

have kept these National belts & their history so secret that only few have seen them. Horatio Hale being the only one who ever saw the Belts in their entirety, or ever had them read by a reliable old Indian or yet ever got the accurate interpretation recorded in any scientific or archaeological books. Hale is the only authority on the Hiawatha League Belts.

What a lengthy letter? You will be all tangled up with both eyes and brain when you arrive this Jan.

Will you write me here by before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. I am so anxious to begin negotiations that will get me again to England where I know a large field in literature and art is open to me.

Commend me unto thine own self friend of mine,

Faithfully Yours,  
E.P. J. "Tekahionwake"

(Johnson 1905b; *emphasis added*)