

*To the Chiefs of the Six Nation Indians :*

CHIEFS— The address of welcome which you presented to me on my arrival at Hamilton afforded me peculiar pleasure.

It was an evidence of the loyalty of the ancient race which has so long inhabited this fair land, and whose sons have been for so many years the allies of the English Crown and the friends of the English Nation.

I can assure you that your loyalty and devotion are esteemed very highly by Her Most Gracious Majesty, to whom the welfare of her Indian children is a constant care.

I trust that the peace which now reigns throughout the Dominion may never be disturbed, and that the deeds of valor performed by your ancestors may remain as an inheritance of renown, which has borne fruit in the present prosperity of Canada.

I trust that the Six Nation Indians will endeavour to emulate their White Brethren in the industry, the sobriety, and the providence, which do so much to ensure happiness, and are evidence of a noble, firm, and constant character.

I hope also that you, as Chiefs, will do all in your power to encourage the education of your children, so that in the arts of civilization, as well as in those of war, the Six Nation Indians may be found worthy Brethren of the White race, and the alliance cemented by the blood of Our Fathers, shed in the same noble and good cause, may ripen into firm and lasting friendship.

In Lady Dufferin's name, I thank you for your cordial welcome, and I promise that I will inform my children of the good wishes which the Chiefs of the Six Nations have expressed in their behalf.

Niagara Falls, October 4th, 1872.