

council is assembled; and we may consider ourselves particularly favored by a kind providence, when we see so many brothers of the red race, assembled together. It is well known to us that our fathers before us often met in councils of this kind, for consultation on matters having for their object the general good of the red man. One of the good results of such meetings was, that each nation understood perfectly the relations existing between all of the brother nations, which enabled them to understand and respect each other's rights, producing harmony and peace in our brotherhood.

The Government of the United States in solemn treaties promised every protection to Indians in their new homes west of the Mississippi. Guaranteeing to them and their descendants forever the undisturbed possession of the lands to which they were removed. The Indian, taught by experience and suspecting the intentions of the white man was careful to have it expressly understood, (in which the white man accorded) that the white man should never annex the Indian lands to any State, nor erect them into Territories -- nor to extend over them any laws peculiar to any of the States of the Union or