

"We now desire you, brothers, to send forward agents, who are men of honesty, not proud land-jobbers, but men who love and desire peace. Also, we desire that they may be accompanied by some Friend, or Quaker, to attend the Council."

The basis of the proposed armistice was as follows: That the United States should withdraw their troops from the western side of the Ohio, making that river the boundary, and receiving payment for their improvements on the south-east side of the river.

The Indians insisted that they (U. S.) should allow them all the land they possessed in Sir Wm. Johnson's time. These were the terms to a treaty of peace. The Western Indian Confederation had notified the U. S. Government that no agent or commissioners should be received except through the Five Nations—Captain Brant holding the high office of Head Commissioner for the United Native Nations of North America.

The Commissioners left Philadelphia for Buffalo Creek, accompanied by several members of the Society of Friends. They were: Jasper Priest, William Savory and John Elliott, of Philadelphia; Jacob Lindley, of Chester County; and Joseph Moore, William Hartshorn, of New Jersey. It is a singular fact that while the Quakers solicited the appointment on this pacific mission at the hands of the President, the Indians, at about the same time, and without consultation or arrangement, requested of the American agents, that some Quaker might be appointed on the Commission to treat with them. The United States Commissioners were, General Benjamin Lincoln, Beverly Randolph and Timothy Pickering.

After long delays, much speaking at numerous Councils, all negotiations for peace on the basis offered by the Indians failed. The Buffalo Creek Conference was held in the presence of a number of British officers then stationed upon that frontier. The sketch of that Conference was drawn by Colonel Pilkington, a British officer, and taken to Europe. In 1819 it was presented to an American gentleman of the name of Henry, at Gibraltar, and by him given to the Massachusetts Historical Society. By kind permission of this Society the sketch is here reproduced.

After the Buffalo Creek meeting the Commissioners proceeded westward. Arriving at Niagara, they were hospitably re-