

Present  
 Henry Holland  
 Peter van Brugh  
 Evert Sanchez  
 John Collins  
 Philip Livingston  
 Joh. Bleeker  
 Evert Wendell

1740  
 Esq.  
 Com.<sup>rs</sup>

All a meeting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Ind.<sup>ns</sup>  
 Affairs in Albany the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 June 1721

The Deputed *Callins* from four several  
 Nations living in Canada called *Cachnawages*, *Sha-*  
*Lawrence*, *Caese-wiennadies*, *Porerondas* & *Skightuan* appeared  
 before this meeting and by their speaker named  
*Cachnarondis* made the following Proposition

Brother Corlaer  
 The last winter you sent us three belts of  
 wampum to signify unto us that we had taken  
 up the hatchett of War against your Brethren of  
 New England that if we had any Compassion on our  
 wives & Children to lay it down and bury it but  
 if we persisted in that War you would stop up  
 the path from our several <sup>propositions</sup> ~~propositions~~ to this place  
 we confess that we have taken up the hatchett of  
 War ag<sup>t</sup> the People of England and at your  
 Instance we come to lay down that hatchett of War  
 and bury it for ever, <sup>and tell you that</sup> We are informed that you  
 at the five Nations and the Government of England  
 have taken the Hatchett of war in hand against  
 us and the Eastern Ind.<sup>s</sup> which We desire you  
 in like manner to bury w<sup>th</sup> us

You informed us by the 3<sup>d</sup> Belt that it was  
 very disagreeable whilst the two Crowns of great  
 Britain & France are in a firm alliance & good  
 agreement w<sup>th</sup> each other that the people  
 under their Subjection should wage War aga<sup>t</sup>  
 each other. We are of the same Opinion & come  
 now

Now & promise solemnly for our four Nations to  
 to stop up the path to England and desire w<sup>th</sup>  
 both hatchets may be buried in everlasting obli-  
 -vion and that it may be thrown in a swift current  
 of Water to carry it away gave a belt of  
 Wampum on this and the foregoing articles  
 Brother Corlaer

We return thanks to God who knows  
 our hearts that he has Endued you w<sup>th</sup> such great  
 Wisdom as to become Mediators between us and  
 the Government of Boston to take the hatchett  
 of War out of our hands w<sup>th</sup> the Eastern Ind.<sup>s</sup>  
 had given us ag<sup>t</sup> the People of that Government  
 We do now solemnly promise in the Name of  
 our four Nations to lay down & bury w<sup>th</sup> hatchett  
 for ever gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer desired  
 You also w<sup>th</sup> Ind.<sup>s</sup> inhabiting at S. Francois  
 as you did us to lay down the hatchett of War  
 w<sup>th</sup> was Communicated unto them by <sup>your</sup> Belts  
 to w<sup>th</sup> they Replied that our four Nations  
 might act in this Affair as they should con-  
 -ceive would tend for the Welfare of them all  
 but as soon as those of Boston should send  
 back the Ind.<sup>s</sup> prisoners now there they would  
 come and treat of a Peace w<sup>th</sup> the People of  
 that Government

That at our Departure from Montreal Gov.<sup>r</sup>  
 Vaudruil did us to tell you that as soon as <sup>the</sup> Ind.<sup>s</sup>  
 prisoners at Boston are at Liberty he will on  
 his Word of honour Com<sup>and</sup> the Eastern Ind.<sup>s</sup> to lay  
 down the hatchett & make peace w<sup>th</sup> the People of  
 England