

Fort Johnson Dec. 12. 1755.

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The Speech of the Hon^{ble} Major General
Johnson at a Meeting of the Mohocks,
Oneidas & Tuscaroras and Senecas

Aront Stevens Interpreter
Brethren of the Mohocks, Senecas, Oneidas
and Tuscaroras.

I am glad to see you here at the Meeting
place of all the Nations after the Danger & Fatigue
of the Campaign. the reason of my sending for you
immediately upon my return is very pressing

Your Brother the Gov^r of New York wrote
me a letter nine days ago which overtook
me at Schenectady, acquainting me that
the Shawanese Delaware & River Indians
were committing Hostilities in the Southern
parts of this Province as well as in Jersey &
Pennsylvania, that they had burnt several
out settlements in those Provinces killed
many of our People who never offended
them; so those Indians are looked upon
by us as Allies & Dependents on you the
6 Nations, & living within the limits of
your Country, I must desire you will
without loss of time suppress them for
what they have already done, prevent
their doing any more Mischief, and
assist upon their turning their Arms
with us against the French & their Indians
both your & our common Enemy & that
without loss of time. This is what you
engaged to do without loss of time at the
General Meeting last June at my
house, I am surprised you have not done
it

it before, and I expect you will now do it
without loss of time, if not we will endeavour
to put a stop to their Barbarities & do our
elves that Justice the Law of Nature allows.

A Large Bell

Brothers of the Confederate Nations

I desire you will send me from time
to time what news you receive from your
Allies to the Southward & Westward as at
all times it is very necessary for me to
know it more particularly so at this time.
In return you may depend on my giving
you all the News among us which may be
useful to you.

A Large Bell

Their Answer

Brother Warraghiagay

We are obliged to you for the Wel-
come you give us & as you are you are
are equally rejoiced to meet you here
at our Fire after your great Fatigue &
Danger & congratulate you on our Success
over our common Enemy.

It gives us the greatest Concern
to hear of the Behaviour of our Cousins
the Delawares to our Brethren the English
& we assure you we shall without loss of
time forward your Message thro all the
Nations, & use all Arguments in our power
for their exerting themselves on this important
Occasion.

Brother Warraghiagay

We will also recommend it to them
to keep up a constant Correspondance with you
as we are sensible it is of the utmost consequence
at

at all times but more so at present

Ended. ^{a Belt.} (vide pag. 144 & 145) —

At a Meeting of the Mohock, Onida
and Tuscarora December 26. 1755. —

Sequarusere a chief of the Tuscarora
spoke

Brother Warraghyagey

We return you our hearty thanks
for the care you take of us in supplying us with
Ammunition large Guns & paint as we do not
know how soon the Enemy will come upon
us — we have been speaking to our elder
Brothers these four years about having a
place of Defence made ~~for us~~ ^{would} against the
French but never bring them to a conclusion
until now having promised to join & assist
our Brethren the English against any
attempt which the French shall make
upon them

a String Wampum

Kanaghquica (An Onida Sachem) spoke
Brother Warraghyagey

We join with our Brethren the Tusca-
rora in returning you our hearty thanks
for advising us to be upon our Guard against
the Malicious Designs of the French & that
you would supply us with large Gun Ammu-
nition, Paint & ^{a Belt.}

Brother Warraghyagey

We own we have been late & Drunk
these several years past in not listening to
you our youngest Brethren in joining the
Tus

the Onidas

502/ Two lastly together but we have now opened our
Ears which have been stopped & are determined to
live & die with you. a Belt

Brother Warraghiyagey

You acquainted us some time ago of
the Designs of the French in encroaching on
our hunting grounds & advised us to be on our
guard against them or otherwise they would
come & overpower us & destroy us all. it came to
us now that they had blinded our eyes &
as plain to us as the Sun that rises in the morn-
-ing that they had it in view. No doubt but
you have heard that the French had written
us to meet them at Saccagachie, but we have
taken a firm resolution never to listen to any
but your self. we don't speak this from our
Lips only but it comes from the Bottom of
our Hearts. a Belt

Brother Warraghiyagey

You blame us for not taking care of
our Allies to the Southward but we assure
you we have some time ago sent four large
Belt to them desiring that they would not
join with any but whom the five Nations
joined, & when we are informed that the Belt
message we sent were directly made known
to the French. Now Brother we have sent
another Message desiring that they would
come & speak with us & we assure we
shall do our utmost endeavour to put a
stop to any more bloodshed that way &
we hope that you will desire the Governor
to do this utmost in bringing them over to
us as we are sure there is nothing draws
them from us but the large property which
the French make them

a Belt

Brother

Brother Warraghyjagey

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We have sent to the Abenaki Indians to
show us to come to our Castle to hear from
their own Mouth what they have to say to
their killing so many of our Brothers and if
they should not come upon our Message,
We the Onondaga & Tuscarora Nations are deter-
-mined to go to them & know the reason of it.

Governor Shirley promised to have a
Fort built for us & men to Garrison it &
not hearing any thing about it since we
think he will refer it until Spring, so hope
that you will have a Fort built immedi-
-ately & men to Garrison it as we are certain
the French only wait a favourable Oppor-
-tunity to fall upon us a Spring -

General Johnson's Answer
Feb. 26. 1756.

Great Savery Interp.

Brotherhood of the Tuscaroras

I received the Friendly Speech which you
made at my house when I was at New
York together with your Acknowledgment
of the Arms & Munition & I gave you as
Nation. I heartily wish they may answer the
End they were designed for which was to enable
you to secure your selves against any Attempt
of the French or any other Enemy. I highly ap-
-prove of your Wisdom & timely advice to
your elder Brothers the Onondagas & am extram-
-ely glad that you & they have at last agreed
to build a place of Defence & to join your
Brethren the English against any Attempt
of your own common Enemy the French

a Pitt

Brotherhood

Brethren of Onida

It highly pleases me to find you so grateful for the advice I have given you & the assistance I promised you should have as well as your Brethren the Tuscaroras, and I expect you & they together with the Shawanigroves will live so compact & have your castle fortified in such a manner as may enable you to make a bold defence should any attempt be made against you if you do this & have a good officer with a party of men nothing can hurt you.

a Beld.

Brethren

Nothing can give me greater satisfaction than to find you have at last come to your senses & to the use of your hearing of which you have acknowledged to have been bereft for some time.

As I have a great regard for you, I must sincerely wish you may continue in your senses & ~~continue in your senses~~ that you may follow the whole some advice which your Brother the Tuscarore altho younger has given you & that which I shall from time to time give you.

Brethren had you been in your right senses & your eyes open, when I timely acquainted you with the designs of the French encroaching on your hunting grounds & destroying you, and had followed my advice the French would not have been now in possession of the best part of your country & bid you defiance as they now do.

Shake

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Shake away then that Infatuation which
hath so long had the better of you & cast
yourself new in conjunction with your
Father the Kings Troops & you may still
recover your Lands and be a happy people
which is the sincere Wish of your Father &
all your Brethren.

