

# V I E W O F T H E Title to Indiana.

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AT a conference held with the Six Nations at Johnson-hall.  
May the 2d, 1765,

P R E S E N T,

Sir William Johnson, Baronet, the King's Superintendent of Indian Affairs, John Johnson, Esq; Mr. Arthur, Mr. Kirtland, Mr. Kreiser, Daniel Clause and Guy Johnson, Esquires, Deputy Agents, Butler, Parthius, Monteur, interpreters to the Crown.

Sir William addressed the Six Nations as follows :

Brethren,

AM now to speak to you on some affairs which greatly concern us both, and I expect you will give me your attention, and act a becoming part upon the occasion.

You know the treacherous and cruel part acted by some of your people at Logstown, and about the Ohio, two years ago; you then plundered numbers of the traders, who were supplying you with goods: some of them you have promised to protect and save their effects, but you did not keep your words; several of these unhappy sufferers are thereby reduced to great necessity, some of whom are thrown into jail, because they could not pay their debts. This has induced them to apply to me, and to desire I would lay before you their distresses, that you might give them a tract of land to compensate in some measure for their great losses. I need not tell you how incumbent it is upon you to agree to their desire, as you must all be sensible they were ruined by some of your people in a time of peace, and when they were supplying your necessities: This conduct is sufficient to make the traders very shy of going towards your country; and therefore I think it indispensably your interest to grant their request, which, though it will be but a small recompence, will, however, shew the world that you repent of what is past, and like honest men, are desirous of making some restitution for the damages you have committed. I expect you will, without delay, give me an answer, and I wish it may be a favourable one, it as will be for your own credit.

Brethren,

The next thing I am to take notice of, is at the desire of the General who commands all the army in this country. He has represented to me the necessity there is for the troops to have gardens and corn about the forts; and although it is the custom in all other