

My Dear Sir

Davenport near York 14 Feb / 1815

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Your letter of the 7th ult. only reached me the 7th inst. I am happy to find that the presents to complete my Acquisition are likely soon to arrive, they are much wanted, as is also the Tools,

The reports which have reached you respecting the conduct, & of leaders but a leader (Capt Norton) is very true, very improper mode has been practiced to induce the Western Indians to join him, such as giving them provisions, Rum & presents, & by improper insinuations against their officers, but in such an manner (by insinuations) that it would never be brought home to him, no arguments could induce the Delawarees & Moravians of the River Thames to go over to him except one formerly Geo Turkey who went I spoke to him (Norton) his reply was that the Western officers intrigued with his people, was at last obliged to give a reprieve even those these people (Moravians & Moravians) should not be returned or ventured by the Western Branch of the Brit. Dep. the consequence was that the Moravians have reluctantly gone to him, rather than starve & the Moravians also, but the latter sent a Detachment home with a speech, copy of which I enclose to you, that you may see their sentiments. I sent the Original to Geo Downing but have never received a reply, - from the very improper distribution of the presents last summer, by Norton he gave to upwards of 500 of the Thunderses & Shickspes, the presents intended for the Grand River Indians, Geo Downing

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