Your not complying with the Gov^r
of Canadas Invitation to meet him at
Oswegatchie was quite right, and I am
glad you have taken so firm a Resolution
of adhering to your Engagement; had you
acted otherwise it would have been a
Breach of the many solemn Promises you
have made to me on that Head

a Belt

Brethren of Onondaga & Tuscarora

I am heartily pleased to hear from
you that you have not been so much
imagined with regard to the Delaware
& Shawanese & that you are determined
to have a Conference with them, I may
propose you in the most strenuous Manner
to exert your Authority at said Meeting
& let me know the result thereof as soon
as possible.

a Belt

Brethren

I heard General Shirley say
he had ordered a Boat to be built for you
some time ago, why his orders have not
been complied with I cannot say, but
tho I may venture to affirm, it was not his
Fault, however as you now desire it may
be built I will order proper persons to go
about

about it as soon as possible
 ended a Bell

A Copy of a Letter of the Hon^d. Mr. Hawley
 at Onaghquaga To the Hon^d. William
 Johnson dated December 27. 1755—

Very Honoured Sir

The Sachem that went from hence
 with your Message to the Delaware, just now
 returned from Tiago & desire me to pen the
 following Letter to your Honour in which
 you have a brief Account how the Quarrel
 between the English & Delaware began,
 and what has happened since according to
 the Account which we have from Flagg,
 in which also your Honour has the Answer
 of the Delaware to the Message you sent
 them by the Bearer here of and a short &
 Speech which the Indian desired me to
 pen relative to the Affair. Your Honour
 will pardon me if I cannot be so parti-
 cular in the narration of the Indian
 are in telling a story, the Letter I am
 directed to write except abbreviations is as
 follows.

Brother Johnson.

We have been to Tiago upon your
 Affair, in the first place we relate what
 News we hear. the Indian there inform us
 that about 2 Months ago there was a Party
 of English at Tsinaghie alia, Chamokin upon
 a scouting Design, and that while they were
 there

there Newy came there were a party of French & Indians
from Ohio about there, and that Sharoagadw advised
the English party to return back by all means
to keep on the East side of the River they took
his advice they said returned, but went the
West side of the River, and that before they had
gone far a French party came upon them,
fired & drove them into the River where four
of the English were drowned. Not long after
this, that an Englishman came to the Sha-
-handowna alias Wayomick, and as he used to
trade upon this River the Indians asked
him whether he brought any goods with
him, he said no, I brought my Body, my
Tobacco you may do what you please with
me, tis you & the Six Nations said he who
killed our People to day, I was there I
know your Language, it was certainly
you that did the Mischief & now said he
you & the English will fight, may be you
think you & your Uncle the Six Nations are
able to stand the English, Still you said
he we can pinch you between our fingers,
I shant cheat you & sit in the Dark &
under hand as you do, but tell you
plainly that the English are going to fight
you. The English Man returned to the
white People & told them that a great
Multitude of Indians of all Nations were
gathered at Wyomick &c. Then the English
that way made it their Business to take
as many of the Delaware who lived among
or near the white People & made them Prisoners

as they could lay hands on, the Number they took
by sold 232 in all, One Old Man they who heard
the Amount which the English man brought
from Wyoming, made his paper bark with
Difficulty & carried the news back to Wyoming
& gave an Account of the English taking the
Delawares who lived near the white People.

1790. The Indians at Wyoming were fully alarmed
after the English man had been there, & kept scout
out to see if any English were coming against them,
at last they saw a single Man coming, the Indians
went to the white Man & asked him whether he
was alone, he told them that three more who
were Gentlemen were coming to have treaty
with them; They soon arrived & called the
Indians together, and informed them that they
were sent to treat with them about building
a Fort there that their Squaws & Children might
be protected from the French; The Indians desired
to see their Commission they produced a Certificate
of it in writing. The Indians objected against
their not having Wampum upon w^h they
produced another Paper. Now the old
Man who had been taken by the English
& made his escape, said to the Indians "Dons
you believe these Men, they only mean
to deceive you & make you Prisoners & put
you to the sword." At that the Indians took
their Hatchets & knocked them all on the head
except the Indian Trader who came there before
and was now with these Gentl^{men}. that made
his escape. Thus Brother Johnson we have
have given you an Account how the Quarrel
between the English & Delawares began &

what

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What has happened since & if they have told us
a pack of Lyes we cannot help it. Now my Brother
we will give you the Answer of the Delaware
to the Message you sent by the Priest.
This is the Answer our Nephew give
Brother Johnson

You desire to know what is the reason
of the Quarrel between us your Brethren the
English, you say you are ignorant of it, so
are we, we dont know the Cause of this
Quarrel. His true Brother as you say we
are not at our own Command, but under
the Direction of the Six Nations, we are
Women, We must do as our Uncle say. His
true Brother we have not the Hatchet, We
are poor Women and have got out of Temper,
we are much obliged to you Brother that
you tell us to stop & leave off that which
we have begun to do, we hear you, we stop &
repent. But Brother Johnson some of our young
Men a few days ago went out again & the English
we cant help it, tho we have sent after them
as soon as we heard from you Brother, to stop
& call them back.

Now Brother you must take care
on your side too, many of our people are
Captives among the English, we must see every
one of them returned again or else it will not
be well. We shall wait two Months to see
whether our Captives are given up, and if we
dont see them then, we dont know what we
shall do. When we see our people again then
we shall contrive to make up the matter
& settle Affairs as not till then.

They

Thus Brother Johnson you have the answer
of my Nephew to your message.

Now Brother we that are young ones here
would say a few words, by whay you shall hear
from our Head. We ask leave for one, according
to the English custom to use paper instead of
Wampum.

Brother Johnson,

Be strong & do all you can
on your part & we will do all we can on ours,
let both of us be engaged to pursue those things
w^{ch} make for Peace & Harmony. You'l not doubt
Brother but that the Six Nations will make it
their Business to set things to right again, & make
up the unhappy quarrel between our Bre-
thren the English & the Delawares our Nephew.
Be strong Brother to be engaged, and we will
assist you & we need not doubt but we shall
gain the point.

We would inform you Brother that the
Delawares tell us, that two Companies of their
Men set out long ago against the English but
they have now sent after them to bring them
back. they say there was 80 in one & 40 in the
other Company & that a Number set out from
Ohio against the English Frontiers.

Thus Honoured Sir I have wrote
all that the Indians desired, I have wrote
in haste & not correct as I might, had I
leisure. The Indian from Piago arrived
just at Sun set, and the Bearer desiring
to set out early in the Morning, I must send
this rough Account just as is. I rely on your
Honour's Candor, if I can serve your Honour
in any thing in your publick Affairs I am
your at Command

Ed^d. Hawley

To the Hon^{ble} William Johnson Esq^r

P.S. I propose to your Honour Consideration whether it would be will for the English to build a Fort & keep a Garrison here. I don't at all think that the Delaware design to be peaceable & a Fort here perhaps will be necessary & keep the rest of the Indians on the River in order.

Fort Johnson Feb^y. 1. 1756.

At a Meeting of the Onghquages, Tuscaroras, Shanickadaraighroenes, Chughnuttis, Mohicans, & Shawanpes - Thomas their Speaker stood up & went thro the Ceremony of condolence for the loss of the General's Sister & Brother in Law and then proceeded as follows

Brother Warraghizagay

We will now open our Hearts to you & throw off the Burden which lay so heavy upon us; it grieved us much to hear it was suggested that all the Nation living upon the Banks of the Onghquahana even as far as Onghquaga, had joined the French. We assure you it is a false Report, and we appeal to you Brother whether we have not since your Acquaintance with us always proved true Brethren to the English & strictly adhered to the Arguments made so long ago between them & our forefathers & depend upon it we ever shall notwithstanding all the Temptations of the French. What we now say comes not from our Lips only but from the very bottom of our Hearts.

