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SIX NATIONS

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Philadelphia, in July 1742.

To which is Prefix'd

An Account of the first Confederacy of the SIX NATIONS, their present Tributaries, Dependents, and Allies,

LONDON:

Re-printed and Sold by T, Sowle RAYLTON and Luke Hinde, at the Bible in George Tard, Lombard-Street,

[Price Six-Pence.]



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PREFACE.

Copy of the following Treaty, printed at Philadelphia in 1743, having fallen into my Hands, upon perusal, I judg'd its Contents deserved to be more generally known, than probably would have been from

the few Copies which might be sent over.

To make it more instructive and entertaining, I had once Thoughts of prefixing an Account of the Customs and Manners of these People, such an one as I could collect either from the Printed Relations concerning them, or from such Materials as my Correspondence or Acquaintance would have afforded: But, the accurate Description drawn up and published by the memorable WILLIAM PENN, deterr'd me from attempting a short One; and an ingenious Gentleman of New-York will probably soon oblige the World with a large and curious History of the * Five Nations, exceeding any thing in my Power to perform.

But,

^{*} The History of the Five Nations, from the earliest Acquaintance of the Europeans with them, to the Treaty of Reswick, by C. Colden, a Manuscript ready for the Press, in the Hands of a worthy Gentleman in London.

But, that the Reader might have some Idea of these People, I thought it necessary to subjoin the following Succinet Account of the Principals in this Confederacy. their Tributaries, Dependents, and Allies: And the more so, as it is neither extant in Print, nor is this Part taken Notice of so fully in the Manuscript History above-mentioned. It was communicated by a Gentleman of good Understanding and Probity; one who is very well skill'd in the Indian Affairs, * adopted into one of their Tribes, is of their Council, and their constant Interpreter at the Philadelphia Treaties, .to a Friend of his, who sent it to his Correspondent here.

They have generally been stiled the Five Nations of Indians, bordering upon Pensilvania and New-York; but, fince the Arrival of the Tuscarora's from Carolina, they are called the Six Nations. An Account

of whom is as follows,

1. The Conymkos or Mohawks; the first Promoter of the Confederacy. + He is stilled in the Council of all the Nations, Dicarihoagan, i. e. President or Eldest.

2. The

The Indian Idiom; they always stile a whole Nation

in the singular Number.

^{* &}quot; It is customary among them to make a Compleof ment of Naturalization into the Five Nations; and " confidering how highly they value themselves above all others, it must be accounted no small one.—I had this ⁶⁶ Complement from one of their old Sachems, which he " did by giving me his own Name: He had been a nota-" ble Warriour; and he told me, that now I had a 66 Right to assume to my self all the Acts of Valour he " had performed." C. Colden's History of the Five Nations, M. S.

2. The Onayiuts or Onoyders, were the first that jain'd in the Confederacy with the Mohawks, by putting themselves under their Protection. He calls the Mohawk his Father, and in Return he is called a Son: The Mohawk used him for his Ambassador to the other Nations: In Council he is stiled Niharontaquoa, or the great Tree.*

3. The Onontago's were the next that joined, and of their own Accord became Confederates; they are therefore called by the Mohawks, Brothers; and by the Onoyders, Fathers, because they had not been forced into the Alliance as the Onoyders were: He is called in Council Sagochsanagechteront, i. e. the Arms, or

Names-bearer.

4. The Jenontowano's or Sinikers next joined in the Alliance of their own Consent; they are stiled by the Mohawks and Onontago's, Brothers, and by the Onoyders, Fathers: His Title in Council is Onughkaarydaawy, whose Signification is not known, and Dyionenhookaraw, i. e. Open Doors for Friends and Enemies.

5. The Caiukquo's, the last of the Five-Nation Alliance, being compelled thereto by the Rest, is Brother to the Onoyders, and Son to the others; is stilled in Council Ganunawantoowano, or the preat Pipe.

6. Tuscarora's joined in the Alliance about thirty Years ago, being compelled thereto by the English of

Carolina:

^{*} A Tree is their most frequent Emblem of Peace. To plant a Tree whose Top may reach to the Sun, and its Branches may extend over the whole Country, is a Phrase for a lasting Covenant of Peace.

⁺ The great Pipe, or Calumet of the Indians, resembles the Olive-Branch of Antiquity, always a Badge of Peace.

Carolina: He is Brother to the Onoyders and Ca-yukquo's, and Son to the others; has no Title in Council, but is frequently called a Fool.

The Dependents and Tributaries of these Nations.

Mohickons, who formerly lived on Hudson's River, and in New-England; they have been conquer'd by the Five Nations, their Breech-Cloth taken from them, and a Petticoat put upon them. When they apply to their Conquerors, they humbly call themselves Women: The Five Nations call them by the same Name when thy speak severely to em: At other times they call them Cousins, and are in Return called Uncles.

Delawares are in the same Condition as the Mohickons, were dealt with in like manner; and are Tributary in an * Indian Sense.

Shawanese are Brethren to the Six Nations, but are not in the Confederacy: Their Coming from the Spanish Dominions is remember'd by many now living.

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^{* &}quot;All the Nations round them have for many Years entirely submitted to them, (the Five Nations) and pay a Yearly Tribute in Wampum: They dare neither make War nor Peace without the Consent of the Mo-bawks. Two old Men commonly go about every Year or two to receive this Tribute; and I have had Opportunity to observe what Anxiety the poor Indians were under, whilst the two old Men remained in that Part of the Country where I was. An old Mo-bawk Sachem, in a poor Blanket and a dirty Shirt, may be seen issuing his Orders with as absolute Authomay be seen issuing his Orders with as absolute Authomay as a Roman Dictator, or King of France." C. Colden's History.

The Five Nations gave them Lands on the West Branch of Susquehanna, and therefore claim a Superiority over them, for which the Shawanese mortally hate them. The greatest Part of 'em, a few Years ago, went to settle on the River Ohio, which is a Branch of the Mississippi, and heads with the West Branch of Susquehanna. One Tribe of them is quite gone down to New Spain; there are a few left still at Wyomink on the North Branch of Susquehanna, and others have a large Town on an Island in the West Branch, about 50 Miles above the Forks. They are the most restless and mischievous of all the Indians.

Conestogo Indians have been all destroyed by the Five Nations, except a few whom the Onoyders adopted: When these had forgot their Language, they were sent back to Conestogo, where a few are now left,

and speak the Onoyder's Language.

Nantikooks are in Alliance with the Six Nations, and not Tributary; acknowledging themselves to be shelter'd by their Wings: They live within the Borders of Maryland, a Few about Conestogo, and some have settled this Spring at the Mouth of the River Skohooniaty or Jeniaty, which is a Creek that falls into the Susquehanna from the West beyond the Mountains.

Tutolo's originally lived in Virginia, there are but Few of them; they settled this Spring at Shamokin, (on the East Side of Susquehanna, just below the Forks) and are intirely devoted to the Six Nations.

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The several Nations of Indians with whom the Six Nations or Iroquois are in Alliance; according to the Information given Conrad Weiser Esq; in open Council at Turpehawkin, at their Return from the Treaty at Philadelphia in July 1742.

1. A Nation of Indians living on the West Side of the Lake Erie, and along the Streights of Huron's Lake. They are called by the Iroquois, Unighkellyiakon; consisting of about Thirty Towns, each of about 200 Fighting Men.

2. The second Nation lives among the preceeding, called——— confishing of Four Towns of their own

People, and 400 able Men in all.

3. The third Nation called by the Iroquois, Tshi-fagech * Roanu, lives on the East Side of the Huron's Lake; several of the Council have been there, and all agree they have Three large Towns of 600, 800, and 1000 able Men.

4. The fourth, called Twightwis Roanu, Two large Towns, and about 200 Men in all, live at the Heads of Huakiky River, near the little Lakes.

5. Oskiakikas, living on a Branch of Ohio, that heads near the Lake Erie, Four large Towns of about

1000 Warriours.

6. Oyachtawnuh Roanu, near Black-River, con-

fisting of Four Towns, and 1000 Warriours.

7. Keghetawkegh Roanu, upon the great River Missisppi, above the Mouth of Ohio: Three Towns; the Number of People uncertain.

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^{*} Roanu fignifies Nation or People, in the Language of the Six Nations.

8. Kerhawguegh Roanu, several Savage Nations, as their Names signify, (the People of the Wilderness) live on the North Side of Huron's Lake; they neither plant Corn, nor any thing else, but live altogether upon Flesh, Fish, Roots and Herbs; an infinite Number of People, of late become Allies to the Iroquois.

