

THE  
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HELD WITH THE  
I N D I A N S  
OF THE  
S I X N A T I O N S,  
A T  
P H I L A D E L P H I A,  
In JULY, 1742.

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T R E A T Y, &c.

**T**HE 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 *Sasquebanab*, as far South as this Province extends, and to the Northward to those called the *Endless Mountains*, or *Kittocbtinny Hills*; in Consideration 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>d</sup> of *July*, in the Afternoon, the Council was accordingly summon'd, and met at *Mr. Logan's House*, where were

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The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

<i>James Logan,</i>	<i>Samuel Preston,</i>	} Esqrs;
<i>Clement Plumsted,</i>	<i>Thomas Lawrence,</i>	
<i>Samuel Hasell,</i>	<i>Ralph Asbeton,</i>	
<i>Abramam Taylor,</i>	<i>Robert Strettell,</i>	

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 Consideration of  
‘ that Purchase was at that Time delivered to them,  
‘ and the other being at their Desire left in the  
‘ Proprietor’s Hands, he pressed you by *Sbikalamy*  
‘ to send last Year for it, and would have been  
‘ glad to have seen you, and taken you by the  
‘ Hand before his Departure. But as the Design  
‘ of this Meeting is to hear your News, and con-  
‘ verse together in a free and friendly Manner, I  
‘ shall say no more about the Goods than that they  
‘ lie ready at the Proprietor’s House, and will be  
‘ delivered when you shall have sufficiently rested  
‘ from the Fatigue of your Journey.’

The Chief of the *Onondagoes* spoke.

**BRETHREN,**

‘ We propose to rest four Days, and then come  
‘ to the main Business. At present we are at a pri-  
‘ vate Conference about News, and have something  
‘ of

‘ of this sort to mention to our Brother *Onas*.’ And on the Governor’s signifying they would be glad to know what it was, the Chief proceeded.

‘ B R E T H R E N,

‘ 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 Understanding; 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 *Canegocbeegoe*, 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 Warriors, as they were hunting, made some Proposals about the Purchasing of Land from them, and our young Men being indiscreet, and unacquainted with publick Business, were foolish enough to hearken to them, and to receive five Duffil Strowds for two Plantations on the River *Cobongoronto*. 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 soon as this came to our Knowledge, we sent for our Warriors, and after examining and rebuking them severely, we took away their two Strowds, and publickly censured them for exposing us to our Brethren of *Pensylvania*, in doing a Thing so inconsistent with our Engagements to them; “ You are, said 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 *Pensylvania*, to any  
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“ other but our Brother *Onas*, and that to sell  
 “ Lands to any other is an high Breach of the  
 “ League of Friendship.” Brethren, this rash Pro-  
 “ ceeding of our young Men makes us ashamed.  
 “ We always mean well, and shall perform faith-  
 “ fully what we have promised : And we assure you,  
 “ this Affair was transacted in the Manner we have  
 “ related, without our Privity or Consent. And that  
 “ you may be fully convinced of this, and of the  
 “ Sincerity of our Intentions, we have brought you  
 “ these two Strowds [*here he presented two red*  
 “ *Strowds to the Governor*] they are the very Strowds  
 “ our foolish young Men received ; we took 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 say, and that we  
 “ shall not confirm such Bargains, nor any other  
 “ that may interfere with our Engagements to our  
 “ Brother *Onas*.”

The Governor then spoke :

*BRETIREN,*

“ 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 sure, a  
 “ manifest Breach of your Contract with the Pro-  
 “ prietors, and what we know you will not coun-  
 “ tenance. We have hitherto found the *Six Na-*  
 “ *tions* 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 se-  
 “ veral Inconveniencies 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 Notice to all  
 “ your Warriors not to bargain for any Land ; or  
 “ if

- ‘ 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 reported
- ‘ to all your Nation assembled in Council.’

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

‘ B R E T H R E N,

- ‘ 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 Warriors said, they would not answer that
- ‘ their Chiefs would confirm this Bargain, since
- ‘ they never did any thing of this Nature without
- ‘ Wampum.’

