

that Means made no Account of what they gave you. To prevent for the future, such like Proceedings, I have given Orders, by threatenng with Death, all those that be found convicted of that Crime: I beg you will send me your Complaints against all such as will act in the like Manner, and as a Friend and Brother, I shall render you ample Justice.

I have no more to desire, but to see you receive with Pleasure, the Presents which are before you, and to see you divide them amongst you, according to your Custom and natural Equity. I hope they will be agreable. You may depend upon great Rewards from Time to Time, for your Services. I have ordered Arms, Powder and Shot, to be delivered to such of your Warriors as want them.

My Brethren, I have been informed of the perfidious Conduct of the *French* towards our deceased Brother, the *Half King*; and to convince you how far I am sensible, as well as you, of his ill Treatment, in hopes that you would willingly join with me, to revenge him, I cover his Death with this B E L T.

*My Brethren; Delawares and Chauanons,**

You are to blame, for following the Counsel of the *French* last Autumn, to murder a Number of your Brethren the *English*, in their Habitations in *Carolina*. I am very well persuaded, that it did not happen from an Inclination natural to you, but only by the Instigation of the *French*; therefore, if you acknowledge your Fault, and that you are openly and voluntarily resolved to join with me, I shall freely forget this unhappy Transgression, and receive you still as Brethren. This I confirm unto you, in the Name, and as the Deputy of, the King your Father, with this String of Wampum. Signed,

The 15th of May, 1755. JOHNSON.
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* The deputed *Iroquois*, before whom Mr. *Johnson* spoke, could not answer him upon the Suggestions that he charges to the *French* in the eloquent Apostrophe which he makes here to the *Delawares* and *Chauanons*.