Letter from Secretary Tobias Lear to Quakers

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Philadelphia, February 11, 1792.

The President of the United States commands I. Sear to return the enclosed paper, which was submitted to the consideration of the President last evening, containing the sentiments proposed to be delivered in writing, by the Quakers to the deputation from the Cherokee nation of Indians now in this city— and to inform, that the President, upon a due consideration of the subject, does not see any impropriety in the enclosed speech being delivered to the Cherokees, as it contains the same friendly sentiments with which he has himself endeavored to impress these people— and does not appear to be a matter that can be drawn into precedent on any future occasion. Neither has the President any objection to these Indians being furnished by the Quakers with such small presents as were mentioned to him last evening.

Tobias Lear.

Secretary to the President of the United States.
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