

ty) to allude, first, to the fateful exigency, stress inexorable,* prompting migration by the so solidified bands—upon which, following their advent here, the tribe of the Delawares was, for the sake of increased homogeneity, formally grafted—to a fresh, and, as they not too sanguinely conceived, a welcoming, enclosure; the inequities not unjustly complained of as marking its original concession, by Imperial grace; the stipulations annexed to the tenure of that, which, through a later adjustment of relations, was, for accepted equivalents, assigned to, and came to be occupied by, them. Endeavoring, thereafter, to trace briefly the more recent progress, I shall, with greater fulness, advert to the pursuits and aims of the since—in point of numbers—much-shrunken fraternity; at this juncture, brought, by natural, and I would like to think duti-

* It is proper to observe that the bulk of the Oneidas (a small section, however, actively allying themselves with the Colonial interest) and a respectable portion of the Tuscaroras remained neutral in the uprising which proved so disastrous to the tribes, as a whole. No cheerless prospect of desolated homes stretched itself before these; no mocking memories of familiar, gladsome haunts cruelly burdened these. No such melancholy guerdon as expatriation had been earned; no potion formed of the lees of broken fortunes had to be drained, by these.