinks that the Oneidas would be granted additional funds if they applied to the Government for them.

155a. SK to Peter Thacher

Dec. 26, 1792

Stockbridge

(d<sup>86</sup>)

Eye inflamed from September injury. This has delayed SK's finishing his journals. Mentions the death of Good Peter and Samson Occum. To travel to New York for the Plan of Indian Education. Discusses Indian affairs.

### **1793**

156a. Proceedings of the LBCB

Jan. 1793

Boston

(d<sup>87</sup>)

Based on Calkin's requests, more funds to be given to the Oneida School.

156b. Peter Thacher to SK

Jan. 23, 1793

Boston

(a)

Calkin's presentation to be discussed at the next meeting of the LBCB. Believes that the delay of SK's journals will hurt his standing in Scotland.

156c. Stephen West to SK

? 30, 1793

Stockbridge

(a)

Fragment news of Stockbridge and vicinity.

156d. SK to Col. Wadsworth

Jan. 24, 1793

New York

(b)

Met with the Regents. Thanks W. for his contribution to the H. O. Academy. Lists the other contributions to the school.

157a. SK to Peter Thacher

Feb. 15, 1793

Stockbridge

(d<sup>88</sup>)

The Oneida schoolhouse was destroyed by fire. SK's eye received treatment in New York, but he is now under Dr.'s orders not to read or write.

158a. Jon. Ware to SK

March 1, 1793

No—

(a)

Praises the Plan of Indian Education.

158b. SK to Israel Chapin

March 2, 1793

Oneida

(d<sup>89</sup>)

Returned from New York. Discusses financial matters.

159a. Joseph Bloomfield to SK

April 22, 1793

Burlington

(a)

Letter of introduction for John Wood Bloomfield.

159b. The Oneida Indians to the Regents of New York

April 27, 1793

Oneida

(i)

Translation by James Dean. Thanks the Regents for the H.O. Academy.

159c. The Oneida Indians to Peter Thacher

April 27, 1793

Oneida

(i)



Translation by James Dean. Thanks the LBCB and the SSPCK for the H. O. Academy.

159d. Peter Smith to SK

April 29, 1793

Ft. Schuyler

(a)

Would like SK to recommend him to Gen. Chapin. Contacted the Oneidas re. payment of their annual bounty.

159e List of Donations

April, 1793

Hamilton-Oneida Academy

(a) oversize (was f<sup>90</sup>)

Complete list of the original contributors and contributions made to the H. O. Academy. List of subscribers to the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, starting with Samuel Kirkland, who pledged 10 pounds cash and 15 days work. Framed document [hanging in President's Office until 7/13/2016; from 1979 to 2009 listed with "location of original uncertain"]. Handwriting on mat before conservation read, at the top, "The Original Subscription for the Establishment of Hamilton Oneida Academy in the year 1793." At the bottom the handwriting read "Found among the papers of the late Joel Bristol of Clinton, and presented to the College Library by his son, George Bristol (Class of 1815.)" [first s in "class" is a long s, suggesting the inscription dates to early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; Joel Bristol died in 1827, so it was probably soon after that]; mat preserved in the Archives.

160a. Samuel Broome to SK

Sept. 2, 1793

New York

(a)

Letter of recommendation for Rev. William Wells.

160b. John Rodgers to SK

Sept. 2, 1793

New York

(a)

Discusses Rev. Wells' desire to settle in the Oneida Country.

160c. Timothy Pickering to SK

Sept. 7, 1793

Albany

(a)

Regrets having missed SK's son at Mr. Kane's.

160d. Stephen West to SK

Sept. 13, 1793

Stockbridge

(a)

Regrets having to miss Norton's ordination at Paris. Local news.

160e. William Wells to SK

Sept. 16, 1793

Whitestown

(a)

Asks that SK look for land for Wells' family.

161a. SK to Timothy Pickering

Oct. 9, 1793

Whitestown

(d<sup>91</sup>)

Discusses horses. Also news of the council at Miami, from which the Five Nations were barred.

162a. Timothy Pickering to SK

Nov. 15, 1793

Philadelphia

(a)

Yellow fever epidemic has taken several thousand lives in Philadelphia.

162b. Receipt

Nov. 22, 1793

Oneida

(d<sup>92</sup>)

Receipt for money received by SK in the service of the N.Y. Commissioners of Indian Affairs.

163a. Timothy Pickering to SK

Dec. 24, 1793

Philadelphia

(a)

Need proper vouchers for mill repair work. Feels that the conditions of the Treaty of Philadelphia may never be satisfactorily completed.

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by John Hinge

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## 1794

164a. Petition from Trustees of Hamilton Oneida Academy to Peter Thacher

January 2, 1794

Herkimer County

(a) oversize

Announcement of opening of academy, statement of purpose, request for funds from "the Honorable Board of Commissioners for propogating Christian Knowledge among the Indian."

164b. John Sargeant to Peter Thacher

January 10, 1794

New Stockbridge

(a) oversize

Sargeant recently saw SK, who asked him to sign petition described above (164a). Sargeant refused, explaining that he disagreed with Kirkland about methods of education for the Indians. (Requested that a copy of the letter also be sent to the Trustees of Hamilton Oneida Academy.)

164c. (Front of page) Seth Blair's receipt

January 15, 1794

(Back of page) James Dean's voucher for Blair

February 7, 1794

Blair--Herkimer County

Dean--Philadelphia

(i)

Receipt of funds from Samuel Kirkland for services as overseer during repairs of Oneida Mills--June and July, 1792. (Dean) Dam of Oneida Mills was damaged by flood in Spring 1792. Blair, the overseer of repair work, is "a very honest man."

164d. Sachems of Oneida Nation to the Commission for propogating the Gospel among the natives of America

January 29, 1794

Oneida

(a,e) oversize

Complaints of SK's neglect as pastor and missionary; requests that Crosby be sent in place of SK. (Handwritten transcription has slightly different wording from original).

165a. John Kemp to SK

February 5, 1794

Edinborough

(a)

Kemp regrets SK's delay in answering the queries of the Society in Scotland regarding More's Indian School. Informs SK that the Society is skeptical about the effectiveness of Indian education; requests that SK send figures on those Indians who have truly benefited from education.

165aa.

Extract from latter portion of 165a.

(a)

165b. Charge (Instructive Address) by SK

February 5, 1794

New South Church, Boston

(h<sup>93</sup>)

On the occasion of John Thornton Kirkland's ordination into the ministry, SK gives him advice on the proper path to follow in order to "enter into the joy of the Lord."

166a. Extract of letter from John Sargeant to Peter Thacher

March 12, 1794

(a,c)

Of three Oneida boys at the Indian academy during the winter, only one is left. The Oneidas assume that SK has left them; they therefore desire Mr. Crosby be sent in his place. Sargeant has not yet verified this information with SK.

166b. SK to Peter Thacher

March 13, 1794

Oriskene near Oneida

(d)

Informs Thacher that the Trustees of Hamilton Oneida Academy have agreed to erect their building the ensuing season. Discusses formation of association of young clergymen (at present: SK, Dan Bradley, Joel Bradley, and Asahel Norton) to guard against the threatening influence of zealots such as the Methodists and Baptists. SK has heard about letter 164d.; he requests that he be allowed to see the letter before the board acts upon it.

166c. Agreement --Silas Bingham to SK

March 14, 1794

Paris

(a)

Bingham agreed to preach four sabbaths for SK beginning on March 23.

167a. Peter Thacher to SK

April 11, 1794

Boston

(a)

Thacher received letter 166b (SK to Thacher) a few days after letter 164d (complaint of Oneida Sachems). The Board has not yet met, but SK will be sent a copy of the complaint and consulted before the board makes any decision.

167b. Sarah Montaur to Skenandoa

April 19, 1794

Detroit

(a)

Disputes are ended. If Sarah gets her land, Skenandoa may have one farm. She does not, however, want his "wicked" to live there.

168a. Jacob VanVleck to SK

May 2 (letter dated the 26<sup>th</sup>) 1794

Bethlehem

(a)  
SK's daughter Elisa returns home by means of the Rev. Mr. McDonald; VanVleck hopes that SK approves.

168b. Peter Thacher to SK

May 16, 1794

Boston

(a)  
The Commissioners, having met yesterday, appointed Eliot and Frisbee to make enquiry into the complaint of the Oneida Indians and into the general state of the missions and schools. Thacher thinks this investigation will be favorable to SK. He has not yet received a letter from Scotland.

169a. Peter Thacher to SK

June 10, 1794

Boston

(a)  
Having heard from SK's son that SK would be coming to Boston, the commissioners decided to suspend investigation of the complaint. They have not seen SK --would he please either write or come to Boston?

169b. Jacob VanVleck to SK

June 18, 1794

Bethlehem

(a)  
Since SK's daughter Elisa left so soon, VanVleck was not able to close her account. He now requests the payment, payable to Henry Tenbrook.

170a. R. H. Sheaff--Declaration regarding Indian Territory

August 16, 1794

Sodus

(i)  
During the "inexecution" of the peace treaty between Great Britain and the united States, the taking possession of any Indian territory will violate his Majesty's rights and strain relations between the two countries.

-Acknowledgement of receipt by Thomas Little, agent for Captain Chas. Williamson.

170b. R. H. Sheaff to Chas. Williamson

August 16, 1794

Sodus

(i)  
Sheaff questions by what authority an establishment was ordered at the British province of Upper Canada and demands that such plans be relinquished by reason of the declaration enclosed (170a).

170c. Document signed by Samuel Kirkland

August 15, 1794

Paris

(a)  
Note about \$400 loaned to "defray the present expenses" incurred "in erecting Hamilton Oneida Academy," signed by Samuel Kirkland and witnessed by Solomon Kellogg and Eli Bristol. Framed with an accompanying note about the history of the document dated March 1, 1879, and signed by O.S. Williams [Othniel S. Williams, class of 1831].

171a. Peter Thacher to SK

September 6, 1794

Boston

(a)

Thacher has still not heard from SK; why? He has requested that Mr. Calkin reopen the Indian school in Oneida; if the Indians do not provide suitable facilities, the school will be moved somewhere else.

