To the Governor &c. of the Penobscot Indians,

Having in several occasions stated to you my authority in behalf of the State of Maine, and the object the State had in sending me to confer with you, at your request, I will now recite the substance briefly to you...

In consequence of the proposed settlement up the Penobscot river, and the making of the异议 voyage which will tend to increase them, the State foreseeing that the townships at the mouth of the Penobscot river, should 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 in the subject of a direct purchase as that course has not appeared to me so, and am disposed to open the subject to the State at the other mode. To that end that the land may be sold by the State to cultivators in such quantities as shall be agreed upon between us, the State to be responsible 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 after the specific mode in which the lots shall be sold, whether at one time or private sale, and fix the terms of payment, including the sale with a view of obtaining the most for the land. If any of the Indians shall desire to be come purchasers, I shall be willing to agree that they may purchase by the same terms and conditions with any other purchaser.

The profits of the purchase to be appropriated as the State and the Indians shall have often agreed for their benefit. I have the fullest confidence in believing that every provision in this point of the purchase will be of peculiar benefit to the State in promoting...
as it shall produce happiness and comfort and improve
your means of living.

I took a brief view the effect which the settlement, as well by
us now producing on your hunting grounds, that the time was,
coming when the game would be destroyed, and that the English
is, as is understood, would not allow you to hunt it in Canada
and suggest that if you were to have houses and barns and
livestock there, then 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 sales might well be
applied to aid you in the purchase of horses, cattle, &c.

I have stated the substance of my proposition, Think the Board
will be able to explain to you fully, as he has heard all my con
versations with you. It is unnecessary for one to add, that I
have no wish nor do I consider it any slight to the State, to obtain
from you the townships for nothing, or something very trifling
or to make any expenditure or to obtain an agreement. You need
look to my whole course and examine the manner in which
I have conducted towards you, and from that you will see
whether there was intending to deceive you or not.

When ever you are ready, I shall be pleased to meet you
and we shall finish an arrangement, touching the subject of our
present conference.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Carter