

for your stock; we hope you will carry into effect this determination; for we are satisfied that it will greatly increase your comfort and means of living. Your country is well situated for raising and supporting, with little trouble, an immense quantity of Cattle & Hogs, you would therefore with care, in a very few years have more of them than would be necessary for your own wants.

Brothers! We are but few in number, and our means of assisting you in changing your mode of living are not extensive - the utmost that we can do for ~~you~~ ^{you}, after we have completed the mill now erecting, will be to put into your hands, the tools & implements of husbandry, which will be necessary to enable you to cultivate your lands, and keep a person at your village for the purpose of instructing you in the use of these implements; you will of course at once perceive that all our good dispositions to assist you, cannot be extensively useful to you, unless you fully determine to lay hold of the tools which we offer you, and with steady persevering industry devote yourselves to the cultivation of your lands.

Brothers! It is therefore for yourselves to decide whether or not our exertions will be useful to you. If you take fast hold of the tools which we offer you, and conform to our advice, in the use of them, you will soon find yourselves rising out of the poverty and want, in which your women and children have so long suffered, and your numbers like your white brethren

7 will gradually increase with your comfort and means of living, in the same proportion as you are industrious and sober.

Brothers! We cannot conclude without reminding you of the advice which we gave you some years ago, to beware of the use of spiritous liquors: this poison has 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 intrust your particular attention, because we are fully persuaded, that no efforts of ours, nor 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 it.

After some conference amongst the chiefs the Black Hoof 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