

Series IV. Indian Treaties, 1721-1756

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The series "Indian Treaties, 1721-1756" contains sixty documents that relate to colonists' affairs with Native Americans prior to the Revolution. Heavily documented in the series are the minutes of councils; correspondence; and treatise between the English in Philadelphia and New York and the Five Nations, and later the Six Nations. Included in the series are treaties and their relevant correspondence from Conrad Weiser, William Shirley, James DeLancey, Robert Hunter Morris, and others. These documents reveal remarkable agreements between the Native Americans and the colonists, including numerous agreements involving the trade of goods and land, and agreements on the hunting of game. Also included are the testimonies of two traders describing French mistreatment of Native American traders, correspondence and other documents relating to the French and Indian Wars, and documents about Native American and colonist conflicts. An interesting document about an English and Native American conflict is the Petition to Lieutenant Governor Robert Morris of Pennsylvania from October 20, 1755, in which settlers petitioned the governor for aid and ammunition as a result of Native Americans attacks. The petition also contains testimonies from settlers who had been involved in the attacks.

The documents in this series are originals and copies. While the dates that the copies were made is unknown, the dates of the original documents from which copies were made span the years 1721 to 1756. This series is arranged in chronological order.

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