

the Out posts as well as from other persons an account of your good behaviour last year in protecting the Officers, Soldiers, &c., of the Garrison of La Bay, and in escorting them down to Montreal as also the Effects of the Traders to a large amount, and you having likewise entered into the strongest Engagement of Friendship for the English before me at this place, I do therefore give you This Testimony of my Esteem for your Services and Good behaviour.⁷³

Given under my hand & Seal at Arms at Niagara the first day of August, 1764.⁷⁴

WM. JOHNSON.

⁷³This document was for many years treasured in the family of this Menominee chief, being handed down from father to son, until it was presented in token of esteem, to an American officer visiting the tribe. It is now in possession of the Wisconsin Historical Society; see accompanying reproduction.—Ed.

⁷⁴For an account of the conference of Sir William Johnson at Niagara, see *N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, vii, pp. 648–658. Setting out from Johnson Hall early in June, he reached the fort at Niagara July 8, at the same time that Col. John Bradstreet arrived with his large detachment intended for the relief of Detroit. By the twenty-fifth of the month deputies from nearly all the Western tribes had appeared. The Seneca held back, but at last came in and conferences and negotiations were continued for nearly a month. The concourse of tribesmen was greater than had before been seen at a council with the English, over two thousand being in attendance. The Ottawa of Detroit, the Huron of Sandusky, and the Delawares and Shawnee of the Ohio failed to come. Treaties were made with the Huron from Detroit, and the Seneca. The other tribes protested that they had not participated in the attacks on the English. All of the chiefs bringing credentials of good conduct from the English officers were rewarded, and many certificates similar to the above were presented to those entitled thereto.—Ed.