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Speech to Assembled
Iroquois Chiefs,
April 30, 1798

by Wabanip

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At a meeting of the Principal Chiefs and others
of the Mississauga nation of Indians, held at
the Mohawk Village on the Grand River
on the thirtieth day of April in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
ninety eight,

The following speech was Delivered by
Wabank the head Chief to Captain Joseph
Brant. Thayendaneaga Accompany'd with a
large belt;

Brother Our great Chief Wabakanine being
Dead, we come to address you, and to tell
you, that we still remember the obligati-
ons enter'd into between yourself and him,
and in remembrance of which he gave
you the land, to form the Connection
between our nations, which we hope
you have not forgot;

Brother We remember that our late Chief,
promised never to sell our part with
any of our lands without consulting
yourself and the five nations,
we now wish to repeat this promise, and
we request and beg that you will consider
yourself as the sole guardian of our nation,
and as our Agent and fully constituted

And Appointed Attorney For us and in
behalf of our nation and Posterity to do
Transact and negotiate all and every such
matters and things as we may have occasion
to do or transact with the white people;
and we do hereby declare and promise in
presence of the great Spirit that we do, and
will approve of whatever you may do
or cause to be done respecting our affairs;
and we now promise in our own
names, and for our posterity that we
will not dispose of any of our lands, or
take any steps in our Councils without
your advice and approbation;

Brothers we are told that the white people do
not fully understand our Custom and
speeches by a belt, we therefore now
wish that this speech may be written for
us to sign, that you may show them that
these are our wishes and intentions

The above speech ^{was} written at the request
of the aforesaid Mepasauga Chief, and on
the second day of May, following read to &
approved and signed by them, as binding
their nation and posterity.

In presence of
Richard Brasley J.P.
J B Rappaport
Sworn Interpreter
Mey^r. Stewart
At James D. p.c.

warbanip Seal
Pabouquon Seal
netheguas Seal
wa thenosiah Seal
Abthuchauk Seal
Debandon Seal
Picheakia Seal

The above is a true copy