That I am determined to do I will not receive the
Hatchet. I cannot hold that in one hand & what is
good in the other. — Last Yr. some of my Relations brought
me a Hatchet, & I told them the same.

Uncles.

You have delivered me your father's Tomhawk
formerly by Strid. one that was put into my Hands
to strike my Brethren of Virginia & Penn.a but I was
dissuaded by the very people who gave it me, I therefore
resolved never to take hold of another but always to
know what is good, for this reason I now return your
Father's Tomhawk & shall leave him to fight his own
Battles. They are their own children let them do
with them what they can. — Your father has told
you that he had effectually surrounded his Children
with Fortifications, perhaps they may be broke down
& then the Bullocks will break out & we shall be
buried in the Ruins. —

Brothers.

When we gave this Answer & stood to accept of the
Hatchet our Uncles retired from the Council to consult
among themselves they returned & spoke to us on this
white Belt with four double diagonal Bars, as follows

Cousins.

We have heard your Answer we have heard you say, that
we have called you the big Knife we now tell you that
our people & the Nations who dwell on with this Belt
will not be rejoiced when they hear what you have
said. We cannot carry back this Answer. If we do, it
will not be well for you, for our father at Detroit will
not be well pleased. — When I look at you I plainly
see that you are of the Big Knife. & I now tell you
I shall consider you as such —

Brothers

Our Uncles then took up the Hatchet, they said they
would not carry it back. They gave it to Wiandot
& his Son Puckangehelas who were present. —
Puckangehela then spoke to me on one Side, he
desired my Advice what should be done with the Hatchet
answered I would readily consult with & advise him
& he would promise to be governed by me. He said he
would. — I then spoke to our Uncles the Wiandots
& Mo[illegible]

Uncles. I did not rightly understand you a while