

has greatly paralysed every exertion for their improvement, were unanimously of the Opinion that it became their duty to pay such attention to the application received as might hereafter tend to relieve these unhappy People from the calamities and Distresses which they were suffering from distilled spirituous Liquors. We accordingly presented the Memorial of the Indians to the President of the United States who readily engaged to use his influence with the Governments of Ohio, and of the Territories of Indiana and Michigan from whence the Indians principally draw their Supplies of the Article, to obtain such relief as could be procured. — The Committee also, with the Concurrence of the Meeting for Sufferings forwarded a Memorial to the Legislature of Ohio requesting its attention to the Subject, and that it would adopt such measures for the relief of the Indians as might appear beneficial and right, and it is with great satisfaction we can inform the Yearly Meeting that a Law was obtained which entirely interdicts, under heavy penalties, the transportation of any intoxicating Liquors out of that State for the purpose of being vended to Indians, and also the furnishing any to Indians who may come within the limits of the State. We have also the satisfaction to add that we have understood that similar Laws have been passed in the Territories; — and as it was principally from these places that the Indians obtained their supplies of spirituous liquors the Committee indulge the hope that they will not hereafter have to struggle against the powerful obstacles which this most pernicious article has heretofore thrown in their way, and which has discouraged them from extending much assistance the present Year; — they therefore cannot but rejoice in the prospect which now opens before them, and feel strongly animated to continue their efforts with increased diligence and zeal. —

The Committee may further inform that a considerable number of the principal Chiefs of the different Nations of Indians bordering on the United States passed through this City during the last Winter. — Amongst these were several of the Chiefs of those Tribes with whom we have had an acquaintance, and divers Conferences took place between us and them on the general Subject of our Concern. — From the information which they gave us it appeared that a disposition is prevailing amongst their People to turn their attention towards the cultivation of their Lands, and to establish themselves in fixed habitations, and we are strengthened in the Opinion that as the great obstacle to their Improvement, has we trust been removed, this disposition will continue to gain ground amongst them, and that notwithstanding we have had many discouraging circumstances to encounter, yet there is encouragement for Friends to persevere in the benevolent work they have engaged in, — and a comfortable hope that as we are favoured patiently to abide under the weight of this Concern, our labours will ultimately be crowned with Success. —

We have, since the last Yearly Meeting, received from the Meeting for Sufferings of

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Philadelphia the additional Sum of four thousand six hundred ninety four Dollars forty four cents which they had allotted to us as our proportion of the Money raised by our Brethren of Great Britain, and remitted to them for the purpose of aiding the exertions of Friends in America in promoting the civilization and improvement of the Indians. — This with the Money before received has been invested in Stock, and is held in Trust for the use of the Committee. — We have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find in his hands a Balance of four hundred seventy six Dollars fifty nine cents, exclusive of the amount of Stock held by the Committee. — Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee, —

By Philip C. Thomas Clk to the Committee
Baltimore 10th Month 11th 1809.

The following Report from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts was read & concurred with, and Quarterly Meetings directed to proceed accordingly:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting. —

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts and propose a suitable Sum to be raised the ensuing Year report they found a Balance in the Treasurer's hands of five hundred eighty four Dollars and two cents, the Dues from the Quarters being all paid in, and have agreed to propose the sum of eight hundred Dollars to be raised for the ensuing Year, all of which is submitted to the Meeting. —

Signed on behalf of the Committee, — George Elliott, — Solomon Shephard
John Janney, — Henry Mills
Horton Howard, — Abraham Harrington. —

The following Report from the Committee to which was referred the consideration of the Subject of spirituous Liquors being produced and read was unitedly concurred with by the Meeting

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting. —

The Committee appointed on the Subject of spirituous liquors having met, after a free communication of Sentiment thereon, have agreed to report that we do not find any way open clearly to proceed further at present than to propose for the Yearly Meeting, proposing to recommend to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings strictly to attend to the advices heretofore handed down in the Extracts, particularly of last, and the Year preceding, — and also to endeavour as far as they may be enabled in the spirit of Love and good-will to convince the minds of those who are in the practice of importing, vending, distilling, giving out to labourers in time of Harvest; — or to labourers on other Occasions; or otherwise making what may be termed common use of spirituous liquors, that the consequences attendant thereon are in their nature very desolating to the human Family; — and if possible persuade them to desist from practices pregnant with so many Evils; — and that Quarterly Meetings be