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Att a meeting of the Com^o of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 2^d May 1743.

This board received a Letter from his Hon^o the Lieut^o
Governour whereupon they sent the Interpreter to —
Coudago with the following Message to the Indians
of the Six Nations —

Brotherhood

According to our promise made to the Mohawks who
came in Feb^y last with a belt of wampum in the name of
the Six Nations, to speak with us concerning the Skirmish
between a party of your people and some of his Majesty's English
Subjects at the back of Virginia, we now send by the Interpre-
ter to inform you that your Brother Corlaer our Governour
has rec^d a Letter from the Gov^r of Virginia with another
from a Coll^o who was but a few miles distant from the place
where that affair happened and who doubtless was well
informed thereof. He says that a party of Indians of the Six
Nations appeared upon their frontiers in a hostile manner
killing and carrying away Horses &c. upon which the Inhabi-
tants of the Neighbourhood went with their Arms for their own
security to know from those Indians what might be the
meaning or their reason for thus treating the English with —
whom they had so lately entered into a more strict Alliance
than ever by the Treaty at Albany with the Gov^r of New York,
and accordingly when they came up with them on the 18th day
of December they sent a Man with a signal of peace in his hand
to them whom they killed on the spot and then fired upon the
other English without any provocation, whereupon the English
out of a principle of self preservation were obliged to return
the fire, now we have performed our promise and have

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