The Governor, after a short Pause, spoke :

‘ B R E T H R E N of the Six Nations,

- ‘ I 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 says, “ That in *May* last some *In-*
- “ *dians* of the *Toway* Nation, supposed by us to
- “ be the *Twightwees*, in their Return from War,
- “ called and staid some Time with the *Sbawanese* ;
- “ who being asked, and denying they had brought
- “ either Scalps or Prisoners, the *Sbawanese* suspect-
- “ ing them, had the Curiosity to search 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 Disco-
- “ very, the *Twightwees* were so much ashamed, that
- “ they stole away from their Town in the Night-
- “ time ; and coming, as they afterwards under-
- “ stood,

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“ stood, to a little Village belonging to the *Sbow-*  
 “ *anese*, they told our People that their Hearts were  
 “ full of Grief; for, as they came along the Road,  
 “ they found it all bloody; and having good Cause  
 “ to believe it was made bloody with the Blood of  
 “ some of the white Brethren, they had very for-  
 “ rowfully swept the Road; and desired them to  
 “ inform the Governor of *Pensylvania* of their (the  
 “ *Twigbtwees*) Grief; and how they had swept the  
 “ Road clean.” ‘ *Le Tort* adds, on Behalf of the  
 “ *Sbowanese*, “ That they were much grieved at  
 “ this unfortunate Accident; and prayed, as they  
 “ had no Concern in it, more than by being In-  
 “ struments 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 wipe all the  
 “ Blood away; and desired their Brethren would  
 “ be satisfied with this, and not weep too much for  
 “ a Misfortune that might not happen again as  
 “ long as the Sun and Moon shone.”

‘ The Person who delivered me *Le Tort*’s Let-  
 ‘ ter, brought this Bundle of Skins as a Present to  
 ‘ me; but I told the Messenger, I would not med-  
 ‘ dle with it; he might leave it if he pleased: The  
 ‘ Affair appear’d to me in a bad Light, and I  
 ‘ would represent it to the *Six Nations*, who were  
 ‘ expected in Town every Day. This is the Fact,  
 ‘ as I have it from *Le Tort*: I desire to be inform’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 Sufferers, and assist us to obtain Satis-  
 ‘ faction, if it shall appear to be any, of our Fel-  
 ‘ low-Subjects that have been treated in this Man-  
 ‘ ner.’

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

The *Onondago* Chief, in Reply, said :

B R E T H R E N,

- We take this Information kindly at your
- Hands ; we will take this String of Wampum
- home with us to our Lodgings, and there consult
- about the most regular and proper Steps to be
- taken by us to answer your Expectations, and
- when we have duly considered 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.

At a COUNCIL held at the Proprietor's House, July 5, 1742.

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The Honourable GEORGE THOMAS, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor:

James Logan, } Esqrs;  
Clement Plumsted, }

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 sound the *Indians*, and discover what Dependance 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 Proprietors, and the Health of the *Six Nations*, the Chiefs gave the solemn Cry, in Testimony of their Thanks for the Honour done them. And soon



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after the Governor began, in a free Way, to enquire for what Reason the *Senecas* were not come down, since they had an equal Share of the Goods with the other Nations.—*Canassateego*, their Speaker, said, ‘ The *Senecas* were in great Distress, on Account of a Famine that raged in their Country, which had reduced them to such 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 *Yes*, 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 assure you, the Governor of *Canada* pays our Nations great Court at this Time, well knowing of what Consequence we are to the *French* Interest: He has already told us, he was uncovering the Hatchet, and sharpening it, and hoped, if he should be obliged to lift it up against the *English*, our Nations would remain neuter, and assist 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 strictest League of Amity and Friendship with you, and we shall always be faithful and true to you our old and good Allies.—The Governor of *Canada* talks a great deal, but ten of his Words do not go so far as one of yours.—We do not look towards them;

‘ them ; we look towards you ; and you may depend on our Assistance.’ 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 Enquiry from any Suspicion he had of the *Six Nations* wanting a due Regard for the *English*.— Our Experience of their Honour and Faith, said he, 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*, he told them they need not mind what he said.—The *English*, on equal Terms, had beat the *French*, and could beat them again : And were they but to consider 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 soon see who had most Reason to fear a War, the *French* or the *English*.’

Here the Conversation dropped ; and after another Glass of Wine, the *Indians* resumed 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 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 were 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.

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

<i>James Logan,</i>	<i>Samuel Preston,</i>	} Esqrs;
<i>Clement Plumsted,</i>	<i>Ralph Ashton,</i>	
<i>Abraham Taylor,</i>	<i>Robert Stretzell,</i>	

*CANASSATEEGO*, Chief of the *Onondagoes*,  
Spéaker.

*SHICALAMY*, and a great Number of *Indians*,  
whose Names are as follows, viz.

ONONTOGOES.

<i>Sawegaty,</i>	} Counfellors.
<i>Caxbayion,</i>	
<i>Saguyassatba,</i>	
<i>Kayadogbratic,</i> alias <i>Stanagbquasy,</i>	
<i>Rotier-uwughton,</i>	
<i>Tokangbaab,</i>	
<i>Tiorugbwaghtbe,</i>	
<i>Tokano-ungob,</i>	
<i>Aronty-ony,</i>	
<i>Tobanobawighton,</i>	
<i>Tiogbwatoony,</i>	
<i>Auugbrabysey.</i>	

CAIYOQUOS.

