

February 20. 1756.

PRESENT at the following public speech

The hon. William Johnson, sole superintendent of their affairs,	Lieut. Pottinger, Lieut. Lee, Lieut. Kennedy,
The Rev. Dr. Ogilvie,	Lieut. Mills,
The Rev. Mr. Hawley,	Ensign Penington,
Capt. Beckwith,	Several Indian officers,
Lieut. Miller,	and other gentlemen,
Lieut. Dunbar,	Three interpreters.

Brethren of the six united nations, your allies and dependants,

It always gives me the most solid pleasure to meet you here, that we may felicitate ourselves in the cherishing warmth and light of that fire, kindled here for our mutual good; may it ever burn bright as the sun that illuminates and guides the day, that you and your posterity, to the latest generations, may rejoice in its benevolent influence!

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Brethren,

It gives me a particular satisfaction to meet you here at this time, for two important reasons. The first is, that it affords us an opportunity of a friendly interview under the shade of that tree, which was lately so solemnly and judiciously planted; and of calmly consulting and maturely deliberating matters of the utmost consequence, and which nearly concerns our mutual safety, welfare and honour.

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