

Lib. R. that for the further Satisfaction of the Empero^r and all his Indians & their assurance of this his L^{spp} favo^r to them he was willing and Did purpose to give them a Testimoniall thereof in writinge und^r his hand

To w^{ch} they Answer that they well approve thereof And though they cannot read yett they will be sure to preserve and make much of it, And that the Empero^r and his men Doe owne themselves his L^{spps}: People.

His L^{spp}: Comands the Interpreter to tell them that he looks upon them as his ffrriends and that he will (soe long as they continue soe to be) endeavo^r to preserve and protect them.

Whereunto they again reply that they are his L^{spps}: People, and that although they may phapps hold a Matchacomico & Consult with themselves upon occasion what to Doe and how to ord^r their affaires Yett will make his L^{spp} acquainted with their Designes And if he doe not approve thereof they will knock it off and not prosecute the same.

The Interpreter is then ord^{ed} to tell them that his L^{spp} was informed that there was one among them that lately came from the Sinniquos, that his L^{spp} had a greate Desire to see and speake with him.

They say he was come with them for that purpose his L^{spp}: haveing signified to them such his Desire by James Smallwood.

The said Indian th^t came from the Sinniquos being made acquainted with his L^{spps} Desire to speake with him Concerning the Sinniquos proceeds to give this foll Acco^t

And first he beginns laying on the table five single Cornes some small distance from each other, and four together at One end by w^{ch} he signified four townes of the Sinniquos from whence he came, the four next single Cornes he likewise declared
p. 76 to be four other townes of the Sinniquos, the two middlemost whereof the Susquahanno^hs had divided themselves amongst & lived there (to say) one half at one Towne the other half at the other. The fffifth and outermost of the five single Cornes he Declared to be a place Inhabited by English where the Sinniquos vs'd to trade and whither he was sent from the four first Townes before mentioned with a present w^{ch} he Delivered, but by the Description of the said place w^{ch} he gave to be a place of great resort and trade with the said Indians for Powd^r Shott &c^a it appeared to be ffort Albany and that they were Dutch to whom he had Delivered the Present.

The said Indian likewise saith that when he was taken Prisoner by th^m they threatned to Destroy him & he expected every moment when it would be untill he came to the first mentioned foure Townes where the greate men told him they would spare his Life, that he should not be dismembered or