



# *Beyond Penn's Treaty*

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

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their

The People called Quakers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey &c.  
By their Representatives assembled at Philadelphia 5<sup>th</sup> Mo: 22 1795

My friends, Friends

To our <sup>kindling</sup> Brothers the Shawnee, Delawares, & other Nations of Indians  
who propose ~~holding~~ 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 ~~the~~ 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 ~~ruined~~ the happiness of all <sup>the intended</sup> ~~the~~ Treaty was frustrated, and our  
and 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 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~~  
<sup>at way directed by our F: b Frds</sup>  
as a Token of our Love and Remembrance of you, which our said ~~friends~~  
~~entrusted~~ to the care of Col: M: Lee's ~~son~~ but as we have ~~never~~ 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-mentioned,  
which they had not the satisfaction of delivering to you —

Brothers It affords us much Comfort that a stop is <sup>so far</sup> put to the 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, <sup>of Peace & Love</sup> whereby he may be pleased so to influence & direct  
your Councils as that the sound of War may no more be heard in your  
Land.

Brothers <sup>produced in unguarded men of whatever Nation</sup>  
<sup>experienced by</sup> We have often been grieved at beholding the sad effects, ~~which~~  
the excessive use of strong drink <sup>and particularly</sup> <sup>Indian</sup> ~~produces~~ on the ~~Red~~ people, even when  
deliberating on the solemn Business of Treaties which are <sup>intended</sup> to bind them and  
their posterity to future Generations, and are anxiously solicitous that ~~in~~  
<sup>be wisely</sup> ~~the present Treaty~~ <sup>disregarded</sup> ~~it~~ you may take up a pious resolution of abstain-



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The People called Quakers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey & other ytf neighbouring Governments  
By their Representatives assembled at ytf Philadelphia ytf 5th. Mo. 22 1795  
To ytf our Brothers the Shawanese, Delawares ytf Wyandots, Miamis & other Nations of Indians  
who prepose ytf holding kindling a Council fire at for ytf establishing  
peace between them & the United ytf States. ytf Brothers

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good work of peace would go ytf forward; Six of our Brothers took a long journey  
to see you at that ytf time, under a desire of affording their assistance  
to make the Council fire ytf burn bright, but by the working of that bad Spirit  
which they ytf happiness of all Men, that the intended Treaty was frustrated, and ytf our  
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the present Treaty it may be you may be weisly determined ytf to take up a pious resolution to abstain-



from that evil practice.

Brothers / We continue <sup>earnestly</sup> ~~earnestly~~ <sup>desire</sup> ~~desire~~ that your Trust & ~~Confidence~~ <sup>Confidence</sup> may be <sup>firmly</sup> ~~firmly~~ placed on the Great Spirit, & that by <sup>a state of</sup> ~~a state of~~ inward watchfulness & daily prayer your minds may become <sup>enlightened</sup> ~~enlightened~~ more clearly to see the impropriety of men shedding the Blood of their fellowmen, thus might you gradually be redeemed from that unquiet & revengeful Spirit <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ which wars <sup>proceeds</sup> ~~proceeds~~.

We much desire your further acquaintance with the <sup>pure & peaceable spirit</sup> ~~pure & peaceable spirit~~ of the Gospel, and apprehend you would experience many benefits by having your Children taught to read ~~and~~ write, ~~in order to~~ <sup>in order to</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~they might be~~ <sup>they might be</sup> ~~instructed~~ <sup>instructed</sup> in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~ways of~~ <sup>ways of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Earth~~ <sup>Earth</sup>, ~~if you~~ <sup>if you</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> ~~derive any~~ <sup>derive any</sup> ~~benefit~~ <sup>benefit</sup> ~~therefrom~~ <sup>therefrom</sup>, ~~we will~~ <sup>we will</sup> ~~cheerfully~~ <sup>cheerfully</sup> ~~contribute~~ <sup>contribute</sup> ~~towards~~ <sup>towards</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~aid & relief~~ <sup>aid & relief</sup>. ~~As~~ <sup>As</sup> ~~mentioned~~ <sup>mentioned</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~above~~ <sup>above</sup> ~~mentioned~~ <sup>mentioned</sup> ~~part of~~ <sup>part of</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~former~~ <sup>former</sup> ~~letter~~ <sup>letter</sup>, to which we refer ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~remain~~ <sup>remain</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~Friends & Brethren~~ <sup>Friends & Brethren</sup>.

James Furber	Wm. Wilson
John Parish	Samuel Clark
David Parson	Joseph Pott
Geo. Chubbena	Thomas George
Samuel Linton	John Elliott
Henry Parker	Caleb Carmack
John Harrison	Job Parson
Robt. Northbridge	Crook Loane
Nathan Cooke	Thos. Litchford
Joseph Bunting	Samuel Cummins
John Smith	Thos. Morris
Nicholas Wala	David Cumming
Olivier Parson	Queen Kiddle
Jon. Brightwell	James Carter
Simon Wendell	Amos Sharkey
Samuel Smith	John South
Thos. Wadsworth	Stephen Mendonhall
Benjamin Smith	John Winter
Nathan A. Smith	Jon. <del>Wadsworth</del>
James Whitwell jun	
James Jackson	
James Crocker	
Joseph Pott	



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by having your Childrenytf taught to read and write; or in interest and thatytf  
they might instructed in our manner of tilling theytf Earth; if you can  
devise any eligible Mode, wherein we ytf particulars,  
we will cheerfully contribute towards your Aide &ytf relief ytf  
may be generally promoted amongst your people ytf as expressed in the  
abovement. Copy of our former Letter,ytf to which we refer and remain your  
Friends & Brethren.ytf James Pembertonytf John Parrishytf David Baconytf Geo. Churchmanytf Samuel Er