

have always maintained a superiority over the Indians, will now exert yourselves in this case, you will not only lose that authority which they hitherto acknowledged, but will have them your enemies.

A large black belt,

Brethren,

I told you before the governor of Pennsylvania had acquainted me with the base behaviour of your nephews the Shawanese and Delawares, and has also sent your friend Skaronyade and Andrew Montour to you with his message, and to know your sentiments thereon: I desire and expect you will pay a just regard to his message, and afford him all the assistance you can, in bringing that unhappy affair to as good an issue as possible.

A belt.

Brethren,

I am now to acquaint you, that the great King of England; your Father, on the death of the late general Braddock, has committed the command of all his forces raised, and to be raised upon the continent of North America, to general Shirley; and has in a particular manner commanded him to protect your country, and the lands which your forefathers have conquered, and are of right your territories, against all violence and attempts of the French our common enemy; and to cultivate a strict friendship between him and you; he takes the first opportunity of communicating this to you by me, and of assuring you of his intentions, fully to follow his majesty's instructions herein.

A belt of black wampum.

Brethren,