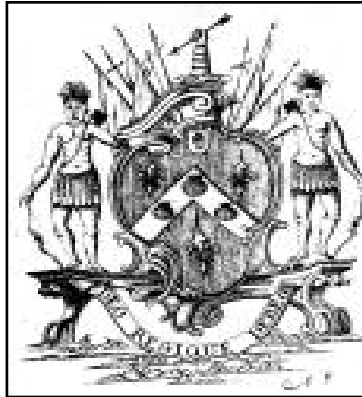

A Provincial Militia Muster

at

*Sir William Johnson's House , in the Mohawk Valley
1757*



April 28-29, 2007

Old Fort Johnson, New York Colony

to Lieutenant Alexander Turnbull,

"...You will keep one sentry on the northward of the house... another sentry be posted , at Gate of Fort , on the outside...

In case of attack, the 2 bastions be properly manned and the 2 curtains also, there mixing some of my people with yours..."

SirW.Johnson

The Fort will be open to visitors who can experience colonial living history through visiting the camps and interacting with the participants.

William Johnson arrived in the Mohawk Valley in 1737. By 1749 he had established a prosperous trading post business with the Iroquois and was completing his Georgian Manor House overlooking the Mohawk River. Residents of the Mohawk Valley knew they were a long way from the safety of Albany. With a ever present suspicion about French intentions in the western part of New York Colony many valley property owners tried to fortify their homes to protect themselves from an invasion. General William Johnson had the means and intention to fortify his house also. A palisade wall was made to span two flanking buildings in front of the main house, and a barracks was put up along the west side which was garrisoned throughout the mid '50's to at least '61. Fort Johnson became a staging area for many Provincial and Indian troops. Because of this the first floor was mostly delegated to military use, windows were covered and the family moved to the upper floors.

The Montgomery County Historical Society is planning a French & Indian War event to take place in the spring of 2007, at Old Fort Johnson.

This event is inspired by instructions from Sir William Johnson to Lt. Turnbull who is stationed at Fort Johnson between 1756 and 1761. The letter gives Lt Turnbull charge of the defence, with his garrisoned soldiers and to treat with care local indians and guests.

The event will be a weekend encampment by Provincial Militia and Native American re enactors. Military drilling, cooking, baking, brewing, colonial kids games will be demonstrated throughout the weekend.

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Invitation to French & Indian War Units

to attend a weekend encampment

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