

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were now produced and read, with which the concurrence of the meeting was expressed and that meeting continued.

A List of sufferings, on account of military fines, within the verge of redstone quarter, was produced to this meeting, thro' the medium of the meeting for sufferings, which was directed to be returned to that meeting to be recorded.

This meeting being informed that Phineas Janney requested to be released from being a member of the meeting for sufferings, it was the judgment of the meeting that he be released. The committee on the epistles was requested to consider of a friend to be appointed in his place, and report to next sitting.

The following report, from the committee on Indian concerns, was produced and read, with which the general satisfaction of the meeting was expressed, & they encouraged to continue their attention to the interesting subject, as they may be enabled in the openings of best wisdom.

To the Yearly meeting now sitting.

"We the committee on Indian concerns report that, since the last Yearly meeting, we have continued our exertions to promote the concern of friends for effecting the civilization of the Indian natives, and the introduction of the arts of husbandry amongst them, and altho' no great progress appears since our last report, yet we hope there is ground of encouragement to persevere in the benevolent work.

"Some time after our last yearly meeting, the young men, who had been engaged by friends to assist the Indians at our settlement on the Wabash, returned and informed us that they had raised a good crop of corn, which they had previous to their leaving that place, secured in a crib.

"On their departure from the station, they were accompanied by several of the principal Indians of the village as far as Fort Wayne, at which place, on taking leave of them, these Indians expressed their gratitude to Friends, for the kind assistance they had furnished them, and desired our Young men to inform us, that they earnestly hoped we would still continue our friendly aid towards them.

"From the information received, it was the united judgment of the committee that the situation of the settlement required the further attention of friends. The same persons who were continued the past season were accordingly engaged, and having set out early in the spring reached the settlement about the middle of the fourth month last. By accounts received from them, it appears that the Indians were much pleased at their return, - that they found the settlement in as good a situation as could be expected, - and that the corn, which last fall, had been secured in a crib, would be a very seasonable relief, to divers families, in the village, who were much in need of it, at that time, having lost many of their hogs, during the winter, for want of food.

"After solid deliberation on the important concern confided to us, it was the opinion of the committee, that a benefit would result from a deputation being sent into that country, in order to ascertain the present disposition of the Indians, and the progress they have made in acquiring a knowledge of agriculture. &c. Our friends Elisha Tyson, James Gillingham & David Grove were accordingly nominated to that service, and proceeded to make the proposed visit early in the last spring. They arrived at Fort Wayne early in the 5th month, from whence they proceeded to Dennis's station, and were received in a friendly manner by the Indians, divers of whom had made considerable progress in the cultivation of their lands aided by white men paid out of their annuities, and some ^{of them} by their own labour. - The young men, in the employ of friends, at that place, were engaged in preparing for a crop of corn, and appeared to be acting prudently. - The Indians, as well as whites in the neighbourhood, expressed satisfaction with their conduct since their residence amongst them.

"These friends whilst at the station had a conference with the Indians of the village, and delivered a communication addressed to them by the committee. The White Loon, a principal chief of the place, on behalf of himself and the others, acknowledged the propriety of what was said, but declined giving a full reply until after the general council, which was soon after to be held at Fort Wayne; when a particular reply he said would be made.

"They likewise had a conference afterwards with a deputation from the Miami and Pottowattomie nations at Fort Wayne, at which