

Esteemed Friend

Jasper Parrish

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As the Subject relative to our Indian Brethren becomes more & more serious and a way appears to be now open as there is a general Peace taken place – the Committee of our yarley meeting has thought it expedient to imploy Jacob Taylor a member of our Society for the sake of expediting the business to go to Canadoqua, expecting by the time he gits there thou may be returned from the Indian Country with there answer that we might be batter qualified how to move forward in this important business in the Erley part of the Season; if it should not suit thee to come to Philadelphia on account of any publick business or on thy on occasions, I should be glad thou will not only give J. Taylor all the Information thou art capable of but it would be pleasing to me to receive a letter from thee with any information or intelligence that may occur be it ever so simple; it looks likely if the answer we receive from the Indians affords encouragement some of our friends may find their minds ingarged prety soon to pay them a visit and to see in what way to move forward to be the most usefull to them to promote agriculture &c – and also that some quallifyd persons, may remain at least for awhile to put a hand to help forward this great and good work, the Beaver, who is a young man well approved is likely to be one to make a beginning in the business if way should open for the purpose, thy friendly notes toward him and recommending him to sutable lodging, will be acknowledged as done to thy real friend

John Parrish

For Jasper Parrish

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