

A Journal 1765  
Journey to  
Oneida.

Montauk May 27 30: 1761

After repeated Invitations  
from the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Postwick  
of New York, to go and make  
a Visit to the Onydia Indians

This Day took leave of my dear  
Family, and Friends with tender  
Affection, about 12: set out for  
Easthampton Got there after sun  
set, Lodg'd at the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel  
Buell's - Sabbath May 28

Spent the Day at Easthampton,  
M<sup>r</sup> Buell Preach'd in the fore  
part of the Day, In the after  
Noon I Preach'd, from Eph 5:20  
Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>, Laid at  
M<sup>r</sup> Buell's in account of his

his only son Dangerous Sickness

Tuesday June 2 As the  
Day Approach, the Child  
Died, and was buried Wed-  
nesday just before Sun Set,

Thursday Morning June  
11 took leave of my Good Friends  
at Southampton, and went  
Down to Northwest, and a  
boat 12 went aboard of Mr  
Dayton at Cedar Point, we  
had Favourable Wind, we  
Sailed Strait to Sea Brook -  
Saw a Capt Harriss about  
7 at Night and Logg'd here,

Friday June 13 About  
Early in the Morning we  
Moored, Stopt at Nuhar  
about two Hours, then got  
off again,

got to Mohegan about 7 at  
Night found my Relations  
and Friends well in general  
here I tarried the Sabbath over

Monday June 8 took  
leave of my Relations and  
Friends at Mohegan, set  
out for Lebanon, about 7 in  
Morning, got there before  
Sun set, found them all  
well as usual at Mr Wheelock  
but it was very sickly and  
Dying times in the Parish

Wednesday June 10 a  
Court 3 P.M. Brother David  
and I took leave of Mr  
Wheelock and his Family  
and set out on our journey  
for Onondaga by way of New  
York. Reached Newcastle  
about 7 at Night, Lodged

Capt Daniel Bull, and were  
very kindly treated - the Man  
and seem to be Truly Religious,  
keep very good order in his  
House -

Thursday June 11 about 9  
in the Morning we set out on  
our Journey, and got about  
6 Miles Westward of N. Haven  
and lodg'd at one Woodruff's -

Friday June 12 set  
Early in the Morning, got to  
Stanford at Night Lodg'd  
at a certain Tavern -

Saturday June 13 here  
on our way, got within  
5 Miles of the City of New  
York, and turn'd to, one  
M<sup>r</sup> Goldsmith's -

Sabbath June 14 Tarr'd

at Goldsmiths, he did not go  
to the City to Publish his papers  
for fear of the Small Pox, being  
Informed very Brief there.  
But I never saw a Sabbath  
Spent so by any Christian  
People in my Life as some  
Spent it here, Some were  
Lying in Chairs some upon  
Keepe Back or there traveling  
foot, Puffing and Repasting  
all Day long, and all sorts  
of evil Noises Carried on by some  
Drunkards were Reeling and  
Staggering in the Streets, others  
lumbering off their Horses, there  
were others at work in their  
farms, and ever any People,  
under the Heavens spoke Hell  
Language, these People did, for  
their Mouths were full of curs-  
ings, Profaning Gods Holy

Holy Name, I ~~am~~ greatly  
Mistake if these are not the sons  
and Daughters of Hebrah,

O thou God of Heaven, thou  
Hast all the Hearts of the <sup>of men</sup> Children  
in thine Hands, Leave me not  
to Pratic the works of these  
People, but help me, O Lord,  
to take warning, and to  
to take heed to my self, accord  
ing to thy Holy word, and  
have Mercy upon the Wicked  
Convince and Convert them to  
thy self, for thine own glory

I have thought there was  
no Heathen but the wild  
Indians, but I think <sup>now</sup> there  
is some English Heathen,  
where they Enjoy the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ too, I am I be-  
lieve they are worse than  
Savage Heathen, of the wilder

widowness; - I have thought  
that I had rather go with the  
meanest and most Disgraced crea-  
ture on Earth to Heaven, than  
to go with the greatest Monar<sup>h</sup>  
Down to Hell, after a short  
Enjoyment of sinful Pleasures  
with them in this World -

I am Glad there is one defect  
in the Indian Language, and  
I believe in all their Languages  
is that they can't Curse or swear  
or take gods Name in vain  
in their own Tongue -

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> to the  
City, and were conducted to  
M<sup>r</sup> Wells at fresh waters  
and were very kindly re-  
ceived by him and by all  
his Family, I believe the  
Fear of god in their House  
and this was our Home as  
long as we stay'd in the place

The People of the City were  
Extremely kind to us, there  
was not a Day scarcely, but  
that I was invited to dine  
with one Gentleman or other,

The Ministers of all sects  
and Denominations were un-  
commonly kind to me - my  
Friends Inquired Daily  
while I stay'd at New York

Wednesday June 25  
we left New York and went  
on our Journey, Reached  
Peeckskill at Night -

Friday June 26 set out  
very early in the Morning  
and we made it Night, ~~we~~  
~~arrived at~~ ~~at~~ ~~at~~ ~~at~~ ~~at~~ ~~at~~  
at Synack

