

PART TWO

The 1726 Treaty

It is one of their customs to write in books what they have done and seen, instead of telling them in their villages where the lie can be given to the face of a cowardly boaster, and the brave soldier can call on his comrades to witness for the truth of his words.

James Fenimore Cooper, *The Last of the Mohicans: A Narrative of 1757*, 1826