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Present

His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq. &c
George Clark
Francis Harrison & Counsellors
Phillip Livingston
The Commissioners for Indian Affairs

The Sachins of the Six Nations made the
following Answers to His Excellency

Brother Corlaer

We are very glad you are Arrived here in good Health, You told us that your Master the King of Great Britain had sent you. It is a very dangerous Voyage in coming over the Great Lake, the reason that we are glad you Arrived in health is because of the good Message you Bring to us from your great Master the King of Great Britain: we would have been very sorry if any Accident had happened to your Excellency in this dangerous Voyage.

You acquainted us at your coming hither that you had met with great Storms, had been driven from the Coast, and had been five Months coming to your Government and that was the reason detained you at your first Arrive of reaching us sooner.

You told us also that you was ordered by the Great King your Master to renew in his Name the Old Covenant Chain with us, and not only to renew the same but to make it brighter and Stronger than ever.

You have renewed the Old Covenant Chain with the Six Nations in the Name of your Master the King of Great Britain we in like manner renew the Old Covenant Chain.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Albany the Fourth Day of October 1720

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Brother Corlaer

This Silver Covenant Chain wherein we are linked together we make Stronger and Cleaner that it may be Bright, we shall give no occasion for the Breach of our Covenant, if we are like minded than we and our Childrens Children shall Live in Peace. You acquainted us also that the Great King your Master and your Father bears great kindness to us as a Father does to his Children and if any Harm or Attempt be made on us he will resent it as if it was done to his Children on the other Side of the Great Lake, for which kind Message we return you our most hearty Thanks.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

We shall not repeat all your Excellencys Propositions but only the principal matters therein contained.

You told us what was the reason why His Majesty the King our Father is affectionately Lovers us, for two Qualifications of being an Honest and Brave People. It is true as you say that the Six Nations when they are sober and not in Drinke will not molest or injure any Body, but there is one thing in the way that is Strong Liquors which your People bring up to our Country. Therefore Brother we desire you very strongly to prohibit the sending or carrying up any Strong Liquors, for that will one way or other create a quarrel betwixt your People and our Young Indians: Our Ancestors have pitched Rum out of this City when they wanted it, let them who want Rum be it Man or Woman fetch it from hence, therefore we desire again that you do not refuse our Request but grant it effectually. If you knew it we have already lost many Men through Liquor which has been brought up and Occasions our Peoples killing one another.

Gave a String of Wampum