Brother Warraghizagay

We

We speak now in the behalf of the Onida,
 Tugaroni, Shanidarogroeny & Chugnutty &
 we may say we speak also in the behalf of the
 Shawanpe who are now on their way to Chug:
 -nut where they are to settle & live under our
 protection, also the Delaware Indians who live
 on the last branch of that River near the head
 of it, have given us the strongest assurances that they
 will live & die with us and in consequence of
 that will keep up the same Friendship &
 Alliance with the English which now subsists
 between us & them & this Belt we here deliver
 to you as a Testimony thereof.

Gave the Belt

Brother Warraghijagey

We beg leave to lay our immediate
 Danger & Distress before you. We are now
 entirely exposed to the Merciless power of
 the French & their Indians, our & your com:
 -mon Enemy. their Hatchet is ready to fall
 upon our Heads, their Indians who live not
 far from us, threaten us for our Attachment
 to you, for they call & look upon us as English
 as we truly are. Now Brother our earnest
 request is that you would build us a small
 place of Defense wherein our old Men, Women
 & Children may have shelter in this time of
 Danger & that you would also supply us with
 Army Ammunition & where with to defend our
 selves from any attempt the Enemy may make
 upon us.

Gave a Belt

Feb. 24

February 2^d 1756.

At a Meeting of the Onidas, Tuscarores,
Shanadaraighseny, Chugmity & Mchicanory
General Johnson's Answer to their Speech
of Yesterday.

Pres^t
The Rev^d Mr. Hawley
Lieut. Miller
Mr. Aud

Interp^t
Mr. Daniel Claaffe
Agent Skedone
Wm & Printup

Canadagai a Mohock Chief spoke for
The General as follows

Brethren of the Onida, Tuscarores &c

I approve much of your opinion of Heart
to me on this Occasion, and as it is the sure &
way of having your Grievances redressed I would
advise you as I have often your Brethren of
the Six Nations, always to follow that Method
and you may be assured I will endeavour to
ease your Mind, & do every thing in my power
to contribute to your Happiness. As to the idle
Surmises or Reports spread by any evil minded silly People
who know nothing of your Sentiments or the state of
your or our Affairs, I must desire you will not give
ear to such nor be in the least uneasy at them for
their words are like Wind & not to be noticed. If
at any time your Minds are disturbed or that you
labour under any Difficulties let me know it
immediately & you may depend upon Relief.
The strong assurance you now & always have
given me of your Attachment to your Brethren
the English & of your gathering together gives
me the greatest pleasure & will animate me
to take the more care of you which you may
depend

depend upon as long as you continue steadfast
Friends to the English which you will ever
find your Interest to do. a Belt

Brethren

Your case I have considered
& agree with you in Opinion that your present
Situation is far from being safe, having so
dangerous & deceitful an Enemy as the French
are notoriously known to be, on the one side
and their Blindfolded rash Indians (who know
not their own Interest) on the other side.
Wherefore agreeable to your request I shall
immediately have a Fort built for the safety
of your ~~said~~ People Children & Friends living
round about there. I will also supply you
with Arms, Ammunition &c. to defend said Fort
against any Attempt, the French or their In-
dians may make upon you - keep a good
look out if at any time you find a Design
against you let me know it & I will come
immediately to your assistance, this I confirm
by this Belt of Wampum a Belt

Feb. 2. 1756.

The Answer of the Aughquagas, Tuscarore,
Shanidaingroeny, Minicanders, Chugnaty &
Shawamye. Adam Speaker

Brother Warraghiyagey

We the several Nations of Indians
living at & about Susquahanna River & its Bran-
ches, here present return you our most hearty
thanks for your kind Compliance with our Request
as well as for the great regard you show for
our

our safety by promising to come in person to our
assistance should there be occasion at any time for
it. this convincing proof of your love for us at this
critical time lays us under the greatest obligation
and be assured we & ours shall never forget it
as long as the Waters of Susquahanna run

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a Belt & finished
giving Six Shout of approbation

Feb. 6. Sent an Indian Express with a Belt of
Wampum to know the reason of the Six Nations
Delay.

Monday 9. Not hearing from them yet & all the
other Nations waiting here impatiently, dispatched
Jacobus Clement one of the Interpreters to bring
them down speedily.

Wednesday 11. Three Onondaga Warriors arrived at
my House with three Strings of Wampum
from the Sachems acquainting me that their
Nation, the Cayugas & Senecas were making
all the haste possible & would be here to-
morrow in a Body.

In the afternoon the Onondagas &
Cayugas arrived & told me that 50 Senecas
would be here to-morrow in a Body.

The Mohock Sachems came to me
with an Express from their Brethren the
Conwajoharys acquainting them & me that
the Oneidas & Tuscaroras were to be a Day
at their Castle in order to condole the Death
of the great Hendrick & the other Chiefs of that
Castle who were slain at Lake George
& desired their my attendance at the Ceremony.
I gave them the proper Belt of Wampum
on that Occasion & desired they would act
for me as I could not possibly attend, there
being so many Indians at my House & of
they

which they readily agreed to & set off.

Thursday the 12. the Senecas arrived & told me that the Oneidas & Tuscarores would not be here here Saturday or Sunday for the above mentioned reasons.

Friday the 13. some more of the Senecas arrived when I performed the necessary Ceremony on that Occasion.

Saturday the 14. had an Express sent me from Conajohary that a great Number of the Oneidas & Tuscarores & Mohawks were met there & would finish their Consensus that day & set off the next which they accordingly did on Monday the 16. the Oneidas & Tuscarores arrived here when I visited them & performed the usual Ceremony on that Occasion. After which Ganaghquiesca an Oneida Sachem stood up & spoke Brother Warraghijagey.

We doubt not but you have been uneasy at our staying so long after our Brethren of the other Nation; the reason is this, we have been clearing up the Road of our Forefathers as is customary among us (meaning the condoling the loss of several of their people who died & were killed since they travelled that road before) particularly at Conajohary where we have lost two great Men in whose stead or room we have been appointing others. our Brethren of the other Nation have perhaps neglected this which we think wrong. now we are here complete & beg you will be easy in your mind.

A Bel.

Brother Warraghijagey

Hoping we have now quieted your Mind, we beg you will think & speak coolly otherwise it may be of ill Consequence to us & our Welfare

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Depend greatly on your cool Deliberations

Brother Wamapijaguy

a Belt

As this is the Council Room where all the Affairs of the Station are transacted, and as you told us you would keep a white Wing hanging in it to sweep it clean with, we now take this Fan down & sweep all Dust & Dirt out of it so that nothing may interrupt us in our Councils & Deliberations.

Feb. 16.

3 Wings Wamjunn

The Answer to the foregoing Speech.

Brethren

On your arrival yesterday you expressed your Concern lest I might be uneasy at your staying so much longer than the rest of your Brethren the time appointed. the reason you have given for it are a sufficient Apology. I am very glad you have done every thing necessary on your part agreeable to your Customs & the Rules laid down to you by your Wise Ancestors, so many of you appearing here now at this Council & at so bad a season of the year, giving me great pleasure as it plainly demonstrates your regard to my Invitation

Brethren

a Belt

I thank you for the prudent & Wise steps you have taken to quiet my mind at this time, I assure you it is quite settled & my thoughts fixt upon nothing so much as what may tend to your Welfare & that of all our Brethren in general.

