

FORT NIAGARA TREATY OF 1764

Wampum at the Crooked Place

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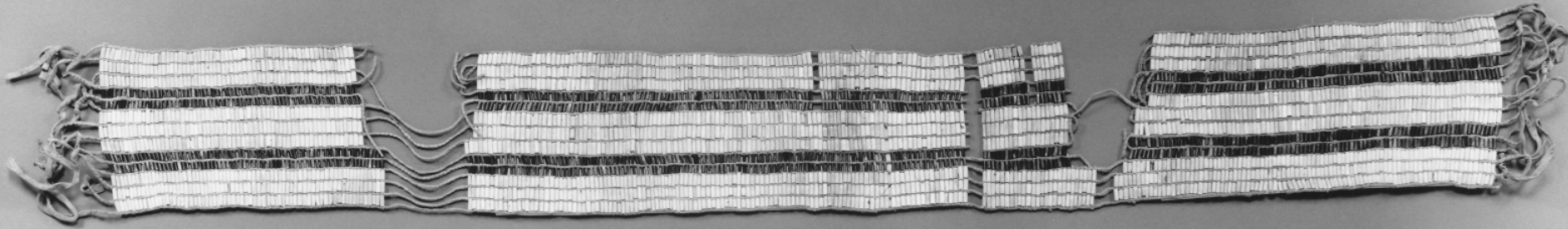
1783

“[Indians] have heard of boundaries, look upon our conduct to them as treacherous and cruel . . . Indians were a free people subject to no power upon earth, that they were the faithful allies of the King of England, but not his subjects . . . [We] betrayed them by pretending to give up their Country to the Americans without their consent, or consulting them . . .”