<i>Sabugb-sewa,</i>	} Chiefs.
<i>Tobatgaghtbus,</i>	
<i>Tokany-esus,</i>	
<i>Runbo-bibio,</i>	
<i>Kanadogbary,</i>	
<i>Zior-agbquaty,</i>	
<i>Sagu-ingwatba,</i> alias	
<i>Cadcaradascy,</i>	

<i>Sca-yenties,</i>
<i>Tats-beghteb,</i>
<i>Alligb-wabeis,</i>
<i>Tayo-quario,</i>
<i>Hogh degb runtu,</i>
<i>Rotebn Hagbtyackon,</i> Cap- tain.
<i>Sawoaliefelbobaa,</i>
<i>Sagughsa-eck,</i>
<i>Uwantakeraa,</i>
<i>Horubot,</i>
<i>Ofogbquaa,</i>
<i>Tuyanoegon.</i>

ANOYIUTS, or  
ONEIDAS.

<i>Saristaquob,</i>	} Chiefs.
<i>Ungquaterughtbe,</i> alias	
<i>Sbikelimo,</i>	
<i>Tottowakerba,</i>	
<i>Taragbkoerus,</i>	
<i>Onugbkalydawoy,</i> a noted young Chief.	
<i>Onugbnaxqua,</i>	

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Onughnaxqua, Chief.

Tawriakarat,

Tobatuyongachiba,

Sughnakaarat,

Togbnegbdoerus,

Tokanyadaroyon,

Sagogugbyatba,

Rabebius,

Tokanusoegon.

JENONTOWANOS,

or SENECAS.

Karugh iagb Ragbquy,

Captain.

Tabn beentus,

Onontyiack.

TUSCARROROS.

Sawontka,

Ti-icroes,

Clogbfiowax,

Tokaryboegon, Captain.

Ogbiogbseb,

Tielegbwegbson,

Tougrotba,

Torugbianego,

Ot-quebig,

Squagbky,

Sayadyio,

Onughsfowugbton,

Cherigh wafstbo,

Agbsanteries,

Tion ogb stogbtba,

Saligh wanagbson,

Obn-wafsey,

Tocar-ebur [died since at

Tulpebokin.]

Tobanatākqua,

Karybdag.

SHAWANOES.

Wekweblaty, Chief.

Aset seywa,

Asogbqua,

Maya minickyfy,

Wawryia. Beeseny.

Canestogo Indians that

speak the Onayiut's

Language.

Tior Haafery, Chief.

Tanigh wackeran,

Karba Cowryiat,

Kayen quily quo.

CANOYIAS, or NAN-

TIKOKES, of Ca-

nestogo.

Des-sebeg,

Icbqua que beek,

Quesamaag,

Ayiok-ius.

DELAWARES of

Shamokin.

Olumapias,

Lingebanoab,

Kely macquan,

Quitie-yquont,

Pisbquison,

Nena cby baut.

DELAWARES from

the Forks.

Onurpe,

Lauye quobwon,

alias Nutimus,

Towegbkappy.

Cornel. Spring, and others.

CONRAD WEISER,

CORNELIUS SPRING,

Interpreters.

And a great Number of

the Inhabitants of Phi-

ladelphia.

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The Governor having commanded Silence, spoke as follows :

‘ *Friends and Brethren of the Six Nations,*

‘ Six Years ago a Number of your Chiefs oblig-  
 ‘ ed us with a Visit, when they agreed on Behalf  
 ‘ of your Nations, to the Release of certain Lands  
 ‘ on both Sides the River *Sasquehannab*, to the  
 ‘ Southward of the *Endless-Mountains*, and within  
 ‘ the Limits and Bounds of the King’s Grant of  
 ‘ this Province. In Consideration of which, a cer-  
 ‘ tain Quantity of Goods was agreed on, and de-  
 ‘ livered 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, you desired the Payment should be de-  
 ‘ ferr’d till another Opportunity. These Goods,  
 ‘ which are exactly the same in Quantity, as those  
 ‘ you received the last Time the Chiefs of your  
 ‘ Nations were here, have been ready a consider-  
 ‘ able 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 Di-  
 ‘ vision of them amongst yourselves. We are  
 ‘ sorry for the Absence of our Brethren the *Senecas*,  
 ‘ and much more so, that it should be owing to  
 ‘ their Distress at Home by a Famine that rages  
 ‘ in their Country:—A Famine so great, that you  
 ‘ tell us a Father has been obliged to sacrifice one  
 ‘ Part of his Family, even his own Children, for  
 ‘ the Support and Preservation of himself, and the  
 ‘ other Part.—We heartily commiserate their Con-  
 ‘ dition, and do not doubt but you will do them  
 ‘ fair and ample Justice in the Disposal of their  
 ‘ Part of the Goods, in such Manner as they have  
 ‘ instructed you. You shall now hear the List of  
 ‘ the Goods read to you.’