Brethren

a Belt

I have had this Council Room (on my inviting you & the rest of the Station to it) well cleaned but as you imagined it might have

have (by your staying so much longer than
the time appointed for meeting) gathered some
Dust. I am glad you have taken the Fox down
except it so that nothing may in the least impede
our Consultations
3 Springs of Wampum.

Monday 18. Feb. 24

At a private Meeting of the upper Mohock
Castle present all the Sachem, Warriors
Abraham Hendrick, Brother stood up &
spoke

Brother Warraghigoy

We return you our hearty thanks for
the care you have taken in fortifying our Castle
last Summer agreeable to our Desire & also of
garrisoning it in our absence for the security of our
old people & children. and as we look upon it as
necessary now & ever (from the many reports we
daily have of the French's Intentions of attacking
us for our Attachment to you) we earnestly
desire there may be an Officer or proper number
of Men posted there as soon as possible for our
Defense.
a Belt

Genl. Johnson's Answer.

Brethren of Connoquehary.

As I am fully convinced of your
Sincerity & Attachment to His Majesty, I in-
tend I readily comply with your request
not doubting but it will be very agreeable to
your Father the Great King who has nothing
more at heart than the safety & welfare of
you his faithful children. as an assurance of
what I say and promise I give you this Belt of
Wampum.
gave a Belt

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At a Meeting of 586. of the Six Nations which
allied at Fort Johnson 18 Feb^y 1756.

Present

The Hon^{ble} William Johnson Esq^r & Co. Super-
intendant of Indian Affairs.

The Rev^d M^r Ogilvie

The Rev^d M^r Hawley

Capt. Bushworth

Lieut. Miller

Lieut. Dunbar

Lieut. Pattinger

Lieut. Mills

Lieut. Lattowidge

Capt. Butler & others

Indian Officers

Several Gentlemen

Thos^t Adams, Deputy Sec^y.

& 4 Interpreters.

The Superintendent's Speech.

Brethren of the Six united Nations.

I have heard with great Concern that a
War Party of the Senecas, the most remote Nation
of the Confederacy have had a considerable Mis-
understanding with their Brethren the English
to the Southward which has been fatal to some
of that Nation. I am extremely unable to express
my Sorrow for that unhappy Affair and as the
Hatchets remain fixed in your heads, I do with
the greatest Affection & tenderness remove it
thence.

a Belt.

Brethren With this Belt I clean & purify
the Beds of those who fell in that unfortunate
affair from the defilement they have contracted

a Belt.

Brethren I am informed upon that unhappy
Affair you have lost three of your ^{principal} Warriors
I do with this Belt cover their dead Bodies that
they may not offend our sight any more &
bury the whole Affair in eternal oblivion

a Belt

Brethren

Brethren

I have now agreeable to your Antient Customs scattered those Clouds which looked with so dark & threatening an Aspect. The Sun now shining bright again, therefore now let us under its en-
-lightening & cheering Influence proceed upon our important Business with our usual Cheer-
-fulness & unanimity a Bilt

The remaining part of the Ceremony of Condolance jointly in the name of General Johnson & Gov^t Morris whom Searoagady the half King & Mr. Montour represented.

Brethren of the Sagoyew & Toderighwenes

By constant Experience we discover that the Life of Man is as the Flower of the Field, in this transitory Time therefore Resignation becomes us under the loss of our nearest & dearest Friends. comfort & your selves therefore under the Loss you have sustained as become rea-
-sonable Creatures. with this Bilt I ever all your Dead that they may no more offend your Sight
a Bilt

Brethren of the Onondagas, Oniedas, Tuscaroras, Shaniadaradighwenes, Aughqua-
-gas & the Mohocks of both Castles.

I perform the same Ceremony to you.

After this Ceremony six French Prisoners some of those who were taken at the late Battle near Lake George were delivered with great Ceremony to the Indians in order to replace the following Indian who were killed in that Battle viz. Tiyanoga alias Hendrick - Tar-
-raghigoras - Waniacoon of Onajohony - Shayanoo
Onienkoto of the Mohocks - Nicaanwa Shavagady
Son

Son, and Cayadanoony a Tuscarore —

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They received these Prisoners with the greatest mark of Gratitude & Satisfaction. every Nation giving the shout of Approbation & then carried off the Prisoners to their respective Families.

They ended the Ceremony on those Occasions agreeable to their Customs.

Feb. 29th 1794

The answer of the Six Nations & their Allies

Red Head Speaker

Post

The Hon^{ble} William Johnson

The Rev^d Mr. Ogilvie

The Rev^d Mr. Hawley

Lieut. Miller

Lieut. Dunbar

Capt. Butler & other Indian Officers

Three Interpreters

Brother Warraghyjagey,

We the Six Nations & Warriors of the Seneca Nation return you our sincere & hearty thanks for your great Affection in drying our Tears & driving sorrow from our Hearts, and we in return perform the same Ceremony to you with the like hearty Affection a String of Wampum

Brother We are sensible of your good disposition to us in removing the Cause of our Grief & tenderly taking the Axe out of our Hands.

a Belt

Brother We are thankful to you for cleaning the blood out of our sight agreeable to the Custom of our Forefathers.

a Belt

Brother We are thankful likewise for your covering the Graves of those who were slain in that unhappy Affair

Brother Warraghyjagey

We

We acknowledge your Goodness in they settling
our mind which were so much discomfited and
that you have so capably reminded us of that
Harmony that has always subsisted between our
Forefathers your Brethren the English, an Account
of which has been handed down to us by Tradition
from Father to Son - We promise due Attention
to your Advice which we are convinced tends to
our Welfare & assure you that we bury that
unfortunate Affair in eternal Oblivion

The Cayouges & Federighroenes return their
 hearty thanks to The General for his Affectionate
 & publick Condolence with a Belt.

The Onondages acknowledge the same with
 The Oniedas do the same.

The Tuscarores & Shaniadagariroenes the same
 The Two Castles of the Mohocks the same.

Brother Warraghyjagay

The six united Nations as one Body
do with the greatest thankfulness acknowledge
your Brotherly Affection in they effectually
cleansing & purifying all our Habitations
from the Blood & defilement that they had
contracted by the Death of so many of our
principal Men

a Belt.

The Speaker then took up a large Belt w^{ch}
Gen^l Johnson gave with an Emblem of the
Six Nations joined hand in hand with us &
spoke as follows

Brother Warraghyjagay

Look with Attention on this Belt
& remember the solemn & Mutual Engagements
we

We entered into when you first took upon you the Ma-
-nagement of our Affairs. be assured we look upon
them as sacred & shall on our part punctually per-
-form them as long as we are a people

a prodigious large Belt

The Speaker then took up another very large
Belt which was given them by the Gov^r of New
York some years ago.

He then repeated the solemn promises which
were then made them by the Representatives of
all the then present Governments, and said.

