

Present

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All a meeting of the Comd of  
Indian Affairs in Albany 4 day  
of May 1724

Canakadichka and Sagonadagan two principall  
Sachims of the Senecke, <sup>appeared at this meeting</sup> gave the following account

That last fall the Sachims of Onondaga sent some deputies  
to the Governour of Canada that if far Indians have for  
some time had their passage thro' the five Nations, and  
were apprehensive that they are in danger by them  
and that they will kill some of their people either on their  
hunting or fishing places, in case such open act of  
hostilities should be committed by them they would  
certainly Revenge it.

The Governour answered them and said indeed I am  
afraid that what you are apprehensive of will come to pass  
for the far Indians are a cruel & mischievous people, but I  
can give you very good advice in this matter and which  
I am sure will prove for your & my Interest & advantage  
that is if you and the rest of the Nations admitt my  
building two forts one at Sagara and another at the  
mouth of the Onondaga River at the Entrance of Caderagkwa  
Lake, then you will be at ease and free from all assault  
you apprehend from the far Indians, and then if they come  
hither as usefull, and gave the messengers a belt  
of wampum to carry to their Country to desire of the  
Sachims of the five Nations for building of the two forts.

That on a Summons of a publick meeting to be had on  
the 5th Instant to Consider on a passport of a belt of the two  
Sachims of the Senecke the Sachims of Onondaga & Tuckarova  
and with the Consent of those of Cayouga (the Onondaga  
Sachims being absent) took in Consideration & reminded  
how deceitfull the french of Canada have been to them

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when they were yet in their Infancy and ever since what advan-  
tages & opportunities they have taken and if they are not  
to be trusted now, It was Resolved by the Sachims that the  
belt of wampum should be returned to the Gov: of Canada  
and that he should not be admitted to build or make any  
settlement on <sup>any of their</sup> their Land belonging to the five Nations. ~~and~~  
he should not to use any means to prevent or hinder  
any of the upper Nations in their passage thro' the Nations  
to Albany, and if he had any thing to propose  
Concerning making of forts or Settlements he should  
apply to their Governour & Brother Colon ~~and~~  
who could give him a proper answer on this subject

That it was Concluded at a meeting in Onondaga  
that messengers should be dispatched, in behalf of the Nations  
with the belt of wampum (and are to meet on another  
at the Entrance of the Onondaga River into the Lake) to return  
the same to the Governour of Canada, that he should not be  
admitted to build or make any Settlement on their Land  
this Resolution has been Communicated to the Onondaga &  
Sagoyewag Sachims who approve of what the other  
Nations have done in this affair and Return you thanks.

The two Sachims of <sup>some</sup> Sagoyewag with french men  
in a canoe went up early this Spring who were seen by  
some of their people at Sagara, they Confirmed the news  
Received from home that Jeanbeur was to go up with  
50 men to build a fort there.

That the two Sachims came from their Castle  
they heard news of messengers who were sent last winter  
by order of the Comd from the Senecke Country to invite  
the far Indians to come to trade with the Inhabitants  
of this Province, that some Indians who have been  
fighting in their Return home overtook you as they were  
making a canoe. So if they would be with you in a few  
days