

Brethren

Here are present upon the occasion of this Interim Commissioners from the Governments of the Massachusetts Bay & Connecticut joined with me on the same righteous Intention of renewing & brightning and Strengthening the Covenant Chain which has tyed You and his Britannick Majesty's several Colonies on this Continent in the firmest Engagements to each other for Supporting and maintaining our common Causes.

We are Glad to see so many of our Brethren and we bid you welcome here at the same time that we heartily condole the absence of our Brethren the Senecas and their calamities which have occasioned it, may the Almighty Comfort them under their ~~own~~ grievous affliction and soon wipe off all tears from their Eyes

We do with you our Brethren and with you as their Representatives ratify Confirm and Establish all former Engagements entered into by us and our Brethren of the Six united Nations and assure you that we shall ever hold them Inviolable and we doubt not of the same from you

A Belt

Brethren

The Rumor which the <sup>395</sup>last

winter gave an Alarm to our Brethren the magnitude and was from thence spread to the other Nations now appears to ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> been without foundation and I cannot help observing on this occasion that you ought not for the future to suffer any such idle Tales to be raised or propagated among you as they not only tend to separate your and our Affections each from the other, but also to make us jealous of our own People without sufficient Grounds for it

A String of Wampum

It must be further observed to you that we hear several of the Chiefs and others of your Brethren of the Six Nations have contrary to our Inclinations and against our Express advice, had an Interview with the Govern<sup>r</sup> of Canada this Summer at Montreal

And that your pretence for holding this ~~foreign~~ correspondence with our declared Enemies was for the publick good and the preservation of the House of ~~at~~ of ~~you~~ ~~ago~~

To tell the Govern<sup>r</sup> of Canada that they must not make any attack or attempt upon that place for that our Brethren are resolved to defend it and that it should remain a place of Peace and trade

You declared that your Intent was  
Good

Good, and that the Governour of Canada should never prevail upon you in any thing hurtfull to your Brethren the English who you said you knew did not like your going thither, that yet upon your returne from thence your Brother the Governour of New York should know all that pass'd between <sup>you</sup> and the Governour of Canada.

We will tell our Brethren what we hear was done whilst they were with the Gov<sup>r</sup> of Canada, and we expect the whole truth from them according to their promise and whether what we hear is true or not.

We hear that whilst our Brethren were with the Governour of Canada the french Indians took up the Hatchet against the English which we believe ~~to be~~ true, for reasons you shall hear by and by, and therefore by the treaty of neutrality concluded between you and them is become vain.

We hear likewise that our <sup>united</sup> Brethren of the Six Nations there present were so far prevailed upon by our Enemy the French, as to accept of the Hatchet upon Condition to carry it home to their Suffle to deliberate upon and then ~~to~~ to returne the Govour of Canada their answer which we cannot believe to be true, till we hear have it from our Brethrens own mouth.

We expect a full explain

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Answer from our Brethren concerning these  
Matters that the way may be cleared for wiping  
off all Stains from the Count. Chain and that we  
may preserve it bright firm and inviolable  
as Long as the Sun shall Shine

A. Belt

Brethren

We must now acquaint you of  
Something relating to the war, the Success of his  
Majestys Arms against the french in this  
part of the world and the rise & occasion of our  
attacks upon the Enemy in this Quarter

When you were ~~here~~ here last  
Summer you were told that war was declared between  
the crowns of Great Britain and France, the events  
that have since happened are too numerous to  
relate particularly

His Majestys Subjects the  
In this country lay still the last Summer  
without attempting any thing against the french  
Settlements but the french first attacked and  
Destroyed a small place belonging to us called  
Cousa about twenty five leagues from Cape  
Breton

Afterwards they laid Siege to  
Annapolis Royal but there in they proved  
unsuccessfull

They then agreed to make another  
Treaty for that place the next Spring and in the  
mean time they sent to france hoping to obtain some  
of the Kings Ships to facilitate the Reduction of  
the

They having proceeded thus  
 for ~~some~~ <sup>thought it</sup> ~~time~~ <sup>high</sup> time to do something to curb the  
 Insolence of that haughty People and  
 did therefore raise a small army which was  
 Joyned by a number of men from the Govern-  
 -ments of Connecticut and New Hampshire  
 and sent them early last Spring against  
 Louisburg.

They were likewise Joyned  
 by a number of His Majesty's Ships of war  
 and after about seven weeks Siege that  
 Important and Strong fortified Place was  
~~thought~~ <sup>through</sup> the Goodness of Divine Providence  
 delivered up to our Forces.

Whereupon the rest of  
 the Inhabitants of the Island of Cape Breton  
 together with those that were settled in parts  
 adjacent surrendered themselves prisoners to  
 the English.

And During the Siege and since  
 many french Ships were taken and divers of  
 them of great Value and the design of the french  
 against Annapolis was frustrated.

