

all nations, however diversified by complexion, his paternal regard, and presence, you will continue to extend to you, through the many dangers which beset us all in this uncertain state of being.

Brothers, you have for many years witnessed our efforts to be serviceable to you in the towns now occupied by you, and although as much has not been effected for your good as we could have desired, yet we hope something has been gained for you; your knowledge of agriculture has been improved; some of your children have been taught to read, and your minds have been opened to an enlarged and more correct view of various matters important to your welfare. We sincerely hope that when you become fixed in your new habitation, you will not only endeavour to hold fast what you have gained, but strive to advance still further in useful information, the welfare of yourselves, and of your children, will greatly depend on this.

Brothers, we do not now undertake to give an opinion, whether or not it will promote your welfare to take the step you have determined on, in removing to the west, and concentrating your whole people together: there are among you wise men who understand well your interests.

Brothers, we are not unacquainted with the difficulties which have oppressed you in your present scattered and divided situation. By removing, you may possibly avoid some of these; but dangers perhaps not less fatal, will assail you in your new situation, against these your utmost prudence will be necessary to enable you to guard yourselves.

Brothers, we are told that not less than forty different nations or tribes, will be collected on the land which will be selected for you; many of these nations speak different languages - have different habits, and being more or less accustomed to civilization, have different wants; this inequality of character, must necessarily expose you to the danger of discordant counsels and views; and much wisdom will be required, to preserve that general harmony and concord, which will be essential to your happiness.

Brothers, as we have already remarked, although your removal to the west will, probably dissolve the immediate connection, which has so long subsisted between us, yet it cannot extinguish nor lessen our solicitude for your welfare; we should therefore be unfaithful to our feelings, did we not on the present occasion, speak with entire freedom to you, upon those matters which we apprehend are intimately connected with your