

Liber K. Sinniquo Woman told him the said Indian that this Frenchman about Five Years since run away from the Twittawees to these Southern Indians

Interp: Says that the Susquehannah Indians being reduced to a small number & as it were newly grown up they desire the Favour of the Gov^r and Council that they may have liberty to Come & settle upon their own Land at the Susquehannah Fort & to be taken & treated as Friends & have Liberty of Coming among us freely without molestation

Ans^r That their Fort as they call it falling within the Limits of another Government as Pensilvania, this Governm^t can take no cognizance thereof, & if as they pretend they are in League with the Mohaukes our Friends we shall not disturb them so long as they are quiet & peacable

They are Ordered to withdraw, & the Board proceeds to Consider of the matter

Coll Herman called in & is given to understand that the Board having well & deliberately considered the matter in Hand are of opinion & do say that to make or resolve upon a certain Settlement for these Indians or to remove or drive them off at Present may not be Convenient but will Refer the Same to the Body of the Province when they meet in a General Assembly in May next, & in the mean time they may Rest where they are quietly & peacably so long as they shall behave themselves so.

And as for the Susquehannah Indians they may Continue at their Fort, & if they are Inclined to enter into a League with us there may some of their great men come down to confirm the same & shall be kindly treated & then also they may make choice of some great man to preside over them as Civility formerly did & as they now desire

p. 207 Inter: To the Susq Indian Since the Government have declared their Intentions of Peace & Friendship with the Susquehannahs, Quere what is his opinion concerning those strange Indians & what nation are they of

Susq Indian: Says there are two Parties of them one gone to the Northward design to join with the Sinniquos in their warr & these here have desire to set down among us & to be at peace they are called the Stabbernowle Indians

Int: What thinks he of the Twittatweese whether or no will they Come amongst us, again to give us any further Trouble

Ind: Yes he says he Beleives that when the Leaves come to be a Little Bigger they will Come & disturb us

Inter. Since then we have taken such Care as to build Forts for our defence, & their discovery, they may as they have said way lay them & take of them what they can, which will be of good use & service