Letter to Friends from David Fowler

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Dear Friends,

What or how can we make amends to you, for what you have done for us and for our Town in sending those Books to the Children. Surely you have shown us very great kindness in the work of God, for the World is his and the fulness thereof; it is he that putteth into the hearts of his People to give liberally unto us poor Indians.

Thanks be to God for his goodness towards us, in preserving and maintaining us— but above all that we were born in Christian land, that we might hear and know the wonderful works of God, for our immortal souls, and that we and many of our poor delirious Nation have experienced the Love of God and to enjoy that peace and joy unto our souls which the Word cannot give nor take away. We thank you for the favours we have received from your hands— we hope, God will reward you for it— and we have put many Books into my hands; I shall endeavour to get them up to our Settlement and get the School going as quick as we can. It also will let you know what proficiency the will make this Summer— this is from your friend and Brother,

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