Thus far proceeds CONRAD WEISER'S Account-

The Six Nations, as was observed above, border upon the Provinces of Pensilvania and New-York: The Rest, which are mentioned as their Dependents and Allies, lie near the French Settlements, some amidst, and some beyond them. The Wisdom of the Chiefs in this Confederacy hath gained them no less Reputation than their Courage; which indeed has struck Terror into the remotest Indian Nations of North America, and forc'd them to court the Friendship and Protection of such a formidable Power.

The Moderation and Equity of the first Proprietor of Pensilvania, gained the absolute Considence and Affection of this brave People: They were convinced of his Tenderness for them, and in Return they have erected him lasting Monuments in their grateful Hearts: They revere this good Man's Memory, and his Praises will only cease with the Nations themselves.

The following Clauses from a Collection of Charters, &c. printed at Philadelphia 1740, are, amongst many others, strong Proofs of the Proprietor's equitable Regard to these People.

"That no Man, fays he, shall by any ways or means, in Word or Deed, affront or wrong any Indian, but he shall incur the same Penalty of the B

"Law, as if he had committed it against his fellow "Planter: And if any Indian shall abuse, in Word or Deed, any Planter of this Province, that he shall not be his own Judge upon the Indian, but he shall make his Complaint to the Governor of the Province, or his Lieutenant or Deputy, or some inferior Magistrate near him, who shall to the utmost of his Power, take Care with the "King of the said Indian, that all reasonable Satisfaction be made to the said injured Planter.

"That all Differences between the Planters and the Natives, shall also be ended by Twelve Men,

"that is, by Six Planters and Six Natives, that so we may live friendly together, as much as in us

" lieth, preventing all Occasions of Heart-burnings

" and Mischies."

A Conduct regulated by such Principles of Love and Justice, could not fail to influence this discerning People, and biass them in Favour of the English; a Continuance of the like Conduct must attach them inviolably: And the present worthy Governor and Council seem so sensible of the Necessity of cultivating a good Understanding with the Six Nations, as to be likely to omit no Opportunity of brightening the Chain, or increasing the Fire of Friendship with them.

The Confidence which these Nations repose in their Interpreter, is a Proof of his Industry, good Sense, and Address: Nothing could have happened more favourably to the English Settlements, than that those delicate Affairs should be in the Hands of a Person

equally just and a Friend to both.

The FRENCH are perpetually labouring to debauch their Faith to the English: Their Emissaries, the Priests, an indefatigable, artful, infinuating Race,

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are constantly labouring to gain Admittance amongst them. They assume all Shapes, try every Spring; they magnify the Power and Grandeur of FRANCE; they study to render the English diminutive and contemptible; they foment every little Occasion of Disgust, and leave no Stone unturned to prejudice us in their Esteem.

Hitherto the Honour of the Six Nations, and the experienced good Intentions and Probity of the English, have been a sufficient Barrier against all their Intrigues: But it cannot be imprudent to countermine the intended Mischief, by giving suitable Encouragement to proper Persons, to converse with the Indians, and study their Genius. An open-hearted Generosity wins them effectually: The Temper of the English is happily suited to this; and the additional Qualifications of Integrity and Prudence must in Time pave the Way to an Ascendency in their Councils, and by this Means the Subtilty of the French would be utterly defeated.

One sees, in the following short Sketch of the Behaviour of the Indians, strong Traces of good Sense, a nice Address in the Conduct of their Affairs, a noble Simplicity, and that manly Fortitude which is the constant Companion of Integrity. The Friendship of a Nation like this, tho' under the Appellation of Savages or Barbarians, is an Honour to the most civiliz'd People: I say nothing of the Advantage which is derived from them by Commerce: And the French well know, by dear Experience, how terrible they are to their Enemies in War.

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"When we speak of the Five Nations in France, "(Jays an * Author of that Country) they are thought, by common Mistake, to be meer Bar- barians, always thirsting after human Blood: But their true Character is very different. They are the fiercest and most formidable People in North America; at the same Time as politick and judi- cions, as well can be imagined: This appears from the Management of the Affairs which they transact, not only with the French and English, but likewise with almost all the Indians of this vast "Continent."

^{*} DE LA POTERIE'S History of North America, in Dr. Colden's History, &c.

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REATY. Sc.

H E Deputies of the Six Nations having, at their last Visit, agreed to release their Claim to all the Land on both Sides of the River Sufquebanna, as far South as this Province extends, and to the Northward to those called the Endless Mountains or Kittochtinny Hills; in Confideration whereof, they then received a large Quantity of valuable Indian Goods for the Lands situate on the Eastern Side of the said River. but declined at that Time to receive any for those on the Western Side of the said River, chusing to defer the same till another Visit: A large Number arrived from these Nations at Philadelphia, on Wednesday the 30th of June, with Deputies duly impowered to receive the said Goods; and acquainted the Governor, that being weary, from the Fatigue of their long Journey, they should crave three or four Days to rest themselves before they proceeded to their Business: In the mean Time they would wait on the Governor to discourse, according to their usual Method, about News and other Occurrences; which the Governor readily agreed to, and ask'd them when they would chuse to pay their first Visit; which they desiring might be on Friday the 2d of July in the Afternoon; the Council was accordingly summon'd, and met at Mr. Logan's House, where were

PRESENT.

The Honble George Thomas, Esq; Lieut. Governor.

James Logan, Clement Plumsted, Samuel Hasell Abraham Tayler,

Samuel Preston, Thomas Lawrence, S Esqrs; Ralph Asheton Robert Strettell,

The

The Chiefs of the SIX NATIONS, with the Chiefs of the SHAWANESE.

CANASSATEEGO, the Onondago Chief, Speaker.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter,

The Governor opened the Conference as follows.

· BRETHREN,

· The Proprietor having purchased certain Lands from

your Nations about Six Years ago, a Moiety of what

was agreed to be given in Confideration of that Pur-

chase was at that Time delivered to them, and the other

being at their own Desire lest in the Proprietor's

· Hands, He pressed you by Sbikalamy, to send last Year

for it, and would have been glad to have feen you and

taken you by the Hand before his Departure. But as

the Design of this Meeting is to hear your News, and

converse together in a free and friendly Manner, I shall

fay no more about the Goods than that they lye ready

at the Proprietor's House, and will be delivered when

· you shall have sufficiently rested from the Fatigue of

' your Tourney.'

The Chief of the Onondagoes spoke,

BRETHREN.

We propose to rest sour Days, and then come to the main Business. At present we are at a private Co ference about News, and have something of this Sort to mention to our Brother On As.' And on the Governor's signifying they would be glad to know what it was, the Chief proceeded.

BRETHREN,

It is our Way when we come to our Brethren, or any other Persons, whom we live in strict Friendship

with, to remove all Obstructions to a good Understand-

ing;

ing; with this View we are to inform you of a Piece of disagreeable News that happen'd in our Journey.— · Some White People living at a Place called Congocheee goe, whose Names we cannot tell, nor whether they belong to this or the neighbouring Government, but one of them, as we heard, had his House burnt over his Head some Years ago, and he was brought down a · Prisoner and committed to the Goal of this City: These · People lighting of our young Warriours, as they were hunting, made some Proposals about the purchasing of Land from them, and our young Men being indifcreet, and unacquainted with publick Business, were foolish enough to hearken to them, and to receive five Duffil Strowds for two Plantations on the River Cohongorouso. A Conestogoe Indian, and a French Indian, and some others that were in Company had three Duffil Strowds. and went away with them; and our young Men carried off the other two. As foon as this came to our Know-· ledge, we fent for our Warriours, and after examining and rebuking them severely, we took away their two Strowds, and publickly cenfured them for exposing us to our Brethren of Penfilvania, in doing a Thing so inconfistent with our Engagements to them; You are, faid we aloud, that all our People might hear and take Notice, to know and remember, that the Six Nations have · obliged themselves to sell none of the Land that falls within the Province of Pensilvania to any other but our Brother ONAS, and that to fell Lands to any other is an high Breach of the League of Friendship. Brethren, this rash · Proceeding of our young Men makes us ashamed. We · always mean well, and thall perform faithfully what we ' have promised: And we assure you, this Affair was, fransacted in the Manner we have related, without our Privity or Confent. And that you may be fully con-' vinced of this, and of the Sincerity of our Intentions, ' we have brought you these Two Strowds [bere be pre-· [ented two Red Strowds to the Governor] they are the very Strowds our foolish young Men received; we took 6 them from them, and we give them to you to return to

those white People who made the Bargain, and desire when the Strowds are returned to them, they may be

told what we now fay, and that we shall not confirm

fuch Bargains nor any other that may interfere with

our Engagements to our Brother Onas.'

