

from this Province they may be seduced by the French to go over to the side whereby the Lives of the back Inhabitants will be in the utmost Danger, These Considerations have induced us to give them the Goods mentioned in the account Delivered you herewith, and to promise to send the Interpreter with a Larger present, to their Fire at Ohio in the Spring, you will therefore take Care, at this Session, to come to such Resolves as will enable us to make good our Engagements.

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Examined by. Anthony Palmer, President
Richard Peters. Secr.

Novemb^r 25th 1747

A message to the President and Council from the Assembly.
May it please the president and Council.

We have taken into our Consideration y^r Message of the 25th of November last, concerning the Treaty held with the Indians from Ohio: The Importance of These Indians towards the Continuing and Cultivating the good understanding which hath so long subsisted between the Government and the six Nations we observe, from the Treaty depends pretty much on the account they give of themselves; however as they are a part of the Six Nations, who very probably in this Calamitous Time, are often in want of Necessaries to acquire their Livelihood, we approve of the present you thought fit to make them, and also of the Account you have sent the six Nations of a Larger present intended for them in the Spring; and we shall take the Care which is Necessary to enable you to fulfil that Engagement, permit us however to add that we think it will be Necessary to press their Union amongst themselves; and that they will do well to have due regard to the opinion of their old and well Experienced men, whose advice from the account they give seems to have been laid Aside, most of us you are Sensible are men of Peaceable Principles and the presents we gave, and those Formerly given on behalf of this Government, so far as we have understood, were to supply them with Necessaries towards acquiring a Livelihood, and to Cultivate A Friendship between us and not to encourage their entering into a war. This we think most for the Kings Interest and the Peace and Safety of His Colonies in America; it being well known, that wars once begun amongst them are not to be ended without Great Difficulty and are attended with so much Bloodshed and Cruelty, as usually excites Revenge and like Inhumanity from the Indians in the French Interest, against those in Amity with us, and against others the Kings Subjects. We observe from Conrad Weiser's Letter, which you were pleased to order to be laid before us, the Indians continue their Complaints of the Injuries they have received by the Carrying of Rum amongst them; and we therefore hope you will endeavour to prevent this for the future, by directing the Laws pro-