Brother Warraghyjager

We hope our Brethren in the English
will seriously remember the promises made us
by this Belt & exactly perform them we promise
to do the same the we have no Records but our
Memories.

gave a very large Belt

Brother Warraghyjager

As you & the Governor of Phila-
-delphia have asked us what reason we can
possibly assign for the Barbarous Behaviour
of our Nephew the Delaware, all we can say
at present is, that they are deluded by the Craft
& subtlety of our old perfidious Enemy the French,
but we promise on our part we will try by all
means to stop their proceeding further in their
Hostility & beg you will do the same

3 strings of Wampum

Brother

We earnestly entreat you will imme-
-diately acquaint all the Gov^{ts} concerned that
we the Six Nations have not been inattentive
to this important affair, but have already sent
some of our people to take the Hatchet out of the
hands of our Nephew the Delaware & we should
be glad that you would draw your Troop from
the Frontier, then we will endeavour to bring
our

our Nephew the Delaware to deliver up all the
Prisoners they have taken from their Brethren the
English & to make the best acknowledgements in
their power for their treacherous Behaviour

Brethren of the Six Nations a Belt

I am extremely pleased with your kind
& friendly acknowledgements of my public Com-
-mune Yesterday. And as all causes of uneasiness
to either of us are now removed. I propose to mor-
-row to deliver you a speech relative to our
present Circumstances which I hope you will
be properly prepared to hear.

Feb^y 19. 1756.

At a Meeting of several principal Warriors
from the most remote parts of the Senecas Country
who never came down before to any Meeting. Their
Chief Man named Kayandigars alia Kindarany
spoke as follows.

Brother Warraghyjagey

I with my party of Warriors from
Canushago the Door of the Six Nations embrace
this first Opportunity of shaking you by the
hand, & of assuring you that nothing but my
regard for you & my desire of hearing your
Sentiments from your own Mouth could have
induced me & my young Men to take such
a Journey at this Season of the year, as we had
several of our Sachems attending at the
Meeting. We are now here at the fire place
of all the Nations & assure you we are heartily
glad to see you.

Brothers of Canushago

As I have nothing more at heart than
the welfare of the Six Nations & their Allies,

If

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It always gives me the most sensible pleasure to see or even
hear from any of them, and more especially you whom I
oversaw before, as it affords me an opportunity of com-
mencing that acquaintance & friendship with you
which is natural among Brethren & which my In-
clination will always lead me to improve specially
with so brave a People as your Nation have always
been deemed. —

Feb^y. 20. 1756. —

The Hon^{ble} William Johnson's Speech to the
Six Nations

Present

The Hon^{ble} M^r Ogilvie

The Hon^{ble} M^r Hawley

Capt. Beckwith

Lieutenant Miller, Dunbar, Ottinger, Lee, Kennedy,
Mills, Ensign Penitent, several Indian Officers
& other Gentlemen and 3 Interpreters.

Chas^l Adams Deputy Sec^y. —

Brethren of the Six United Nations, with your
allies & Dependants

It always gives me the most solid plea-
sure to meet you here, that we may felicitate
our selves in the cherishing warmth & light of
that fire kindled here for our mutual good. May
it ever burn bright as the sun that illuminates
us every day, that you & your posterity to the
latest Generation may rejoice in its Benevolent
Influence. —

A Belt

Brethren It gives me a particular satisfaction
to meet you here at this time, for two important reasons.

The first is, that it affords us an Opportunity of a
friendly Interview under the shade of that Tree
which was lately so solemnly & judiciously planted
and of calmly consulting & mutually deliberating
upon matters of the utmost consequence and of
nearly concern our mutual Safety, Welfare
& Honour —

A Belt

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126. The second is, that it gives me an opportunity
of shaking you by the hand with a Brotherly Affection
and in the Name of the Great King your Father
congratulating you upon our late happy
Success, which I make no doubt must give you
the most Sensible Pleasure, and I flatter my
self from your late repeated Protestations of
Fidelity to your Brethren, it will prove a means
of animating you & all your faithful Allies
to stand forth with your usual Bravery upon
all future Occasions. a Bult.

How much greater might our Success have been,
how much more sensibly would it have been felt
by our treacherous & common Enemy, had more
of your Warriors appeared in the Field on that
important Day & had all our force been united.
If the bubbling or Drops of our War Vultures did so
much how great would have been the Con-
sequence had it boiled with its usual fury.
It would like a mighty Torrent carried all before
it - it would have sounded the Alarm of our
victorious Arms far & near & spread universal
Terror all around us. ^{In your} In the name of your
the Great King your Father in this public
manner, return you thanks for joining our
Army last Summer, & for your gallant Be-
haviour in that action. This gives him reason
to expect the like Fidelity & courageous Conduct
from you all for the future & greatly endears
you to him & to all your loving Subjects
your affectionate Brethren. a Bult.

This animates me with fresh pleasure & ex-
pectation at this important Conjunction of Affairs
to brighten & strengthen the Covenant Chain
that has so long linked us together in mutual
friendship.

Friendship & Brotherly Affection which I hope will con-
-vince inviolable & sacred as long as the Sun shines
or the River continues to water the Earth, notwithstanding
-standing all the ~~Testes~~ Intrigues of our old & per-
-fidious Enemies who have left no means un-
-tried especially at this time to weaken & divide
us that so they may in the event root out the
Remembrance of your name & Nation from the
Face of the Earth a large Covenant Belt.

Brotheren On my arrival from Lake George
last December I had from your Brother the
Gov^r of New York & since from the Gov^r of Pen-
-sylvania the shocking News of your Highway
the Delaware & Shawanese falling upon
your Brotheren of Pennsylvania, Maryland
& Virginia in the most cruel & barbarous
manner, killing & barbarously butchering
the innocent defenseless people who lived
on the frontiers of said Government, burning
& destroying all they had, and that without
any just Cause or Reason as I understand.
My I communicated immediately to you by
one of your own people a Letter with a Belt of
Wampum desiring you would without loss of
time put a stop to your Nephews spilling
any more of your Brotherens Blood & that you
would enquire into & let me know the reasons
for such this wicked & unparalleled Behaviour
to the King, Subject, your Brotheren & Friends.
I now repeat the same & expect to hear what
you have done in response of said Message
& Desire. Brotheren

I

Still you with Concern that I plainly foresee
unless you the Six Nations who have always
maintained superiority over those Indians, will
now exert your selves in this case, you will not
only loose that Authority which they hereto
acknowledged but will leave them your Enemies.

a Large black Belt

Brothers, I told you before the Gov^r of Pen-
sylvania had acquainted me with the base
behaviour of your Nephew the Shawanese & Dela-
ware who also sent your Friend Shasongoy &
Andrew Montour to you with his Message &
to know your Sentiments thereon. Desire &
expect you will pay a just regard to his Message
& afford him all the Assistance you can in bring-
ing that unhappy Affair to as good an Issue
as possible.

a Belt

Brothers I am now to acquaint you
that the great King of England your Father
on the death of the late Gen^l Braddock has
committed the Command of all his Forces raised
& to be raised upon the continent of America
to General Shirley & has in a particular man-
ner commanded him to protect your Country
& the Lands which your forefathers have con-
quered & are of right your Territory, against
all Violence & Attempts of the French over
common Enemy, & to cultivate a strict Friend-
ship between him & you and to take the first
Opportunity of communicating this to you by
me & of assuring you of his Intention fully
to follow his Majestys Instructions therein

a Belt of black Wampum

Brothers

Brethren

General Shirley also dying me to enquire
you that he is to have a great Army this ensuing
Spring for the defence of your Country & the recovery of
such parts of it as have been invaded upon by the
French, and that in the mean time his Majestys Troop
in the Province of New York shall be held in readiness
to defend you against any attempt the French
may make before the opening of the Campaign
a Belt.

