

July 19, 1701 Deed or Nanfan Treaty

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Deed from the Five Nations to the King of their Beaver Hunting Ground.

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To all Christian & Indian people in this parte of the world and in Europe over the great salt waters, to whom the presents shall come - Wee the Sachims Chief men, Capt^{ns} and representatives of the Five nations or Cantons of Indians called the Maquase Oneydes Onnandages and Sinnekes living in the Government of New Yorke in America, to the north west of Albany on this side the Lake Cadarachqui sendeth greeting - Bee it known unto you that our ancestors to our certain knowledge have had, time out of mind a fierce and bloody warr with seaven nations of Indians called Aragaritkas¹ whose Chief comand was called successively Chohahise - The land is scituate lyeing and being northwest and by west from Albany beginning on the south west² side of Cadarachqui lake and includes all that waste Tract of Land lyeing between the great lake off Ottowawa³ and the lake called by the natives Sahiquage and by the Christians the lake of Swege⁴ and runns till it butts upon the Twichtwicks and is bounded on the right hand by a place called Quadoge⁵ conteigning in length about eight hundred miles and in bredth four hundred miles including the country where the bevers the deers, Elks and such beasts keep and the place called Tieugsachrondio, alias Fort de Tret or wawyachtenok and so runs round the lake of swege till you come to place called Oniadarondaquat which is about twenty miles from the Sinnekes Castles which said seaven nations our predecessors did four score years agoe totally conquer and subdue and drove them out of that country and had peaceable and quiet possession of the same to hunt beavers (which was the motive caused us to war for the same) for three score years it being the only chief place for hunting in this parte of the world that ever wee heard of and after that wee had been sixty years sole masters and owners of the said land enjoying peaceable hunting without any internegotiation, a remnant of one of the seaven nations called Tionondade whom wee had expelled and drove away came and settled there twenty years agoe disturbed our beaver hunting against which nation wee have warred ever since and would have subdued them long ere now had not they been assisted and succoured by the French of Canada, and whereas the Governour of Canada aforesaid hath lately sent a considerable force to a place called Tjeughsaghronde the principall passe that commands said land to build a Forte there without our leave and consent, by which means they will possess themselves of that excellent country where there is not only a very good soile but great plenty of all maner of wild beasts in such quantities that there is no maner of trouble in killing of them and also will be sole masters of the Boar¹ hunting whereby wee shall be deprived of our livelyhood and subsistance and brought to perpetual bondage and slavery, and wee having subjected ourselves and lands on this side of Cadarachqui lake wholly to the Crown of England wee the said Sachims chief men Capt^{ns} and representatives of the Five nations after mature

¹Hurons.

²North west. See next page.

³Lake Huron.

⁴Lake Erie.

⁵At the head of Lake Michigan. *Mitchell's Map of North America*, 1755. Now, Chicago, according to *Map of the British Dominions in North America*, 1763, prefixed to *Charlevoix's Voyages*, 8vo., Dublin, 1766. - ED.

¹Sic. qu^t Beaver. - ED.