The Governor then spoke:

· BRETHREN,

I thank you for this Piece of News; you have taken this Matter perfectly right. All Bargaining for Land within this Province, is, to be fure, a manifest Breach of your Contract with the Proprietors, and what we

of your Contract with the Proprietors, and what we know you will not countenance. We have hitherto

found the Six Nations faithful to their Engagements, and this is a fresh Instance of their Punctuality. You

could not help these Mistakes of your young Men; they were not done in your Presence: But as several Incon-

veniencies may arise from these kind of clandestine Sales,

or from any such loose Sales of Land by your People, we desire you will, on your Return home, give publick

6 Notice to all your Warriours not to bargain for any

Land; or if they do, that you will not confirm such Bargains; and that this very Affair, together with

what you have done therein, may be particularly re-

ported to all your Nation affembled in Council,'

The Onondago Chief promised to give such publick Notice; and desiring Liberty to mend his former Speech, he proceeded:

$^{\prime}$ BRETHREN,

I forgot one Circumstance: Our People who pretended to sell the Land, demanded a Belt of Wampum

of the Buyers to carry to their Chiefs; and on their

declaring they had no Wampum, our Warriours faid, they would not answer that their Chiefs would confirm

this Bargain, fince they never did any thing of this

'Nature without Wampum.'

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The Governor, after a short Pause, spoke:

BRETHREN of the Six Nations,

I shall take this Opportunity to relate to you a Piece of disagreeable News I received some Days ago in a Letter from Le Tort the Indian Trader, at Allegheny, who fays, That in May last some Indians of the Taway · Nation, supposed by us to be Twightwees, in their Return from War, called and stayed sometime with the Shawanese; who being asked, and denying they had brought either Scalps or Prisoners, the Shawanese suspecting them, bad the Cue riofity to fearch their Bags, and finding two Scalps in them, · that by the Softness of the Hair did not feel like Indian · Scalps, they wash'd them clean, and found them to be the Scalps of some Christians. On this Discovery, the Twightwees were so much ashamed, that they stole away from beir Town in the Night-time; and coming, as they afterwards understood, to a little Village belonging to the Shawae nele, they told our People that their Hearts were full of Grief; for, as they came along the Road, they found it ' all bloody; and baving good Cause to believe it was made · bloody with the Blood of some of the White Brethren, they · had very forrowfully swept the Road; and desired them to ' inform the Governor of Pensilvania of their (the Twightwees) Grief; and bow they had swept the Road clean." Le Tort adds, on Behalf of the Shawanese, 'That they were much troubled and grieved at this unfortunate Acci-' dent; and prayed as they bad no Concern in it, more than by being Instruments to discover it, their Brethren would not blame them, nor suffer a Misunderstanding to arise between them on this Account: They would sweep the Road clean, and wife all the Blood away; and defired their Brethren · would be satisfied with this, and not weep too much for a 'Missortune that might not happen again as long as the Sun ' and Moon shone?

[•] The Person who delivered me Le Tort's Letter,
• brought this Bundle of Skins as a Present to me; but
• Ptold the Messerger, I would not meddle with it; he

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' might leave it if he pleased: The Affair appeared to me in a bad Light, and I would represent it to the Six Nati-

ons, who were expected in Town every Day.

the Fact as I have it from Le Tort: I desire to be in-

form'd if you know any thing of this Matter; and if

' you do not, that you will make diligent Enquiry who · committed the Murder, and who are the unhappy Suf-

terers, and affist us to obtain Satisfaction, if it shall ap-

· pear to be any of our Fellow-Subjects that have been

· treated in this Manner.

To inforce this Request, I present you with this String of Wampum.

The Onordago Chief, in Reply, faid:

· BRETHREN.

We take this Information kind at your Hands;

we will take this String of Wampum home with us to our Lodgings, and there confult about the most regular

· and proper Steps to be taken by us to answer your Ex-

e pectations; and when we have duly confidered the

· Matter, we will return you an Answer.'

Upon this the Governor put an End to the Conference; and calling for Wine and other Liquors, according to the Indian Custom, after a decent and chearful Entertainment, the Indians withdrew.

Ata COUNCIL held at the PROPRIETOR's House, July 5. 1742.

PRESENT

The Holde George Thomas Esq; Lieut. Governor.

James Logan, Esqrs.

With several Gentlemen of the Town,

The Chiefs of the Six Nations

It being judg'd proper, at this critical Time, when we are in daily Expectation of a French War, to found the Indians, and discover what Dependence we might have on them, in case their Aid should be wanted; an handsome Dinner was provided for their Chiefs; and after they had made an hearty Meal, and drank his Majesty's Health, the Proprietor's, and the Health of the Six Nations, the Chiefs gave the solemn Cry, in Testimony of their Thanks, for the Honour done them. after, the Governor began, if a free Way, to enquire for what Reason the Senecas were not come down, since they had an equal Right to a Share of the Goods with the other Nations. Canassatego, their Speaker, said, The Senecas were in great Distress, on Account of a Famine that raged in their Country, which had redu-· ced them to fuch Want, that a Father had been obliged to kill two of his Children to preserve his own and the rest of his Family's Lives; and they could not now come down, but had given Directions about their Share of the Goods.'——The Governor express'd his Concern for the unhappy Circumstances of their Brethren of the Seneca Nation; and, after a short Respite, enquired if any of their Deputies were then at Canada, and whether the French Governor was making any warlike Preparations? And on their answering, Tes; the Governor said, with a smiling, pleasant Countenance, 'I suppose if the French should go to War with us, you will join them.' The Indians conferr'd together for some Time, and then Canassateego, in a chearful lively Manner, made Answer .-' We affure you, the Governor of Canada pays our Na-' tions great Court at this Time, well knowing of what ' Consequence we are to the French Interest: He has al-' ready told us, he was uncovering the Hatchet and · sharpening it, and hoped, if he should be obliged to list it up against the English, their Nations would remain neuter and affist neither Side.—But we will now speak plainly to our Brethren: Why should we, who are one Flesh with you, refuse to-help you, whenever you want our Assistance?--We have continued a long Time in the C 2 • stricteit ftriclest League of Amity and Friendship with you. and we shall always be faithful and true to you our old ' and good Allics.—The Governor of Canada talks a e great deal, but ten of his Words do not go so far as one of yours.—We do not look towards them; We · look towards you; and you may depend on our Affif-Whilst the Onondago Chief made this open and hearty Declaration, all the other Indians made frequently that particular Kind of Noise which is known to be a Mark of Approbation. -- The Governor bid the Interpreter tell Canassateego, 'He did not set on foot this Inquiry from any Suspicion he had of the Six Nations wanting a due Regard for the English.—Our Experience of their ' Honour and Faith would not permit us to think any other of them than that they would esteem our Friends their Friends, and our Enemies their Enemies, agreeable to the strict Union which had ever subsisted between " us.—As to the Governor of Canada, they need not mind what he faid.—The English, on equal Terms, had beat the French, and could beat them again: And were they but to confider the Advantages which the English have, by possessing so many large and populous Countries, and so many good Ports on the Continent of America, they would foon see who had most Reason to fear a War, the French or the English?

Here the Conversation drop'd; and, after another Glass of Wine, the *Indians* refumed the Discourse, by asking, whether their Brethren had not been for some Time engaged in a War with the King of Spain, and what Successes they had met with?

The Governor told them, the King of Great Britain lived in an Island, and being surrounded with the Sea, his chief Strength lay in his Ships; in which he was so much superior to his Enemies, that they were seldom to be met with on the broad Ocean, but sculk'd and hid themselves, only venturing out now and then; and whenever they did, they were almost sure to be taken; and that

that the King of Great Britain had, with his Ships, beat down or taken several of the Spaniards Great Forts in America.—The Indians said, they were pleased to hear their Brethren were an Over-match for their Enemies, and wish'd them good Success.

The Governor then enquired into the State and Condition of the Nations to the Westward of the Great Lakes, and whether they had any Warriours then in those Countries? Whether they had concluded Peace with the Southern Indians? And whether they had heard what their Deputies had done at Albany?

