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Preliminary Articles of Peace Friendship and Alliance, Entered into between the English and the Deputies from the whole Nation of the Seneca Indians, by Sir William Johnson Baronet His Majesty's sole Agent of Superintendant of Indian Affairs for the Northern Parts of North America, and Colonel of the six United Nations their Allies and Dependants &c.

Article 1st

The Sachems and Chiefs of the Senecas agree fully to this Article

That the Seneca Nation do immediately stop all Hostilities, and solemnly engage nevermore to make War upon the English, or suffer any of their people to commit any Acts of Violence on the Persons, or Properties of any of his Britannic Majesty's Subjects.

Article 2^d

Agreed to, and they will assist in apprehending any such in their Towns

That they forthwith Collect all the English Prisoners, Deserters, Frenchmen, and Negroes amongst them, & deliver them up to Sir William Johnson (together with the two Indians of Kanestio) who murdered the Traders in 1762) previous to the Treaty of Peace which will take Place within three Months if these Articles are agreed to, and they engage never to Harbour, or conceal any Deserters, Frenchmen, or Negroes from this time, but should any such take Refuge amongst them, they are to [sic] brought to the Commanding Officer of the next Garrison, and delivered up, Promising likewise never to obstruct any Search made after such Persons, or to hinder their being apprehended in any part of their Country

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That they Cede to his Majesty and his Successors for ever in full Right the Lands from the Fort at Niagara extending easterly along Lake Ontario about four Miles comprehending the Petit Marais, Landing Place, and running from thence southerly about fourteen Miles to the Creek above Fort Schlosser or little Niagara, and down the same to the River or strait, and across the same at the great Cataract, thence northerly to the Banks of Lake Ontario at a Creek, or small Lake about two Miles West of the Fort, thence Easterly along the Banks of Lake Ontario, and across the River or Strait to Niagara, Comprehending the whole Carrying Place, with the Lands on both Sides the Strait and containing a Tract of about fourteen Miles in length, and four in breadth.

And the Senecas do engage never to obstruct the Passage of Carrying Place, or the free Use of any part of the said Tract, and will likewise give free liberty of Cutting Timber for the Use of his Majesty, or that of the Garrisons in any other Part of the Country not comprehended therein.

Article 4th

That they allow a free Passage through their Country from that of the Cayugas to Niagara or elsewhere for the Use of his Majesty's Troops, and Subjects for great Escorts of their People, and that they will not be ill-treated by any of his Majesty's Troops, or other his Subjects, who may pass through their Country to pass through any part of their Country by Land.

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Agreed to, Provided the Tract be always appropriated to his Majesty's sole Use, and that at the Definitive Treaty the Lines may be run in the Presence of Sir William Johnson and some of the Senecas to prevent disputes hereafter

Agreed to, & moreover (if required) the Senecas will rant Escorts of their People but it is expected they will not be ill-treated by any of the English who may pass through their Country.

Land, or by Water from hence forward.

Article 5th

Agreed to

That they grant to his Majesty, and his Successors for ever a free use of the Harbours for Vessels, or Boats within their Country, on Lake Ontario, or in any of the Rivers, with liberty to land Stores &c. and erect Sheds for their Security.

Article 6th

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That they immediately stop all intercourse between any of their People, and those of the Shawanese, Delawares, or other his Majesty's Enemies whom they are to treat as common Enemies, and to assist his Majesty's Arms in bringing them to a proper Punishment, solemnly engaging never to be privy to, Aid, or assist any of his Majesty's Enemies, or those who may hereafter attempt to disturb the Publick Tranquility.

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For the due Performance of these Articles the Senecas are to deliver up three of their Chiefs as Hostages, who are to be well treated, and restored to them, so soon as the same are fully Performed on their Parts.

Article 9th

This Article the Senecas expect will be strictly regarded, and also that Trade will be carried on in a fair, and equitable manner.

In Consequence of their perfect Agreement to the foregoing Articles, Sir William Johnson doth by Virtue of the Powers, and Authorities reposed in him, in the Name of his Britannick Majesty, promise, and engage that the said Indians shall have a full Pardon for past Transgressions, that they shall be left in the quiet and Peaceable Possession of all their Rights not Comprized in the foregoing Articles, and that on their duly Performing the same, and Subscribing to the Definitive Treaty of Peace to be held in Consequence hereof they shall be once more admitted into the Covenant Chain of Friendship with the English, and be indulged with a free, fair, and Open Trade, so long as they abide by their Engagements.

The foregoing Articles after being duly, and fully explained to the Chiefs, and Warrriors Deputies from the Senecas, they have signified their Assent thereto by affixing their Marks of their Tribes to these Presents.

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