Here,

Here, by the Governor's Order, the List of the Goods was read over, viz.

500 Pounds of Powder.	100 Tobacco-Tongs.
600 Pounds of Lead.	100 Sciffars.
45 Guns.	500 Awl-Blades.
60 Stroud-Matchcoats.	120 Combs.
100 Blankets.	2000 Needles.
100 Duffl Matchcoats.	1000 Flints.
200 Yards Half-thick.	24 Looking-Glasses.
100 Shirts.	2 Pounds of Vermilion
40 Hats.	100 Tin-Pots.
40 Pair Shoes & Buckles.	1000 Tobacco-Pipes.
40 Pair Stockings.	200 Pounds of Tobacco.
100 Hatchets.	24 Dozen of Garter- ing, and
500 Knives.	25 Gallons of Rum.
100 Hoes.	
60 Kettles.	

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 these your Na-  
 ‘ tions 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 valu-  
 ‘ able 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

‘ 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 de-  
 ‘ clared 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, since it gives us an Op-  
 ‘ portunity of mentioning several Things that may  
 ‘ be necessary to be settled, between People so  
 ‘ strictly and closely united as we are.—An Union  
 ‘ not to be expressed by any Thing less, than the  
 ‘ affectionate Regards which Children of the same  
 ‘ Parents bear for each other, as conceiving our-  
 ‘ selves to be one Flesh and one People.

‘ The utmost Care therefore ought mutually to  
 ‘ be taken by us on both Sides, that the Road be-  
 ‘ tween 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 hinder our free Intercourse and  
 ‘ Correspondence, it must forthwith be removed.

*To enforce this, we lay down a String of Wampum.*

‘ In the next Place, we, on our Part, shall inlarge  
 ‘ our Fire that burns between us. We shall pro-  
 ‘ vide more Fuel 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 mutually under by our several Treaties,  
 ‘ That we should hear with our Ears for you, and  
 ‘ you hear with your Ears for us.’ We shall at  
 ‘ 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 de-  
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- ‘ fire you will immediately dispatch some suitable
- ‘ Person in whom we can place a Confidence, to
- ‘ give us a proper Information.

*To enforce 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 solemn Cry by Way of Approbation was repeated by the *Indians*, as many Times as there were Nations present; and then *Canassatego* rose up and spoke.

‘ *BRETHREN,*

- ‘ We thank you for your kind Speech: What
- ‘ you have said is very agreeable to us; and To-
- ‘ morrow when we have deliberated on the several
- ‘ Matters recommended 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 lost, and that they may con-
- ‘ tinue there till we call for them.’

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

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

<i>James Logan,</i>	<i>Samuel Preston,</i>	}	Esqrs;
<i>Thomas Lawrence,</i>	<i>Samuel Hasell,</i>		
<i>Abraham Taylor,</i>	<i>Robert Strettell,</i>		

*CANASSATEEGO*’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 men-
- ‘ tioned

' tioned 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 Friendship with  
 ' all the *Indians*; of the Treaty we held with one  
 ' of his 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 Ob-  
 ' structions." 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 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 Consequence 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 said you would enlarge  
 ' the Fire and make it burn brighter, which we are  
 ' pleased to hear you mention; and assure you,  
 ' we shall do the same, by adding to it more  
 ' Fuel, that it may still flame out more strongly  
 ' than ever: In the last Place, you were pleased to  
 ' say 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 agree-  
 ' able to us; and we shall not fail to give you  
 ' early Intelligence, whenever any Thing of Con-  
 ' sequence 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 confirm what we have said with another Belt  
 ' of Wampum.'

' BRETHREN,'

## B R E T H R E N,

We received from the Proprietors Yesterday, some Goods in Consideration of our Release of the Lands on the West-side of *Sasquebannab*. It is true, we have the full Quantity according to Agreement; but if the Proprietor 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 divided amongst the *Indians* present, a single Person would have but a small Portion; but if you consider what Numbers are left behind, equally entitled with us to a Share; there will be extremely little. We therefore desire, if you have the Keys of the Proprietor's Chest, 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 we are sensible that the Land is everlasting, and the few Goods we receive for it are soon worn out and gone. For the future, we will sell no Lands but when Brother *Onas* 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 unsold by us. Your People daily settle on these Lands, and spoil our Hunting.—We must insist on your removing them, as you know they have no Right to settle to the Northward of *Kittochtinny-Hills*.—In particular, we renew our Complaints against some People who are settled at *Juniata*, a Branch of *Sasquabannab*, and all along the Banks of that River, as far as *Mabaniay*; and desire they may be forthwith made to go off the Land, for they do great Damage to our Cousins the *Delawares*.

