

to their Side, whereby the Lives of the back Inhabitants will be in the utmost Danger. Considerations have induced us to give them the Goods mentioned in the Account to you herewith, and to promise to send the Interpreter, with a larger Present, to them in Ohio in the Spring; you will therefore take Care, at this Session, to come to such Resolutions which will enable us to make good our Engagements.

November 25th, 1747.

ANTHONY PALMER, *Secretary*.

Examined by

RICHARD PETERS, *Secretary*.

A MESSAGE to the President and Council from the Assembly.

May it please the President and Council,

WE have taken into our Consideration your Message of the 25th of November last, concerning the Treaty held with the *Indians* from *Ohio*: The Importance of these *Indians* towards the continuing and cultivating the good Understanding which hath so long subsisted between this Government and the Six Nations we observe, from the Treaty, depends pretty much on the Account they give of themselves; however, as they are a Part of the Six Nations, who very probably, in this calamitous Time, are often in Want of Necessaries to acquire their Livelhood, we approve of the Present you have thought fit to make them, and also of the Account you have sent the Six Nations of a larger Present intended for them in the Spring; and we shall take the Care which is necessary to enable you to fulfil that Engagement.

Permit us however to add, that we think it will be necessary to press their Union amongst themselves; and that they will do well to have due Regard to the Opinion of their old and experienced Men, whose Advice, from the Account they give, seems to have been laid aside. Most of us, you are sensible, are Men of peaceable Principles, and the Presents we gave, and those formerly given on Behalf of this Government, so far as we have understood, were to supply them with Necessaries towards acquiring a Livelhood, and to cultivate a Friendship between us; and not to encourage their entering into a War. This we think most for the King's Interest, and the Peace and Safety of his Colonies in *America*; it being well known, that Wars once began amongst them are not to be ended without great Difficulty, and are attended with so much Bloodshed and Cruelty, as usually excites Revenge and like Inhumanity from the *Indians* in the *French* Interest, against those in Amity with us, and against others the King's Subjects.

We observe from *Conrad Weiser's* Letter, which you were pleased to order to be laid before us, the *Indians* continue their Complaints of the Injuries they have received by the carrying of Rum amongst them; and we therefore hope you will endeavour to prevent this for the future, by directing the Laws provided against this Abuse to be duly put in Execution.

As to that Part of the Message we have mentioned, which relates to Governor *Sbirley's* Letter and Proposals, we are not inform'd of any further Accounts received from him since our last Meeting; and therefore our Sentiments on that Occasion at this Time will, we presume, be of little Use.

Signed by Order of the House,

11th Mo. 9. 1747.

JOHN KINSEY, *Speaker*.

Dear Sir,

BY this I let you know, that I arrived at my House on the 21st of this Instant, and found my Family, Thanks be to God, in a much better Condition than when I left them: My youngest Child is yet very bad with the Cough; the rest is mending very much. The Day before yesterday *Shickelmy* arrived, who is in good Health, with the remaining Part of his Family: I delivered the Presents to him; he is very thankful to the Government for the Charity bestowed on him; he will set out Tomorrow Morning for *Shamakin*: He brought no particular News from the Six Nations. This Evening *John Coul*, with the *Indians* from *Ohio*, arrived from *Shamakin*: They were here yesterday: Monday, in 3 Days They reported every Thing