

Although, as a member of the Mohican Tribe,
& for many years, one of their Council, I thought I
had not only a natural & civil right, but that it was
my Duty, to acquaint myself with their temporal
affairs; yet I am, upon serious & deep Reflection, con-
vinced, that, as there was no absolute Necessity for it,
twas very imprudent in me, & offensive to y^e. Pub-
lic, that I should so far engage, as, of late, I have
done, in the Mason Controversy: (which Conduct
I might, upon due Consideration, have known, would
not only give public Offence, as above, but nearly of-
fend my Ministerial Character & hurt my Usefull-
ness. This, I confess, ought to have been of greater
weight with me, than y^e. Controversy; which
I ought to have pass'd by in Silence, rather than
by engaging therein, to hinder my profiting in
y^e. Ministry; which I had given my self wholly to,
& solemnly engag'd to attend upon) — For this im-
prudent, rash & offensive Conduct of mine, I am
heartily sorry, and beg Forgiveness of y^e. Board, of this
honourable Board of Correspondents, & of y^e. Public.
Determining that I will not for y^e. future, act in
that affair, unless call'd thereto & oblig'd by law-
full Authority.

*This Submission being presented to the
Board of Correspondents, was accepted*

Voted
Which has injur'd my Ministerial Character & hurt
my Usefulness & I beg my self to be forgiven
by the Correspondents