They made Answer: That they had always Abundance of their Men out amongst the Nations situate to the West of their Lakes.—That they had kindled a Fire with a vast many Nations, some whereof where Tributaries, and they had a good Understanding with all.—They set out from their own Country in Company with two Sets of Deputies, one going to hold a Treaty with the Southern Indians, and they believed a Peace would be concluded: The other going to meet the Governor of New-York, at Albany; but they could not tell what had been done at either Place.—On their Return, they were to hold a General Council, and would inform their Brethren of these Particulars.

Then the Governor put an End to the Conference, by telling the *Indians* the Goods would be delivered to them at a Council to be held to morrow Afternoon at the Meeting-House.

At a Council held in the Meeting-House, Philadelphia, July 6. 1742.

PRESENŢ,

The Honble George Thomas, Esq. Lieut. Governor.

James Logan, Clement Plumsted, Abraham Taylor, Samuel Preston, Ralph Asheton, Robert Strettell,

CANASSATEEGO, Chief of the Onondagoes, Speaker, SHICALAMY; and a great Number of Indians,

whose Names are as follow, viz.

ONONTAGOES.
Sawegaty,
Cambayion,
Saguyassatha,
Kayadogbratie, alias Slanagbquass,
Rotier-wwugbton,
Tokaugbaab,
Tiorugbwagbtbe,
Tokano-ungob,
Aronty-oony,
Tobanobawigbton,
Tiogbwatoony,
Auugbrabysey.

CAIYOUQUOS.
Sabugh-sowa,
Tobatgaghthus,
Tokany-esus,
Runho-hihio,
Kanadoghary,
Lior-aghquaty,
Sagu-iughwaiha, alias Cadcaradasey.
Sca-yenties,
Alligh-waheis,

Tayo-quario, Hogh degh runtu, Rotebn Haghtyackon, Captain, Sawoalieselhohaa, Sagugbsa-eck, Uwantakeraa. Horubot, Osogbquaa, Tuyanoegon. ANOYIUTS or ONEIDAS. Saristaquob; Ungquaterughiathe alias Shikelimo. Tottowakerba. Taragbkoerus, Onughkallydawwy, a noted young Chief. Onugbnaxqua, Chief. Tawyiakaarat, Iobathuyongochtha, Sugbnakaarat, Tagbnegbdoerus, Tokanyiadaroeyon, Sagogughyatha, Rahehius, JENON-Tokanusoegon.

JENONTOWANOS OF SENECAS.
Karugh-iagh Raghquy, Capt.
Tahn heentus,
Onontyiack.
Tuscarrors.

Sawontka,
Ti-ieroes,
Clogbsytowan
Tokaryboegon,
Captain.

Ogbiogbseb, Tielegbwegbson,

Tougrotha, Yorughianego,

Ot-quebig, Squagbky, Sayadyio,

Onughfowüghten, Cherigh wâltho, Aghfünteries,

Agbjunteries, Tion ogh (côghtha, Saligh wanaghson,

Obn-waasey,

Tocar-eber, [died fince at Tulpebokin.]

Tobanatâkqua,

Kanyhaag.
Shawanoes.
Webweblaky, Chief.
Aset teywa,
Asogbqua,

Maya minicky, y, Wawyia Beeseny.

Canestogo Indians that fpeak the Onayiut's Language.

Tior Haasery, Chief. Tanigh wackerau,

Karha Cawyiat, Kayen quily quo.

CANOVIAS or NANTIKOKES of Caneftogo.

Des-febeg, Icbqua que heck, Quesamaag, Aviok-ius.

Delawares of Shamokin.

Chiefs.

Olumapies, Lingebancab,

Kelly macquan, Quitie-yquont,

Pishquiton, Nena chy baut.

Delawares from the Forks

Onutpe,
Lawye quobwon alias Chiefs
Nutimus,

Toweghkappy,

Cornelius Spring, and others:

CONRAD WEISER, CORNELIUS SPRING, Interpretors.

And a great Number of the Inhabitants of Philadelphia.

The Governor, having commanded Silence, 'spoke as follows:

Friends and Brethren of the Six Nations,

'Six Years ago a Number of your Chiefs obliged us with a Visit, when they agreed, on Behalt of 'your

• your Nations, to the Release of certain Lands on both Sides the River Susquebanna, to the Southward of the Endless-Mountains, and within the Limits and Bounds of the King's Grant of this Province. In Confideration of which, a certain Quantity of Goods was agreed on and delivered as a full Satisfaction for the said Lands lying on the Eastern Side of the said River: And for the Lands on the Western Side of the said River.

vou desired the Payment should be deferr'd till another Opportunity. These Goods, which are exactly the · fame in Quantity as those you received the last Time the Chiefs of your Nations were here, have been ready a confiderable Time, and kept in Expectation of your · Coming for them: And now you are come down fully impowered by your respective Councils to receive them. we are well pleased to deliver them: Leaving it to · you to make a fair and equal Division of them amongst vourselves. We are forry for the Absence of our Brethren the Senecas, and much more fo that it should be owing to their Distress at Home by a Famine that rages in their Country:—A Famine fo great, that you tell us a Father has been obliged to facrifice one Part of his · Family, even his own Children, for the Support and · Preservation of himself and the other Part.—We hear. tily commiserate their Condition, and do not doubt but vou will do them fair and ample Justice in the Disposal of their Part of the Goods in fuch Manner as they have c instructed you. You shall now hear the List of the Goods read to you'. Here, by the Governor's Order, the Lift of the Goods read over, viz. was

200 Yards Half-thick.

40 Pair of Shoes & Buckles.

500

40 Pair of Stockings.

100 Shirts.

40 Hats.

100 Hatchett.

500 Pounds of Powder.

60 Strowd-Matchcoats.

100 Duffil Matchcoats.

600 Pounds of Lead.

45 Guns.

100 Blankets.

500 Knives. 1000 Flints. 24 Looking-Glasses. 100 Hoes. 60 Kettles. 2 Pounds of Vermilion. 100 Tobacco-Tongs. 100 Tin Pots. 100 Scissars. 1000 Tobacco-Pipes. 500 Awl-Blades. 200 Pounds of Tobacco. 120 Combs. 24 Dozen of Gartering, & 2000 Needles. 25 Gallons of Rum.

Then the Governor told them that the Goods, of which the Particulars had been just Read to them, were in the Meeting-House, and would be sent to whatever Place they would direct.

The Governor then proceeded:

· BRETHREN.

'You have often heard of the Care that your great and good Friend and Brother William Penn took at all 'Times to cultivate a perfect good Harmony with all the Indians: Of this your Nations have ever been fully ' sensible; but more especially a Number of your Chiefs, ' about ten Years ago, when, on the Arrival of a Son ' of your said great Friend William Penn, large and va-' luable Presents were exchanged by us with you; a new 'Road was made and clear'd; a new Fire kindled; and ' the Chain of Friendship made stronger, so as to last while the Sun and Moon endure.

· And now we cannot but congratulate ourselves that your Coming should happen at a Time when we are in ' daily Expectation of a War being declared between the King of England, and the French King, well knowing, that should such a War happen, it must very sensibly 'affect you, considering your Situation in the Neighbourhood of Canada. Your Coming at this Juncture is ' particularly fortunate, fince it gives us an Opportunity of mentioning feveral Things that may be necessary to · be settled between People so strictly and closely united as we are.—An Union not to be express'd by any thing

e less than the affectionate Regards which Children of

the same Parents bear for each other, as conceiving

ourselves to be one Flesh and one People.

· The utmost Care therefore ought mutually to be ta-

ken by us on both Sides, that the Road between us be

kept perfectly clear and open, and no Lets, nor the least

· Obstruction be suffered to lie in the Way; or if any

' should by Accident be found, that may binder our free

· Intercourse and Correspondence, it must forthwith be

removed.

To inforce this, We lay down a String of Wampum.

In next Place, We, on our Part, shall inlarge our

Fire that burns between us. We shall provide more · Fewel to increase it and make it burn brighter and

clearer, and give a stronger and more lasting Light and

· Warmth.

In Evidence of our sincere Intentions, We lay down this Belt of Wampum.

· In the last Place, considering the Obligations we are e mutually under by our several Treaties, That we should

bear with our Ears for you, and you bear with your Ears

We shall at all Times very willingly give you

the earliest and best Intelligence of any Designs that

may be form'd to your Disadvantage.—And if you dis-

cover any Preparations that can hurt us, we defire you will immediately dispatch some suitable Person in whom

we can place a Confidence, to give us a proper Infor-

e mation.

To inforce this Request, as well as to brighten the Chain, we lay down this other Belt of Wampum.

