

The Council of War also resolved to send down all the Indian prisoners likewise to the *Manhatans* being eleven *Esopus* Indians, big and little and one *Wappinger*, making twelve in all, as there is no probability of their being redeemed here, none of the *Esopus* Indians coming here to speak to or enquire after them. Nothing else occurred to-day.

9th ditto. Lieutenant *Couwenhoven* departed in *Dirick Smith's* yacht, took with him all the *Marseping* Indians and 40 of the military. Sent no escort to the river side with them. Nothing else happened. The horse which we left on the expedition returned back to *Wildwyck* to-day.

10th ditto. A detachment was out in the field with the ploughmen — they returned about noon as it began to rain hard. *Louis*, the Waloon, went to-day to fetch his oxen which had gone back of *Juriae Westphaelen's* land. As he was about to drive home the oxen, three Indians, who lay in the bush and intended to seize him, leaped forth. When one of these shot at him with an arrow but only slightly wounded him, *Louis*, having a piece of a palisade in his hand, struck the Indian on the breast with it so that he staggered back, and *Louis* escaped through the kill, and came thence and brought the news into the fort, whereupon two detachments were instantly despatched to attack them, but they had taken to flight and retreated into the woods. And although a party searched for them an hour they could not discover them; they thereupon returned to *Wildwyck*. No other harm was done by the three Indians. This evening the Company's yacht arrived at the *Redoubt*. Nothing else occurred to-day.

11th ditto. Two detachments were in the field with the ploughmen and one in ambush; returned in the evening without seeing any thing.

12th ditto. Two parties were again in the field with the ploughmen. About noon, to-day, *Reynije Pieters* came from *Fort Orange* with his yacht in which also arrived *Thomas Chambers* and *Evert Pels*. Brought news that *Peter the Fleming*, residing on the east shore opposite *Bethlehem* had been warned by a *Mohawk* to depart if he wish not to be killed, for he said that all the Indians on the east side of *Fort Orange* river had assembled and were to come in five days to attack *Fort Orange*. This Indian had given him this warning, he being his great *Nyctap** and the *Mahicanders* and the *Cattskill* Indians had all abandoned their maize plantations; yea, had offered to sell divers maize plantations to the *Dutch* for a piece of cloth. *Peter the Fleming* brought this news to *Fort Orange* on Monday, being the 7th of October, the day before he left *Fort Orange* with the yacht. Now, the result hereof time will determine. I also received a letter from *Cattskill*, from *Elbert Herbertsen* which I enclose to your Honors. It is dated 26th September. In like manner Capt. *Thomas Chambers* informs me that many of the *Dutch* of *Fort Orange* are removing in canoes the corn from the Indians' plantations which had been abandoned by the Indians. This *Mohawk* had also said that five Indian Nations had assembled together; namely the *Mahicanders*, the *Cattskills*, the *Wappingers*, those of *Esopus* besides another tribe of Indians that dwell half way between *Fort Orange* and *Hartford*. Now, time will tell what there is herein. He said their place of meeting was on the east side of the *Fort Orange* river, about three miles inland from *Clarecuck*, and that they were about five hundred strong. Sent two escorts to the river side to fetch up the Hon^{ble} Company's goods. They returned to *Wildwyck* together with the detachments that had been out in the field with the ploughmen. Saw nothing.

13th ditto. The Company's yacht returned to the *Manhatans*; the same day two yachts also arrived from the *Manhatans* and sailed for *Fort Orange*, after having touched at the *Redoubt*. A detachment was out in the field with the ploughmen and one in ambush, and I sent an escort

* An Algonkin word meaning, "Friend." — O.C.