

time, as is evident from what our conference with them, produced afterward at *Lancaster* begun the 22d of *June* 1744.

This council was followed by a feast, after 4 o'clock we all dined together upon 4 great kettles of *Indian* corn soup, which we soon emptied, and then every chief retired to his home.

31st, In the morning, as soon as light, I walked out to look at our horses as usual, and close by a cabin spied a knife almost covered with grafts; I supposed it lost, but the *Indians* being not yet firing let it lie: a little after sun-rise I walked there again, and the *Squaw* being at the door, shewed her where it lay, at which she seemed exceedingly pleased, and picked it up immediately. As I came back to our cabin, I spy'd 2 *Indian* girls at play with beans, which they threw from one to the other on a match coat spread between them; as they were behind our cabin, I turned to see how they play'd, but they seemed much out of countenance, and run off in an instant: I observed that the *Indian* women are generally very modest.

About noon the council sat a 2d time, and our interpreter had his audience, being charged by the governor with the conduct of the treaty. *Conrad Weiser* had engaged the *Indian* speaker to open the affair to the chiefs assembled in council; he made a speech near half an hour,