

Condolence for General Brock



A Council of Condolence for General Brock was held at the Indian Council House at Fort George on November 6, 1812. Kodeaneyonte (Little Cayuga) spoke, holding wampum beads like the ones shown here:

We, therefore, now seeing you darkened with grief, your eyes dim with tears and your throat stopped with the force of your affliction, with these strings of wampum we wipe away your tears, that you may view clearly the surrounding objects. We clear the passage in your throats that you may have free utterance for your thoughts, and we wipe clear from blood the place of your abode, that you may sit there in comfort without having renewed the remembrance of your loss by the remaining stains of blood.

Holding a large white wampum belt, Kodeaneyonte concluded:

Brother, We now address the successor of our departed friend, to express the confidence we feel, that his heart is warmed with similar sentiments of affection and regard to us. We also assure him of our readiness to support him to the last, and therefore take the liberty to exhort him to speak strong to all his people to co-operate with vigor, and trusting in the powerful arm of God not to doubt of victory.