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To the Indians living on the northwestern and western borders of the United States, and all others to whom this writing may come.

Brothers,

Hearken to the speech which your friends, called Quakers, assembled in Philadelphia, from several parts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, 62 newsmen to you, by their enter John Parmer, William Lawrence, John Elliott, Jacob Lindley, Joseph Moore, and William Halsey.

Brothers,

When our grandfathers came with Owas on the great water to settle in this land, more than one hundred years ago, they held a large council fire with your grandfathers, and sat together round it in much good will and friendship, smoking the Calumet pipe together, and they told your grandfathers that they were men of peace, and should live among you in peace and love, and that their children might also be careful always to live in the same love one with another, as brothers of one family.

This council fire was kept burning with a clear flame many years, which gave a good light all around the country, and the chain of friendship which was made at the same time, was kept clean from rust by our fathers and your fathers, until about forty years ago an evil spirit whispered bad stories in the ears of some of your people and some of the white people so that the light of the ancient council fire was almost put out, and the old chain of friendship was made dull and rusty.

Brothers,

Our grandfathers told your grandfathers that the good and good spirit, who made them and all people, with a design that they might live on the earth for a few years in love and good will one towards another, had placed his laws in the hearts of all men, and if they carefully attended to its inward voice, it would keep them in love and friendship, and keep them to shun and avoid every thing that would occasion them to trouble and hurt one another.

Brothers,

Do you not find that after you have been angry, quarrelsome, and done any bad action that you are made uneasy and sorrowful, and that when you are sober and serious, and do good actions, that your minds feel pleasant?
On the 19th day of the 4th month, 1793, To the Indians living on the North western and western borders of the United States, and all others to whom this writing may come.

Brothers, Harken to the speech which your friends, called Quakers, assembled in Philadelphia, from several parts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, now send to you, by their brethren John Parrish, William Savery, John Elliot, Jacob Lindley, Joseph Moore, and William Hartshorne. Brothers. When our grandparents came with Onas over the great waters, to settle in this land, more than one hundred years ago, they kindled a large Council fire with your grandparents, and sat together round it, in much good will and friendship; smoking the Calumet pipe together, and they told your grandparents, that they were men of peace, and desire to live among you, in peace and love, and that their children might also be careful always to live in the same love one with another, as brothers of one family. This Council fire was kept burning with a clear flame many years, which gave a good light all around the Country; and the chain of friendship, which was made at the same time, was kept clean from rust by our fathers, and your fathers; until about forty years ago an evil spirit whispered bad stories in the ears of some of your people, and of some of the white people; so that the light of the ancient council fire was almost full out, and the old chain of friendship was made dull, and rusty. Brothers,

Our Grandfathers told your grandparents that the great and good Spirit, who made them, and all people, with a design that they might live on the earth for a few years in love, and good will one towards another, had placed his law in the hearts of all men, and if they carefully attended to its inward voice, it would keep them in love and friendship, and teach them to shun and avoid every thing that would occasion them to trouble and hurt one another. Brothers,

Do you not find, that after you have been angry and quarrelsome, and done any bad action that you are made uneasy and sorrowful, and that when you are sober and serious, and do good actions, that your minds feel
pleasant, easy and comfortable? It is the Law from the good Spirit, who is all love, and placed it in your hearts, that gains you such peace and comfort when you do well, but when you do evil things it upsets you, and makes you feel uneasy and sad.

Brothers, 

We wish you to consider and remember, that the Great Spirit, sees and knows all the thoughts of your hearts, and the hearts of all mankind, and all their actions, and when their bodies die, such men of all colours, and all nations, who have lived, served, and obeyed the holy Law of the good Spirit, placed in their hearts, he will receive their souls, which are never to die, and they will live with him in joy and peace forever; but the souls of bad men, who have lived wickedly in this world must lie, after their bodies die, with the bad spirit, in a state of distress and misery.

Brothers, We make profession of the same principle with our Grandfathers, which teaches us to love you and all men, and in that love we put our minds drawn to send you this speech, with a great desire for your good, and we were made glad, when we heard that the sober God people among you were disposed to promote peace and brighten the old chain of friendship with the white people of the United States; and that many of you have a desire that you may be instructed in living the country life after the manners of the white people, which we believe you will find to be more comfortable for you and your families than to live only by hunting; and we think it will be also good for your young people to be taught to read and write; and that sober, honest, good men should be among you for teachers.

Brothers, We have often told some of your chiefs, when we have had the opportunity of talking with them by the road in this day, that we are not concerned in the management of the affairs of Government, which are under the direction of the President of the United States, and his councilors; but that we should, at all times be willing to do anything in our power to promote love and peace.

Brothers, We greatly desire that the Commissioners who are now sent by the President, and your councilors and chiefs, may look up to the great Spirit for his wisdom and help, that you may all be made wise and strong, to light up the comet fire, and brighten the chain of old friendship, that all things may be settled to satisfaction, and all logs taken out of the road, and a lasting peace established, so that there may be no more differences and wars between your people and the Inhabitants of these States.

And we desire you may receive our friends, by whom we send.
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sent this writing in love, as brothers, who are disposed to encourage you in all good things. And in the ancient love which our Grandfather and yours felt for each other, we salute you, wishing you happiness in this life, and in that which is to come, and remain,

Philadelphia the 17th day of the 11th month, 1793.

Your Friends and Brothers,

Isaac Dana
James Moore
Richard Lawrence
Charles West
James Pemberton
Samuel Smith (Dub)
John Pemberton
David Bacon
George Churchman
Thomas Lightfoot
Robert Holliday
John Simpson
Simon Meredith
Nathan cope
Warner Miller

Nicholas Hicks
Joseph Brashears
John Drinker
David Evans
Thomas Walmsley
Benjamin Mason
Samuel Smith
Samuel Clark
Owen Biddle
Daniel Tilley
Mark Mills
Oliver Parson
John Field
Caleb Cramm
Stephen Mendenhall

Jose Boule
Thomas Morris
William Wilson
Joseph Hotwell
John Pierce junior
Abraham Radwadale
Thomas George
Thomas Haskells
John Roberts
Jonathan Evans junior
David Cumming
John Weston
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