

who understood the *Indian Language* well, as follows :

Brethren of *New-York*, and of the *Massachusetts-Bay*,

*WE* the Six Nations are now assembled together as one Man, and we take in the Messelagues for the seventh Nation ; and what is now to be spoken by one Mouth, are the joint and sincere Thoughts of every Heart.

*We* are pleased that you follow the Steps of our Fore-fathers, in wiping off the sorrowful Tears from our Eyes, by which the Stoppage of our Throats are opened, and the bloody Bed wash'd clean.

[Gave three Strings of Wampum.]

Brethren, *The first Time* we met together, we only saluted each other by shaking of Hands ; we afterwards made a Covenant Chain of Silver, which we mutually have held fast to this Day ; should it now slip from either of our Hands, it would prove Destruction to both Sides, since our Enemies have drawn the Sword.

[Gave a Belt.]

Brother of *New-York* ; *Last Year* you gave us the Hatchet to be made Use of against your Enemies, the French, which we accepted, and promised to make use of it if they should commit any farther Hostilities upon the English, which they have now done by destroying Saraghtoga, and shedding a great deal of Blood : *Hitherto* we have made no Use of the Hatchet ; but as you now call upon us, we are ready, and do declare from the Bottom of our Hearts, that we will from this Day, make use of it against the French, and their Children, (meaning their Indians).

[N. B. The Question was asked them by his Excellency, Whether by the Words their Children, they meant all the Indians in Alliance with