



Beyond Penn's Treaty

Letters to Elizabeth Townsend

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To Eliza Townsend / Daughter of Joseph Clark
New Stockbridge 10.15.1849

Friend and Sister

This is to let you know that I am
much rejoiced to see friend Joseph Clark come
by the way of our fire place. Having our girls here
I cannot but bless the great good spirit for
his great kindness & goodness in preserving our
long absented girls from various dangers &
that they have found favour 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 your fellow creatures--
that we poor natives might as it were rise up
and walk and follow the good path which
you follow, by which I always feel thankful
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 on still. There has been but a
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towards Spiritual Canaan.

I have no time to express as I feel, but
to conclude with your prayers that the great
good Spirit may pour down his blessing upon
us - that Religion may revive among us.
C. Harmon Solomon

New Stockbridge.

10th 14 - 1801 -

Dear Sister

I take this opportunity to inform you
that we received your kind letter which gladdened
our hearts. We are all well, and the great
good spirit has blessed the labours of our
lands the summer past with good crops of grain.
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 ~~for~~ Country. I wish
all the women in the world as well as men
become such as you are, followers of the great
good Spirit then it would be all brothers and
sisters - How beautiful this would be but
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To Eliz^th Townsend
Daughter of Joseph Clark. y^tf y^tf y^tf

our duty. I hope by the help of the great good
spirit me and you shall never forget that we
are dependant creatures as you said can do
nothing spiritually good. farewell

Lycia Hendrick

My love to thy Husband, give my love to
our kind Sister Harriet Jackson, am sorry that
we cannot at present send letters to all our
kind friends at Philadelphia -

From a Tuscarora Indian

Dear Friends

We are all well and glad to see the
three girls, and our friend Jeph Clark. we
often think of the kindness you shewed us
our nation more plough their land and raise
some 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 mine heart but am not
able to express myself.

Peter Okasantye

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From a Tuscaro Indian
Dear Friends,
Girls and our friend Joseph Clark, We often think of the
kindness you shew'd 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 Spirit
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From a young Indian woman to Eliz. Townsend.

Dear Friend

No doubt 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 I sincerely hope that we frequently converse with the same spirit. My dear friend I thank thy ~~dear~~ father and likewise thee for your kind care towards us the Natives of America for I believe you will have your reward for good will reward you. Give my kind love to all thy friends and tell them that the good spirit is on its way to the dark corners of the earth when my dear friend with that happy day appear when the Nations will be no more. for then with fire and sword and bring forth the world from forth -

So farewell from thy unknown friend
Gray Crosby -

From the Oneida Indians to
Daniel Bacon William Savery &c.

Brothers - 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 your remembrance of us to give us this counsel & advice. Some of us have agreed together to

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