We have further to observe, with respect to the Lands lying on the West-side of *Sasquabannab*,

' *nab*, that though Brother *Onas* (meaning the Pro-  
 ' prietor) 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. This Affair  
 ' was recommended to you by our Chiefs at our  
 ' last Treaty; and you then, at our earnest Desire,  
 ' promised to write a Letter to that Person who has  
 ' the Authority over those People, and to procure  
 ' us his Answer: 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 desire you will  
 ' inform the Person whose People are seated 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 such a Consideration for it as the Land  
 ' is worth. We desire you will press him to send  
 ' 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 few, but  
 ' your Horses and Cows have eat the Grass our  
 ' Deer used to feed on. This has made them  
 ' scarce, and will, we hope, plead in Excuse for  
 ' our not bringing a larger Quantity. If we could  
 ' have spared more, we would have given more;  
 ' but we are really poor; and desire you'll not  
 ' consider the Quantity, but few as they are, ac-  
 ' cept them in Testimony of our Regard.'

*Here they gave the Governor a Bundle of Skins.*

The Governor immediately replied.

• B R E T H R E N,

• We thank you for the many Declarations of  
 • Respect you have given us, in this solemn Re-  
 • newal of our Treaties: 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 Testi-  
 • monies of ours.

• In Answer to what you say about the Propri-  
 • taries.—They are all absent, and have taken the  
 • Keys of their Chest with them; so that we can-  
 • not, 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 Pre-  
 • sent. 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 speci-  
 • fied in your 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 *Sasquahannab*, 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  
 • more 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,

' you, these Lands would have been of no Use to  
 ' you, any further than to maintain you. And is  
 ' these not, now you have sold 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 *Sasquabannab* as far as *Maba-*  
 ' *niaby*, some Magistrates were sent expressly to re-  
 ' move 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 themselves, and they are in  
 " League with the Trespassers. We desire more  
 " effectual Methods may be used, and honest  
 " Persons employed."

Which the Governor promised, and then pro-  
 ceeded:

' B R E T H R E N,

' 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 make you Satisfaction for  
 ' such 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 en-  
 ' deavour 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  
 ' same great King; and therefore Violence to-  
 ' wards

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‘wards 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 agreeable to us, from the Expressions of  
‘Regard used by you in presenting it: Gifts of  
‘this Nature receiving their Value from the Affec-  
‘tion of the Giver, and not from the Quantity or  
‘Price of the Thing given.’

At a COUNCIL held at *Philadelphia*, July  
8, 1742.

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

<i>James Logan,</i>	<i>Samuel Preston,</i>	} Esqrs;
<i>Clement Plumsted,</i>	<i>Thomas Lawrence,</i>	
<i>Samuel Hasell,</i>	<i>Ralph Asbeton,</i>	
<i>Abraham Taylor,</i>	<i>Robert Stretzell,</i>	

The Board taking into Consideration, 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 said *Indians* at this Time.

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

And it is recommended to Mr. *Logan*, Mr.  
*Preston*, and Mr. *Lawrence*, to acquaint Mr. *Kin-  
sey*, 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 Consideration the Threats  
expressed by the *Indians*, at the Treaty Yesterday,  
against

against the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, settled on certain Lands on the West-side of *Sasquabannab*, which the *Indians* claim, and for which they require Satisfaction; and considering, that should those Threats, in any Sort 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 sent by a special Messenger, at the publick Expence.

At a COUNCIL held July 9, 1742.

PRESENT,

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

*James Logan*, Esq;      *Samuel Preston*, Esq;  
*Clement Plumsted*, Esq;      *Ralph Abbeton*, Esq;  
*Samuel Hasell*, Esq;      *Thomas Lawrence*, Esq;  
*Robert Stretsell*, Esq;      *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:

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 *Sbickcalamy*, 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 reprov'd: And they hoped,



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‘ as *William Webb* was recovered, the Governor  
 ‘ would not expect any further Punishment; and  
 ‘ therefore they returned the String of Wampum  
 ‘ received from their Brethren, by the Hand of  
 ‘ *Shickcalamy*, in Token that they had fully com-  
 ‘ plied with their Request.’

