

destroyed thousands of our red brethren, and it has also carried many thousands of the white people to destruction and never fails to overwhelm with ruin and misery all those who become slaves to the use of it, unless they totally withdraw from it. On this subject we therefore entreat your particular attention, because we are fully persuaded, that no efforts of ours, no good intentions on your part, can be useful to you, whilst you indulge yourselves in the use of it. We shall therefore expect you to banish this destructive article from your village, and shall greatly rejoice when we hear you have determined to do so.

After some conference amongst the chiefs, the Black Hoop, on behalf of the whole, returned the following reply.

Brothers, Your communication shall have our most serious consideration. We know it contains the truth - the same things have been told us before by good people.

Brothers, we know very well that what you have said is intended for our good, but there are some of our people who seem as if they have no ears to hear, no hearts to understand, but as our friends have not given us up, we will make another effort to convince these, for we clearly see that what you propose to us is for

our benefit.

Brothers, we believe with you that the Great Spirit has made all men both white and red, and we return our thanks to him for preserving you through your journey, and bringing you safe amongst us, and for giving us once more the satisfaction we now feel of seeing our friends the Quakers of Baltimore, and taking you by the hands, and sitting down together with you.

Brothers, we also return our thanks to the Great Spirit, for having put it into your hearts to make us this visit, and tell us the things which we have just heard, for it convinces us that He has not yet given us up.

Brothers, since you have not forgotten us, and that Great Spirit has preserved you to come and visit us and give us this advice, we feel an assurance that he has not yet abandoned us. He will therefore make one more great effort, because we are fully convinced, that as he still regards us, he will assist us, and it therefore remains with ourselves whether we are to be preserved from ruin or not.

Brothers, we speak to you the sincere language of our hearts - We will indeed try more to go in the path you advise us, and we are encouraged with a hope that we shall succeed, since it is the unanimous wish of all