

principle ; for we are sure, though our cousins the Delawares have struck the blow, they would not hurt any of you, if they knew you as such ; and if you had taken sufficient care in time, you might have kept them under your eye as children\*.

Israel Pemberton.

We wish the Delawares could be restrained from doing any more mischief ; and the greatest proof we can give of our love and regard for one another, is, by convincing them of their bad conduct, to engage them to return to their allegiance ; for as the government cannot but be highly displeas'd, and is determined to punish them, and has therefore declared war against them, no doubt, but many of them will suffer for their folly and wickedness. Now if you will use your hearty endeavours with them, we will likewise stand between them and our government ; for as we consider they have no king, and their wise old men are gone, we look upon them as children, who do not know what they are doing ; therefore, if they will forbear any farther mischief, and repent, we will do all we can to have them forgiven.

Scarroyada.

\* The interpreter explained this — that the Indians expressions imply'd, we had too much neglected cultivating our friendship with the Indians, and that if we had been more conversant with each other, the Delawares would have remained more subject, both to the six nations and us ; that now, they were grown stiff like a strong tree, and not easily bow'd ; but that, if we had conversed with each other, with the freedom our forefathers did, and manifested that we had nothing but love and good will in our hearts to them, they might have been kept under our notice and direction, as children under a father ; and that as the six nations had been too negligent, as well as we, he would now have us to reflect on it, and alter our measures.