

Dennis' station early in the 5th mo. last, and were put in possession of all the effects belonging to friends there, except two horses, which had strayed away, but which have since been recovered.

A letter, having lately been received from these young men, dated the 21st of the 8th mo. 1807, in which they inform, that they have a promising prospect of corn, ^{hemp} beans, potatoes, hemp, tobacco, and a number of garden vegetables. They also inform that they have assisted many of the Indians in rendering their houses more comfortable, and plowed and assisted in planting one field of corn for them, likewise made and furnished several plows to them. They further inform, that they had commenced clearing land, and built a house for their ^{own} accommodation, on a spot pointed out by one of the Miami chiefs, on a pleasant situation and near to a spring of good water.

They likewise add, that the Indians at one of the neighbouring villages have planted a large field of corn, potatoes, and many garden vegetables, without much assistance, or the use of plows; and at another village near 30 acres, which was plowed once by a white man. The Indians at these villages have amongst them a considerable number of horses, cattle, and a great number of hogs.

A letter has also been received from the Indian agent at Fort Wayne, informing that our young men, at Dennis' station, had conducted themselves with great propriety, were good examples of industry and sobriety to the Indians, and had a very promising crop coming forward.

The committee have received from the meeting for sufferings of Philadelphia \$0000 as a part of our proportion of money raised by our brethren of Great Britain, and remitted to them, to be divided amongst friends in America, in aid of the concern for promoting the civilization of the Indian natives, and they suggest to the yearly meeting the propriety

of investing, for the present, the donation of our brethren in England in some productive stock.

It appears by information which has reached us, that many of the Indians, inhabiting the country, have lately become extremely unsettled, and disquieted in their minds, respecting some religious controversies which have been excited amongst them, by an Indian, stiling himself a prophet, and that in consequence thereof great numbers have collected together, and entirely neglected any kind of attention to agriculture, or other concerns. We have not understood that those residing at our station, or immediately in its neighbourhood, have yet had any concern or taken any part in these controversies, but should this hereafter unhappily be the case, the committee are apprehensive, it may, for a short time, interrupt that progress towards civilization, which has heretofore been so conspicuous amongst them.

The committee are aware that, in the prosecution of this concern, difficulties and discouragements will most likely often occur. — It is a great and important work, which cannot be effected but with time, yet they feel strengthened in the belief, that as friends endeavour to abide patiently under the weight of the concern, it will continue to progress, and, they humbly trust, be finally crowned with success.

We have examined the treasurer's accounts, and find a balance in his hands of \$029 ⁶⁶/₁₀₀ exclusive of the money received from our brethren of Great Britain.

Baltimore 10 mo 14. 1807

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Evan Thomas.
Caleb Kirk
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