I thank’d them, said he, for their Care; but re-  
 minded them, that though 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 render-  
 ed less able to get his Livelihood; and in such Cases  
 the *English* Laws obliged the Assailant 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. *Canassatego* 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. We have  
 ‘ often heard of your Hanging-up those two Per-  
 ‘ sons; but as none of our *Indians* saw the Men  
 ‘ die, many believe they were not hanged, but  
 ‘ transported to some other Colony: And it would  
 ‘ be satisfactory to the *Indians*, if, for the future,  
 ‘ some of them be sent for, to be Witnesses of such  
 ‘ Executions.’ I assured them, that whoever gave  
 them that Information, abused them; for the Per-  
 sons certainly suffered Death, and in the Presence  
 of all the People.

*Canassatego* then proceeded to give an Answer to  
 what was said to them the 2d Instant, relating to  
*Le Tort*’s Letter: ‘ That they had, in Council,  
 ‘ considered

considered in what Manner the Matter recom-  
 mended to them ought to be conducted; and  
 they were of Opinion, that as the *Shawanese*, not  
 the *Twightwys* (for they knew so much of it, that  
 the People were of the *Twightwy* Nation in whose  
 Bags the Scalps were found) had sent me a Present  
 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 sweeping the Road from  
 Blood, 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 satisfied of all these Particu-  
 lars, then it was their Duty to have given Infor-  
 mation to the Government where the white Peo-  
 ple lived, that the Murderers might be complain-  
 ed against, and punished by the Nation they be-  
 longed to: And as the *Shawanese* had omitted to  
 perform the Part of Brethren, that I should re-  
 prove 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 Peo-  
 ple in obtaining 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 request-  
 ed him to consult the other Members of the Assem-  
 bly 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 confer'd with on that Subject, found  
 them generally of Opinion, that a Present should at

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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. *Preston*, and Mr. *Lawrence*, to consider of, and prepare a proper List of the Goods whereof the Present should be compos'd, 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.

## P R E S E N T

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

*James Logan*, *Robert Strettell*, } Esqrs;  
*Samuel Preston*, *Abram Taylor*, }

The CHIEFS of the *Six Nations*.

*SASSOONAN*, and the *Delawares*.

*NUTIMUS*, and the *Fork-Indians*.

*CONRAD WEISER*, Interpreter.

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

‘ B R E T H R E N,

‘ The last Time the Chiefs of the *Six Nations*  
‘ were here, they were informed, that your Cousins,  
‘ a Branch of the *Delawares*, gave this Province  
‘ some Disturbance about the Lands the Proprietor  
‘ purchas'd from them, and for which their An-  
‘ cestors 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

' your Letter, wherein you request of him, and  
 ' *James 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 Regard 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 re-  
 ' move from the Lands in the Forks of *Delaware*,  
 ' and not give any further Disturbance to the Per-  
 ' sons who are now in Possession.'

*To enforce 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. *Lang-  
borne*, and a Draught of the Land; these were then  
 delivered to *Conrad Weiser*, who was desired to in-  
 terpret them to the Chiefs, when they should take  
 this Affair into their Consideration.

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At a COUNCIL, held July 10, 1742.  
 P R E S E N T  
 The Honourable GEORGE THOMAS, Esq;  
 Lieutenant-Governor.

James Logan,	Samuel Preston,	} Esqrs;
Clement Plumsted,	Samuel Hasell,	
Thomas Lawrence,	Robert Strettell,	
Abraham Taylor,		

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 the following Morning. The Letter was as follows:

S I R,

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 employ'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, &amp;c.

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An Account exhibited by *Conrad Weiser* of his Expences upon the *Indians*, and *Indian Affairs*, from *February* last to *July 1, 1742*, amounting to *36l 18s. 3d.* was laid before the Board, and examin'd, and allow'd to be a just and very moderate Account.

And the Board taking into Consideration the many signal Services performed 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.*

P R E S E N T

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

<i>James Logan,</i>	<i>Samuel Preston,</i>	} Esqrs;
<i>Thomas Lawrence,</i>	<i>Samuel Hasell,</i>	
<i>Abraham Taylor,</i>	<i>Robert Strettell,</i>	

*CANASSATEGO,* } And other *Indian Chiefs.*  
*SHICKALAMY,* }

*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 Coun-  
‘ cil, the Assembly, and all our People. *William*  
‘ *Penn* was known to you to be a good and faithful  
‘ Friend to all the *Indians*: He made a League of  
‘ Friendship with you, by which we became one  
‘ People.