171b. SK to Joseph Smith

September 30, 1794

Oneida

(a,e)

During SK's journey to Philadelphia with the delegation of the six Nations, he hired Smith, an Indian interpreter and trader, to assist him. Throughout the course of the journey, Smith often paid expenses for which SK would reimburse him. Although the accounts were cleared after the journey, a question, which SK discusses in this letter, remained regarding the bill of Mr. Dun.

172a. John Fisk to SK

October 9, 1794

Canandaigua

(a)

Fisk, apparently a minister, was requested to baptize Indian children by Colonel William, an Indian. He asks whether the Indians are indeed members of the church at Oneida, and whether the Indian marriage ceremony can be considered valid.

173a. Sylvester Fuller--Receipt

November 18, 1794

Paris

(a)

Five pounds, four shillings received from Joel Bristol for the academy.

173b. Account of losses sustained by various Indians in the late war--SK

November 24, 1794

Oneida

(d)

An itemized listing, by individual, of the losses of each tribe, with estimated monetary value noted for every item. Most Indians listed are of either the wolf tribe, bear tribe, or turtle clan of the Oneida nation, although some Tuscaroras and others are also included. The document concludes with the statement, "In the year 1780 Capt. Hendrick with thirty young warriors --served in the war under the direction of his Excellency Gen'l Warhinton and at the close of this campaign --received nothing but a little clothing and money to bring them home --but I had a promise from the Secretary of the War Office that a compensation should thereafter be made."

174a. John Metacklin to Chiefs of Oneida Nation

(undated)

(a)

Some years ago several Oneida young men killed three horses belonging to Metacklin's mother. Since she is now old and poor, Metacklin requests that they give compensation.

--Recommendation of John Sargeant (undated)

Pickering, Kirkland, and Dean should take this opportunity to lay grievances before the Oneidas and obtain recompense for Metacklin's mother's horses.

--Timothy Pickering to John Metacklin

December 7, 1794

The Oneidas are just and friendly with their neighbors; Pickering trusts that they will investigate the complaint, providing compensation if it is found to be true.

[all on same sheet]

174b. Timothy Pickering to SK

December 13, 1794

Albany

(a)

Pickering saw some papers in the hands of the Oneidas; he requests SK to copy one of them, a letter from the governor regarding employment of white people in farming. He also asks SK to find the name of the surveyor of land leased by Peter Smith from the Oneidas.

174c. Deed--Eli and Joel Bristol to SK

December 23, 1794

Paris

(a)

Sale of a seven and one-half acre tract of land located in Paris to SK for twenty shillings.

--Verification of deed by James Dean, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Oneida County

January 21, 1799

174d. Deed--SK to Joel Bristol

December 23, 1794

Paris

(a)

Sale of a three and three-quarter tract of land located in Paris to Joel Bristol for eight pounds.

--Verification of deed by James Dean, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Oneida County

November 16, 1799

**1795**

175a. John Sargeant to Timothy Pickering

January 3, 1795

New Stockbridge

(f,h<sup>94</sup>)

Sargeant apologizes for not repaying money he had borrowed when Pickering was in New Stockbridge. He reports the fears of Daniel Fowler that a "league of white people" will get the lands of the Brothertown Indians. He indicates ways by which federal control by legislation could prevent raids on Indian lands under state laws. He urges a law to prohibit the sale of intoxicants to the Indians; most of the Stockbridge and Oneida would like such a law. He expresses dissatisfaction with SK's Indian Academy and discusses drawbacks to SK's methods of Indian education.

[Most of the letter is paraphrased; only a small portion is transcribed "word for word".]

175b. Ebenezer Caulking to Peter Thacher

January 5, 1795

Oneida

(h<sup>95</sup>)

Caulking was engaged in the Academy until November 11 and has been in Oneida since then. As the Society in Scotland has decided to discontinue the school in Oneida, Caulking is out of a position, but he determines to settle among the Indians as a trader because of his attachment to them.

[Mostly paraphrased.]

175c. Timothy Pickering to John Sargeant

January 9, 1795

Philadelphia

(h<sup>96</sup>)

Pickering apologizes for not advancing the 80 dollar allowance for the Stockbridge Nation; Sargeant may now request that the money be drawn. Pickering is obliged to Captain Hendrick for his written speech.

175d. Stephen West to Peter Thacher

January 29, 1795

Stockbridge

(h<sup>97</sup>)

West thinks the Hamilton Oneida Academy may be of great advantage to the new settlements in the area; the board should patronize this noble attempt to Christianize the Indians.

176a. SK to Peter Thacher

February 9, 1795

Boston

(e,f,i<sup>98</sup>)

On a previous occasion, the Board was unable to make any decisions on the Hamilton Oneida Academy, since a certified copy of the charter had not been presented. SK now sends a copy of the charter along with this letter.

176b. Caulking's salary account

February 10, 1795

(No location stated)

(f,h<sup>99</sup>)

From March 19, 1792 to November 12, 1794, Caulking received a total of 160 pounds, 0 shillings, 0 pence. In addition he received, unbeknown to the Commissioners, about 70 pounds, 0 shillings, 0 pence from Congress for the same school and for the Hamilton Oneida Academy.



176c. SK to Stephen Van Rensselaer

February 24, 1795

Albany

(a,e)

In order that the trustees may finish the Hamilton Oneida Academy building, SK requests a loan of ten to twelve hundred dollars for the term of one year.

177a. Elkanah Holmes to SK

March 12, 1795

New York

(a,e<sup>100</sup>)

In a long letter, Holmes expresses his pleasure at hearing of the Hamilton Oneida Academy and wishes that it will be blessed in the future. If SK is in the area, he should stop to visit Holmes.

178a. SK to John T. Kirkland

April 15, 1795

Paris

(a,e)

SK informs his son of his (relatively) safe return from Boston. Having emerged from the journey with "only" a frozen toe, nose, cheek, and other ailments, he wishes his son well in the ministry.

178b. John Sargeant to Timothy Pickering

April 26, 1795

Stockbridge

(h<sup>101</sup>)

Sargeant asks who is the commissioner to make a treaty with the western Indians this summer and whether Hendrick will attend the treaty. The State of New York has appointed new commissioners to purchase the Oneida lands; unless Pickering intervenes, the Indians will be cheated out of their lands. Sargeant sets out for New York this week and will go on immediately with the mills.

178c. Deposition of SK

April 1795

Herkimer County

(f<sup>102</sup>)

During the ejectment case of Richard Fenn Lessee of Cornelius Vanhorn vs. John Dorrance in the Circuit Court of the United States, SK testified that he had heard from numerous Indian sources of the sale of a large tract of land on the Susquehannah to the New England people.

178d. Deed: Samuel Kirkland to Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy

April 8, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Samuel Kirkland to trustees of H. O. Academy. Deed, 1795, cataloged as HAM COLL HA K63.

179a. Jonathan Edwards to Gideon Hawley

Copy dated May 11, 1795 of a letter from January 27, 1755

Stockbridge

(i<sup>103</sup>)

Edwards has not answered Hawley's letters because he has been ill with the ague. During his (Edwards') absence, there was unrest among "his" Indians --many of them left town, but most have now returned.

179b. Timothy Pickering to SK

May 18, 1795

War Office

(a, e)

The bearer of this letter, Samuel Lewis, has payment for the Oneidas, Tuscaroras and Stockbridge Indians in response to the request for compensation of losses (173b). Captain Hendrick will no longer be needed at the treaty with the Western Indians. In order to begin construction of the sawmill, 300 dollars will be given to James Dean.

179c. SK to John T. Kirkland

May 18, 1795

Clinton

(a,e)

SK's health is not so good as previously reported. Since his quarter's salary of 50 dollars will soon come due, he requests that his son send it to him, along with an additional fifty dollars of his son's own, if possible. The Academy has drained most of his own personal funds.

179d. Deed--SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

May 25, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Sale of a 125 acre parcel of land within the Kirkland Patent to Ralph W. Kirkland for one hundred and fifty pounds.

180a. Oneida, Tuscarora, and Stockbridge Council

June 3, 1795

Oneida

(h<sup>104</sup>)

At a council meeting held in the Church at Oneida, the head warriors and chiefs of the Oneida, Tuscarora, and Stock-bridge Indians received compensation in full for their losses and services. Afterwards, Samuel Lewis, who distributed the money, delivered a speech (quoted in this document) on the generosity of the United States in meeting the Indians' requests and the reasons for them therefore to be grateful to the United States. The whole council was thankful for what the United States had done for its members.

181a. W. T. Smith to SK

July 2, 1795

New York

(a,e)

The bearer of this letter, George Embree, has been called on by the Society of Friends to accompany the State Commissioners in the proposed Indian meeting in SK's area. Any favors shown Embree will be seen as a tribute to SK's friend and military companion (Smith?).

181b. Hendrick Aupaumut (Captain Hendrick) to Peter Thacher

July 25, 1795

New Stockbridge

(h<sup>105</sup>)

The Oneida chiefs, not yet having heard from the Commissioners, have requested that Aupaumut again communicate their complaints. Aupaumut, who says he acts "no more than as a scribe," suggests that the Commissioners send a committee to investigate the situation.

181c. Oneida chiefs to Peter Thacher

July 25, 1795

New Stockbridge

(f<sup>106</sup>)

It has been nearly nineteen months since the chiefs last wrote--their patience is nearly exhausted. SK'S conduct was better last summer, but since last fall he has been negligent as usual. (Accompanied by letter 181b.)

181d. Thomas Russell to SK

July 31, 1795

Boston

(a,e<sup>107</sup>)

Russell regrets that he cannot make a loan of 400 dollars to the Hamilton Oneida Academy, since all his capital is tied up in his business.

182a. SK to George W. Kirkland

August 21, 1795

(No location stated)

(a)

SK needs boxes of glass and paints to finish his house; he requests that George pack them in a wagon for Schenectady. The Russel farm, of 300 acres plus the improvements, would bring SK 3000 dollars.

183a. Deed and Mortgage--New York State to Jedediah Grummon

September 8, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Sale of a 47 ¼ acre lot of land (lot #42) in Brothertown to Jedediah Grummon for 75 pounds. Terms of the mortgage are also included in the deed.

183b. A. R. Robbins to SK

September 15, 1795

Norfolk

(a,e)

Robbins recently saw the Major (SK'S son) who informed him of SK and family. He informs SK that many have died at New Haven. Since Robbins' impending mission will take him to SK's area, he hopes to visit.

