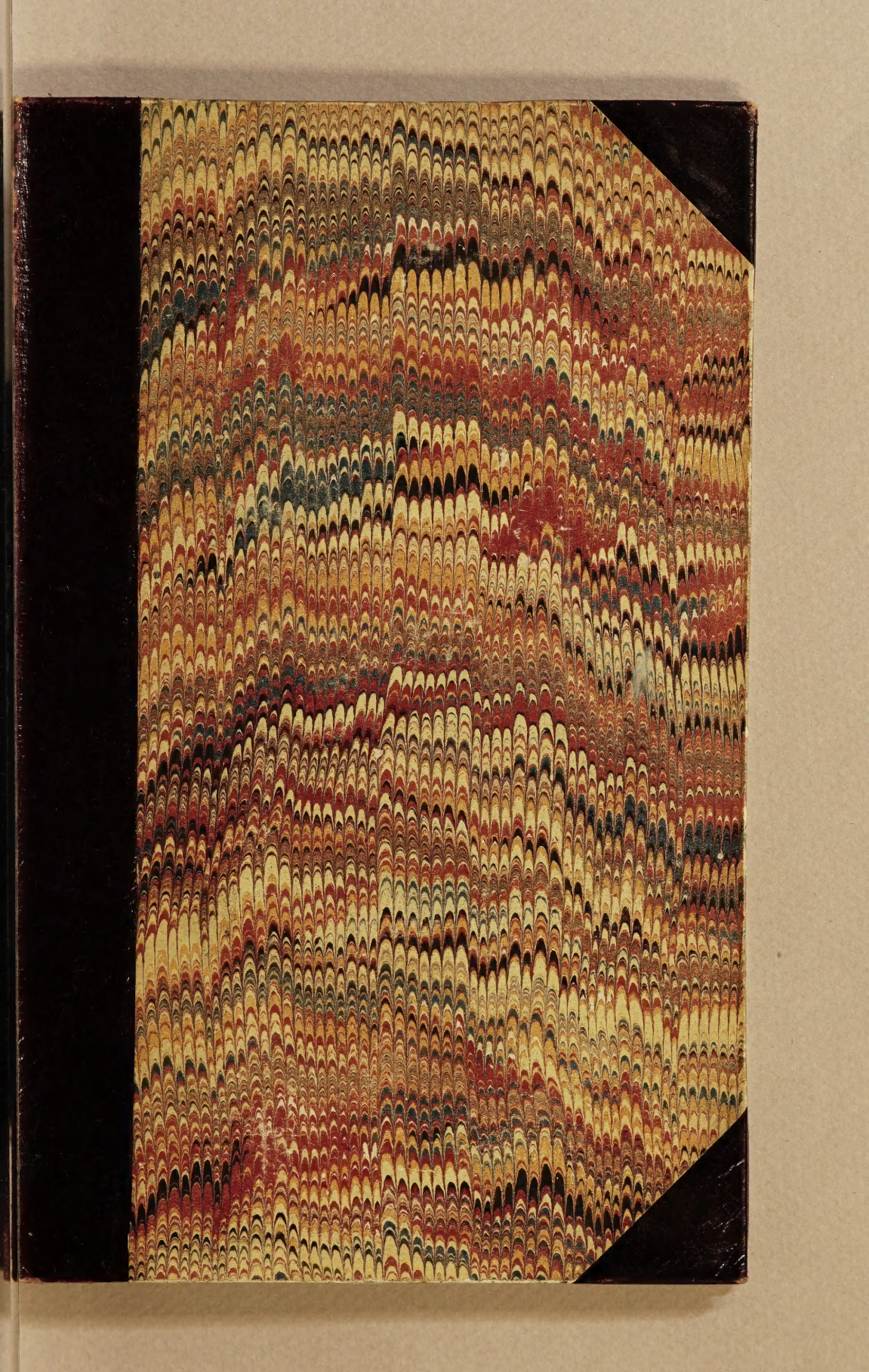

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THE TREATY

Held with the

INDIANS

OF THE

SIX NATIONS,

AT

Lancaſter, in *Pennſylvania*, in *June*, 1744.

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To which is prefix'd,

An Account of the *firſt Confederacy* of the *SIX NATIONS*, their preſent TRIBUTARIES, DEPENDENTS, and ALLIES, and of their RELIGION, and Form of GOVERNMENT.

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PREFACE.

As it's likely the following Treaty *may fall into the Hands of many Persons who are unacquainted with, or have any Idea of, the Power, Strength, and Confederacy of the* Six Nations *of* Indians, *their present* Tributaries, Dependents, Allies, *and* Form of Government; *I judg'd the publishing the following instructive and entertaining Account of them, might be useful; and the more so, as it never was made Publick 'til lately, that it was communicated to a Friend, by a Person* † *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, *as he was at* This.

This Confederacy *have been generally stiled the* Five Nations of Indians, *bordering upon* Pennsylvania

† Conrad Weiser.

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

nia *and* New-York; *but, ſince the Junction of the* Tuſcarora's *of* Carolina *to them, they are called the* Six Nations; *of whom the following Account is given:*

1. *The* Conymkos *or* Mohawks; *the firſt Promoter of the* Confederacy. † *He is ſtiled in the Council of all the Nations,* Docaryhoogou, *i. e.* Preſident, *or* Eldeſt.

2. *The* Onayiuts *or* Onoyders, *were the firſt that join'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* Sagochſaanagechteront, *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.

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† The *Indian* Idiom; they always ſtile a *whole Nation* in the *ſingular Number.*

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

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 ſtiled in Council* Ganunawantoowano, *or the* † great Pipe.

6. Tuſcarora'*s joined in the* Alliance *about thirty two Years ago, being compelled thereto by the* Engliſh *of* Carolina: *He is* Brother *to the* Onoyders *and* Cayukquo'*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 they 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.*

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

* "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 *Mohawks*. 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 *Mohawk Sachem*, in a poor Blanket and a dirty Shirt, may be ſeen iſſuing his Orders with as abſolute Authority as a *Roman* Dictator, or King of *France*." C. COLDEN's Hiſtory.

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. 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* Missisippi, *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 lately 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 lately 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——— conſiſting of* Four Towns *of their own People, and* 400 *able Men in all.*

3. *The third Nation, called by the* Iroquois, Tſhiſagech * 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, *conſiſting of* Four Towns, *and* 1000 *Warriours.*

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

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* *Roanu* ſignifies *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 alogether upon Flesh, Fish, Roots and Herbs; an infinite Number of People, of late become Allies to the* Six Nations.

Thus far proceeds CONRAD WEISER's Account.

I shall now give the best Account I could collect, of their RELIGION, *and* Form of GOVERNMENT. *As to their* RELIGION, *It appears from several Passages in their Treaties with the* English, *that they believe in* One GOD, *the Creator of the Universe; that there is a future State of Rewards and Punishments; the Influence of evil Spirits upon human Actions. As a Reward to the first Founders of their Union, they believe them to be now Gods in Heaven. Their Form of Worship I have not learnt. Upon the Whole, they seem to be the best Sort of* Deists.

Their Form of GOVERNMENT, *is a Council of their oldest and wisest Men, who have been great Warriours: Every one of the* Six Nations *have such a Council, in which all Matters relating to that Nature, are determin'd: And if it is of great Moment, they consult their young Warriours, and the Business is debated with great Deliberation. In Foreign Affairs, which relate to the Union in general, every one of the* Six Nations *sends Deputies out of their Council, to a General Council; and this General Council, as well as the Particular Ones, consult the young Warriours, and have their Concurrence, before any Matter of great Consequence is determined. All their Debates in Council, are manag'd with great Decency and Deliberation; and the Resolution is imprinted in the*

the Memory of One chosen from among them, of great Reputation and Elocution, who is appointed to speak in Publick. He is assisted by a Prompter, who puts him in Mind of any Thing he forgets. They have no coercive Power over their young Warriours; they can only persuade and admonish; nor have they any Punishment but Death; Crimes that by their Laws do not deserve that, are forgiven, after proper Reproofs.

When any Proposals are made by them, in their Treaties with the white People, or by the white People to them, they make the Io----hau, *or Shout of* Approbation, *which is performed thus: The Speaker, after a Pause, in a slow Tone pronounces the* U---huy; *all the other* Sachems *in perfect Silence: So soon as he stops, they all with one Voice, in exact Time, begin one general* Io', *raising and falling their Voices as the Arch of a Circle, and then raise it as high as at first, and stop at the Height at once, in exact Time; and if it is of great Consequence, the Speaker gives the* U---huy *thrice, and they make the Shout as often. It is usual, when the white People speak to them, as they give a Belt or String of* Wampum, *for the* Interpreter *to begin the* U---huy, *and the* Indians *to make the Shout.*

The Six Nations, *as was observed before, border upon the Provinces of* Pennsylvania *and* New-York: *The rest, which are mentioned as their* Dependents *and* Allies, *lye 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* Pennsylvania, *gained the absolute Confidence 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, *says 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 " 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 Satis- " faction 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 Mischief."

A Conduct regulated by such Principles of Love *and* Justice, *could not fail to influence this discerning People,*

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, inſinuating Race, 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.*

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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.*

" When we ſpeak of the *Five Nations* in FRANCE, " (*ſays an* * Author *of that Country*) they are " thought, by common Miſtake, to be mere *Barbarians*, 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-* " *cious*, 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."

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* DE LA POTERIE's *Hiſtory of* North America, *in* Dr. COLDEN's *Hiſtory*, &c.

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IN
The COURT-HOUSE
AT
LANCASTER,
The 22d Day of *June*, 1744.

PRESENT,

The Honourable GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and the Counties of *New-Castle*, *Kent*, and *Sussex* on *Delaware*.

The Honourable *Thomas Lee*, Esq; and Colonel *William Beverley*, } Commissioners for *Virginia*.

The Honourable *Edm. Jennings* and *Philip Thomas*, Esqs; Colonel *Robert King* and Colonel *Thomas Colvill*, } Commissioners for *Maryland*.

Richard Peters, Esq; Secretary of *Pennsylvania*.

William Black, Secretary for the *Virginia* Commissioners.

William Marshe, Secretary for the *Maryland* Commissioners.

The DEPUTIES of the *ONONDAGOE's*, *SENECA's*, *CAYUGA's*, *ONEIDO's* and *TUSCARORA's*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

THE Governor and the Commiſſioners took ſome of the *Indian* Chiefs by the Hand, and after they had ſeated themſelves, the Governor bid them welcome into the Government, and there being Wine and Punch prepared for them, the Governor and the ſeveral Commiſſioners, drank Health to the *Six Nations*; and *Canaſateego*, *Tachanoontia*, and ſome other Chiefs return'd the Compliment, drinking the Healths of *Onas*, *Aſſaraquoa*, and the Governor of *Maryland*.

After they were all ſerved with Wine, Punch, Pipes and Tobacco, the Governor told the *Indians*, as it was neceſſary and indeed cuſtomary, That they ſhould have ſome Time to reſt after ſo long a Journey, and as he thought three Days would be ſufficient for that Purpoſe; therefore, on *Monday* he propos'd to ſpeak to them, after which the Commiſſioners would take their own Time to deliver what they had to ſay.

CANASATEEGO anſwered the Governor,

'We thank you for giving us Time to reſt; we 'are come to you, and ſhall leave it intirely to 'you, to appoint the Time when we ſhall meet 'you again.

'We likewiſe leave it to the Governor of *Mary-* '*land*, by whoſe Invitation we come here, to ap-

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'point a Time, when he will pleaſe to mention 'the Reaſon of his inviting us.

'As to our Brother *Aſſaraquoa*, we have at this 'preſent Time, nothing to ſay to him; not, but 'we have a great deal to ſay to *Aſſaraquoa*, which 'muſt be ſaid at one Time or another; but not be-'ing ſatisfied, whether He or We ſhou'd begin 'firſt, we ſhall leave it wholly to our Brother *Onas*, 'to adjuſt this between us, and to ſay which ſhall 'begin firſt.'

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *June* the 25th, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Eſq; Lieut. Governor, *&c.*

The Honble { The Commiſſioners of *Virginia.* / The Commiſſioners of *Maryland.* }

The Governor ſpoke as follows:

'*Honourable Gentlemen, Commiſſioners for the* '*Governments of* Virginia *and* Maryland, '*and BRETHREN, Sachems or Chiefs* '*of the* Indians *of the* Six Nations,

'At a Treaty held by me two Years ago, in be-'half of the Government of *Pennſylvania*, with a 'Number of the Chiefs of the *Indians* of the *Six* '*Nations*, I was deſired by them to write to the 'Government of *Maryland*, concerning ſome Lands 'in the back Parts of that Province, which they

' claimed a Right to, from their Conquefts over the ' antient P ffeffors, and which have been fettled ' by fome of the Inhabitants of that Government, ' without their Confent, or any Purchafe made from ' them.

' It was at that Time underftood, That the ' Claim was upon *Maryland* only; but it has fince ' appeared, by fome Letters formerly wrote by Mr. ' Prefident *Logan*, to the late Governor of *Mary-* ' *land*, that it related likewife, to fome Lands in ' the back Parts of *Virginia*.

' The Governors of thofe Colonies foon manifeft- ' ed a truly equitable Difpofition, to come to any ' reafonable Terms with the *Six Nations*, on ac- ' count of thofe Lands; and defired, that, for that ' End, a Time and Place might be fixed for a ' Treaty with them.

' But before this cou'd be effected, an unfortu- ' nate Skirmifh happened, in the back Parts of ' *Virginia*, between fome of the Militia there, and ' a Party of the *Indian* Warriors of the *Six Nations*, ' with fome Lofs on both Sides. Who was the ' Aggreffors, is not at this Time to be difcuffed, ' both Parties having agreed to bury that Affair in ' Oblivion; and the Government of *Virginia*, hav- ' ing, in Token of the Continuance of their Friend- ' fhip, prefented the *Six Nations*, through my ' Hands, with Goods to the Value of One Hundred ' Pounds *Sterling*, to prevent further Hoftilities, and ' to heal this Breach.

