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 thereto, considered discoursed particulars of interesting import as relative to the cultivation of Amity and promotion of solid Peace & the Indians, of whom a certain Nation, called Tuscaroras assert a claim as original owners of Lands held by Friend at Hopewell in Virginia, for it: they have not received satisfactory Compensation; another description of these People appearing justified that no contradictory 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 inhumanely spilt at Conestoga Lancaster in the year 1763; these People in common with other Indians expressing great Confidence in, & Reliance on the Friendship & good Office 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 Economy of a peaceful & industrious 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 larger Committee appointed in the year 1762 to unite with the Meeting for Sufferings in the exercise of Christian endeavor for the Promotion of Peace with the Indians, that their Attendance on the occasion is desired at the stated time of our Meeting next Mon.
The Committee appointed to confer with the Friends who attended the Indian Treaty in the preceding Autumn on the Matters contained in their Reports & the Observations & Occurrences by them otherwise noted, having 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 a Claim as original Owners of Lands held by Friends at Hopewell in Virginia, for which they have received satisfactory Compensation; another description of those People appear dissatisfied, pleading that conciliatory means have been used by the Government of Pensylvania 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, affording some assistance & Instruction in the practical Knowledge of Agriculture & the social Economy of a peaceful & inoffensive Life. These Objects which appear to claim religious Attention, and another Treat for a more general Pacification being proposed to be held in the 6th. month 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 month.
Yearly Meeting's Committee app: in 1792 to meet with the Meeting for Suffr. in the concern occasioned by the War in the Indian.

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Rob: Kirkbride

Step: Mendenhall

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Simon Meredith

Benj: Mason

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Amos Harvey

Warren Mufflin

Rob: Holliday

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Isaac Cox

John Cox

Benja: Clark

Geo: Tillony

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John Reeve

Benj: Scott

Rich: Lawrence

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