

when the communication from the Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, informing them of our appointment to visit them was explained to them, after which we addressed them in the following communication to which they gave very particular attention.

Brothers! You will perceive by the letter which has just been read to you that we are a deputation from the Society of Friends to visit and take you by the hand on its behalf, and for the purpose of examining into your situation, and consulting with you upon the best means of being useful to you.

Brothers! Your brethren the Society of Friends who hold their general Council at Baltimore and those who reside in the State of Ohio, are invited together as the same people, and ^{until within a few years} ~~formerly~~ were one body engaged in the endeavours that were then made to instruct and assist you, but being very remotely settled from each other, they now hold two general Councils in every year, one at Baltimore and one in the State of Ohio. In the work which is now going on in your town they are still united, and you will consider whatever we say to you, as coming equally from both.

Brothers! Your brethren have long viewed with sincere compassion the continual and rapid decrease of their red brethren, and they have been fully convinced that the mode of life, which you and your fathers have pursued must if continued in, perpetuate your sufferings and finally lead to your total extinction from this Country.

5 Brothers! You are firmly convinced that nothing can save you from this destruction but, an entire change in your manner of living, and a steady and unremitting attention to your farms.

Brothers! We fully believe that the Great & Good Spirit is the common Father of all the people upon this great Island and indeed upon the whole Earth, and that he views with disapprobation every disposition in the minds of his children to do each other harm; He is constantly disposed to do them good and he approves of every effort which they use to do each other good; it is this opening which has led your brethren from their homes and families to visit you at this time, with the view of endeavoring to communicate to you the knowledge which the great Spirit has given to them and which they have found so beneficial.

Brothers! We have been very much gratified to find as we passed through your town, that you have so considerable a quantity of corn, plantations, and that it has been carefully cultivated and kept clean for your encouragement. We could not help you that your crops generally look as well as any of your white neighbours which we have seen in passing to your Country. Your gardens also are so promising that we have not amongst the white people in this Country that we have seen. Brothers! You have understood since we have been amongst you, that several of you contemplated removing to some distance from the village with the view of disposing of yourselves for the purpose of procuring a more extensive range