

As an illustration of the necessity which these tribes would be under of acting against us, should we be dispossessed of the dominion of the lakes, I shall only insert the words of one of their Sachems, when he presented the calumet of peace to us at Niagara. They were to this effect. *My name is Waybukcumigut, I am chief and captain of the Messasagas, a nation that has ever been at war with the English. I confess we have laid your fairest provinces waste, that we have slaughtered your men and your women, and your children we have made captives; but do not attribute this to any particular antipathy we have to you, or any partiality and attachment to the French. If you would search for the real causes of our proceedings, cast your eyes on the map; you will there see, that whoever*