



*The Committee Appointed to Confer With the Friends who Attended the  
Indian Treaty*

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the Friends, who attended the Indian Treaty in the  
preceding Autumn on the matters contained in  
their Report & the Observations & Occurrences by them  
otherwise noted, having in the course of attending  
thereto, considered divers particulars of intersting  
import as relative to the cultivation of Amity and  
promotion of solid Peace w<sup>th</sup> the Indians of whom  
a certain ~~tribe~~<sup>Nation</sup> called Tuscaroras assert a claim  
as original Owners of Lands held by Friends at  
Hopewell in Virginia, for w<sup>ch</sup> they have not received  
satisfactory Compensation; another description of  
those People appearing dissatisfied, <sup>pleasing</sup> that no conciliatory  
means have been used by the Government of  
Pennsylvania to atone for, or (in their own expressive  
Language) to wipe away the Blood of their Relations  
inhumanly spilt at Conestoga & Lancaster in the year  
1763; these People in common with other Indians  
expressing great Confidence in, & Reliance on the  
Friendship & good Offices of our religious Society, &  
some of them manifesting a desire to endeavour  
after a more civilized mode of living, intimate a  
hope of being encouraged & aided therein by Friends,  
in the way of promoting the tuition of their Children,  
and affording some assistance & Instruction in the practical  
Knowledge of Agriculture & the social Economy of a  
peaceful & inoffensive Life: These Objects <sup>w<sup>ch</sup></sup> appearing  
to claim religious Attention, and another Treaty for a  
more general Pacification being proposed to be held  
in the 6<sup>th</sup> mo: next, the Committee apprehend it expedient  
& proper ~~to~~ to request the members of the meeting for  
Sufferings who reside in the City to meet & consider whe-  
ther it will not be right, and agreeable to the concern of  
our yearly Meeting, to give Notice to the large Committee  
appointed in the year 1792 to unite with the meeting for  
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Promotion of Peace with the Indians, that their Attendance  
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meeting next mo: ~



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Yearly Meeting's Committee app<sup>d</sup> in 1792 to unite  
with the meet<sup>g</sup> for suff<sup>y</sup> in the Concern occasioned by the  
War w<sup>th</sup> the Indians

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✓ Owen Biddle ✓  
✓ Tho<sup>s</sup> Lightfoot (Exet<sup>r</sup>) ✓  
✓ Tho<sup>s</sup> George ✓  
Peter Yarnall  
✓ Nathan Cleaver ✓  
Randall Iden  
✓ Sam<sup>l</sup> Gummery ✓  
Jonat<sup>n</sup> Kirkbride  
✓ John Simpson ✓  
John Gillingham  
✓ Rob<sup>t</sup> Kirkbride ✓  
✓ Step<sup>n</sup> Meridenhall ✓  
✓ John Pearce  
James Enlen  
✓ Simon Meredith ✓

Benj<sup>s</sup> Mason  
✓ George Churchman ✓  
✓ James Jackson ✓  
✓ Amos Harvey ✓  
Warner Mifflin }  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Holliday } Southern  
John Boon }  
Isaac Cox }  
John Cox }  
Benj<sup>s</sup> Clark  
Geo<sup>s</sup> Dillwyn  
Joseph Powell  
✓ John Wistar ✓  
✓ Enoch Evans ✓  
✓ John Reeve  
✓ Benj<sup>s</sup> Swett ✓  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Lawrence  
Joseph Shottwell  
Wm Hartshorne  
Henry Clifton

Rep<sup>y</sup> from Salem In<sup>s</sup>: Reeve Mark Miller  
Jo<sup>s</sup>: Wistar Jo<sup>s</sup>: Whitely



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