' I had, before the Prefent was given, made a ' Tender of my good Offices, which both Parties ' accepted, and confented, on my Inftances, to lay ' down their Arms: Since which, the Faith pledg- ' ed to me has been mutually preferved, and a

' Time

' Time and Place has been agreed upon, through ' my Intervention, for accommodating all Differ- ' ences, and for ſettling a firm Peace, Union, and ' Friendſhip, as well between the Government of ' *Virginia*, as that of *Maryland*, and the *Indians* of ' the *Six Nations*.

' The Honourable the Commiſſioners for theſe ' two Governments, and the Deputies of the *Six* ' *Nations*, are now met at the Place appointed for ' the Treaty.

' It only remains therefore for me to ſay, that if ' my further good Offices ſhall be thought uſeful, ' for the Accompliſhment of this good Work, you ' may rely moſt aſſuredly upon them.

† ' But I hope, Honourable Gentlemen Com- ' miſſioners, it will not be taken amiſs, if I go a ' little further, and briefly repreſent to you, how ' eſpecially neceſſary it is, at this Juncture, for His ' Majeſty's Service, and the Good of all His Colo- ' nies, in this Part of His Dominions, that Peace ' and Friendſhip be eſtabliſhed between your Go- ' vernments, and the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

' Theſe *Indians*, by their Situation, are a Fron- ' tier to ſome of them; and from thence, if Friends, ' are capable of defending their Settlements; if E- ' nemies, of making cruel Ravages upon them; if ' Neuters, they may deny the *French* a Paſſage ' through their Country, and give us timely Notice ' of their Deſigns.

' Theſe are but ſome of the Motives for cultiva- ' ting a good Underſtanding with them, but from ' hence, the Diſadvantages of a Rupture are abun-

† The foregoing Paragraph was intended to be ſpoke, but was not.

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'dantly evident. Every Advantage you gain over 'them in War, will be a Weakening of the Bar-'rier of thoſe Colonies, and conſequently be, in Ef-'fect, Victories over yourſelves, and your Fellow 'Subjects. Some Allowances for their Prejudices 'and Paſſions, and a Preſent now and then, for the 'Relief of their Neceſſities, which have, in ſome 'Meaſure, been brought upon them, by their In-'tercourſe with us, and by our yearly extending 'our Settlements, will probably tye them more 'cloſely to the *Britiſh* Intereſt.

'This has been the Method of *New-York*, and '*Pennſylvania*, and will not put you to ſo much 'Expence in Twenty Years, as the carrying on a 'War againſt them will do, in One.

'The *French* very well know the Importance of 'theſe Nations to us; and will not fail by Pre-'ſents, and their other uſual Arts, to take Advan-'tage of any Miſunderſtandings we may have with 'them.

'But I will detain you, Gentlemen, no longer; 'your own ſuperior Knowledge will ſuggeſt to you, 'more than I can ſay, on this Subject.'

'*FRIENDS and BRETHREN, Sachems* '*or Chiefs of the* Indians *of the Six Nations*,

'Theſe, your Brethren of *Virginia* and *Mary-'land*, are come to enlarge the Fire which was 'almoſt gone out, and to make it burn clearer, to 'brighten the Chain which had contracted ſome 'Ruſt, and to renew their Friendſhip with you; 'which it is their Deſire, may laſt ſo long as the 'Sun, the Moon, and the Stars ſhall give Light.

'Their Powers are derived from the great King 'of *England*, your Father, and whatever Conclu-

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' ſions they ſhall come to with you, will be as firm
' and binding, as if the Governors of theſe Provin-
' ces were themſelves here.

' I am your Brother, and, which is more, I am
' your true Friend: As you know from Experience
' that I am ſo, I will now give you a few Words
' of Advice.

' Receive theſe your Brethren with open Arms;
' unite yourſelves to them in the Covenant Chain,
' and be you with them as one Body and one Soul.

' I make no Doubt, but the Governor of *Cana-*
' *da* has been taking Pains to widen the Breach
' between theſe, your Brethren of *Virginia*, and
' you; but as you cannot have forgot the Hatred
' the *French* have always born to your Nations,
' and how kindly on the contrary you have been
' treated, and how faithfully you have been pro-
' tected by the great King of *England*, and his
' Subjects, you will not be at a Loſs to ſee into the
' Deſigns of that Governor. He wants to divide
' you from us, the more eaſily to deſtroy you;
' which he will moſt certainly do, if you ſuffer your-
' ſelves to be deluded by him.

' As to what relates to the Friendſhip, eſtabliſh-
' ed between the Government of *Pennſylvania*, and
' your Nations, I will take another Day to ſpeak
' to you upon it.'

And to enforce what had been ſaid, the Gover-
nor laid down a Belt of *Wampum*; upon which, the
Indians gave their uſual Cry of Approbation.

After a ſhort Pauſe, the Governor ordered the
Interpreter to tell the *Indians*, That as they had
greatly exceeded their appointed Time of meeting
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the Commiſſioners, he recommended to them, to uſe all the Expedition poſſible, in giving their Anſwer to what had been ſaid, that they might forthwith proceed to treat with the reſpective Commiſſioners, on the Buſineſs they came about.

Then the Governor addreſſed himſelf to the Honourable Commiſſioners, in the following Manner:

'*GENTLEMEN, the Honourable the Com-*
'*miſſioners of* Virginia *and* Maryland,
'If, in the future Courſe of this Treaty, my
'good Offices ſhall be thought uſeful, you may
'moſt aſſuredly rely upon them.'

For which Speech, all the Commiſſioners return'd the Governor their Thanks.

Then *Canaſateego* repeated to the Interpreter, the Subſtance of what the Governor had ſpoke, in order to know if he had underſtood him right; a Method always made Uſe of by the *Indians:* And when the Interpreter told him, he had taken the true Senſe, *Canaſateego* proceeded to return the Thanks of the *Six Nations*, for the Governor's kind Advice, promiſing to follow it, as far as lay in their Power; but as it was their Cuſtom, when a Belt was given, to return another, they would take Time till the Afternoon, to provide One, and would then give their Anſwer.

In

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *June* the 25th, 1744. P. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

CANASATEEGO's Answer to the Governor's Speech, delivered in the Morning.

BROTHER ONAS,

'You spoke, in the Presence of *Assaraquoa*, and 'the Governor of *Maryland*, to us, advising us to 'receive them as our Brethren, and to unite with 'them in the Covenant Chain, as one Body, and 'one Soul. We have always considered them as 'our Brethren, and as such, shall be willing to 'brighten the Chain of Friendship with them.

'But since there are some Disputes between us, 'respecting the Lands possessed by them, which 'formerly belonged to us; we, according to our 'Custom, propose to have those Differences first 'adjusted, and then we shall proceed to confirm 'the Friendship subsisting between us, which will 'meet with no Obstruction, after these Matters are 'settled.'

Here they presented the Governor with a Belt of *Wampum*, in Return for the Belt given them in the Morning, by the Governor.

Then the Governor, in Reply, spoke as follows:

'I receive your Belt with great Kindness and 'Affection; and as to what relates to the Govern- 'ments of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, the Honourable 'Commissioners now present, are ready to treat 'with you. I shall only add, that the Goods for 'the Hundred Pounds *Sterling*, put into my Hands 'by the Governor of *Virginia*, as a Token of his 'good Disposition to preserve Friendship with you, 'are now in Town, and ready to be delivered, in 'Consequence of what was told you by *Conrad* '*Weiser*, when he was last at *Onondago*.'

Then the Governor, turning to the Commissioners of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, said,

GENTLEMEN,

'I have now finished what was incumbent upon 'me to say, by way of Introduction, to the *Indi-* '*ans*; and as you have full Authority from your 'respective Governments, to treat with them, I 'shall leave the rest entirely to you, and either stay, 'or withdraw, as you shall think it most for your 'Service.'

The Commissioners said, they were all of Opinion, it would be for their Advantage to have the Governor to stay with them; and therefore, they unanimously desired he would favour them with the Continuance of his Presence, while they should be in

in Treaty with the *Indians:* Which, his Honour ſaid, he would, at their Inſtance, very readily do, believing it might expedite their Buſineſs, and prevent any Jealouſy the *Indians* might conceive, at his withdrawing.

The Commiſſioners of *Maryland* ordered the Interpreter to acquaint the *Indians*, that the Governor of *Maryland* was going to ſpeak to them; and then ſpoke as follows:

'*FRIENDS and BRETHREN, of the* '*united* Six Nations,

'We who are deputed from the Government of '*Maryland*, by a Commiſſion under the Great Seal 'of that Province, now in our Hands, and which 'will be interpreted to you, bid you welcome; and, 'in Token that we are very glad to ſee you here 'as Brethren, we give you this String of *Wampum*.

Here the uſual Cry of Approbation was given.

'When the Governor of *Maryland* received the 'firſt Notice, about Seven Years ago, of your 'Claim to ſome Lands in that Province, he thought 'our Friends and Brethren of the *Six Nations*, had 'little Reaſon to complain of any Injury from *Ma*-'*ryland*; and that they would be ſo well convinc'd 'thereof, on further Deliberation, as he ſhould hear 'no more of it: But you ſpoke of that Matter 'again to the Governor of *Pennſylvania*, about 'two Years ſince, as if you deſigned to terrify us.

'It was very inconſiderately ſaid by you, *That* '*you would do yourſelves Juſtice, by going to take* '*Payment yourſelves.* Such an Attempt would

 'have

'have intirely diſſolved the Chain of Friendſhip, 'ſubſiſting not only between us, but perhaps be-'tween the other *Engliſh* and you.

'We aſſure you, our People, who are numerous, 'courageous, and have Arms ready in their Hands, 'will not ſuffer themſelves to be hurt in their Lives 'and Eſtates.

'But however, the old and wiſe People of *Ma-'ryland*, immediately met in Council; and upon 'conſidering, very cooly, your raſh Expreſſion, a-'greed to invite their Brethren, the *Six Nations*, 'to this Place, that they might learn of them, 'what Right they have to the Land in *Maryland*; 'and, if they had any, to make them ſome reaſon-'able Compenſation for it.

'Therefore, the Governor of *Maryland* has ſent 'us to meet and treat with you, about this Affair, 'and the brightening and ſtrengthening the Chain, 'which hath long ſubſiſted between us; and as an 'Earneſt of our Sincerity and good Will towards 'you, we preſent you with this Belt of *Wampum*.

Here the Cry of Approbation was given.

'Our great King of *England*, and his Subjects, 'have always poſſeſſed the Province of *Maryland*, 'free and undiſturbed from any Claim of the *Six 'Nations*, for above One Hundred Years paſt; and 'your not ſaying any Thing to us before, convin-'ces us, you thought you had no Pretence to any 'Lands in *Maryland*: Nor can we yet find out, to 'what Lands, or under what Title, you make 'your Claim.

'For the *Suſquehannah Indians*, by a Treaty a-'bove Ninety Years ſince, which is on the Table,

'and

' and will be interpreted to you, *GIVE* and ' *YIELD*, to the *English* Nation, their Heirs ' and Assigns for ever, the greatest Part, if not all, ' of the Land we possess, from *Patuxent* River, on ' the *Western*, as well as from *Choptank* River, on ' the *Eastern* Side of the great Bay of *Chesapeak*: ' And near Sixty Years ago, you acknowledged to ' the Governor of *New-York*, at *Albany*, That you ' had given your Lands, and submitted yourselves, ' to the King of *England*.

' We are that great King's Subjects, and we pos- ' sess and enjoy the Province of *Maryland*, by Vir- ' tue of his Right and Sovereignty thereto: Why ' then will you stir up any Quarrel between you ' and ourselves, who are as one Man, under the ' Protection of that great King?

' We need not put you in Mind of the Treaty, ' which, we suppose, you have had from your Fa- ' thers, made with the Province of *Maryland*, near ' Seventy Years ago; and renewed and confirmed ' twice since that Time.

' By these Treaties, we became Brethren: We ' have always liv'd as such, and hope always to ' continue so.

' We have this further to say, that altho' we ' are not satisfied of the Justice of your Claim to ' any Lands in *Maryland*; yet we are desirous of ' shewing our brotherly Kindness and Affection, and ' to prevent, by any reasonable Way, every Mis- ' understanding between the Province of *Maryland* ' and you, our Brethren of the *Six Nations*.

' For this Purpose, we have brought with us a ' Quantity of Goods, for our Brethren the *Six Na-* ' *tions*; and which will be delivered you, as soon as ' we shall have received your Answer, and made

' so

'ſo bright and large a Fire, as may burn pure and 'clear whilſt the Sun and Moon ſhall ſhine.

'We have now freely and openly laid our Bo- 'ſoms bare to you; and that you may be the bet- 'ter confirmed of the Truth of our Hearts, we 'give you this Belt of *Wampum.*'

Here the uſual Cry of Approbation was given.

After a little Time, *Canaſateego* ſpoke:

'*BROTHER, the Governor of* Maryland,

'We have heard what you have ſaid to us; and 'as you have gone back to old Times, we cannot 'give you an Anſwer now; but we ſhall take what 'you have ſaid into Conſideration, and return you 'an Anſwer ſome Time To-morrow.'

He then ſat down; and after ſome Time, ſpoke again:

'*BROTHER, the Governor of* Maryland,

'If you have made any Enquiry into *Indian* Af- 'fairs, you well know, that we have always had 'our Guns, Hatchets, and Kettles mended, when 'ever we come to ſee our Brethren: Brother *Onas,* 'and the Governor of *New-York,* always do this 'for us; and we give you this early Notice, that 'we may not thereby be delayed, being deſirous, 'as well as you, to give all poſſible Diſpatch to 'the Buſineſs, to be tranſacted between us.'

The Commiſſioners of *Virginia* and *Maryland* ſaid, ſince it was cuſtomary, they would give Orders to have every Thing belonging to them mended, that ſhould want it.

