that the remembrance of them may never be lost, but may be handed down to your children —

Washington

Apr. 11. 1806.

My Friends and Children, Chiefs of the Osages, Missouris, Kansas, Ottoes, Panis, Ayowas, Sioux, Pottawattamies, Foxes and Sacs

Your visit to us at this place has given me great pleasure and I am very thankful for your having taken the trouble of so long a journey for this purpose. But I hope it will turn out as useful to your own people as to us. I lament indeed the loss of several of your Chiefs by sickness. Accident and the change in their diet and manner of living has probably occasioned this, and the will of the Great Spirit to which we must all submit. Man must die at home or abroad. Coming abroad it has happened to them, at home it might have happened to some of you, they are lost, but friendship and a good understanding between your people and the United States are established and our mutual happiness promoted. My children, you have had opportunities of seeing many things among us, you have seen how by living in peace, cultivating the earth and practising the useful arts, we, who were once but a few travellers landing on this Island, are now a great people and growing daily greater. You too possess good lands, and abundance of

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