

To J. M. Hartley, Esq., Secretary of the  
 of Affairs.

I have the chief of the Council of Relations  
 I have information that some of their  
 members at Green Bay are attempting to  
 get Boyl displace from the office of Station  
 Agent, and that for that purpose they have  
 made charges against him to the Indian Department  
 asking for his removal, and for the appointment  
 of another in his place. Think that it is just  
 and right that they also in common with their  
 white brethren & the commissioners, should be  
 witness to one this subject.  
 I hope we have always set it to be a matter  
 of great importance that our honest men should  
 stand between us and them.

write brethren & the nonmembers, should be  
written to on this subject.

Brother. We have always felt it to be a matter  
of great importance that an honest man should  
stand between <sup>us</sup> the Government of the United States.

We should be sure in whom we have confidence as  
well as our Great Father, between all that papers  
between us must stand that way - it must go through  
the Agent. Therefore no other way for our voices to  
reach him with confidence. Stand the Agent have  
a bad heart & a gentle tongue he might receive both.  
It would be like putting a lead between us so this

We could not see each other. This would not hurt  
our Great Father because he is strong - But it might  
do mischief among his children - they are weak.  
Brother. You this reason, asking me think so have in

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don't know for an Agent we know you will not  
blame us for writing to help him: Col. Boyd has  
been our Agent for some years - he has always been  
our friend - the N.Y. Justice has found no cause of  
complaint - When not our Agent, acting only for  
the Memorandum, he lent us his hand, sincere as for our  
good, and wrote the part of a letter to us. It is true  
I am our rival, and in all shape our voice, that he stood  
continually against Britain and the Government of the U.  
S. States. We are confident we, some gain nothing by  
having another man in his place; and we fear we might  
lose much.

Stephen. As to the charges against Col. Boyd, which it is  
said come from the Memorandum, we know nothing a-  
bout them. We can freely speak what we do know. We  
has been honest with us. It is but justice to him that  
we should, & that

John. As to the charges against Col. Boye, which it is  
said come from the Procurement, we know nothing a-  
bout them. We can freely speak what we do know. He  
has been honest with us. It is not justice to him that  
we should say this. And should he be taken away it wd  
be to us a cause of much regret, for we should part  
with one who has been a faithful agent and a useful  
friend.

John. It is almost always the case that evil dispo-  
sitions grow around young and children, to overtake  
and defeat them. Such men will always get some  
friends; even among the Quakers themselves. The effort  
to protect us must attack both them. We must  
often turn his back to them while his face is towards us. This  
pleases him better than to face us. Though he be innocent, he  
wishes you to may be searched, and even to be searched, but

his skin will remain whole. Is not this likely to be the  
case ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ in the present instance? Or if  
we ought not even <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ ~~take~~ instead of being displeas'd  
with him, to put on a new coat in lieu of the one which  
has been worn, and of justice to protect the skin of  
the agent himself, from those bad people whose interest  
it is to tear and rend it?  
Yours. This is all we have to say.

Done at our common house, at Bucks Bay,  
W. I. This 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1840. and  
signed by order and in behalf of the  
nation, by the principal chiefs of the  
first Christian and Orisha parties.

Witness

Edw. Lewis Esq.

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James B. B. B.

W. T. This 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1840. and  
signed by order and in behalf of the  
nation, by the principal chiefs of the  
first Christian and Civilian parties.

W. T. [unclear]  
P. M. [unclear]

Wm<sup>l</sup> D. [unclear]  
J. [unclear]  
J. [unclear]