

comfortable houses, their barns are filled with the produce of the earth and they possess all necessaries, and indeed the comforts of life. It is not my intention, situated as you are, to discourage you from hunting and fishing; you ought not, however, to make them your entire dependence. In the chase you know how often you are disappointed and how much you suffer when you have no other means of subsistence. Cultivate the Earth, and you are as sure of produce as you are that the seasons revolve.

Your Father has the same desire to assist you as your southern brethren. If you desire it he will furnish you with plows and other implements of husbandry and teach you the use of them. Your lands are fertile and only want the hand of culture.

Tenth:—

MY CHILDREN. Let me intreat you by the love I bear you and the desire I feel to see you comfortable and happy to change your pursuits. Attend more to the cultivation of the land and you may be assured I will represent your wishes to the Great and Good Father and you may be confident of his assistance.

Eleventh:—

MY CHILDREN. It is painful to me to call to your minds the calamities you have suffered in your visits to the man of one of your nations, who calls himself a prophet. When I mention the subject, I see in your countenances indignation and resentment. Vast numbers in their ridiculous pilgrimages have died with fatigue and hunger, and those who survived have only returned to tell their sufferings and show their poverty and negligence. It is to be hoped the miseries you have suffered will be a warning to you in future, and that in all your concerns your conduct will be governed by reason and judgment.

Twelfth:—

MY CHILDREN. I am not insensible of your former connection with the British government. I fear you have too long continued under their influence, without duly considering the change in your situation. While that nation was in possession of the Country where you live, it was proper for you to listen to their counsels and consider the King as your Father. That nation has relinquished all claim to the Country where you reside and it is now a part of the United States and under their jurisdiction. You now, therefore, belong to the American Family.

Thirteenth:—

MY CHILDREN. While I do not object to your occasional visits to them, and acceptance of their hospitality and kindness, it is my duty to inform