

L. H. J. more daring after this, to meddle with the French Hatchet; that
 Liber No. 46 these Indians on Ohio had concluded to Kindle a Fire in Their Town,
 May 10 and had invited all the Indians, to a Considerable Distance round
 about them, to come to their Fire in the Spring, and that they had
 consented to it. M^r Weiser added that the Indians in the parts these
 people came from were numerous, not less than five hundred men,
 and had many Allies more numerous than themselves; that it was
 always the custom in War time to put the management into the
 hands of the Young People and that it would be of the most pernicious
 Consequence, not to give them Encouragement at this Time,
 and particularly he thought the Council should at least Tell them
 they approved of their taking up the Hatchet and acknowledge the
 service done to the English by their Seasonable Declaration in their
 Favour, he thought Providence had Furnished this province with a
 fine opportunity of making all the Indians about the Lakes their
 friends, and warm friends too M^r Wieser being asked what sort of
 a present should be given to them at this time he said Goods were
 now so dear, that the Value of one hundred pounds would appear
 but small, that they should have so much given them at least, and
 half as much to the Canayahaga Indians; not that This was by any
 means sufficient but would be a good Salutation at present, and pre-
 paratory to a larger to be sent in the summer. This he Judged Neces-
 sary to be done, and that they should now be told of this future
 present, and tho he had never been in those parts yet he Judged the
 Attaching these Indians and their friends to the English Cause to be
 so Necessary, that he would if the Council pleased, and his health
 should permit, go with the present himself, and see with his own
 Eyes the number of Indians was there, and in what Disposition. He
 said further that he accompanied the Secretary to M^r Logan's Yes-
 terday, and that the Secretary had informed M^r Logan of all these
 particulars, and taken his sentiments in Writing and on them formed
 the Plan of an Answer. The Board ordered the Secretary to read
 what he had wrote; and on Considering this and M^r Weiser's Infor-
 mation, An Answer was agreed to and the presents Settled. The
 Council adjourned to Four o'Clock in the after Noon, and directed
 that the Indians should be told to be there, in order to receive the
 Answer of the Council to their Speech

Post Meridiem

At a Council held at Philadelphia 16th November 1747

Present

The Hoñble Anthony Palmer Esq^r president
 and the same members as in the Forenoon

The Indians having taken their Seats, the president Spoke as
 follows.