

A Council held at the Governours on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.  
in the fourteenth year of his Serenities Ammon (Our Domini) 1714.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Benj<sup>ts</sup> Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> Secy<sup>r</sup> (for the Y<sup>e</sup>lloborough and In<sup>o</sup> Redcut Esq<sup>r</sup>)

The following Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> read his Excellency was pleased to give it (in my  
own hand) to the said Benj<sup>ts</sup> Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> Clerk of the Council who read it accordingly.

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In a resolution under which I have laboured for some Days, renders me un-  
able to attend the duties of the said Council, and as I find that my growing years render my  
application as Clerk of the said Board extremely inconvenient to me, I hope your Excellency will  
approve of my resigning that Office in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Mather.

I beg leave to return you my most sincere Thanks for the many Instances of Friendship I  
have received from you and am

With Great Respect

Your most Obedient  
and obliged humble Servant

M<sup>r</sup> Mather

15<sup>th</sup> December 1714.

Read the following Letter and Answer sent from M<sup>r</sup> Mather Esq<sup>r</sup>

(Camp at the Forks of Mashingum Nov<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1714)

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It is with great Pleasure I can inform you that our Expedition has obtained the most  
complete success, having forced the Iroquois, the Delawares, and the Shawnee to submit to  
the conditions prescribed to them.

1. They deliver all their Prisoners without Exception.
2. They give fourteen hostages who are to remain in our Hands as a Security that they  
shall commit no Hostilities against his Majestys Subjects.
3. They are to send Deputies to M<sup>r</sup> Mather Esq<sup>r</sup> to make their Peace and have engaged to ratify  
what shall be stipulated with the said Deputies.

The Inclosed Copy of our Proceedings contains a minute Account of the whole transaction. There-  
fore I will not trouble you with Particulars, I am only to request that you will order a Suspension  
of Arms to be published by your Government, and I may presume to assure you from the present  
humane disposition of these Savages that the Inhabitants of your Provinces may with Safety  
return to their deserted Plantations.

We have already received upwards of two hundred Prisoners. Many of them have remained so  
long in captivity, that it is with the greatest reluctance they part with the Savages and we are obliged  
to keep a Guard upon them to prevent their Escape.

The Iroquois and Delawares have not only delivered all their Prisoners, but even their own  
children born from White Women.

The Shawnee have been very obstinate and nothing has prevented the Chastisement they de-  
served, but the certainty that if they were driven to despair, they would massacre 150 Prisoners  
then in their Hands. However they have been forced to stop to the same Terms as the other Nations.

I was joined at Miscawacas by two Companies of Volunteers from your Province, under the  
Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mather and Cap<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mather, as such a Publick Spirit ought to be encouraged.