

June 26, 1851
Elihu Burritt and Henry Richards to "Sir"

19, New Broad Street, London,
June 26th, 1851.

CONGRESS
OF
THE FRIENDS OF PEACE.
THE SESSION of 1851,
In London.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that the Congress of the Friends of Universal Peace, which met at Brussels in 1848, at Paris in 1849, and at Frankfort-on-the-Maine in 1850, will be held this year in London, on the 22nd of July, and the following days.

The principle on which the Congress will be constituted, and which those who become members of it will be assumed to acknowledge, is the same as that adopted in former years, viz: "That an appeal to arms for the settlement of international differences, is a custom condemned by religion, reason, justice, humanity, and the interest of peoples." The subjects, therefore, which will engage the attention of the Congress, will refer to the best *means*, for bringing about the entire abolition of war.

We are instructed, Sir, respectfully to request your presence at this great international assembly. The concourse of peoples, which will this year gather in London, to witness the Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations, will afford a rare opportunity for the Friends of Peace, to meet their fellow-labourers in this sacred cause, from every quarter of the globe, and to give to their principles and deliberations peculiar interest and publicity. We shall feel much obliged by an early reply, accepting, if possible, the invitation to be present, or if that be impracticable, giving your adhesion to the objects of the meeting, should they accord with your judgment.

We have the honour to be,

Sir

On behalf of the Committee,

Yours very respectfully,

HENRY RICHARD.

ELIHU BURRIT.

Secretaries.