

'Brother—The Great Ruler has spared us until another day to talk together; for since you came here from General Washington, you and our uncles, the sachems, have been counseling together. Moreover, your sisters, the women, have taken the same into great consideration, because you and our sachems have said so much about it. Now, that is the reason we have come to say something to you, and to tell you that the Great Ruler hath preserved you, and that you ought to hear and listen to what we women shall speak, as well as the sachems; for we are the owners of this land, AND IT IS OURS! It is we that plant it for our and their use. Hear us, therefore, for we speak things that concern us and our children; and you must not think hard of us while our men shall say more to you, for we have told them'

Editor's Note: They then designated Red Jacket as their speaker, and he took up the speech of his clients as follows:

'...Now, listen, brothers; you know it has been the request of our head warriors, that we are left to answer for our women, who are to conclude what ought to be done by both sachems and warriors. So hear what is their conclusion... the elder of our women have said that our sachems and warriors must help you, for the good of them and their children, and you tell us the Americans are strong for peace.

Now all that has been done for you has been done by our women; the rest will be a hard task for us...And these are the words of our women to you, and the sachems and warriors who shall go with you.'

-Sharon Block, Ruth M. Alexander, Mary Beth Norton "Seneca Women and Chief Red Jacket Speak Women's Words to U.S. Delegation" (1791) excerpt.