

At a Conference with the Indians at the State House July 8th 1758

Present, The Honourable William Denny Esquire
W^m Logan, Rich^d Peters, Lynford Lardner, Tho^s Cadwalader Esq^r
A Number of the Inhabitants of the City

Indians,
Teedyuscung, Chief of the Delawares
Lactatukunt, Chief of the Wanamies
Gootamety, or Moses, a Maohicore
Welemeghink or James & Gsoweyowallund or Daniel two messengers
Pusquetamen & Luckensung two messengers from the Allegheny
Tepiscabung, & Bukanghehala or Thomas Hayes &c.

The Governor informed Teedyuscung that agreeable to appointment he was now come and was ready to hear whatever he had to say. Whereupon Teedyuscung arising spoke as follows.

Brother the Governor and all my Brethren now present take notice of what I am going to say. — Brother, I am very glad you bid me Welcome to your House and shook hands with me; I take it very kindly. — Here Brother, I stand in our House, the House our Forefathers pitched upon to hold good Councils in. I have that Wing yet in my Hand they made use of; and I have brought that Wing in my hand to sweep the House. When our Grandfathers kept Council in this House they kept it very clean, but of late it has been made dirty. Now I take this Wing and sweep the House very clean and I gather up all the Dirt and throw it before the Wind

four Strings

Brothers take notice of what I am going to say;

Brother, after I have swept the House, I see my Brothers sitting there, this puts me in Mind of my Forefathers and my Brother William Penn. They used to hold Councils in this House. Now Brother, after I have seen you sit there as I know, many times the Winds blow and may throw dust in your Eyes. I take and wipe your Face and clean all the Dust away that you may see me clearly. — Brother; having done this and wiped away all the Dust, I take what our Grandfathers commonly made use of, a soft Feather and oil and anoint your Ear inside and out, that you may hear what I have to say to you. Brother, perhaps the Dust may be blown into your Heart, I therefore take my hand and wipe out all the Dust, and throw it before the Wind, & leave nothing there but what God has put there, that we may understand and remember & that your Grand Children & my Grand Children may understand & remember every thing clearly.

four Strings

Now

Now Brothers take notice of what I am going to say.

You may remember, Brother, you told me, when you looked on our Road you saw the Bushes and Grass grown up in it; but you would take the Bushes & Grass all out of the way. — Brother after you have made the Road clear, now I see it is pretty clear, I take by the Hand this Wanami Nation, here he is (pointing to Duetaki koont the Wanami Chief) and the Mawhicon here (pointing to Gostamety) and bring them down; Here also are two Alleghenians come to hear and know what you and I have to say. Our Grandfathers used to keep this Road very clear, I tell you here I stand and I will do the same. And as some Logs have lately fallen across the way, I will take both my Hands and remove these Logs out of the way that our young men may pass backwards & forwards safely.

a Belt of 6 Rows

Brother and all my Brothers take notice of what I am going to say.

You must not think this "May be my Brother only speaks from his mouth" Brothers, here all our Brethren hear me, whatever I tell you, I do really speak from my Heart. You know if we speak from our Hearts, our Children and grand Children will have the Benefit of it here after. When therefore, we meet we should all speak from the Heart, so that we while we live and our Children after us may all reap the Benefit of it. Brother, when ever we hold Councils together and speak what is good and from the Heart, whatever Nation hears us; let it be what Nation it will, they will take notice of it. A Belt

Brother and all you my Brothers take notice of what I am going to say. Brother, you may remember we got this man (pointing to Weleneaghintep) to carry the message up; after this messenger had carried the messages to the Allegheny, the Alleghenians said, well Brother, Teedyuscung we hear you; you have also beat down the grass & bent the Bushes a little out of the way, so as to make a small path. And now you have made a sort of a path, I see you at a distance off and likewise I see my Brothers the English. This makes me think of where I was born, down at Delaware. Now I tell you Teedyuscung and Brothers the English I would have you both press on a Belt

The Alleghenians father said, Brother, I am really very well pleased that I can look and see you and our Brethren the English & that you have thought of that good Tobacco and pipe which our Grandfathers used, when they held Councils together. Now as you have sent me of that good Tobacco and a pipe, I have smoked of it & feel it good, I feel it all over. Now after I have smoked it Brother Teedyuscung and Brethren the English I would have you press on in the good Road of Friendship as you have begun.

a Belt of white Wampum

Now Brother take notice of what I am going to say; here is our messenger he went to Allegheny and delivered the message there. Now the Alleghenians

say, Brother Teedyuscung and likewise our Brethren the English we have heard you a little and but ^{very} a little; The Reason is you dont speak loud enough; but we have heard you a little. Then he stoppi'd and said there was one thing forgot, which should have been before inserted viz, "These two Allegheonians are come to hear what we shall say about the Work of Friendship;" then he proceeded, Brother, since they have put it on you and I to make Friendship, we must press on and not be discouraged I am but low and weak, but you have told me you were able. But tho' I am low and weak, yet I will put both my hands to it help so that all the Nations may hear us.

Brother, I dont press you on alone, but I say let us both press on together and if we press on both together, I believe all the Nations will hear us and then we shall see some of our Friends, that are among them, after they have heard us.

Along Belt

Brother you may remember I told you some time ago, I would use some Medicines to heal you where you were wounded, where the French had wounded you; it is what the Boys have done. What I used was that good Medicine which God has provided and which our Forefathers used. Now I take of that plaister to see whether it be quite healed and if it be not quite healed I put on another Plaister that it may be quite healed so as never to break out again.

A Belt

Brother, take Notice of what I am going to say.

You may remember you told me when any body has a Father, a Child, a Brother or a Sister or any other Relation taken away, when he rises in the morning he will think of them and be troubled in his Heart because he will want to see them. Now Brother as soon as ever I saw one of our Relations I laid hold of her and brought her to you & here she is / here Teedyuscung delivered up a young woman named Sarah Dacker who was taken from the Morisinks last year and proceeding said / 'Tis true there is another white man come with me but he is not in my Case, he is not a prisoner I dont therefore undertake to deliver him up. He is his own Master and may go where he pleases; I have nothing to do with him: neither do I know what he has been doing. He has an Indian Wife and has been married to her these ten years.

The Governor after taking the young woman by the Hand and welcoming her home told Teedyuscung he was obliged to him for bringing down this young woman and hoped he would use his Endeavours to bring in many more.

Then

Then Teedyuscung said Brother and all my Brothers, you have heard what I have had to say. You may take Time to consider what has been said, but I would have you be Brief about it, that these two Alleghenians may go home quickly to carry back an account of what we have been saying to one another.

To this the Governor replied, I think with Teedyuscung that these Allegheny Messengers should go as soon as possible; I will therefore consider what has been said and give it all the Dispatch in my Power