Sabbath June 27

Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> left  
and were Early, and came  
at Night between Claverack  
and Kinderhook,

Sabbath June 28<sup>th</sup> went  
to Kinderhook about five  
Miles, and there kept all  
Day, - but did not go to Pub-  
lick worship, because the  
People were Barbarians,  
and we to them, in our  
Language, they were Dutch

Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> left  
the Place very Early, and  
got to Albany about 12.00  
and were conducted to one  
M<sup>r</sup> Staats in Sautwoord &  
lodged there, and the People  
in Albany were very kind  
to us, I went to wait upon  
his Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst

The After Noon after we  
got to Albany, but he was  
busy and I had not see him  
and of his porters came out  
to me, and told me I should  
have the Generals Assistance  
and I should make my Ap-  
pearance about 10 in the  
Morning, Tuesday June  
of the 30 I made my Appea-  
rance before his Excellency  
at the time Appointed ac-  
cording to orders, his Excel-  
lence Met me at the Door  
and told me he had wrote  
a Paper for me, and he un-  
folded it and read it to  
me, and when he had  
read it, he Delivered  
it to me, and gave me  
good Advice and Counsel  
and wish'd me success in  
my undertaking & I return'd

unfeigned Thanks to him  
and then took my leave  
of him &c. The Paper which  
he gave <sup>me</sup> was very good  
good, which I will copy  
Down here

By his Excellency  
Jeffery Amherst & Esq<sup>r</sup>:  
Major General, and Com-  
mander in Chief of all His  
Majesty's Forces in North  
America &c &c &c.

To All Whom it may  
Concern,

Whereas the Correspondents  
of the Society in Scotland for  
the Propagating Christian  
Knowledge, have acquainted  
me that the Beaver hereof, the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> O'Brien, is sent by

by them, as a Missionary to  
Reside amongst the Indians  
about the Onondaga Lake, They  
are to order and direct the  
Officers commanding at the  
Several Posts, to give him  
any Aid or Assistance he  
may stand in need of to  
forward him on his Journey  
And on his Arrival at the  
Onondaga Lake, the Officer  
Commanding there, will  
Grant him all the Protection  
and Countenance he may  
want, in the Execution  
of his Duty &c

Given under my Hand  
& Seal at Head Quarters  
in Albany, this 29<sup>th</sup> Day  
of June 1761

By his Excellency, Jeff. Amherst  
Commanding  
Arthur Mair

Wednesday July 1. Left  
Albany about 10 in the  
Morning, got to Seneca Falls  
about 3 in the after Noon,  
Stayed there one Night.

Thursday July 2. Went from  
Seneca Falls, In Company with  
Col. Whiting and Dr. Keo-  
man, <sup>they</sup> seem to be quite  
friendly gentlemen to  
us, we got about seven  
miles westward of Sir William  
Johnson's -

Friday July 3. Went to  
see Sir William at his  
<sup>house</sup> Seven Miles out of the  
Road, in the Wilderness.  
got there about 9 in the  
Morning, and were very  
kindly entertained by him

his Honor, I showed him  
my Recommendation, let-  
ters, and a Pass from Genl  
Amherst, he promised  
me his Assistance as Need  
shall Require, he was ex-  
ceeding free with me in con-  
versation - but he <sup>staid</sup> ~~stayed~~  
but about two Hours, for  
he was getting in Reading  
to go ~~ing~~ on our way on the  
Next Day towards Detroit  
with five Ballons Laden  
with Presents for the Indians  
he said he would overtake  
<sup>us</sup> the Morrow before Night  
- we took leave of his Honor  
and <sup>went</sup> our way, after he had  
got to the Main Road, we  
call'd in at Certain House -  
and there we were Detain'd  
one Night, by a Storm -  
Saturday July 14

went on our Journey and  
Reached the German flat  
at Night, and we Turned  
in at one M<sup>r</sup>. Frank's  
a Tavern Keeper —

Sabbath July 5<sup>th</sup> we stay  
at M<sup>r</sup>. Frank's, but did  
not go to Publick worship  
with the People, because they  
spoke unknown Tongue  
to us, But it did seem  
like Sabbath by the ap-  
pearance of the People —  
July the 6<sup>th</sup> Sir William <sup>came</sup>  
at at M<sup>r</sup>. Frank's —

Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> Sir William  
and the Chiefs of the Ononda  
Indians Met at this Place, to  
make up a breach, which  
one of the Indians made late-  
ly, by killing a Dutchman  
they talk'd about an hour at  
the time, and then brok up

Ten or eight they Met together  
again, and talk'd together a  
bout 3 quarters of an Hour, then  
finally brook up, without be-  
ing fully Satisfied on both sides  
for the Indians insisted upon  
an old agreement that was  
settled between them and the  
English formerly, that if any  
such Accident should ever hap-  
pen between them in Peace-  
able Times, they should make  
it up in an Amicable man-  
ner without shedding of Blood.  
But Sir William told them  
it was the Command of General  
Amherst, that the murderers should  
be delivered up to Justice - but  
the Indians said that murderers  
were gone off no body knew  
where &c