"Brethren listen!

"You have informed us that you intend to visit
"us; yes, even in our tents & Cabins, you will take us by the hand.
"You brethren cannot admit a doubt that we would be very happy
"to see you. — But it will be necessary to acquaint you, that as
"the season is now far advanced, & the cold weather approach-
"-ing fast, it would be a difficult task for our brethren to find
"our place of abode, as we will all be scattered abroad, for the
"purposes of hunting, in the Wilderness, but in the beginning of
"June you will find us all at our homes in our Cabins & Tents
"ready to see you. ——

"Brethren listen!

"It is but proper to inform you at this time
"that when you do determine to come forward to see us, you will
"no doubt pass by my place of residence (San Dusky) I will then
"take you not only by the hand, but by the arm, & will conduct
"you safe to the grand council fire of our great Sastaretsy (King)
"when all good things are transacted & where nothing bad is
"permitted to appear. —— When in the great Council of our Sas-
"-taretsy we will then sit down together in peace & friendship as
"brethren are accustomed to do, after a long absence. — & remind
"each other, & talk of those times & things, that were done betwan
"our good grand fathers, when they first met upon our lands, upon
"this great Island. ——

"Brethren!

"May the great spirit! The master of life &
"light so dispose the hearts & Minds of all our Nations & people
"that the Calamities of War may never more be known or felt by
"any of them! That our roads & paths may never more be staines
"by the blood of our young Warriors, & that our helpless women &
"children may live in peace & happiness. ——

"Brethren!

"Our trusty & well beloved brother Jonathan
"Sheffin is charged with our belt of friendship & these words, which
"we delivered to him with our own mouths in a grand council of

"of our Nation he will tell you our situation, & he will take you by the
hand in our behalf, assuring you with our friendship & esteem for our bre-
"-thren the sons of Peace. — And we pray that the good spirit will
"guard him on his journey to you our brethren, & convey him safe
"back again to his friends. — A large belt & 10 strings of white
"wampum, in behalf of the Wyandotte & Delaware Nations. ——

"Signed

"in presence of
"Wm Walker } Interpreter. —

"Tarhee — the Crane
"Ska how wat

Adam Brown
Mai, o, vai - or
walk on the water }"

"On the invitation contained in this Speech from the Indians
"five friends were appointed to attend their council at San Dusky,
"at the time they had proposed, four of whom proceeded on the
"journey, & have produced the following report Viz. ——

"Pursuant to our appointment we set out on a visit to
"the Indians, the 7th of the 5th Month last, & after passing thro'
"two of their towns, we arrived on the 3d of the next month at upper
"Sandusky, the principal Village of the Wyandotts, where we met
"with a friendly reception from Tarhee the head chief, & others of
"that Nation. —— Upon conferring with them, we found a mis-
"-take had been made, in the translation of the speech, which they
"sent to friends, respecting the time of opening their great council, which
"they now informed us, began Annually at the full moon in this
"month; & finding it would be difficult to procure subsistance, for
"ourselves & horses here until that time, we concluded it would
"under our present circumstances, be best to propose to Tarhee
"a conference with him, & the other chiefs, who were then at San Dusky
"which was accordingly agreed to, & at the time appointed we met
"him, & two other chiefs at his house, where we had a full opportunity
"with them, on the subject of our visit. ——

Our communication appeared to be received with great satisfaction by them, & in their answer delivered to us on some strings of Wampum which we were desired to take with us to friends; they expressed the gratitude they felt, for the care,

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