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2nd

From Joseph Clark to the Indians, on his return with their
young women -

Brothers, The love I always felt for you and your chil-
dren, has induced me to leave all that is near and dear, my
children, my Friends, my Property, and my business, to
come and see you - It is not for my interest or ease, that has
brought me from my habitation; but that your Children
whom you delivered into my care, in the year 1797 should
be safely returned unto you, with their qualifications and
improvements; and as the Good and Great Spirit has pre-
served them in innocence, sobriety, and Industry, in
this state I hope they will continue, and that you may
unite with us, to encourage them in every good word, and
work - That thereby the Chain of Friendship may grow
stronger and brighter, which is the sincere desire of thy
Brother, Joseph Clark

Reply of the Indians

New Stockbridge 10th Mo. 1800
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Brother attend, We wish to speak a few words to you - we feel
thankful to the great - good Spirit, that he put a concern in you
heart for us, the poor Indians, so that you was willing to leave
all your friends, to take along your own, and that you have
kindly and safely conducted our young women, whom we
put under your care some years ago - We rejoice that the Great
Good Spirit has protected and preserved you all this way, while
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all your friends, to take a long journey, andytf that you have
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Good Spirit hasytf protected and preserved you all this way, while you walk in the long pathytf so that you are s

of our fire place in good health, and that we are allowed to see
each other's faces this day - Friend we are sensible that all the
kindness you have done, of our journey out of love to us, for
which we with our Womenn heartily thank you - We hope we
shall never forget your kindness - Respecting the kind talk
which you brought us from our friends, we wish to send a few
words to them in writing, therefore we desire you to stay with
us all the day, and to night that we may have time to write
to our friends, and that you may take a little more rest
Joseph Shaw with quiet -

3rd

New Stockbridge 10 mo. 14 - 1801

Brothers attend

Our friend and brother J. Clark safely arri-
ved here by the side of our fire place, on the 13th of the 10 month
with our 3 young women, who have been under your benevo-
lent care for a considerable time, whom he conducted through
along journey, and delivered your kind talk the next day
Brothers Our satisfaction is very great in finding that the
Brethren have taken great pains to instruct these girls, in sober
and steady conduct, and in those good customs and useful me-
thods, which are necessary for living happily and comfortably
and that they have been taught to read and write, and read
the English Language, for which kindness we heartily thank
you - We hope that the advantage they had will be a be-
nefit to them as well as to us, we will endeavour to encour-
age them to improve their attainments

Brothers We are sensible that it is out of love and pity you
have exercised many kindnesses towards us, ever since friend
shep has been established between you and us, not only in
good words, but you have experienced your properties, that
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Brothers We are sensible that it is out of love and pityytf you have exercised many kindnesses towards us, ever since friendshipytf has been established between you and us, -- not only in good words, but weytf have experienced your properties, that we poor Indians might Know how toytf help ourselves, that by

Industry, Care, and Prudence we might be happy and comfortable - And may the Great, Good Spirit ever countenance the Chain of Friendship, that it may remain bright to the latest generation is the wish of your Brothers - farewells

T.
David Bacon
Henry Brinker
Ellis Gurnall
Thos. Wistler

Joseph Tharg with guest Hendrick ^{must} ~~Linpan~~
Isaac Wmawpuy Es. Quinney
Moses Wmaw Koonharob
Jacob Kooncupus
Solomon Quackemus

all of our friends with Indians

4th

From the Oneida Indians to

David Bacon
Isa. Parin
Hen? Brinker
Ellis Gurnall

Ans. Harper
Isa. Biddle
Thos. Wistler
Peter Brinker

Thos. Fisher
James Cooper
Isa. Elliot
Wm. Savory

Isa. Lindley
Oliver Pexton
Thos. Stewardson

Oneida 15th 10mo. 1801

Brothers. We have received your counsel and advice at this time, as we have at many other times, and are made thankful that the great good Spirit continues to put you in remembrance of us, to give us this counsel and advice, come for, have agreed together to endeavour to follow it, and improve our land, raise more cattle, grain, &c. &c. and leave our young women to spin, and other useful employments, as the Great Spirit has improved in building houses & barns, and find great good from it

