

It is best that you send for those Ind.^s to come here for they can't understand us nor we they and here we may be supplied wth an Interpreter.

The Gov^r Answer'd & Return'd us thanks that we had consented he should send for those Ind.^s as he propos'd on which he sent an Express and they were to be in Montreal in four Days. Mean while we went to Caenawage and Desigued to return the fourth day but on the third day at night a priest (who was Interpreter between us and the Indians) saw us and said that the Ind.^s were come, which we thought something extraordinary, the next morning we went that night but we the next morning when come at Montreal we went directly to the Gov^r who said we should tarry a while to deliver our Message & he would send for us which was done in the afternoon.

Then we told we were sent by the six Nations and Corlaer, and Desired the Ind.^s that there might be a Cessation of Arms for a while, as we had also desired of our Brethren of New England.

Then we said Children we are come on purpose for you to desire you to come to Albany which is the place to treat of ^{peace} matters of Consequence, This Proposition was not only made in presence of the French but of the Indians thereabouts gave a Belt

We have propos'd that your Principal Sachims should go to Albany, we have not limited a Time but desire that they may come along wth us.

The Ind.^s answered
Fathers You told us that you were sent by the six Nations & the Gov^r of New York that there might be a Cessation of Arms, which we can't grant for we are so Incorrupted against those People of New England because they

They have taken ^{away} our Land & kept our People prisoners, but let them restore our Land & relieve our People, we will immediately lay down ^{the hatch} et and be at peace gave a Belt of Wampum & Fathers You say you are sent from the Gov^r of New York and the six Nations to desire our Sachims to go with you to Albany to treat of Peace wth the People of Boston, We can't consent to send Messengers to them they having so often deceived us & kept our people prisoners whom we sent as Messengers.

Fathers you desire in Name of the Gov^r of New York & six Nations we should go to Albany to treat wth a Govern^t of Boston, we flatly deny it, but if they are Desirous for a Peace they may come to Montreal & bring our three men along & treat wth us in presence of a Gov^r of Canada & restore our Land, so we will conclude a Peace, We need not go to our Castle for the principal Sachims of our Nation are now here & this is our final Answer, on which they gave a Belt.

His Excel^{cy} asked the Mess^s whether they did not promise the Boston Com^t that if a Eastern Ind.^s did not comply wth their Message to take up the hatchet wth lay at their side, They replied that they did not, but if those Ind.^s should murder their Messengers, they would make use of the hatchet wth lay at their side.

On which the Speech ~~the Speech~~ that the six Nations made to the Boston Com^t on the third of July last was repeated unto them.

His Excel^{cy} asked them whether they never promis'd him or the Com^t here or those from Boston to take up the hatchet against the Eastern Ind.^s in case they should persist in War with our Brethren of New England, or whether they ever Intended to engage in that War against those Indians.

They Answer'd they knew not of any promise or engagement only that they promis'd his Excel^{cy} to be Mediators for Peace.