In

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *June* the 26th, 1744. P. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

CANASATEEGO spoke as follows:

'*BROTHER*, *the Governor of* Maryland,
'When you invited us to kindle a Council-Fire
'with you, *Conedogrvanilt* was the Place agreed
'upon; but afterwards, you, by our Brother *Onas*,
'on second Thoughts, considering that it wou'd be
'difficult to get Provisions, and other Accommoda-
'tions, where there were but few Houses or Inha-
'bitants, desired we wou'd meet you our Brethren
'at *Lancaster*, and at his Instance we very readily
'agreed to meet you here, and are glad of the
'Change: For we have found Plenty of every
'Thing, and as yesterday you bid us welcome, and
'told us you were glad to see Us; we likewise
'assure you, we are glad to see you, and in Token
'of our Satisfaction, we present you with this String
'of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the usual Ceremony.

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'*BROTHER, the Governor of* Maryland,

'You tell us, That when about ſeven Years ago, 'you heard by our Brother *Onas*, of our Claim to 'ſome Lands in your Province, you took no Notice 'of it; believing as you ſay, That when we ſhou'd 'come to re-conſider that Matter, we ſhou'd find 'we had no Right to make any Complaint of the 'Governor of *Maryland*, and wou'd drop our De-'mand: And that, when about two Years ago, 'we mentioned it again to our Brother *Onas*, you 'ſay we did it in ſuch Terms, as look'd like a De-'ſign to terrify you: And you tell us further, 'That we muſt be beſides ourſelves, in uſing ſuch 'a raſh Expreſſion, as to tell you, *We know how 'to do ourſelves Juſtice, if you ſhou'd ſtill refuſe.* 'It is true we did ſay ſo, but without any ill De-'ſign: For we muſt inform you, That when we 'firſt deſired our Brother *Onas* to uſe his Influence 'with you, to procure us Satisfaction to our Lands, 'we at the ſame Time deſired him, in caſe you 'ſhou'd diſregard our Demand, to write to the 'great King beyond the Seas, who wou'd own us 'for his Children, as well as you, to compel you to 'do us Juſtice: And two Years ago, when he had 'found you paid no Regard to our juſt Demand, 'nor that Brother *Onas* had convey'd our Com-'plaint to the great King over the Seas, we were 'reſolv'd to uſe ſuch Expreſſions as wou'd make 'the greateſt Impreſſions on your Minds; and we 'find it has had it's Effect: For you tell us, that '*Your wiſe Men held a Council together, and agreed 'to invite us, and to enquire of our Right to any of 'your Lands, and if it ſhou'd be found that we had 'a Right, we were to have a Compenſation made 'for them.* And likewiſe you tell us, that *Our*

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' *Brother the Governor of* Maryland, *by the Advice* ' *of these wise Men, has sent up to brighten the* ' *Chain, and to assure us of his Willingness to remove* ' *whatever impedes a good Understanding between us.* ' This shews, that your wise Men understood our ' Expressions in their true Sense.

' We had no Design to terrify you, but to put ' you on the doing us the Justice you had so long ' delayed: Your wise Men have done well, and as ' there is no Obstacle to a good Understanding be- ' tween us, except this Affair of the Land, we, on ' our Parts, do give you the strongest Assurances of ' our good Disposition towards you; and that we ' are as desirous as you, to brighten the Chain, and ' to put away all Hinderances to a perfect good ' Understanding: And in Token of our Sincerity, ' we give you this Belt of *Wampum.*'

Which was received with the usual Ceremony.

' *BROTHER, the Governor of* Maryland,

' When you mentioned the Affair of the Land ' Yesterday, you went back to old Times, and told ' us, you had been in Possession of the Province of ' *Maryland*, above One Hundred Years; but what ' is a Hundred Years, in Comparison of the Length ' of Time since our Claim began? Since we came ' out of this Ground? For we must tell you, that ' long before a Hundred Years, our Ancestors came ' out of this very Ground, and their Children have ' remained here ever since.

' You came out of the Ground in a Country that ' lies beyond the Seas; there you may have a just ' Claim, but here you must allow us to be your ' elder Brethren, and the Lands to belong to us ' long before you knew any Thing of them.

'It is true, that above One Hundred Years ago 'the *Dutch* came here in a Ship, and brought with 'them ſeveral Goods, ſuch as Auls, Knives, Hat-'chets, Guns, and many other Particulars, which 'they gave us: And when they had taught us how 'to uſe their Things, and we ſaw what Sort of 'People they were, we were ſo well pleaſed with 'them, that we tied their Ship to the Buſhes on 'the Shore; and afterwards, liking them ſtill bet-'ter the longer they ſtaid with us, and thinking the 'Buſhes too ſlender, we removed the Rope and tied 'it to the Trees; and as the Trees were liable to 'be blown down by high Winds, or to decay of 'themſelves, from the Affection we bore them, a-'gain removed the Rope, and tied it to a ſtrong 'and big Rock:' *Here, the Interpreter ſaid, they mean the* Oncido *Country.* 'And not content with 'this, for its further Security, we removed the 'Rope to the big Mountain,' *Here, the Interpreter ſays, they mean the* Onondago *Country.* 'and there 'we tied it very faſt, and rolled *Wampum* about it; 'and to make it ſtill more ſecure, we ſtood upon 'the *Wampum*, and ſat down upon it, to defend it, 'and to prevent any Hurt coming to it, and did 'our beſt Endeavours, that it might remain unin-'jur'd for ever.

'During all this Time, the New-comers the '*Dutch*, acknowledged our Right to the Lands, 'and ſollicited us from time to time, to grant them 'part of our Country, to enter into League and 'Covenant with us, and to become one People 'with us.

'After this, the *Engliſh* came into the Country, 'and as we were told, became one People with the '*Dutch:* About two Years after the Arrival of

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' the *Engliſh*, an *Engliſh* Governor came to *Albany*; ' and finding what great Friendſhip ſubſiſted be- ' tween us and the *Dutch*, he approv'd it mightily, ' and deſired to make as ſtrong a League, and to ' be upon as good Terms with us, as the *Dutch* ' were, with whom he was united, and to become ' one People with us; and by his further Care in ' looking into what had paſs'd between us, he ' found, That the Rope which tied the Ship to the ' great Mountain, was only faſt'ned with *Wampum*, ' which was liable to break and rot, and to periſh ' in a Courſe of Years: He therefore told us, that ' he would give us a Silver Chain, which wou'd be ' much ſtronger, and wou'd laſt for ever: This we ' accepted, and faſt'ned the Ship with it, and it has ' laſted ever ſince.

' Indeed, we have had ſome ſmall Differences ' with the *Engliſh*, and during theſe Miſunderſtand- ' ings, ſome of their young Men wou'd, by way of ' Reproach, be every now and then telling us, that ' we ſhou'd have periſhed, if they had not come ' into the Country, and furniſhed us with Strowds, ' Hatchets, Guns, and other Things neceſſary for ' the Support of Life: But we always gave them ' to underſtand, that they were miſtaken; that we ' liv'd before they came amongſt us, and as well or ' better, if we may believe what our Fore-fathers ' have told us: We had then Room enough, and ' Plenty of Deer, which was eaſily caught; and ' tho' we had not Knives and Hatchets, and Deer, ' ſuch as we have now, yet we had Knives of Stone, ' and Hatchets of Stone, and Bows and Arrows, ' and theſe ſerv'd our Uſes, as well then, as the ' *Engliſh* ones do now: We are now ſtraightned, ' and ſometimes in want of Deer, and liable to

' many more Inconveniences, ſince the *Engliſh* came
' among us, and particularly from that Pen and Ink
' Work, that is going on at the Table; and we
' will give you an Inſtance of this.

' Our Brother *ONAS*, a great while ago came
' to *Albany*, to buy the *Suſquehannah* Lands of us;
' but our Brother the Governor of *New-York*, who,
' as we ſuppoſe, had not a good Underſtanding with
' our Brother *Onas*, adviſed us not to ſell him
' any Land, for he wou'd make an ill Uſe of it;
' and pretending to be our good Friend, he adviſed
' us, in order to prevent *Onas*, or any other Per-
' ſons impoſing upon us, and that we might always
' have our Land when we ſhou'd want it, to put it
' into his Hands; and told us, he wou'd keep it
' for our Uſe, and never open his Hands, but keep
' them cloſe ſhut, and not part with any of it, but
' at our Requeſt.

' Accordingly, we truſted him, and put our Land
' into his Hands, and charged him to keep it ſafe
' for our Uſe: But ſome Time after, he went away
' to *England*, and carried our Land with him, and
' there ſold it to our Brother *Onas*, for a large
' Sum of Money; and when, at the Inſtance of our
' Brother *Onas*, we were minded to ſell him ſome
' Land, he told us, we had ſold the *Suſquehannah*
' Lands already, to the Governor of *New-York*,
' and he had bought them from him in *England*;
' tho' when he came to underſtand, how the Go-
' vernor of *New-York* had deceived us, he very
' generouſly paid us for our Lands over again.

' Tho' we mention this Inſtance of an Impoſi-
' tion put upon us, by the Governor of *New-York*,
' yet we muſt do the *Engliſh* the Juſtice to ſay,
' We have had their hearty Aſſiſtance, in our Wars
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'with the *French*; who were no ſooner arriv'd 'amongſt us, than they began to render us uneaſy, 'and to provoke us to War; and we have had 'ſeveral Wars with them; during all which, we 'conſtantly received Aſſiſtance from the *Engliſh*; 'and by their Means, we have always been able, to 'keep up our Heads againſt their Attacks.

'We now come nearer home: We have had 'your Deeds interpreted to us, and we acknow-'ledge them to be good and valed; and that the '*Coneſtogo* or *Suſquehannah Indians*, had a Right to 'ſell thoſe Lands to you, for they were then theirs; 'but ſince that Time we have conquered them, 'and their Country now belongs to us, and the 'Lands we demanded Satisfaction for, are no Part 'of the Lands compris'd in thoſe Deeds, they are 'the *Cohongoronta* Lands; thoſe, we are ſure you 'have not poſſeſſed One hundred Years; no, nor 'above ten Years, and we made our Demand, as 'ſoon as we knew your People was ſettled in thoſe 'Parts; theſe have never been ſold, but remain 'ſtill to be diſpoſed of; and we are well pleaſed to 'hear you are well provided with Goods, and do 'aſſure you, of our Willingneſs to treat with you, 'for theſe unpurchas'd Lands: In confirmation 'whereof, we preſent you with this Belt of *Wam-'pum.*'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

CANASATEEGO added, 'That as the 'three Governors of *Virginia*, *Maryland* and *Penn-'ſylvania* had divided the Lands among them, they 'cou'd not for this Reaſon tell, how much each 'had got, nor were they concerned about it, ſo that 'they were paid by all the Governors, for the ſe-

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'veral Parts each possessed, and this they left to 'their Honour and Justice.'

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *June* the 27th, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The Commissioners of *Virginia*, ordered the Interpreter to let the *Indians* know, the Governor of *Virginia* was going to speak to them; and then spake as follows:

'*SACHEMS and Warriours of the* Six '*united* Nations, *our Friends and Brethren*,

'At our Desire, the Governor of *Pensylvania* in-'vited you to this Council-Fire; we have waited a 'long Time for you; but now you are come, you 'are heartily welcome, and we are very glad to see 'you: We give you this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the usual Cry of Approbation.

'*BRETHREN*,

'In the Year 1736, four of your *Sachems* wrote 'a Letter to *James Logan* Esq; then President of '*Penn-*

'*Pennſylvania*, to let the Governor of *Virginia* 'know, that you expected ſome Conſideration for 'Lands, in the Occupation of ſome of the People 'of *Virginia*.

'Upon ſeeing a Copy of this Letter, the Gover- 'nor with the Council of *Virginia*, took ſome Time 'to conſider of it: They found, on looking into 'the old Treaties, that you had given up your 'Lands to the great King, who has had Poſſeſſion 'of *Virginia* above One Hundred and Sixty Years; 'and under that great King the Inhabitants of '*Virginia* hold their Land; ſo they thought there 'might be ſome Miſtake.

'Wherefore they deſired the Governor of *New-* '*York* to inquire of you about it: He ſent his In- 'terpreter to you in *May* 1743, who laid this be- 'fore you, at a Council held at *Onondago*; to which 'you anſwer,

'*That if you had any Demand or Pretenſions* '*upon the Governor of* Virginia, *any Way, you wou'd* '*have made it known to the Governor of* New-York.

'This correſponds, with what you ſaid to Go- 'vernor *Thomas*, in the Treaty made with him at '*Philadelphia*, in *July* 1742; for then, you only 'make your Claim to Lands in the Government of '*Maryland*.

'We are ſo well pleaſed, with this good Faith, 'of you our Brethren of the *Six Nations*, and your 'Regard to the Treaties made with *Virginia*, that 'we are ready to hear you, on the Subject of your 'Meſſage, eight Years ſince.

'Tell us what Nation of *Indians* you conquered 'any Lands from in *Virginia*, how long it is ſince, 'and what Poſſeſſion you have had? And if it does 'appear, that there is any Lands on the Borders

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'of *Virginia*, that the *Six Nations* have a Right 'to, we are willing to make you Satisfaction: To 'confirm which we give you this String of *Wam-* '*pum.*'

Which was received with the usual Cry of Approbation.

'We have a Chest of new Goods for you, and 'the Key is in our Pockets: You are our Brethren, 'the Great King is our common Father, and we 'will live with you as Children ought to do, in 'Peace and Love.

'We will brighten the Chain, and strengthen the 'Union between us, so that we shall never be di- 'vided; but remain Friends and Brethren, as long 'as the Sun gives us Light.'

In Confirmation whereof, we give you this Belt of Wampum.

All the *Indians* present, gave the usual Cry of Approbation.

Tachanoontia Reply'd,

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa,*

'You have made a good Speech to us, which is 'very agreeable; and for which, we return you 'our Thanks: We shall be able to give you an 'Answer to every Part of it, some Time this Af- 'ternoon; and we will let you know when we are 'ready.'

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In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *June* the 27th, 1744. P. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

TACHANOONTIA spoke as follows;

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa*,

'Since you have join'd with the Governor of '*Maryland*, and Brother *Onas*, in kindling this 'Fire, we gladly acknowledge the Pleasure we 'have, in seeing you here, and observing your good 'Dispositions, as well to confirm the Treaties of 'Friendship, as to enter into further Contracts about 'Land, with us: And in Token of our Satisfaction, 'we present you with this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the usual Ceremony.