183c. SK to J. T. Kirkland

September 30, 1795

Paris

(a, e)

SK recently injured himself by being thrown from his horse. The incident reminded him of the infinite power of God. The family is well. Since Russell was not able to provide a loan, SK requests that John again send his quarterly salary from Harvard, along with any other money he can spare.

184a. John Sargeant to Timothy Pickering

October 20, 1795

New Stockbridge

(h<sup>108</sup>)

Sargeant acknowledges receipt of 100 dollars and states that the mill has not yet been completed because of rain. Next year's annuity will go for furnishing the blacksmith's shop. Sargeant and others would like to

know of Pickering's opinion on the "unlawful" purchase of Indian lands lately made by the state government.

185a. James Dean to Samuel Lewis

November 10, 1795

Westmoreland

(a, e)

Dean encloses the "power of attorney" which has been delayed because of a "variety of avocations."

185b. SK to John T. Kirkland

November 16, 1795

Paris

(a)

SK regrets that his son should so early in life be worried about temporalities. George will probably be visiting John soon. Jerusha ought to show John the gist of the enclosed and take John's advice. P.S. Just now received John's letter of the 5<sup>th</sup>--thank you for the enclosed. P.S. At this point, SK regrettably cannot contribute for the education of Sammy.

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## **1795**

186a. Mortgage issued to John Griffin

Sept. 1, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Mortgage of 50 acres of land at the cost of 79 pounds and 12 shillings with interest set at the rate of six pounds per cent. per annum to be paid to the state of New York.

186b. Deed issued by Samuel Jones and others to Timothy Hungerford.

Sept. 1, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Deed for 88 acres of land at the cost of 90 pounds.

186c. Mortgage issued by Samuel Jones and others to Timothy Hungerford

Sept. 1, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Mortgage on 88 acres of land at the cost of 90 pounds with interest set at the rate of six pounds per cent. per annum to be paid to the state of New York.

186d. Deed issued by Samuel Jones and others to Theodore Manross.

Sept. 1, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Deed issued for 123 acres of land at the cost of 184 pounds.

186e. Deed issued by Samuel Jones and others to Enoch Forten.

Sept 8, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Deed for 40 acres of land at the cost of 63 pounds and 12 shillings.

186f. Deed issued by Samuel Jones and others to Titus Post

Sept. 8, 1795

Herkimer County

(a)

Deed issued for 35 acres and 112 square rods at the cost of 57 pounds.

**1796**

187a. SK to John T. Kirkland

January 11, 1796

Paris

(a)

SK relates to his son the strong feelings that his son's most recent letter aroused concerning the affectionate bonds between father and son and the paternal/filial responsibilities that are required as one grows older. He informs his son that despite ill-health he has continued to preach through the summer, and that God has comforted him in his pain. SK reinforces the importance and magnitude of his son's theological studies and the necessity of spiritual diligence and devotion.

187b. SK to John T. Kirkland

January 16, 1796

Paris

(a)

SK discusses his son George and his marital status, in addition to his own lack of money. He informs JTK that he awaits with anticipation the arrival of 200 dollars from George in the near future.

187c. SK to John T. Kirkland

January 16, 1796

Whitestown

(a)

SK tells his son that his brothers are setting out that morning to visit JTK and his sister Jerusha. He mentions that George is seeking monetary success. Apparently JTK was displeased with a joint venture with his brother George on 200 acres, and SK apologizes saying that 50 acres at the Southwest corner will allow him to accommodate the Academy, leaving the rest. SK also speaks about the quantities of materials and money required by the Academy and his own lack of finances.

188a. SK to John T. Kirkland

March 24, 1796

[Letter sent to Boston]

(a)

Having received correspondence from JTK through his other son, George, SK offers his thanks and discusses family business, in particular, his concern over his daughter Jerusha. He turns the discussion to monetary affairs and informs JTK that George did not send as much as he had promised. SK still needs more money.

188b. SK to John T. Kirkland

March 29, 1796

[Letter sent to Boston]

(a)

SK sends his heartfelt affection and wishes JTK the best in the ministerial position.

189a. SK to John T. Kirkland

April 30, 1796

Paris

(a)

SK expresses concern to JTK about George's long absence and lack of communication. He also discusses JTK's health and his own welfare. He urges his son to write more frequently.

190a. Cornelius Davis to SK

June 28, 1796

New York

(a)

Davis informs SK that he is publishing a religious magazine and would greatly appreciate contributions from SK, particularly in regard to his experience with the Indians.

191a. Peter Thacher to SK

Sept. 3, 1796

Boston

(a)

Thacher sends SK a copy of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners for the Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge, held in Boston on Aug. 25, 1796. The committee that visited the Oneida Indians to investigate complaints of the Indians against SK resolved that the complaints were unsubstantiated and SK's written defense was appreciated in clearing up the matter.

191b. SK to John T. Kirkland

Sept. 9, 1796

Ballstown Springs

(a)

SK writes to his son that the healing Springs have vastly improved his health. He entreats JTK to pray for his health, because SK wishes to devote the rest of his life to God. He says that the medicinal waters of the Springs attract a geographically diverse group of people, coming from all parts of the country as well as from Europe. P.S. Sally's stay with Mr. and Mrs. Parson might be drawing too long, and she might be overstaying her welcome.

191c. SK to John T. Kirkland

Sept. 26, 1796

Ballstown Springs

(a)

In reference to JTK's recent visit, SK renders his thanks for his son's filial affection, as well as thanks to God for his return to good health. While on the mend SK visited Judge Green and his wife where he was received with perfect hospitality and cordiality.

192a. George Kirkland to SK

October 9, 1796

Hartford

(a)

George was unaware of SK's trip to the Springs and tried to visit him in Albany on Hudson. He also is grateful to hear of his father's healthy recovery. George's friend John Lothrop wishes to enter a Treaty of Alliance with SK's oldest daughter, and George requests his father's ratification, assuring SK that Lothrop is an honorable man in all respects. According to George the addition of Lothrop to the family would be very beneficial. With regard to the Academy and the family, George sends his best wishes.

192b. John T. Kirkland to George Kirkland

October 14, 1796

Boston

(a)

Upon hearing that the Sheriff of Herkimer had offered the Hamilton-Oneida Academy for sale, JTK writes George to find out how such an "accursed proceeding" could take place. Despite some doubts to its survival, JTK still supports it and wants to know why George and SK are not trustees. He wants some

action by the trustees in order to prevent such a transaction that would mortify the whole family. P.S. He expounds on the topic of business and their own future.

193a. George Kirkland to SK

November 18, 1796

Suffield

(a)

Although George strongly desires to be at home, he is unable, due to a plethora of business appointments and concerns. However, his business is faring quite well, and he foresees the opportunity in the near future to send money. He also asks SK to oversee the furnishing of the inside of George's buildings so he will have a place to return to some day. George also mentions politics and the Antifederals, as well as indicating that Adams will most certainly be the next President. P.S. George hopes that SK will send a reply to Lothrop soon.

193b. SK to John T. Kirkland

November 28, 1796

Paris

(a)

SK answers JTK's question about his resignation of his mission, stating that unless "a reformation should take place among the Indians" he shall proceed with his intended resignation. In this event he wishes an address to be drawn up and delivered to the Indians in the presence of "several associates of the presbitery of this country". He also requests a copy of the defence that JTK wrote on his behalf. SK wishes his thanks to be conveyed to Peter Thacher for his letter (see 191 a). He also speaks about his declining health and says he hopes to get a barrel of medicinal water from the Springs, as recommended by by Dr. Buxton.

194a. George Kirkland to SK

December 31, 1796

Suffield

(a)

George saw a Mr. Olmstead and a Mr. Colt concerning some affairs he was accused of wrongfully conducting, and he asks his father not to believe such unsubstantiated accusations. He speaks of his partner, Mr. Haskell, concerning business in Virginia and Europe. George also mentions Peter Smith's will, and in addition his hope that the Academy and its buildings will be completed.

195a. Peter Thacher to SK

April 1, 1796

Boston

(d)

Thacher informs SK that at a recent meeting of the Scotch Society, the board voted to notify SK that the board's connection with him is terminated, and if any compensation is still owed to SK, the board should be notified.



**1797**

196a. George Kirkland to SK

May 1, 1797

Hartford

(a)

George laments that he has not been able to visit his father and assist him in his affairs. Political and other affairs both at home and abroad have put George and other up-and-coming businessmen in an embarrassing and unfortunate situation. His sense of honor and concern for reputation has forced him to make many sacrifices. He bitterly explains that his "honesty has been trifled with" and his "generosity abused". He tells his father that he stands to lose 30,000 dollars unless action is taken.

196b. Deed from SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

May 25, 1797

Paris, Herkimer County

Ralph W. Kirkland purchased 125 acres of land from SK at the cost of 500 pounds.

197a. SK to John Lothrop

July 3, 1797

Paris

(a)

SK thinks that part of his land should be cultivated in order to generate some revenues to help with his expenses. In addition, the rest should be surveyed, sectioned into plots and offered for sale. He asks that Lothrop handle these affairs because of SK's ill-health.

197b. SK to John T. Kirkland

July 15, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)

SK informs JTK of his safe return to the Springs, and that his health is slowly improving. SK talks about his health and the possibility of his completing his journal.

197c. SK to John T. Kirkland

July 18, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)

SK requests JTK to forward all bills to Ballstown Springs. Concerning the 100 dollars required for Eliza's education at Bethlehem, SK is upset because George had promised to take care of it. SK also tells JTK that George's misfortunes have distressed him, but he has turned to the Lord for support.

197d. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

July 28, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)

SK received a gray mare which is in bad condition and consequently out of commission for a while. In his eyes it is a great disappointment and an unnecessary expense. SK tells his nephew that Mr. Hart's sister just arrived. SK wishes to hear from Ralph at least once a week and hopes Ralph will make a short visit to the Springs soon. He conveys his love to Allen and hopes to send him some money to help with the business.

197e. SK to John T. Kirkland

July 30, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)  
SK has not heard from JTK since they last saw each other at the Mohawk River. He mentions his recurring monetary problems, specifically the 100 dollars he paid for Eliza's education (See 197c). Mrs. B [ingham?] is threatening SK with a legal suit for 850 dollars.

