

Neighbours the *French* †, as well as by some of your Brethren the *English*: The *French* have insinuated unto you, that we who are your faithful Brothers, had designed to drive you out of all your Lands, of Hunting and Game, and to seize on them for our own proper Use. You have been much deceived, when you assisted the *French* to execute the horrid Design with which they have charged us, in putting them in the real Possession of these very Lands which we had designed to secure unto you, for your Use alone, and particular Interest. I declare unto you, in the Presence of your Chiefs and Warriors here assembled, and according to the Instructions I have received from the great King your Father, that if you will unanimously \* *grant me your Assistance, I will put you again in Possession of your Lands*, of which you have been dispossessed by *French* Deceit, and cheating Tricks, and secure unto you a free open Trade in *America*, from the Rising unto the Setting of the Sun. It is very well known, that I have no particular Views, nor Design, but that of serving mutually the Interests of the King of *England*, your Father, and of the *Six Nations*, and their Allies; and I promise you, to be your *Friend and Brother* §, as long as the Sun and Moon shall last.

*A grand Belt of Wampum.*

I have been told, that as upon the foregoing Occasions, you had some Presents from us, some were idle enough to excite your young People to drink, and by

† Here they don't accuse the *French* so much of Violence towards the *Indians*, as of Artifice in gaining their Neighbours; how can these Discourses agree with those of Mr. *Washington*; who would persuade these same *Iroquois*, that he was come only at their Request and upon their repeated Complaints?

\* The *Six Nations* have been expelled by the *French*. He would only put them in Possession of their Properties. These are they who pray'd the *English* to come; Nevertheless, he begs them unanimously to assist the *English*; the pretended Deliverers are here reduced to beg and pray for Assistance.

§ Whence came the Rights of the *English* upon the *Ohio*, if they possess not the Lands which it waters, no otherwise than as Sovereigns of the *Iroquois*.

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