

principal proprietors of the Grand River Lands, but we never were in the habit of carrying stories from one Nation to another, or attempting a disunion.

General Lincolne made a present of a Silk Standard to Capt. Brant, as the principal man of our Nation, which Flag we still keep—

The Chiefs of the Five Nations having instructed George Martin, one of their own body, as well as Interpreter, to speak for them to the Deputy Superintendent General / they being present / on what had been previously agreed on, spoke as follows delivering Ten Strings of Black & White Wampum.

Brother— Two years ago, before Capt. Norton went to England, word came to the Onondago Village, that a Council was to be held, to which those of the Six Nations residing above that Village were not to be summoned. Peta Chief of the Onondago, pointing to Echo, came to his / Martin's / house where Tekarihoga / principal Chief of the Mohawks / happened to be at the time, when Echo informed him of what was to take place, & asked him / Tekarihoga / if he would go. To which he replied, that he would not go, & that tho' the Onondago Village keep the Council Fire, he recommended to Echo, not to open a Council unless the whole of the Six Nations were summoned

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