" was appointed to visit some Indians on the Muskingham river
" with liberty if they should believe it necessary, to afford them some
" assistance; who last Spring reported, that they had made some pro-
" vision for 8 or 10 families, on the Tusherawas branch of that river,
" who appeared in a situation of distress; — They also provided several
" kinds of farming Utensils, which are not yet delivered to the Indians.

" Soon after this report was received; a speech from the
" principal chief of the Wyandott Nation, was forwarded by the way
" of Philadelphia, of which the following is a copy" ——

" Speech delivered by the Crane, principal chief of the
" Wyandott nation of Indians in behalf of the whole of said nation
" at Detroit the 8th day of September 1798. — Addressed to the
" people called Quakers. ——

" Brethren Quakers!

" You remember that we once met at a certain place,
" when we had met at that certain place, a great many good things
" were said, & much friendship was professed between us. ——

" Brethren!

" You told us at that time when we met together,
" that you not only took us by the hand, but that you held us fast
" by the arm, that you then formed a chain of friendship; you said
" it was not a chain of Iron, but that it was a chain of precious metal,
" a chain of silver, which would never get rusty, & that that chain would
" bind us in brotherly affection forever. ——

" Brethren!

" You then said that this chain of friendship
" would bind us together so fast, that we should never part, it is
" our sincere wish, that the chain of friendship so made should
" never be Broken, nay, not even by the efforts of the evil spirit
" himself. ——

" Brethren!

" These are only a few words that I recollect, of a great
" many that were said at that time & place, we have no records or
" places of security for our speeches as you have; nor can we write as
" you do; Our belts of Wampum, are our only records, but if you examine
your

" your old books & papers, you will there find written all that
" passed between your fathers & ours. ——

" Brethren listen!

" The Wyandott nation your brethren, are happy
" to hear that you have not forgot what our grand fathers agreed on
" at that time. — We have often heard that you were a good & faith-
" -ful people; ever ready to do justice & good to all men, whether they
" be white or black; therefore we love you the more sincerely, because
" of the goodness of your hearts; which has been talked of among our
" nations long since. ——

" Brethren!

" My brethren the Wyandotts are happy to be in-
" -formed that some of you express a wish to pay us a visit; when
" you do come forward for that purpose, we will then shew you a
" belt of Wampum, which was given to us by your forefathers, with a
" piece of Written Parchment affixed thereto, when you see the belt
" of Wampum & have read the writing on the Parchment, you will
" no doubt then perfectly know us, & will consider us as brethren,
" united by a chain of friendship, which can never be broken while
" memory lasts. ——

" Brethren listen!

" As I have mentioned before, so let us proceed,
" we are much pleased to hear, that you still hold in remembrance
" our Nephews the Delaware Nation, the promises & obligations made
" between your grand fathers & ours, included our two Nations (Wyandotts
" & Delawares) in the chain of friendship & brotherly love, consid-
" -ering us as one & the same people, which chain we pray, that
" the great spirit will never permit to be broken. ——

" Brethren listen!

" By strictly adhering to the treaty of brotherly
" love which our Grand fathers (who now exist no more) formed for us
" & our future generations, we will the more peacefully & quietly wander
" upon this earth, on which the great Spirit, the master of life & all
" things was pleased to plant us the red people & then you our white
" brethren amongst us; & our women & children will walk the longer, like-
" -wise our young men & old people upon the earth. ——