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## Brethren

It is w.th great Pleasure that I meet you here and I am verry Sorry that I could not do it sooner, but you will be Convinced that it was not my Fault when I tell you that in Crossing the great Lake I met w.th So Violent storms that I was driven Quite off this Coast and it being in the Winter Season was Forced to go a great way South hard to refit the Man of War in which I Came So it was five Months after I Came from England before I arrived in New Yorke. The business of that Province w.th was Absolutely necessary to be done at my first arrival has detained me there Ever Since and retarded my delivering ~~to you~~ the kind Message I am charged with from my Master the King of Great Brittain. His Majesty has order'd me to tell you that he Loves you as a Father does his Children, and that this affection ~~in him~~ towards you is occasiond by his being certainly Informed that you are a brave and Honest People the Two Qualitys in the World that Recommend most Either particular Persons or a People to him. He has also been Informed that you Love his Subjects the English, and that you desire to Live w.th them as Brethren. He has therefore Commanded me to Renew the old Covenant Chain between you and all his Subjects in North America, and to make it brighter if Possible than ever it was before, and ~~have Treated the Indians under his Majesty's Protection, and to Make it Brighter if possible than ever it was before~~ I Expect you will give me Such A Surance, to do the like on your Parts

Give a Large Belt of Wampum

## Brethren

Besides the Two Qualitys of Bravery and Honesty his Majesty is Convinced that you are a wise People and good Judges of your own Interest; How happy then must you think your Selves when the greatest and Powerfullest Monarch in Christendom Sends me here to Confirm the ancient Friendships betwixt you and his Subjects to Assure you of his Fatherly Care

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And to tell you that he thinks himself obliged to Love and Protect you as his own Children you need fear no Enemies while you are True to your Alliance w.th him, I Promise you to take Care that none of your Brethren here Shall do you Wrong and if any other Neighbouring Nation be So bold as to attempt to Disturb you, you need not fear what they Dare or Can do, Since you have the King of Great Brittain on your Side, who is a Prince Early Initiated in the Art of War, and formed by Nature for the greatest Military Atchievements; will when Ever there is Occasion ~~for it~~ Put himself at the head of the finest body of Troops in the World who are all his own Naturall born Subjects; has at Present a Fleet of Ships in So good Order and So well Commanded that they would be Masters of the great Lake altho' the Fleets of all the Kings in Europe Were Joyn'd against them. Give a Belt

## Brethren

After what I have Told you I am Convinced That Sensible a People as you are will glory in behaving as becomes the Faithfull Children of So great and Powerful a King who Loves you and will Resent any Injury done you as if it was done to his Children on the other Side of the great Lake — Give a ~~Belt~~ String

## Brethren

I Expect you are now Convinced that the Garrison and house erected at Oswego is not only for the Conveniency of the far Indians to Carry on their Trade w.th the Inhabitants of this Province but also for your Security and Conveniency to Trade there for Such Necessarys as you have Occasion for and at as Easy Terms as if none of the upper Nations Came to Trade thither — I make no doubt but you will at all Times willingly defend this Garrison against all Attempts which may be Made against

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