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French; we therefore present this Belt, to desire that we may be furnished with better Weapons; such as will knock the *French* down. And in Token that we are hearty for you, and will do our best, if you put better Arms into our Hands, we give you this Belt.—Here they gave a Belt of seven Rows.

Brethren, When once we, the young Warriors, engaged, we put a great deal of Fire under our Kettle, and the Kettle boil'd high, and so it does still,—meaning they carried on the War briskly, that the *Frenchmens* Heads might soon be boil'd,—but when we look'd about us to see how it was with the *English* Kettle, we saw the Fire was almost out, and that it hardly boil'd at all, and that no *Frenchmens* Heads were like to be in it. This truly surprizes us, and we are come down on purpose to know the Reason of it. How comes it to pass that the *English*, who brought us into the War, will not fight themselves. This has not a good Appearance, and therefore we give you this String of Wampum to hearten and encourage you, to desire you would put more Fire under your Kettle.—Here they presented a String of Wampum of seven Strings.

Brethren, We have now done with general Matters, but old *Scawbady* desires to inform the Council, that he was here in *James Logan's* Time, a long Time ago, when he had but one Child, and he a little one, that he was then employ'd in the Affairs of the Government, that *James Logan* gave him this String, to assure him, if ever he should come to Want, and apply to this Government, they would do something for him. *Scawbady* is now grown old and infirm, and recommends himself to *James Logan's* and the Council's Charity.—Here he laid down a String of Wampum.

The *Indians* withdrew, and the Council adjourned to To-Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

In the Council Chamber 14th November, 1747.

P R E S E N T,

THOMAS LAWRENCE, ROBERT STRETTELL, } Esquires,
BENJAMIN SHOEMAKER, WILLIAM LOGAN, }

THE President being indisposed, and the other Members not attending, there could be no Council. The Members present judg'd, that before the Heads of an Answer to the Speech of the *Indians* could be considered, it was necessary, previously to learn from Mr. *Weiser*, the particular History of these *Indians*, their real Disposition towards us, and their future Designs, and accordingly sent for him; he said, the *Indians* had in part told him their Mind, and he thought they might be brought to tell him more; and when they did he would inform the Council. The Members likewise judg'd, that it might be of Service to know Mr. *Logan's* Sentiments about what might be proper to be said to the *Indians*, and requested Mr. *Weiser* and the Secretary to wait on him for that purpose.

At a Council held at *Philad. lphia*, 16th November, 1747.

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable the P R E S I D E N T,

THOMAS LAWRENCE, SAMUEL HASSELL, } Esquires.
WILLIAM TILL, ABRAHAM TAYLOR, }
ROBERT STRETTELL, BENJAMIN SHOEMAKER, }
THOMAS HOPKINSON, WILLIAM LOGAN, }

MR *Weiser* attending, was called in, and informed the Council, that he had learn'd the following Particulars from the *Indians*, viz. That last Summer the Governor of *Canada* had sent the Hatchet to the *Indians* about the Lakes, and on the Branches of *Ohio*, that one Nation took it up, and that these *Indians*, and the *Indians* in those Quarters, consisting principally of Warriors, being afraid others would do the like, to prevent this, took up the *English* Hatchet, and proclaimed War against the *French*, which had a good Effect, no more daring, after this, to meddle with the *French* Hatchet; that these *Indians* on *Ohio* had concluded to kindle a Fire in their Town, and had invited the *Indians*, to a considerable number, to come to their Fire in the Spring, and that they had conspired