We have in this part of the Country  
 Laim still both the least Summer and this hoping  
 that our neighbours in Canada would either be  
 Quiet or Carry on the war in a manly &  
 Christian like manner

and to induce them thereto

A Message was sent from this Place <sup>to</sup> the  
Place Govour<sup>ment</sup> of Canada the Last Summer by which  
he was assured that if he should receive their former  
Vile practice of treating his majestys Subjects  
Inhumanly, the several Govour<sup>ment</sup> together with the  
Six nations would Joind and make Reprisals on  
them

And at the same time you published  
-ly declared that if any of his ~~Subjects~~ <sup>Subjects</sup> should be  
killed by any Indians you would Immediately join  
in the war against them and the french

You likewise sent your delegates  
Last Summer to the Eastern Indians to warn  
them not to engage in the War against the English  
threatning them in case they should do so

Notwithstanding these things  
divers Hostilities have been committed

Some months ago the Eastern  
Indians, who had formerly acknowledged their  
Subject<sup>ion</sup> to the crown of great Britain, Entered into  
Solemn Engagements with the Kings Subjects and  
had been since treated by them with Great kindness

But at the Instigation of the french  
They have lately killed one Englishman and kild  
great numbers of Horses and Cattle burnt a Saw  
mill and many Dwelling houses and Attacked ~~the~~  
An English Garrison

Notwithstanding such  
outrageous Insults to the Govour<sup>ment</sup> of Massachusetts Bay  
was so tender of them that he resented it no further  
than to send a message to them demanding the

Demanding the Delivery of the murderers as they would  
Avoid the consequences of their neglect

This proposall was rejected by them  
and since that time they have killed two or three  
others whereupon the Govour of the Massachusetts —  
Declared war against them

And we are informed the English  
have lately killed two of them and taken another  
Prisoner

About three months since some of  
the Canada Indians killed two English men near  
Connecticut River the body of one of them was treated  
in a most barbarous manner by which they left  
a Stachel of war thereby daring us to take it up  
and return it

There has likewise been several  
other Parties that have attempted to destroy his  
Majestys Subject of new England but have been  
hitherto prevented

These facts plainly show that  
the french are still acted by the same Spirit that  
they were formerly Governed by, and they seem never  
pleas'd but when they are at War, either with the  
English or some of the Tribes of Indians and if they  
had it in their power they would doubtless destroy  
all about them

It is likewise Evident that the most  
Solemn & sacred Engagements are broken through  
by those Indians that have committed the late murders  
That Belts of wampum will not

Bind them to  
Contemned  
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that have attempted to destroy his  
part of new England but have been  
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power they would doubtless destroy

It is likewise evident that the most  
old Engagements are broken through  
us that have committed the late murder  
That Belts of wampum will not

Bind them to the performance of their promises: —  
Contemned That we are slighted and you  
as though they thought you not worthy  
to be regarded

The Six Nations were formerly —  
esteemed powerfull and your Neighbouring Tribes  
stood in fear of you

But now the french and their Indians  
by the little regard they have to your threatnings  
or to the Covnants they have made with you, do  
declare that they think you do not intend to perform  
what you have threatned or that they do not fear your  
displeasure both which do reflect equal dishonour  
upon you

It is high time for us and you to exert  
our selves and vindicate our Honour and altho  
it is well known that we delight not in the destruc-  
tion of our Fellow creatures but have chosen rather  
to suffer our selves to be abused yet we cannot think  
our selves obliged any longer to bear their Inults  
& Evil Treatment

Therefore since neither our peaceable  
Disposition nor Examples nor any methods we have  
been able to use have been sufficient to prevail  
upon them to forebear their barbarous treatment of us  
but they will force our Resentments in the name of  
God we are resolved not only to defend our selves but  
by all proper ways & methods to endeavour to put it  
out of their power to misuse & evil entreat us as they  
have hitherto fore done.

And we doubt not of your ready aid

And (hear full assurance with us agreeable to yo  
 Solenne promise made in this place last summer in  
 Joining with us against our Enemies the french and  
 Such Judians as are or shall be Instigated by them for  
 we Esteem them Enemies to God as well as to all their  
 Fellow creatures who dwell round about them

A Large Bell of with a Figure  
 Of a Hatchet hung to it

Brethren

The publick Affairs of my Govern  
 =ment have prevented my meeting you sooner  
 I was apprehensive I should not

have been able to meet you this Fall and it was  
 determined upon on the sudden so that their could  
 not be timely notice sent to the rest of his majestys  
 Governments or I doubt not they would likewise  
 have sent Commissioners to be present at this solemnity

We are all Subject to the same prince  
 united in the same Bonds of duty and allegiance to  
 the Great King our common Father and in the firm  
 friendship and affection to each other and in this union  
 consists that strength that makes us formidable  
 to our Enemies and therefore full of our resentment

We are all united with you in the  
 same Covenant Chain which as long as we preserve  
 it free from Rust must remain unprejudicable and  
 You on your parts have Declared that you will  
 preserve it so Long Strong & bright that it  
 shall not be in the power of the Devil himself  
 with all his wiles & arts to break or dirty it

You are also united <sup>to</sup> with all the  
far Nations of Indians in league with <sup>great</sup> our King  
with whom we recommend to you to preserve  
Strict friendship & hold frequent Correspondence  
That you your selves who many  
of you Live scattered & dispersed should  
well see the Body closer together as you  
Have hertofore promised to do  
And we advise you to keep  
your young men at home and within call  
excepting such as may be sent from time  
to time a hunting or against our Enemies  
and you may depend upon the most  
ready & effectual Assistance from  
us in all times of Danger  
A Belt