Letter to Friends from David Fowler

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Dear Friends,

What or how can we make amends for what you have done for us and for our town in sending these books to the children, surely you have shown us very great kindness, this is the work of God, for the world is his and the fulness thereof, it is he that puts 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 people despised Nation have experienced the love of God and to enjoy that peace and joy unto our souls which the world 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 as I 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. I also will let you know what proficiency the children this summer this is from your friend and Brother,

David Fowler
March 20 1793
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An Indian Settlement at a town called Brotherton in the Canada Country consisting of various tribes from New England & some from Long Island; consisting in the whole of 25 families and 118 Persons; distant from Albany 110 miles. We are good English, they profess themselves to be Baptists, however they have a Presbyterian Board which is also used for a School, where 13 Children are taught to read until 9 Arithmetic. The leader is a young married man who gives satisfaction in his employment.

Philadelphia
March 20, 1793
To the Friends
An Indian Settlement at a town called Brotherton in the Oneida Country consisting of various tribes from New England & some from Long Island; consisting in the whole of 26 families--and 113 Parsons--distance from Albany abs 110 miles--the all speak English, they profess themselves to be Baptists, they have a Meeting House which is also used for a School, where 25 Children are taught to read write & Arithmetic, the teacher is a young married man who gives satisfaction in his employment.