

requires more Strength; but if you weave them into a Belt, and fasten them tight together, it will be a strong Band that can break it.

We are pleas'd to hear, that at the pressing Instances of the Governors of *New York* and *New-England*, you have taken up the Hatchet against the *French*, who, you know, notwithstanding their fair Speeches, have been, from the Beginning, your inveterate Enemies. And in Confirmation that we approve of what you have done, we give you this Belt.

By your String of Wampum you tell us, that you observe the *English* Kettle does not boil high, and you give the String to all the *English* to encourage them to put more Fire under their Kettle. As you address this to all the *English*, we shall send your String to the other Governors: But to lessen your Concern on this Account, we are to apprise you, that the *French* were sending large Forces in big Ships, well arm'd with great Cannon, over the Seas to *Canada*, that the *English* pursued them, attack'd them, took their Men of War, killed a Number of their Men, and carried the rest Prisoners to *England*. This Victory put a Stop for the present to the Expedition intended against *Canada*. You are therefore not to judge by the Appearance Things makes now, that the *English* Fire is going out, but that this is only Accidental, and it will soon blaze again.

As this is the first Visit paid us by our Brethren the Warriors, living on the Branches of *Ohio*, to shew that we take it kindly of them, and are desirous to cultivate and improve the Friendship subsisting between the *Six Nations* and *U.*, we have provided a Present of Goods, a List whereof will be read to you at the Close of our Answer: They are at *John Harris's*, and the Interpreter will go along with you, and deliver them to you there. In the Spring we propose to send *Mr. Weiser* to you, and he will be furnished with a proper Present to be distributed to all the *Indians* at *Ohio* and *Canayabaga*, and about the *Lake Erie*. In Confirmation, of what we say we give you this String of Wampum.

Having received by the Traders a kind Message from the *Canayabaga Indians*, to let them see we are pleas'd with it, we have sent them a small Present of Powder and Lead by *Mr. Crofton*, which you will inform them of, and likewise of our further Intentions in their Favour with this String of Wampum, which is given you for that purpose. The President and Council, at your Recommendation, will take care to give *Scawbady* a Present for his own private Use, and his old Friend *Mr. Logan* will do the same. A String of Wampum.

The *Indian* Speaker having consulted with *Scawbady*, took up the Belt and Strings of Wampum in the Order they were presented. And repeating the Sublance of every Paragraph, express'd high Satisfaction at what the Council had said, and promised to send the String of Wampum to the *Canayabaga Indians*, who being their own Flesh and Blood they were pleas'd with the Regards shewn to them; and in Testimony of their entire Satisfaction and Devotion to the *English* Interest, they gave the *Indian* Marks of Approbation, and danced the Warrior Dance.

A true Copy,

RICHARD PETERS, Secr.

November 25th, 1747.

A Message from the President and Council to the Assembly.

Gentlemen,
YOU will see by the Papers, which are ordered to be laid before you, that we have had a Treaty with some *Indian* Warriors from *Ohio*, who came to Town for that purpose. By them we are given to understand, that the Tribe of *Indians*, being a Mixture of the *Six Nations*, to which these Warriors belong, have actually resolv'd to adhere to their Brethren the *English* against the *French*, and propose to kindle a great Fire at *Ohio* in the Spring, to which they have invited the *Indians* living round about them to join with them in these Resolutions. This is an extraordinary Event in our Favour, which ought to be improv'd to the greatest Advantage. From the Situation of these People, being mostly within the Limits of this Government, they are capable of doing or preventing the greatest Mischiefs. And from what pass'd at a Conversation with them and the Interpreter, there is reason to apprehend, without Encouragement from this Province, they may be seduced by the *French* to go over to

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