On the Governor's concluding the Speech, the folemn Cry, by way of Approbation, was repeated by the Indians, as many Times as there were Nations present; and then Canassateego rose up and spoke.

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· BRRTHREN.

We thank you for your kind Speech: What you have faid is very agreeable to us; and to-morrow when

we have deliberated on the feveral Matters recommen-

ded to us, we will give you our Answer. We desire, as

our Time will be wholly taken up in Council, you will

order the Goods to be carried back to the Proprietaries

to prevent their being loft, and that they may continue

' there till we call for them.'

At a Council held in the Meeting-House, July 7. 1742.

PRESENT.

The Honble George Thomas, Esq. Lieut. Governor.

Fames Logan, Thomas Lawrence, Samuel Hasell, Abraham Taylor, Robert Strettell,

Samuel Preston,

CANASSATERGO'S Speech on Behalf of the Six Nations.

- BRETHREN, the Governor and Council, and all present,
- According to our Promise we now propose to return
- you an Answer to the several Things mentioned to us · Yesterday, and shall beg Leave to speak to publick
- ' Affairs first, tho' they were what you spoke to last.
- On this Head you Yesterday put us in Mind, first, Of
- · William Penn's early and constant Care to cultivate Friend-
- · ship with all the Indians; of the Treaty we held with one of
- bis Sons, about Ten Years ago; and of the Necessity there is
- · at this Time of keeping the Roads between us clear and free
- from all Obstructions. We are all very sensible of the
- kind Regard that good Man William Penn had for all
- the Indians, and cannot but be pleased to find that his
- 6 Children have the same. We well remember the Treaty
- ' you mention held with his Son on his Arrival here, by
- which we confirmed our League of Friendship that is

to last as long as the Sun and Moon endure: In Conse-' quence of this, We, on our Part, shall preserve the 'Road free from all Incumbrances: in Confirmation

whereof, we lay down this String of Wampum.

'You in the next Place faid, You would inlarge the Fire and make it burn brighter, which we are pleased to hear 'vou mention; and affure you, we shall do the same, by adding to it more Fewel, that it may still flame out · more strongly than ever: In the last Place, you were e pleased to fay, that we are bound, by the strictest Leagues, to watch for each others Preservation; that we should hear with our Ears for you, and you hear with your Ears for " us: This is equally agreeable to us; and we shall not fail to give you early Intelligence whenever any Thing of Confequence comes to our Knowledge: And to en-· courage you to do the same, and to nourish in your · Hearts what you have spoke to us with your Tongues, ' about the Renewal of our Amity and the Brightening · of the Chain of Friendship; we consirm what we have · said with another Beit of Wamfum.

• BRETHREN. We rececived from the Proprietor's, yesterday, some · Goods in Confideration of our Release of the Lands on the West-Side of Susquebanna: It is true we have the · full Quantity according to Agreement; but if the Proe prietor had been here himself, we think, in Regard of our Numbers and Poverty, he would have made an · Addition to them.—If the Goods were only to be divi-· ded amongst the Indians present, a single Person would ' have but a small Portion; but if you consider what Numbers are left behind, equally intituled with us to · a Share, there will be extreamly little. We therefore defire, if you have the Keys of the Proprietor's Chest, 5 you will open it, and take out a little more for us.

· We know our Lands are now become more valuable: The white People think we do not know their Value; ' but but we are fensible that the Land is everlasting, and the ' few Goods we receive for it are foon worn out and gone. • For the Future we will fell no Lands but when Brother On as is in the Country; and we will know beforehand the Quantity of the Goods we are to receive. Besides, we are not well used with Respect to the Lands still ' unfold by us. Your People daily settle on these Lands, and spoil our Hunting.—We must insist on your Re-"moving them, as you know they have no Right to fettle to the Northward of Kittochtinny-Hills.—In particu-' lar, we renew our Complaints against some People who are settled at Juniata, a Branch of Susquebanna, ' and all along the Banks of that River, as far as Maba-· niay; and defire they may be forthwith made to go off the Land; for they do great Damage to our Coufins the Delawares.

We have further to observe, with Respect to the Lands lying on the West Side of Susquebanna, that tho' Brother On as (meaning the Proprietor) has paid us for what his People possess, yet some Parts of that Country have been taken up by Persons whose Place of · Residence is to the South of this Province, from whom we have never received any Consideration. · fair was recommended to you by our Chiefs at our last · Treaty; and you then, at our earnest Desire, promifed to write a Letter to that Person who has the Au-6 thority over those People, and to procure us his An-· fwer: As we have never heard from you on this Head, we want to know what you have done in it. If you have not done any thing, we now renew our Request, and defire you will inform the Person whose People are · feated on our Lands, that that Country belongs to us, in Right of Conquest; we having bought it with our Blood, and taken it from our Enemies in fair War; and we expect, as Owners of that Land, to receive · fuch a Confideration for it as the Land is worth. · desire you will press him to send us a positive Answer: Let him say Yes or No: If he says Yes, we will treat with him; if No, we are able to do ourselves Justice; and we will do it, by going to take Payment ourselves.

'It is Customary with us to make a Present of Skins whenever we renew our Treaties. We are ashamed to offer our Brethren so sew; but your Horses and Cows have eat the Grass our Deer used to seed on. This has made them scarce, and will, we hope, plead in Excuse for not bringing a larger Quantity: If we could have

fpared more, we would have given more; but we are

really poor; and defire you'll not confider the Quantity, but, few as they are, accept them in Testimony of our Regard'.

Here they gave the Governor a Bundle of Skins.

The Governor immediately replied:

· BRETHREN,

- We thank you for the many Declarations of Respect • you have given us in this solemn Renewal of our Trea-• ties: We receive, and shall keep your String and Belts • of Wampum, as Pledges of your Sincerity, and desire • those we gave you may be carefully preserved, as Tes-• timonies of ours.
- In Answer to what you say about the Proprietaries.—
 They are all absent, and have taken the Keys of their
 Chest along with them; so that we cannot, on their
 Behalf, enlarge the Quantity of Goods: Were they
 here, they might, perhaps, be more generous; but
 we cannot be liberal for them.—The Government will,
 however, take your Request into Consideration, and,
 in Regard to your Poverty, may perhaps, make you a
 Present. I but just mention this now, intending to refer this Part of your Speech to be answered at our next
 Meeting.
- 'The Number of Guns, as well as every Thing else, answers exactly with the Particulars specified in your Deed

Deed of Conveyance, which is more than was agreed to

be given you. It was your own Sentiments, that the

- Lands on the West Side of Susquebanna were not so
- · Valuable as those on the East; and an Abatement was
- to be made, proportionable to the Difference in Value:
- But the Proprietor overlooked this, and ordered the
- full Quantity to be delivered, which you will look on
- · as a Favour.

It is very true, that Lands are of late become

- omore Valuable; but what raises their Value? Is it not
- entirely owing to the Industry and Labour used by the
- white People in their Cultivation and Improvement?
- · Had not they come amongst you, these Lands would
- have been of no Use to you, any further than to main-
- tain you. And is there not, now you have fold so much,
- enough left for all the Purposes of Living?-What
- · you say of the Goods, that they are soon worn out, is
- · applicable to every Thing; but you know very well,
- · that they cost a great deal of Money; and the Value
- of Land is no more than it is worth in Money.
- · · On your former Complaints against People's Settling
- the Lands on Juniata, and from thence all along on
- the River Sulquehanna as far as Mahaniahy, some Ma-
- egistrates were sent expresly to remove them; and we
- thought no Persons would presume to stay after that.

Here they interrupted the Governor, and said:-

- · These Persons who were sent did not do their Duty: So far
- from removing the People, they made Surveys for them-
- ' selves, and they are in League with the Trespassers. We
- · desire more effectual Methods may be used, and bonester
- · Persons imploy'd.'

Which the Governor promifed, and then proceeded:

• BRETHREN.

- · According to the Promise made at our last Treaty
- with you, Mr. Logan, who was at that Time President, did write to the Governor of Maryland, that he might
- e make you Satisfaction for fuch of your Lands as his
- · People had taken up; but did not receive one Word
- from him upon that Head. I will write to him again,
- and endeavour to procure you a Satisfactory Answer.
- We do not doubt but he will do you Justice: But we
- exhort you to be careful not to exercise any Acts of · Violence towards his People, as they likewise are our
- · Brethren, and Subjects of the fame Great King; and
- therefore Violence towards them must be productive of
- very evil Consequences.
 - · I shall conclude what I have to say at this Time with
- · Acknowledgments for your Present; which is very a-
- greeable to us, from the Expressions of Regard used by
- · you in presenting it: Gifts of this Nature receiving
- their Value from the Affection of the Giver, and not

from the Quantity or Price of the Thing given.

