

fathers; they had one Head and one Heart. The Chain of Friendship was made of Silver, so that it could not rust. I need not mention these Occurrences to you * * * * * Our Ancestors you know frequently met to brighten this Chain with a Design to see whether any evil Spirit that disturbs the Peace of Brethren, shook it or sat upon it.

I must now leave this pleasant Subject, the Talks of our Ancestors. You have now seen some of our Brethren of the Five Nations, the Cayugas; you have opened your Mind and encouraged us to believe that you can retrieve our sinking Territory; and that if any of your People have overleaped the Bounds you set them, you can erase the Lines. This has given us great Encouragement and universal Pleasure.

Brother Governor:

We of the Cayugas and Senecas here present, thank you from the very Bottom of our Hearts, that you have opened your Mind fully to us; when we heard your first and second Voice we were glad, but now we are quite rejoiced. It convinced us that you remembered the Treaties between our Forefathers who loved their Country, for who would not wish to preserve a Place whereon to live. The great Spirit gave us this Island and we know you join in promoting his Design, that we should have a Place to live on.

Our Ancestors had certain Marks, each Tribe had a certain Boundary or Line they called their own, of the Land the Great Spirit gave them.

We said we were very glad to meet you, & hear your Voice, and trust you are yet able to save our sinking Territory. We put it all into your Hands; put your Hand over the whole, reserving to us such a Dish as you shall prescribe for us.

This is perfectly agreeable to the Conduct of our Ancestors, who loved Peace and loved their Land; and why, because they loved their Women & Children—Women, whose province it is to cultivate the Soil; while they loved their Peace and Land, they enjoyed happy Days.

We have said we rejoice in this Meeting & Transaction;