

tion to what I am going to tell you it being meant for your welfare, and what you may depend upon as Fact & real Truth.

A string of Wampum.

Children,— I daresay you are acquainted that the King your father has at last been obliged to chastise and correct his undutiful & rebellious children the Bostonians for attempting to disown and rise against him who has always been a tender & affectionate Father rearing them from their Infancy with a great deal of care & expence, untill they grew strong and able to support themselves. No sooner did they arrive to that state of maturity and ease, but they most shamefully & ungratefully forgot the filial Duty & Affection, and even when they thought themselves formidable enough they rose against him in order to dispossess him of a Country he legally owned near Two hundred years, and become Possessors & Masters both of that & the Indian country, for which reason you must be sensible that they first began with the Indians upon the Ohio endeavoring to drive them off and settle that Country by Force of Arms and were they to obtain their end they would soon drive all the Ind<sup>ns</sup> from their Lands & become their Masters.

But their Efforts have hitherto proved ineffectual by means of the King your Fathers superior Force both by sea & Land and they losing ground and growing weaker every day and confused in their Councils, they were inconsiderate enough to send a party of their People once more into the Indian Country by way of the Illinois; and I am sorry to say the Indians were so blind to their Interest as to suffer them to penetrate as far as S Vincents & Tuscarrawas whereby they not only run the risque of loosing their Country but the supplies of every necessary of Life they want which they must get from this Country the Rebels being destitute of everything themselves as the King your Fathers ships stop up all their ports that no Goods can get in; and as the Bostonians know that the River S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence is open whereby all the Ind<sup>ns</sup> in Nations in Canada are plentifully supplied with every Article in Trade they made an attempt