

you mean to strike at Niagara so we might collect all our forces in time."

On the arrival of the Western Indians, Major Givins was placed in command of the bands from St. Joseph, Sault Ste. Marie, La Cloche, Matchedash and Lake Simlon, and they immediately proceeded to the front, where, as Claus remarks, "the others could not avoid following."

On the evening of the 5th July, Col. Thomas Clarke having made a successful raid upon the American post at Schlosser the night before, he writes to Harvey:—

"Interpreters Fairchild and Brant have just returned from Queenston and reported a conversation held with the Tuscaroras, of which I enclose a copy. The interpreters are of the opinion that the Indians in American territory expect that the British troops will shortly cross, and are anxious to know how they will be treated. At the council alluded to at the Standing Stone, all the Indian nations there renewed their friendship. The Western Indians have not yet returned from the Four-Mile Creek, nor will they, I think, without doing something; nor have the Indians that went to Queenston this morning returned. P.S.—A general council is to be held at Buffalo Creek, five days from date."

It would appear that the Indians spoke to each other across the Niagara, which is in some places in the gorge above Queenston less than 300 yards in width. This document is entitled:—"Conversation between the principal chief (Osquirisor) of the Tuscarora Nation within the United States and the chiefs of sixteen different nations with the British forces."

The Onondagas saluted the Tuscarora chief and nine other Indians with him, after which Katoirota, the Onondaga chief, spoke:—

"*Katoirota*, BROTHER,—We understand that it was your wish to see us and to speak with us, and we have come to learn what you have to say."