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LETTERS lately received from New York have brought an Account of Preliminary Articles of Peace having been concluded and signed by Sir William Johnson, Bart. and the Deputies from the Seneca Nation, which are as follows.

PRELIMINARY ARTICLES of Peace, Friendship, and Alliance, entered into between the English, and the Deputies sent from the whole Seneca Nation, by Sir William Johnson, Bart. His Majesty's Sole Agent and Superintendant of Indian Affairs, for the Northern Parts of North America, and Colonel of the Six United Nations, their Allies and Dependents, &c.

Article 1.

That the Seneca Nation do immediately stop all Hostilities, and solemnly engage never more to make War upon the English, or suffer any of their People to commit any Acts of Violence on the Persons or Properties of any of His Britannic Majesty's Subjects.

The Sachems and Chiefs of the Senecas agree fully to this Article.

Article 2.

That they forthwith collect all the English Prisoners, Deserters, Frenchmen, and Negro's, amongst them, and deliver them up to Sir William Johnson, (together with the two Indians of Kanestio, who murdered the Traders in November 1762) previous to the Treaty of Peace, which will take Place within three Months, if these Articles are agreed to; and that they engage never to harbour or conceal any Deserters, Frenchmen, or Negro's, from this Time; but should any such take Refuge amongst them, they are to be brought to the Commanding Officer of the next Garrison, and delivered up; promising likewise never to obstruct any Search made after such Persons, or to hinder their being apprehended, in any Part of their Country.

Agreed to; and they will assist in apprehending any such in their Towns.

Article 3.

That they cede to His Majesty, and His Successors for ever, in full Right, the Lands from the Fort of Niagara, extending Easterly, along Lake Ontario, about Four Miles, comprehending the Petit Marais, or Landing-Place; and running from thence Southerly, about Fourteen Miles, to the Creek above Fort Schlosser, or Little Niagara, and down the same, to the River or Strait; thence down the River or

Strait, and a-crofs the same at the great Cataract; thence Northerly to the Banks of Lake Ontario, at a Creek or small Lake, about Two Miles West of the Fort; thence Easterly along the Banks of Lake Ontario, and a-crofs the River or Strait to Niagara, comprehending the whole Carrying Place, with the Lands on both Sides the Strait, and containing a Tract of about Fourteen Miles in Length, and Four in Breadth. And the Senecas do engage never to obstruct the Passage of the Carrying Place, or the free Use of any Part of the said Tract; and will likewise give free Liberty of cutting Timber for the Use of His Majesty, or that of the Garrisons, in any other Part of their Country not comprehended therein.

Agreed to; provided the Tract be always appropriated to His Majesty's Sole Use; and that at the Definitive Treaty, the Lines be run in the Presence of Sir William Johnson, and some of the Senecas, to prevent Disputes hereafter.

Article 4.

That they allow a free Passage through their Country from that of the Cayugas to Niagara, or elsewhere, for the Use of His Majesty's Troops and Subjects, for ever; engaging never to obstruct or molest any of His Majesty's Troops, or other His Subjects, who may make Use of the same, or who may have Occasion to pass through any Part of their Country by Land or by Water, from hence forward.

Agreed to; and moreover (if required) the Senecas will grant Escorts of their People; but it is expected they will not be ill-treated by any of the English who may pass through their Country.

Article 5.

That they grant to His Majesty and His Successors for ever, a free Use of the Harbours for Vessels or Boats within their Country on Lake Ontario, or in any of the Rivers, with Liberty to land Stores, &c. and erect Sheds for their Security.

Agreed to.

Article 6.

That they immediately stop all Intercourse between any of their People and those of the Shawnee, Delaware, or other His Majesty's Enemies, whom they are to treat as Common Enemies, and to assist His Majesty's Arms in bringing them to proper Punishment; solemnly engaging never to be privy to aid or assist any of His Majesty's Enemies, or those who may hereafter attempt to disturb the Public Tranquility.

Agreed to.

Article 7.

That should any Indian commit Murder, or rob any of His Majesty's Subjects, he shall be immediately delivered