"My Brethren and Friends

"I am glad that you have seen into this business as we do. "I rejoice to find that you agree in opinion with us, and express an "anxiety to be, if possible, of service to us, to remove this great evil out "of our country. — An evil that has had so much room in it — That "has destroyed so many of our lives; that it causes our young men "to say: We had better be at war with the white people; this liquor "that they introduce into our country is more to be feared than the "gun or tomahawk; there are more of us dead since the treaty of "Grenville than we lost by the six years war before. It is all owing "to the introduction of this liquor amongst us"

"And on a weighty consideration of this subject, the committee "believed it right to address the following memorial to Congress, viz"

"To the Congress of the United States

"The memorial of the Committee appointed for Indian affairs, "by the Yearly meeting of friends held in Baltimore

"Respectfully Represents

"That a concern, to introduce among some of the Indian "tribes N W of the river Ohio, the most useful and simple arts "of civil life, being laid before our Yearly meeting, a committee "was appointed, by that body, to visit them, to examine their "situation, and endeavour to ascertain in what manner so "desirable a purpose could be best effected, a part of that com- "mittee having obtained the approbation of the President "of the United States, proceeded to perform the service assigned them, "and the result of their inquiries and observations, as reported "to the Yearly meeting, was that the quantity of spirituous "liquors, with which they were supplied, by traders & frontier "settlers, must counteract the effect of every measure, however "wise or salutary which can be devised to improve their "situation. The truth of this being abundantly confirmed by "a speech recently made before us, by the Miami chief, the "Little Turtle, which we herewith offer to your consideration "and believing the evil to be of such magnitude that unless it

"can be altogether removed, or greatly restrained, no rational hope "of success, in the proposed undertaking can be entertained; we are "induced to solicit the attention of the national legislature to this "interesting and important subject, which we believe involves "not only their future welfare, but even their very existence as "a people

"Signed on behalf of the Committee by

David Brown — Evan Thomas
John M'Kim — Elias Ellicott
Joel Wright — John Brown
— George Ellicott."

"Baltimore 1 mo 1. 1802.

"Which was favourably received, and a law passed au- "thorising the President, to take such measures, from time "to time, as to him may seem expedient, to prevent or restrain "the vending or distributing spirituous liquors among all or "any of the said Indian tribes."

"On the subject of civilization, the law states, that in order "to promote civilization among the friendly Indian tribes, "and to secure the continuance of their friendship, it shall be "lawful for the President of the United States to cause them to "be furnished with useful domestic animals, and implements "of husbandry, and with goods or money, as he shall judge proper, "and to appoint such persons, from time to time, as temporary "agents, to reside among the Indians, as he shall think fit, "provided that the whole amount of such presents & allowance "to such agents shall not exceed 15000 dollars per annum.

"Some of the Committee have also had an opportunity "with the Secretary of War, who has the direction & management "of Indian affairs, who informed them that government "had, agreeable to the request of the Indians, established a "trading house at Fort Wayne, that they were in want of several "persons, of our society, qualified for different departments, such "as black-smiths, carpenters, and superintendants, that they "wanted a carpenter and blacksmith, such as can make and "mend ploughs, looms, farming utensils &c to reside at Fort "Wayne, and prefer such as have wives, capable of instructing "the Indian women in spinning &c. — That they wish them