

Always be glad to have an opportunity to see each other as we have at this day. — And you on your parts particularly promised that you would ~~and~~ ^{and} trade with us and that you would encourage as many of the Nations about you to do the same as you could. We have now told you the Substance of the Covenant made by our forefathers which you desired to know, which has since been renewed 38 years ago and again 22 years ago. you may see by the Device on this great Belt is a great Measure what that Covenant imports of which it is given as a Confirmation, you see at the one End of the Belt a Tree which is the Tree planted here and next to the Tree is a man whiter than the rest who signifies the English, the five men which stand next signifies the five Nations and the last one signifies your Nations who you see has a chain in his hand which is fastened to the Tree which signifies that we and you are all joined in the ^{one} ~~same~~ common Covenant Chain with the five Nations

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Then the Sachem answered

Another Sachem and Quader

Now we have heard from you what the meaning of this Belt of Wampum is, which we as it were swallow up into our bodies and it sinks into our Hearts, when we come to Home the Sachems will ask us with the greatest Inquisition what it is, who when we tell them will be as it were awaked out of a deep Sleep and their understandings will be enlightened we must thank you Ten Thousand times for making this Covenant which sinks us and the five Nations together especially since we were engaged in a bloody War together ~~before~~ before that time

Another Sachem and Quader

You have now told us what the Covenant imports, which we are very glad to hear and now we renew the same, desiring

of you that you will always endeavour to keep the same inviolable between us and the five Nations that we may always be at peace and in friendship together and that the path between us may be kept open and free.

Gave a Belt of Wampum —

Another Sachem

The path marked out in the Belt of Wampum alludes to trade which as you say was also spoken of in the Covenant, that we might come to trade freely the path being open and free for us, we have never yet broken or failed in this part of the Covenant but have always come sometimes more and sometimes less, the French are too dear with their goods and as you are Cheaper, we are determined to trade with you

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We are glad that we have had this opportunity to inform you of the contents of the Covenant between us, which you say you had partly forgot. And that there are such wise people among you who are resolved to know and keep the Covenant made with their Brethren and who spare no pains to find out what has been transacted in the days of their fathers before them, we are glad to hear you express your satisfaction therein and that you so heartily renew the same, we do accordingly from the bottom of our hearts Renew and confirm that Covenant and Engage that it shall not be wanting on our side but we will keep it inviolable to the end of the World and will keep open the path whether we are at peace with the French or at War whereupon we give you

This Belt of Wampum —