

tionately referred to by the Five Nations as "our brother Quider." (1)

Again and again he is addressed in the formal addresses at their meetings with the New York Governors, and his name was regarded by them as of more importance than that of the nominal administrators. On one occasion they strenuously demand that "Quider" be sent to them and refuse to be pacified except by their brother who "never told a lie and never spoke without thinking."

This position of influence with the Six Nations he possessed in a kind of succession from the "great white chief," Arent van Corlaer who had been the first Director of the colony of Rensselaerwyck and afterwards founded Schenectady. Van Corlaer was a restless adventurous gentleman, a cousin of Killian van Rensselaer, the first Patroon and was thus of the same family circle as Schuyler, two of whose sisters married Van Rensselaers. Being a man of fearless, generous nature and athletic presence, he was very highly thought of by the Indians and also by the French. As practically Governor of Upper New Netherland he had accepted an invitation to visit the Marquis de Tracy, Governor of Canada, when he perished on the way in a storm. The Governors of New York were always known in after times by his name and the same title slightly corrupted (Kora) continues to the present day to be that given by all Iroquois to the sovereigns of Great Britain. Van Corlear

(1) The name was formed by their attempt to pronounce his name Peter, there being no letter P in the Iroquois vocabulary.