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The penetration and judgement of the Indians in matters of Religion, in their authentic Narratives is very evident, being as follows. —

For the hearty & zealous Ministers, under the patronage of Connecticutt College of New Jersey, who were chosen by the Missionary Society, to go and propagate the Gospel among the Creek Indians. — And in order to give weight to this embassy, several Members of Congress accompanied these Ministers and their respective Nation, who took with them a number of Bibles for the use of this People. — When those Ministers with their mission and Bibles arrived a conference was held with some of their Chiefs, where it was agreed that the Indians should call a council; when that they were informed they had brought two Ministers of the Gospel to preach the Gospel of Salvation unto them, and a number of Books which would teach them how to go to Heaven. The Indians after hearing and they would consider it; the Ministers proposed which took fourteen days. — The Ministers proposed preaching; but the Indians signified they must first preach, they consider first. — When the time of council was over, they enquired of the Members of the Congress, if they had any dark people among them, whether they preached the Gospel of Salvation unto them, whether they gave those good Books which would learn them how to go to Heaven? Whether they treated them as Brothers, or as Slaves? Being answered in the affirmative, the Indians replied — Yes, and preach the Gospel of Salvation to them. Give them these good Books, which will teach them the way to Heaven near them as Brothers and not as Slaves; and then come and preach unto us. — In consequence of this unexpected advice
The penetration and judgement of the Indians in matters of Religion in this authentic narrative is very evident which is as follows. Two Presbyterian Ministers under the patronage of Prince ton Colledge of New Jersey who were chosen by the Missionary Society to go and propagate the Gospel among the Creek Indians -- And in order to give weight to this embassy seven members of Congress accompanied these ministers unto their Respective Nation, who took with them a number of Bibles for the use of this People -- When those Ministers with their retinue and Bibles arrived a Conference was held with some of their Chiefs, where it was agreed that the Indians should call a council; when met they were informed they had brought two Ministers of the Gospel; to preach the Gospel of Salvation unto them, and a number of Books which would learn them the way to Heaven. The Indians after a pause said they would consider of it; which took fourteen days -- The Ministers proposed preaching; but the Indians signified they must first consider of it -- When the time of council was over, they inquired of the members of the Congress if they had any dark people among them, whether they preached the Gospel of Salvation unto them, whether they gave those good Books which would learn them their way to Heaven? Whether they treated them as Brothers, or as Slaves? Being answered in the negative, the Indians reply’d -- Go home and preach the Gospel of Salvation to them, give them those good Books which will learn them the way to Heaven, treat them as Brethren and not as Slaves. and then come and preach unto us -- In consequence this unexpected advice
They returned — and one of the members of this embassy having
14 horses, gave them all their liberty.

2d. This occurrence took place among the Creek Indians.
The person who set his slaves at liberty was C. L. Rawill,
known family in East New Jersey.

Brother, the love I always felt for you and your chil-
dren, has induced me to believe all that is near and dear to
your children, my friends, my property, and my business.
Come and see me — I mean this interest of mine. You
brought one from my habitation; but that your children
whom you delivered into my care, in the year 1797, shall
besically return unto you, with their qualifications and
improvements; and as the God and Great Spirit has pre-
erved them in some course of sobriety and industry in
this state. I hope they will continue, and that you may
write with us, to encourage them in every good word and
work — that thereby, the shining friendship may, grow
stronger, and brighter, which is the sincere desire of your
Brother, Joseph Arch.

