

*Weiser* added, that the *Indians* in the Parts these People came from were numerous, not less than Five hundred Men, and had many Allies more numerous than themselves; that it was always the Custom in War Time to put the Management into the Hands of the young People; and that it would be of the most pernicious Consequence, not to give them Encouragement at this Time; and particularly he thought the Council should at least tell them, they approv'd of their taking up the Hatchet, and acknowledge the Service done to the *English* by their seasonable Declaration in their Favour. He thought Providence had furnished this Province with a fine Opportunity of making all the *Indians* about the Lakes their Friends, and warm Friends too. Mr. *Weiser* being asked, what Sort of a Present should be given them at this Time, he said, Goods were now so dear, that the Value of One hundred Pounds would appear but small, that they should have so much given them at least, and half as much to the *Canayabaga Indians*; not that this was by any Means sufficient, but would be a good Satisfaction Present, and preparatory to a larger to be sent in the Summer. This he judg'd necessary to be done, and that they should be now told of this future Present. And tho' he had never been in those Parts, yet he judg'd the attaching these *Indians* and their Friends to the *English* Cause to be so necessary, that he would, if the Council pleased, and his Health should permit, go with the Present himself, and see with his own Eyes the Number of *Indians* was there, and in what Disposition. He said further, that he accompanied the Secretary to Mr. *Logan's* Yesterday, and that the Secretary had inform'd Mr. *Logan* of all these Particulars, and taken his Sentiments in Writing, and on them form'd the Plan of an Answer. The Board ordered the Secretary to read what he had wrote; and on considering this and Mr. *Weiser's* Information, an Answer was agreed to, and the Presents settled.

The Council adjourn'd to Four o' Clock in the Afternoon, and directed that the *Indians* should be told to be there, in order to receive the Answer of the Council to their Speech.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

At a Council held at *Philadelphia*, the 16th November, 1747.

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *ANTHONY PALMER*, Esq; President,

And the same Members as in the Forenoon.

The *Indians* having taken their Seats, the President spoke as follows.

*Brethren, Warriors of the Six Nations,*

**W**E, the President and Council of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, have taken what you said to us into Consideration, and are now going to give you an Answer.

We are always glad to see our Brethren, and are particularly pleas'd 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

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