motive than a desire of heart for the improvement, the benefit, & the welfare of our red brethren, and therefore it is that we speak with freedom, and we hope that what we have to say will go in at one ear, and not come out at the other, but that it will be remembered by our red brethren; for we know that we shall not be ashamed of what we say, when, in time to come, you compare the things we are saying to you, with your experience in practising them.

Brothers.

We will mention that the time was when the forefathers of your brothers, the white people, lived beyond the great water, in the same manner that our red brothers now live, the winters can yet be counted when they went almost naked, when they procured their living by fishing, and by the bow and arrow in hunting, & when they lived in houses no better than yours. They were encouraged by some who came from towards the sun rising, and lived amongst them to change their mode of living – they did change – they cultivated the earth, & we are sure the change was a happy one.

Brothers.

We are not ashamed to acknowledge that the time was, when our forefathers rejoiced at finding a wild plum-tree, or at killing a little game & that they wandered up and down, living on the uncertain supplies of fishing and hunting; but, brothers, for your encouragement, we mention that by turning their attention to the cultivation of the earth, instead of the plum tree, they soon had orchards of many kinds of good fruit – instead of the wild game, they soon had large numbers of cattle, of horses, of sheep, of hogs, & other useful animals, and instead of their forests in many places, they had large fields of corn and other grain, as also many other valuable productions of the earth.

Brothers.

We hope your eyes will be open to see clearly the things which are best for you, and that you will desire to pursue them. We are sure, brothers, that it is in the heart of you father the President of the United States to assist his red children, in the cultivation of the earth, and to render them services which will be greatly for their benefit and welfare. We hope that your assertions to change your present mode of living will be so plain to him that he will see them, which will encourage him to continue to aid you in your endeavours.

Brothers.

We have spoken plainly – we desire to speak plain – we will now tell you that we have not come merely to talk to you, we have come prepared to render you a little assistance – our beloved brother Philip Dennis, who is now present, has come along with us, to cultivate for you a piece of corn, & also to shew you how to raise some of the other productions of the earth. He knows how to use the plow, the hoe, the axe, & other implements of husbandry.

Brothers.

We will here ask you – are you still desirous to be assisted by us in the cultivation of the earth? if you say you are – our brother whom we have just mentioned, will continue with you during the summer. We shall leave it with you to shew him the spot where to begin to work – Brothers, he has left a farm – he has left a wife, and five small children, who are very dear to him. He has come from a sincere desire to be useful to our red brethren: brothers, his motives are pure – he will ask no reward from you – his greatest reward will be in the satisfaction he will feel in finding you inclined to take hold of the same tools which he takes hold of, to receive from him instruction in the cultivation of your lands, and to pursue the example he will set you.