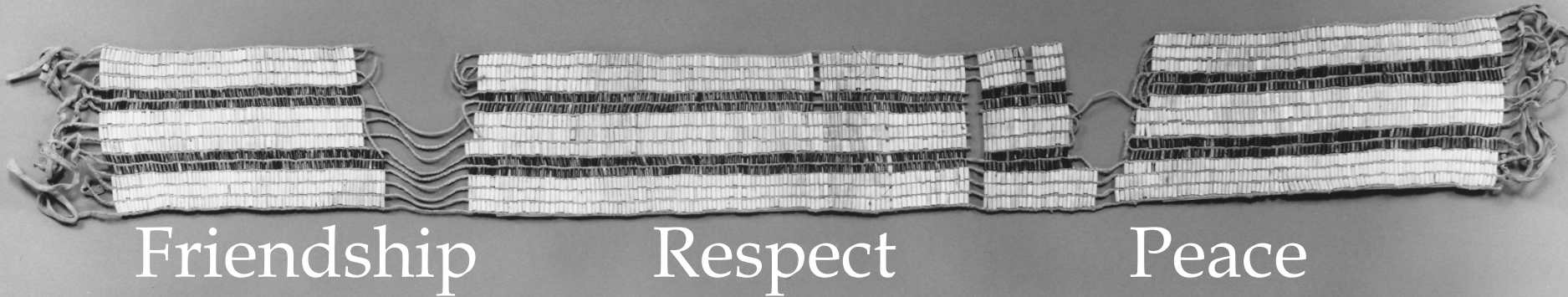




An Iroqueuse Canow made of Elm



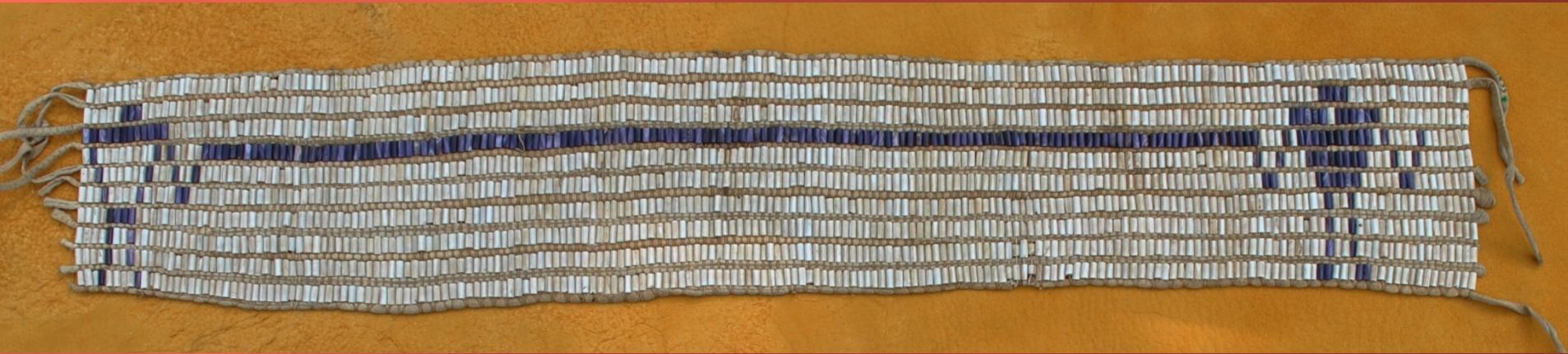
Aterihwihsón:sera Kaswénta



Mechanism for constructive engagement
between the ship and the canoe, and a way to
resolve difficulties:

- * Peaceful Relations >>>>>
- * Good Mind and Respectful Conduct >>>>>
- * Results in Strong On-Going Friendships

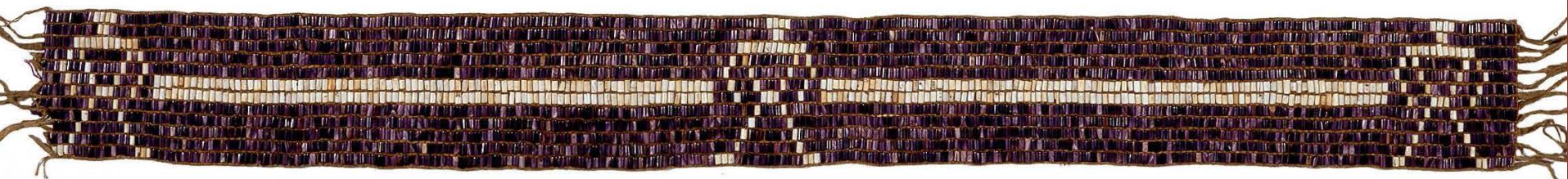
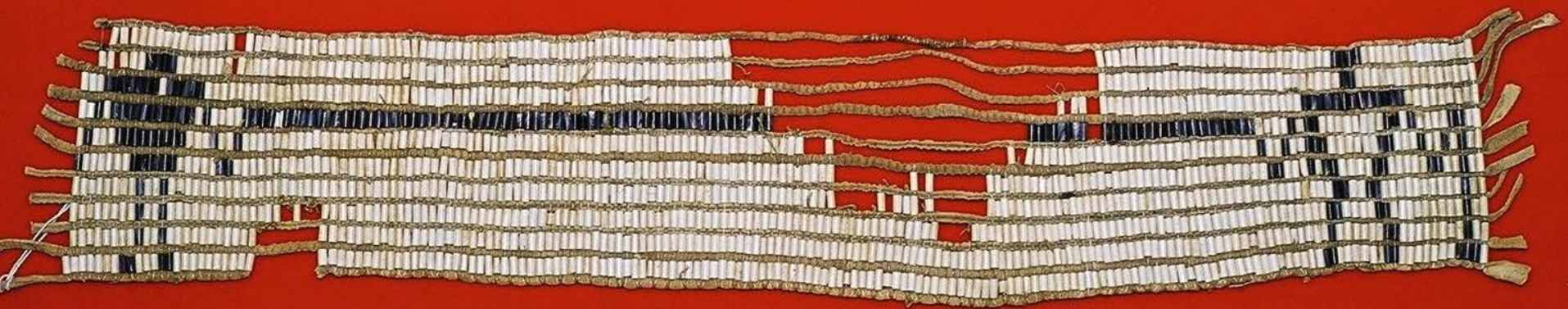
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(The thing by which they link arms)

Silver Covenant Chain

- Acknowledge one another as allies.
- Inform each other about issues of concern.
- Make amends for any transgressions that may have occurred on either side.
- Offer expressions of condolence for the losses suffered by either side.
- Seek justice on a variety of political, economic and social matters.
- Renew peaceful relations.
- Agree on a course of action that is mutually beneficial.