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‘ People. This League has often since been re-  
 ‘ new’d by friendly Treaties ; and as you have de-  
 ‘ clared that the Friendship shall always last on  
 ‘ your Parts, so we would have you believe that it  
 ‘ shall remain inviolable on ours while the 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, Af-  
 ‘ sembly, and 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 present, and it’s to be  
 ‘ hoped your own Industry will soon retrieve your  
 ‘ Circumstances.

‘ It has sometimes happened, and may happen  
 ‘ again, that idle and untrue Stories are carried to  
 ‘ you concerning us your Brethren ; but our Desire  
 ‘ 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 *Pensylvania*, the following Goods,  
 ‘ viz.

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

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Whereupon the Chiefs, and all the *Indians*, returned their solemn Thanks; and *Canassatego* said, ' They had no more to say as to publick Business ' at present; but they had somewhat under Deliberation, which, when they had duly considered, ' they would communicate.

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

P R E S E N T

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

*James Logan,*            *Clement Plumsted,* }  
*Thomas Lawrence,*   *Abraham Taylor,* } Esqrs;  
*Robert Sretzell,*

Mr. *Richard Peters*.

*CANASSATEGO,* } And sundry Chiefs of the Six  
*SHICKCALAMY,* } Nations.

*SASSOONAN*, and the *Delawares*.

*NUTTIMUS*, and the *Fork-Indians*.

*CONRAD WEISER*, Interpreter.

*Pisquetoman,* }  
*Cornelius Spring,* } Interpreters to the *Fork-Indians*.  
*Nicholas Scull,*

*CANASSATEGO* said :

' *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 refusing 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 Consideration, upwards of fifty Years ago; and notwithstanding that, they themselves had also not many Years ago, after a  
' long



' 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, insourcing your Request with a  
 ' String of Wampum.—Afterwards we laid on the  
 ' Table our own Letters by *Conrad Weiser*; some  
 ' of our Cousins Letters, and the several Writ-  
 ' ings 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 altoget-  
 ' ther 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 shaken severely, 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 are to preserve Friendship. On  
 ' the other Hand, your Cause is bad; your Heart far  
 ' from being upright; and you are maliciously bent  
 ' to break the Chain of Friendship with our Bro-  
 ' ther *Onas*, and his People. We have seen with  
 ' our Eyes a Deed sign'd by nine of your Ancei-  
 ' tors above *fifty* Years ago for this very Land, and  
 ' a Release sign'd, not many Years since, by some  
 ' of

of yourselves and Chiefs now living, to the Number of fifteen or upwards.—But how came you to take upon you to sell Land at all? We conquered you; we made Women of you; you know you are Women, and can no more sell Land than Women; nor is it fit you should have the Power of selling Lands, since you would abuse it. This Land that you claim is gone thro' your Guts; you have been furnished with Cloaths, Meat, and Drink, by the Goods paid you for it, and now you want it again, like Children as you are.— But what makes you sell Land in the Dark? Did you ever tell us that you had sold 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 sent a Messenger to us to inform us of the Sale, but he never came amongst us, nor we never heard any thing about it.—This is acting in the Dark, and very different from the Conduct our Six Nations observe in the Sales of Land; on such Occasions they give publick Notice, and invite all the *Indians* of their united Nations, and give them all a Share of the Present they receive for their Lands.—This is the Behaviour of the wise united Nations.— But we find you are none of our Blood: You act a dishonest Part, not only in this, but in other Matters: Your Ears are ever open to slanderous 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 wise Man, and remove immediately. You may return to the other Side of *Delaware* where you came from: But we do not know whether, considering how you have demean'd yourselves, you will be permitted to live there; or whether you

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‘ have not swallowed that Land down your Throats  
 ‘ as well as the Land on this Side. We therefore  
 ‘ assign you two Places to go, either to *Wyomen* or  
 ‘ *Sbamokin*. You may go to either of these Places,  
 ‘ and then we shall have you more under our Eye,  
 ‘ and shall see how you behave. Don’t deliberate;  
 ‘ but remove away, and take this Belt of Wampum.’

This being interpreted by *Conrad Weiser* into *Eng-  
 lish*, and by *Cornelius Spring* into the *Delaware Lan-  
 guage*, *Canassatego* 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, meddling 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 Busi-  
 ‘ ness to transact with our Brethren, and therefore  
 ‘ depart the Council, and consider what has been  
 ‘ said to you.’

