

**At a Council with the Six Nations of Indians held at Fort George on 3rd day
of August 1826.**

Present

Captain McKay 701h Regiment Commandant
The Hon. William Claus Deputy Superintendent General Indian Affairs
Revd. Mr. Handcock Acting Chaplain to the Forces
Dy. Agt. Commissary General Wickens
A. Garrett, Lieut. H. P. 49th Regt. Barrack Master
Honorable (sic) Duncan Cameron
Asst. Staff Surgeon Munro
Alexander Stewart, Esquire
Robert Dickson, Esquire
J. B. Clench, Clk. Indian Affairs
Benj. Fairchild Interpreter, Indian Dept

The Deputy Superintendent General uncovered the Council fire and performed the ceremony of condolence / strings of Wampum.

The Deputy Superintendent General then adverted to the Message he had received from their Council fire at the Grand River inviting him to name a day to meet them in Council at this place that in accordance to their wishes he had notified them of his readiness to meet them and he now wished them to communicate their views and intentions in presence of the Kings Officers.

Whereupon the Chief Clear Sky an Onondaga addressed the Deputy Superintendent General as follows.

Brother

We salute you and all the Officers present, and return, thanks to the Great Spirit for permitting us to meet this day under a clear and bright sky. At the same time we consent to observe your continued indisposition and we hope under the protection of the Great Spirit that your health may be speedily improved. Which will cause us to rejoice and make our hearts glad. He then returned the ceremony of condolence and remarked as Wampum is scarce we return you that which you gave us although contrary to usual custom.

The Echo an Onondaga Chief rose and said.

Brother

We have now gone through the usual Ceremonies and we shall now proceed to business: When your message in answer to ours was received through your son we gave notice to our brethren the Six Nations that we were to meet here in Council.

Brother