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Mynd. Schyler
Hi Brother

But. Oraker

John Lansingh

Cornelis Cuyler

Peter Gerritse

Att a Meetg of y^e Com^l of Indians
affairs y^e 10th Feb^y. 1742/3

Appeared At this C^l Twelve Mohawks Sachims and other
Indians

The Com^l Spoke to them as follows

Brethren We are Glad to see you here the Interpreter told us
Yesterday that you had desired him to tell that you had Resolved
to keep the Peace made with the S^t Indians and not break
it as the other Nations have done and he has delivered us the
the best of your Names. We are Glad that you keep your
Engagements and not show your selves so faithless as the
other Nations have done; in breaking their solemn promises
and Engagements made in a publick manner both
our Governours in behalf of the Southern Indians and all
the Subjects of Great Brittain. We recommend it to you
to keep your Resolutions in this Article and not suffer
any of your men to go a fighting to the Southward.

You did very well and what was your duty to stop the
French Indians who went to fight last week to the Southward.
gave a Belt

Then the Indians said as follows

One then W^e the Mohawks in the name of the Six
Nations come to beg of you that we have not forgot the
Treaty which we have so lately and as it were yesterday
with our Brother the Gov^r in behalf of the Southern Indians
and that a party of the Six Nations have Occasioned a fight
with the hands to the Southward. But that their claims had
it not in their power to prevent it, they being only some
scattering Indians who live at a distance from our S^t and
and our privacy. And that that party have had an
Engagement with some English men. That some of both
sides were killed & as we hear the English were the
Aggressors, The Six Nations have desired us to acquaint

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you heres of and That they are sorry That this dolefull
Affair has happened. That the reason of their fighting is
unknown to them, That they desire the Com^l to Enquire
into this Affair. That they do not know who is to blame
But that yet who will be in the fault, they desire that
no hasty resolutions should be taken, but that you will
Enquire into this Affair and when you shall have heard
the Truth, to acquaint them therewith and that if they
hear any thing they will also acquaint this Board. That
this unhappy Affair may be made up in an amicable and
peaceable manner. Let who will be in the fault. The Six
Nations are very much concerned about this Accident

gave a Belt

The Commissioners answered them

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We have a few days ago had a flying Report by a man
from Philadelphia that some of your people and some English
of Virginia had an Engagement and that some of both
parties were killed. We are sorry to hear it confirmed
by the Six Nations, as we were in hopes it was not True.

We expected the Six Nations would not have suffered
any of their people to go a fighting to the Southward but
that they would have kept the peace so lately and so
solemnly made. This Accident is certainly the consequence
of their not keeping that peace as they ought to have done.
Tho^t who were the Aggressors in this Affair we know not
but will enquire into it and shall inform you what we hear
of this Affair. We hope it may be made up in an amica-
ble manner where to our Endeavours shall not be wanting
but it being an Affair of great consequence we think
proper first to beg of our Gov^r therewith and also what
you say heres, and then we have rec^d his Answer we
will answer your Belt