Brothers. We wish to listen to your counsel and advice, not to offend, or hurt one another, nor to go to War. We last summer had a general council with many of the Western tribes of Indians, at Buffalo Creek, where we all agreed to live in peace, and renewed the Chain of Friendship, and wish to attend to the Good Spirit, it will teach us to refrain from all evil practices

Brothers. We are sensible that the great good Spirit governs seasons, and some of us wish to live more and more in his

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Industry, Care, and Prudence we might live happy and comfortable -- And may the Great Good Spirit ever countenance ytf the Chain of Friendship, that it may remain bright in the latest ytf generation is the wish of your Brothers. ytf farewell To

ytf David Bacon

ytf Henry Drinker

ytf Ellis Yarnal

Thos ytf Wisterytf Joseph Shasquithquirt ytf Isaac Wranpeyytf Moses Wrainkoinhurst ytf Jacob Concapusytf So
David Bacon

Jnoytf Parish

Hen? ytf Drinker

Ellisytf Yarnal

Nat. ytf Harper

Jnoytf Biddle

Thos ytf Wistar

Peterytf Barker

Thos ytf Fisher

James ytf Cooper

Jnoytf Elliot

Wmytf Savery

Jacobytf Lindley

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Thos Stewardson ytf Oneida Place Information ytf 15th 10 mo. ytf 1801 Brothers ytf We have received
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evil practices ytf Brothers, We are sensible that the great good Spirit governs
all ytf seasons, and some of us wish to live more and more in his

favour, that we should more and more be worthy of his bless-
 ings - Notwithstanding some through unwatchfulness
 are taken captive ~~they~~ ^{destroyed} great and mighty ~~adversaries~~
 Brother Joseph Clark We also thank you for your good counsel
 we believe the Great Good Spirit has sent you amongst us, we
 will treasure it up in our hearts from day to day and we
 will teach it to our children, we wish always, we wish al-
 ways to keep bright the Chain of Friendship and remain
 your Brothers.

Cornelius Otis tida

Peter Omaqua

John Schannada

Lus Louin

Christian Schomada

Peter Sautolis

Cornelius Sawnae

Hendrick Fanchau

John Whickshack

5th

From a Tuscarora Indian

Dear Friends - We are all well, and glad to see the 3
 Girls, and our friend J. Clark, we often think of the kindness
 you shew us - Our Nation more & more loves their land, and
 raise some flux, and we spin a little, and we hope by the
 assistance of the Great Good Spirit we grow in his favour
 so as to have plenty of corn, Cattle, and Flock, and become
 his children, and rest in his Kingdom - I feel much
 love in my heart, but am not able to express my self

Peter Okasantque

From a young Indian Woman to Eliza Townsend daughter
 of Joseph Clark Dear Friend, no doubt but thee will ex-
 cuse a letter from one, who wishes thee, and all thy society
 well, tho' unknown to each other as to our Modesty Per-
 sons, yet I sincerely hope that we ~~sincerely~~ frequently
 converse with the same spirit - My dear Friend, I thank
 thy Father and likewise thee for your kind care towards
 us the Natives of America, for I believe that you will
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have your new and, for God witness only, ever I give my
kind love to all thy friends, and tell them that thy great good
Spirit is on its way to the dark corners of the Earth - when
my dear Friend? When will that happy day appear?
When the Nations will learn War no more & for then Lion
will arise and travel, and bring forth - She will bring
forth - So farewell from thy unknown friend
Gracey Crosby

6th

An address from Joseph Clark to Indians.

