

Last Contest we have suffered much by the loss of many of our Brave Warriors who were slain in battle & the total loss of our House, Camps, hunting grounds, Corn, Landfills & Horses -

Father, Since you have made Peace with the Big Knives we have not been remunerated for the losses we have sustained by the ~~Country~~, tho it was most faithfully promised us by the late Col<sup>d</sup> Elliot.

Some time after our return to this Country, we were informed that our losses had been represented to our Great Father's Representative at Quebec. We have not lately heard anything more on that head. We hope that our Great Father's Representative at Quebec will take duty on us and give directions for our being paid for our losses fully.

A number of us, have suffered much since our return from Burlington, the Corn Crops have for these two last years failed and the Country is destitute of wild Animals which renders our situation distressing, our women and Children daily cry for want of food -

Father, This Belt represents your hand extended to ours and a heart in the Centre, meaning that our hearts & hands should be one. Now Father We give you this Belt in token of our Friendship and that our heart & hands is at our Great Father's Command as it has always been, We hope & trust trust you will not abandon us in our present distress, We are really in great want of assistance and beg you will fulfill the promise made to our wise men, & ourselves from time to time by our Great Father's Representative.

Father, We have heard that it was our Great Father's Representative at Quebec intention of ordering the presents intended for his People to be distributed at Shenault's Castle. We beg you will inform our Great Father's Representative, how difficult it will be for his Children, The Wyandots, Shawanons, Petawattung, Kullapros & Ottawas besides all our Brethren from the Westward to attend for these Presents at Shenault's Castle. We have not Canoes, Boats or Horses to proceed to that place, and its 50 miles or there days Journey on foot, which our little Children could not perform & to return from thence, it would take nearly all the presents we would receive to purchase provisions to get home again. We therefore hope our Great Father's Representative will not remove the Great Fire which was like <sup>give</sup> warmth to all his Children.