Ata COUNCIL held at Philadelphia, July 8. 1742.

PRESENT

The Honble George Thomas Esq; Lieut. Governor.

\ James Logan, Clement Plumsted, Samuel Hasell Abraham Taylor,

Samuel Preston, Thomas Lawrence, Ralph Asheton, Robert Strettell,

The Board taking into Confideration, whether it be proper or not at this Time, to make a Present to the Indians of the Six Nations, now in Town, in Return for their Present to this Government at Yesterday's Treaty:

Resolved.

That it is highly fit and proper that a Present be made to the faid Indians at this Time. \mathbf{A} nd

And it is the Opinion of this Board, that the said Present should be of the Value of £.500, or at least £.300.

And it is recommended to Mr. Logan, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Lawrence, to acquaint Mr. Kinsey, the Speaker of the Assembly, with the Opinion of this Board; and that they request him to confer with such other Members of Assembly as are in Town, and report their Sentiments thereupon.

The Board taking into Confideration the Threats express'd by the Indians, at the Treaty Yesterday, against the Inhabitants of Maryland, settled on certain Lands on the West Side of Susquebanna, which the Indians claim, and for which they require Satisfaction; and confidering, that should those Threats, in any fort, be put in Execution, not only the Inhabitants of Maryland, but of this Government, and all his Majesty's Subjects on the Northern Continent of America, may thereby be involved in much Trouble: It is the Opinion of this Board, that the Governor write to the Governor of Maryland without Delay, to inform him of the Indians Complaints and Threats, and to request a satisfactory Answer; and that his Letter be fent by a special Messenger, at the Publick Expence.

At a C O U N C I L held July 9. 1742.

PRESENT.

The Honble George Thomas Esq; Lieut. Governor.

James Logan,
Clement Plumsted, Ralph Asheton
Samuel Hasell Thomas Lawrence,

Esqrs; James Logan, Robert Strettell,

Samuel Preston,

And Mr. Peters.

The Governor informed the Board, that the Indian Chiefs dining with him Yesterday, after Dinner delivered their Answer to two Affairs of Consequence:

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The first related to the violent Battery committed on William Webb, in the Forks of Delaware, whereby his Jaw-bone was broke, and his Life greatly endangered, by an unknown Indian. Canassatego repeating the Message delivered to the Six Nations by Shickalamy, in the Year 1740, with a String of Wampum, said in Answer:

The Six Nations had made diligent Enquiry into the

Affair, and had found out the *Indian* who had committed the Fact; he lived near Asopus, and had been ex-

amined and severely reproved: And they hoped as Wil-

· liam Webb was recovered, the Governor would not ex· pect any further Punishment; and therefore they re-

turned the String of Wampum received from their Bre-

thren, by the Hand of Shickalamy, in Token that

• they had fully Comply'd with their Request.

I thank'd them for their Care; but reminded them. that tho' the Man did not die, yet he lay a long Time in extreme Misery, and would never recover the free Use of his Speech, and was rendred less able to get his Livelyhood, and in such Cases the English Laws obliged the Affailant to make good all Damages, besides paying for the Pain endured.—But as the Indian was, in all Probability, Poor and unable to make Satisfaction, I told them, that for their Sake I would forgive him; adding, had Webb died I make no Doubt but you would have put the Indian to Death, just as we did two of our People who had killed an Indian; we caused them to be hung on a Gallows, in the Presence of many Hundreds of our People, to deter all others from doing the like. Canassa. teego made me this Reply: 'The Indians know no Punishment but Death; they have no such Thing as pecuniary Mulcts; if a Man be guilty of a Crime, he is either put to Death, or the Fault is overlook'd. have often heard of your Hanging-up those two Perfons; but as none of our Indians faw the Men die. e many believe they were not hanged, but transported to fome other Colony: And it would be fatisfactory to

the Indians, if, for the Future, some of them be fent

for.

for, to be Witnesses to such Executions.' I assured them, that whoever gave them that Information, abused them; for the Persons certainly suffered Death, and in the Presence of all the People.

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Canassateego then proceeded to give an Answer to what was faid to them the 2d Instant, relating to Le Tort's Letter: 'That they had, in Council, confidered in what Manner the Matter recommended to them ought to be conducted; and they were of Opinion, that as the · Shawanese, not the Twightwys, (for they knew so much 6 of it that the People were of the Twightwy Nation in whose Bags the Scalps were found) had fent me a Prefent of Skins, I should, in Return, send them a Blanket or a Kettle, and with it a very sharp Message, that tho' they had done well in fweeping the Road from Blood, e yet that was but a small Part of their Duty; they ought not to have suffered the Twightwys, after their Lye, and the Discovery of the Scalps, to have left them, 'till they had given a full and true Account how they came by them, whose Scalps they were, and in what Place, and for what Reason the Men were kill'd; and when they had been fully fatisfied of all these Particulars, then it was their Duty to have given Informastion to the Government where the white People lived, that the Murderers might be complained against, and • punished by the Nation they belong'd to: And as the · Shawanese had omitted to perform the Part of Brethren, that I should reprove them for it, and charge them to make amends for their Neglect, by using all possible Expedition to come at the Knowledge of these Things, and to aid their Brethren the white People in obtaining 5 Justice.

The Minutes of the Preceding Council being read, Mr. Logan, in Pursuance of the Board's Direction of Yesterday, reported, on Behalf of himself and the other Gentlemen to whom it was recommended, that they had confer'd with Mr. Kinsey, and requested him to consult E. 2

the other Members of the Assembly concerning the making 'a Present to the Indians; and that Mr. Kinsey having collected the Sentiments of several Members of the Assembly in Town, whom he had conser'd with on that Subject, found them generally of Opinion, that a Present should at this Time be made; but that they had declined nominating any Sum: However, that Mr. Kinsey had given it as his own Opinion, that the Governor and Council might go as far as Three Hundred Pounds.

And accordingly it is refer'd to Mr. Logan, Mr. Prefton, and Mr. Lawrence, to confider of and prepare a proper List of the Goods whereof the Present should be composed, to the Value of Three Hundred Pounds as aforesaid; advising with the Interpreter as to the Quantity and Quality.

At a COUNCIL held at the Proprietor's the 9th of July,

P. M. 1742.

/PRESENT,

The Honble George Thomas, Esq. Lieut. Governor.

James Logan, Robert Strettell, Samuel Preston, Abraham Taylor, Esqrs.

The CHIEFS of the Six Nations.

SASSOONAN, and Delawares.

NUTIMUS, and the Fork-Indians.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The Governor spoke to the Chiefs of the Six Nations as follows:

· BRRTHREN.

The last Time the Chiefs of the Six Nations were here, they were informed, that your Cousins, a Branch of

of the Delawares, gave this Province some Disturbance about the Lands the Proprietor purchased from them, and for which their Ancestors had received a valuable Consideration above Fifty-five Years ago, as appears by a Deed now lying on the Table.—Sometime after this, Conrad Weiser delivered to your Brother Thomas · Penn your Letter, wherein you request of him and Games Logan that they would not buy Land, &c .-This has been shewn to them and interpreted; notwithstanding which they have continued their former Disturbances, and have had the Insolence to write Letters to some of the Magistrates of this Government, wherein they have abused your good Brethren our worthy Proprietaries, and treated them with the utmost Rudeness and Ill-Manners. Being loth, from our Ref gard to you, to punish them as they deserve, I sent two Messengers to inform them that you were expected here. and should be acquainted with their Behaviour.—As you, on all Occasions, apply to us to remove all white · People that are settled on Lands before they are purchased from you, and we do our Endeavours to turn such People off; we now expect from you, that you will cause these Indians to remove from the Lands in the Forks of Delaware, and not give any further Difturbance to the Persons who are now in Possession.'

To inforce this we lay down a String of Wampum.

Then were read the several Conveyances, the Paragraph of the Letter wrote by the Chiefs of the Six Nations relating to the Delawares; the Letters of the Fork-Indians to the Governor and Mr. Langborne, and a Draught of the Land; and then delivered to Conrad Weiser, who was desired to interpret them to the Chiefs when they should take this Affair into their Consideration.

At a C O U N C I L held July 10, 1742.

PRESENT,

The Honble George Thomas Esq; Lieut. Governor.

