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

Letter from Philadelphia Friends inquiring whether the Indians have received their address and accompanying present from Colonel McKee.

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The People called Quakers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey &c.
By their Representatives assembled at Philadelphia 3rd Nov 22 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 more bright. But by the working of the bad Spirit
which overcame the happiness of affection, the Treaty was frustrated, and our
friends were under the painful necessity of returning home with the
unsuccessful tidings. For 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 present
was entrusted to the care of Col. Mcneill, but as we had no
information of your having received it, we hereewith send you a Copy. It
shall serve as a Token of our love. & remembrance of you, and also may
be of some service to you.

Brothers,
It affords us much Comfort that a step is put to the further
offusion of Blood, and we earnestly desire that in the Council fire
now about to be kindled, your trust & dependence may be on the Great
of Nations,

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 evil effects, which
and particularly the excessive use of strong drink among the People even when
deliberating on the solemn Business of Treaties which are to bind them and
their posterity to future Generations, and are anchored, soliciting that the
present Treaty you may take as a firm resolution of abstaining

from.
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 six 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 abovement. which they had not the satisfaction of delivering to you. Brothers It affords us much Comfort that a stop is so far put to their further effusion of Blood, and we earnestly desire that in the Council fire now about to be kindled, your trust & dependance may be on their 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 of 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. Brothers
We continue sincerely desirous that your Trusty & Dependence Confidence may be placed on the Great & Good Spirit, & that by a state of inward watchfulness & daily prayer your kinds may become illuminated enlightened 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 precepts 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 they might instructed in our manner of tilling Earth; if you can devise any eligible Mode, wherein we particulars, we will cheerfully contribute towards your Aide & relief as expressed in the abovement. Copy of our former Letter to which we refer and remain your Friends & Brethren. James Pemberton John Parrish David Bacon Geo. Churchman Samuel Emeny Henry Owen Biddley James Emeny Amos Harvey Jesse Foulke Stephen Mendenhall John Wistary Jon. Evans