197f. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland  
July 30, 1797  
Ballstown Springs

(a)  
SK reminds RWK to send his (SK's) silver inlaid stirrups or better yet bring them in person. He tells RWK that the Springs could do wonders for his health and informs him that he still hopes to send RWK a little pecuniary support. SK wants to know if RWK has had an interview with Mr. Lothrop yet. He also talks at length about fattening up the hogs! PS. If safe conveyance is available, send the Academy Papers at once.

198a. SK to John T. Kirkland  
August 5, 1797  
Ballstown Springs

(a)  
SK rejoices that JTK made it safely to Boston, and he is glad that JTK met up with George, whom SK promises to comfort in his times of misfortune. He talks about George's problems concerning certain negotiations in which George "wished to have the Loan of my Name." He mentions Eliza's educational expenses [See 197c. and 197e). He resumes the topic of George's problems which arise from a particular bond, the dealings with which put SK in a bad situation both in reputation and in monetary concerns. SK feels George should make amends. George also gave a bond of 40,000 to a Mr. Shotwell for two townships of land, but George later sold it causing Shotwell to become angered. SK talks about his healthy recovery at the Springs and his recent expenditures.

195b, SK to John T. Kirkland  
August 6, 1797  
Ballstown Springs

(a)  
SK has sent a lengthy letter yesterday by Mr. Waldo or Judge Lincoln to be handed to JTK by Mr. Hedge [See 195a]. Mr. Hedge feels he did not benefit from the healing waters and is too low spirited, in SK's opinion.

198c. Ralph W. Kirkland to SK  
August 6, 1797  
Paris (?)

(a)  
RWK received SK's letters from the 25, 28, 30, and 31 of July [See 197a. and 197f]. He is unable to visit at the present time, because his brother has gone to visit his parents in Norwich, leaving RWK in charge of the store. He is surprised at the bad condition of the grey mare upon delivery. RWK also is unable to locate SK's Academy Papers.

198d. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland  
August 10, 1797  
Ballstown Springs

(a)  
SK's health is vastly improved as he can run ten rods, and he now has a sufficient appetite. "Ralph's aunt is almost cured of her Salt Rhume".

198e. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

August 11, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)

SK advises RWK on the best way to send the Academy Papers in order that they arrive as soon as possible. His son Thornton (JTK) is sending SK several sermons, and he wishes Ralph to unearth a few of SK's sermons to send back to JTK.

198f. Mr. Stagg to SK

August 24, 1797

Philadelphia

(a)

Mr. Stagg apologizes for not attending to SK's request of July 22, but the epidemic disease of 1793 struck Philadelphia again. Stagg and his family are still healthy, but the future is uncertain. Stagg thanks SK for his hospitality shown to Stagg on his visit to Ballstown Springs in the summer of 1796.

198g. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

August 29, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)

In his last letter SK had asked RWK to have Eli or Joel Bristol bring a horse for RWK's aunt. However, she now plans to take the stage with General Cortland to Whitestown.

199a. Deed for Enoch William Thayre

August 22, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Thayre acquires at the cost of 475 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199b. Deed for Peter Dannals

August 22, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Dannals acquires at the cost of 477 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199c. Deed for David Rogers

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Rogers acquires at the cost of 486 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199d. Deed for Alexander Haskins

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Haskins acquires at the cost of 259 dollars a 145 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199e. Deed for John Billington

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(e)

Billington acquires at the cost of 337 dollars a 175 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199f. Deed for Charles Hill

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Hill acquires at the cost of 290 dollars a 144 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199g. Deed for Eldad Kibble

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Kibble acquires at the cost of 535 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199h. Deed for Gardiner Avery

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Avery acquires at the cost of 765 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College. Another inscription dating to July 24, 1828 can be found on the reverse with the Hamilton College seal.

199i. Deed for Jacob Dannals

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Dannals acquires at the cost of 640 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199j. Deed for Grail Wells

August 23, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Wells acquires at the cost of 405 dollars a 215 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

199k. Mortgage between Simeon De Witt Surveyor General and David Tuttle

August 25, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Tuttle acquires at the cost of 985 dollars a 171 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation.

199l. Deed for David Tuttle

August 25, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Tuttle acquires at the cost of 985 dollars a 171 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation.

199m. Deed for Huit Hills

August 25, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Hills acquires at the cost of 685 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

200a. Deed for John Picket

October 3, 1797

Herkimer County

(a)

Picket acquires at the cost of 858.25 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

200b. Deed for Jacobus Picket

October 3, 1797

Herkimer County

(e)

Picket acquires at the cost of 858.25 dollars a 250 acre plot which is a section of the Late Oneida Reservation. Writing on the reverse, dated 25 July 1812, passes control of the mortgaged premises contained in the deed to the Trustees of Hamilton College.

201a. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

September 7, 1797

Schenectady

(a)

SK has been to Albany and is waiting anxiously to hear from the family. Having heard that Mr. Bingham has gone to Susquehannah, SK is worried about who will bring a horse for RWK's aunt. He acquired for his girls some paper and quills which he will forward soon.

201b. SK to John T. Kirkland

September 9, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)  
JTK's cousin has just arrived at the Springs, and SK is worried because he has not heard from JTK for some time. David Avery had just visited SK at the Springs and said he had seen JTK in good health two weeks earlier in Boston. SK needs money saying he is "utterly destitute".

201c. SK to O. Phelps

September 9, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(d) [NYS Library]

SK informs Phelps that he is almost recovered from his illness, and he hopes Phelps will stop by the Springs on his tour of the Westward. SK is sorry for his son's [George] misfortunes.

201d. George Webster to SK

September 11, 1797

Albany

(a)

Webster informs SK that he has been waiting two years for the money owed him, being 42:9:7 pounds minus 16:9:0 credited to SK, leaving a total of 26:0:7 pounds.

201e. Sarah Bayliss

September 12, 1797

New York

(a)

Bayliss received SK's letter of the 27 of August and wishes to see SK, but money is a formidable obstacle.

201f. SK to John T. Kirkland

September ?, 1797

Ballstown Springs

(a)

SK is overly anxious to hear from his son, and he wonders if his copious amount of correspondence is not being delivered to JTK. SK plans to return to Paris next week. He recently heard from Sally, Eliza, George and the rest of the family.

202a. SK to John T. Kirkland

October 31, 1797

Old Fort Schuyler

(a)

SK finally received a letter from JTK, dated September 18, 1797. The letter was delayed because it was accidentally sent to Burlington. SK says that the hardest affair for him has been George's embarrassing predicament. SK calls George his "prodigal, imprudent and unfortunate son". Later SK informs JTK that George, Ralph and others have returned from Whitesborough.

202b. SK to Phelps

October 31, 1797

Paris

(d) [NYS Library]

Ralph W. Kirkland is delivering this letter to Phelps. SK says that the affair with the land secured for Phelps by George should be settled by Spring. If it is sold, it will be 25 dollars down payment and ten years credit plus annual interest. The average would be ten dollars per annum. Last year George had offered one or two years rent before payment was due. Phelps should relinquish 25 acres of George's tract to create a lot for the Academy, in accordance with the 100 acres given to SK five years ago by both JTK and GK.



## 1798

203a. David Avery to SK

January 13, 1798

Union in Conn.

(a)

Avery desires more frequent correspondence and is dismayed at the attempts of some people to take SK from his mission post. He inquires as to SK's knowledge on the newly founded Grand Missionary Society in London, in regards to expanding "to the South Seas, Africa, Canada and other parts of the Pagan World." Avery also tells SK of Captain Wilson's ship the Duff which "failed" with 29 missionaries from England on board. He also talks of Mr. Brainard's Evangelical Magazine and the correct approach to Indians. P.S. Send love to David Fowler and all of the Oneida people.

203b. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

January 16, 1798

Paris

(a)

SK wants RWK to come visit today. He speaks of making a room warmer and improving its condition, having consulted a Mr. Burton and a Mr. Trowbridge.

204a. J. Watson to SK

May 29, 1798

New York

(a)

Watson says he is leaving tomorrow for Philadelphia.

204b. SK to Watson

May 30, 1798

Paris

(a)

SK gave Watson a Judgment Bond at his request. He goes on to discuss finances at great length.

204c. SK to Phelps

May 30, 1798

Paris

(d) [NYS Library]

SK talks to Phelps about George's problems and his patent of land. SK has heard that Phelps has empowered Mr. Gold to "explore, and sell the majority of the aforementioned tract of land". SK says that by selling it he will incur many difficulties.

204d. SK to Phelps

May 30, 1798

Paris

(k) [photocopy]

Copy two of 204c.

205a. Cornelius Davis to SK

June 7, 1798

New York

(a)

Davis is in dire need of money and asks SK to send some by safe hands or by SK's neighbors. He hopes SK will continue his Magazine subscription. He says that seven copies are forthcoming.



205b. Deed from SK to Isaac Williams

June 9, 1798

Paris

(a)

Transfer of two acres and sixteen rods of land from SK to Williams at the cost of 63 dollars. A written correction made on March 18, 1800 by SK as to the wording of the deed is on the reverse.

206a. SK to Mr. Charles Webster

September 12, 1798

Paris

(k) [photocopy]

Princeton U. Library

SK discusses the contents of his last letter to Webster regarding a Judgement Bond which SK signed [See also 204b.] He discusses the value of the Bond and the questionable option of selling it for 1/20th of its value. SK also talks about the scarcity of a circulation medium. He discusses the issue of finances and debt in which he interweaves religious themes. To the Trustees of the Academy, SK has also sent money, and he talks about the Academy's future.

207a. Document written in favor of SK

Circa 1798

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(a)

This document justifies the solicitation of funds from charitable societies for the Hamilton-Oneida. It describes the great efforts put forth by SK in all aspects of his life, in particular the Academy. SK has given 325 acres of land as well as pecuniary aid for the worthy purpose of education and teaching of morals.

