

the Grounds never to the Five Nations & their posterity forever, without the power of alienation. The Paper speaks for itself.

Read the Copy of the Petition of the Upper Mohawks, to the Commander of the Forces, respecting Presents, & the interest money, & interpreted to them by Asen Nell ±

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In explanation, they stated, that the Instrument in question, had misrepresented their meaning, which merely imported, in their conception, a wish to have their proportion of the Interest Money separate from that of the Lower Mohawks.

Thomas Davis said. The reason why they wrote to the Commander of the Forces, was in the hope of being again united & of one mind, as they formerly had been. That about fifteen years ago the dissensions which have divided the Mohawks into two parties commenced, through the artifice of designing men. That under Colonel Claus's Grand Father, Sir William Johnson, they were entirely of one mind, as well as the whole of the Five Nations, & the Western Indians. That Col. Claus being the only person who had the power of again bringing them into one sentiment, they had wrote to the Commander of the Forces, to induce him so to do. That from their conduct, they were informed by the Interpreter, that they would

± one of the persons who signed  
the memorial

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