

served in such a manner. We rather believe that You will direct matters so that Justice may be done Us in that respect. And we are persuaded, could You but take a view of this our Improvement,⁶ You would readily acknowledge, that we justly deserve something for it.

We therefore most humbly present this Petition to You, confident of receiving from You a favourable Answer.

We beg yet to mention, that Necessity presses us greatly to such a request, for it is hard to begin again with empty hand.

Written and Signed by

Sir Your most Obed^t and Humb^e Servants

Dav. Zeisberger

John Heckenwelder

William Edwards⁷

and in behalf of { George Youngman⁸
Gottlob Senseman⁹
Michael Young¹⁰ absent

and in the Name of the Christian Indians with Us

6 This Major Ancrum did on March 4, when he and Askin visited the settlement. The result of their inspection was a determination to purchase the improvements. Ancrum and Askin each had a land warrant from the government for 2000 acres of land, and by exercising these they gained control of the land adjoining the settlement. See Zeisberger's *Diary*, *passim*.

7 William Edwards was born in Wiltshire, England, April 24, 1724. At the age of twenty-five he became a convert to the Moravian faith and soon afterward migrated to America. He became associated with Zeisberger in 1776 and continued with him for many years. In 1798 he assisted in leading a portion of the converts at Fairfield, Ontario, back to Ohio, where the settlement of Goshen was founded and where Edwards passed his remaining years. He died Oct. 8, 1801. See Zeisberger, *op. cit.*, I, xxv.

8 John George Youngman was born in Europe in 1720 and came with his parents to Pennsylvania in 1731. Here he early became a convert to the Moravian faith, and served the church in various ways until 1770, when he became Zeisberger's assistant. His missionary labors among the Indians continued with certain intermissions until the abandonment of Huron River settlement in 1786. Youngman then returned to Bethlehem, where he lived in retirement from active church work until his death, July 17, 1808. Zeisberger, *op. cit.*, I, xxiii-xxiv.

9 Gottlob Senseman was born in Bethlehem, Penn., Oct. 9, 1745. His father was a missionary to the Indians, and his mother was massacred in November, 1755. Senseman, early began the life of a missionary and was long associated with Zeisberger. He was an eloquent speaker and an able teacher. He died at Fairfield, the Moravian mission established in 1792 on the Thames River, and his neglected grave may still be seen in the cemetery near Bothwell. Zeisberger, *op. cit.*, I, xxiii.

10 Michael Young (Jung) was born in Europe, Jan. 5, 1743, and came with his