

Brother the Governor of Pensilvania

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The Place where I live and the neighbouring Country has been overshadowed of late by a very dark Cloud, I looked with a pitiful Eye upon the poor Women and Children, and then looked upon the Ground all along for Sorrow in a miserable Condition because of the poor Women and Children, In all that dark time a Message from you found the Way to Shamokin, and when it was delivered to Us the dark Cloud was dispersed and the Sun immediately began to shine, and I could see at a great distance and saw your good Will and kind Love to the Indians and the white People I thank you therefore Brother Onas for your kind Message, I am now able to comfort the poor Women and Children

Here the Speaker laid down four Strings of Wampum

Then the Speaker took up two Strings of Wampum and directed his discourse to the Deleware Indians the Shawanese and to Onas

Cousins the Delawares

We are informed that you can talk a little English by which you pretend to have heard many things amongst white People, and you frequently bring Lies amongst the Indians, and you have a very little Knowledge and Regard for Treaties of Friendship, you give your Tongues too much Liberty: This string of Wampum serves to tie your Tongues and to forewarn you from Lies p. 199

Brethren the Shawanese

Your back Inhabitants are given to Lies, and raising of false Stories, stop up their Mouths you can do it with One Word, let no false Stories be told, it is dangerous to the Chain of Friendship

The Strings of Wampum were delivered to the Delawares

After the Speaker had finished, an handsome Dinner was given to all that were present by Shikellimo's People. After Dinner I delivered my Message to them, and presented the Company with two Rolls of Tobacco about 3 Lw' Each Roll to smoke, whilst they were in Company together to talk about the good News they had heard that day according to the Custom of the Indians.

Shikellimo told me by way of Discourse that they (the Council of Onontago) had sent some strings of Wampum by him to all the Indians upon the River Susquehanna to tell them to use their Endeavours to stop all their Warriors, and