

and seventy-three years ago, he wrote a letter to the Indians of this country, from the other side of the great Salt water. He told our forefathers, in this communication, that he was coming over the big water to visit the Indians, and that when he came among them he would love them and treat them with kindness. He told them that the Great Spirit was a Spirit of love, and required of all men to act with kindness towards their fellow beings. That when he came among them he would treat them with that respect and kindness which the Great Spirit requires of all - that he would not rob them, nor take away from them their lands, nor would he introduce any spirituous or intoxicating drink among them. It was his care on his first arrival in this country, to establish a lasting friendship with the Indians, and in all his acts he rendered them strict justice and great kindness - and when he purchased land of them, he always paid them to their content for it.

Brothers:- Once our land extended to the shores of the Atlantic. But you are fully aware of the history of the Indians, and of the manner in which our lands have been robbed away from us. All the circumstances, the troubles and the dangers which the Seneca Nation has passed through, you are acquainted with. Out of all these troubles and dangers, and perplexities, the Quakers have ever stood ready to help us. Under these considerations, we have confidence that you have come among us with no other purpose than that which was first established among the Indians by William Penn. We believe that the same love and kindness still exists within your hearts, and that you still have the same anxiety for the interest, the advancement, and the future welfare of the Seneca Nation, which you have manifested for some years past.

Brothers:- With these impressions we can say that we are happy to see you now seated among us. We therefore thank you for having complied with the request of the Seneca Nation. We also from our hearts feel to thank the Great Spirit for having again permitted us to meet one another on this day. We once more say that

with warm hearts we greet you, and welcome you to the home of the Senecas. If now you have any message to deliver to us, we shall be happy to hear it. I say no more for the present.

After the delivery of these introductory remarks, one of the Committee read the following address to the Seneca Nation, which was delivered to them in their own language by the Official Interpreter of the nation:
To our Friends and Brothers of the Seneca Nation:

Brothers:- The friends you now see here are a Delegation from the Yearly Meetings of Friends of New-York and Baltimore, who have heretofore extended assistance to you.

Brothers:- In compliance with the kind invitation of our Brothers of the Seneca Nation, we have come once more to pay you a visit. We rejoice again to see you and to take you by the hand. It gives us great pleasure on the present occasion to feel and to know that the chain, which has so long bound our people together, in the land of sincere friendship, has never been weakened by dissensions nor grown dim with age. It is yet bright and strong. Our venerable fathers, more than one hundred and seventy years ago, on their first meeting in this country, took each other by the hand, and in the warm feelings of mutual friendship prayed to the Great Spirit that the harmony which then subsisted between them, might never be broken "while the leaves continued to grow and the water to run."

Brothers:- That prayer was put up with sincerity and in good faith; and like all the prayers of sincere and good men, was heard by the Great Spirit; and by his assistance, the parties and their children have kept their covenant unbroken and without blemish to this day. The friendship, cemented by the justice and magnanimity of William Penn and his friends, on the side, and confirmed by the fidelity and kindness of the Indians, on the other, has been as lasting as it has been beneficial to both. We thank the Great Spirit that we can truly say, "The chain which yet binds us is bright and strong."