When the Good and Good Spirit made the first Man and
Woman, He placed them in the Garden of Eden and com-
manded them to dress it - Thus we learn that the Great and
wise Author of all good, intended Man should labour
from the beginning of the Creation; and we are further in-
structed from the scriptures of Truth, that the Lord's che-
erful servants in every age were those that laboured
For Moses was in a particular manner called of the
Most High, while he was engaged keeping his Father in
Law's sheep, as was also Eliza the Prophet, when he was
ploughing with the yoke of Oxen, and Paul, that em-
inent Apostle informs us that he laboured with his hands
that he might support himself - Must above all these to-
-monies my Brothers, listen be obedient to the Command
and imitate the example of Christ, the Great Good Spirit, who
had all power in Heaven and Earth; and once in a miracu-
lous manner fed five thousand Men besides Women and
Children, with only two loaves, and five fishes - and now with-
standing afterwards gave this special Command to gather
fragments that nothing should be lost? - How clearly and
fully this shows poor frail Man the constant necessity
of being careful of the good things that an All-wise Providence

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have your reward, for God will reward you. Iytf give my kind love to all thy friends, and tell them that the great &ytf good Spirit is on its way to the dark corners of the Earth -- When myytf dear Friend? When will that happy day appear? When the Nations will learnytf War no more; for then Lion will arise and travel, and bring forth, She willytf bring forth. ytf So farewell from thy unknown friendytf Gracy Crosbyytf ytf ytf 6th

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For Moses was in a particular manner called of the ytf Most High, while he was engaged keeping his Father in Law's sheep, as wasytf also Elizher the Prophet, when he was ploughing with twelve yoke of Oxen,ytf and Paul, that eminent Apostle informs us that he laboured with hisytf hands that he might support himself. But above all these testimoniesytf my Brothers liken be obedient to the Command and imitateytf the example of Christ, the Great Good Spirit, who had all power in Heaventytf and Earth; and once in a miraculous manner fed five thousand Men besidesytf Women and Children, with only two loaves, and five fish -- and notytf with standing afterwards gave this special Command to gather fragmentsytf that nothing should be lost - How clearly and fully this shews poor frailytf Man the constant necessity of being careful of the good and things that anytf all wise Providence

places in his power - and in order to make the man of God
more perfect. He further informed him, that it was more
blessed to give than to receive - I conclude in a degree of that
line which wishes well unto all the families of the Earth from
your Brother - Joseph Clark

Philadelphia Decr. 14 - 1801

N. B. My desire is that my Brother David Howle would
read this at the conclusion of the time of Worship, unto the Bro-
ther town Indians, and also unto the Oneida Indians, in
such a manner as thou may judge best -
7th

Observations on the Brother town Indians,
who have within these last 30 years, built 9 Log Houses, 3
Log Barns, and 4 frame Barns, also will be closed this
fall 2 frame houses - They have ~~about~~ about 8 yoked
Oxen added to their former number (a considerable num-
ber not easily ascertained) They have lately purchased
270 sheep, likewise 8 Colts. In the year 1799 they wore
about 100 yards of Linen - In the year 1801 they wore
upwards of 600 yards - In 1799 - seven families raised
a little wheat. In 1801 - 56 families raised wheat, corn
and flax in proportion - They have 7 Weavers, and a black-
smith all Indians - They have a neat place of Worship,
steadily attended, and a School, and an exemplary teacher, -
several other Indian families have been added unto them
from remote parts - They have also a grist and saw
mill, likewise several Ovens, - and now raise more
Geese -

Observations on the Stockbridge Indians,
who it is said are increasing - 20 Women and two men are
in full church membership; how high many have died, the
Tuscarora Indians - They have built 10 new houses
these last 47 years - 105 children fit to attend school - Also