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa*,

'In your Speech this Morning, you were plea- 'sed to say, We had wrote a Letter to *James Lo- 'gan*, about Eight Years ago, to demand a Consi- 'deration for our Lands, in the Possession of some 'of the *Virginians*; that you held them, under

 'the

' the great King, for upwards of One Hundred and ' Sixty Years, and that we had already given up ' our Right; and that therefore, you had desired ' the Governor of *New-York* to send his Interpreter ' to us last Year, to *Onondago*, which he did; and, ' as you say, we, in Council at *Onondago*, did de- ' clare, *That we had no Demand on you for Lands*; ' *and that if we had any Pretensions, we should have* ' *made them known to the Governor of* New-York.

' And likewise, you desire to know if we have ' any Right to the *Virginia* Lands; and that we ' will make such a Right appear, and tell you what ' Nation of *Indians* we conquered those Lands from.

' Now we answer.

' We have the Right of Conquest, a Right too ' dearly purchased, and which cost us too much ' Blood, to give up, without any Reason at all, as ' you say we have done, at *Albany*. But we shou'd ' be oblig'd to you, if you would let us see that ' Letter, and inform us, who was the Interpreter, ' and whose Names are put to the Letter; for as ' the whole Transaction can't be above a Year's ' Standing, it must be fresh in every Bodies Memo- ' ry, and some of our Council would easily remem- ' ber it.

' But we assure you, and are well able to prove, ' that neither we, nor any Part of us, have ever ' relinquished our Right; or ever gave such an An- ' swer, as you say is mentioned in your Letter.

' Cou'd we, so many Years ago, make a formal ' Demand by *James Logan*, and not be sensible of ' our Right? And hath any Thing happened since ' that Time, to make us less sensible? No: And

' as

'as this Matter can be easily cleared up, we are 'anxious it shou'd be done; for we are positive, no 'such Thing was ever mentioned to us at *Onondago*, 'nor any where else.

'All the World knows, we conquered the several Nations living on *Susquehanna*, *Cohongaronta*, 'and on the Back of the great Mountains in *Virginia:* The *Conoy-uch-sugh-roonoa*, *Coch-naw-wasroonaw*, *Tohod-irough-roonow*, and *Canuts-hinough-roonaw*, feel the Effects of our Conquest, being now a Part of our Nations, and their Land 'at our Disposal.

'We know very well, it hath often been said, 'by the *Virginians*, That the great King of *England*, and the People of that Colony, conquered 'the *Indians* who lived there; but it is not true: 'We will allow, they have conquered the *Sachdagugh-roonaw*, and drove back the *Tuscaroras*; and 'that they have, on that Account, a Right to some 'Part of *Virginia:* But as to what lies beyond the 'Mountains, we conquered the Nations residing 'there; and that Land, if ever the *Virginians* get 'a good Right to it, it must be by us. And in 'Testimony of the Truth of our Answer to this 'Part of our Speech, we give you this String of '*Wampum.*'

Which was received with the usual Ceremony.

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa,*

'We have given you a full Answer to the first 'Part of your Speech, which we hope will be satisfactory: We are glad to hear you have brought 'with you a big Chest of new Goods, and that you 'have the Key in your Pockets. We do not doubt 'but we shall have a good Understanding in all

'Points, and come to an Agreement with you. 'We ſhall open all our Hearts to you, that you 'may know every Thing in them; we will hide 'nothing from you. And we hope, that if there 'be any Thing ſtill remaining in your Breaſt, that 'may occaſion any Diſpute between us, you will 'take this Opportunity to unboſom your Hearts, 'and lay them open to us; that henceforth, there 'may be no Dirt or any other Obſtacle in the Road 'between us. And in Token of our hearty Wiſhes 'to bring about ſo good a Harmony, we preſent 'you with this Belt of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

'*BROTHER Aſſaraquoa*,

'We muſt now tell you what Mountains we 'mean, that we ſay are the Boundaries between 'you and us. You may remember, that about 'Twenty Years ago, you had a Treaty with us at '*Albany*, when you took a Belt of *Wampum* and 'made a Fence with it on the Middle of the Hill, 'and told us, that if any of the Warriors of the '*Six Nations* came on your Side of the Middle of 'the Hill, you would hang them; and you gave 'us Liberty to do the ſame with any of your Peo-'ple, who ſhould be found on our Side of the 'Middle of the Hill: This is the Hill we mean; 'and we deſire that Treaty may now be confirm'd.

'After we left *Albany*, we brought our Road 'a great deal more to the *Weſt*, that we might 'comply with your Propoſal; but tho' it was of 'your own making, your People never obſerv'd it, 'but came and lived on our Side of the Hill; which 'we don't blame you for, as you live at a great

'Diſtance,

'Diſtance, near the Seas, and can't be thought to 'know what your People do in the back Parts: 'And on their ſettling, contrary to your own Pro- 'poſal, on our new Road, it fell out, that our War- 'riors did ſome Hurt to your Peoples Caſtle; of 'which a Complaint was made, and tranſmitted to 'us by our Brother *Onas*; and we, at his Requeſt, 'altered the Road again, and brought it to the 'Foot of the great Mountains, where it now is: 'And it is impoſſible for us to remove it any further 'to the *Weſt*, thoſe Parts of the Country being ab- 'ſolutely impaſſable, by either Man or Beaſt.

'We had not been long in the Uſe of this new 'Road, before your People came like Flocks of 'Birds, and ſat down on both Sides of it; and yet 'we never made a Complaint to you, tho' you muſt 'be ſenſible, theſe Things muſt have been done, 'by your People, in manifeſt Breach of your own 'Propoſal, made at *Albany*.

'And therefore, as we are now opening our 'Hearts to you, we cannot avoid complaining, and 'deſire all theſe Affairs may be ſettled: And that 'you may be the ſtronger induc'd to do us Juſtice 'for what is paſt, and to come to a thorough Set- 'tlement for the future, we, in the Preſence of the 'Governor of *Maryland*, and Brother *Onas*, preſent 'you with this Belt of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

Then *Tachanoontia* added, 'He forgot to ſay, 'that the Affair of the Road muſt be look'd upon, 'as a Preliminary to be ſettled before the Grant of 'Lands; and that either the *Virginia* People muſt 'be oblig'd to remove more Eaſterly, or if they are

'per-

' permitted to ſtay, that our Warriors, marching
' that Way to the Southward, ſhall go Sharers with
' them in what they plant.'

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER,
June the 28th, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Eſq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commiſſioners of *Virginia*.
The Commiſſioners of *Maryland*. }

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The Governor ſpoke as follows:

' *FRIENDS and BRETHREN, of the*
' Six Nations,

' I am always ſorry, when any Thing happens,
' that may give you or us the leaſt Uneaſineſs;
' but as we are mutually engag'd, to keep the Road
' between us clear and open, and to remove every
' Obſtruction that may lye in the Way: I muſt in-
' form you, That three of the *Delaware Indians*,
' lately murdered *John Armſtrong* an *Indian* Trader,
' and his two Men, in a moſt barbarous Manner,
' as he was traveling to *Alligany*, and ſtole his
' Goods of a conſiderable Value.

' *Shikalamy*, and the *Indians* ſettled at *Shomockin*,
' did well, they ſeized two of the Murders, and
' ſent

' ſent them down to our Settlements; but the *Indians*, who had the Charge of them, afterwards ' ſuffered one of them to eſcape, on a Pretence, ' that he was not concern'd in the bloody Deed; ' the other is now in *Philadelphia* Goal.

' By our Law, all the Acceſſaries to a Murder, ' are to be tried and put to Death, as well as the ' Perſon that gave the deadly Wound; if they con- ' ſented to it, encouraged it, or any otherwiſe aſ- ' ſiſted in it, they are to be put to Death; and it is ' juſt, it ſhou'd be ſo.

' If upon Trial, the Perſons preſent at the Mur- ' der, are found not to have done any of theſe ' Things, they are ſet at Liberty.

' Two of our People were, not many Years ago, ' publickly put to Death, for killing two *Indians*. ' We therefore expect, you will take the moſt ef- ' fectual Meaſures, to ſeize, and deliver up to us, the ' other two *Indians*, preſent at theſe Murders, to ' be tried with the Principal now in Cuſtody. If it ' ſhall appear, upon their Trial, that they were not ' adviſing, or any ways aſſiſting in this horrid Fact, ' they will be acquitted and ſent home to their ' Towns: And that you may be ſatisfied, no In- ' juſtice will be done to them, I do now invite you, ' to depute Three or more *Indians*, to be preſent ' at their Trials.

' I do likewiſe expect, that you will order ſtrict ' Search to be made, for the Remainder of the ' ſtolen Goods, that they may be reſtor'd to the ' Wife and Children of the deceas'd.

' That what I have ſaid, may have it's due ' Weight with you, I give you this String of ' *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Cry of Approbation.

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The Governor ordered the Interpreter to tell them, He expected a very full Answer from them, and that they might take their own Time to give it, for he did not desire to interfere with the Business of *Virginia* or *Maryland*.

They said, *They would take it into Consideration, and give a full Answer.*

The Commissioners of *Virginia* let them know by the Interpreter, that they wou'd speak to them in the Afternoon.

In the COURT-HOUSE Chamber at LANCASTER, *June* the 28th, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honourable the Commissioners of *Maryland*.

WITHAM MARSH, Secretary.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The Commissioners desired the Interpreter to tell the *Indians*, they were going to speak to them. Mr. *Weiser* acquainted them therewith. After which the said Commissioners spoke as follows:

'*Our good FRIENDS and BRETHREN*
'*the* Six *united* Nations,
'We have considered what you said, concerning
'your Title to some Lands now in our Province,
'and

'and alſo of the Place where they lye: Although 'we cannot admit your Right, yet we are ſo reſolved 'to live, in brotherly Love and Affection with the '*Six Nations*, that upon your giving us a Releaſe 'in Writing, of all your Claim to any Lands in '*Maryland*, we ſhall make you a Compenſation, 'to the Value of Three hundred Pounds Current; 'for the Payment of part whereof, we have brought 'ſome Goods, and ſhall make up the reſt, in what 'Manner you think fit.

'As we intend to ſay ſomething to you, about 'our Chain of Friendſhip, after this Affair of the 'Land is ſettled: We deſire you will now examine 'the Goods, and make an End of this Matter.

'We will not omit acquainting our good Friends 'the *Six Nations*, That notwithſtanding we are 'likely to come to an Agreement, about your 'Claim of Lands; yet your Brethren of *Maryland*, 'look on you to be as one Soul and one Body with 'themſelves: And as a broad Road will be made 'between us, we ſhall always be deſirous of keep-'ing it clear, that we may from time to time take 'Care, that the Links of our Friendſhip be not 'ruſted. In Teſtimony, that our Words and Hearts 'agree, we give you this Belt of *Wampum*.'

On preſenting of which, the Indians *made the uſual Cry of Approbation.*

Mr. *Weiſer* acquainted the *Indians*, That they might now look over the ſeveral Goods, plac'd on a Table in the Chamber, for that Purpoſe: And the Honourable Commiſſioners bid him tell them, if they diſlik'd any of the Goods, or if they were

 damaged,

damaged, the Commiſſioners would put a leſs Price on ſuch, that were either diſlik'd or damnified.

The *Indians* having view'd and examined the Goods, and ſeeming diſſatisfied at the Price and Worth of ſome of them; requir'd Time to go down into the Court-Houſe, in order for a Conſultation to be had by the Chiefs of them, concerning the ſaid Goods, and likewiſe, that the Interpreter might retire with them, which he did; accordingly they went down into the Court-Houſe, and ſoon after returned again into the Chamber.

Mr. *Weiſer* ſat down among the *Indians*, and diſcourſed them about the Goods; and in ſome ſhort Time after they choſe the following, from among the others; and the Price agreed to be given for them, by the *Six Nations* was, *viz.*

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
4	*Pieces of Strowds at 7 l.*	28	00	00
2	*Pieces ditto at 5 l.*	10	00	00
200	*Shirts*	63	12	00
3	*Pieces of Half-Thicks*	11	00	00
3	*Pieces Duffel Blankets at 7 l.*	21	00	00
1	*Piece ditto*	06	10	00
47	*Guns, at 26 s.*	61	02	00
1	*Pound of Vermilion*	00	18	00
1000	*Flints*	00	18	00
4	*Dozen Jews Harps*	00	14	00
1	*Dozen Boxes*	00	01	00
150	*Weight of Bar Lead*	03	00	00
50	*Weight of Shot*	01	00	00
2	*Half Barrels of Gun-powder*	13	00	00
	Pennſylvania Money	220	15	00

When

When the *Indians* had agreed to take these Goods, at the Rates above specified, they inform'd the Interpreter, that they wou'd give an Answer to the Speech made to them this Morning, by the Honourable the Commissioners of *Maryland*; but did not express the Time when such Answer shou'd be made.

A sufficient Quantity of Punch, was by order of the Honourable Commissioners, prepared for, and given to the *Indians*.

12 o'Clock the Commissioners departed the Chamber.

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *June* the 28th, 1744. P. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The Commissioners of *Virginia* desired the Interpreter, to let the *Indians* know, That their Brother *Assaraquoa* was now going to give his Reply, to their Answer, to his first Speech, delivered to them the Day before, in the Forenoon.

'*SACHEMS and Warriours of the* Six
' Nations,

' We are now come to anſwer what you ſaid to
' us Yeſterday, ſince what we ſaid to you before,
' on the Part of the great King our Father, has
' not been ſatisfactory.

' You have gone into old Times, and ſo muſt
' we; It is true, that the great King holds *Vir-*
' *ginia* by Right of Conqueſt, and the Bounds of
' that Conqueſt to the Weſtward, is the great Sea.