207b. SK to the Board of Commissioners of the Society of Scotland

Circa 1798

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(a)

Since his resignation of his office, SK admits to the Board that he has undergone many misfortunes of monetary concern. He asks the Society for some relief. He explains that he resigned because he thought the Society wanted him to do so. In addition, he believed he could live on his own without the Society's stipend, especially working for the Corporation of Harvard College. However, it is not the case, and he feels that in his old age the Society could help him financially in recognition of all his hard work in earlier years. (cf. 208h)

207c. Indenture of land between David Comstock and SK

October 31, 1798

Paris

(a) oversized

76 acres and 36 rods of land which was mortgaged by the Hamilton-Oneida Academy Trustees to Thomas Gold, Erastus Clark and Jonas Platt was conveyed to Comstock, who in turn dealt with SK on the matter. A notes from Hughes Whitt to Jonas Platt appears on the reverse.

207d. SK to John T. Kirkland

December 16, 1798

Paris

(i)

SK talks about the plague in Philadelphia and how happy he is to hear that JTK is healthy. He is disheartened by his own loss of property and the misfortunes of George and the Academy. SK has endured much suffering and hardships in recent years. He explains to JTK that when George went bankrupt SK and his land were drawn down as well and subject to mortgages. SK is having trouble selling his land to pay off his debts. He mentions the Academy and the 325 acres of land he gave it. His generosity to the Academy is ample, as he has housed Indian Boys for months at a time, including the Tuscarora Chief's son, David Cusick. He tells JTK about the Bond of 1700 dollars to Sarah Bayliss which he and George cosigned. They now owe Bayliss approx. 2000 dollars, and she needs the money desperately. SK has offered land to her as compensation but she refuses. SK's 14-page letter is laden with religious references, including a several-line verse from a fellow clergyman.

207e. SK to Rev. Thacher

December 16, 1798

Paris

(a)

SK informs Thacher that after two years of sickness he is at last enjoying good health. Despite earlier problems with the Indians, SK now retains a good relation with them. He asks that the corporation pay his salary for the time he was sick up to the present, because not only does he have great need of the money for his family, but also for his 35 years of devoted service to God and the Mission. SK says he would never request money if he was capable of surviving without it. He desires to finish his personal journal, and he needs financial aid to do so. He sends to Thacher a copy of his letter to JTK in order to further clarify his money situation [See 207d].

207f. Sk to Rev. Thacher

December 16, 1798

Paris

Handwritten copy by SK of 207d.

**1799**

208a. SK to John T. Kirkland

March 14, 1799

Albany

(a)

SK is worried because he has not heard from his son for a while. He has been with some relatives in connection with George's bond to a Capt. Sanger. Owing Sanger about 2400 dollars, SK resorts to reimbursing him with wildland. SK is still preaching, and he recently returned from doing so in Oneida. Before he left the Indians he had baptized 13 children.

208b. Free Mason Certificate of Membership for Abel Merrill.

April 26, 1799

Connecticut

(a)

This document certifies that Abel Merrill is a Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Conn., Lodge No. 14, signed by the secretary John Mix.

208c. Indenture between SK and John Lay

May 16, 1799

Paris

In SK's handwriting, this indenture between SK and John Lay states that 2250.25 dollars be paid by John Lay for 97 acres and 128 rods of land.

208d. Charles Webster to SK

May 21, 1799

Albany

Webster says the committee received SK's letter and money which was delivered by Capt. Lay. He appreciates it but would have preferred the entire amount. (This letter is a reply to 208k.)

208e. William Gregory to SK

June 23, 1799

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(a)

Reply for SK's request for bread for the Sacrament is refused by Gregory because of the divergent manner in which SK performs the ceremony.

208f. Indenture between SK and his wife Mary and Isaac Merrit.

June 29, 1799

Paris

(a)

Indenture between SK and Merrit for 60 acres of land at the cost of 300 dollars.

208g. SK to Ralph W. Kirkland

July 16 (10?), 1799

Ballstown Springs

(a)

SK asks RWK to visit cousin Joseph in New Hartford and see if he will take care of the legal suit against SK.

208h. SK to Rev. John Kemp

November 4, 1799

Boston

(a)

SK writes to the secretary of the Society of Scotland, with whom he had been disassociated. SK wishes to alleviate their bad impressions and feelings of him, and he offers to give information concerning the Indians. He reiterates his plea for monetary assistance. SK also speaks of his personal journal.

208i. SK to Rev. Thacher

November 6, 1799

Boston

(a)

SK is copying the remaining entries of his journal, up until his resignation from the Society. He tells Thacher that he has paid for the education of several Indians, asking for 228 dollars as reimbursement.

208j. SK to Joseph Kirkland

Sept. 3, 1799

(a) oversized

Deed

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

208k. SK to Messrs C.R. & G. Webster, Printers

May 18, 1799

Paris

(a)

SK sends \$20 on a note the printers hold, excusing the small amount because of the time of “extreme scarcity” in the area. Letter carried by Capt. Lay. (208d is a reply to this letter.)

## 1800

209a. Committee of the Albany Presbitery to the the ministers of the Association in and about Whitestown.

March 7, 1800

Schenectady

(a)

They talk about the benefit of uniting all ministers and Christians together "in brotherly love" and "in all proper demonstration of that Christian affection". They have heard that in the Oneida area there is a division and dispute among ministers, church, and the people. They are afraid that the region might fall into the hands of the Baptists or Methodists, unless there is renewed action and organization.

209b. Copy of 209a.

209c. SK to ?

March 17, 1800

Oneida

(a)

SK mentions the benefits that have been heaped on the Oneida Indians by congress. He gives the state of affairs of the Oneidas. Mr. Wemple, a blacksmith, has moved to the area and is well-liked by most of the Indians. Wemple is ready to work and will be a good source of materials that the Indians badly need. The shop and tools once belonging to the Quakers should be utilized. The iron and steel left by the Quakers is unaccounted for. Despite some conversions of faith a majority of the town, Aghwistorris, are pagans and have revived ancestral feasts and sacrifices. He continues to give an account of Indian behavior, problems etc.

209d. SK to S. Chapin

March 17, 1800

Oneida

(a)

The new blacksmith, Mr. Wemple, is unable to make tools due to the lack of iron. A few pagans in the town are trying to prevent Wemple from setting up shop in the old Quaker blacksmith building. SK says that the Quakers left some iron but it cannot be found. SK talks about the Quakers' three year stay with the Oneidas. He also states that honest men need to be found to be in charge of the mills. SK mentions there is a disagreement between the Oneidas and the Kanghsorge Indians, which should be settled by Chapin or Judge Dean.

209e. Nicholas Cusick to SK

March 17, 1800

Tuscarora

(a)

Cusick tells SK about his family, and he hopes SK continues to spread the Gospel.

209f. Jos. Brant. to SK

March 18, 1800

Grand River

Brant acknowledges SK's letter of March 2. Brant talks about trouble among the Indians and the connection of the white people.

209g. David Cusick to SK, jr.

March 22, 1800

Oneida

(a)

David Cusick, a Tuscarora Indian [See 207d.], who was able to attend Hamilton-Oneida Academy because of the spiritual and financial support of SK, writes to SK, jr. Cusick sorely misses SK, jr. and says he is presently living with SK jr.'s parents, who treat him very well.

209h. addition to deed

March 18, 1800

Oneida

(a) [not oversize]

On one side, undated list of questions (addressed to the Indians by SK?); on the other side, notice of the omission of the word "south" and Mr. Kirkland's name in a deed between Mr. Williams and SK. Dated but unsigned.

210a. Capt. Sergeant to SK

April 4, 1800

Kanandaigna

(a)

Chapin met the Indians who recently travelled to Grand River. He thanks SK for his letter, and he discusses the situation of the Oneidas. He is happy to hear that religion is still prominent among the Oneidas.

211a. SK to John Sergeant

May 23, 1800

Oneida

(a) 3 leaves

SK says that most of his landed property has been stripped and that the accusations against SK sent to the Commissioners in Boston were proved to be groundless. SK says that Sergeant wants the entire removal of SK's mission, and he has had tried to replace SK with Crosby for 6-7 years. SK describes all of Sergeant's plotting against SK. He uses an Indian quote, and then discusses the mutual dislike between himself and Capt. Hendrick, minister of the Stockbridge Indians. SK also mentions a dispute between Sergeant and Occum. SK had in the past supported Sergeant when complaints were levied against him. SK talks about his own search for a replacement missionary to the Indians, and expresses his love for Mr. Crosby. He enumerates the underhanded and uncalled for behavior of Sergeant.

211b. Copy of 211a. 4 leaves (4<sup>th</sup> leaf smaller)

211c. SK to Rev. Alexander Miller

May 24, 1800

Oneida

(a) 5 leaves

SK tells about the state of the Indians and his own experience with them. There is a definite division between the Christian Indians and the Pagans. After much dispute, SK was allowed to occupy a Quaker house, which afforded many more conveniences to him. The question resurfaces as to who should be the Oneidas' minister, SK or Crosby. Miller took a neutral approach to the matter and asked the Indians who they would prefer. SK informs him of a conflict in regard to John Jordan, Mr. Sergeant, and Capt. Hendrick. SK speaks of his affection for Crosby. [This 15 page letter contains references to the State of the Indians, conflict between missionaries, and SK's opinion of the matter.]

211d. Copy of 211c. 4 leaves (but incomplete). Missing leaf 5 [but see 211f].

211e. copy of 211c, last page only

May 27, 1800

Oneida

(a)

Not in SK's handwriting; signature cut out of page, but inscription to Rev. Alexander Miller remains. Begins "pleased, so far, to answer my prayers ..." and page is headed "N<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>."

211f. fragmentary copy of 211c [SK to Rev. Alexander Miller]

[May 24, 1800]

[Oneida]

(b or i) oversize

Leaf begins "taken, by one John Jordan (of infamous character), & carried to New Stockbridge, for Mr. Sergeant & Capt. Hendrick, to peruse & prepare an answer." Discusses "missionary business" and Society. Mentions Mr. Crosby's renewing his mission to the Indians. [information added 10/2008, courtesy of Patrick Frazier: "The partial letter draft in folder 211f is actually the 5th & 6th pages of the letter draft in folder 211d. The last line of p. 4 in 211d reads, "It was soon, unbeknown to them, taken &c B." Then 211f continues, "taken by one John Jordan (of infamous character), & carried to New Stockbridge, for Mr. Sergeant & Capt. Hendrick to peruse and prepare an answer.""]

