

Commissioners of Indian Affairs. 267

Hawn yegh taw Fall from the Skey
Aw Hoet ingos Smoke strikes against
Saw googh hay Gives his Goods away
Hawwinawg He talks
Teyawwintawho Day appears
Tan Yoe is Sky Breakes
Kaightotten an Onondaga Chief and
Toneaghas a Seneca Chief also attended.

The Company being seated, Toneaghas the Seneca Chief, addressed the Governor and Commissioners as follows :

Brothers of the State of New York and of the United States :

We are not very strong, but we have always been good Friends to the People of Albany.

Brothers :

At the late Council Fire at Fort Stanwix you sent a Belt to the Senecas and Cayugas to come to a Council Fire; and some of the Senecas and Cayugas immediately concluded to come to Albany for that Purpose.

Antiently when the Six Nations were in a Situation, it was usual with them to consult together; but they are now so scattered as to render such general Consultation impracticable; we have therefore called on Kaightotten, an Oneida, to come with us to be a Witness at this Treaty, and we have also requested some of the Oneidas to come, and it would be most agreable to us that the Treaty was postponed until some of the Oneidas should arrive, as they are expected. The Invitation Belt was then returned as usual.

To which the Governor made the following Answer :

Brothers :

Your Brothers the great Council of this State, have by us their Commissioners, kindled a Council Fire at Fort Schuyler last Year, at which we invited all our Brethren of the Six Nations. Our Brethren the Oneidas and Onondagos attended and we were sorry that it was not convenient for our Brethren the Senecas and Cayugas to come. We are notwithstanding very glad to see you at this Place where our