

Lib. R. R. R them with it, that they be as carefull to keepe the Covenant Chain unspotted on their parts towards you, as you have been, & have soe freely declared towards them.

Wee doe assure you, we shall not looke upon you angrily or contemptibly, or despise you, neither have wee since wee were at Amity with you, but as our friends & brethren & shall soe doe for the ffuture.

And for your desire that you may pass and repass, and make fires in any of our parts, as you may have occasion to travell about your lawfull occasions without watch or feare as formerly, according to the peace formerly made at Albany, we ratifie and confirme the same to you.

p. 219 And now we take notice that you declare your readiness in the behalf of all your nations that sent you hither to confirme and renew the peace formerly made with you all for and in the behalf of all the English in Virginia and Maryland, and all the Indians under the protection of our greate King; Wee think well of you, and doe declare our hearty friendship to you, that you have beene soe mindfull to come to us, and that the Chain of the Covenant may be handled and looked over on both parts, that if there should be any rust upon any link, we may see whose it is, that by them it be rubb'd and made bright, and the whole chain kept strong; and as we hope it will be your care, soe wee assure you it shall be ours and we shall signifie to all English and Indians within the league and covenant confirmed this day, that the chaine be kept bright & cleane never to rust or decay, but may remaine firm while the sun and Moone endures.

And now we hope all is done to the greate satisfaction of us & you and that when you returne to your severall greate men they will be well pleased, and receive you with joy, and satisfaction, as good messengers: In testimony of our good likeing we take up your severall p'sents and now present you with—

And also for your paines and travell doe give to every one of you that have soe willingly and truly behaved yourselves in this greate worke, a matchcoate, and some powder and shott to kill meate on your journey, and come to satisfie your hunger in your travells, that you may be encouraged to come to us again at the time appoynted by the Articles agreed on; And now the Conclusion of all is, wee doe conclude you to be our friends and Brothers.

And now last of all haveing soe often handled the Chain of Covenant we doe find some spotts of Rust upon one link, which wee desire you will use your endeavour to see made bright and cleane, that not one link may decay and that is a link the Onneydes have neglected to keepe cleane, ffor after