Brethren

On my return from New York I received
your kind Message & information of the Design
of the French attacking His Majestys Garrison
of Oswego. I am extremely obliged to you for
your friendly notice with which I immediately
acquainted Gen^l Shirley & Sir Charles Hardy
by Express from Albany who by their kindness
to me are also greatly pleased with you for the
concern you show for our mutual safety &
I expect will not only continue your vigilance
but will also already like unalterable
Friends & Brethren to use the Ax which I
gave you last Summer in conjunction with
His Majestys Troop when ever called upon
either at Oswego or any where else they may
be employed to the utmost of your power
as it is His Majestys Intention to stand by
you & protect you as well as his own Subject
against the Insults or Attempts of any Enemy
whatsoever. Believe me Brethren this is
the proper time to convince your Father
the Great King of England & your Brethren
of your Sincerity & Attachment to their
Interest by your acting vigorously with his
Troops. Which I most heartily advise you
to do as it is of the utmost consequence to our
mutual Interest

Large Belt
Brethren

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I must now acquaint you that I
propose meeting you at Ojunge next Spring
& desire you will join me in the Invitation I
shall send to your Friends calling far & near
to come to said Meeting, when our here you & they
shall receive a handsome Present from your Father
the Great King of England who is very desirous
of bringing all Nations worthy of his own
Alliance into the Covenant Chain at that
Meeting - I hope we shall then be able to
make such an Alliance & settle Matters in such a
manner & so much to our Mutual Advantage
as will give reason to all concerned of their fortu-
nity to bless the happy Day we met together.
a Bel

Feb^y 21. 1756.

The Answer of the Six Nations

Red Head Speaker

Major Genl. William Johnson

The Hon^{ble} Mr. Eggleston

Capt. Beckwith

Lieut. Miller

Lieut. Lee

Lieut. Dunbar Interpreter.

Brother Mearaghyjagey

We meet you with the greatest
Pleasure at this Fire place and heartily
join you in your wishes that it may burn bright
to the latest posterity. Let us mutually endeavour
to collect such Materials for the use of this our
Fire as may tend to support it in its full strength
as long as the Sun & Moon endureth
a Bel

Brother

We

We acknowledge that this Tree was solemnly
judiciously planted for our mutual Welfare
its roots reach to the remotest Habitations of the
Confederacy & its Branches afford a friendly retreat
to us & all our Allies & dependants. Brother take
a tender care of it, see that it be fed plentifully
by friendly Streams that it may increase &
spread its Branches so far that it may be a
sufficient shade not only for us but also for
all other Nations which may hereafter come
into our Alliance

a Belt.

Brother

We heartily rejoice with you upon our
late success & assure you it gives us a void pleasure

a Belt

Brother

We are extremely well pleased that
our late Conduct was so highly acceptable to
the Great King our Father

a Belt

Brother

We assure you that we on our
party do with equal pleasure & friendship
join with you at this time of public Commotion
in brightening & strengthening the Covenant Chain
that has so long united us together. Let us mutually
& steadfastly adhere to our Engagements, not-
withstanding the crafty Intrigues of our
perfidious & blood thirsty Enemies, let us vi-
gorously endeavour to frustrate all their hea-
thenish Designs, that so we may reap the
good Effect of this our Union which has long
been the Object of their Envy. With this
Belt we do most solemnly renew the Engage-
ments of the Antient Covenant Chain

a Belt.

Brother

We always looked upon the Delaware
as the more immediate care of Onas, that they
were within the Circle of his Army, we are therefore
of Opinion that he has not taken that friendly
care
of the Gov^r. of Pennsylvania.

care of them as he ought to do, and therefore our common Enemy hath taken the Advantage of his Neglect, for we cant but think that if there had been proper measures taken they would still have continued faithful Friends to the English Interest.

a Belt

Brother

We are sensible of the care of the Great King in appointing General Shirley a Surveyor to the late General Bradock, and we are extremely thankful for the particular Instructions he has given him to cultivate a strict Friendship between us & him & to protect our Land & recover those encroached upon by our common Enemy. We hope & expect that he will strictly adhere to His Majestys Instructions by protecting us from the bloody Inursions of our treacherous Enemy & use his utmost Endeavours to recover those Lands as they have clandestinely wrested out of our hands

a Belt

Brother

We are very thankful for the Assurance he gives us that the Soldiers posted in this Province are to hold themselves in readiness to defend us upon any sudden Emergency, for we assure you we are apprehensive that as the French find that all their delusive wheedling Arts have not had their desired Effect they may throw off their Disguise & rush in upon us with avowing Fury like the Wolves of the Wilderness.

a Belt

Brother We are pleased that the Information we gave with respect to the Designs of the French against Oswego has been acceptable to you & our Brethren the English, and we promise for the future to keep up a strict Vigilance. The Act has been frequently put
into

into the hands of our Sun father by our Brethren
the English & they always used it with the greatest
Vigil till it was taken out of their hands. We
assure you that we intend mutually to conform
to the bright & brave Example they set us, and
we hope this will be an efficient proof of our
Sincerity & Interest to the great King our Father

Brother a Belt

Your proposal of taking a few Embury
from the Fire at Onondaga to kindle a Fire
at Oswego & meeting us there this Spring is highly
acceptable to us, as we have good reason to think
that the Light & warmth of that Fire will
invite many Nations to meet us there. And we
make no doubt that the things you will
propose to their Consideration, will carry such
light & Conviction with them, as will be
sufficient to engage them to join in our
Confederacy, and we promise to use our
utmost Endeavour to accomplish that
great Event, and we doubt not that our
Children & Children will have reason to
remember that happy day. Brother we very
cheerfully concur with this your proposal as we
are convinced you will propose nothing but
what is for our mutual Interest

a Belt

Brother Warraghyjagay.

We have now opened our Minds with
freedom & sincerity & we understand each other
clearly, let us mutually remember our Engage-
ments which we have so solemnly renewed,
and if at any time our Enemy should attack us
prove by your readiness to support & assist us
that you really love us, and we assure you we shall
not be wanting on our parts to give proof of
the like fidelity & friendship

a Belt

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At a Meeting of the Six Nations

Sept. 23. 1756.

The Hon^{ble} William Johnson

The Hon^{ble} Mr. Ogilvie

The Hon^{ble} Mr. Hawley

Capt Butler & other Indian Affairs

Three Interpreters

Brethren

As it was very cold when I delivered you my speech a few days night, I told you I would then postpone some things I had further to say. I now take this opportunity of communicating them to you.

In the first place I must recommend to you in the strongest manner as His Majesty's Troop will be passing & repassing to Oswego next Spring that you endeavour all in your power to keep open the Road thither & not suffer any Obstructions or Stoppages to be thrown in the way by the Enemy as there is the greatest necessity for our keeping that Road clear & open being for our Mutual Interest & safety

a Belt

Brethren Now is your time to have Forts or Trading houses built in your Country while your Father the great King of England has your Interest so much at heart. If at any time you incline to have such built in any of your Castles only let me know it & it shall be done

a Belt

Brethren Gov^r Hardy desired me to acquaint you that he has a present from your Father the King for you which he intends to deliver to you as soon as possibly he can expect your Attendance

3 Strips

Brethren The one great end proposed in calling you

1756.
You here at this Season of the year was to have that
affair of the Delaware, as how any settled, but
I am sorry to find you are not so hearty in the
affair as I expected you would, for as at this im-
portant time you ought to be. I must there-
fore urge you most strenuously to fall upon
& settle this Affair before you leave this
place, and there is no time should be lost. Besides
your Brethren of the several Governments with
impatience wait the result of this Meeting on
which let me tell you much depends.

a large Belt
Brethren It is my kind concern for your welfare
that lead me to propose the following advice to you.
I have your happiness very much at heart & most
zealously wish you prosperity, therefore I conjure
you to observe & follow the kindly hints I am
going to give you.

