

made to him two years ago of their fidelity and honesty that so many of their Nation have Deserted their Habitations & are gone to Canada and now Insult and Commit so many Murders on our Brethren of England & what provocation has been given them.

The Indians Answer That last fall when an Army of two hundred Ind^s were gone to England a Messenger came to some families settled at Saragahogue who told them that this Army after they had cutt off a Town in England was designed to fall on them & therefore advise them to remove to Canada, whereon they went directly thither w^out acquainting any of the Senaathook Ind^s with it

His Excellency said why did not those Indians if they were afraid remove to the Mohoggo Country where they could be secure

They replied that they did not so much as acquaint one Ind^s who they suspected would inform us with the News but left him there and they went away without telling where His Excel. said by this you see you have no Command over your People, It's surprising that yo^r People are so fond of going to Canada what can be the reason? here is better Land & Hunting for you. There has been a tree planted by the former Governours for you to shelter under that you might live plentifully & Increase under the shadow thereof

They say it's true that a Tree has been planted & we were recommended to live & shelter under its shadow of it but that Tree begins to decay & its leaves to wither having but a small spot of Land to plant on.

Father We have been in an ancient Covenant wth you and lived peaceably wth you, We are still desirous it may continue so, We have been a hunting two years ago on the frontiers of England in a peaceable manner & were taken & carried to goal at Boston, & not well used by y^r Governmt. and had it not been for Mr. Jacob Wendella Mer^t at Boston we might have been taken and treated as enemies & these who are gone to Canada being some of those Ind^s go to fight against England to revenge themselves

The Boston Gentlemen say

That those Ind^s who were taken & carried to Boston goal, were taken by mistake they being on p^rehook River where some Indians live who have ever been the worst enemies to our People, but as soon as it was known that they were friend Ind^s the Government Resented it & it was ill taken that the People had taken them & they set at liberty

Father We are in a firm Covenant wth you & live under the shadow of the tree of Peace & friendship planted at Schaahhook, We have been desired to go & assist England ag^t the Eastern Ind^s. But you are our father & the six Nations our Leaders, when they go we shall follow a Belt has been sent to our great & good father King George concerning this War to which no Answer has as yet been returned till then we don't know how to behave our selves give a Belt

His Excel. said that they should live peaceably at Schaahhook & not Harbour any of y^r Ind^s who have been to murder our Brethren in England & when any come among them to deliver them up to Justice.