

he wanted to be at Peace with his Brothers the *English*. But he observed, that his confirming that Deed would not affect the Claims he had formerly made; for the Lands he thought himself principally wronged in, lay between *Tobicon* and the *Kittatinny* Hills. On this he gave a String. After he had delivered the String, *Tokabayo*, a *Cayuga* Chief, arose, and in a very warm Speech commended the Conduct of *Teedyuscung*; and at the same Time severely reprehended that of the *English*. He told *Teedyuscung*, 'That he himself and the other Chiefs were obliged to him for his Candour and Openness; that they plainly perceived he spoke from the Heart, in the same Manner they used to do in ancient Times, when they held Councils together. They wished they could say as much of the *English*; but it was plain the *English* either did not understand *Indian* Affairs; or else did not act and speak with that Sincerity and in the Manner they ought. When the *Indians* delivered Belts, they were large and long; but when the *English* returned an Answer or spoke, they did it on small Belts and trifling little Strings*. And yet the *English* made the Wampum, whereas the *Indians* were obliged to buy it. But the Reason was, the *Indians* spoke from the Heart, the *English* only from the Mouth. Besides, how little the *English* attended to what was said appeared from this, that several of the Belts and Strings they (the *Indians*) had given them, were lost.' [That is *unanswered*; for you'll please to observe no Answer was returned to the Complaints the *Indians* made respecting *Carolina*, the *Ohio* Affair, or the *Opines*.] 'If the *English* knew no better how to manage *Indian* Affairs, they should not call them together. Here they had invited them down to brighten the Chain of Peace, but instead of that, had spent a Fortnight wrangling and disputing about

* Among the *Indians* the Size of the Belts they give with their Speeches, is always in Proportion to their Ideas of the greater or less Importance of the Matters treated of.