

Present 17a

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Propositions made by William  
 Tappan Sponser Ships & John Stodder  
 Esq. Commissioners appointed by his  
 Maj. Governmt. of the Massachusetts  
 Bay. to the Sachims of the five  
 Nations (to wit) the Mahoggs onondags  
 Cayougs and Senecas  
 as also to those of Susquorora  
 in Albany the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1723

The Sachims being convinced said first  
 Brethren

Yehawanne and Kinne. the first in the Indian  
 Tongue is A Broad way and the last signifies  
 Ringon which they take from Coll. Ringon who  
 had formerly treated with them in behalf of the Governmt  
 of Boston the Massachusetts Bay  
 You have ~~since~~ invited us to come here w<sup>th</sup> the  
 Sachims of the five Nations & of the Susquorora  
 being eighty in number and Impowred by the Govt  
 Nations to treat with you are arrived here and now  
 Ready to hear what you have to propose. but we  
 are first to beg a favour of you. and acquaint you that as  
 it has ~~been~~ from ancient time been the Com<sup>mon</sup> practice  
 of all Governmt. to gett our guns hatchetts & kelles mended  
 which we desire ~~may~~ you may also be done now  
 The Gentlemon <sup>answered</sup> that as they were sent by  
 the Governmt of Boston to treat with them they  
 desire to speak first and shall take notice of what they  
 say afterwards

Brethren

We are well Pleas'd that after our and your Long  
 Travell we are mett together, and have the satisfaction  
 of seeing one another and Congratulating each  
 other on our safe arrival  
 Friends and Brethren

The Government of the Massachus-  
 sets Bay recalling to mind that Friendship  
 that hath long since been Contracted, often  
 renewed, and inviolably maintained between  
 them and your Tribes. and considering that  
 by reason of your great Distance from them  
 they have not frequent opportunity of Con-  
 versing with you. and thereby encreasing  
 mutual Respect and Friendship therefore  
 they thought proper to send three Gentlem<sup>n</sup>.  
 about a year and half since, to make you a  
 visit, and to renew that amity that hath  
 continued almost time out of mind, and to  
 negotiate some other affairs with you  
 But you being then lately returned from  
 hence to your own Country. they had not  
 the opportunity to speak with you

Since which several of your  
 Chiefs (being Delegates for their respective  
 Tribes) have taken a Journey to Boston.  
 which was very acceptable and pleasing to  
 the Government, and gave them an opportu-  
 nity of expressing their Respect for you.  
 and we doubt not but they have been so  
 Just as to acquaint you with the kind  
 Reception and friendly Entertainment they  
 met withal The Governmt being sensible  
 of the Disappointment of their former Com<sup>rs</sup>  
 Resolved upon sending us hither partly on  
 the same errand. we are accordingly come