work, and ready to return we will attend to the distribution of the corn agreeably to your request.

Brothers and Friends.

These are the sentiments of your red brethren, that compose this council, we all take you by the hand, and hope that the great spirit, will always keep your minds disposed to serve your red brethren. Should you have any communications to make to us, you know the mode of sending them to us.

William Wells further informs in his letter that the Delawares, Miamis and Eel River Indians have agreed that the United States should send suitable men amongst them, to instruct them, in building houses, making fences, &c. instead of giving them their yearly annuities in goods, and he says in a letter received from him, dated the 31st of the 8th month last that he is only waiting the directions of the secretary of war, to put the plan in execution, and gives it as his opinion, it will be of the greatest benefit to the Indians, to keep one or two good white men at each village, to work with them, and to advise and assist them, they to receive a salary equal to their work, and what they raise to be divided amongst the Indians of the village, and adds that this plan will give room for the United States, as well as the society of Friends, to show the Indians how much they have their happiness at heart. He also observes that the Eel river Indians (a tribe of the Miami nation) intend to settle on the Wabash at Dennis' station.

From the foregoing the committee may form an opinion of the situation and disposition of the Miami, Delaware & Eel River Indians; from what we observed, & from information received, whilst in the Indian Country, but little can very soon be expected from the Pottawattamies, and the other nations of Indians residing to the N & W of them, they being more remote from the white settlers, and their country better for fishing & hunting they do not feel the same necessity to turn their attention to the cultivation of the earth.

The committee may observe by the Speech of Tobbekobee that the Delawares are desirous of assistance. We frequently, whilst amongst the Indians, were informed that as much may be expected from them, as from any of the Indians, many of them from living formerly near the white settlers in Pennsylvania, speak our language, and are partial to our manners an customs.

We were also informed that the Shawanese residing on the Auglaize river, are making some progress in civilization, we were told that some of them had 40 head of cattle and make butter and cheese.

The Delawares, Miamis and Eel river Indians requesting of the government, to have their annuities or the amount thereof expended in the employment of suitable men to assist them in building comfortable dwelling houses, and making fences, &c. we apprehend plainly shews their disposition.

Under all circumstances, we are of the sentiment, that there is cause of encouragement to Friends, and think with The Little Turtle, as exprosed in his reply to our address, that their changing their present mode of living is a work that cannot be done immediately, but that a number of the Indians are that way disposed, and we hope it will take place gradually.

George Ellicott
Gerard T Hopkins

10mo 16. 1804.

We have also examined our treasurer's account & find a balance remaining in his hands of $402 29/100.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Evan Thomas
Edward Stabler
David Graves
Jonas Cattell

Baltimore 10mo 17. 1804.