To the Yearly meeting now sitting.

We the committee on Indian concerns, inform, that since our last report we have agreeably to liberty given us, published a narrative of our proceedings, which has been distributed amongst friends. We further inform that a letter has been received from the Indian agent at Fort Wayne dated 5th 10 mo 1805 (see a copy of this letter in note at pages 219-220) the report then proceeds.

The committee after deliberate consideration were united in sentiment that it would be proper to procure one or two young men to reside among the Indians at Dennis's station. William Kirk, and his brother Mahlon were accordingly engaged, who arrived at the station on the 25th of the 4th mo last. William has just returned, having left his brother among the Indians, and has given us the following information: That they had planted twelve acres of Indian corn, on the land already cleared; after which they enclosed eight acres more; in six of which they cultivated potatoes, hemp, flax, tobacco and timothy, together with a variety of garden vegetables; that their crop of corn, was likely to produce, at least fifty bushels per acre; and that they should have one hundred bushels of potatoes, and many more garden vegetables than would be sufficient for their own use, which would be destributed amongst the Indians; they have also erected a stable, 16 by 10 feet, and assisted the Indians in building three houses. He further informs, that half a mile below the station, is a village, where they found fourteen families of the Eel River Indian, which has this summer, been increased by several families — and many more are expected this fall; that these Indians have raised a good crop of corn and have several horses, cows, and many hogs. Another village of twenty families, of the Miamis, is settled about half a mile above the station. These have also raised a good crop of corn, and have several horses and cattle, and at least one hundred hogs. At both of those villages their corn was planted by white people, employed by the Indian agent, who with their consent deducts the expence out of their annuities. After the corn was planted, they cultivated it themselves.

Adjacent to the station, several families of Weas Indians are settled, who have cleared six acres of land. The family with which Philip Dennis resided, being one of them. This six acres, together with part of what Philip Dennis cleared, which he was not cultivated by William and Mahlon Kirk, they have themselves cultivated in Indian corn, except one plowing given it by William Kirk. From this ground William expects they will have from sixty to seventy bushels per acre. The young Indian who works with Philip Dennis, has a good stock of cattle, and about four hundred hogs.

William further observes, that he visited several of the Indian villages in that country, the Indians, at most of which, were anxious to engage in the cultivation of their lands and very solicitous that aid should be extended to them by friends, but he uniformly replied to them, that friends had it not in their power to aid more settlements than the one at present under their care. He also informs, that the progress made by the Indians in civilization surpasses any thing that could have been expected in so short a time. There are nevertheless many amongst them who have no disposition to labour

The Indian agent, and all the other officers of government, have been very kind, and have done all in their power to make their situation comfortable. The young Indian who distinguished himself by working with Philip Dennis gave them twenty bushels of corn, and some hogs in return for the benefits received from friends last year. Some of almost all the tribes residing within sixty miles of the station, have visited them; these and all the other Indians in the neighbourhood have been very friendly and well disposed. He further says that he delivered the address from the committee, directed by him to the principal chiefs of the Miamis and others; in answer to which a reply was received from the Little Turtle, on behalf of his own tribe, from which the following is an extract.

"Brothers and Friends

"The words which you spake to me and my brothers chiefs "who accompanied me to Baltimore, some years ago are yet fresh in my memory