Letters to Elizabeth Townsend

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Dear Mr. Townsend,

This is to let you know that I am much obliged to see the friend Joseph Clark come by the aid of our fine place. Among our girls here I cannot but feel the great good spirit for his great kindness. God bless you. I am going to let our girls know that they have found favor in the sight of our good friends as to take them under their benevolent care, and instruct them in good things and ways. I acknowledge that you have done a great deal for us, out of love to the great good spirit and good fellow creation that we poor mortals might as it were rise up and walk and follow the good path which you follow, by which I always feel comforted and hope you will not lose your reward in heaven. I feel our obligations are increased as our advantages are increased to serve God in sincerity and in truth. The religion is somewhat low amongst us, but Christians seem to keep it steady. There has been but a few careless ones started up for evil concern, some fine young men left us who were
Friend and Sisteryf

This is to let you know I am much rejoiced to see friend Joseph Clark, come by the side of our fireyf place, and bring our Girls home. I can not but bless the great good Spirityf for his great goodness in preserving our long absented Girls from variousyf dangers and that they have found favour in the sight of such good Friends,ytf as to take them under their benevolent care and instruct them in goodyf things and ways; I acknowledge that you have done a great deal for us, outyf of love to the Great good Spirit and your fellow Creatures, that we pooryf Natives might as it were rise up & walk, and follow the good path whichyf you follow, by which I always feel thankful & hope you will not loseyf your reward in Heaven, I feel our obligations are increased as ourytf advanta-ges are increased to serve God in sincerity and in truth.ytf Theyf Religion is somewhat low amongst us, but Chri seem to keep on still.ytf there has been but a few careless ones stir'd up for soul Concern, sinceyf your young Men left us, who were
At Oneida—but others seem still to remain in the bondage of spiritual Pharaoh. But God is willing to turn their hearts and make them walk towards Spiritual Canaan.

I have no time to express as I feel, but to conclude with your prayer that the good Spirit may pour down his blessing upon us that Religion may revere among us.

Manuel Solomon

New Ackbridge
Oct. 14, 1801

Dear Sister,

I take this opportunity to inform you that we received your kind letter which gladdens our hearts. We are all well, and the good Spirit has blessed the labours of our hands. The summer part was good except for you. We are happy to see our good friend Joseph Clark; also our young women who were put under the care of our friends. I often thought of you since you left our Country. I wish all the women in the world as well as men become as you are, followers of the Great good Spirit. Then it would be all Brothers and Sisters. How beautiful this would be! A humble submission to the great good spirits.
Transcription

at Oneida, but others seem still to remain in the bondage of Spiritual Pharaoh, but God is able to turn their hearts and make them willing to walk towards Canaan. I have no time to express as I feel, but toyf conclude with your prayers that the Great good Spirit may pour down his blessings upon Us, that religion may again revive among us. Catharine Solomon
To Eliz'th Townsend
Daughter of Joseph Clark.
our duty. I hope by the help of His great good Spirit we and you shall never forget that we are dependent creatures as men and cannot do nothing spiritually good forever.

Sarah Hendricks

They live to Thy Husband, give my love to our kind sister Hall Jackson, and send my best wishes, and we cannot present and letters to all our kind friends at Philadelphia.

From a Tennessee Indian

Dear Friends,

We are all well and glad to see the three girls, and our friend Joseph Clark. We often think of the kindness you showed us on our way more pleasant here, and that same place, and we often wish to visit a little, and visit the assistance of the great God. But we grew in His favor so as to have plenty of corn, cattle, and flour, and became his children, and you in His Kingdom, I feel much love and many tears but am not able to express myself.

Peter Chasante
Dear Friends,

We are all well and glad to see the three Girls and our friend Joseph Clark. We often think of the kindness you shewed us. Our Nation more plough their Land, and raise more cattle, and build some new houses. Our Nation increase and raise more flax and we spin a little, and we hope by the assistance of the Great good Spirit we grow in his favour so as to have plenty of corn cattle and flax; and become his Children and rest in his Kingdom. I feel much love in my heart but am not able to express myself.

Peter Okasantquey
From a young Indian woman to Mr. Tremont.

Dear Friend,

I do trust we will meet here a letter from me who wishes you and all my country well. We are all known to each other as to our hearty persons yet sincerely hope that we frequently converse with the same spirit. My dear friend Mr. Hark.

My dearest father and mother then for your kind care towards us the Native of America for I know you will have your reward for God will reward you. I give my kind love to all thy quires and tell them that the good Spirit is on the way to the happy corner of the world.

When my dear friend will not happy day appear when the nations will come no more. For men will tire once and the heart and being will the weep quire path.

So farewell from thy unknown friend

Mary Weden

From the Peoria Indians to

David Bacon, Wallace, and others.

Brother. We have received your counsel and advice at this time as well as at many other times, and are made thankful that the great good spirit continues to put you in remembrance of us to give us this counsel. If we have agreed together to
From a young Indian Woman to Eliz'th Townsend/daughter of Josephyf Clarkyf 1801

Dear Friend,

No doubt but thee will excuse a letter from me who wishes thee, and all thy Society well, tho unknown to each other as to our bodily persons, yet Iyf sincerely hope that we sincerely fre quently converse with the same Spirityf -- My dear Friend, thank thy father, and likewise thee for your kind careyf towards us the Natives of America, for I believe that you will have youryf re ward for God will reward you. I give my kind love to all thytf friends, and tell them that the Good Spirit is on its way to the darkytf Corners of the Earth. When my dear Friend, when will that happy day appear?ytf When the Nations will learn War no more, ytf For then Lion will arise and travail, and bring forth--She will bringyf forth. So farewell from thy unknown friendytf ytf Gracy Crosby