' If the *Six Nations* have made any Conqueſt
' over *Indians*, that may, at any Time have liv'd,
' on the Weſt Side of the great Mountains of *Vir-*
' *ginia*; yet they never poſſeſſed any Lands there,
' that we have ever heard: That Part was altoge-
' ther deſerted, and free for any People to enter
' upon, as the People of *Virginia* have done, by
' order of the great King, very juſtly, as well by
' an antient Right, as by it's being freed from the
' poſſeſſion of any other; and from any Claim,
' even of you the *Six Nations* our Brethren, until
' within theſe eight Years.

' The firſt Treaty between the great King, in
' behalf of his Subjects of *Virginia*, and you, that
' we can find, was made at *Albany*, by Colonel
' *Henry Courſey*, ſeventy Years ſince; this was a
' Treaty of Friendſhip, when the firſt Covenant
' Chain was made, when we and you became Bre-
' thren.

' The next Treaty was alſo at *Albany*, about
' Fifty eight Years ago, by the Lord *Howard*
' Governor of *Virginia*; then you declare your-
' ſelves Subjects to the great King our Father;
' and gave up to him all your Lands, for his Pro-
' tection.

' This

'This you own in a Treaty, made by the Governor of *New-York* with you, at the same Place, in the Year 1687, and you express yourselves in these Words:

'*O Brethren, you tell us, the King of* England *is a very great King; and why shou'd you not join with us in a just Cause, when the* French *join with our Enemies in an unjust Cause? O Brethren, we see the Reason of this: For the* French *would kill us all, and when that is done, they wou'd carry all the Beaver Trade to* Canada; *and the great King of* England *wou'd lose the Land likewise: And therefore, O GREAT SACHEM beyond the great Lakes, awake, and suffer not those poor* Indians *that have given themselves, and their Lands, under your Protection, to be destroyed by the* French *without a Cause.*

'The last Treaty we shall speak to you about, is that made at *Albany* by Governor *Spotswood*, which you have not recited as it is; for the white People, your Brethren, of *Virginia*, are in no Article of that Treaty, prohibited to pass and settle to the *Westward* of the great Mountains: It is the *Indians*, tributary to *Virginia*, that are restrained, as you, and your tributary *Indians* are, from passing to the *Eastward* of the same Mountains, or to the *Southward* of *Cohongoronta*; and you agree to this Article in these Words:

'*That the great River* Potomack, *and the high Ridge of Mountains, which extend all along the Frontiers of* Virginia, *to the* Westward *of the present Settlements of that Colony, shall be, for ever, the established Boundaries between the* Indians, *subject to the Dominion of* Virginia, *and the* Indians *belonging to, and depending on the* Five Nations:

'*So*

' *So that neither our* Indians *shall not, on any Pre-* ' *tence whatsoever, pass to the* Northward *or* West- ' ward *of the said Boundaries, without having to* ' *produce a Passport, under the Hand and Seal of the* ' *Governor or Commander in Chief of* Virginia; *nor* ' *your* Indians *pass to the* Southward *or* Eastward *of* ' *the said Boundaries, without a Passport in like Man-* ' *ner, from the Governor or Commander in Chief of* ' New-York.

' And what Right can you have to Lands that ' you have no Right to walk upon, but on certain ' Conditions? It is true, you have not observed this ' Part of the Treaty, and your Brethren of *Virgi-* ' *nia* have not insisted on it with a due Strictness; ' which have occasioned some Mischief.

' This Treaty has been sent to the Governor of ' *Virginia*, by Order of the great King, and is ' what we must rely on; and being in Writing, is ' more certain than your Memory: That is the ' Way the white People have, of preserving Trans- ' actions of every Kind, and transmitting them down ' to their Childrens Children for ever; and all Dis- ' putes among them are settled by this faithful ' kind of Evidence, and must be the Rule between ' the great King and you.

' This Treaty your Sachems and Warriors sign'd: ' Some Years after the same, Governor *Spotswood*, ' in the Right of the great King, had been, with ' some of the People of *Virginia*, in Possession of ' these very Lands, which you have set up your ' late Claim to

' The Commissioners for *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, ' gave the Account we mentioned to you Yester- ' day, to the Governor of *New-York*, and he sent ' it to the Governor of *Virginia*; their Names will ' be given you by the Interpreter.'

' *BRETHREN,*

' This Dispute is not between *Virginia* and you; ' it is sitting up your Right against the great King, ' under whose Grants the People you complain of ' are settled: Nothing but a Command from the ' great King can remove them: They are too pow- ' erful to be removed by any Force of you, our Bre- ' thren; and the great King, as our common Fa- ' ther, will do equal Justice to all his Children: ' Wherefore we do believe, that they will be con- ' firm'd in their Possession.

' As to the Road you mention, we intended to ' prevent any Occasion for it, by making a Peace ' between you and the *Southern Indians*, a few ' Years since, at a considerable Expence to our great ' King; which you confirmed at *Albany*: It seems, ' by your being at War with the *Catawbas*, that it ' has not been long kept between you.

' However, if you desire a Road, we will agree ' to one, on the Terms of the Treaty you made ' with Colonel *Spotswood*; and your People, be- ' having themselves orderly, like Friends and Bre- ' thren, shall be used, in their Passage thro' *Vir-* ' *ginia*, with the same Kindness as they are, when ' they pass thro' the Lands of your Brother *Onas*.

' This, we hope, will be agreed to, by you, our ' Brethren; and we will abide by the Promise made ' to you Yesterday.

' We may proceed to settle what we are to give ' you, for any Right you may have, or have had, ' to all the Lands to the *Southward* and *Westward* ' of the Lands of your Brother the Governor of ' *Maryland*, and of our Brother *Onas*.

' Tho' we are inform'd, that the *Southern Indi-* ' *ans* claim these very Lands that you do.

' We

'We are desirous to live with you, our Brethren, 'according to the old Chain of Friendship, to settle all these Matters fairly and honestly: And as 'a Pledge of our Sincerity, we give you this Belt 'of *Wampum*.'

On presenting of which, the usual Cry of Approbation was given, by all the Indians *then present.*

In the COURT-HOUSE Chamber at LANCASTER, *June* the 29th, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honourable the Commissioners of *Maryland.*

WITHAM MARSH, Secretary to the Treaty.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations.*

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

Mr. *Weiser* inform'd the Honourable Commissioners, the *Indians* were ready to give their Answer to the Speech, made to them here Yesterday Morning, by the Commissioners.

Whereupon CANASATEEGO spoke as follows, looking on a Deal Board, whereon were some black Lines, describing the Courses of *Potomack* and *Susquehannah* Rivers:

'*BRETHREN*,

'Yesterday you spoke to us, concerning the 'Lands on this Side *Potomack* River; and as we

'have

'have deliberately conſidered of what you ſaid to 'us on that Matter, we are now very ready to ſet- 'tle the Bounds of ſuch Lands, and releaſe our 'Right and Claim thereto.

'We are willing to renounce all Right to Lord '*Baltimore*, of all thoſe Lands lying Two Miles 'above the uppermoſt Fork of *Potomack*, or *Cohon-* '*goronta* River, near which *Thomas Criſſup* has a 'hunting or trading Cabbin, by a *North* Line, to 'the Bounds of *Pennſylvania:* But in caſe ſuch Li- 'mits ſhall not include every Settlement or Inhabi- 'tant of *Maryland*, then ſuch other Lands and 'Courſes, from the ſaid Two Miles above the 'Fork, to the outermoſt Inhabitants or Settlements 'as ſhall include every Settlement and Inhabitant 'in *Maryland*; and from thence, by a *North* Line 'to the Bounds of *Pennſylvania*, ſhall be the Li- 'mits.

'And further, If any People already have, or 'ſhall ſettle, beyond the Lands now deſcribed and 'bounded, they ſhall enjoy the ſame, free from any 'Diſturbance of us, in any Manner whatever; 'and we do, and ſhall accept thoſe People, for our 'Brethren, and as ſuch, always treat them.

'We earneſtly deſire to live with you as Bre- 'thren, and hope you will ſhew us all brotherly 'Kindneſs: In Token whereof, we preſent you 'with a Belt of *Wampum.*'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

The Honourable Commiſſioners ordered Punch to be given to the *Indians*, which was done accordingly; ſoon after which, the Commiſſioners and *Indians* departed from the Court-Houſe Chamber.

In the COURT-HOUSE Chamber at LANCASTER, *June* the 30th, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honourable the Commiſſioners of *Virginia.*

WILLIAM BLACK, Secretary to the Treaty.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations.*

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

GACHRADDODOW, Speaker for the *Indians*, in Anſwer to the Commiſſioners Speech at the laſt Meeting, with a ſtrong Voice, and proper Action, ſpoke as follows:

'*BROTHER Aſſaraquoa*,

'The World at the firſt, was made on the other 'Side the great Water, different from what it is on 'this Side, as may be known from the different 'Colours of our Skin, and of our Fleſh; and that 'which you call Juſtice, may not be ſo amongſt us: 'You have your Laws and your Cuſtoms, and ſo 'have we: The great King might ſend you over to 'conquer the *Indians*, but it looks to us, that God 'did not approve of it; if he had, he would not 'have placed the Sea where it is, as the Limits 'between us and you.'

'*BROTHER Aſſaraquoa*,

'Tho' great Things are well remembered among 'us, yet we don't remember that we were ever 'conquered by the great King; or that we have

'been

'been employed by that great King to conquer 'others: If it was ſo, it is beyond our Memory. 'We do remember we were employed by *Maryland*, 'to conquer the *Conoſtogas*; and that the Second 'Time we was at War with them, we carried them 'all off.'

'*BROTHER Aſſaraquoa*,

'You charge us with not acting agreeable to our 'Peace with the *Catawbas*; we will repeat truly 'to you what was done. The Governor of *New-'York*, at *Albany*, in Behalf of *Aſſaraquoa*, gave 'us ſeveral Belts from the *Cherrokees* and *Cataw-'bas*; and we agreed to a Peace, if thoſe Nations 'would ſend ſome of the great Men to us, to con-'firm it Face to Face; and that they wou'd trade 'with us; and deſired, that they would appoint a 'Time to meet at *Albany*, for this Purpoſe: But 'they never came.'

'*BROTHER Aſſaraquoa*,

'We then deſired a Letter might be ſent to the '*Catawbas* and *Cherrokees*, to deſire them to come 'and confirm the Peace: It was long before an 'Anſwer came; but we met the *Cherrokees* and con-'firm'd the Peace, and ſent ſome of our People to 'take Care of them, until they returned to their 'own Country.

'The *Catawbas* refus'd to come, and ſent us Word 'that we were but Women; that they were Men, 'and double Men, for they had Two * *P----ks*;

* This is a Figure by which the *Indians* expreſs Strength and Power. So when the Governor of *Canada* deſigns to explain to the *Indians* the Power and Strength of the grand Monarch, he tells them his *P----k* is as large as he can ſpan with both his Hands.

'that they could make Women of us, and wou'd 'be always at War with us. They are a deceitful 'People; our Brother *Assaraquoa* is deceived by 'them; we don't blame him for it, but are sorry 'he is deceived.'

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa,*

'We have confirm'd the Peace with the *Cherro-*'*kees* but not with the *Catawbas*; they have been 'treacherous, and know it, so that the War must 'continue till one of us is destroyed: This we think 'proper to tell you, that you may not be troubled 'at what we do to the *Catawbas.*'

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa,*

'We will now speak to the Point between us; 'You say you will agree with us as to the Road; 'we desire that may be the Road which was last 'made the Waggon Road. It is always a Custom, 'among Brethren or Strangers, to use each other 'kindly: You have some very ill-natur'd People 'living up there; so that we desire the Persons in 'Power may know, that we are to have reason-'able Victuals when we are in Want.

'You know very well when the white People 'came first here, they were poor; but now they 'have got our Lands, they are become rich, and 'we are now poor: What little we have had for the 'Land goes soon away, but the Land lasts for ever. 'You told us you had brought with you a Chest 'of Goods, and that you have the Key in your 'Pockets; but we have never seen the Chest, nor 'the Goods that are said to be in it; it may be 'small, and the Goods few; we want to see them, 'and are as desirous to come to some Conclusion as

'you

'you are: We have been sleeping here these Ten 'Days past, and have not done any Thing to the 'Purpose.'

The Honourable Commissioners told them, they shou'd see the Goods on *Monday*, and ordered some Punch, sufficient for the Number of *Indians* then present.

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *June* the 30th, 1744. P. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The three Governments entertain'd the *Indians*, and all the Gentlemen in Town with a handsome Dinner; the *Six Nations* in their Order, having returned Thanks with the usual Solemnity of *Ioahan:* The Interpreter inform'd the Governor and Commissioners, that as the Lord Proprietor and Governor of *Maryland*, was not known to the *Indians*, by any particular Name, they had agreed in Council, to take the first Opportunity of a large Company, to present him with one; and as this with them, is deem'd a Matter of very great Consequence, and attended with Abundance of Form: The several Nations had drawn Lots, for the Performance of the Ceremony; and the Lot falling on the *Cayuga* Nation, they had chosen *Gachraddodow* one

one of their Chiefs, to be their Speaker; and he desired Leave to begin, which being given: He, on an elevated Part of the Court-House, with all the Dignity of a Warriour, the Gesture of an Orator, and in a very graceful Posture, spoke as follows:

'As the Governor of *Maryland* had invited them 'here, to treat about their Lands, and brighten 'the Chain of Friendship; the *United Nations*, 'thought themselves so much obliged to him, that 'they had come to a Resolution in Council, to give 'to the great Man who is Proprietor of *Maryland*, 'a particular Name, by which they might here-'after correspond with him; and as it had fallen to 'the *Cayuga*'s Lot in Council, to consider of a pro-'per Name, for that chief Man, they had agreed 'to give him the Name of *Tocarry-hogan*, denoting 'Precedency, Excellency, or living in the Middle, 'or honourable Place, betwixt *Assaraquoa* and 'their Brother *Onas*, by whom their Treaties 'might be better carried on.' And then addressing himself to the Governor of *Pennsylvania*, the Honourable the Commissioners of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, and to the Gentlemen then present, he proceeded:

'As there is a Company of great Men now as-'sembled, we take this Time and Opportunity to 'publish this Matter, that it may be known *Tocarry-'hogan* is our Friend, and that we are ready to ho-'nour him; and, that by such Name, he may be al-'ways called and known among us; and we hope, 'he will ever act towards us, according to the Ex-'cellence of the Name we have now given him, and 'enjoy a long and happy Life.' The

The Honourable the Governor and Commiſſioners, and all the Company preſent, returned the Compliment, with three Huzza's; and after drinking Healths to our gracious King and *Six Nations*, the Commiſſioners of *Maryland* proceeded to Buſineſs in the Court-Houſe Chamber, with the *Indians*, where *Conrad Weiſer* Interpreter was preſent.