Reply of the Indians

Brother, attend. We wish to speak of few words to you — we feel
thankful to the great — good Spirit, that He put a concern you
before, to the poor Indians, so that you were willing to leave
all your friends, to take along your son, and that you are
kindly, and safely conducted our young women, whom we
had under your care some years ago. Our hope that the Good
God has protected and preserved you all this way, while
we walked the path, which you are safely arrived by.
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14 slaves gave them all their liberty. P.S. This occurrence took place among the Creek Indians.
The Person who set his Slaves at liberty was E.B. a well
known family in East New Jersey Place Information
young women -- Brothers, The love I always felt for you and your children, has induced me to leave all that is near and dear, my
children, my Friends, my property, and my business to come and see you -- It is neither interest nor ease, that has brought me from my habitation; but that your Children whom you delivered into my care, in the year 1797 should be safely returned unto you, with their qualifications and improvements; and as the Good and Great Spirit has preserved them in innocence & sobriety, and Industry, in this state I hope they will continue, and that you may write with us, to encourage them in every good word, and work -- That thereby the Chain of Friendship may grow stronger and brighter, which is the sincere desire of this Brother, Joseph Clark... Brother attend, We wish to speak a few words to you -- we feel thankful to the great Good Spirit, that he put a concern in your heart for us, The poor Indians, that you was willing to leave all your friends, to take a long journey, and that you have kindly and safely conducted our young women, whom we put under your care some years ago -- We rejoice that the Great Good Spirit has protected and preserved you all this way, while you walk in the long path so that you are safe...
of our fireplace in good health, and that we are allowed to see each others’ faces this day -- Friend we are sensible that all the kindness you have done, you do purely out of love to us, for which we with our Women heartily thank you -- We hope we shall never forget your Kindness -- Respecting the Kind talk which you brought us from our friends, we wish to send a few words to them in writing, therefore we desire you to stay with us all the day, and to night, that we may have time to write to our friends, and that you may take a little more rest Joseph Shawquithquirityf ytf ytf 3rd New Stockbridge arrived here by the side of our fire place on the 13th of the 10 Month with our 3 young women, who have been under your benevolent care for a considerable time, whom he conducted through along journey, and delivered you Kind talk the next day. Friends have taken great pains to instruct these Girls in sober and steady conduct, and in these good Customs and useful Methods, which are necessary for living happily and comfortably and that they have been taught to read and write and read the English Language, for which kindness we heartily thank you -- We hope that the advantage they had will be a benefit to them as well as to us, we will endeavor to encourage them to improve their acquirements. Brothers We are sensible that it is out of love and pity you have exercised many kindnesses towards us, ever since friendship has been established between you and us, -- not only in good words, but we have experienced your properties, that we poor Indians might know how to help ourselves, that by
industry, care, and prudence was mightier in shaping and conserving our fortunes. And now the Great, Good Spirit was continuing the chain of friendship, that memory alone long to behold that generation in the wish of your Brother formerly.

To

David Bacon
Henry Brown
Ellis Jordan
Thos. Willard

Joseph Throgmorton, gent. and Mr. Donaldson
Isaac Winthrop
Issac W. Winthrop
Moses W. Winthrop
Jacob Copeland
Solomon Deane, jun.

To

Thos. Borden, esq.

David Bacon
Jas. Hooker
The Parke
Jas. Jordan
I. Crowle
Thos. Jordan
Ellis Jordan
Peter Willard
The Jordan

Enclosed 15th June, 1632

Brothers: We have received your counsel and advice at this season as at many other times, and are made to feel that the great, good Spirit continues to put you in remembrance of, and engage in, his counsel and advice, even as you have agreed together to endeavor to follow it, and improve our lands, raise more cattle, grain, &c., and leave our young men to spin, and other useful employments, which have been done in building houses, &c., barns, and find great good from it.

Brother, we wish to listen to your council and advice, not to offend or hurt one another, nor to go to war. We last summer had a general council with many of the Western tribes of Indians, at Buffalo Lake, when we all agreed to live in peace and friendship, and with better life. Good Spirit, we will thank as to refrain from all practices.

Brother, we are sensible that the great, good Spirit governs season and purpose, with like more and more in
Transcription

Industry, Care, and Prudence we might live happy and comfortable -- And may the Great Good Spirit ever countenance the Chain of Friendship, that it may remain bright in the last generation is the wish of your Brothers. farewell To

ytf David Bacon
ytf Henry Drinker
ytf Ellis Yarnal
Thos Wistery Joseph Shasquithquirtyt Isaac Wranpeyt Moses Wrainkinhurstytf Jacob Concapusytf Solomon Quaikenytf Hendricks Aupamuttytf Jos. Quinney

