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D. Sir I have safely arrived here and am happy to the greatest degree  
in having so fortunately escaped the narrow inspection of my  
enemies the enemies to their country to good Order & Government.  
I should esteem myself defective in point of Friendship towards you  
should I neglect to caution you to avoid an over Zealous exertion  
of what is now so ridiculously called patriotic Spirit but on the  
contrary to deport yourself with that moderation for which  
you have been always remarkable and which must in this  
instance tend to your honour and Advantage you may be  
assured Sir that nothing but the greatest Unanimity now  
prevails at home and that the innovating spirit amongst us here  
is looked upon as ungenerous & undutiful and that the utmost  
exertion of the Powers of Government if necessary will be used to  
convince the infatuated people of their folly, I could assure you  
Sir give you such convincing proofs of what I assert & from w<sup>ch</sup>  
every reasonable person may conclude the effects that nothing but  
Madness could operate upon a man so far as to overlook his Duty  
to the present constitution and to form unwarrantable associations  
with enthusiasts whose ill timed folly must draw upon them  
inevitable Destruction - his Lordship Desires you to present  
his hand to Capt. White Eyes and to assure him that he is very  
sorry he had not the pleasure of seeing him at the treaty or  
that the situation of affairs prevented him from coming down  
believe me D. Sir that I have no motive in writing my Sentim<sup>ts</sup>  
thru to you further than to endeavour to steer you clear of the  
Misfortunes which I am confident must involve but unhappi<sup>ly</sup>  
too many I have sent you an address from the people of  
great Britain to the people of America and I desire you to  
consider it attentively which will I flatter myself convince  
you of the silliness of many declamations and of the absurdity  
of an intended Slavery, Give my love to George and tell him  
that he shall hear from me and I hope to his Advantage -

intercept the enclosed speech to Capt. White Eyes from his  
Lordship he prevailed upon to shun the popular error and  
judge for yourself act as a good subject and expect the Rewards  
Due to your services. I am D. Sir

This is a True Copy from In Connolly

Your sincere fr. & Serv.

to John Gibson

John Connolly

Brother Capt. White Eyes

I am glad to hear your good speeches  
sent me by Major Connolly and you may be assured that I shall  
put the one end of the Belt which you have sent me into the  
hands of our great King who will be glad to hear from his  
Brothers the Delawares and will take a strong hold of it, you  
may rest satisfied that our foolish young men shall never be  
permitted to have your hands but on the contrary the great  
King will protect you and preserve you in the possession of  
them our young people in the Country have been very foolish  
and done many imprudent things for which they ~~must~~ soon

must be sorry and of which I make no doubt they have  
acquainted you but I must desire you not to listen to  
them as they would be willing that you should act equally  
foolish with themselves but rather let what you hear pass  
in at one ear and out of the other so that it may make no  
impression on your heart until you hear from me fully w.  
shall be so soon as I can give him farther information who  
am yr friend & Brother

Capt. White Eyes will please to acquaint the Corn Stalk  
with these my Sentiments also as well as the Chiefs of the  
Wingoes and the other Six Nations

Yr. Sincere friend & Elder Brother

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