

At a Council held on board the Beaufort on monday the 14th of August 1749.

PRESENT—

His Excellency Tho Governor & the whole Council.

The Indian Deputys being brought before the Council, His Excellency bid them welcome to Chebucto & asked them what was their View in coming from St. John's.

*Indian*—Capt. Howe told us that Your Excellency ordered us to come & we came in obedience to your orders.

*Governor*—I have Instructions from His Majesty to maintain Amity & Friendship with the Indians & to grant to those in these Provinces all manner of Protection.

*Indians*—We have seen the last Treaty with France & are glad of it.

*Governor*—I am willing to enter into Treaty with the Indian Chiefs & with those of the St John's Indians in particular. Have you authority for that purpose.

*Indians*—We reckon ourselves included in the Peace made by the Kings of Great Britain & France.

*Governor*—I ask if you are empower'd from Your Chiefs to make a particular Treaty with me.

*Indians*—Yes. We come on purpose.

*Governor*—From what Tribes & from what Chiefs are your Delegates?

*Indians*—I from Octpagh. The Chief François de Salle from Medochg. The Chief Noellobig from Passamaquady, Chief Neptune Abbadouallete.

From the Chinecto Tribe, Jean Pedousaghugh the Chief for himself & Tribe.

*Governor*—Do you remember the treaty made with your Tribes in 1726?

*Indians*—Yes. Some of us were present when it was made.

*Governor*—Will you have it read to you?

*Indians*—We have a Copy of it ourselves—& we are come to renew it.

*Governor*—Have you Instructions from your Tribes to renew the same Treaty?

*Indians*—Yes.

*Governor*—Then tis necessary that the Treaty be read.

{ Accordingly it was read in French & interpreted from French into their Language by Martin the Indian & Andri the Interpreter from Minas.

Do you agree to renew every Article of the Treaty now read to you?

*Indians*—Yes.

*Governor*—Then I shall order a Parchment to be ready for you to sign tomorrow, & Captain How shall carry it to St. Johns to be ratifyd.

*Indian*—Agreed.

*Governor*—Do you know what became of five of Capt Gorham's Indians that were taken at Goat Island?

*Indians*—Marin carried them to Quebec.

*Governor*—Do you know where Chesis is, Capt. Sam's Brother?

*Indians*—At the Trois Rivieres near Quebec.

*Governor*—Do you know who killd Capt Gorhams men at the River St Johns.

*Indians*—Three of Passamaquady & one of the Penobscot Indians, who knew nothing of the Cessation of Arms.

ED: CORNWALLIS.

HUGH DAVIDSON.

(COPY.)

*Govr. Cornwallis to Lords of Trade.*

CHEBUCTO, 20th August, 1749.

MY LORDS,—

My last to your Lordships, duplicate of which is enclosed was by the "Everley." The "Alexander" was ready to sail next day, and in a few days more I should have been able to have discharged almost all the rest, but such an infinite quantity of Stores came from Louisbourg that I was under an absolute necessity of keeping them all for some time, as there was not any storehouse nor even a shed to cover anything, I thought it was better to put the Stores on board the English than to keep the French Transports, so I employed all the hands I could get, and all boats to discharge the French Ships, this has greatly retarded our principal work and obliges me to build a great many more storehouses than otherwise would have been necessary. There are more provisions come from

Louisbourg than all Mr. Townshend has sent. As the Council of War has found it absolutely necessary to continue Warburton's Regiment at least for this Winter upon the same footing it was upon at Louisbourg, they shall be supplied out of these Stores of Mr. Baker till I receive further instructions. I have sent one ship with Ordnance Stores to Annapolis, and I am building storehouses as fast as possible for the rest. These things My Lords not only delay our main work but will make a great addition to the expenses of this year, whether it is all to be reckoned to the charge of the Colony I leave to your Lordships consideration. I have contracted for Frames, materials for Barracks and Officers Lodgings from Boston. The great drought this season has raised the price of boards, planks, and shingles and the demand from this has made it higher than ever. I have got no boards under £4 the 1000 feet. I shall be obliged to furnish a vast number to help the people to get under cover, indeed they reckon boards &c. among the materials they have a right to demand.

That the people of New England may not take the advantage of our necessity, I have sent an Officer on purpose to Boston to see into the prices of, buy up what may be sufficient.

Since my last a great many acres have been cleared—The Town has been marked out, lots drawn and now every one knows where to build his House, a great many houses are begun, and many Huts, Loghouses &c already up, for above half a mile on each side of the Town—But I need not trouble your Lordships with particulars, as Colonel Hopson will give a more full and exact account of every thing.

From Mr. Brewses Plan enclosed which I should have sent by my last, your Lordships will see what disposition I have made for the security of the Town, the extent of it and the manner of distributing the lots.

A good many people from Louisbourg have settled here and several from New England and they tell me that above 1000 more desire to come down before Winter. I have ordered all Vessels in the Government's service to give them their passage. Mr. How who went with Captain Rous to St. John's River, returned last Saturday and brought with him deputies from the St. John's Indians who have renewed their submission to His Majesty, and signed articles of Agreement, the same as in their last treaty in 1726; they return by sea this afternoon with Captain How who goes to have the Treaty ratified, and carries presents to the Chiefs and to the Tribes.