



# *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  
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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.

10<sup>th</sup> 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  
humble submission to the great good spirit is



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To Eliz<sup>t</sup>h Townsend  
Daughter of Joseph Clark. y<sup>t</sup>f                      y<sup>t</sup>f y<sup>t</sup>f



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 showed 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  
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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. I 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 at war no more. for then with fire and sword and bow and bring forth the white man's path -

So farewell from thy unknown friend  
Gray Crazy -

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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