

Brothers – I am sorry to hear of the very disagreeable news from Buffalo Creek that one of our people has been killed by one of your people.

Brothers – This news is terrible disagreeable and afflicting, it naturally excites temper and revenge at the first appearance – but Brothers let us reflect & be cool and endeavor to find out what ought to be done to bring our minds to harmonize & good agreement again – These things have happened and they have been settled, and I suppose it will be right in this case to take such measures as to have this business reconciled, and that the whole of community should not be rendered unhappy by the quarrel of individuals.

Brs – You will consider nothing improper in taking the Indian who stabbed one man & killed one other and placing him in confinement. I consider the white people in this respect justifiable, as he fell on them as a mad man without any provocation as I have been told.

Brs – You on your part I trust will do nothing rash or hasty in this business & I hope & believe the white people on their part will conduct with humanity and prudence.

Brs – The President of the United States must be made acquainted with this transaction, who will enter into such measures as to preserve our general peace & friendship unbroken.

Brs – The reason you do not see me at Buffalo Creek on this occasion is, The president of the U States has removed me from office & this day my office terminates. Capt. Irvine who I believe lives at Presqu- isle is to be my successor, and ought to meet you on this business, and as his agency commences I suppose it is probably he will be with you soon.

Brothers – I should have been happy to have your Chiefs come forward to this place as you proposed & still shall expect to see you, as some business of importance will be left to be transacted by me.

Brs – As this is the last speech that you will receive from me as Agent of Indian affairs I hope you will pay due attention to it, as no one wishes more for your happiness and prosperity than Brothers your friend and Hble servt

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