212a. SK to Rev. Alexander Miller

June 4, 1800

Oneida

(a)

SK has had his folio transcribed at last. He is happy to say that an unexpected "union" has occurred between the Oneidas i.e. the "pagans and the Christians". He is anxious for the return of Mr. Crosby. The Oneidas need someone to oversee them. P.S. When Crosby comes, he will probably need an interpreter for a few months. Crosby also needs to be aware of the physical and mental strain he must endure all year round.

213a. Ralph W. Kirkland to SK

October 24, 1800

Whitestown

(a)

RWK speaks of a settlement with a Mr. Clark and his account. Clark just recovered from the smallpox. RWK informs SK that the books should be straight now. P.S. RWK hopes SK will visit soon.

**1801**

214a. Certificate-SK and the Hamilton-Oneida Academy Board of Trustees.

March 3, 1801

Paris

(i)

This document certifies that SK gave money to the Hamilton Oneida Academy Trustees for the building of the Academy. Several donations over the years bring the total amount to 1221 dollars.

214b. David Avery to Dr. Emmons

March 13, 1801

Clinton Settlement, Paris

(a)

Avery received Emmons' letter prolonging his missionary term until May 15. He says that settlers have come to this region not for religion, but to make their fortunes. There are many uncouth and unsavory "hirelings" around, and some missionaries have strayed from the doctrine. Avery advocates fewer "transient preachers", and a more serious adherence to the doctrine. Several societies need missionary aid, more specifically resident missionaries.

214c. Pledge of work and money for the Academy

March 26, 1801

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(a)

\$11.60 is given by Ephraim Hunt on February 21, 1799. The amount of donation stands at \$29.70 on March 26, 1801.

215a. Mortgage Payment

November 12, 1801

Albany

(a)

The treasurer's office of NY state received 114 dollars from Enoch William Thayre for four years interest on a mortgage of lot number 31 in the late Oneida reservation.



**1802**

216a. Indian petition to SK

May 2, 1802

Oneida?

(a)

The text is in the language of the Oneida Indians, translated on the following pages by James Dean, Late Agent of Indian Affairs. The Indians request that SK resume his charge of them as minister, because their previous minister left them. One reason they desire SK is his knowledge of their language. The Indians have also become accustomed to SK's care and beg him to return in the name of God.

216b. Copy of James Dean's translation of 216a.

May 1, 1802

(i)

216c. Copy of James Dean's translation of 216a.

May 27, 1802

(i)

216d. Copy of James Dean's translation of 216a.

May 27, 1802

(i)

217a. Hamilton-Oneida Academy Trustees to Mr. Mistall, jr.

June 24, 1802

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(a)

It is an itemizing of services rendered by Mistall and others to the Academy.

218a. Deed between Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy.

September 1802

Oneida County

(i)

This document is a copy of the original deed for the boarding house.

219a. Deed from John Griffin & wife to Shubel Griffin.

November 15, 1802

Paris

(a)

Deed between John Griffin & wife and Shubel Griffin for the sum of 300 dollars for 52 acres of land.

219b. Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy:

Bill for books.

November 16, 1802

Paris

(a)

Bill for books from Schenectady.

219c. John Bassett and Alex Miller to SK

November 24, 1802

Albany

(a)

The directors of the Northern Missionary Society decided to award SK with 75 dollars for services already rendered. The society is very interested in the welfare of the Oneida Nation. They tell SK to keep his journal up to date and report to the board of directors.

### 1803

220a. SK to Reverend ?

January 17, 1803

Paris

(i)

He received the reverend's letter of February 23, 1802. SK says his life has been dedicated to the teaching of the Indians. He sent his daughter to be educated at the reverend's school, and then took under his wing the son of a Tuscarora Chief in order to educate and support him like his own son.

220b. Deed between John Fitch and Josiah Bradmer & wife

January 31, 1803

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(a)

This document states that Fitch deeds to Bradmer & wife lots 7, 8, 9, and 10, containing 12, 61, 39, and 51 acres respectively. A sketch of the lots appears on the reverse.

221a. James Dean

February 21, 1803

Oneida County

(i)

This document contains three copied excerpts, all of which support SK's continuation as missionary to the Indians.

221b. Speech delivered to the NY state legislature

Feb. 28, 1803

(a) oversized

Signatories Hadenis Lotshin, Hanyos Deanonsongotha, Seyes Lanonsente, Anyost Deanyeadayea; translated by SK; request that an old matter of land claims involving the British Dominion be settled.

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

222a. Petition to the legislature report of the Senate.

March 2, 1803

Albany

(a)

This document deals with SK's petition for the establishment of an Academy to which SK has given much money and support. In its beginning the Academy ran into every possible discouragement. It is recognized that SK himself gave the Academy 325 acres worth at least 1900 dollars. In addition, SK has given money totaling 1221 dollars. At the time when SK started the Academy, he "possessed a handsome estate", but presently he has undergone "a series of unfortunate events". SK has thus solicited relief for himself and the Academy.

222b. Copy of 222a.

222c. Report of the Committee of the Senate

March 10, 1803

Albany

(a)

The committee decides that SK's petition for aid will not be granted, because SK's initial advances to the Hamilton-Oneida Academy were made without the thought of reimbursement.

222d. Isaac Shonegriaskon (Sholegwasten?) to SK

March 26, 1803

Oneida

Letter begins: "Wagongh yadonse, Rageni hayanenskin nen hason-nhege"

Iroquois Letters

223a. Indenture between Ezra Dewey and Shubel Griffin

April 8, 1803

Paris

(a)

Dewey purchases one half acre for 24 dollars. The land is to be used solely for a byroad.

224a. Alex Miller to SK

August 24, 1803

Albany

(a)

Miller informs SK of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy Directors meeting. The board decided that if SK continues to work among the Oneidas until November he will be awarded fifty dollars.

225a. SK to the Hon. James Sullivan Esq.

Sept. 14, 1803

Boston

(a) oversize

SK petitions the President of the Society for Propagating the Gospel for aid. SK receives 50 pounds from the Corporation of Harvard College, which is half the amount he used to receive from the Society of Scotland. What he receives now is not enough to support a family with, provide education for Indians, and maintain a decent residence. SK feels it would be only fair that he receive some form of pecuniary aid. SK includes with the letter several documents to back up his case. (The additional documents are no longer with the letter.)

225b. Copy of 225a, oversize.

225c. David McClure to SK

September 20, 1803

East Windover

(a)

McClure is gathering memories of the life of Dr. Wheelock and a history of Moor's School and Dartmouth College. He needs more information and asks SK to write something about Wheelock's work among the Indians. McClure says that SK is the last "persevering missionary" of those who originally set out to work with the Indians. He also asks what the numbers and names were of the Senecas when SK first arrived in 1765. McClure poses several questions regarding the Five Nations and their language, agriculture, arts, and education.

225d. John T. Kirkland to Rev. Nott

Sept. 20, 1803

Boston

(i) oversize

JTK speaks about his father's work among the Indians, and his relation to the Society. JTK supports SK and feels he should be helped by the Society. He says that a house in SK's village is needed for the Mission, and he urges the Society to pay SK's back salary.

226a. Joseph Willard to SK

October 20, 1803

Cambridge

(a)

The Corporation of Harvard College grants SK 100 dollars, which, combined with the 100 dollars from the Society of Propagating the Gospel, should provide some relief. The Corporation also will support Isaac Solegwason for one quarter at Hamilton-Oneida Academy.

227a. Reverend Nott to SK

Nov. 8, 1803

Albany

(a) oversize

SK is granted \$100 by the board of directors if he works among the Oneidas at least until next May. SK will also receive \$20 to fix up rooms for the use of the Missionaries; \$30 towards the education of the Indian boy, Isaac Solegwason; and \$9 for the purchase of singing books. Messrs. Willet and Miller will make sure these funds are spent accordingly.

227b. SK to Reverend Noll

November 22, 1803

Paris

(i)

SK received Nott's letter of November 8 [See 227e] and is pleased with the interest and support of the Board. Combined with the compensation from the Eastward, the 100 dollars will allow SK to continue his work. The 30 dollars to educate Isaac will be a great help, and it will not go to waste, because Isaac is a very worthy recipient.

227c. Deed between Doreas and Noah Niles and Isaac Williams

Nov. 28, 1803

Paris

(a)

Williams pays \$750 for six acres of land.

227d. From John yawendanawen and Matdemis Rotshin

Dec., 1803

Letter: "Newatrorihe a tsinigon yongaragwen..."

Iroquois Letters

## 1804

228a. Deed from J. Langer to the Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy

January 4, 1804

Oneida County

(a)

Langer and his wife deed 100 acres of land to the Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy.

229a. Deed between John and Hannah Griffin and Shubel Griffin

February 11, 1804

Paris

(a)

The deed was drafted on April 21, 1803, between the Griffins for \$300 for 50 acres of land. An inscription on the reverse is dated February 11, 1804.

229b. Deed between Chauncey Drake and Titus Post

February 16, 1804

Paris

(a)

The deed was drafted on February 23, 1802 between Drake and Post for 340 dollars for 22 1/2 acres of land. An inscription on the reverse is dated February 16, 1804.

230a. Indians to SK (?)

March 15, 1804

Oneida

(a)

The Indians inform SK (?) that a Scotch trader has just gotten a lease of ten years for his house. He wants to supposedly set up a store and public house. The Indians are wholeheartedly against this plan and desire immediate intervention. Reverse is written in Indian, and the letter appears to be incomplete.

230b. Remarks on the Indians by SK

March 30, 1804

?

(i)

He has sent his journals and points out that some descriptions in them are the same, because he has been living in the same area for forty years. SK discusses the Indians etc.

231a. Deed between Archibald Kane and B. Staats

April 16, 1804

Albany

(a) oversize folio

Deed for \$10,000 for 3 acres of land in Canajoharie.

232a. Alex Miller to SK

June 6, 1804

Albany

(a)

Miller received SK's letter of the 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, the coffers have run dry, and Miller is unable to pay SK's 100 dollars. However, Joseph Kirkland owes money, so Miller will have him send it to SK. If JK doesn't have the money, SK should impress upon him the necessity. Miller is very grateful for SK's journals which he just received.

