

Letter from Cornplanter to Quakers

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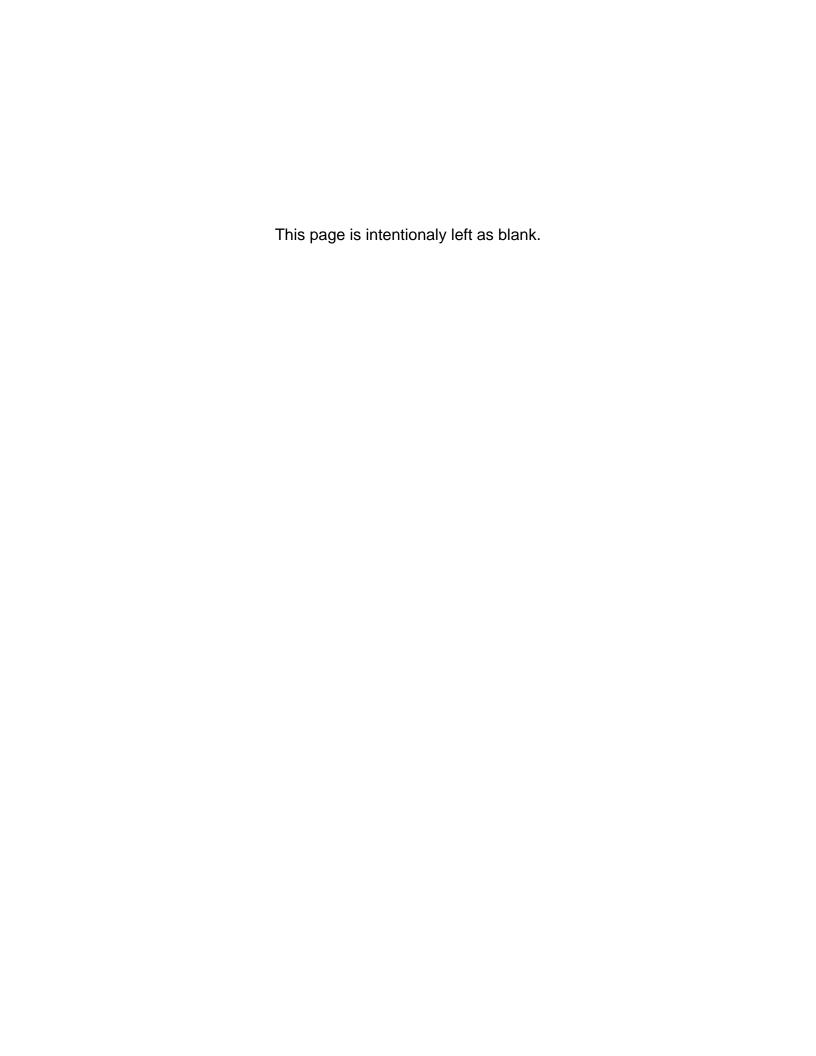
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SUMMARY: Cornplanter requested Philadelphia Quakers to educate Seneca boys

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