DESKAHEH, HOLDING THE "WAMPUN" RECORDS.

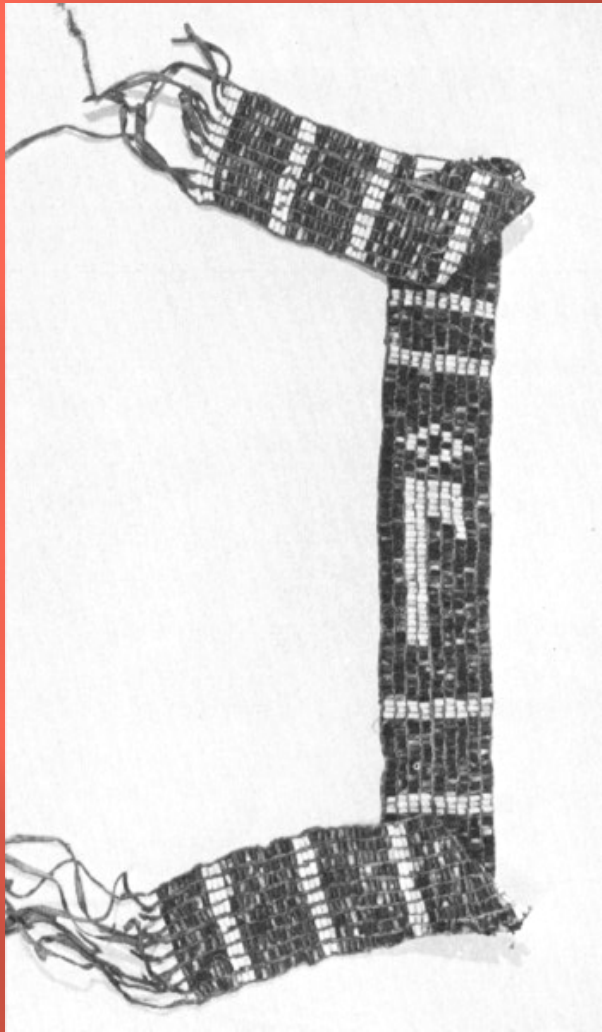


With whom We are Connected

- ▣ Royal Proclamation makes a distinction between “Nations or Tribes of Indians with Whom we are Connected,” and those who “Live under Our Protection.”
- ▣ These are different political and legal relationships.
- ▣ *Connected* = Nation-to-Nation, with military or trade relations.
- ▣ *Protection* = Crown Jurisdiction over Individuals and territories.

