

peace keep the trade within your walls or formerly then  
you may get some benefit. But ~~it is not for there will~~  
~~be no longer peace then untill that trading house~~  
guilt, and then you get no more benefit, and  
you are of occasion ~~of~~ your self <sup>to</sup> guard ~~the~~  
~~the~~ rampart

Brethren

We are witnesses that y<sup>e</sup>. onnondago some  
years since accepted Monr<sup>e</sup> Longueuil Govern<sup>r</sup>. of montreal  
as a child, but as they had no convenient place for him  
to reside in, ~~therefore~~ he went thither & built a house  
there, on w<sup>ch</sup>. Col<sup>l</sup>. Schuyler went thither & demolished  
that house, since it was a breach of Covenant Chain  
in y<sup>e</sup>. onnondago for consenting that building, and so  
agreed it should be broken down again w<sup>ch</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. Indians  
in Canada took notice, that y<sup>e</sup>. french should not dwell  
among y<sup>e</sup>. Indians, now if you build a trading house  
at y<sup>e</sup>. mouth of y<sup>e</sup>. onnondago River you may expect y<sup>e</sup>.  
french will break it down as Col<sup>l</sup>. Schuyler  
did that at onnondago w<sup>ch</sup>. we like all very well  
gave a belt

Brethren

our ancestors lived all in one Country and were  
one people. but it seems Every one is gone were he pleased  
and its fallen down to w<sup>ch</sup>. settles in Canada, you  
sent us lately a belt of wampum that we should  
keep y<sup>e</sup>. Covenant Chain ~~Chain~~ inviolable w<sup>ch</sup>. no promise  
known side to do. and do expect you to form it on y<sup>e</sup>.  
side according to your promise

You for the base & perfidious action <sup>committed</sup>  
this summer by some of your people in murdering  
<sup>one</sup> of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>. Soldiers & Subjects at a time when  
we thought no ill of you, especially since we  
had not long before cultivated a good understand  
ing between our Brethren of England & your  
several tribes, that you should be at peace thence  
in the War, and had on that score made a free  
and open path for you to come freely to this  
place to trade gave a blanket

It is true as you say that our ancestors in their  
first making the Covenant and friendship have  
prudently foreseen that no mean accident or  
mischief that should be committed or happen  
either on the one side or other should make  
a breach of that Covenant, but that must be  
understood of such acts as are done on surprise  
or in heat of blood, but this base action has  
been done deliberately and with a Design as  
we suppose to break the Amity and good  
Understanding that has been long since between  
Us and to stop up the Road that has been made  
open and Clean for you to come thither gave a belt  
But such base Murders as this should be  
punished on the Committers of them, w<sup>ch</sup>. we should  
have required had you not come to mediate and  
reconcile that Affair, and since you do come  
and acknowledge that this murder has been  
committed by some of your vilest people & w<sup>ch</sup>.  
your Consent, We shall at your Instance, Desire  
our Gov<sup>r</sup>. to forgive you that Injury on Condition  
that you promise to become Security to Deliver up  
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