

entertaining a *Frenchman* amongst them; but it will be better explained by what the *New-York Commissioners* say.

Brethren,

"We have received Intelligence not only from your Country, but from *Canada*, that one *Jean Cœur*, the *French Interpreter*, is gone from *Montreal* to go to your Country, and by this time we may suppose he may be there; Place we think no *Frenchman* ought to be suffer'd in; neither can it be for the *French* Interest to send him there, only to set you against the *far Indians*, who are inclined to come here, which hinder'd, would tend to your Disadvantage; but, on the contrary, their coming here is an Advantage to you, as would be the not suffering him, or any other *Frenchman* from *Canada*, to come and stay among you.

The *Indians* having consulted among themselves, made Answer,

Brethren,

"We are come here according to your Desire; you made a Proposition to us, two Days ago, and renewed the *Covenant Chain*, not only for this Government, but for all the Governments on the Continent, and *Indians* in Friendship with them; you have promised to keep the same inviolable on your Side, which we believe will be so, for we never had any Misunderstanding hitherto with you. But, *Brethren*, you say you renew the *Covenant* for those Governments to the Southward, which makes us wonder; for, two Years ago, a Messenger came here from *Virginia*, who complained against us to his Excellency that we had done some Mischief in his Government on *Indians* living there in Alliance and Friendship with him. The same time he desired, in the Name of that Governor, to take some of our principal *Sachems* with him, which we refused, and desired the Governor might come here himself, or depute a Person with some of the *Sachems* of those *Indians* in Friendship with him, that then we might speak to one another Face to Face; and therefore we think it does not lie at our Door, that no Peace is concluded between us and his *Indians*. If they are inclined to meet us, we are ready for them; but will appoint no other Place than this.

Brethren,

"You desired us not to suffer *Jean Cœur* to stay among us; we cannot send him away, if we do, we shall be taken as Enemies; but do you go there yourselves, and send him from thence, and you may write to the Governor of *Canada*, that you will not suffer any of his People to stay

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