**1701 Great
Peace
Treaty,
Montreal
with 24
Native
Nations**

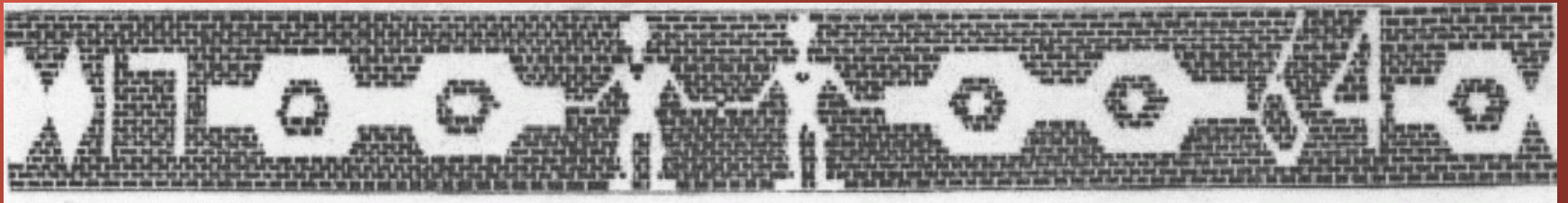




**Nicholas Vincent
Isawanhonhi Huron-
Wendat, 1825**



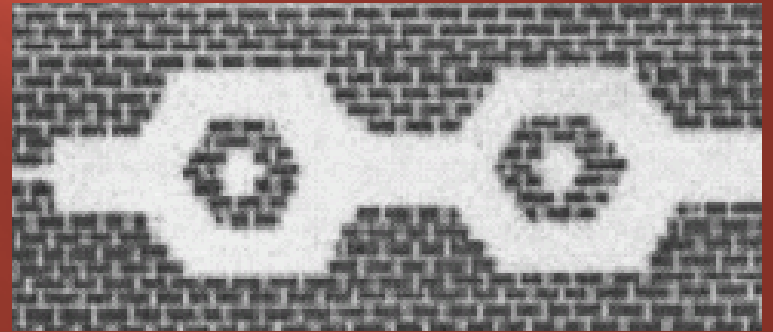
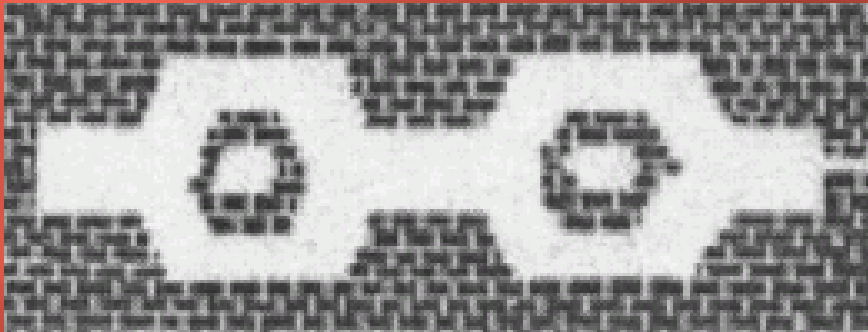
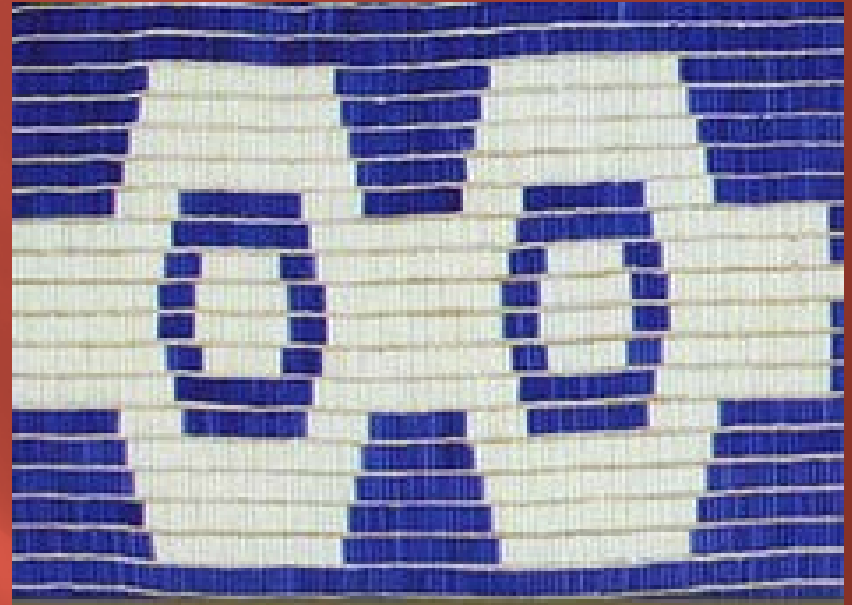
1764 Great Chain Wampum



1901- Rubbing of belts at Manitoulin Island, similar to one at Kahnasatake.

