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## Delaware Reservation

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To my friend P. P. Piteland

~~Over what what you do~~

Dear Sir I have bin studying

What you told me in Washington while we were there together

All that you told is coming to pass one more than you told me

I have seated myself nowing to write you a short Letter of my intentions

And at the same asking your advice what we shall do

We seen the Secretarys Report a few days ago and it has confused

our people very much and at the same time I am in much

trouble my self from the Report of the Secretary we cant live long

In this Country It appears that we will have to divide our Land

We do not feel disposed to do this we have our own and see other

Nations who live in trouble with the white man and with them

them selves we see nations divided and scattered over the world

that knowing what will become of them we are not one of those

Nations who have don this wee still live as one family of people

While our Neighboring Nations have give themselves to the white

man we are surrounded on all sides by white men who use all

their Powers to get us to divide our Land we see what other nations

has done by dividing their Reservations they have made themselves

very Miserable by so doing and connecting themselves Populations

of this divided Republic Now for something else my dear friend

you told me in Washington that you thought you had a way

to let us have a home in your Country you told me you would

give me the Refusal if you have land enough to give us a home we will

Leave this Reservation as soon as we can make a Treaty and  
this is another Reason why to you we want to know where  
we will live before we make the Swamp we do not to be like  
the Shawnees and Wyandots we want to call on our friends  
to know what will be the best for us to do the Whites has  
been stealing and will continue to steal from us as long  
as we live here we have no protection from the W &  
we have to do the best we can for our selves our young people  
are become dissatisfied with this Reservation

My dear friend write to me as soon as you receive  
this Letter and let me know what Congress intend doing with  
our Land and our people also ~~let~~ write if you have any Land  
to sell us if you have Land we will come and see you this Spring  
or this Summer

If things that we have proposed meets your approbation  
write us where you shd rather meet us at your place  
or Washington we feel sure that you know what  
is the best for us so do

You will please let us here from you as soon as you can  
you will direct your Letter to Swondro Wyandot County  
and to John Conner head chief of the Shawnees

I am still your True friend

John Conner