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places in his power -- And in order to make the man of God more perfect, He further informed him, that it was more blessed to give than to receive -- I conclude in a degree of that love which we wish well unto all the families of the Earth from your Brother - Joseph Clark of Philadelphia Place Information yf 12 mo. 14- 1801 yf yf read this at the conclusion of the time of God's Worship, unto the Brothers and town Indians, and also unto the Oneida Indians, as in such a manner as thou may judge best. yf yf yf yf 7th yf yf Observations on the Brother-t log Barns, and yf 4 frame Barns, also will be closed this fall 2 frame Houses -- They yf have about 8 yoke of Oxen added to their former number (a considerable yf number not easily ascertained) They have lately purchased 270 yf sheep likewise as Colts. In the year 1799 they yf wove about 100 yards of Linnen. In the year 1801 they wove upwards yf of 600 Yards. In 1799-- seven families raised yf a little wheat. In 1801-- 56 families raised wheat, yf Corn and Flax in proportion. They have 7 Weavers, and a blacksmith yf all Indians -- They have a neat place of Worship steadily attended, and yf a School, and exemplary teacher -- several sober Indian families have yf been added unto them from remote parts -- They have also a grist and yf saw mill, likewise several Ovens - and now raise more Geese yf Observations on the Stockbridge Organization Information yf Indians, yf who it is said are increasing in full church yf membership; To which may be added, two Tuscarora Indians -- They have yf built 100 new houses these last 4 years -- 105 children fit to attend yf School -- Also

Also about 300 of Oxen - some sheep are possessed by them - Almost every family has axes, some 3 or 4 - One of these Indians is burning good Brooks - They have a hand sawmill for sawing, which is constantly attended twice a week - likewise they have a saw and grist mill and a school house -

Observations on the Tuscarora Indians (not perfectly) but we learn they plough more land, and reap more cattle than formerly - They have built several new houses, within three or four years, raise more flax, and spin a little and say their nation increaseth -

Observations on the Onondaga Indians, they have 50 head of horned cattle, 7 of which are oxen, 5 good frame houses, and 3 frame barns, one building this summer. This also said they are raising wheat - It is generally allowed they do not paint so much as they did 5 or 6 years ago, and from my observations, among them I discovered only two - They have a missionary minister and school master amongst them - they have also a grist and saw mill -

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Friends and Sister
New Bedford Nov. 5 - 1847
This is to let you know I am much rejoiced to see friends of the Lord come by the side of your fine place and bring our girls home - I cannot but bless the great good spirit for his great goodness in preserving our long absent girls from various dangers and that they have found favour in the sight of such good friends, as to take them under their benevolent care and instruct them in good things and ways; I acknowledge that you have

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Also about 30 yoke of Oxen, some sheep are possessed by them -- Almost every family has a cow, some 3 or 4 --

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only two -- They have a Missionary Minister and School Master among them -- they have also a Grist and Saw

Mill. [J. Clark to Catharine Solomon]

8th New Stockbridge Place Information 10 Month 15, 1801

Friend and Sister This is to let you know I am much rejoiced to see friend J Clark come by the side of our fire

place and bring our girls home I cannot but bless the great good spirit for his great goodness in preserving our long absented girls from various

dangers and that they have found favor in the sight of such good friends, as take them

under their benevolent care, and instruct them in

good things and ways. I acknowledge that you have

done a great deal for us out of love to the great good
Spirit, and your fellow creatures - These uppony natures
might as it were rise up & walk, and follow the good path
which you follow, by which I always feel thankful, and
hoping you will not lose your reward in Heaven. I feel
our obligations are increased, as our advantages are increas-
ed to serve God, in sincerity and in Truth - The Religion
is common here even amongst us, but Christians seem
to keep on still, there has been but a few careless ones that
up for soul concern, since young young men often seek
at Onondaga, but others seem still to remain in the bondage
of spiritual Pariah; But God is able to turn their heart
and make them willing to walk towards Canaan -
I have nothing to express and I feel, but to conclude with
your prayers that the great good Spirit may pour down
his blessing upon us, that religion may again revive
amongst us. I have signed Solomon

To Elizabeth Townsend
Daughter of J. Clark.