The Honourable the Commiſſioners, ordered Mr. *Weiſer* to tell the *Indians*, That a Deed, releaſing all their Claim and Title, to certain Lands lying in the Province of *Maryland*, which by them was agreed to be given and executed, for the Uſe of the Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, Lord Proprietor of that Province, was now on the Table, and Seals ready fixed thereto.

The Interpreter acquainted them therewith, as deſired, and then gave the Deed to *Canaſateego* the Speaker, who made his Mark, and put his Seal and delivered it; after which, Thirteen other Chiefs or Sachems of the *Six Nations*, executed it in the ſame Manner, in the Preſence of the Honourable the Commiſſioners of *Virginia*, and divers other Gentlemen of that Colony, and of the Province of *Pennſylvania* and *Maryland*.

Plenty of Wine and Punch was given to the *Indians*.

The Honourable the Commiſſioners of *Maryland* drank Healths to the great King and the Lord *Baltimore*, the *Six Nations* and the ſeveral Chiefs, who drank and returned the ſame Healths, and that of the ſaid Commiſſioners.

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At the Houſe of Mr. *George Sanderſon* in LANCASTER, *July* 2d, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honourable the Commiſſioners of *Maryland.*

WITHAM MARSH, Secretary to the Treaty.

Several of the Chiefs of the *Six Nations.*

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The Chiefs of the *Six Nations* of *Indians*, who had not ſigned the Deed of Releaſe of their Claim to ſome Lands in *Maryland*, tendred to them on *Saturday* laſt, in the Chamber of the Court-Houſe, of this Town, did now readily execute the ſame; and cauſed Mr. *Weiſer* likewiſe to ſign it, as well with his *Indian*, as his own proper Name of *Weiſer*, as a Witneſs and Interpreter.

Then the Honourable Commiſſioners, drank Health to the *Six Nations*, and the Chiefs or Sachems then preſent; in their Turn, drank Health to the great King over the Water; thereby meaning, our Sovereign Lord the King of *Great Britain*, and alſo to *Tocarry-hogan*, meaning the Right Honourable the Lord *Baltimore*, Lord Proprietor of the Province of *Maryland.* Afterwards the ſeveral Honourable Commiſſioners and the Chiefs ſeparated.

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In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *July* the 2d, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

CANASATEEGO spoke as follows:

'*BROTHER ONAS*,

'The other Day, you was pleas'd to tell us, you 'was always concern'd, when ever any thing hap- 'pened, that might give you or us Uneasiness, and 'that we were mutually engag'd, to preserve the 'Road open and clear between us; and you in- 'form'd us, of the Murder of *John Armstrong* and 'his two Men, by some of the *Delaware Indians*, 'and of their stealing his Goods to a considerable 'Value: The *Delaware Indians*, as you suppose, 'are under our Power. We join with you in your 'Concern, for such a vile proceeding; and to testi- 'fy, that we have the same Inclinations with you, 'to keep the Road clear, free and open; we give 'you this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the usual Ceremony:

'*BROTHER ONAS*,

'These Things happen frequently, and we de-
'sire you will consider them well, and not be too
'much concerned. Three *Indians* have been kill'd
'at different Times at *Tohio*, and we never men-
'tioned any of them to you, imagining it might
'have been occasioned by some unfortunate Quar-
'rels, and were unwilling to create a Disturbance:
'We therefore desire you will consider these Things
'well; and to take the Grief out of your Heart,
'we give you this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the usual Ceremony.

'*BROTHER ONAS*,

'We had heard of the Murder of *John Arm-*
'*strong*, and in our Journey hither, we had a Con-
'ference with our Cousins the *Delawares* about
'it, and reprov'd them severely for it; and charg'd
'them to go down to our Brother *Onas*, and make
'him Satisfaction, both for the Men that were
'kill'd, and for the Goods.

'We understood by them, that the principal
'Actor in these Murders, is in your Prison, and
'that he had done all the Mischief himself; but
'besides him, you had accus'd and demanded two
'others, who were in his Company, when the
'Murder was committed.

'We promise faithfully, in our Return, to renew
'our Reproofs, and to charge the *Delaware*'s to
'send down some of their Chiefs, with these two
'young Men, but not as Prisoners, to be examined
'by you; and as we think, upon Examination,
'you will not find them guilty, we rely on your
'Justice, not to do them any Harm, but to permit
'them to return home in Safety: We likewise un-
'derstand,

'derſtand, that Search has been made for the 'Goods, belonging to the deceas'd, and that ſome 'have been already return'd to your People, but 'that ſome are ſtill miſſing: You may depend upon 'our giving the ſtricteſt Charge to the *Delaware's*, 'to ſearch again with more Diligence, for the 'Goods, and to return them, or the Value of them 'in Skins: And to confirm what we ſay, we give 'you this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

'*BROTHER ONAS*,

'The *Canoy Indians* have inform'd us, that they 'ſent you a Meſſage ſome Time ago, to adviſe you, 'that being ill uſed by the white People, in the 'Place where they have their Land, and that they 'had come to a Reſolution of removing to *Shomoc-* '*kin*, and requeſted ſome ſmall Satisfaction for their 'Lands: And as they never have received any 'Anſwer from you, they have deſired us to ſpeak 'for them: We heartily recommend their Caſe to 'your Generoſity; and to give Weight to our Re- 'commendation, we preſent you with this String of '*Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

The Governor having confer'd with the Honourable Commiſſioners of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, made the following Reply:

'*BRETHREN*,

'I am glad to find, that you agree with me, in 'the Neceſſity of keeping the Road between us, 'clear and open; and the Concern you have ex- 'preſs'd, on account of the barbarous Murders

mentioned to you, is a Proof of your brotherly Affection for us.

'If Crimes of this Nature, be not ſtrictly inquir'd into, and the Criminals ſeverely puniſhed, there will be an End of all Commerce, between us and the *Indians*; and then you will be altogether in the Power of the *French*; they will ſet what Price they pleaſe on their Goods, and give you what they think fit for your Skins: So it is for your own Intereſt, that our Traders ſhould be ſafe in their Perſons and Goods, when they travel to your Towns.

'*BRETHREN*,

'I conſidered this Matter well, before I came from *Philadelphia*, and I adviſed with the Council there upon it, as I have done here, with the Honourable the Commiſſioners of *Virginia* and *Maryland*; I never heard before, of the Murder of three *Indians* at *Hobio*: Had Complaint been made to me of it, and it had appear'd, to have been committed, by any of the People under my Government, they ſhould have been put to Death, as two of them were, ſome Years ago, for killing two *Indians*.

'You are not to take your own Satisfaction, but to apply to me, and I will ſee that Juſtice be done you; and ſhou'd any of the *Indians* rob, or murder, any of our People; I do expect, that you will deliver them up, to be tried and puniſhed in the ſame Manner, as white People are: This is the Way to preſerve Friendſhip between us, and will be for your Benefit, as well as ours.

'I am well pleaſed with the Steps you have already taken, and the Reproofs you have given, to

'your

'your Cousins the *Delawares*; and I do expect, 'you will lay your Commands on some of their 'Chiefs, to bring down the two young Men that 'were present at the Murders: If they are not 'brought down, I shall look upon it as a Proof of 'their Guilt. If, upon Examination, they shall be 'found not to have been concerned in the bloody 'Action, they shall be well used and sent home in 'Safety: I will take it upon myself, to see that 'they have no Injustice done them.

'An Inventory is taken of the Goods already 'restor'd, and I expect Satisfaction will be made 'for such as cannot be found, in Skins, according 'to their Promise.

'I well remember the coming down of one of 'the *Canoy* Indians, with a Paper, setting forth, 'that the *Canoys* had come to a Resolution, to leave 'the Land reserved for them by the Proprietors; 'but he made no Complaint to me of ill Usage 'from the white People: The Reason he gave for 'their Removal was, that the Settling of the white 'People all round them, had made Deer scarce; 'and that therefore, they chose to remove to *Joniatta*, for the Benefit of Hunting. I ordered what 'they said to be entered into the Council-Book: 'The old Man's Expences were born, and a Blanket given him at his Return home.

'I have not heard from the Proprietors yet on 'this Head; but you may be assur'd, from the Favour and Justice they have always shewn to the 'Indians, that they will do every Thing that can 'be reasonably expected of them, in this Case.'

In the COURT-HOUSE Chamber at LANCASTER, *July* the 2d, 1744. P. M.

PRESENT,

The Honourable the Commiſſioners of *Virginia*.

WILLIAM BLACK, Secretary to the Treaty.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The *Indians* being told by the Interpreter, that their Brother *Aſſaraquoa* was going to ſpeak to them, ſpoke as follows:

'*SACHEMS and Warriours, our Friends* '*and Brethren*,

'As we have already ſaid enough to you, on the 'Subject of the Title to the Lands you claim from '*Virginia*; we have no Occaſion to ſay any Thing 'more to you on that Head, but come directly to 'the Point.

'We have opened the Cheſt, and the Goods are 'now here before you: They coſt Two Hundred 'Pounds *Pennſylvania* Money, and were bought by 'a Perſon recommended to us by the Governor of '*Pennſylvania*, with ready Caſh: We ordered them 'to be good in their Kinds, and we believe they 'are ſo. Theſe Goods, and Two Hundred Pounds 'in Gold, which lie now on the Table, we will 'give you, our Brethren of the *Six Nations*, upon 'Condition, that you immediately make a Deed,

'recog-

'recognizing the King's Right to all the Lands that 'are, or ſhall be, by His Majeſty's Appointment, 'in the Colony of *Virginia*.

'As to the Road, we agree you ſhall have one; 'and the Regulations are in a Paper, which the In- 'terpreter now has in his Cuſtody to ſhew you: 'The People of *Virginia* ſhall perform their Part, 'if you and your *Indians* perform theirs: We are 'your Brethren, and will do no Hardſhips to you, 'but, on the contrary, all the Kindneſs we can.'

The *Indians* agreed to what was ſaid; and *Canaſateego* deſired that they would repreſent their Caſe to the King, in order to have a further Conſideration, when the Settlements increaſed much further back: To which the Commiſſioners agreed, and promiſed they would make ſuch a Repreſentation faithfully and honeſtly; and for their further Security that they would do ſo, they would give them a Writing, under their Hands and Seals, for that Purpoſe.

They deſir'd that ſome Rum might be given them, to drink on their Way home; which the Commiſſioners agreed to, and paid them in Gold for that Purpoſe, and the Carriage of their Goods from *Philadelphia*.

Canaſateego further ſaid, That as their Brother *Tocarry-hogan*, ſent them Proviſions on the Road here, which kept them from ſtarving; he hop'd their Brother *Aſſaraquoa* would do the ſame for them back, and have the Goods he gave them, carried to the uſual Place: Which the Commiſſioners agreed to, and ordered Proviſions and Carriages to be provided accordingly.

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After this Conference, the Deed was produc'd, and the Interpreter explain'd to them, and, according to their Rank and Quality, they put their Marks and Seals to it, in the Presence of the Commissioners of *Maryland*, and of several Gentlemen of *Virginia*, *Maryland*, and *Pennsylvania*, as Witnesses; and when they delivered the Deed, *Canasateego* delivered it to the Commissioners of *Virginia*, for the Use of their Father the great King, and hoped he would consider them: On which, the Gentlemen and *Indians* present, gave three Shouts.

Canasateego, *Tachanoontia*, *Shickcalamy*, and several others, said, they hoped something wou'd be given them to drink, for they were very dry.

The Commissioners ordered a sufficient Quantity of Wine and Water to be mixed, and drank Health to the great King and the *Six Nations*, their Brethren, and departed with the rest of the Gentlemen from the Chamber.

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *July* the 3d, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

The Governor spoke as follows:

'*FRIENDS and BRETHREN of the* 'Six Nations,

'At a Treaty held with many of the Chiefs of 'your Nations, Two Years ago, the Road between 'us was made clearer and wider; our Fire was en- 'larged, and our Friendship confirm'd, by an Ex- 'change of Presents, and many other mutual good 'Offices.

'We think ourselves happy, in having been in- 'strumental to your Meeting with our Brethren of '*Virginia* and *Maryland*; and we persuade our- 'selves that you, on your Parts, will always re- 'member it, as an Instance of our good Will and 'Affection for you: This has given us an Oppor- 'tunity of seeing you sooner than perhaps we shou'd 'otherwise have done; and as we are under mutual 'Obligations by Treaties, we to hear with our Ears

' for you, and you to hear with your Ears for us, ' we take this Opportunity to inform you of what ' very nearly concerns us both.

' The Great King of *England*, and the *French* ' King, have declared War againſt each other: ' Two Battles have been fought, one by Land and ' the other by Sea; the Great King of *England* ' commanded the Land Army in Perſon, and gain'd ' a compleat Victory; Numbers of the *French* were ' kill'd and taken Priſoners, and the reſt were forc'd ' to paſs a River with Precipitation, to ſave their ' Lives: The Great God covered the King's Head ' in that Battle, ſo that he did not receive the leaſt ' Hurt; for which you, as well as we, have Rea- ' ſon to be very thankful.

' The Engagement at Sea was likewiſe to the ' Advantage of the *Engliſh:* The *French* and *Spani-* ' *ards* join'd their Ships together, and came out to ' fight us: The brave *Engliſh* Admiral burnt one ' of their largeſt Ships, and many others were ſo ' ſhatter'd, that they were glad to take the Op- ' portunity of a very high Wind and a dark Night ' to run away, and to hide themſelves again in their ' Harbours. Had the Weather prov'd fair, he ' wou'd, in all Probability, have taken or deſtroy'd ' them all.