From the Oneida Organization Indians to

David Bacon
Jno Parish
Hen? Drinker
Ellisy Yarnal
Nat Harper
Jno Biddle
Thos Wistar
Petery Barker
Thos Fisher
Jamesy Cooper
Jnoy Elliot
Wmy Savery
Jacoby Lindley
Olivery Paxton
Thos Stewardsonytf Oneida Place Information ytf 15th 10 mo.ytf 1801Brothersytf 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 and advice. some of us have agreed together to endeavour to follow it, and improve our ytf land, raise more cattle, grain & Flax, and learn our young women to Spin, and other useful employments in the House we have improved in building Houses & Barns, and find great good from itytf Brothers, we wish to listen to your counsel and advice not to offend, or hurt one another, nor to go to War. We last summer had a general counseleytf with many of the Western tribes of Indians, at Buffalow Creek Place Information, where we all agreed to live in peace and renewed the Chain of Friendship and wish to attend to the Good Spirit, itytf will teach us to refrain from all evil practicesytf Brothers, We are sensible that the great good Spirit governs all theytf seasons, and some of us wish to live more and more in his
favour, that we should more and more hearken to the holy
words. Nothing standing come through unwatched and
are taken captive by their great and mighty Deceiver.
Bro. Joseph Clark, we do thank you for your good counsel
we believe the Great S. Good Spirit has sent you amongst us, we
will treasure it up in our heart, from day to day and we
will teach it to our children, as we walk always, we wish all
ways to keep the Light of Friendship and remain your
Brother

Cornelius Otaulea
Peter Omaungua
John Shoamne
Luc Camel
Christian Schondah

Pete Scolde
Cornelius Landauer
Hendrick Tom Eshoe
John Wiscookek

To a Susquehanna Indian

Dear Friends, — We are all well and glad to see the girls, and our friend J. Clark, we often think of the kindness you showed us, and Nation among us by your care and
courage, and through all your efforts and eneregetic
spirit, the Great S. has found us in his favor
we have plenty of corn, cattle, and flour and become
the children, and not in his kind, I verily
consider your heart, but am not able to pay for myself
Peter Shusantee