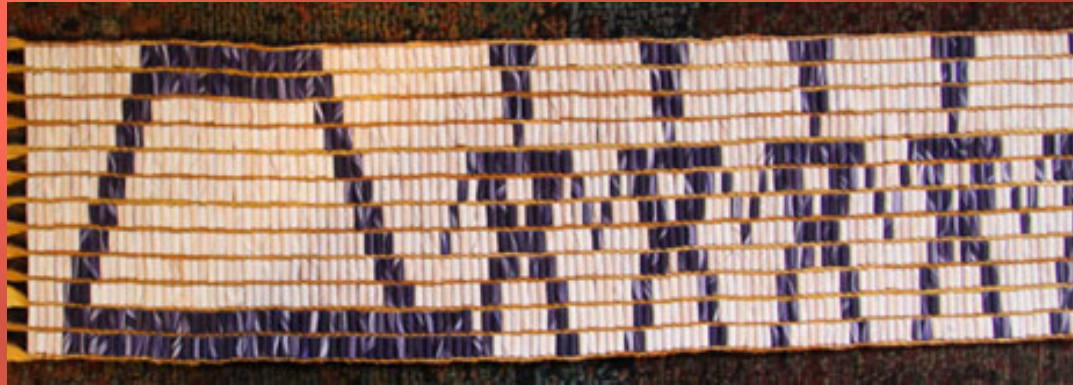
Exchange at Niagara

- ▣ Covenant Chain extended to Western Confederacy
- ▣ Silver Medals were distributed to leadership
- ▣ Large Union Flags were given out
- ▣ Great Wampum Belt of Friendship
- ▣ Invitation to take up the Tomahawk & join with Red Coats
- ▣ Pledge of Future Presents
- ▣ Pipe of Peace given in exchange of the wampum belt



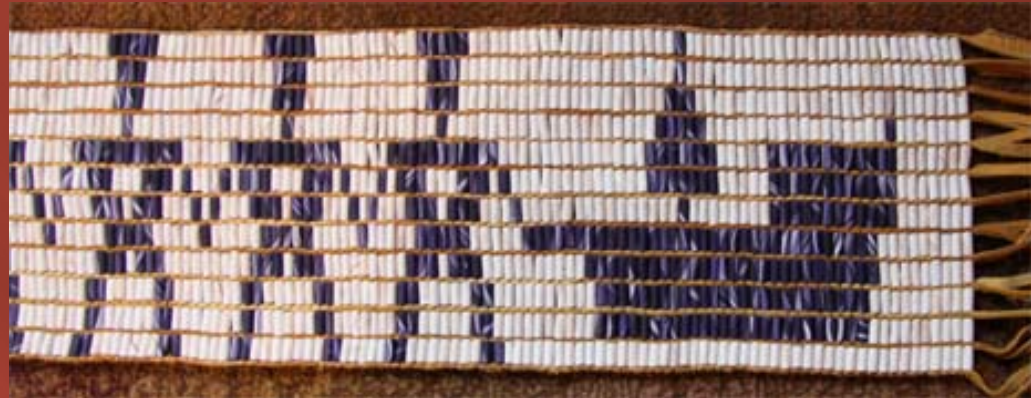
“[SWJ] making a great feast . . . his kettles are all ready,
his fires lit . . . partake in a feast in common with your
friends, the Six Nations”

Annual Presents Wampum Belt



Be adopted as the King's children if we were true and faithful allies.

'Tribes should pull lustily at the cable' to bring ship to our shores.



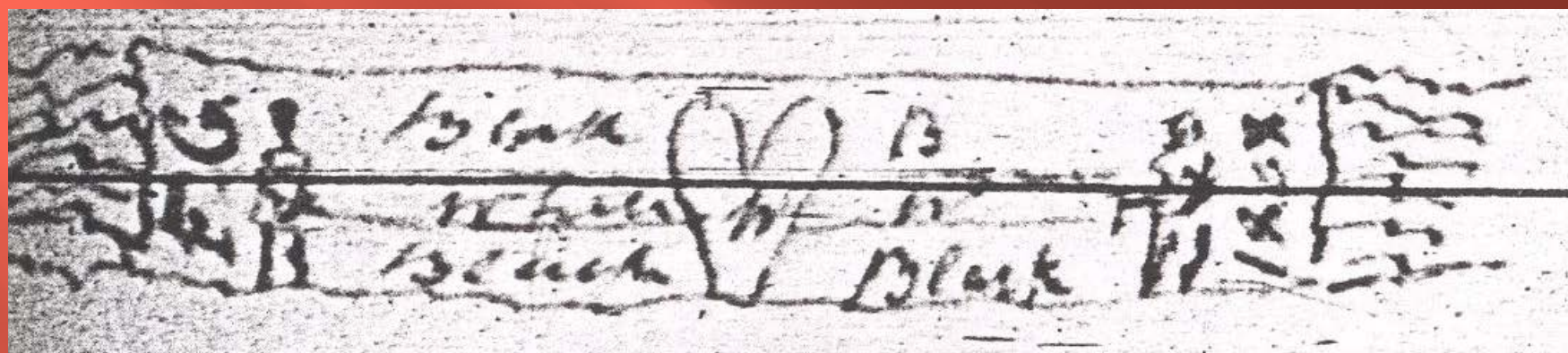
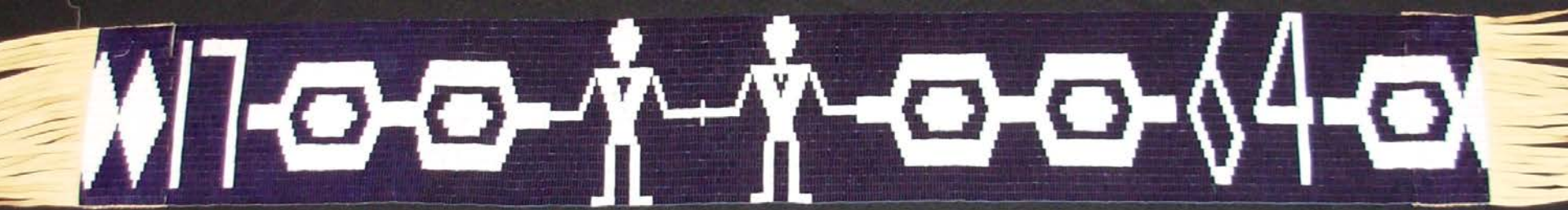
24 Nations