deliberation out of a deep sence of the many Royall favours extended to us by the present great Monarch of England King William the third, and in consideration also that wee have lived peaceably and quietly with the people of albany our fellow subjects above eighty years when wee first made a firm league and covenant chain with these Christians that first came to settle Albany on this river which covenant chain hath been yearly renewed and kept bright and clear by all the Governours successively and many neighbouring Governm^{ts} of English and nations of Indians have since upon their request been admitted into the same. Wee say upon these and many other good motives us hereunto moveing have freely and voluntary surrendered delivered up and for ever quit claimed, and by these presents doe for us our heires and successors absolutely surrender, deliver up and for ever quit claime unto our great Lord and Master the King of England called by us Corachkoo and by the Christians William the third and to his heires and successors Kings and Queens of England for ever all the right title and interest and all the claime and demand whatsoever which wee the said five nations of Indians called the Maquase, Oneydes, Onnondages, Cayouges and Sinnekes now have or which wee ever had or that our heirs or successors at any time hereafter may or ought to have of in or to all that vast Tract of land or Colony called Canagariarchio beginning on the northwest side of Cadarachqui lake and includes all that vast tract of land lyeing between the great lake of Ottawawa and the lake called by the natives Cahiquage and by the Christians the lake of Swege and runns till it butts upon the Twichtwicks and is bounded on the westward by the Twichtwicks by a place called Quadoge conteining in length about eight hundred miles and in breath four hundred miles including the Country where Beavers and all sorts of wild game keeps and the place called Tjeughsaghrondie alias Fort de tret or Wawyachtenock and so runns round the lake of Swege till you come to a place called Oniadarundaquat which is about twenty miles from the Sinnekes castles including likewise the great falls oakinagaro, all which [was] formerly posed by seaven nations of Indians called the Aragaritka whom by a fair warr wee subdued and drove from thence four score years agoe bringing many of them captives to our country and soe became to be the true owners of the same by conquest which said land is scituate lyeing and being as is above expressed with the whole soyle the lakes the rivers and all things pertaining to the said tract of land or colony with power to erect Forts and castles there, soe that wee the said Five nations nor our heires nor any other person or persons for us by any ways or meanes hereafter have claime challenge and demand of in or to the premises or any parte thereof alwayes provided and it is hereby expected that wee are to have free hunting for us and the heires and descendants from us the Five nations for ever and that free of all disturbances expecting to be protected therein by the Crown of England but from all the action right title interest and demand of in or to the premises or every of them shall and will be uterly excluded and debarred for ever by these presents and wee the said Sachims of the Five Nations of Indians called Maquase, Oneydes, Onnandages, Cayouges and Sinnekes and our heires the said tract of land or Colony, lakes and rivers and premises and every part and parcell thereof with their every of their appurtenances unto our souveraigne Lord the King William the third & his heires and successors Kings of England to his and their proper use and uses against us our heires and all and every other person lawfully claiming by from or under us the said Five nations shall and will warrant and for ever defend by these presents - In Witness whereof wee the Sachims of the Five nations above mentioned in behalf of ourselves and the Five nations have signed and sealed this present Instrument and delivered the same as an Act and deed to the Hon^{ble} John Nanfan Esq^r Lieut^t Gov^r to our Great King in this province whom wee call Corlaer in

the presence of all the Magistrates officers and other inhabitants of Albany praying our Brother Corlaer to send it over to Carachkoo our dread souveraigne Lord and that he would be graciously pleased to accept of the same Actum in Albany in the middle of the high street this nineteenth day of July in the thirteenth year of His Majesty^{ty's} reign Annoque Domini 1701.

SINNEKES SACHIMS

Tehonwaren [Totem] genie (L.S).

Sonahso [Totem] wanne (L S).

Tosoquat [Totem] hoa (L S).

MAQUASE SACHIMS

Tsina [Totem] go (L S).

Onucher [Totem] anorum (L S).

Teoni [Totem] ahigarawe
alias Hendrik (L S).

Tirogaren [Totem] alias Cornelis (L S).

Sinon [Totem] quireso (L S).

Tanoch [Totem] rachhoss (L S).

CAYOUGES SACHIMS

Sodsio [Totem] wanne (L S.).

Thodsino [Totem] jado - (L S).

Nijuch [Totem] sagentisquoa (L S.).

ONNANDAGE SACHIMS

Tegach [Totem] nawadiqua (L S.)

Kach [Totem] wadochon (L S).

Taga [Totem] tsehede (L S).

Sade [Totem] ganasttie (L S)

Ach [Totem] rireho (L S).

ONEYDE SACHIMS

Dega [Totem] ronda (L S).

Canada [Totem] gariaz (L S).

Tio [Totem] rachkoe (L S).

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

P^r Schuyler

J Jansen Bleeker Mayor

Joh^s Bleeker Recorder

John Abeel Alderman

Johannes Schuyler Alderⁿ

David Schuyler Aldermⁿ

Wessells ten Broek Alderman

Johannes Roseboom Alderman

this is a true Copy

(Signed). JOHN NANFAN

Johannes Cuyler Alderman

Dyrk Wessels justice

James Weemes

Jonathan Broadhurst high Sheriff

M. Clarkson Secretary

S Clows Surveyor

R^t Livingston Secretary for the Indian affares

John Baptist van Eps}

Lawrence Claese } Interp^{trs}