Six Nations Legacy Consortium

War of 1812

Peace Council at Amherstburg September 14, 1815

British Lt. Col. Reginald James addressed the Council of Western Nations, which included the Shawnee Prophet:

Wampums were passed long ago at Burlington Heights, to which place your Father invited you to come He said "Come Indian chiefs & warriors, come to our fire that we may council & that you may also be informed of Peace that I have made. . . Your Father always found his Allies & Friends the Indians true to the British Flag and he will shield you within the Great Belt, that Belt will be still wide enough to hold you all & you are all within it, it will close & protect you with as much care as the mother covers her twins with the Blanket from the storm. . . Your Great Father offers you his best thanks for your Friendship and for your valour, warriors your British Father offers you the same. He will place you on his pillow at night that he may remember you early in the morning. Your great Father recommends Peace from you to all the world. You told him at Burlington that you laid down the Tomahawk let it remain down & let the young men only obey the orders and attend to the advice of their Chiefs.

(Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Historical collections, C 258, p 362.)