



Letter from Cornplanter to Quakers

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To the Children of the Friends of Onas who first settled in Pennsylvania - The request of the Complanter a Chief of the Seneca nation
Brothers,

The Seneca nation see, that the Great-spirit intends that they shall not continue to live by hunting, and they look round on every side, and enquire who it is that shall teach them what is best for them to do.

Your Fathers have dealt fairly and honestly with our Fathers, and they have charged us to remember it, and we think it right to tell you, that we wish our children to be taught the same principles by which your fathers were guided in their Councils.

Brothers, We have too little wisdom among us: We cannot teach our children what we perceive their situation requires them to know, and we therefore ask you to instruct ^{some} of them - We wish them to be instructed to read and to write, and such other things as you teach your own children; and especially, to teach them to love peace.

Brothers, We desire of you to take under your care two Seneca boys and teach them as your own; and, in order that they ^{may} be satisfied to remain with you and be easy in their minds, that you will take with them the son of our Interpreter and teach him also according to his desire.

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Brothers, You will consider of this request, and let us know what you determine to do. If your hearts are inclined toward us, and you will afford our nation this great advantage, I will send my son as one of the boys to receive your instruction, and at the time which you shall appoint.

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