233a. SK's account with Joseph Kirkland

November 28, 1804

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(a)

This document of SK's financial account and dealings with Joseph begins on August 28, 1799 and ends on November 28, 1804.

234a. Alex Miller to SK

December 31, 1804

Albany

(a)

Miller apologizes that SK has not received the money from Joseph Kirkland. The board of directors is meeting on the 16th of January, and Miller will try and get as much money as possible from them for SK. P.S. How much will it cost to have the Missionary's short catechism translated into the Oneida language?

**1805**

235a. Petition to the Regents of the University of New York

1805

Oneida

(a) oversize folio

The goal behind the petition is to have NYU incorporate the Hamilton-Oneida Academy into a college. At present the Academy is a fine and moral institution, and the need for such education in the United States is great.

235b. Copy of 235a. oversize folio

235c. Copy of 235a. oversize

235d. SK

January 1, 1805

Paris

(i)

SK says that after his visit to Boston in September of 1803 he was granted \$100 from the Society for Propagating the Gospel. SK assumed that this Society would continue to give him annual relief. But since the withdrawal of his salary by the Society of Scotland, he has had to sell much of his property to support his family. He desires pecuniary relief.

235e. Agreement between A. S. Norton and the Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy

January 5, 1805

Paris

(a)

Norton agrees to pay the Trustees 400 dollars.

235f. The Oneidas to the Governor of New York State

January 24, 1805

Utica

(i)

Written in the presence of SK; the Oneidas wish to have a friendship treaty to talk about the needs of the Oneidas. They need a grist mill and a saw mill, and they want the Governor to contact the president and have a commissioner appointed to their delegation.

236a. Petition to the Regents of the University of New York

February 19, 1805

see 235a. oversize folio

237a. Ralph W. Kirkland to SK

May 20, 1605

Albany

(a)

RWK just settled business with K. Langer for the amount of \$40.42.

237b. Alex Miller to SK

May 31, 1605

Albany

(a)



The board of directors meeting produced a resolution stating that due to insufficient funds of the Society no further money can be forwarded to SK. However, the board is trying to collect money, and they just received a deed for land of the Oneidas.

238a. David Avery to SK

June 6, 1805

Mansfield

(a)

Avery introduces Reverend Sherman. Avery asks SK to show Sherman around Oneida. There is a great opposition to Avery in the Mass. Missionary Society, and he does not expect to be employed by them much longer.

239a. Alex Miller to SK

July 20, 1805

Albany

(a)

The reason for SK not receiving any money from the board is that SK didn't teach Mr. Palmer the Indian Language or prepare him for missionary duties. The board is disappointed that SK spent only half the time at Oneida during the summer. Miller suggests a list of important words be drafted up in English and Indian to help in communication.

239b. John T. Kirkland to Jeremiah Nelson

July 25, 1805

Boston

(a)

JTK sends Nelson 40 dollars on behalf of his brother, who owed him that amount.

240a. Alex Miller to SK

August 19, 1805

Albany

(a)

Miller received SK's journals with his requests for certain letters. SK's requests will be brought before the board on September 4.

241e. Alex Miller to SK

September 5, 1805

Albany

(a)

The board has agreed with SK to send a committee to visit SK to observe the state of affairs among the Oneidas. They want Mr. Palmer to be more effective as a missionary. Miller talks about the state of the Indians and Palmer's role among them, emphasizing the need to break the communication gap between whites and Indians. The board resolved to employ SK in translating certain things into the Oneida language. Upon completing this task SK would receive 200 dollars.

## 1806

242a. Deed between Timothy Hannah Hungerford and Josiah Bradner  
February 8, 1806  
Watertown

(a)  
Bradner purchases 88 acres of land from Hungerford for 2000 dollars.

243a. Ralph W. Kirkland to SK  
March 14, 1806

?  
(a)  
RWK apologizes for not getting out before now, but he has been nursing a sick brother. He sends two lbs. of coffee, a roll of butter, and papers from Boston.

243b. Copy of 242a.  
(e)

243c. Lease between Joseph Bassey and the Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy  
March 14, 1806  
Oneida County

(a)  
Bessey leases one acre of land and the boarding house for 140 dollars.

243d. Letter from Lewis Cook to Great Council of State of New York  
March 24, 1806  
Albany

(a)  
Col. Cook, a Mohawk chief, asks for the share of the monies promised to the Oneidas to be paid to his wife and her sister.

244a. Deed between Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy and Joseph Conger  
April 10, 1806  
Oneida County

(a)  
Deed between trustees and Conger for one hundred acres of land.

245a. Deed between Oliver & Lydia Catlin and Benedict Babcock  
May 3, 1806  
Paris

(a)  
Deed between Catlin and Babcock for 150 acres of land at the cost of 3100 dollars.

245b. John Bradford to SK  
May 12, 1806  
Albany

(a)  
Bradford informs SK that at the last meeting the board of directors of the Northern Missionary Society rescinds its previous resolution, which employed SK in translating material into the Indian language. If SK has made any tangible progress with that project, the board will gladly compensate him accordingly.

246a. SK to President Webber

August 14, 1806

Clinton

(i)

SK asks Webber, who replaced Willard as president of the corporation, about pecuniary aid and his status with the corporation. He wants a response.

246b. David Avery to SK

August 25, 1806

Croton, Conn.

(a)

Avery has been upholding SK's honor and reputation, dispelling any evil rumors. Avery has recently been on mission in the district of Maine, and he has served several stints as a teacher. Now he is responsible for the regulating of churches.

247a. Morris S. Miller to SK

October 16, 1806

Utica

(a)

Miller wants 150 grafted or inoculated apple trees from SK to send to Mr. Lothrop for the transplanting of an orchard. Miller would also like a 1/2 bushel of apple seeds and 2 or 3 barrels of cider.

247b. Copy of 247a.

(e)

247c. Sally Kirkland to Jerusha Wales

October 27, 1806

Windham

(a)

Sally writes to her sister about her family and says that her father seems to be doing much better.

248a. Deed between SK & Wife and John T. Kirkland

November 28, 1806

Paris

(a)

JTK purchases six acres and one rod of land from SK at the cost of 198 dollars.

## 1807

248b. Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy to Nehemiah Abbott

November 1807

Clinton

(a)

This document is a receipt or bill for the work rendered by Abbott for the Academy.

248c. Floor plan of H-O Academy building with subscriptions

December, 1806

(a) oversize

Floor plan of Hamilton-Oneida Academy building with names of people responsible for finishing each room, along with list of subscribers for completing the building. Framed document [hanging in President's Office until 7/13/2016; unlisted before 2009]. Labeled "Interior Plan of Hamilton Oneida Academy and Subscription for its Completion" in the handwriting of Professor Edward North, class of 1841 (probably his handwriting from later in the century).

249a. C.H. Broadhead to the Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy

February 26, 1807

Clinton

(a)

Broadhead deeds his title on the boarding house in Clinton to the Trustees.

249b. Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy to Isaac Williams

1807

Clinton

(a)

This document is an itemized list of materials and hours of labor contributed by Williams to the Academy, with respective cost indicated.

250a. Trustees of Fairfield Academy to the Trustees of Hamilton-Oneida Academy

July 6, 1807

Herkimer

(a)

Fairfield Trustees ask Hamilton-Oneida Trustees to send 1-2 delegates for a convention to deal with state aid. The meeting is scheduled for next winter.

250b. Translation of Hok's letter to Mr. Harris

July 9, 1807

?

(b)

This letter glorifies God and Heaven and reminds all, red and white men alike, that one should give thanks for the water of Heaven etc.

251a. Indenture between James Van Ingen and Dudley Walsh

October 2, 1807

Albany

(a) Folio

Walsh purchases three acres of land for 460 dollars.

252a. Deed between William Cockburn and Abijah Hammond

December 11, 1807

Broome County

(a)

Hammond purchases 150 acres of land from Cockburn at the cost of one dollar and other services.

**1808**

253a. SK's last will and testament

January 5, 1808

Paris

(a) 2 leaves, 1 printed, 1 handwritten

SK names his executors as Mary Kirkland, Eliza Kirkland, and Joel Bristol

253b. Copy of 253a.

(i)

253c. John Kirkland to SK

February 1, 1808

Norwich

(a)

SK's brother supplies him with a family register, giving the birthdates of relatives and the deaths of SK's parents.

253d. Copy of 253c.

(e)

253e. Nicholas Cusick to SK

March 29, 1808

Tuscarora

(a)

Mr. Sergeant has suggested to Cusick that they meet with SK tomorrow.

254a. Deed between Samuel and Tryplena Curtiss and Reuben Parmalee

September 21, 1808

Oneida County

(a) Folio

Parmalee purchases land from Curtiss for 2000 dollars. The original deed bears the date of Sept 24, 1805, which is later updated.

## Undated papers:

SK

(a)

About Crosby and bad ministers in general. (incomplete)

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

“Brothers and Children” (Chiefs and Warriors of the Oneida Nation) to James Sullivan, Esquire, and the Corporation of Harvard College

2 leaves

(a) oversized

Speech on religious affairs; in particular, a request for monetary contributions toward the support and upkeep of SK; undated (1802 in pencil)

From the Lothrop/Pickering Papers

401a. Native ceremony (3 pages—probably incomplete)

undated

First page begins: eheagh!; 2<sup>nd</sup>: rotinadonghkoene; 3<sup>rd</sup>: ot gaddi nayawea skenea]

oversized

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401b. Indeterminate text, related to 401a

undated

Includes “otgaddinayawew skenea”

Pages of 401a, b, and c, may be mixed up together. [nd2, nd3, nd4]

401c. Native ceremony

undated

Includes “otgaddinayawew skenea... Ethogaild: niwa” and “A Condoling Speech to a Sachem”

Pages of 401a, b, and c, may be mixed up together.

402. letter from Hanyost (to S. Kirkland)

undated

Prayer on verso

Rotshin mentioned several times

Iroquois Letters

403. Oneida word list

undated

begins “adeleanayant...”

Iroquois Letters

404. Oneida word list

undated

oversize

Broken in columns; begins “D – Dy”. Perhaps part of 403.

