

together, not only with our own People but with the Oneidas and Onondagas who are here, and we will give you our Answer. We thank you for what you have said, we know it is all true.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for holding Treaties with the Indians within this State, at Denniston's Tavern in the City of Albany, the nineteenth Day of February, 1789.

Present: His Excellency Governor Clinton.  
Lieutenant Governor Van Cortlandt.  
Abraham Ten Broeck,  
Peter Gansevoort, Junr.,  
Ezra L'Hommedieu,  
John Hathorn,  
Samuel Jones, Esquires.

The Chiefs and Warriors of the Cayuga Nation, with the female Governesses and other Women attending; and also the Chiefs from the Seneca, Oneida & Onondaga Tribes, who accompanied them to this Place.

Mr. Ryckman, Mr. Kirkland and Col. Lue Cook attended as Interpreters.

The Cayugas opened the Business of the Meeting with the following Speech, having first, with the Approbation of the Board, chosen the Oneida Chief Domine Peter their Mouth to speak for them.

Domine Peter arose and spoke as follows:

Brother Governor of the State of New York and all the other Chiefs of the State of New York, open your Ears; and all you Chiefs of the Five Nations that are now here, open your Ears.

The Business we have now met upon is of the greatest Importance; how happy would it be for us all if we now come to a Settlement for our mutual Advantage.