



Letter to John Drinker from Friends

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Thy Affectionate Friends

John Parrish

Jacob Lindley

John Elliott

William Davery

Wm Hartshorne

Joseph Moore, being absent his name is omitted

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Dear Friend
John Drinker

Detroit 6 mo 24th 1793

Concluding it will be satisfactory to our Friends of the Meeting for Sufferings to be informed how we spend our time we desire thee to acquaint them that we all met together the 27th of last mo at Niagara, in the neighbourhood whereof we found a larger number of Friends than we expected; had several Meetings with them, and distributed the Books sent by us, which were very acceptable, and many more would be useful, as some families have neither Bible nor Testament in their houses—

The Commissioners being informed by Col^l. M^r. Kew that the Indians would not be collected so soon as was expected, concluded to stay at Navy Hall with Gov^r. Simcoe (until the return of Jasper Parrish, by whom we hope to hear from our beloved Friends)— But it was thought best for us to proceed to this place, where we arrived two weeks ago, & have the opportunity of seeing many of the Indians as they pass on to the conference held by them preparatory to the Treaty— a large body from very remote parts appears to be collecting some of them have expressed themselves in very friendly terms, & we hope the interviews we have had will help to open the way in the future progress of the business, which appears to us increasingly important & delicate. — the Reports that have prevailed here for some days past of Gen^l. Wayne's Army having moved from Fort Washington to the Miami Plains, near to Sandusky, have excited jealousies among the Indians— On the whole our situation is exercising, & requires Wisdom & patience, which it is our united desire we may be favoured with—

We have had two Meetings in this place, and two on the other side of the River among some sober Germans & others, which we believe were to general satisfaction— the people here, as well as the Officers & Soldiers of the Garrison are very civil & kind to us and appear pleased with the opportunity of information respecting Friends

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