Iroquois Letters

405. Biblical translation—Matthew 18 [SK nd7]

undated

English Biblical quote opposite page

Iroquois Letters

406. Text: "Neroyaner vogweanyat radenschase..." [Sermon or Bible lesson? nd9]  
undated

[Ne royaner rogweanyat radennhase]

Includes (p. 3, oversized):

business transaction

"dressing hog

killing 9 hogs

1 day's work" etc.

and (p. 5, oversized):

same handwriting, layout, paper as above; same doc?

"ie Keithasde noniasyon..."

Iroquois Letters

407. Biblical translation – [Psalms and hymns nd12]

undated

Page 1 headed "Psal: 12"; page 2 begins "6 [6<sup>th</sup> verse] Nok ne Ro-nigough-vi-yoh-ston..." [Nok ne Ro-nigongh-ri-yohston]

Iroquois Letters

Handwriting practice / other text ?

oversize

SK sermon notes

(b)

several biblical quotes; draft of a sermon

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

SK sermon

(a)

pages 0-20: "Few passages sacred writ..."

pages 21-28: "not unreasonable in our demands..."

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

Deuteronomy, Chapter XXX, 15

(a)

translation into Iroquois

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

Address on Washington's Birthday

(a)

"On this occasion, which calls to memory a great man..."

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

SK sermon

(a)

Sermon on the good of waking early. Iroquois translation of Biblical quotes at back.

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

Ordination speech

(a)



Charge to Henry Halmouth (as stated on outside cover, but the inside states charge to Joel Bradley); same speech as charge to Crosby.

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

Stockbridge sermon (SK?)

(a)

“What is Sin?” incomplete: “... To suppose sin to consist in”

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

Sermon at Albany (SK?)

Nov

(a)

at Rev. W. Steels (?)

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

Sermon fragment

(a) oversized

“my young friends... chilling frosts, stormy tempests!”; headings in Iroquois

Letter fragment

(a)

consolation and religious counsel (?)

“you long observed... nextly observe that Chh did not join the Lord”

Folder: Kirkland: mss, sermons

sermon draft ?

(b) oversized

(illegible)

## Samuel Kirkland Correspondence Miscellaneous, Fragmentary, and Undated.

Status of items

a original

b rough draft (Kirkland's handwriting)

i "true copy": handwritten copy contemporary to Kirkland (usually of a document or other important articles)

k other

### Oversize in flat boxes in NES-3

S. Kirkland Correspondence: Letters Undated and Fragmentary: J. Sergeant to SK folder

J. Sergeant to SK

Tuesday morning

Fort Herkimer

(a)

Sergeant missed SK on Sabbath (also refers to as Lordsday); concludes SK was in Ondandoga; wants SK to tell his people the evils of dissension; has left flour for a cake and a bottle of wine for SK.

J Sergeant to SK

Tuesday evening [1791?]

(a)

Sergeant received letter re. meeting at SK's house; cannot attend. This noon sent his "little son with my only horse after his sisters"; delegation of his people going off to the western country tomorrow; can meet next week.

S. Kirkland Correspondence: Letters Undated and Fragmentary folder

[SK] to Rev. Dr. Wigglesworth (Sec. to Board of Scotch Commission)

SK to Dr. Eliot

[1769-1770]

(a) oversize

[SK] about Peter Penet

2 leaves

[1788-93?]

(a) oversize

Summary of the interactions between Peter Penet and the Oneida Indians, covering the period from before the Revolutionary War to 1787 or later. Begins "Previ[ous] to the revolutionary war, the Oneidas were in a peaceable and flourish[ing] state"; ends "Had any American, or Englishman, used the same freedom of speech among the Indians, and propogated the same injurious sentiments against Congress which Penet had done, and by his Agents, for more than two years, he would have been endited for Treason." [could be given item # 111c, if no further info on date]

[SK] to Rev. Dr. Thacher

[1790?]

(a) oversize

First [?] side begins “all I can now say farther upon the subject ...” Second side (on verso) begins “I have been enabled to complete the college education of one son ...” Third side begins “shafts of envy. x that if my main object has been to amass wealth, I have been most egregiously disappointed....” The x refers back to an x about a paragraph up on the previous side. Fourth [?] side (on left side of recto) begins “If I may but have wisdom & grace to be faithful in the discharge of my duty ...”

Dr. Brown’s Queries re. Indians  
Testimony of Society in favor of SK  
SK final certificate of account

[SK] fragment of letter (bottom third of page) and fragmentary page 2  
(page 1 ends “... in perils of robbers”; page 2 begins “in perils by the heathen ...”)

William Green to SK  
[SK] fragment of letter (small page)  
list of books and prices

fragment  
1769  
fragment of page “funerals ... and death”

small fragment with name Gardiner Avery

### **Misc. Folder**

Letter to Mr. Eli Hull, Clinton  
March 24, 1844 or 55  
Mich.  
(a)

### **Samuel Kirkland Journals**

Folders with contents as of 10/26/2011 (some non-journal documents may be moved to chronological position in Correspondence folders):

Kirkland- Plan of Education [contained documents described as 127c, d, and e; 140d and e; and 142b; now moved to those folders] transcripts

### **Journals- Fragments**

Undated  
4 leaves—first full paragraph begins “The Lord’s Day following – 15 – discoursed upon the strait gate Matt. 7-13.

1764-1765 Journal  
November, 1764-June, 1765  
Bound journal and bound photocopy

1772-1773 Journal  
April 20, 1772  
Kanonwarohare  
Addressed to the Reverend Doctor Eliot in Boston. Journal consisting of “several indian speeches and anecdotes.”

1772-1773 Journal  
Photocopy of 1772 journal

1774-1775 Journal  
Small unbound journal, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1774 to January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1775; sewn unbound journal, 40 pages, “continued from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1775” to February 23, 1775; 8 leaves, not in Kirkland’s hand, “To the Rev. Andrew Eliot DD, Boston, from Samuel Kirkland Missionary,” later headed From ’73 to 75, but internal dates are from March 2, 1773 to August 30, 1773 [move to 1772-1773 folder?]

1774-1775 Journal  
Photocopies of items in previous folder.

1786-1787 Journal  
Unbound but sewn journal, Nov. 27, 1786 to Dec. 25, 1786; small unbound but sewn journal, Jan. 27, 1787 to April 23, 1787.

1786-1787 Journal  
Photocopies of items in previous folder.

1788 Journal  
1788 Journal  
1789-1790 Journal  
1789-1790 Journal  
1790-1791 Journal  
1790-1791 Journal  
1791-1792 Journal  
1791-1792 Journal  
1792-1793 Journal, 2nd draft  
1792-1793 Journal, 2nd draft  
1796-1797 Journal  
1796-1797 Journal  
1798-1799 Journal  
1798-1799 Journal  
1800-1801 Journal  
1800-1801 Journal  
1802 Journal  
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1803 Journal  
1804-1805 Journal  
1804-1805 Journal  
1806-1807 Journal  
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Kirkland Papers- W.W. Gray, Jr.  
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Kirkland, Joseph-census-1789

Profile of Joseph Kirkland, Trustee of Hamilton College 1812-1832; short profile of S. Kirkland; note that 1789 census is in 1789 Journal folder.

Kirkland- from R. Richardson '05

Photostat of two leaves of the Kirkland family Bible, from the Richardson family, following the genealogy of Samuel Kirkland's uncle John Kirkland and his cousin, also Samuel.

Hamilton Oneida Academy

Documents: list of receipts for the Academy; undated follow-up petition to the Regents of the University of the State of New York from the H-O Academy trustees (signatories include Ebenezer Caulking, John Clark, Jaims Foot, Chas Anderson), re. incorporating the Academy as a college; Power of Attorney from S. Kirkland to the H-O Academy Trustees; receipts from Trustees H-O Academy to Jedidiah Sanger; typed copy of Journal of the Senate of the State of New York, Feb. 28, 1793; 2 Discharges to the Trustees of the H-O Academy signed by Joel Bristoll and Samuel Kirkland; Resolution by the trustees to present sincere thanks to S. Kirkland; 18 May, 1801, document certifying Kirkland's work and contributions to the Academy; 8 Oct. 1798 letter to the Trustees about the completion of the Academy; 1935 letter to Joseph D. Ibbotson, Librarian of Hamilton College; deed transferring to Hamilton College Jedidiah Sanger's donation of 100 acres to the Academy, signed by Jedidiah Sanger, 22 July, 1812; document (draft) regarding some mortgages assigned to the Trustees of Hamilton College changing hands, written by or under the direction of Treasurer Benjamin W. Dwight.

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Receipt dated June 11, 1794 from Sewal Hopkins; letter dated Sept. 6, 1793, from Church of Christ in Clinton to S. Kirkland re the installation of Asahel Norton as pastor; deed for a mortgage on a lot in Brothertown from 1795, paid by Enoch Forten in 1805; Nov. 25, 1796 letter to S. Kirkland from Thomas R. Gold, re. Col. Sanger's debt; receipt for \$30 to Joel Bristoll from Trustees; indenture dated 23 Dec. 1805 selling land (a Brotherton purchase lot) from Solomon and Thankful Barker to Shubale Griffin; indenture dated 23 August, 1797, between Ebenezer Caulking and the people of the State of New York (deed for land formerly part of the Oneida Reservation bought by Caulking from the State).

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Kirkland's donation to the Academy 1792 (draft?)—land granted to the Trustees for the Academy; photocopy of deed from Samuel Kirkland to Ralph W. Kirkland (Accession 2004.04, q.v.)

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Photocopy of *Christian Benevolence: A Sermon, Preached before The Society in Scotland for propagating Christian Knowledge*, by Thomas Randall, 1763 (available as reprint from Amazon), ordered by Walter Pilkington from Scotland in 1977.

Samuel Kirkland- Society in Scotland

*A Brief Survey of the Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge*, 1957 publication of the society

Copies- David Avery to Kirklands

Photocopies of originals and transcripts of David Avery's letters to Samuel and Jerusha Kirkland in the Samuel Kirkland Correspondence

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3. papers about Kirkland by James Freeman, 1978; George Hamell, 1975

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31. Force American Archive Series 4, vol. 3, pp. 1372-3
32. 2 original copies in James Dean's handwriting.
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37. Massachusetts Hist. Society; Trumbull Papers
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40. New York Public Library. Papers of Prominent Clergyman (Box 2)
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44. Chicago Hist. Society
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