



The Two Paths Belt was sent to remind Ahyouwaeghs or Ahyonwaeghs (John Brant), who was elected to the Upper Canadian House of Assembly in 1823, that the Haudenosaunee have their own form of government. He was condoled as a chief after the War of 1812 in which he served as a Lieutenant in the Indian Department. He was a leader of the Grand River warriors and fought at Queenston Heights, Beaver Dams, Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, and Fort Erie.

On June 25, 1828 John Brant was officially appointed resident superintendent of the Six Nations of the Grand River. He took his Assembly seat in January 1831, but his election was challenged on the grounds that some of those who voted for him were leaseholders rather than the freeholders required by law, and his opponent John Warren was declared elected instead. Both men died in the cholera epidemic of 1832.