

New York, May 25th 1797.

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Sir,

I beg you to excuse the liberty I take in inclosing to you a list which has appeared in the newspapers of the names & numbers of the Indian tribes in North America. A circular address which accompanies it will inform you of the occasion of giving you this trouble. I have nothing to plead for interrupting your attention a moment to the affairs of the nation ^{at this alarming & eventful period,} but that from your remarks into this & other subjects interesting to a philosophic mind, you possess the best information.

Besides the names mentioned in the Address, & which are not found in your list, there are, in the treaty concluded at Greenville, Aug. 3^d 1795, the names of Delriver & Weeas. - I find that from to give the whole number of inhabitants, multiply the number of the warriors by six. This proportion is, perhaps, too great. You incline to give the proportion to be as 3 to 10, & which, for any thing I have yet seen, is nearer the truth.

You will easily perceive that I have not yet read or thought much on this subject. What ever communications your leisure will permit you make, or whatever directions you will please to give as to the sources of information, will be gratefully acknowledged by

Your Obedient
And humble servant

Wm. Linn