' I need not put you in Mind how much *Wil-* ' *liam Penn*, and his Sons, have been your Friends, ' and the Friends of all the *Indians*; you have long ' and often experienc'd their Friendſhip for you: ' Nor need I repeat to you how kindly you were ' treated, and what valuable Preſents were made to ' you, Two Years ago, by the Governor, the Coun- ' cil, and the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*. The Sons ' of *William Penn* are all now in *England*, and have

' left

'left me in their Place, well knowing how much I 'regard you, and all the *Indians:* As a freſh Proof 'of this, I have left my Houſe and am come this 'far to ſee you, to renew our Treaties, to brighten 'the covenant Chain, and to confirm our Friend-'ſhip with you. In Teſtimony whereof, I preſent 'you with this Belt of *Wampum.*'

Which was received with the uſual Cry of Approbation.

'As your Nations have engaged themſelves, by 'Treaty, to aſſiſt us, your Brethren of *Pennſylva-'nia*, in Caſe of a War with the *French*, we do not 'doubt but you will punctually perform an En-'gagement ſo ſolemnly entered into. A War is 'now declar'd, and we expect you will not ſuffer 'the *French*, or any of the *Indians* in Alliance with 'them, to march through your Country to diſturb 'any of our Settlements; and that you will give us 'the earlieſt and beſt Intelligence of any Deſigns 'that may be formed by them to our Diſadvantage, 'as we promiſe to do of any that may be to yours. 'To enforce what I have now ſaid to you, in the 'ſtrongeſt Manner, I preſent you with this Belt of '*Wampum.*'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

After a little Pauſe, his Honour the Governor ſpoke again:

'*FRIENDS and BRETHREN of the* 'Six Nations,

'What I have now ſaid to you, is in Conformi-'ty to the Treaties ſubſiſting between the Province 'of which I am Governor, and your *Nations:* I

'now proceed, with the Consent of the Honourable 'Commissioners of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, to tell 'you, That all Differences having been adjusted, 'and the Road between us and you made quite 'clear and open, we are ready to confirm our Trea-'ties with your *Nations*, and establish a Friendship 'that is not to end but with the World itself: And 'in Behalf of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, I do, 'by this fine Belt of *Wampum*, and a Present of 'Goods, to the Value of Three Hundred Pounds, 'confirm and establish the said Treaties of Peace, 'Union, and Friendship; you, on your Parts, do-'ing the same.'

The Governor further added,

'The Goods bought with the Hundred Pounds 'Sterling, put into my Hands by the Governor of '*Virginia*, are ready to be delivered when you 'please: The Goods bought and sent up by the 'People of *Pennsylvania*, according to the List 'which the Interpreter will explain, are laid by 'themselves, and are likewise ready to be delivered 'to you at your own Time.'

After a little Time, the Commissioners of *Virginia* spoke as follows:

'*SACHEMS and Warriours of the* Six 'Nations,

'The Way between us being made smooth by 'what pass'd Yesterday, we desire now to confirm 'all former Treaties, made between *Virginia* and 'you our Brethren of the *Six Nations*, and to make 'our Chain of Union and Friendship as bright as

'th:

'the Sun, that it may not contract any more Ruſt 'for ever; that our Childrens Children may rejoyce 'at, and confirm what we have done: And that 'you and your Children may not forget it, we give 'you One Hundred Pounds in Gold, and this Belt 'of *Wampum*.'

On preſenting of which, the Indians *gave the uſual Cry of Approbation.*

'*FRIENDS and BRETHREN,*

'Altho' we have been diſappointed in our En-'deavours to bring about a Peace between you and 'the *Catawbas*, yet we deſire to ſpeak to you 'ſomething more about them: We believe they 'have been unfaithful to you, and ſpoke of you 'with a fooliſh Contempt; but this may be only 'the Raſhneſs of ſome of their young Men.

'In this Time of War, with our common Ene-'mies, the *French* and *Spaniards*, it will be the 'wiſeſt Way, to be at Peace among ourſelves; they 'the *Catawbas*, are alſo Children of the great King, 'and therefore we deſire you will agree, that we 'may endeavour to make a Peace between you 'and them, that ſo we may be all united, by one 'common Chain of Friendſhip; therefore we give 'you this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

'*BRETHREN,*

'Our Friend *Conrad Weiſer*, when he is old, will 'go into the other World, as our Fathers have 'done; our Children will then want ſuch a Friend, 'to go between them and your Children, to recon-'cile any Differences, that may happen to ariſe 'between them, that like him, may have the Ears 'and Tongues, of our Children, and yours.

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'The way to have ſuch a Friend is, for you to 'ſend three or four of your Boys to *Virginia*, where 'we have a fine Houſe for them to live in, and a 'Man on purpoſe, to teach the Children of you, 'our Friends, the Religion, Language, and Cuſ- 'toms of the white People.

'To this Place we kindly invite you to ſend 'ſome of your Children; and promiſe you, that 'they ſhall have the ſame Care taken of them, and 'be inſtructed in the ſame Manner, as our own Chil- 'dren; and be return'd to you again when you 'pleaſe: And to confirm this, we give you this 'String of *Wampum.*'

Which was received with the Cry of Approbation.

Next ſpoke the Commiſſioners of *Maryland:*

'*FRIENDS and BRETHREN, the* '*Chiefs or Sachems of the* Six *united* Nations,

'The Governor of *Maryland* invited you hither; 'we have treated with you as Friends, and agreed 'with you as Brethren.

'As the Treaty now made, concerning the Lands 'in *Maryland*, will, we hope, prevent effectually, 'every future Miſunderſtanding between us, on 'that Account; we will now bind faſter the Links 'of our Chain of Friendſhip, by a Renewal of all 'our former Treaties: And that they may ſtill be 'the better ſecur'd, we ſhall preſent you with One 'Hundred Pounds in Gold.

'What we have further to ſay to you is, let not our 'Chain contract any Ruſt; when ever you perceive 'the leaſt Speck, tell us of it, and we will make it 'clean: This we alſo expect from you, that it may

'always

'always continue ſo bright, as our Generations may 'ſee their Faces in it. And in Pledge of the Truth 'of what we have now ſpoken, and our Affection 'to you, we give you this Belt of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Cry of Approbation.

Canaſateego, in Return, ſpoke as follows:

'*BROTHER Onas, Aſſaraquoa, and To-*
'*carry-hogan*,

'We return you Thanks for your ſeveral Speeches, 'which are very agreeable to us; they contain Mat-'ters of ſuch great Moment, that we propoſe to 'give them a very ſerious Conſideration, and to an-'ſwer them ſuitably to their Worth and Excellence: 'And this will take till To-morrow Morning, and 'when we are ready, we ſhall give you due Notice.

'You tell us you have beat the *French*; if ſo, 'you muſt have taken a great deal of Rum from 'them, and can the better ſpare us ſome of that 'hot Liquor, to make us rejoice with you in the 'Victory.'

The Governor and Commiſſioners ordered a Dram of Rum to be given to each, in a ſmall Dram-Glaſs, which the Governor called a *French* Glaſs.

In

In the COURT-HOUSE at LANCASTER, *July* the 4th, 1744. A. M.

PRESENT,

The Honble GEORGE THOMAS, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c.

The Honble { The Commissioners of *Virginia*. The Commissioners of *Maryland*.

The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*.

CONRAD WEISER, Interpreter.

CANASATEEGO Speaker.

'*BROTHER ONAS*,

'Yesterday you expressed your Satisfaction, in 'having been instrumental to our meeting with our 'Brethren of *Virginia* and *Maryland*; we, in Re-'turn, assure you, that we have great Pleasure in 'this Meeting, and thank you for the Part you 'have had in bringing us together, in order to cre-'ate a good Understanding, and clearing the Road: 'And in Token of our Gratitude, we present you 'with this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the Io-hah.

'*BROTHER ONAS*,

'You was pleased Yesterday to inform us, That 'War had been declared between the Great King 'of *England*, and the *French* King; that Two great

'Battles

'Battles had been fought, one by Land, the other 'at Sea, with many other Particulars: We are 'glad to hear the Arms of the King of *Great-Britain* were successful, and take Part with you in 'your Joy on this Occasion.

'You then came nearer home, and told us, you 'had left your House and was come this far, on Be-'half of the whole People of *Pennsylvania*, to see us, 'to renew your Treaties, to brighten the Covenant 'Chain, and to confirm your Friendship with us: 'We approve this Proposition, we thank you for 'it. We own with Pleasure, that the Covenant 'Chain between us and *Pennsylvania*, is of old 'standing, and has never contracted any Rust; we 'wish it may always continue as bright as it has 'done hitherto: And in Token of the Sincerity of 'our Wishes, we present you with this Belt of '*Wampum*.'

Which was received with the Io-hah.

'*BROTHER ONAS*,

'You was pleased Yesterday to remind us of our 'mutual Obligation to assist each other, in Case of 'a War with the *French*, and to repeat the Sub-'stance of what we ought to do, by our Treaties 'with you; and that as a War had been already 'entered into with the *French*, you called upon us 'to assist you, and not to suffer the *French* to march 'through our Country, to disturb any of your Set-'tlements.

'In Answer, we assure you we have all these 'Particulars in our Hearts; they are fresh in our 'Memory; we shall never forget that you and we 'have but one Heart, one Head, one Eye, one 'Ear, and one Hand: We shall have all your

'Country under our Eye, and take all the Care 'we can, to prevent any Enemy from coming into 'it; and in Proof of our Care we muſt inform you, 'that before we came here, we told * *Onantio*, our 'Father, as you are pleaſed to call him, *That nei-* 'ther he, nor any of his People, ſhou'd come through 'our Countries to hurt our Brethren the Engliſh, or 'any of the Settlements belonging to them; there was 'Room enough at Sea to fight, there he might do 'what he pleaſed; but he ſhould not come upon our 'Land to do any Damage to our Brethren. And 'you may depend upon our uſing our utmoſt Care to 'ſee this effectually done: And in Token of our Sin- 'cerity, we preſent you with this Belt of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the Io-hah.

After ſome little Time, the Interpreter ſaid *Canaſateego* had forgot ſomething material, and deſir'd to mend his Speech, and to do ſo as often as he ſhou'd omit any Thing of Moment; and thereupon he added,

'The *Six Nations* had a great Authority and 'Influence over ſundry Tribes of *Indians* in Alli- 'ance with the *French*, and particularly over the '*Praying Indians*, formerly a Part of ourſelves, who 'ſtand in the very Gates of the *French*; and to 'ſhew our further Care, we have engag'd theſe 'very *Indians*, and other *Indian* Allies of the *French*, 'for you: They will not join with the *French* a- 'gainſt you; they have agreed this with us before 'we ſet out: We have put the Spirit of Antipathy

* The Governor of *Canada*.

'againſt

'against the *French* in those People; our Interest is 'very considerable with them, and many other Na- 'tions; and as far as ever it extends, we shall use 'it for your Service.'

The Governor said, *Canasateego* did well to mend his Speech; he might always do it whenever his Memory shou'd fail him in any Point of Consequence; and he thank'd him for the very agreeable Addition.

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa*,

'You told us Yesterday, that all Disputes with 'you being now at an End, you desired to confirm 'all former Treaties between *Virginia* and us; and 'to make our Chain of Union as bright as the Sun.

'We agree very heartily with you in these Pro- 'positions; we thank you for your good Inclina- 'tions; we desire you will pay no Regard to any idle 'Stories that may be told to our Prejudice; and as 'the Disputes about the Land is now entirely over, 'and we perfectly reconcil'd, we hope, for the fu- 'ture, we shall not act towards each other but as 'becometh Brethren and hearty Friends.

'We are very willing to renew the Friendship 'with you, and to make it as firm as possible, for 'us and our Children, with you and your Children, 'to the latest Generation: And we desire you will 'imprint these Engagements on your Hearts in the 'strongest Manner: And in Confirmation that we 'shall do the same, we give you this Belt of *Wam- 'pum*.'

Which was received with the Io-hah, from the Interpreter and the Six Nations.

'*BRO-*

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa,*

'You did let us know Yesterday, that tho' you had been disappointed in your Endeavours, to bring about a Peace between us and the *Catawbas*, yet you would still do your best to bring such a Thing about: We are well pleased with your Design, and the more so, as we hear you know what Sort of People the *Catawbas* are; that they are spiteful and offensive, and have treated us contemptuously: We are glad you know these Things of the *Catabas*: We believe what you say to be true, that there are some amongst them, who are wiser and better; and as you say, they are your Brethren, and belong also to the great King over the Water; we shall not be against a Peace on reasonable Terms, provided they will come to the Northward to treat about it. In Confirmation of what we say, and to encourage you in your Undertaking, we give you this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was receiv'd as before.

'*BROTHER Assaraquoa,*

'You told us likewise, you had a great House provided, for the Education of Youth, and that there were several white People and *Indian*'s Children there, to learn Languages, and to write and read, and invited us to send some of our Children amongst you, *&c.*

'We must let you know, we love our Children too well, to send them so great a Way, and the *Indians* are not inclin'd to give their Children Learning: We allow it to be good, and we thank you for the Invitation; but our Customs differing from yours, you will be so good as to excuse us.

'We

'We hope * *Tarauchia Waggon*, will be preſerved by the good Spirit, to a good old Age; and when he is gone under Ground, it will be then Time enough for us to join with you to look out for another; and no doubt, but among ſo many Thouſands, one fit and proper Man, ſuch as he, may be found; and while he is alive, we have no Reaſon to complain.'

Here they laid down a String of Wampum, *which was received with the uſual Ceremony.*

'*BROTHER Tocarry-hogan*,

'You told us Yeſterday, that ſince there was now, nothing in Controverſy between us, and the Affair of the Land ſettled to your Satisfaction; you wou'd now brighten the Chain of Friendſhip, which had ſubſiſted between you and us, ever ſince we became Brethren: We are well pleaſed with the Propoſition, and we thank you for it: We are alſo inclin'd to renew all Treaties, and keep good Correſpondence with you. You told us further, if ever we ſhou'd perceive the Chain had contracted any Ruſt, to let you know, and you would take Care to take the Ruſt out, and preſerve it bright: We agree with you in this; and ſhall on our Parts, do every Thing to preſerve a good Underſtanding, and to live in the ſame Friendſhip with you, as with our Brother *Onas* and *Aſſaraquoa*: In Confirmation whereof, we give you this Belt of *Wampum*.'

