

other places, that all the ground within cannon-shot shall belong to the fort, he has yet such a regard for you, that he would not make any use of it without you were first made acquainted, and approved of it. This is an instance of so much goodness and condescension, that I expect you will not hesitate a moment to give up the ground within cannon shot round all the forts, for the use of the King's army; and I know you will the readier do that, as such ground so near a fort can be of no use to you, as it is only intended for the service of the garrison; but as the garrison of Fort Pitt is larger than the rest, and a great way from our settlements, I have no doubt but you will give up a larger quantity of ground there for the use of the soldiers. And if you agree to this, I am persuaded, they will look upon you in a much more friendly light than formerly; so that I expect a speedy and agreeable answer.

Brethren,

The last, but most important affair I have at this time to mention, is with regard to the settling a boundary line between you and the English. I sent a message to some of your nations some time ago, to acquaint you that I should confer with you at this meeting upon it. The King, whose generosity and forgiveness you have already experienced, being very desirous to put a final end to disputes between his people and you, concerning lands, and to do you strict justice, has fallen upon the plan of a boundary between our provinces and the Indians (which no white man shall dare to invade) as the best and surest method of ending such like disputes, and securing your property to you beyond a possibility of disturbance. This will, I hope, appear to you so reasonable, and so just, on the part of the King, and so advantageous to you and your posterity, that I can have no doubt of your cheerfully joining with me in settling such a division line as will be best for the advantage of both the white men and the Indians, and as shall best agree with the extent and increase of each province, and the Governors, whom I shall consult upon that occasion, so soon as I am fully empowered; but, in the mean time, I am desirous to know in what manner you would choose to extend it, and what you will agree heartily to, and abide by, in general terms. At the same time I am to acquaint you, that whenever the whole is settled, and that it shall appear you have so far consulted the increasing state of our people, as to make any convenient cessions of ground, where it is most wanted, that then you will receive a considerable present in return for your friendship.

On the 3d of May, the Six Nations, by the Onondaga Speaker made the following answer.

Brother Warraghiyagay. (Sir William Jonnson's Indian name.)

We have heard all you said to us yesterday, and we give you many thanks for your advice and directions to us, which we shall take due notice of.

As we are willing to shew our good disposition by our actions, we shall come into every thing you propose, that is reasonable, and we hope it will render us more regarded by the English. These

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