To a young Indian woman to Eliz. Townsend (daughter
Joseph Clark), Dear Friend, and victor, but the wise,
our children from whom we wish to hear, and all thy society
well. The unknown to each other as to our melody, Per-
sen, will Surely hope that we are frequently
converse with the unthinking. My dear Friend, I think
thy father and otherwise the for your kind care towards
us the natives of America: for I believe the general
rule.
favour, that weytf should more and more be worthy of his bles
sings. Notwithstanding someytf through unwatchfulness
are taken captive by the great and mighty as were manyadversary destroyerytf Brother Joseph Clark We also the
we believe the Great & Good Spirit has sent youytf amongst us. We
will treasure it up in our hearts from day to day andytf we
will teach it to our Children. We wish always, we wish all
-ways, toytf keep bright the Chain of Friendships and remainytf your Brothersytf ytf ytf Cornel
From a Tuscarora Indianytf Dear Frendsytf We are all well and glad to see the 3
girls, and our friend J. Clark. we often think of the kindess
youytf shewed us -- Our nation now plough their land, and
raise some flax, and weytf spin a little, and we hope by the
assistance of the Great Good Spirit weytf grow in his favour
so as to have plenty of Corn, Cattle, and Flax -- andytf becom
his children, and rest in his Kingdom -- I feel much
love in myytf heart, but am not able to express myselfytf Peter Oksantguoytf ytf ytf From a Young Indian Woman to Eliz. Townsend
ytf of Joseph Clarksytf ytf ytf Dear Frendytf No doubt but thee will ex-
cuse a letter from me, who wishes thee, and allytf they society
well, tho unknown to each other as to our Bodilyytf Per-
sons, yet I sincerely hope that we sincerely frequently
ytf converse with the same Spirit. My dear Friend, I thank
thy Father andytf likewise thee for your kind care towards
us the Natives of America, for Iytf believe that you will have
have your care and forges witness only in appendix to all my
kind love to all my friends, and tell them that I am grateful to
Spirt is not in it, with to the north corner of the earth. Then
my dear friend? When will this happy day of them?
When the nation will come was no more & that from
wiliness and travel, and bring forth. The wiliness
forth. I am from the unknown friend
George Crosby
6th
An address from Joseph Rush to Indiana.
When the forest and Word Spirit made the first Man and
woman. He placed them in the Garden of Eden and con-
manded them to keep it. Thus we learn that the Great and
Wisest of all good intended Men should labour
from the beginning of the creation; and we are further in-
structed from the scriptures of Truth, that the Lord's cha-
en servants in every age were those that laboured
for Moses was in a chaste manner called of the
Most Right, while he was engaged keeping his father in
Law's sheep, as was also Elijah the Prophet, when he was
ploughing with the plowshare of Oden, and Paul, that em-
listed with the infirm, as he was laboured with his hand,
that himself supported himself. But above all these to-
nenies my Brother, when he obeyed to the command
and imitate the example of Christ the Great Gospell of
had all power in Heaven and Earth; and once in a manner
drew manner, just five hours and men beside, women
and children, with only two loaves, and five fish and not with
standing of towards gave this special command to gather
fragments, think nothing should waste. I knew clearly and
fully, this means poor praise clear the constant necessity
of being careful of the good things that are all wise.
have your reward, for God will reward you. Iytf give my
kind love to all thy friends, and tell them that the great &ytf good
Spirit is on its way to the dark corners of the Earth -- When
mytyf dear Friend? When will that happy day appear?
When the Nations will learrntyf War no more; for then Lion
will arise and travel, and bring forth, She willyf bring
forth. ytf                 So farewell from thy unknown friendytf Gracy Crosbytf ytf 6th
An address from Joseph Clark tytf Indiansytf When the great and good Spirit made the first Man and
Woman, He placed themyf in the Garden of Eden and com-
manded them to dress it -- Thus we learn thatytf the Great and
Wise Author of all good, intended Man should labour
fromyf the beginning of the Creation; and we are further ins-
-tructed from theytf scriptures of Truth, that the Lord’s cho-
sen Servants in every age wereytf those that laboured
For Moses was in a particular manner called of the
ytf Most High, while he was engaged keeping his Father in
Law’s sheep, as wasyf also Elizher the Prophet, when he was
ploughing with twelve yoke of Oxen,ytf and Paul, that emi-
nent Apostle informs us that he laboured with hisyf hands
that he might support himself. But above all these test-
imoniesytf my Brothers liken be obedient to the Command
and imitateyf the example of Christ, the Great Good Spirit, who
had all power in Heavenytf and Earth; and once in a miracu-
lous manner fed five thousand Men besidesyf Women and
Children, with only two loaves, and five fish -- and notytf with
standing afterwards gave this special Command to gather
fragmentsytf that nothing should be lost - How clearly and
fully this shews poor frailytf Man the constant necessity
of being careful of the good and things that anytf all wise Providence
Philadelphia Dec. 14 - 1801

Dr. B. My desire is that my Brother David Towle would send this at the conclusion of the time of Worship. unto the Broth.

Observations on the Broth' town Indians.

who have within these last 3 years, built 9 Loghouses, 3 log Barns, and 4 frame Barns. Also, we have cleaned this fall 2 frame Houses; they have about 260 Head.

By an addition to their former number (considerable num-

der not easily ascertained) they have lately purchased

90 sheep. Likewise 1000 calves. In the year 1799 they wore

about 160 yards of linen. In the year 1801 they wore

upwards of 600 yards. In 1799 seven families raised

wheat. In 1801 36 families raised wheat. The

and log in proportion - they have 7 weavers, and attack

with all Indians - they have a neat place of Worship

steadily attended, and a school, and exemplary teacher.

