

was laid before us. It gives me Pleasure to reflect on this, for you I know, but did not the other that misled me.

Let me remark once more on our happy Settlement; you raised a Fortification around us so that no evil Spirits or Birds could fly over and disturb us. Now we are fixed and dwell in Peace.

I need not say many Words more upon the Council at Fort Stanwix, and the Transactions there. You remember you saw a few Senecas there; you welcomed them although they were neither invited to it, nor Sachems, but little Children. They then told you with what Difficulty they leaped over the Mound at Canadasaga.

You remember when these Seneca Lads left your Council Fire you gave them good Advice, as your Patience then held out, and through Love for the Five Nations you invited them to meet you at Albany this Winter, to consult upon Matters interesting to them and for their Good.

You mentioned to them that you expected them from the remoter Parts of the Five Nations. They again heard your Voice, you opened their Eyes, it pierced their Hearts to see their Territory sinking, and that by and by the Warriors would not be at liberty to hunt upon their Lands and provide for their Women and Children.

Soon after this we Warriors deliberated on your Message, and determined that it would be for the Good of our Nation and prevent our utter Destruction to come here, although some of our Sachems had not returned from the Southward, yet we were perswaded when our Deliberations were laid before them that they would approve them.

After frequent Conferences with our Brethren the Senecas, we determined to repair to this ancient Council Fire. We thought it agreeable to the antient Usage to take two Brothers of the Onondagas and Oneidas to this Place, where our Ancestors kindled a Council Fire, the Smoak of which reached the Heavens, and round which they sat and talked of Peace.

I observed at first, that I would only touch upon one Event after another, and need I call your Attention to the Council Fires and Treaties held here by your and our Fore-