

through and our Children, who were formerly  
 accustomed to be comfortably clothed, are  
 now naked! We own Brother, that we  
 are partly the Cause of these over Present  
 Misfortunes. We were too good and Generous.  
 We permitted Strangers to Come and settle our  
 our grounds and to Cultivate the Land.  
 Wood Merchants to destroy our valuable  
 Timber, who have done us much injury, as  
 by burning our rich Forests, they have annihilated  
 our Beaver and our Peltries, and driven away  
 our Deer. — Had our Hunting grounds  
 belonged to the Whites they would never have allowed  
 this; But we had good hearts and took pity on our  
 white Brethren, we knew that they must live  
 as well as ourselves, They are also the Children  
 of our Great Father: we never thought of  
 futurity Brother, and were silent to these  
 Encroachments; But now, Brother we are pitiful  
 ourselves, and are obliged to crave assistance  
 from our Father the Governor General; we  
 have always borne in mind the Promises and  
 Commands of our Great and good Father King  
 George the Third, who is His Royal Proclamation  
 dated at St James the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1763,  
 of which our Father Sir William Johnson gave  
 our Ancestors a Writing on parchment, which  
 we still hold. This Document tells us, that  
 we shall never be disturbed on the Hunting  
 grounds reserved for us, (the vast extent of  
 which has often been represented,) that we  
 could not make away with them to Strangers;  
 but that who never or should wish to part with  
 them, our Great Father for the time being, or  
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