9th

New Stockbridge 14th 10 Mo. 1809

Dear Sister

I take this Opportunity to inform you that
we have received your kind letter, which gladden our
hearts - We are all well - and the great good Spirit has
blessed the labours of our hands the summer past with
good crops of Grain - We are happy to see our good
friends J. S. Clark, also our young women, who were
just under the care of our friends - I often thought of you
since you left our country - I wish all the Women
in the world, as well as men become such as you
are, followers of the great good Spirit - Then it would

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done a great deal for us, out of Love to the great good spirit and your fellow creatures--that we poor natives may rise up and walk and follow the good path which you follow, by which I always feel thankful and hope you will not lose your reward in heaven. I feel our obligations are increased as our advantages are increased to serve God in sincerity and in truth. The Religion is somewhat low amongst us but Christians seem to keep on still. there has been but a few careless ones stirred up for soul concern since your young men left us who at Oneida-- but others seem still to remain in their bondage of spiritual Pharaoh. But God is able to turn their hearts and make them willing to walk towards Concern-- I have no time to express as I feel, but to conclude with your prayers that the great good Spirit may pour down his blessing upon us--that religion may again revive among us.

Catharine Solomony ytf ytf To Elizabeth Townsend

Daughter of J Clark

New Stockbridge Place Information 14 10 Month. 1801.

Dear Sister I take this opportunity to inform you that we have received your kind letter which gladden our hearts. We are all well - and the great good spirit has blessed the labours of our Lands the summer past with good crops of grain - We are happy to see our good friend Jos. Clark, also our young women who were put under the care of our friends - I often thought of you since you left our Country - I wish all the women in the world as well as men become such as you are, followers of the Great good Spirit _ then it would

be all Brothers and Sisters - How beautiful this would
be - Unhumble submission to the great good Spirit is
our duty - I hope by the help of the good Spirit we and you
shall never forget that we are dependent creatures
as you said. can do nothing [spiritually good] May
the good Spirit bless you forever

To Susanna Gregory Lydia Hendricks

P.S. Give my love to thy Husband - give my love
our kind sister Hannah Jackson - Am sorry that
we cannot append send letters to all our kind friends
of Philadelphia -

10th
Copy of Joseph Clark's Certificate

Dear Friend. An esteemed friend of Clark's called
at my house of the 10th of 11 mo. and staid with me over
first day - On the 12th. I sat out with him to Stock
bridge. where we yet before night, and returned the
3 young women under his care - Next day the
Chiefs met, and some of their principal women
were informed them in very affecting language
how that he had left all that was near and dear
to him, to accompany their children home
and I can truly say, his life and conversation
has been to me very edifying and exemplary
With desires for his safe return to his family
and friends from your friend John D. C.

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be _But humble submissionyf to the great good spirit is
our duty -I hope by the help of the good spiritytf we and you
shall never forget that we are dependant creatures
as youytf said can do nothing spiritually good may
the good Spirit bless youytf farewellytf To Susanna Gregoryytf Lydia Hendricksytf P.S. Give my love
our kind Sisterytf Hannah Jackson -am sorry that
weytf cannot at present send letters to all our kind sisters
at PhiladelphiaPlace Inoformation ytf ytf ytf 10th
Copy of Joseph Clark'sytf Certificateytf Dear Friend. ytf Our esteemed Friend J Clark called
at myytf House of the 16 of 11mo. and staid with me over
first Day - On the 12th, Iytf set out with him to Stock
bridgePlace Inoformation where weytf set before night, and returned the
3 young women under his care. Next dayytf the
Chiefs met, and some of their principal Women
where he informedytf them in very affecting language
how that he had left all that was near andytf dear
to him, to accompany their children home
and I can truly say, hisytf life and conversation
has been to me edifying and exemplaryytf With Desires for his safe return to his family
and Friends from goodytf friend
John Deanytf 10th

10th

To the yearly meeting's Committee on Indian affairs

David Bacon	William Lacey	James Cooper
John Parrish	Thomas Wistar	Thos. Fashus
Ellis Yarnall	Oliver Poston	Peter Borker
Henry Drinker	Thos. Newcomen	Leuph Whitlatte

Brother town in the state of New York

The 13th of the 10th month - 1801

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To the yearly Meetings Committee on Indian affairs, ytf
The 19th of the 10th Month, 1801ytf ytf ytf

David Baconytf William Saveryytf James Cooper
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