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Further Propositions made by
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John Stoddard Esq^r Com^{rs} appoin-
ed by his Maj^{ty} Govern^t of the
Bay
Mapachusetts Bay to the Sa-
vages of the five Nations (to wit)
The Moheggs, Oneydes, Onondages
Cayonges & Senecas as also to
those of Tusquarora in Albany
The 30th day of May 1723

Brethren

We have according to our Directions bright-
ened the Covenant Chain, and shall proceed
agreeably to our Orders to Inform you that
there are a people who live in the Eastern
Parts, called Abnequois, who have often subjected
themselves to the Crown of great Britain
and in Solem manner bound themselves peace-
ably towards his Maj^{ty} good Subjects so long as
the Sun shall endure, and to confirm their
Engagements Instruments have been drawn,
and distinctly read to them by sworn Inter-
preters, and thoroughly understood by them,
to which they have signed, and affixed their
Respective Marks, which writings have been
seen by your Delegates when in our Country,
and we doubt not but they have represented
the same to you, therefore we need not be more
particular in informing you in that matter.
yet

Yet notwithstanding those peo-
ple have for divers years past behaved them-
selves Insolently toward the English Inha-
biting those parts, by killing their Cattle,
and by threatening their persons, upon which
although it was a manifest breach of Co-
venant, and resented by the Govern^t we took
no other measures with them, then to send
Com^{rs} to remind them of their renewed pro-
mises, and to tell them of their perfidiousness
in such acts of Violence Committed without
any Provocation whatsoever. they readily
acknowledged their Breach of Covenant,
and seemed to bewail their misdeeds,
yet did continue to repeat their Insolencies

And sometime in the last
Spring, some of them coming on Board some
of our fishing Vessels in peaceable manner,
after they were on board took the men and
bound them, others by land, burnt divers hou-
ses fired upon several men, who they kept
as prisoners, under pretence of redeeming some
of their hostages, which they had given as
security for payment of skins they had pro-
mised as Satisfaction for Damages they
had done to the English, and as sureties
for their good & peaceable behaviour, af-
terwards they proceeded to attack an English
Town, fired at a Garrison, wounded a young
Man, who afterward died of his wounds. the
Govern^t who had long suffered multiplied
abuses from the Eastern Ind^{ns}, and had not
till now revenged their Wrongs, considering
these outrages, and Murther, thought them-
selves bound and accordingly did proclaim
them Rebels to King George, & Enemies
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