Several other Indian families have been added unto them

from remote parts. They have also a garden and two

mill. Likewise several oven - and now race more

Gene - Observation on the North West Indians,

who it is said are in increasing. 20 Women and two men

in full church membership; to which many more not

under the canon. They have built 10 new houses

last 4 years, 103 Children fit to attend school. A.B.
places in his power -- And in order to make the man of God more perfect, He further informed him, that it was more blessed to give than to receive -- I conclude in a degree of that love which we wishes well unto all the families of the Earth from your Brother - Joseph Clark Philadelphia Place Information 12 mo. 14- 1801 yf yf yf yf read this at the conclusion of the time of Worship, unto the Brother town Indians, and also unto the Oneida Indians, as in such a manner as thou may judge best. yf yf yf yf Observations on the Brother-town Information Indians who have within these last 3 years, built 9 Log Houses, 3 log Barns, 4 frame Barns, also will been closed this fall 2 frame Houses -- They have about 8 yoke of Oxen added to their former number (a considerable number not easily ascertained) They have lately purchased 270 sheep likewise as Colts. In the year 1799 they wove about 100 yards of Linnen. In the year 1801 they wove upwards of 600 Yards. In 1799-- seven families raised a little wheat. In 1801-- 56 families raised wheat, Corn and Flax in proportion. They have 7 Weavers, and a black smith all Indians -- They have a neat place of Worship steadily attended, and a School, and exemplary teacher -- several sober Indian families have been added unto them from remote parts -- They have also a grist and saw mill, likewise several Ovens - and now raise more Geese Observations on the Stockbridge Information Indians, who it is said are increasing 20 Women and two men are in full church membership; To which may be added, two Tuscarora Indians -- They have built 100 new houses these last 4 years -- 105 children fit to attend School -- Also
Also about 300 of men, some chiefly accompanied by women — almost every family has a few, some 300. One of those Indians is building a good house; they have a round, semi-circular, house, 3 acres in extent, where they have a new fine mill and a school house.

Observations on the Tuscarora Indians, junping but we learn they plough more land and receive more cattle than formerly — they have built several new houses within these few years; raise more hay and spin alittle, and say their nations are secure.

Observations on the Onondaga Indians. They have 50 head of horses lately, of which are over 50 good fine cows, and 3 frame barns, one built this summer. We also said they are raising wheat. It is generally allowed they do not paint cornmeal as they did 6 or 7 years ago, and from my observations, among them I discovered only two — they have a missionary, minister, and school master among them — they have also a Priest and lays.

Friend and Sister, this is to let you know I am much rejoiced to see friend Haughton safely the side you join and bring our girls home. I cannot but feel the great good spirit for his great goodness in preserving us long absent. Girls from various dangers and that they have found favour in the sight of such good friends, as to take them under their beneficient care and instruct them in good things and ways. I acknowledge that you have
Also about 30 yoke of Oxen, some sheep are possessed by them -- Almost every family has a cow, some 3 or 4 -- One of these Indians is burning good Bricks -- They have a handsome place of worship, which is constantly attended twice a week likewise they have a saw and grist mill and a School house. Observations on the Tuscarora Organization Indians (not perfect) but we learn they plough more land, and receive more cattle than formerly -- They have built several new houses within three or four years, raise more flax, and spin a little and say their nation increases. Observations on the Oneida Organization Indians they have 58 head of horned Cattle. 7 of which are oxen, 5 frame Houses, and 5 frame Barns, one building this summer. This also said they are raising Wheat -- This generally allowed they do not paint so much as they did 5 or 6 year ago, and from my Observations among them I discovered only two -- They have a Missionary Minister and School Master among them -- they have also a Grist and Saw Mill. [J. Clark to Catharine Solomon]

8th New Stockbridge Place Information 10 Month 15, 1801

This is to let you know I am much rejoiced to see friend J Clark come by the side of our fire place and bring our girls home I cannot but bless the great good spirit for his great goodness in preserving our long absented girls from various dangers and that they have found favor in the sight of such good friends, as 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 of the city; and your yellow creature, thinking to make me a useful tool, tells what you do, by which I always feel thankful and hope you will not lose your advantage. I mean, of course, our obligation to each other. As our advantage is no advantage to you, and to scorn your inconstancy and untruth. The Religion of man is man's own burden. But Christ came to keep on solely, never has been; but after having overthrown all for love of one enemy, young men have been as on earth, but often seem like to remain in the bondage of spiritual bondage; but God is able to turn their heads and make them willing to walk toward Canaan. Have no time to expand, and feel, but to come weak, with your prayers, to the great good of my family. Nor hi, blessing, espoused, this religion may again occur, among her. Katherine Solomon.

