

Your Communication under date of the 6th mo 11 1821

" together with the accompanying documents have been received
" and laid before us.

" Upon a solid consideration of the general subject which has
" been confided to us by our respective Yearly Meetings, after
" a free communication of sentiment we are under the
" impression that under all circumstances, taking into view
" our very remote situation from the settlement of Indians
" under the care of the Yearly Meetings of Ohio & Baltimore
" there is not much prospect that we can hereafter be of any
" very important advantage towards promoting the interesting
" object which Friends have in view in relation to this people.

" The experience of a number of years has shown that the
" whole of the active duties in the prosecution of the concern, must
" unavoidably devolve upon you & that we could correctly look
" to no other source for the necessary information to enable us to decide
" upon measures which it might be deemed expedient to pursue. We have
" indeed for a considerable time little more than nominally embarked with
" you, and unable to afford much more than our cordial sympathy
" in the arduous work in which we were embarked; in the mean time
" the difficulty of acting in concert at so great a distance has often tended
" to create delays and perhaps to discourage you from pursuing those
" views which have clearly opened to you as proper.

" Under these considerations we are free to suggest that the time
" has perhaps ~~probably~~ nearly arrived when it would be expedient for
" us so far to withdraw, as to place at your pure disposal the whole
" of the funds heretofore considered under our joint control and to
" hold ourselves released from the service except when occasions may offer,
" in which we can be useful to you in appearing on behalf of the
" object, before the General Government, or in such other way as circum-
" stances may render convenient and proper. We do not however feel our-
" selves at liberty to come fully to this conclusion without first submitting
" the prospect to our Yearly Meeting for its consideration, but from the
" impressions which have for a considerable time past been on our
" minds we believe it now right to hold up this view for your delibera-
" tion.

" Upon a careful consideration of the prospects you have disclosed

" relative to the ^{institutions} ~~establishment~~ of a school, and to locating an estab-
" lishment upon a piece of ground near to the Indian Reservation, we
" are free to express, that we fully unite with you in those views, and
" have no doubt, but that the advantages you contemplate from
" these measures will to a considerable extent be realized.

" Under the prospect which we have now stated of the course which
" we think it likely our Committee will feel itself at liberty to take,
" you will readily perceive, that a deputation from us, could not be
" considered necessary to attend the Meeting of your Committee at
" the time of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

" The whole amount of the Funds in our hands, and which
" we propose to hand over to you will be between Ten and Eleven
" Thousand dollars, this sum is principally invested in Bank Stock
" & may be expected to yield about six hundred dollars for annu-
" in hal. Yearly Dividends.

" In reply to which the following communication addressed
" to the Committee of Indiana & Baltimore Yearly Meetings was re-
" ceived with information that it had been submitted to Ohio Yearly
" Meeting and was by it approved, to wit.

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" On turning our attention to the subject of Indian civiliza-
" tion we are impressed with the belief that it is assuming an aspect
" of increasing interest. Important as it is, that the experiment we
" are making should be successful it is desirable that the resources
" and the number of qualified individuals embarked in this Benevo-
" lent undertaking should rather be increased than diminished.
" Every feeling of Christian Philanthropy forbids that we should
" by a failure in the attempt to civilize the Indians under our
" care, fix a character on this large & interesting portion of the hu-
" man family which may not only paralyze the efforts of the Friends
" of humanity, but strengthen the hands of those who are under the
" influence of a hostile disposition towards them.

" By a communication from the Committee of Baltimore
" on the plan of future operations it is suggested that they retaining
" an interest in the concern & holding themselves in readiness to apply
" to Government on behalf of the Indians, or render such ^{the support to} assistance
" as may appear necessary, would confide to us the funds and
" the active duties of prosecuting the concern among the Indians.
" On taking the proposition contained in this Communica-