

our fire-place amongst some of the western tribes, they hope we will favour your good intentions, and help you by our council and assistance.

Father, according to the desire of our brothers, we are willing to favour your good intentions, and to help you by our council and assistance according to our capacity. Would our situation conveniently permit, we might, some of us personally go with you to introduce you amongst our brethren of the different tribes; but since it is otherwise, we think it would be as well to send our talk, with wampum, by your interpreter, to the tribes to which you may come, making known our acquaintance with you, and the motive of your visiting them.

Also, we think it would be well, whenever you come to a town or village of any of these tribes, in the first place to go with your interpreter, and see the chief or chiefs, call a council, give a complimentary speech, explain your mission as plain and short as you can, and then wait for their answer: and we must remind you of one thing more, though it seems but a small thing; but knowing