

In the 1780s, certain white Virginians began to agitate for the termination of the Gingaskin Indian Reservation in Northampton County[VA]... In 1812 it was argued that: 'the place is now inhabited by as many black men as Indians... the Indian women have many of them married black men, and a majority probably, of the inhabitants are blacks or have black-blood in them... the real Indians [are few].' The reserve was divided (allotted) in 1813 and by 1832 whites had acquired most of it.

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"One of the Cahnawaga chiefs rose & said, He perceived that there was a war cloud rising in the East which may make much trouble and bring a great distress upon the American people, on account of which his very soul troubled him. War was a great evil to any nation or people. He knew this by sad experience. In the war between the English & France, which ended in the conquest of Canada by the former, the French people, in Canada were brought to the very verge of destruction—and it was happy for them, that they were conquered at the time and that this saved them from further distress, and lost of lives. He rejoiced to see that the Americans had such a independent spirits as to take up arms & defend their rights and liberties—and that they would succeed because, he believed that God was on their side. and that this must be gained at expense of much blood and a great distress upon the people. That the King of England was strong & powerful King, yea, so powerful was he as to conquer the French King in Canada. But that the King of heaven is a stronger than any Earthly King and will defend the oppressed." and then with a strong voice, added, "Brother Bostonians, Be strong & courageous. Your cause is good—you will assuredly be supported by the Great Spirit above, whose omnipotent arm will defend you, and in the end will give you a victory. A victory that will resound through all the Earth and this shall be a notable day with you & your children and it shall be celebrated with joyful hearts as long as the true Americans spirits shall beat in their hearts. Your true Indians friends from the north will do what they can in your favor. Indians are free born people—they love liberty, yes, they would wish to live as free as the deer in the forest and fowls in the air. Brother Bostonians, you are a great people, you are sensible of this as to dare to meet the King of England in a battlefield. We the Indians, are now in feeble state in comparison of what we were once, - - you will I hope, always remember the feeble people, once the Lords of this soil— but who are now much reduced as to numbers & strength. The war spirit, which is naturally in us, is still so, and we will therefore exert ourselves to our uttermost to aid you when an opportunity shall offer, even to the destruction of our village, by the British your enemies. Remember, Brother, Bostonians, the words of your Brothers at Cahnawaga. Never forget that a portion of them are your true friends at heart, & pray to the Great Spirit that you may become free people as your Brothers, the Indians.

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