On which the uſual Cry of Io-hah was given.

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* *Conrad Weiſer*'s Indian Name.

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'*BRETHREN*,

'We have now finiſhed our Anſwer, to what you 'ſaid to us Yeſterday, and ſhall now proceed to '*Indian* Affairs, that are not of ſo general a Concern.

'*BROTHER Aſſaraquoa*,

'There lives a Nation of *Indians*, on the other 'Side of your Country, the *Tuſcarora's*, who are 'our Friends, and with whom, we hold Correſpon-'dence; but the Road between us and them, has 'been ſtop'd for ſome Time, on account of the 'Misbehaviour of ſome of our Warriours: We 'have open'd a new Road for our Warriours, and 'they ſhall keep to that Road; but as that would 'be very inconvenient, for Meſſengers, going to the '*Tuſcaroro's*, we deſire, they may go the old Road: 'We frequently ſend Meſſengers to one another, 'and ſhall have more Occaſion to do ſo, now that 'we have concluded a Peace with the *Cherrokees*: 'To enforce our Requeſt, we give you this String 'of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

'*BROTHER Aſſaraquoa*,

'Among theſe *Tuſcaroro's* there lives a few Families 'of the *Conoy Indians*, who are deſirous to leave them, 'and to remove to the reſt of their Nation, among 'us; and the ſtraight Road from them to us, lyes 'through the Middle of your Country: We deſire 'you will give them free Paſſage through *Virginia*, 'and furniſh them with Paſſes; and to enforce our 'Requeſt we give you this String of *Wampum*.'

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony.

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'*BROTHER Onas, Aſſaraquoa and Tocarry-*
'*hogan,*

'At the Cloſe of your reſpective Speeches 'Yeſterday, you made us very handſome Preſents, 'and we ſhou'd return you ſomething ſuitable to 'your Generoſity: But alas, we are poor, and ſhall 'ever remain ſo, as long as there are ſo many *In-* '*dian* Traders among us; theirs, and the white 'People's Cattle, have eat up all the Graſs, and 'made Deer ſcarce: However, we have provided 'a ſmall Preſent for you; and though ſome of you 'gave us more than others, yet as you are all 'equally our Brethren; we ſhall leave it to you, 'to divide them as you pleaſe.' And then preſented three Bundles of Skins.

Which was received with the uſual Ceremony from the three Governments.

'We have one Thing further to ſay, and that 'is; we heartily recommend Union and a good 'Agreement between you our Brethren: Never 'diſagree, but preſerve a ſtrict Friendſhip for one 'another, and thereby, both you as well as we, 'will become the ſtronger.

'Our wiſe Forefathers, eſtabliſhed Union and 'Amity between the *Five Nations*; this has made 'us formidable, this has given us great Weight and 'Authority, with our neighbouring Nations: We 'are a powerful Confederacy; and by your obſerving the ſame Methods, our wiſe Forefathers have 'taken, you will acquire freſh Strength and Power: 'Therefore, whatever befals you, never fall out 'one with another.'

The Governor replied,

' The Honourable Commiſſioners of *Virginia* and ' *Maryland*, having deſired me to ſpeak for them; ' I, on the Part of thoſe Governments, as well as ' on behalf of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, return ' you Thanks, for the many Proofs you have given ' in your Speeches, of our Zeal for the Service of ' your Brethren the *Engliſh*; and in particular, for ' your having ſo early engag'd in a Neutrality the ' ſeveral Tribes of *Indians* in the *French* Alliance: ' We don't doubt but you will faithfully diſcharge ' your Promiſes.

' As to your Preſents, we never eſtimate theſe ' Things by their real Worth, but by the Diſpoſi- ' tion of the Giver: In this Light we accept them ' with great Pleaſure, and put a high Value on ' them. We are oblig'd to you for recommending ' Peace and a good Agreement amongſt ourſelves: ' We are all Subjects, as well as you, of the Great ' King beyond the Water, and in Duty to His Ma- ' jeſty, and from the good Affection we bear each ' other, as well as from a Regard to our own In- ' tereſt, we ſhall always be inclin'd to live in Friend- ' ſhip.

Then the Commiſſioners for *Virginia*, preſented the Hundred Pounds in Gold, together with a Paper, containing their Promiſe, to recommend the *Six Nations*, for further Favour, to the King.

Which they received with the Io-hah; and the Paper was given by them, to Conrad Weiſer *to keep for them.*

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The Commiſſioners for *Maryland* preſented their Hundred Pound in Gold.

Which was likewiſe received with the Io-hah.

CANASATEEGO ſaid:

'We mentioned to you Yeſterday, the Booty 'you had taken from the *French*, and ask'd you 'for ſome of the Rum which, we ſuppos'd to be a 'Part of it, and you gave us ſome; but it turn'd 'out unfortunately, that you gave it us in *French* 'Glaſſes: We now deſire you will give us ſome in '*Engliſh* Glaſſes.'

The Governor made Anſwer:

'We are glad to hear you have ſuch a Diſlike 'for what is *French*; they cheat you in your 'Glaſſes, as well as in every Thing elſe: You will 'conſider, we are at a Diſtance from *Williamsburg*, '*Annapolis* and *Philadelphia*, where our Rum 'Stores are, and that, though we brought up a 'good Quantity with us, you have almoſt drank it 'out; but notwithſtanding this, we have enough 'left to fill our *Engliſh* Glaſſes, and this will ſerve 'to ſhew the Difference between the narrow Incli-'nations of the *French*, and generous Diſpoſitions of 'your Brethren the *Engliſh* towards you.'

The *Indians* gave in their Order, five *Io-hah's*, and the Honourable the Governor and Commiſſioners, calling for ſome Rum, and ſome middle-ſiz'd Wine-Glaſſes; drank Health to the great King of *England*, and the *Six Nations*, and put an End to the Treaty, by three loud Huzza's, in which all the the Company join'd.

In the Evening the Governor went to take his Leave of the *Indians*; and presenting them with a String of *Wampum*, he told them, that was in Return for one he had received from them, with a Message, to desire the Governor of *Virginia*, to suffer their Warriours to go through *Virginia* unmolested; which was rendred unnecessary by the present Treaty.

Then presenting them with another String of *Wampum*, he told them, that was in Return for theirs; praying him, as they had taken away one Part of *Conrad Weiser*'s Beard, he wou'd please to take away the other, which he had ordered to be done.

The *Indians* received the two Strings, with the usual *Io-hah*; and then *Canasateego* spoke as follows:

'We have been hindered by a great deal of Business, from waiting on you, to have some private Conversation with you; chiefly to enquire after the Healths of *Onas* beyond the Water; we desire you will tell them, we have a greatful Sense of all their Kindnesses for the *Indians*.

'Brother *Onas* told us, when he went away, he would not stay long from us; we think it is a great While, and want to know when we may expect him; and desire, when you write, you will recommend us heartily to him; which the Governor promised to do, and then took his Leave of them.'

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The Commiſſioners of *Virginia* gave *Canaſatteego* a Scarlet Camblet Coat, and at the ſame Time delivered the Paſſes to them, according to their Requeſt, and took their Leave of them in form.

The Commiſſioners of *Maryland* preſented *Gachraddodow* with a broad Gold-lac'd Hat, and took their Leave of them in the ſame Manner.

The Indian *Road as agreed to at* LANCASTER, June *the* 30*th*, 1744.

THE preſent Waggon Road from *Cohongoronto* above *Sherrando* River, through the Counties of *Frederick* and *Auguſta* by Colonel *James Wood*'s, *Jacob Tunk*'s, *Joſt Hiti*'s, *Benjamin Allin*'s, the Widow *Givans*'s, Colonel *James Paton*'s, *Patrick Campbell*'s, *Patrick Haye*'s, *Gilbert Campbell*'s, *Robert Young*'s Mill, *Joſeph Long*'s, *Robert Loney*'s, *George Robinſon*'s Mill, on *Roanoke*, to *Adam Herman*'s at *Tom*'s *Creek* on *New* River, above the *Blue-Ridge*; ſhall be the eſtabliſhed Road, for the *Indians* our Brethren of the *Six Nations*, to paſs to the Southward, when there is War between them and the *Catawbas*.

But before they ſhall at any Time, enter the Borders of *Virginia*, they ſhall obtain a Paſs, under the Hand and Seal of ſome Magiſtrate of Repute, as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe, by the Governor of *New-York* or *Pennſylvania*, whoſe Name ſhall be certified to the Governor of *Virginia*; which Paſs ſhall mention, the Name and Nation of the Captain, and the Number of *Indians* in the

Company, and the Buſineſs they are going upon, which paſs, ſhall be alſo from Time to Time ſigned, by every Juſtice, to whom they ſhall produce it, in their Journey through *Virginia*, which Paſs ſhall alſo ſerve them in their Return.

The *Indians* having ſuch Paſs, ſhall not permit any *Frenchman* to go with them, under the Protection thereof; and they the ſaid *Indians*, ſhall not take or kill, any Thing belonging to any of the People of *Virginia*, without their Leave, but behave themſelves orderly and peaceably like Brethren, in their Paſſage through the Country, both going and returning: And when they are in Want of Proviſions, they ſhall apply to the firſt Juſtice of the Peace, Captain, or other ſuperiour Officer, who ſhall happen to live on, or nigh the ſaid Road; which Juſtice or Officer, ſhall ſupply them with ſufficient Proviſions, to ſerve them to the next Juſtice or Officer, and ſo on, throughout their Journey through *Virginia*; the ſaid *Indians* making no unneceſſary Delays, ranging far out of the ſaid Road.

And the Governor of *Virginia* will take due Care, that what is hereby agreed to, on the Part of the People of that Colony, ſhall be faithfully complyd with, on Condition that the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, who ſhall have ſuch Paſſes ſhall behave themſelves, in the Manner, as above is expreſs'd.

COPY

COPY of the Commiſſioners Promiſe, delivered the Six Nations *in Writing, at* Lancaſter, *the 4th of* July, 1744. See Page 72.

WHEREAS the *Six* united *Nations* of *Indians* have, for a Conſideration in a Deed made by them to His Majeſty this Day, recognized the Right and Title of our moſt gracious Sovereign, in and to the Colony of *Virginia*, as it now is, or hereafter ſhall be bounded: And whereas it may be for the Service of His Majeſty, and the Peace and Safety of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Colony, We, the Commiſſioners of *Virginia*, do, at the Deſire and Requeſt of the ſaid *Six Nations* of *Indians*, Promiſe to move the Governor and Council of *Virginia*, to repreſent their Caſe to our ſaid Sovereign Lord the King, to the End His Majeſty may extend His further Grace and Favour to the ſaid *Six Nations*. GIVEN under our Hands at *Lancaſter*, in *Pennſylvania*, this Second Day of *July*, in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE* the Second, *Anno Dom'* 1744.

THOMAS LEE.
WIL BEVERLEY.

COPY of the Paſs for the Six Nations, *to bring the* Canoy Indians *thro'* Virginia; *delivered them in Writing, by the Commiſſioners, at* Lancaſter, July *the 4th*, 1744 See Page 70.

PURSUANT to an Agreement made this Day between us, *Thomas Lee*, and *William Beverley*, Eſqrs. Commiſſioners for *Virginia*, and the *Six Nations* of *Indians*, We do hereby require all His Majeſty's Subjects in *Virginia*, to Permit *Charles*

Corry,

Corry-hati-centha, and *Adam Wick-quach-quy-wick*, *Indians* of the *Canoy Nation*, and the others with them, (not exceeding Ten in Number) to paſs thro' the ſaid Colony of *Virginia*, to the *Tuſcaroro* Towns to the *Southward*; and to return Home again, with all or ſuch of the *Indians* of the *Can. y Nation*, reſiding with the ſaid *Tuſcaroros*, as ſhall think fit to return with them, without any Moleſtation. Given under our Hands at *Lancaſter*, in *Pennſylvania*, this Fourth Day of *July*, in the Eighteenth Year of our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE* the Second, *Anno Domini* 1744.

THOMAS LEE.
WIL. BEVERLEY.

COPY of the Paſs for the Six Nations, *to ſend Meſſengers, the old Road, to the* Tuſcaroros; *according to the Propoſition, in Page* 70.

At a Treaty with the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, continued and held at *Lancaſter*, in *Pennſylvania*, on the 4th Day of *July*, in the Eighteenth Year of our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE* the Second, *Anno Domini* 1744.

AT the Requeſt of the ſaid *Indians*, We, *Thomas Lee*, and *William Beverley*, Eſqrs. Commiſſioners for *Virginia*, do agree, That the ſaid *Indians* ſhall, from Time to Time, have Liberty to ſend any Number of *Indians* of their Body, not exceeding Six Perſons, through the inhabited Part of the Colony aforeſaid, to viſit their Allies, the *Tuſcaroros*, living to the *Southward* thereof: But the ſaid Meſſengers ſhall firſt obtain a Paſs, from the Perſon to be appointed by the Governor of *Pennſylvania*. in like

like Manner as they are to do, in their Paſſage to the *Catawbas*, and behaving themſelves in a civil Manner, as Friends and Brethren ought to do, both in their Going and Returning. GIVEN under our Hands the Day and Year above written.

The Form of a Paſs, propoſed for the Warriours of the Six Nations, *going through* Virginia *the new Road, to the* Catawbas.

SUFFER and Permit Captain of *Indians* of the *Six* united *Nations*, (or as the Caſe is, if Tributaries) to paſs thro' *Virginia* along the *Indian* Road, as agreed to by the Treaty, held at *Lancaſter* the 30th Day of *June*, 1744, they behaving themſelves peaceably, as Brethren. GIVEN under my Hand this Day of *Anno Domini*

To all whom it may concern.

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