Beyond Penn's Treaty

The Committee Appointed to Confer With the Friends who Attended the Indian Treaty

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The Committee appointed to confer with the Friends, who attended the Indian Treaty in the preceding Autumn, on the matter contained in their Report & the Observations & Occurrences by them otherwise noted, having in the course of attending thereon, considered diverse particulars of interesting import as relative to the cultivation of Amity and promotion of solid Peace. The Indians, of whom a certain body called Tuscarora assert a claim as original owners of Lands held by Friends at Hopewell in Virginia, for it they have not received satisfactory Compensation; another description of those People appearing deplorable that no conciliatory means have been used by the Government of Pennsylvania to atone for, or (in their own expressive Language) to wipe away the Blood of their Relations inhumanly shed at Conestoga Lancaster in the year 1763. Those People in common with other Indians expressing great Confidence in, & Reliance on the friendship & good offices of our religious Society, & some of them manifesting a desire to endeavour after a more civilized mode of living, intimate a hope of being encouraged & aided therein by Friends, in the way of promoting the tuition of their Children, and affording some Assistance & Instruction in the practical Knowledge of Agriculture & of the social Economy of a peaceful & inoffensive life. These Objects appearing to claim religious Attention, and another Treaty for a more general Pacification being proposed to be held in the City next, the Committee apprehend it expedient & proper to request the Members of the Meeting for Sufferings who reside in the City to meet & consider whether it will not be right, and agreeable to the concern of our yearly Meeting, to give Notice to the large Committee appointed in the year 1762 to unite with the Meeting for Sufferings in the exercise of Christian endeavour for the Promotion of Peace with the Indians, that their Attendance on the Occasion is desired at the stated time of our Meeting next Mo.
The Committee appointed to confer with
the Friends who attended the Indian Treaty in the
preceding Autumn on the Matters contained in
their Report & the Observations & Occurrences by them
otherwise noted, having in the course of attending
thereto, considered divers particulars of interesting
import as relative to the cultivation of Amity and
promotion of solid Peace with the Indians of whom
a certain Nation called Tuscaroras assert Claim
as original Owners of Lands held by Friends at
Hopewell in Virginia, for wch they have receiv'd
satisfactory Compensation; another description of
those People appear dissatisfied, pleading that no conciliatory means have been used by the Government of
Penslyvania to atone for, or (in their own expressive
Language) to wipe away the Blood of their Relatives
inhumanely spilt at Conestoga & Lancaster the latter end of the year
1763; these People common with other Indians
expressing great Confidence in, & Reliance on the
Friendship & good Offices of our religious Society, &
some of them manifesting a desire to endeavour
after a more civilized mode of living, intimate a
hope of being encouraged & aided therein by Friends,
in the way of promoting the tuition of their Children,
and affording some assistance & Instruction in the practical
Knowledge of Agriculture & the social Oeconomy of a
peaceful & inoffencive Life: These Objects wch appearing
to claim religious Attention, and another Treat y for a
more general Pacification being proposed to be held
in the 6th. mo. next, the Committee apprehend it expedient
& proper to request the Members of the Meeting for
Sufferings who reside in the City to meet & consider whether it will not be right, and agreeable to the Concern of
our Yearly Meeting, to give Notice to the large Committee
appointed the year 1792 to unite with the Meeting for
Sufferings in the exercise of christian endeavours for the
Promotion of Peace with the Indians, that their Attendance
on the Occasion is desired at the stated time of our
Meeting next mo.
Yearly Meetings Committee appd in 1792 bound with the Meets for suff in the concern occasioned by the War in the Indies.

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with the Meetg for Suff. in the Concernytf occasioned by the
War wth the Indiansytf ytf Caleb Cressonytf Owen Biddleytf Tho. Lightfoot (Exet.)ytf Thomas Georgeytf
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