

Brethren!

Having been advised of the points on which you mean to consult me, I will therefore advert to them in your presence: but I request that you will not disturb me and that you will be attentive to what I say and give me straight forward answers to the questions I may put, so that I may ascertain your real sentiments: In the first place, Brethren, you have often represented to me, that the Hunting Grounds which you have occupied from time immemorial, are now entirely ruined and destitute of Furs and Deer: that you can no longer procure a livelihood from the Chase, nor furs sufficient to clothe your families: that the only alternative you now have, is to abandon the wandering life you have been accustomed to lead, to make choice of some situation on your Hunting Grounds, where you may become Farmers, and by following the example of your white Brethren, to raise where with to support yourselves and Families: Pray are you still of this opinion: if so give me a correct answer on the subject? —

Answer of the Chief Ka-on-di-no-ketch

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