

Should we go, teachers, and a preacher from among
the Callonist. we wather have, but an American
or Americans we wish them to be. We also desire
now or as soon as they may chase, Americans
to settle with us, ~~as soon~~ as they deem it safe
and expedient. Only so settle that their be a
propper space pointed out for each. of us
until we can see alike. By this we do not
mean a space of miles. Our teachers of course
as they chase living or not living in our towns.
This will ~~will~~ enable us by degrees and with
safety to evacuate some of our towns and
give up some of the ground now occupied
by them to the extension of the Callonial settle-
ments now rising up. We do not wish to go
off entirely from amongst the Callonists, Our
Safety as a tribe lay in being near them.
while we fear danger to us and them lay in
our being mixed discordantly together as we
are becoing now. We Confess we would have
remoued a mile or so out long since, but
we fear other tribes and the Americans
seem to say their relations to all native
tribes are the same and they cannot inter-
fer on our side any more than on the others.
We do not think this fair, as shall come to us
first. And for this reason, have Clung to our
position and the strong point on which all
of us are settled. as being the best positions
of self defence from surrounding tribes. But
do you not think the Americans should inter-
et us and make some little difference as
we live on the same spot. Please consider
this matter and these reasons And answer
us directly. And say aloud to your Governor on
this great & important subject Yours truly King ^{the} Freeman
To Messrs Hall & Hatcher. Soldier King ^{the} Billy Miller

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