Present

Att a meeting of ye Commissionrs of ye Indian affairs in albany the 13th of March 1724/5

Henry Holland
Robt Livingston jrs
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Henry van Rensselaer
David van Dyck
} Esqrs Comrs

Five Sachims of Cachnawage & Scawradie in Canada being arived here made the following Speech before ye Comrs by ondatsaga their Speaker

Brethren We are now mett together and desired that some of the Maquas Sachims might be present. at this meeting and are glad to see some of ym here, we hope you do not Expect that we shall Speak in fine polished words. Since we are but youngster. our ancestors understood affairs better then we, for we shall speak in plain terms and tell you our minds freely. in what we are going to Say which we ought to have done Sometime Since, So hope you Excuse us, it seems that our friendship and amity Declines as if we were no Brethren, therefore we do now come to renew it, at this place wch is the Seat fixed to treat about publick Matters & do now kindle the fire up gave a belt of wampum

Brethren There has long since been a strict friendship between you and our ancestors, and now is between us, we call you Brethren there are six Sachims all ye Castle of Cachnawage two whereof have been accepted as Children of this Governt to develge & make known unto you what mischief ever Should threaten you, one whereof is Since dead in whose stead you have appointed another. who is nowhere to acqt ys what he knows Concerning Matters of moment gave a belt

Brothren Last year the Govr mett ye Sachims of ye six Nations Here and did Renew ye Covenant with ym, and Spoake in a peaceable manner which was very well done you desired us to that we Should use our uttmost Endeavr to appease ye Latten Indians to be at peace with England at our Return home we did what lay in our power till we were prevented by ye news we heard yt ye English had cut off a Castle of those Indians. then we were ashamed to act further in ye affair. Since we were latten as Spies of our Country and were pointed at by those Indians who told us we were at peace, and were daily whilst they are in a Bloody war. if you had write to ye Govr of England, and he had kept his people from Insulting ye Indians our Endeavors might have had ye desired effect. we did what we Could but you haveno kept your word to acqt: ye people of England. gave a belt.

Brethren When you appointed D Carihogo to be a Child of this Governmt, you desired him to let you know whatever Should occur in Canada in Relation to ye publick affairs and now his Come on purpose to tell you that we are Informd then when his Ex. your Govr was here last Summer, he desired ye Six Nations for Liberty to build a trading house in ye Indian Country, the Indians appointed the place at ye west end of Johnnyde lake, on wch his Ex. ye Govr Said it was no proper place and Insisted Strongly to have it built at ye mouth of Onnendaga River near ye Cadarackqua lake, wch at Last ye Indians Consented. now is that trading house be built at that place. (which is the only passage of ye french to go from Montreal to ye far Indians and land first possed by ye) therefore we acquaint you that we come to on purpose to clear the Road & you be Incline for

the Govr of Canada is strongly Resolved to break down that house and it may create a quarrel between ye Nations. therefore we desire you to keep ye trade within your walls as formerly and then you may get other Revs for other wares for this may hinder your trade. therefore it will not there be no house built and ye ye french might be avoid on that the Sachims a word at the Land called Canawaugo