*Canassatego* then spoke to the Governor and Council :

‘ *B R E T H R E N,*

‘ 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, thro’ In-  
 ‘ firmities, 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, notwithstanding his Age, and  
 ‘ the Effects of a Fit of Sickness, which we understand  
 ‘ has

' has hurt his Constitution, that he may yet con-  
 ' tinue a long Time to assist this Province with his  
 ' Counsels. He is a wise Man, and a fast Friend  
 ' to the *Indians*. And we desire, when his Soul  
 ' goes to GOD, you may chuse in his Room just  
 ' such another Person, of the same Prudence and  
 ' Ability in counselling, and of the same tender Dis-  
 ' position and Affection for the *Indians*. In Tes-  
 ' timony of our Gratitude for all his Services, and  
 ' because he was so good as to leave his Coun-  
 ' try-House, and follow us to Town, and be at  
 ' the Trouble, in this his advanced Age, to attend  
 ' the Council, we present him with this Bundle of  
 ' Skins.'

• B R E T H R E N,

' It is always our Way, at the Conclusion of a  
 ' Treaty, to desire you will use your Endeavours  
 ' with the Traders, 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 constantly 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 desire you would speak to them  
 ' to do so. We have been stinted in the Article of  
 ' Rum in Town. We desire you will open the  
 ' Rum-Bottle, and give it to us in greater Abun-  
 ' dance on the Road.'

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

## B R E T H R E N,

‘ 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 disagreeable to you on this Account, we pre-  
 ‘ sent you with some Skins to make your Houses  
 ‘ clean, and put them into the same Condition they  
 ‘ were in when we came amongst you.’

## B R E T H R E N,

‘ 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 we can place a Confidence.—We esteem  
 ‘ our present Interpreter to be such a Person, equally  
 ‘ faithful in the Interpretation of whatever is said  
 ‘ to him by either of us, equally allied to both ; he  
 ‘ is of our Nation, and a Member of our Council,  
 ‘ as well as of yours. When we adopted him, we  
 ‘ divided him into two equal Parts : One we kept  
 ‘ for ourselves, and one we left for you. He has had  
 ‘ a great deal of trouble with us, wore out his Shoes  
 ‘ in our Messages, and dirty’d his Clothes by being  
 ‘ amongst us, so that he is become as nasty as an  
 ‘ *Indian*.

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

## B R E T H R E N,

‘ We have still one more Favour to ask. Our  
 ‘ Treaty, and all we have to say about publick Bu-  
 ‘ siness, is now over, and to-morrow we design to  
 ‘ leave you. We hope, as you have given us  
 ‘ Plenty of good Provision whilst in Town, that

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‘ 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  
‘ Waggon, to carry our Goods to the Place where  
‘ they are to be conveyed by Water.’

To these several Points the Governour made the following Reply.

*BRETHREN 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 deservedly famed, made us wave doing ourselves Justice, in order to give you another  
‘ Opportunity of convincing the World of your inviolable Attachment to your Engagements.  
‘ 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 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 exprefs 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 some 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

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‘ 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 Abi-  
 ‘ lities 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 Gratifica-  
 ‘ tion, for the many good and faithful Services he  
 ‘ hath done this Government.

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

After the Governor had concluded, Mr. *Logan*  
 return’d an Answer to that Part of *Canassatego’s*  
 Speech which related to him, and said, ‘ That not  
 ‘ only upon the Account of his Lameness, of which  
 ‘ the *Indians* themselves were Witnesses; but on  
 ‘ Account of another Indisposition, which about  
 ‘ three Years since had laid him under an Incapa-  
 ‘ city of expressing himself with his former 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 since recommended them to  
 ‘ his particular Care, he had always, from his own  
 ‘ Inclination, as well as from that strict Charge,  
 ‘ endeavoured

endeavoured to convince all the *Indians*, that he was their true Friend ; and was now 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 such, but also with better Abilities to serve them.

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

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

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *GEORGE THOMAS*, Esq;  
Lieutenant-Governor.

<i>James Logan,</i>	<i>Samuel Preston,</i>	} Esqrs,
<i>Clement Plumsted,</i>	<i>Thomas Lawrence,</i>	
<i>Samuel Hasell,</i>	<i>Abrabam Taylor,</i>	
<i>Robert Sirestell,</i>		

*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 *l.* will be necessary to be advanced to *Conrad Weiser* to defray those Expences, *Mr. Logan*, on the Proprietaries Behalf, proposes to advance 40 *l.* 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. Preston* and *Mr. Lawrence*, to confer with *Mr. Kinsey*, and know whether he, as Speaker of the Assembly,



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and Trustee of the Loan-Office, will advance the other 60 l.

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 enjoin'd to sell their Goods cheaper, the Board directs that two Strouds be presented. And that *five Pounds* be given to *Coxbayn* on the Account of the Province, for his Services; and to *Sbickcalamy* the like Sum.

*A just Copy; compared by*

*PATRICK BAIRD, Secr.*