▣ Haudenosaunee & Seven Nations

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| ▣ Mohawks | Oneidaes |
| ▣ Tuscaroras | Onondagaes |
| ▣ Cayugaes | Senecas |
| ▣ Coghnowageys (Kahnawake) | Ganughsadageys (Kahnasatake) |
| ▣ Nanticokes | Canoyes |
| ▣ Mohicanders | Algonkins |
| ▣ Nipissengs | |

▣ The Western Confederacy

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| ▣ Chippawaes | Ottawaes |
| ▣ Menomineys | Sakis |
| ▣ Outagamies (Fox) | Puans (Ho-Chunk – Winnebago) |
| ▣ Christineaux (Cree) | Hurons |
| ▣ Toughkamiwons | [Algonkins] |
| ▣ [Nipissangs] | {Reynards} |



Red Coats

- ▣ As long as the sun shone, the grass grew, the rivers flowed, and the British wore red coats, the King would deliver his 'warmth' in the form of valuable presents so that our people would know no want.
- ▣ In 1755 SWJ said that the King directed him to 'light up a large Council Fire at my House in the Mohocks Country,' where allies of the Crown would receive the benefit of that relationship.
- ▣ 1760 - SWJ kindled a second fire at Detroit to extend the King's warmth, symbolized in wampum belt of nine rows.

‘Conquer prejudices by our generosity’

- ▣ **Wampum belts were part of the ‘presents’ to prove the reality and sincerity of the words spoken at public council.**
- ▣ **Considerable ‘gifts’ and good treatment produced faithful allies who would permit the building of forts.**
- ▣ **Remove prejudices against the British Crown**
- ▣ **Build favor by supplying their wants**
- ▣ **Reduce jealousies among them**
- ▣ **Secure peace on the borders**

Extending the King's Rafters

- ▣ Sir William Johnson declared the Royal Proclamation was in force in December 23, 1763 and delivered copies to allies in the spring of 1764.
- ▣ SWJ made a treaty with the Senecas in April 1764, with second treaty made with them at Niagara first (Niagara Portage, robbery & murder) .
- ▣ Fort Niagara Treaty was successfully negotiated on August 1, 1764 with 'Lakes Confederacy.'

