

Ratification of Peace

Made in the month of last September between the Colony of Canada, the Savages her friends, and the Iroquois in a general assembly of the chiefs of each of these nations convened by monsieur le Chevalier de Callières, governor and lieutenant general for the King in New France

In Montreal, August 4th, 1701

As there were here last year only the representatives of the Hurons and the Outaouacs when I made the peace with the Iroquois for me and my allies, I judged that it was necessary to send the Sieur of Courtmanche and the R.P. Anjalran, to all of the other nations, my allies, who had been absent, in order to apprise them of what had happened, and to invite them to send the chiefs of each along with their Iroquois prisoners in order to listen to my word altogether.

I am overjoyed to see all of my children assembled here now - you Hurons, Outaouacs of Sable, Kiskakons, Outaouacs of Sinago, nation of the Fork, Jumpers, Sakis, Stinkers, Wild Oats, Fox, Maskoutins, Miamis, Illinois, Amikois, Nepissingues, Algonquins, Temiskamings, Cristinaux, People of the Land, Kikapoux, People of the Sault, People of the Mountain, Abenkis, and you Iroquois Nations - and that having taken your interests in my hands, I can have you all live in tranquillity; I ratify today therefore the peace that we made in the month of August last. There be no more talk of all the attacks made during the war, and I seize again all of your hatchets and all of your other weapons of war which I am placing with mine in a pit so deep that no one can take them out again to trouble the peace that I am re-establishing among my children. I am recommending to you that when you meet each other, you treat each other like brothers, and prepare together for the hunt, in a manner that no quarrel happen. In order that this peace not be troubled I repeat what I have already said in the treaty that we made: that if it happens that one of my children hits another, the one who was hit will not avenge himself, not by himself nor by anyone on his side, but he will come to find me so that I can make him see reason. I declare to you that if the offender refuses to make reasonable restitution, I will join along with my other allies to the offended, in order to force the offender. I do not believe this will happen, for the obedience that my children owe me will cause them to remember what we are putting an end to together

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