

to enable your children to receive instruction. Therefore you remain poor, ignorant and miserable. It is found that you cannot govern yourselves. And if left to be guided by your own judgment, you will never be better off than you are at present; and your children will ever remain in ignorance. It has therefore been determined, that your children shall be sent to Schools, where they will forget their Indian habits, and be instructed in all the necessary arts of civilized life, and become one with your white brethré. In these Schools they will be well taken care of, be comfortably dressed, kept clean, and get plenty to eat. The adults will not be forced from their present locations. They may remove, or remain, as they please; but their children must go.

Brethren—I wish seriously to impress upon your minds, that if you do not avail yourselves of this favourable opportunity of bringing you from darkness to light, it may be the last time you will have so good an offer. Remember that disgrace will attach to your character; and how justly future generations may reflect upon your names, if you at present neglect their best interest.

Brethren—For some years past, you have had the management of your own funds. Your money is gone; and you have nothing to shew for it. This is not satisfactory. Your money must in future be applied to purposes that will be of permanent benefit to your Tribes respectively.

Brethren—The management of the Manual Labour Schools will be entrusted to your Missionaries, under the direction of your Great Father the Governor, who takes a deep interest in your prosperity. But here is an Officer, (Assit. Superintendent General Vardon,) who has been sent expressly by your Great Father to attend this Council, and to carry our words to his ears. He will explain to you any thing I may have omitted on the subject, and tell you, if I have used words which are not correct. And the Missionaries will perhaps explain to you in what manner they intend to conduct the Schools.

Brethren—There is another subject which I propose to submit for the consideration of your Great Father. It is one which I consider of importance in conducting the affairs of your people, and one which you are requested to consider with attention. It is respecting Chiefs.

Brethren—You know that in former times, there were very few Chiefs. And in those days, the young men were obedient to their Head Men. But abuses have crept in. Medals have been given, and Chief created, without regard to the hereditary line of their Fathers; and in many instances, without regard to merit, or capability of conduct. This I have long considered as a great evil. And I would now propose to remedy it, by selecting, from each of your Tribes, one, two, or three, of those who have the best claim to Chieftainship, and doing away with the Medals altogether. The Chiefs so appointed must be obeyed by the people of their Tribe, but will, as white Officers are, be subject to dismissal by your Great Father, for improper conduct.

Brethren—It only remains for me to repeat what I have often told you, that we cannot accomplish anything without the assistance of the Great Spirit, in whose hands are all our ways. Therefore, pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit to direct you. Love each other with all your hearts; and do to others as you would they should do to you. And may the Great Spirit bless you all!—I have done.”