

Brethren Warriors of the Six Nations. We the President and Council of the Province of Pennsylvania, have taken what you Told us into Consideration, and are now going to give you an Answer. We are always glad to see our brethren, and are particularly pleased at this Critical Time with your present Visit, you are Sensible of the constant Friendship this Government has always shewn to the Indians of the Six Nations, and that from their first Settlement in the Country, their Interest has been put on the same Foot with our own and as long as you shall Act up to your Engagements you will never want the most substantial proofs that we can give of our Regard for your Nations. You tell us that at the beginning of the war, you received a message from all the English to stand Neuter, and to prevail with your Allies to do the same; that in Compliance therewith you did stand Neuter, and all your Allies except the praying Indians, who promised, but broke their word; that the French commencing Hostilities you received repeated Messages from the English to continue Neuter no longer, but to take up their Hatchet against the French, and that you and your allies have Accordingly done this. Brethren, you did well to hearken to the Messages sent by the English your Allies so readily Concurring with you shews you keep up a good understanding with them for which you are to be commended, You live in small Tribes at a Distance from one Another; separate you will be easily overcome; united it will be difficult if not impossible to hurt you, Like the strings on which you put your Wampum A single Thread is soon snapped a few require more strength; but if you weave them into a Belt, and fasten them tight together, it must be a strong hand that can break it. We are pleased to hear, that at the pressing Instances of the Governors of New York and New England, you have taken up the Hatchet against the French, who you know Notwithstanding their fair speeches, have been from the beginning your inveterate Enemies, and in Confirmation that we approve of what you have done, we give you this belt. By your string of Wampum you tell us, that you observe the English Kettle does not boil high and you give the string to all the English to encourage them to put more Fire under their Kettle. As you address this to all the English, we shall send y^r string to the other Governors; But to lessen your concern on this Account, we are to apprise you that the French were sending Large forces in big ships, well Armed with great Cannon, over the Seas to Canada, that the English pursued them attack^d them took their men of war, killed a Number of their men, and carryed the rest prisoners to England This Victory put a stop for the present to the Expedition intended against Canada, you are therefore not to Judge by the appearance Things makes now that the English Fire is going out, but that is only Accidental And it will soon blaze again. As this is the first Visit paid us by our Brethren the Warriors, living on the Branches

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