

Brother of *New-York*; *This is the second Time you have put the Hatchet into our Hands, which we accept, and are ready to go upon Service. You may see that we have but a Handful of fighting Men here at present; however, some of them from each Nation shall be left behind us, to follow your Orders.*

*When we return to our respective Castles, we shall send down a great Number of our Warriors, and of those of the Nations in Alliance with us, as soon as possible.*

*This we assure you of from the Truth and Sincerity of our Hearts; and we receive, and shall preserve this large Belt, [holding it up at the same Time] which you have now given us, as a War-Hatchet.*

*Brethren, This is the Belt of Union with which we are to go Hand in Hand to the Gate of our Enemies; and by it we declare our Intention to conquer or die in the common Cause.*

*There is a Nation called the Messesagues, whose Delegates are here present: They consist of five Castles, containing eight hundred Men, who are all determined, and do agree to join us, in this common Cause, against our Enemies the French, and their Indians; and we hope you, and the Commissioners from Boston, will use them in such a Manner that they will go Home content and satisfied.*

[Gave a Belt of Union, in which the Figures of several Persons joined Hand in Hand, was wrought.]

The Person who interpreted, returned the *Yoha* at the End of every Paragraph, and having done the same at the Time they declared War, it occasioned Laughter among them; upon which, observing his Mistake, he began the War-Shout, in which all the *Indians* joined.

The *Messesagues* are a Nation of *Indians*, living near the Place called *De Troit* by the *French*, and situate between *Lake Erie* and the *Huron Lake*.

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