James Logan,
Clement Plumsted,
Thomas Lawrence,
Abraham Taylor,

Samuel Preston, Samuel Hasell Robert Strettell,

Esqrs;

The Governor laid before the Board an Extract from the Treaty held here the 7th Instant with the Indians of the Six Nations, so far as it related to the Inhabitants of Maryland; as also a Letter he had prepared for the Governor of Maryland upon that Subject; both of which being approved, were ordered to be transcribed fair, in order to be dispatch'd to morrow Morning: The Letter is as follows:

Philadelphia, July 10, 1742.

THE inclosed Extract of the Speech made by the Chiefs of the Six Nations, before a very numerous Audience, in this Place, with my Answer to it, is of so great Importance to all his Majesty's Colonies in this Part of his Dominions, and to your Government in particular, that I have imploy'd a special Messenger to deliver it you. I hope you will enable me to send them a satisfactory Answer. It would be impertinent in me to say more to one so well informed as you are of these Nations, and of their absolute Authority over all the Indians bordering upon us, or of the Advantages of maintaining a strict Friendship with them at all Times, but more especially at this critical Juncture.

I am, Yours, &c.

An Account exhibited by Conrad Weiser of his Expences upon the Indians and Indian Affairs, from February 1 aft to July 1. 1742, amounting to £.36 18s. 3d. was laid before the Board, and examined, and allowed to be a just and very moderate Account.

And

And the Board taking into Consideration the many signal Services perform'd by the said Conrad Weiser to this Government, his Diligence and Labour in the Service thereof, and his Skill in the Indian Languages and Methods of Business, are of Opinion that the said Conrad should be allowed, as a Reward from the Province at this Time, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, at least, besides Payment of his said Account.

At a COUNCIL held at the Great Meeting-House, July 10, P. M. 1742.

PRESENT,

The Honble George Thomas Esq; Lieut. Governor.

James Logan, Thomas Lawrence, Abraham Taylor, Samuel Preston,
Samuel Hasell,
Robert Strettell,

SHICKALAMY, And other Indian Chiefs.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter,

And a great Number of the Inhabitants of Philadelphia.

The Governor spoke to the Indians as follows.

· BRETHREN,

This Meeting will be short: It is in order to make you a Present from the Governor, the Council, the As-

fembly, and all our People. William Penn was known

to you to be a good and faithful Friend to all the Indi-

ans: He made a League of Friendship with you, by which we became one People. This League has often

fince been renew'd by friendly Treaties; and as you

have declared that the Friendship shall always last on

your Parts, so we would have you believe that it shall

fremain inviolable on ours while Sun and Moon endure.

I gave you some Expectation of a Present, and we have it now ready to deliver to you. This Present is made you by the Governor, Council, Assembly, and

e all our People, in Consideration of the great Miseries

and Distresses which you our good Friends have lately
suffered. This will be some Relief to you for the pre-

· fent, and 'tis to be hoped your own Industry will foon

retrieve your Circumstances.

It has fometimes hapened, and may happen again, that idle and untrue Stories are carried to you concerning us your Brethren; but our Defire is, and we expect it from you, that you will give no Credit to them; for

we are, and always will be, your steady and sincere

Friends

It is a Custom when we renew our Treaties with our good Friends the *Indians*, to clear the Road and make our Fire burn bright: We have done so upon this Occasion; and, in Token of our Sincerity, we deliver you, as a Present from the Governor, the Council, the Assembly, and all the People of *Pensilvania*, the sol-

· lowing Goods, viz.

50 Hoes, 24 Guns, 600 Pounds of Lead, 50 Hatchets, 5 Pounds of Vermilion, 600 Pounds of Powder, 25 Strowdes 7 Match-10 Dozen of Knives, 8 Dozen of Gimblets, 90 Duffel & Coats. 2 Dozen of Tobacco-Tongs, 30 Blankets, 62 Yards of Half-Thicks. 25 Pair of Shoes, 25 Pair of Stockings. 60 Ruffled Shirts, 25 Pair of Buckles. 25 Hats, 1000 Flints,

Whereupon the Chiefs and all the *Indians*, returned their folemn Thanks; and *Canassateego* said, They had no more to say as to publick Business at present; but they had somewhat under Deliberation, which when

they had duly confidered they would communicate.'

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At a COUNCIL held at the Proprietor's, July 12, 1742.

PRESENT,

The Honble George Thomas Esq; Lieut. Governor.

James Logan, Clement Plumsted,
Thomas Lawrence, Abraham Taylor,
Robert Strettell,

Esqrs;

Mr. Richard Peters.

CANASSATEEGO, And fundry Chiefs of the SHICKALAMY, SIX NATIONS.

SASSOONAN, and Delawares.

NUTIMUS, and Fork-Indians.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

Pisquetoman,
Cornelius Spring,
Nicholas Scull,

Interpreters to the Fork Indians.

CANASSATEEGO faid:

BRETHREN the Governor and Council,

The other Day you informed us of the Misbehaviour of our Cousins the Delawares, with Respect to their

continuing to claim, and refuling to remove from some

Land on the River Delaware, notwithstanding their Ancestors had sold it by a Deed, under their Hands and

Seals, to the Proprietaries, for a Valuable Confidera-

tion, upwards of Fifty Years ago; and notwithstanding that they themselves had about Years ago,

after a long and full Examination, ratified that Deed of

their Ancestors, and given a fresh one under their

' Hands and Seals; and then you requested us to remove

them, inforcing your Request with a String of Wam-

pum.—Afterwards you laid on the Table our own Let-

ters by Conrad Weiser, some of our Cousins Letters, and the several Writings, to prove the Charge against our Cousins, with a Draught of the Land in Dispute.—We now tell you, we have perused all these several Papers: We see with our own Eyes, that they have been a very unruly People, and are altogether in the Wrong in their Dealings with you.—We have concluded to remove them, and oblige them to go over the River Delaware, and quit all Claim to any Lands on this Side for the Future, since they have received Pay for them, and it is gone thro' their Guts long ago.—To confirm to you that we will see your Request executed, we lay down this String of Wampum in Return for yours.

Then turning to the Delawares, holding a Belt of Wampum in his Hand, he spoke to them as follows: · COUSINS, · Let this Belt of Wampum serve to Chastise you. You ought to be taken by the Hair of the Head and shaked feverely, till you recover your Senses and become sober. ' You don't know what Ground you stand on, nor what ' you are doing. Our Brother Onas's Cause is very just and plain and his Intentions to preserve Friendship. On the other Hand, Your Caule is bad; your Heart far from being upright; and you are maliciously bent to break the Chain of Friendship with our Brother Onas and his People. We have feen with our Eyes a Deed fign'd by Nine of your Ancestors above Fifty 'Years ago for this very Land, and a Release sign'd, not ' many Years fince, by some of yourselves and Chiefs o now living, to the Number of Fifteen or upwards.—But how came you to take upon you to fell Land at all? We conquered you; we made Women of you; you 4 know you are Women, and can no more fell Land than Women; nor is it fit you should have the Power of e felling Lands, fince you would abuse it. This Land that you claim is gone through your Guts; you have

been furnish'd with Cloaths, Meat, and Drink, by the Goods paid you for it, and now you want it again, like 6 Children as you are.—But what makes you fell Land in the Dark? Did you ever tell us that you had fold this Land? Did we ever receive any Part, even the Value of a Pipe Shank, from you for it? You have told us a blind Story, that you fent a Messenger to us to inform " us of the Sale, but he never came amongst us, nor we e never heard any Thing about it.—This is acting in the Dark, and very different from the Conduct our Six 6 Nations observe in their Sales of Land; on such Occafions they give publick Notice, and invite all the In-6 dians of their united Nations, and give them all a Share of the Present they receive for their Lands.-This is the · Behaviour of the wife united Nations.—But we find you are none of our Blood: You act a dishon st Part, not only in this, but in o her Matters: Your Ears are ever open to flanderous Reports about our Brethren; you receive them with as much Greediness as lewd Women receive the Embraces of bad Men. And for all these Reasons we charge you to remove instantly; we don't give you the Liberty to think about it. You are Women. Take the Advice of a wife Man, and remove immediately. You may return to the other Side of · Delaware where you came from: But we do not know whether, confidering how you have demean'd yourfelves, you will be permitted to live there; or whether you have not swallowed that Land down your Throats as well as the Land on this Side. We therefore affign ' you two Places to go, either to Wyomen or Shamokin. 'You may go to either of these Places, and then we fhall have you more under our Eye, and shall see how vou behave. Don't deliberate; but remove away, ' and take this Belt of Wampum.'

