

Travelling towards the Southward before they found a convenient Place of sitting down & there they lived three Years. The Sinniqui Woman told him the said Indian that this Frenchman about Five Years since run away from the Swittawacs to these Southern Indians

Interp: Says that the Susquehannoch Indians being reduced to a small number & as it were newly grown up they desire the Favour of the Gov^d and Council that they may have liberty to come & settle upon their own Land at the Susquehannoch Fort & to be taken & treated as Friends & have Liberty of coming among us freely without molestation

Ans: That their Fort as they call it falling within the Limits of another Government as Pennsylvania, this Govern^{mt} can take no cognizance thereof, & if as they pretend they are in League with the Mohawks our Friends we shall not disturb them so long as they are quiet & peaceable

They are Ordered to withdraw & the Board proceeds to Consider of the matter

Coll. Herman called in & is given to understand that the Board having well & deliberately considered the matter in Hand are of opinion & do say that to make or resolve upon a certain Settlement for these Indians or to remove or drive them off at Present may not be convenient but will refer the same to the Body of the Province when they meet in a General Assembly in May next, & in the meantime they may rest where they are quietly & peaceably so long as they shall behave themselves so.

And as for the Susquehannoch Indians they may continue at their Fort, & if they are inclined to enter into a League with us there may some of their great men come down to confirm the same & shall be kindly treated & then also they may make choice of some great man to preside over them as Civility formerly did & as they now desire