

‘ those white People who made the Bargain, and desire  
 ‘ when the Strowds are returned to them, they may be  
 ‘ told what we now say, and that we shall not confirm  
 ‘ such Bargains nor any other that may interfere with  
 ‘ our Engagements to our Brother ONAS.’

The Governor then spoke :

‘ *BRETHREN,*

‘ I thank you for this Piece of News ; you have taken  
 ‘ this Matter perfectly right. All Bargaining for Land  
 ‘ within this Province, is, to be sure, a manifest Breach  
 ‘ of your Contract with the Proprietors, and what we  
 ‘ know you will not countenance. We have hitherto  
 ‘ found the *Six Nations* faithful to their Engagements,  
 ‘ and this is a fresh Instance of their Punctuality. You  
 ‘ could not help these Mistakes of your young Men ; they  
 ‘ were not done in your Presence : But as several Incon-  
 ‘ veniencies may arise from these kind of clandestine Sales,  
 ‘ or from any such loose Sales of Land by your People,  
 ‘ we desire you will, on your Return home, give publick  
 ‘ Notice to all your Warriours not to bargain for any  
 ‘ Land ; or if they do, that you will not confirm such  
 ‘ Bargains ; and that this very Affair, together with  
 ‘ what you have done therein, may be particularly re-  
 ‘ ported to all your Nation assembled in Council.’

The *Onondago* Chief promised to give such publick Notice ; and desiring Liberty to mend his former Speech, he proceeded :

‘ *BRETHREN,*

‘ I forgot one Circumstance : Our People who pretended to sell the Land, demanded a Belt of *Wampum*  
 ‘ of the Buyers to carry to their Chiefs ; and on their  
 ‘ declaring they had no *Wampum*, our Warriours said,  
 ‘ they would not answer that their Chiefs would confirm  
 ‘ this Bargain, since they never did any thing of this  
 ‘ Nature without *Wampum*.’

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