This being interpreted by Conrad Weiser into English, and by Cornelius Spring into the Delaware Language, Canassateego taking a String of Wampum, added further.

After our just Reproof, and absolute Order to depart from the Land, you are now to take Notice of what we have further to say to you. This String of Wampum serves to forbid you, your Children and Grand Children, to the latest Posterity for ever, medling in Land Affairs; neither you nor any who shall descend from you, are ever hereafter to presume to sell any Land: for which Purpose, you are to preserve this String, in Memory, of what your Uncles have this Day given you in Charge.—We have some other Business to transact with our Brethren, and therefore depart the Council, and consider what has been said to you.

Canassateego then spoke to the Governor and Council:

· BRETHREN. We called at our old Friend James Logan's, in our Way to this City, and to our Grief we found him ' hid in the Bushes, and retired, through Infirmities, from Publick Business. We press'd him to leave his Retirement, and prevailed with him to assist once more on our Account at your Councils. We hope, notwithflanding his Age, and the Effects of a Fit of Sickness, which we understand has hurt his Constitution, that he may yet continue a long Time to affift this Province with his Councils. He is a wife Man, and a fast Friend to the Indians. And we defire, when his Soul goes to GOD, you may chuse in his Room just such another Person, of the same Prudence and Ability in · Counfelling, and of the fame tender Disposition and Affection for the Indians. In Testimony of our Gratitude for all his Services, and because he was so good as to leave his Country-House, and follow us to Town, s and be at the Trouble, in this his advanced Age, to attend the Council; we present him with this Bundle s of Skins.

· BRETHREN,

'It is always our Way, at the Conclusion of a Treaty,

to desire you will use your Endeavours with the Tra-

ders, that they may sell their Goods cheaper, and give

us a better Price for our Deer-Skins. Whenever any

particular Sort of Indian Goods is scarce, they con-

flantly make us pay the dearer on that Account. We

must now use the same Argument with them: Our

Deer are killed in such Quantities, and our Hunting-

Countries grown less every Day, by the Settlement of

white People, that Game is now difficult to find, and

we must go a great Way in Quest of it; they therefore

ought to give us a better Price for our Skins; and we

defire you would speak to them to do so. We have

been stinted in the Article of Rum in Town. We de-

fire you will open the Rum-Bottle, and give it to us in

· greater Abundance on the Road.

To inforce this Request, about the Indian Traders, we present you with this Bundle of Skins.

· BRETHREN,

When we first came to your Houses, we found them

clean and in Order: But we have staid so long as to

dirty them; which is to be imputed to our different

Way of Living from the white People: And therefore, as we cannot but have been difagreeable to you on this

6 Account, we present you with some Skins to make

your Houses clean, and put them into the same Condi-

f tion they were in when we came amongst you.

'BRETHREN,

. The Business the Five Nations transact with you is of

great Consequence, and requires a skilful and honest

· Person to go between us; one in whom both you and

and we can place a Confidence.—We esteem our present Interpreter to be such a Person, equally saithful in the

Interpretation of whatever is faid to him by either of

us, equally allied to both; he is of our Nation, and a

' Member

' Member of our Council as well as of yours. When we ' adopted him, we divided him into Two equal Parts:

' One we kept for our selves, and one we lest for you. He

has had a great deal of Trouble with us, wore out his Shoes in our Messages, and dirty'd his Cloaths by being

' amongst us, so that he is become as nasty as an Indian.

'In Return for these Services, we recommend him to ' your Generofity; and on our own Behalf, we give him Five Skins to buy him Clothes and Shoes with.

BRETHREN,

We have still one more Favour to ask. Our Treaty, and all we have to say about publick Business, is now over, and to morrow we defign to leave you. hope, as you have given us Plenty of good Provision whilst in Town, that you will continue your Goodness ' so far as to supply us with a little more to serve us on the Road. And we likewise desire you will provide us with Waggons, to carry our Goods to the Place where they are to be conveyed by Water.

> To these several Points the Governor made the following Reply.

BRRTHREN of the Six Nations,

'The Judgment you have just now pass'd on your Cousins the Delawares, confirms the high Opinion we have ever entertained of the Justice of the Six Nations. ' This Part of your Character, for which you are deser-' vedly famed, made us wave doing our felves Justice, ' in order to give you another Opportunity of convincing the World of your inviolable Attachment to your En-' gagements. These unhappy People might have always ' liv'd easy, having never receiv'd the least Injury from 'us; but we believe some of our own People were bad enough to impose on their Credulity, and engage them in these wrong Measures, which we wish, for their Sakes, they had avoided. • We

We hoped, from what we have constantly given in Charge to the *Indian* Traders, that they would have administred no just Cause of Complaint: If they do you Wrong, it is against our Inclinations, and contrary to our express Directions. As you have exhibited no particular Charge against them, we shall use our best Endeavours to persuade them to give you as much for your Skins as they can possibly afford; and to take Care that their Goods which they give in Exchange for Skins, be of the best Sort. We will likewise order you fome Rum to serve you on your Journey home, since you desire it.

We wish there had been more Room and better Houses provided for your Entertainment; but not expecting so many of you, we did the best we could. 'Tis true there are a great many Houses in Town, but as they are the Property of other People, who have their own Families to take Care of, it is difficult to procure Lodgings for a large Number of People, especially if they come unexpectedly.

We entertain the same Sentiments of the Abilities and Probity of the Interpreter as you have express'd. We were induc'd at first to make Use of him in this important Trust, from his being known to be agreeable to you, and one who had lived amongst you for some Years, in good Credit and Esteem with all your Nations; and have ever found him equally faithful to both. We are pleas'd with the Notice you have taken of him, and think he richly deserves it at your Hands. We shall not be wanting to make him a suitable Gratification, for the many good and faithful Services he hath done this Government,

We have already given Orders for Waggons to carry your Goods, and for a Supply of Provisions to serve you on the Road in your Return home, where we heartily wish you may arrive in good Health.

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After the Governor had conclued, Mr, Logan return'd an Answer to that Part of Canassateego's Speech which related to him, and faid, 'That not only upon the · Account of his Lameness, of which the Indians themfelves were Witnesses; but on Account of another In-· disposition which about three Years since had laid him under an Incapacity of expressing himself with his for-· mer usual Freedom, he had been obliged to live retired in the Country. But that our first Proprietor, the Honourable William Penn, who had ever been a Father and true Friend to all the Indians, having above · Forty Years fince recommended them to his particular · Care, he had always, from his own Inclination, as well as from that strict Charge, endeavoured to convince all the Indians, that He was their true Friend; and was onow well pleased, that after a Tract of so many Years. they were not insensible of it. He thanked them kindly for their Present, and heartily joined with them in their · Desires, that this Government may always be furnished with Persons of equally good Inclinations, and not only with fuch, but also with better Abilities to serve them.

And then Canassateego said, he had forgot to mention, that Sbickalamy and Caxbayn, had been employ'd on several Messages to this Government, and desir'd that they might be consider'd on that Account.

At a COUNCIL held the 12th of July, P. M. 1742.

PRESENT,

The Honble George Thomas Efq; Lieut. Governor.

James Logan, Clement Plumsted, Samuel Hasell Robert Strettell,

Samuel Preston, Thomas Lawrence, Abraham Taylor,

Esqrs,

Mr. Richard Peters.

The Board taking into Consideration the Regulation of the necessary Expences of the Indians Travelling down hither, and Returning; and upon an Estimate made by Conrad Weiser, amounting to about One Hundred Pounds, it appearing that the said Sum of £100. will be necessary to be advanced to Conrad Weiser to defray those Expences, Mr. Logan on the Proprietaries Behalf, proposes to advance 40l. and the Treasurer declaring he had no publick Money in his Hands, and that if he had, he would not advance Money without the Assembly's Order; it is recommended to Mr. Presson and Mr. Lawrence, to confer with Mr. Kinsey, and know whether he, as Speaker of the Assembly, and Trustee of the Loan-Office, will advance the other 60l.

And the *Indians* having requested that they might have a small Quantity of Rum, to be added to their Provisions, to comfort them on the Road: The Board is of Opinion, that there be added to the said Estimate for Twenty Gallons of Rum for the aforesaid Use. And in Return for their Present of Skins, at Requesting that the *Indian* Traders be enjoyn'd to sell their Goods cheaper, the Board directs that two Strouds be presented. And that *Five Pounds* be given to Caxhayn on the Account of the Province, for his Services; and to Shickalamy the like Sum.

A Just Copy; compared by

PATRICK BAIRD, Secty.

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