Letter to the Shawanese, Delawares & others from Quakers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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The People called Quakers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, &c.

By their Representatives assembled at Philadelphia the 22d Nov. 1795

To our Brothers the Shawnee, Delawares, & other Nations of Indians

who propose holding a Council fire at

peace between them & the United States.

Brothers,

When a time was agreed on two years since, for kindling

Council fire at Sandusky, our hearts were made to rejoice, in hope the

good work of peace would go forward; six of our Brothers took a long journey
to see you at that time, under a desire of affording their assistance
to make the Council fire known; but by the working of that bad Spirit
which was the hater of all union, the Treaty was frustrated, and our
friends were under the painful necessity of returning home with the
meanful tidings, that War, the one destroyer of mankind, was likely to be
continued; since which the accounts received from your Country of so much
Blood being shed on both sides have occasioned our lamentation & mourning.

Brothers, we then sent you an Address, accompanied with a small present
as a token of our love and remembrance of you, which our said infor

mented to the care of Col. McHie's, but as we had as had no
information of your having received it, we herewith send you a Copy. It
shall, proved, as a token of our love & remembrance of you, was also sent by our Brother above

mentioned, so that they had not the satisfaction of delivering to you.

Brothers,

It affords us much comfort that a step is put to the further

effusion of Blood, and we earnestly desire that in the Council fire

now about to be kindled, your trust & dependence may be on the Great
over ruling Spirit. Whereby he may be pleased to influence & direct
your Councils, so that the sound of War may no more be heard in your
lands.

Brothers,

We have often been grieved at beholding the said effects, which
in particular

the excessive use of strong drink on the said people, even when
deliberating on the solemn business of treaties which are to bind them and
their posterity to future generations, and are unanimously solicited that
you may take up a firm resolution of abstaining

from the use of such strong drink.
The People called Quakers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey & other neighbouring Governments
By their Representatives assembled at Philadelphia 5th. Mo. 22 1795
To our Brothers the Shawanese, Delawares, Wyandots, Miamis & other Nations of Indians
who propose holding kindling a Council fire at for establishing peace between them & the United States. Brothers
When a time was agreed on two years since, for kindling Council fire at Sandusky, our hearts were made to rejoice, in hope the good work of peace would go forward; Six of our Brothers took a long journey to see you at that time, under a desire of affording their assistance to make the Council fire burn bright, but by the working of that bad Spirit which they happiness of all Men, that the intended Treaty was frustrated, our said friends were under the painful necessity of returning home with the sorrowful tidings, that War, the sad destroyer of Mankind, was likely to be continued; since which the accounts received from your Country of as much Blood being shed on both sides have occasioned our lamentation & mourning. Brothers We then sent you an Address, accompanied with a small present as a Token of our Love and remembrance of you, which our said friends entrusted wch way committed directed by our 6 Frnds to the care of Col. McKeey but as we have had no information of your having received it, we herewith send you a Copy. A small present, as a token of our love & remembrance of you, was also sent by our Brethren above which they had not the satisfaction of delivering to you. Brothers It affords us much Comfort that a stop is so far put to they further effusion of Blood, and we earnestly desire that in the Council fire now about to be kindled, your trust & dependance may be on the Great over ruling Spirit of Peace & Love, whereby he may be pleased to influence & direct your Councils as that the sound of War may no more be heard in your Land. Brothers We have often been grieved at beholding the sad effects produced in unguarded Men of what the excessive use of strong drink produce particularly on the Red Indian people, even when deliberating on the solemn Business of Treaties which are intended to bind them and their posterity to future Generations, and are anxiously solicitous that in the present Treaty it may be you may be weisly determined to take up a pious resolution to abstain-
from that evil practice.

Brother, do you not see that your trust in Christ and confidence in his grace may be severely judged in the sight of men? Is that by a click of your tongue, or a word from your mouth, or a secret prayer only? For your sins will surely be forgiven, your works may become acceptable to God, if you truly repent and forsake the sins of your past. Let us seek the approval of God by shedding the blood of our fellow believers, that we might gradually be redeemed from that unjust and vengeful hand which blots out our names.

We much desire your further acquaintance with the word of faith, the Gospel, and hope you will experience many benefits by having your children taught to read and write in order to spread the knowledge of the Lord throughout the land. We have used the above-mentioned form of our letter, to which we refer and remain yours,

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from that evil practice. Brothers
We continue sincerely desirous that your Trust & Dependence Confidence may be placed on the Great & Good Spirit, & that by a state of inward watchfulness & daily prayer your kinds may become illuminated more clearly to see the impropriety of men shedding the Blood of their fellow men, thus might you gradually be redeemed from that unjust & revengeful Spirit from which Wars originate. We much desire your further acquaintance with the pure & peaceable Spirit of the Gospel, and apprehend you would experience many benefits by having your Children taught to read and write; or in interest and that they might be instructed in our manner of tilling the Earth; if you can devise any eligible Mode, wherein we may cheerfully contribute towards your Aide & relief as expressed in the abovement. Copy of our former Letter to which we refer and remain your 