

1755.

The Honourable Robert Hunter Morris, lieut. governor and commander in chief of the province of Pennsylvania :

The Honourable Thomas Fitch, governor and commander in chief of the colony of Connecticut.

Col. Thomas Dunbar :

Col. Peter Schuyler :

Major Charles Craven :

Sir John St. Clair, deputy quartermaster general :

Major John Rutherford.

After adjusting several points of rank, the members took their seats in the order mentioned, and the general opened the conference, by laying before the council the King's instructions to General Braddock. He then delivered his

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sentiments to the board, to the following purpose : " That our only entrance into Lake Ontario, was thro' the Onondaga River to Oswego. No other harbour had his Majesty upon that lake, capable of receiving vessels of force : That Oswego was situate in the country of the Onondagas, the centre canton of the Six Nations, and famous for the furr trade : no other mart could we boast, for commerce or correspondence with those numerous tribes of savages inhabiting the western country, on the banks