To the Governor and Council of the Penobscot Indians:

Having on several occasions stated to you my authority, in behalf of the State of Maine, and the subject the State should in sending me to confer with you, at your request, I will now relate the substance briefly to writing.

In consequence of the progress of settlement up the Penobscot river, and the making of the military road, which will tend to increase them, the State foresees that the Townships at the mouth of the Penobscot will be cleared and cultivated. So effect that object in behalf of the State, I have proposed to purchase the townships, one or both or a part, but have not directly much on the subject of a direct purchase, as that is a matter not approved to me; the Indians so add entanglement to you and the State as the other conclude that the land may be sold by the State to cultivate in small quantities as shall be agreed upon between you, the State, to the responsibility to you for the purchase money and the interest.

If it will be agreeable to you, I shall be willing to agree to the specific mode in which the land shall be surveyed into lots, and the specific mode in which the lots shall be sold whether at auction or private sale, and fix the terms of any agreement regulating the trade with a view of obtaining the most for the land. If any of the Indians are disposed to be come purchasers, I am willing to agree that they may pay in specie at the same terms and conditions with any other purchaser.

The profits of the purchase to be appropriated to the State, and the Indians shall have often agree for their benefit. I have the fullest confidence in believing, that every provision made of the profits will be beneficial to the State in proportion...
as it shall produce happiness and comfort and improvement of your means of living.

I took a view of the effect which the settlement would have on your hunting grounds; that the time was coming when the game would be destroyed, and that the English and Indians would not allow you to hunt in Canada—and suggest that if you were to humane bears and bears and cattle and hogs, not when the game should be all destroyed you would live as comfortably as white people and that the interest which might be derived from the sale would be applied to and would go in the purchase of various cattle. Therefore, I have stated the substance of my proposition. Think the Devil will be able to explain to you fully as he has heard all my conversations with you. It is unnecessary for me to add that I have no wish for it. I consider it very useful to the state to obtain from you the townships for nothing, or something very trifling or to make any arrangement or make any arrangement. You must look to your whole course and determine the moment. I think I have considered it to you, and from that you will see whether some inducements to embrace your contract.

When you are ready I shall be pleased to meet you and we will finish arrangements touching the subject of our present conference.

Sincerely yours permanently,

John A. Deane.