1. Endeavour to bring as many Nations of Indians
into your Alliance as you possibly can & by
all means without loss of time to settle the
Minds of all such as are wavering & they who
are now ready to rebel against you, if you can
accomplish this then let your Study be ever after
to keep up that Correspondance, Faith & Friendship
with them which is absolutely necessary between
Friends & Allies without which neither Friend-
ship nor Alliance can long subsist

2. I would have you to adhere inviolably
to all the Engagements you shall enter into with
your Brethren the English, who have always been
your steady Friends & are determined ever to con-
tinue such, besides they are the ablest & will be
the readiest to protect & defend you from any
Attempt of an Enemy, and moreover can well supply you
and all your Allies with the necessaries of Life at
a cheaper rate than the French can

3. Be not any longer wheedled & blindfolded &
enjoyed on by the Artful Speeches of the French
for

for their Tongues are full of Deceit. Do not imagine the fine (loathly) ^{or} they give you is out of Love or regard for you, No they are only as a Bait to catch a Fish. they mean to enslave you thereby & entail that Curse upon your Children & to you, who will have reason to repent the day you begot them. Be assured they are your inveterate implacable Enemies, & only wish for a difference to arise between you & us that they might put you out of the way by cutting you off the Face of the Earth.

4. Fall upon a Method of collecting each Nation in a Body where you have good Land & a good Situation, there fortify your Castle in such a manner as you may be able to defend your selves against any Murther with small Army above all things be unanimous in your Councils & in the Field.

5. If at any time Your Brethren the English or any of your Indian Allies are injured or threatened from any Quarter, the whole Body of the Confederacy should rise & endeavour to bring about an honourable Accommodation, but if your Enemy should not hear to reason but still persist in acting unjustly, then the whole Body should as one Man join their Arms against the Enemy, by which means you will always be able to bring them to what Term may be thought proper. You will in that State be a Terror to the French, who now are knowing your unsettled divided Disposition instead of that, at every turn of the Wind we threaten & meddle against you. Be not afraid of them leave to your Brethren the English & they cannot hurt you.

If you duly observe these wholesome Admonitions, you will again become numerous & retrieve your pristine Name. The very name of the
Six

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Six Nations & their Allies will be a terror to their Enemies
and their Arms will carry conquest with them
as heretofore.

But Brethren & Friends if you continue
any longer in your past lethargy or supine State
I regret that my friendly Advice & earnest Desire,
I greatly fear you will sooner or later have Cause
to repent it & wish too late you had followed it.
Let all your youngest People hear what I say
& your Men & Women seriously consider it & let your
better Memory Witness for me that I have given
you all this timely & wholesome Advice, take
this Pipe to your great Council Chamber at Onon-
daga let it hang there in view & should you
be wavering in your Mind at any time, take
a smoke out of it & think on my Advice given
with it & you will recover & think properly.

Have the largest Pipe in America
made on purpose.

As it is late now I shall deliver you the Present
I have got for you to morrow Morning by which
time I hope to have your definitive Answer
to these points I now propose to you upon.

Feb^{ry} 24. 1736.

At a Meeting of all the Six Nations

Pres^{ent} by
The Hon^{ble} William Johnson

Mod^{erator}? Mr. Egilvie

The Sec^y? Mr. Hawley

Capt. Butler & other Indian Officers

Three Interpreters

Brother Warraghyjagey.

You have very reasonably put us
in mind of that superiority which we by a
series of conquests have obtained over the Delawares
& Shawanese & others. We are sensible of it &
therefore no sooner did you send us tidings of
their Treacherous & Barbarous Behaviour
but

but we looked upon our sleep nearly concerned to interpose. We immediately dispatched a Messenger to them, to enquire into the cause of this their unparalleled Conduct. We backed this with a second Messenger with equal warmth. but both proving abortive, we obtained an Interview by the means of our Brethren of Oneida. At this Meeting we reminded them of their Subordination, we shook them by the head & demanded the reasons of their Conduct. We put them in Mind how contrary this Behaviour was to the Covenant subsisting between the Confederacy & the English. We told them that our latest Posterity would have reason to curse their Cution & that it would give our Brethren reason to suspect us all of Treachery, while we so basely abuse the Confidence they repose in us. We again & again desired they would immediately change their Behaviour at least that they would suspend Hostilities till they heard from us at our return from this Meeting. They seemed sensible of their Fault & promised they would cease from committing further Hostilities.

a String of Wampum

Brother

We look upon you as one of our own Body & therefore by you have out of sincere regard to our common Welfare, pressed upon us to put an effectual Stop to the Ravages & Devastations made by our Neighbours the Delawares & Shawanese. We solemnly promise in the name of the Sachems & Warriors of the 5 Nations, that we will use our utmost Endeavour, to put as speed & effectual Stop to these unhappy Proceedings. It is the firm Resolution of the whole Confederacy to conform themselves entirely to your reasonable Request in this important point. but as the Mohocks are the head of our Confederacy, we leave the Management of that Affair entirely to them.

We

We sincerely wish that the Great Spirit who governs all things may succeed them in this important undertaking as it will greatly contribute to our mutual Happiness & Strength.

This confirmed with a large Belt.
Brother Warraghyjagey

The Messengers acknowledge a Message sent them by General Shirley last year giving them an Invitation to meet him at Oswego. They answer that this season of the year was too far advanced to admit of a Meeting then, but that they promise to come early in the Spring, & be attentive to what their Brethren the English have to say: they desired that this Spring might be kept at Oswego lest it might be intercepted by the French for should they be acquainted with the Design of meeting the English they feared they would fall upon & destroy them.

Brother Warraghyjagey a String of Wampum.

Be attentive to what I now propose, they are the real Sentiments of the 5 Nations not merely the Sound, not merely the sounds of their Breath but the genuine Revolution of their Hearts. Look upon this Belt as a pledge of our inviolable Attachment to you & of our unshaken Resolution of joining you in all your measures: Our Determinations are founded upon clear Convictions, as clear as that Sun which now shines in the Firmament. We shall send this Belt to the Enemy, that

If this Belt was the largest ever given, upon it was wrought the Sun by way of Emblem of Light & some Figures representing the Six Nations. It was intended to signify that they now saw Objects in their proper Light & that they were fully convinced of the truth of every thing proposed.

that from thence it may be conveyed to the re-
 mote & nation is an Emblem of the Happiness
 we enjoy by our union, at the same time kindly
 inviting them to come in join our Covenant Chain.
 Brother you may depend upon this as our Reso-
 lution which we will put into immediate
 execution. What you have said with regard
 to the Trade, we look upon as a convincing proof
 of your true affection to us, and it gives us plea-
 sure that it now becomes a matter of serious con-
 sideration with you. We are sensible of your
 ability to supply us with all the necessaries of
 Life cheaper & better than the French can possibly
 do, indeed Brother there is nothing you should
 more seriously attend to, as it would greatly tend
 to cement that friendship that subsists between
 us, and would be the most likely means of
 bringing in the most remote Nations to an
 Acquaintance & Union with us—

a prodigious large Belt

{ The General had frequently insisted upon
 knowing their Resolutions with respect to
 the Savages committed by the Delaware
 &c. this paragraph is intended as an
 Apology for their not making their
 answer sooner

Brother Warraghyjager

You have most patiently & frequently
 pressed us to accommodate that unhappy
 Breach between the Delaware & our Brethren
 the English. our delay did not proceed from any
 backwardness on our part, but from the great
 sense we had of its importance. We hope you
 have

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have received Satisfaction upon that head by the
great Debt we just now delivered with so much solemnity
& sincerity.

