

"Brothers:

I am glad it has pleased God we should live to meet and speak together this day in friendship." Then addressing himself to his own people, desired them to observe what was going to be said to us.

Tesseccummie, then taking out a large Belt said:

"Brothers:

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to have this opportunity of renewing our ancient friendship. And we are much obliged to you for sending us this small set of colours as a token of your friendship, by which we are this day enabled to Speak together.

"Brothers:

Listen now with attention at what I am going to say:- 'As it has always been your desire that we should hold fast by the chain of friendship, I now assure you that we have always done it, and do it still, and we hope you do the same, it is now in your powers to continue it.

'Brothers:

On your first coming to this place we were the first Nation you contracted a friendship with after ~~xam~~ this you extended a Belt of Friendship across this country the End of which reached those Nations over the Lakes towards the Sun setting, then as we were situated in the centre between you (of this country), you requested that we should hold fast by the middle of the Belt. this we assure you we have done, and with both hands; have held it close to our hearts. but now I see both ends let loose and now we are the only people to hold this Belt up by the middle. Brothers, let us be strong on both sides and take Pity of our Warriors, Wymen and children, let us be sincere, and speak from our Hearts and be honest in everything that passes now between us. I now take this Friendship Belt and lay it in the Fort where we request you will Assist us in preserving it. Brothers, don't imagine that what I have said comes from my lips only. I do assure that it comes from the bottom of our Hearts and we make no doubt but what this will give you the same pleasure if you are sincere as we really are. Brothers, you sent no word that you were so firmly seated here that you were not to be removed. Brothers, you have towns of your own, ~~you know this is our country, and that your having~~ Possession of it must be offensive to all Nations, therefore it would be proper that you were in your own country where our Friendship might always remain undisturbed.

'Brothers:

Some time ago you desired that we would go out of your way, that you might Pass to those Nations that have disturbed the Chain of Friendship. You yourselves are the people that have done it. In the first place by coming with large Armies into our Country and building strong Forts. We were then the first people that Met you, having no distrust of your design, and nothing but good in our Hearts towards you, agreed to everything you desired, at the same time requested of you in the Strongest Terms not to extend your Forts any further than this Post. Notwithstanding this you crossed the Lakes, and what pass'd between the Nations living beyond that way and you, we are unacquainted with, but you see they have Slipped, their hands free from their Friendship with you, and you have desired to know who struck you, we take the opportunity to make you sensible of it. Which I believe you can't help Thinking this is True, so you have nobody else to blame but yourselves for what has happened

Gave a large Belt. 10 Rows.