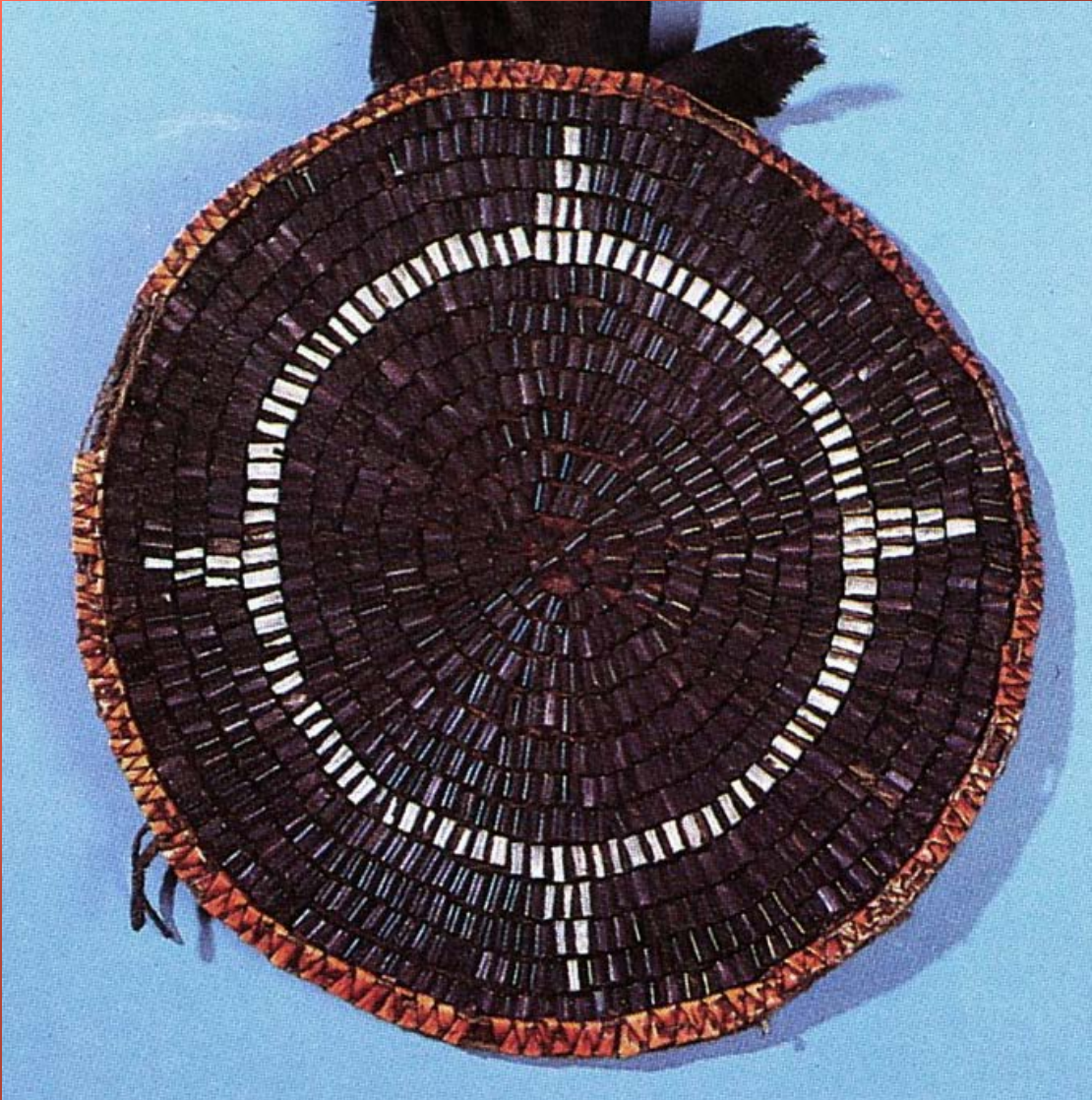
1764 - "English on the march,
with a great army, which will
be joined by different nations
of Indians"



1764 Strategy of the Past

- ▣ Build trust through generosity
- ▣ Meet frequently
- ▣ Hold annual councils separately with Confederacies
- ▣ Renewing treaties to preserve peace
- ▣ 1764 Wampum belt will be used to request future assistance.

1790s Moon of Wampum?