Brother You have acquainted us that the
Great King our Father is firmly resolved to defend
our Country & recover such parts of it as the French
have encroached upon, also to protect us to the
utmost of his Power by erecting Forts for our safety
& defense. We are grateful for this Instance of his
Goodness but have not yet concluded upon any
thing with regard to the latter.

Brother You have informed us that the
Gov^r of New York has a present from us from the
Great King our Father, we are thankful for it,
but are affraid as it comes so soon upon the back
of this Meeting it will be inconvenient for our
aged People to attend, but our Warriors shall
come upon that Occasion.

Brother Waseghijagey

As you have given us a large Paper to
be a constant Memorial of the important Advice
you have given us when you are dead & gone, and
to smelt out of at our public meeting place when
we jointly & maturely reflect upon our Engage-
ments. We assure you we shall hang it up
in our Council ~~room~~ Chamber & make a proper
use of it on all Occasions. We likewise beg that
you on your part will likewise seriously con-
sider your Engagements & faithfully perform
them.

The General concluded with the few
following Words.

Brethren

I do not think you have been so
explicit with regard to what I proposed to
you concerning your keeping open & clear the
Road to Oswego as I could wish.

They made the follow. Apology

Brother

Brother With respect to the Article relative to the keeping open the Road to Oswego, We imagined our Answer was contained in our general Reply, wherein we assured you we would support & assist each other upon all Occasions, but as you did not look upon that sufficient, We now assure you that we shall punctually conform to your Desire herein.

Brotheren the Present waits your Acceptance. As there have been frequent Complaints with respect to the Division of the Presents given at these public Meetings. It is my earnest Desire that they may be so divided as to prevent all Jealousy & Complaints. I then delivered them as my handsome ^{Public} Present which together with the private Gift, to the several Chiefs, which amounted to £1085. 9. 8 1/2 New York Curr. -

At a Meeting of the Six Nations
Brother Warraghyjagey

It was yesterday agreed upon by us that our dear Brother the Mohawk should take upon him to settle that unhappy Affair between the Delaware & our Brotheren the English, but on more mature Deliberation, having the thing so much at Heart, we have now unanimously agreed that several Delegates from the Six Nations should use their utmost Endeavours to accommodate that Difference, & depend upon it we shall lose no time, for we will immediately dispatch a message to them by the Shenandawigh: - soone & On Monday advise them to meet us at

At evening

Oheningo, where the Council is to be held.

Brother

a Belt.

We have agreed to your repeated Desires kept a good lookout & we daily watch the Motion of the French. We must acquaint you that they have lately sent a message to our Brethren the Cayouges to let them know their Resolution of attacking Oswego. I desire their Opinion upon it. I see upon three of their Seniors & seven of their young Men are gone to Niagara with a Design to forbid the French attacking Oswego or any Indians they may see joining them, we daily expect their return when you shall immediately hear what they have done

a Belt.

Brethren of the Six Nations

I greatly approve of the Alteration you have made in the Method of accommodation dealing that unhappy Breach between the Delaware & your Brethren the English, as it must certainly have greater weight now as it is to be the Act of the whole Body and the more likely to succeed. I look upon this as a very considerable proof of the unanimity & Zeal that you have expressed at this present Meeting

a Belt

Brother I must repeat to you that I am extremely pleased & much obliged to you for the kind Intelligence you have given me of the Designs of the French attacking Oswego, and desire you will continue that Vigilance & let me have every Information you can relative to the Proceedings and Motions of the French, as nothing can contribute more to the defeating all their Designs than our having constant

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144. and good Intelligence. I wish your Brethren
of Cayouge may succeed in their Intentions of
endeavouring to prevent any Indians they
may have an Opportunity of seeing, joining
the French. but as they can do nothing without
their assistance, I doubt of their success, however
it is good to try what can be done in that case.
but be that as it will, we do not fear what
the French can do, neither should you after
the strong & many assurances we have given
you of His Majesty's Protection & Friendship.
Brother Maraghyjagey

We are now ready to return home
as all affairs for which we came here are
settled to our satisfaction & we hope yours.
We shall finish with assuring you we
will strictly act up to everything agreed upon
at this Meeting and hope you will do the
same.

Thus ended the Congress.

Whilst General Johnson was in his way
home from New York the Senecas sent an
Express with a Belt of Black Wampum, with
the following Intelligence which was brought
to Fort Johnson by two Onondaga Indians &
forwarded by the Deputy Secretary to Gen.
Johnson - it met him at Albany the 28 or
29 of Jan^{ry} when he immediately dispatched
Copies of it by Express to General Shirley
& Mr Charles Hare. N.B. they should have
been entered pag 101. —

Brother Warraghyjagey

About 3 Weeks ago, came a large vessel to Niagara with a French Officer on board who enquired where his Children were who always kept there for that he could not see any of them.

The French Officer Speaks to the Six Nations

Children The English have been threatening us all last Summer about taking Niagara & Adaragui Fort, which I dreaded very much especially Niagara which is to be compared to nothing else than a decayed Tree, which if a small blast of Wind came would blow it down.

Children I have been at the defeating of the English at Ohio & hearing of General Johnsons coming to Crown Point, I immediately set off to meet him. When I first met his People the smoke of my Gun made such a darkness before my eyes that I could not see my Children but in marching a little further discovered numbers of them lying dead in the Road, which made my heart bleed, as I heard Gen. Johnson had said he did not want his Brothers to fight but to look on & see him fight.

Children I now tell you that I am going to steal Oswego from the English & my Country, that coming is very numerous & make a great noise. I dont intend to listen any more to my Children who are about my ears for I will do now as I please. Children you have never heard me promise any thing but what I always fulfilled. and I bid you Children to keep from that place they call Oswego.

Brother

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Brother Warraghjagey

We the Seneca of the 5 Nations now
assembled at Onondaga do let you know that
we see death before our eyes & that we send
this post to desire that there may be Men ready
to send to the Relief of Oswego, for you may assure
yourself the above is nothing but Truth. —

Feb'y. 25. 1756. —

At a private Meeting of the Onondaga Nation.

Warraghjagey their Speaker spoke as follows

Brother Warraghjagey

We some time ago applied to General
Shirley to have a Fort Built for the security
of our Castle we now acquaint you with our
unanimous Resolution of having one, and should
be glad it could be accomplished as soon as possi-
-ble & that you will be particularly careful
in the choice of those you employ in that
work & to charge them strictly by no Means to
bring any Spirituous Liquor among our people
as they are very ungovernable & turbulent
when intoxicated with liquor

Adm'g Wampum

Brother as I have general Order to build
Forts for the safety & protection of any of our
Brethren of the Six Nations. I do with the
greatest cheerfulness comply with your
request & shall immediately employ
proper persons for that purpose. I am
convinced it must be the fault of those People
whom Gen. Shirley employed that it was not
done sooner for he had given Order for that
purpose so long ago as last October. Then