

Ascertain your real sentiments. In the first place, Brethren, you have often represented to me, that the Hunting Grounds which you have occupied from time immemorial, are now entirely ruined and destitute of Furs and Deer; that you can no longer procure a livelihood from the Chase, nor Furs sufficient to clothe your Families: that the only alternative you now have, is to Abandon the Wandering Life you have been accustomed to lead, to make choice of some situation on your Hunting Grounds, where you may become Farmers, and by following the example of your White Brethren, to raise wherewith to support yourselves and Families: Pray are you still of this Opinion: if so, give me a correct Answer on the Subject. —

Answer of the Chief Ka-on-di-no-kitchi, Brethren,

We the Mississiniquie and Algongquins have frequently consulted on this very subject, and my Indian Brethren have put their words into my Mouth to deliver to you: We have much to say Brother, do not disturb us, nor be impatient, when we repeat what we have already told you, that our Hunting Grounds, which are vast and extensive, and once abounded in the richest Furs and swarmed with Deer of every description, are now entirely ruined. We tell you the truth, the snow staves half the year
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