

that the same be used for the whole of the said of which any dispute should arise because the same might be ended in a conference

It is also therefore that the Clerk of the Council go down to the House and request them that a second conference be required in relation to the Indians who were lately come up

The following report of the said committee presented to the whole Assembly was by order read viz

17th Dec 1697

A Committee by appointment of the Governor and Council and House of Burgesses composed of the Council and Burgesses for the consideration of the Indians Affairs and making proposals what may be most proper manners to be taken for quieting their fears and securing the peace of

Present of the Council	Burgesses
Col John Addison	M ^r William Hutton
Col John Courts	M ^r William Hutchinson
Thomas Burchell Esq	M ^r Mayor
	Colonel Brad

Colonel Addison chosen Chairman of the Committee Chr Gregory Clk

Resolved first to proceed on the Affairs relating to the Iroquois and Onondago Indians &c and thereupon read the Report of M^r William Hutton to the Governor and Council upon what passed between him and the said Indians upon his being sent to them and their answers to him and upon their first coming relating to the Reasons of their deserting their Fort

1st This Committee say that upon their full and Examination thereof they perceive the Indians tell their Truth upon bene Report that Col Addison and others should say such things of them but whether true or no they had no certain Grounds for they never went to the Governor to enquire but on the contrary the Committee find the English had some Reasons even from their own mouths to suspect them for that murder and for which they ought rather to request themselves or make some satisfaction and therefore it may be proposed to them that if they will discover the murderers if they know them here they shall be fully pardoned and rewarded them all reduced into the same Articles of Peace that now last made with them upon their renewing or confirming them Articles or if they will not or cannot find the murderers that then the Nation make payment of 80 Dutch bush Shins for the value of the Negro and in such time as the persons appointed to treat with them shall consent and agree to

That upon performance of either of these proposals returning to the place of former Abode or Else where near the English as shall be required all former Injuries to be repaired and pardoned and particularly the Onondago King to be received into the same Articles of Peace and Friendship with them

2nd As to their Allegation of having their lands purchased from them and their Corn fields pulled down and their Corn fields pulled down and their being blamed for killing the Hogs &c &c we conceive it may be proposed to them that the English do not care for their land being in no want of it and if any persons have entered within their Bounds it is not by direction of the Government nor their Consent and if such persons have not the Indians Consent for it they shall either make them Satisfaction or remove as this Government shall think fit and if they are blamed about the English Stock it may be because they give cause for it nor can the Government prevent private Neglects but do Justice them they shall not be punished for any such Suspitions without due proof be made against them according to the Rules of Proceedings against others and as to the English pulling down their Fences if they can make any such thing appear they shall be called to an Account for the same and if proved against them punished according to the Law of the Country and for speedy relief on those cases fitting Persons shall be appointed adjacent from whom upon application made Relief shall be had

3rd That as to their Request of returning and securing themselves from coming to this Assembly it may be proposed to them that as the Government will not do any Injustice to them nor impose any unreasonable task on them so they cannot but rent very ill of them by this last neglect and Unadvisedness to break their Articles without in lawing their established places of Abode and withdrawing themselves so Slightly in the night time and putting us to such Charge to find them out and notwithstanding that for them not to come to us to treat as formerly they were wont and therefore if they will all come in and settle themselves and demean themselves according to their former Articles as is already said the former Articles shall be confirmed to them or if