To Elizabeth Townsend
Daughter of Clark.

New Ark. July 13, 1710. Mr. 1700.

Dear Sister,

Take this opportunity to inform you that we have received your kind letter, which gladdens our hearts. We are all well, and begress well. These are the labours of our land. The summer past was good crops of grain. We are happy to see our good friends. Clark. Also our young women, wherever you are, under the care of God. Our friends. Often thoughts of you in your absence, you left our country. May all the Women in the world, as well as men, become such as you are followers of thy most good Spirit. Then it would
10th

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 increa-
sed 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 few careless ones stirred
up for soul concern since your young men left us who
at Oneida-- but others seem still to remain in bondage
of spiritual Pharaoh. But God is able to turn their hearts
and make them willing to walk towards Concern--
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 again revive
among us. Catharine Solomony

To Elizabeth Townsend

Daughter of J Clark

9th New Stockbridge Place Information yf 14 10 Month. 1801.

Dear Sister I take this opportunity to inform you that
we have received your kind letter which gladden 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 Jos. 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 such as you
are followers of the Great good Spirit _ then it would
in all brothers and sisters—this beautiful time would be—Bukumbi and Benjamin the great good fortune of my duty. Hope by the help of my good Spirit may you never forget that we are dependent creatures as you said, can do nothing spiritually, good. May the good Spirit bless you forever.

To Susanna Gregory
Leida Hendrick

P.S. Give my love to my husband and—give my love to our kind distant relations. Jacks on arrow that cannot alight and listen to all our kind sisters at Philadelphia.

Copy of Joseph Clark's Certificate

Dear Friend, An esteemed friend of Clark's called

my house the 15th. Came and stood with me over

first door—on the 12th. Stayed with him till first

bridge, where we slept before night, and returned the

young women under the care. Next day the

Chief and some of their principal men,

shoed them in every effecting language

that he had sufficient to persuade them and

whom to accompany their children home.

And I can truly say his life and conversation

has been to me very comfortable and exemplary.

With desires for his safe return to his family

and friends bring our kind regards.
Transcription

be allytf Brothers and Sisters – How beautiful this would
be _But humble submissionytf to the great good spirit is
our duty -I hope by the help of the good spiritytf we and you
shall never forget that we are dependant creatures
as youytf said can do nothing spiritually good may
the good Spirit bless youytf farewelltytf To Susanna Gregorytytf Lydia Hendricksytf P.S. Give my love to
our kind Sisterytf Hannah Jackson -am sorry that
weytf cannot at present send letters to all our kind sisters
at PhiladelphiaPlace Inoformation ytf ytf 10th
Copy of Joseph Clark’ytyf Certificateytf Dear Friend. ytf Our esteemed Friend J Clark called
at myytf House of the 16 of 11mo. and staid with me over
first Day - On the 12th, Iytf set out with him to Stock
bridgePlace Inoformation  where weytf set before night, and returned the
3 young women under his care. Next daytytf the
Chiefs met, and some of their principal Women
where he informedytf them in very affecting language
how that he had left all that was near andytf dear
to him, to accompany their children home
and I can truly say, hisytf life and conversation
has been to me edifying and exemplaryytf With Desires for his safe return to his family
and Friends from goodytf friend
John Deanytf 10th
Ith yearly meeting Committee on Indian affairs.

David Bacon
John Parish
Ellis Yearns
Henry Drinker

William Bassey
Thomas Morlan
Oliver Peck

James Cooper
Thos. Fisher
Pats. Burt

Joseph Whistle

Brother town sixth state of New York.

Ut 19th of the 16th month 1801.
To the yearly Meetings Committee on Indian affairs, ytf

David Baconytf William Saverytf James Cooperytf

The 19th of the 10th Month, 1801ytf

Thos Stewardsonytf Joseph Whitallytf BrothertownPlace Information ytf

with state of New YorkPlace Information ytf ytf