

Differences which have unhappily arisen between You and Us, in the Course of the late War between Great Britain and America. This Appointment has been made expressly, lest You should object to the Impropriety of treating with any others than those You have always (until the late Troubles) considered as your immediate Brethren, and who have always, until then, considered You as such, and who now wish to renew the ancient Covenant which subsisted between Us. In Order therefore to promote this salutary Business, which is the Object of this Message, it appears to us necessary that the Path of Communication between You and Us should be immediately opened, and We do accordingly hereby remove all the Obstacles which lay in it and pluck up by the Roots all the Briars and Brambles with which it is overgrown, that We may freely pass and repass to and from each other.

*A String of six Rows.*

Sachems and Warriors aforesaid. We are persuaded, from the Communication made by General Schuyler, that You are heartily inclined to renew that ancient Friendship which heretofore subsisted between You and Us, and between your Forefathers and ours; That your Intentions are honest, generous and sincere. We are glad to hear it, because We wish that all Animosity should be buried in eternal Oblivion; and a future friendly Intercourse should prevail between Us, to the Benefit of Us both. To this End, We now invite You to meet Us in Council at the German Flatts, where You will also find the Oneidas and Tuscaroras, and where We hope all Differences will be amicably adjusted, and that We may part from each other reconciled Brethren.

We do not fix on a Day for the Meeting, as your Distance and other Circumstances might render it impossible, or very

The Council appointed Abraham Cuyler, Peter Schuyler and Henry Glen, June 27, 1783.

By the Act of April 6, 1784, the Governor, with these Commissioners, was authorized to associate them such other Persons as might be deemed expedient, and to enter into such Compacts

and Agreements with the Indians within the State as might be for the Interest of the Public and to stipulate the Ratification of such Agreements by Law. The Governor and two of the Commissioners were constituted a Quorum for the Transaction of Business.