

(being the next Person to him in the Administration) to speak to you in his Name, which I shall do in the same Words which he designed to have spoke, had he not been prevented by Sickness.

“ BRETHREN,

“ I Am glad to see so many of our ancient Friends here, and heartily bid you Welcome.

[Gave three Strings of Wampum]

“ I have call'd you to this Place for two great Ends, in which the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* have sent Commissioners to concur with me, who are here present.

“ The *First* is, to renew the Covenant-Chain with you; and I now, by this Belt, in your Father the King of *Great-Britain's* Name, in Behalf of his Majesty's Subjects in *North America*, renew and confirm the Covenant-Chain, and all former Treaties and Engagements entered into with you. This Chain has, from the Beginning, remained so firm and strong, that it has never once broke or slipt since it was first made; and we, on our Parts, shall endeavour that it remain so, unshaken, as long as the Sun and Moon shall endure. [Gave a Belt.]

“ *Brethren*, Last Fall I told you, that his Majesty's Subjects in this Country had, the Summer before, lain still, without attempting any thing against the *French* Settlements: But that the *French* had by Surprize attacked and destroyed a small Place near *Cape-Breton*, belonging to us.

“ That they afterwards laid Siege to *Annapolis-Royal*, and were beat off.

“ I likewise told you, That the Governor of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in Conjunction with *Connecticut* and *New-Hampshire*, had, in Revenge

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