

fair words, promises, and bribes; she told him that if she was to discover it she would be burnt, but that her gratitude for his kindness was such that she could not be easy and see him sacrificed, and that he and all his people were to be killed on the day appointed for their meeting; that for this purpose all the chiefs had cut their guns short, so that they could be hid under their blankets, and were to have them charged and primed, their knives on, and every thing ready for falling, first on him and his officers, and then on the men, on a certain signal to be made by Pontiac, when they were to meet in the Council Chamber, and still added that she would be burnt alive, in the event it was known that it was she that discovered it; for that reason the most inviolable secrecy was necessary in respect to her, which the Governor solemnly promised to observe. To guard against this dreadful attempt he ordered all the garrison out to exercise on the parade without the fort, twice a day for about a week previous to the meeting; this, with a view to deceive the Indians and his own people; but the night preceding the meeting he told his officers of the whole plot, and put them on their guard, and ordered them to have every thing ready for defence, and none to be out of the garrison or look over the ramparts. The

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