

The Four Indian Kings S P E E C H

To Her Majesty.

L O N D O N, April 10. 1710.

Yesterday the four Princes of the Coast of America, between New-England and Canada, had their Publick Audience of Her Majesty with great Solemnity, and by their Interpreter made the following Speech to Her Majesty.

G R E A T Q U E E N,

WE have undertaken a long and tedious Voyage, which none of our Predecessors could ever be prevail'd upon to undertake. The Motive that inclin'd us was, that we might see our G R E A T Q U E E N, and relate to Her those things we thought absolutely necessary for the Good of H E R and as Her Ally, on the other side the Great Water.

We doubt not but our Great Queen, has been acquainted with our long and tedious War, in Conjunction with Her Children (meaning Subjects) against the Enemies the French; and that we have been as a strong Wall for their Security, even to the loss of our best Men. The Truth of which our Brother Quader, Colonel Schuyler, and Anadagorjaux, Colonel Nicholson, can testify, they having all our Proposals in Writing.

We were mightily rejoiced when we heard by Anadagorjaux, that our Great Queen had resolved to send an Army to reduce Canada; from whose Mouth we readily embraced our Great Queen's Instructions; and in Token of our Friendship, we hung up the Kiver and took up the Hatchet; and with one Consent, join'd our Brother Quader, Colonel Schuyler, and Anadagorjaux, Colonel Nicholson, in making Preparations on this side the Lake, by building Forts, Store-houses, Canoes, and Battows; whilst Anadagorjaux, Colonel Perch, at the same time rais'd an Army at Boston, of which we were inform'd by our Ambassadors, whom we sent thither for that purpose. We waited long in Expectation of the Fleet from England, to join Anadagorjaux, Colonel Perch, to go against Quebec by Sea, whilst Anadagorjaux, Quader, and We, went to Mont-Royal by Land; But at last we were told, that our Great Queen, by some important Affair, was prevented in Her Design for that Season. This made us extream Sorrowful, lest the French, who hitherto had dreading Us, should now think Us unable to make War against them. The Reduction of Canada is of such weight, that after the effecting thereof, We should have Free Hunting, and a great Trade with our Great Queen's Children; And as a Token of the Sincerity of the six Nations, We do here, in the Name of All, present Our Great Queen with these BELTS of WAMPUM.

We need not urge to our Great Queen, more than the necessity we really labour under obliges us, that in Case our Great Queen should not be mindful of us, we must, with our Families, forsake our Country and seek other Habitations, or stand Neuter; either of which will be much against our Inclinations.

Since we have been in Alliance with our Great Queen's Children, we have had some Knowledge of the Savour of the World; and have often been importuned by the French, both by the insinuations of their Priests, and by Presents, to come over to their interest, but have always esteem'd them Men of Falshood. But if our Great Queen will be pleas'd to send over some Persons to instruct us, they shall find a most hearty Welcome.

We now close all, with Hopes of our Great Queen's Favour, and leave it to Her most Gracious Consideration.

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