

James Bryan and Benjamin Birdsall, two of the Persons of the Association distinguished by the Appellation of the New York Genesee Company, appeared before the Board and delivered up to the Board a Writing purporting to be a Lease from the Chiefs or Sachems of the Six Nations of Indians, of John Livingston, Caleb Benton, Peter Ryckman, John Stevenson and Ezekiel Gilbert and their Associates, and a Writing purporting to be a Lease from the Sachems, Chiefs and Warriors of the Oneida Nation of Indians to John Livingston, Caleb Benton and Ezekiel Gilbert and their Associates (Copies of which Writings are entered on the Journals of the Assembly of the last Sessions), also a Writing signed by a Number of Indians & dated the ninth Day of July last, and purporting to be a release from some of the Sachems, Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations of Indians of a part of the consideration Money and a part of the Rent mentioned in the said Writing first above mentioned, and a Confirmation as to certain of the Lands therein mentioned.

Resolved that the said three Writings be received by the Board, and unless the Legislature shall otherwise direct, that they remain with his Excellency the Governor until the further order of the Board.

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate by Message to the Legislature the Proceedings of the Board relative to the above Transaction.

Ordered that Mr. Tayler, the Agent of this Board, take order for the Subsistence of such Indians as have or shall come to this Place to attend the intended Treaty.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to the Board the Substance of an informal Conference which had taken place between him and the principal Cayuga Indians since the last meeting in the following Words, to wit:

Brothers :

The Reasons which induced me to kindle a Council Fire last Summer at Fort Stanwix were that I was informed that our white People had got among our Brethren of the Six Nations, and were buying their Lands contrary to our Laws and the ancient Usage that had subsisted between us.