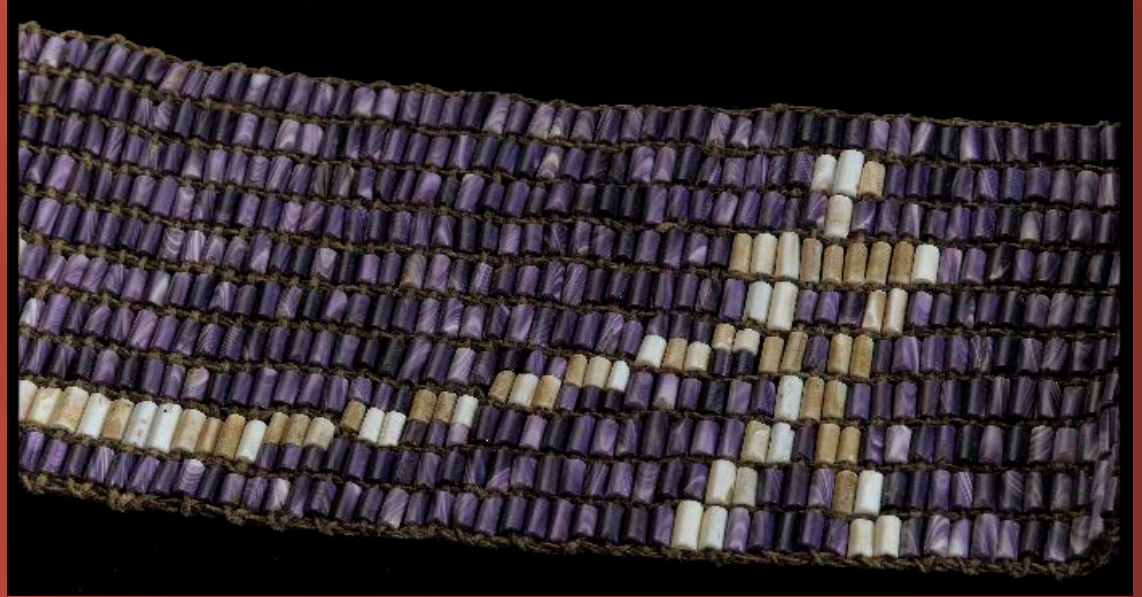
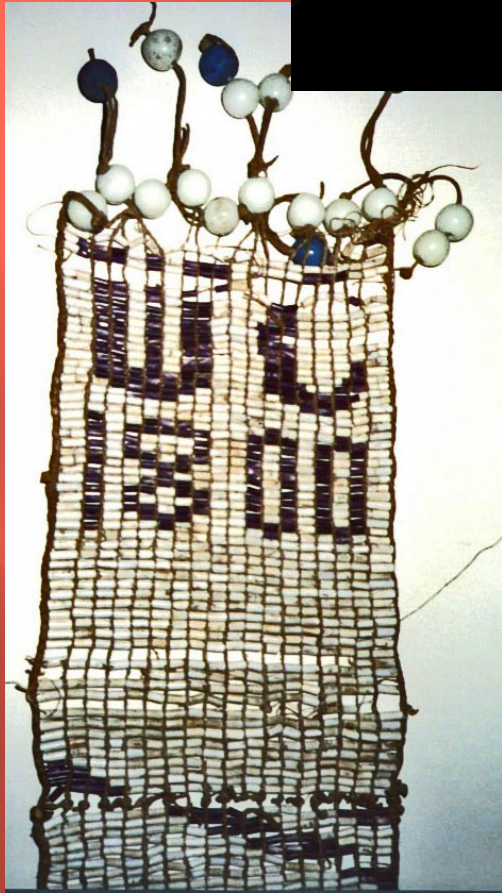
Round Amulet held at
Kunstkamera, Russia

North - *Objiweh*
(Anishinabec)

West - *Das Da Egeh*
(Wyandot?)

South - *Cherokee*

East - *Seven
Nations*, located at
Akwesasne.





“This Belt which I now hand to you I ask in compliance with your Customs be sent by you with these my words in his behalf to all the Nations in friendship with your Great Father the King of England... I recommend to the whole of you a steady adherence to your Ancient Customs and manners which cannot fail to make you respected by all the Nations surrounding you”

Col. William Claus, 1815.



Pledge of the Crown Wampum



“It was given as a token that the government would never force the Indians to change their customs,”

Skanawati (John Buck)

Six Nations Wampum Keeper, 1887



**“Preserve my Words in your Hearts, to look upon
this Belt as the Chain which binds you to the
English, and never let it slip out of your hands.”**

