

brethren and children, whom we will love henceforth as our owne; then we gave them a kettle. The second giuft was to encourage them in all their undertakings, telling them that we liked men that generously defended themselves against all their ennemyes; and as we weare masters of peace and warrs, we are to dispose the affairs [so] that we would see an universall peace all over the earth; and that this time we could not goe and force the nations that weare yett further to condescend & submitt to our will, but that we would see the neighbouring countreys in peace and union; that the Christinos weare our brethren, and [we] have frequented them many winters; that we adopted them for our children, and tooke them under our protection; that we should send them ambassadors; that I myself should make them come, and conclude a generall peace; that we weare sure of their obedience to us; that the ffirst that should breake the peace we would be their enemy, and would reduce them to powder wth our heavenly fire; that we had the word of y^e Christinos as well as theirs, and our thunders should serve us to make warrs against those that would not submitt to our will and desire, w^{ch} was to see them good ffrinds, to goe and make warrs against the upper nations, that doth not know us as yett. The giuft was of 6 hatchetts. The 3rd was to oblige them to receive our propositions, likewise the Christinos, to lead them to y^e dance of Union, w^{ch} was to be celebrated at y^e death's feast and banquet of kindred. If they would continue the warrs, y^t was not y^e meanes to see us againe in their Countrey. The 4th was that we thanked them ffor making us a free passage through their countreys. Y^e giuft was of 2 dozen of knives. The last was of smaller trifles, — 6 gratters, 2 dozen of awles, 2 dozen of needles, 6 dozens of looking-glasses made of tine, a dozen of litle bells, 6 Ivory combs, wth a litle vermillion. But ffor to make a recompence to y^e good old man that spake so favorably, we gave him a hatchett, and to the Elders each a blade for a sword, and to the 2 maidens y^t served us 2 necklaces, w^{ch} putt about their necks, and 2 braceletts for their armes. The last giuft was in generall for all y^e women to love us and give us to eat when we should come to their