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The following Report was received from the Committee on Indian Concerns: the proceedings of the Committee were approved by the collecting, as was also the proposed arrangement relative to the disposition of the funds placed under ^{the} care of the Committee and its future operations being conducted in conjunction with Friends of Ohio ~~Yearly~~ Meeting to wit

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The Committee on Indian concerns Report

That they have as far as opportunities offered continued their exertions during the past year, towards promoting the object of the Yearly Meeting in relation to the Indian Natives, a deputation of the Chiefs from Waupaukonetta on their way to the City of Washington having passed through this City for the purpose of soliciting the advice and assistance of Friends in regard to some business which required their attention relative to the procurement of additional security in the tenure of their lands, it was concluded, after a full conference with these chiefs to appoint a Committee to aid them in their negotiations with the President of the United States and Secretary of War; and we have the satisfaction to state that these friends as well as the Indians were received in the most friendly manner and that the business of the Indian Deputation was arranged to the entire satisfaction of the Chiefs who returned home much gratified with their reception by the Government and apparently very grateful for the countenance and assistance they had received from friends.

In a Communication which was in the early part of the present year, received from the Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting it was proposed to us to procure a piece of Land adjoining to the reservation of Waupaukonetta and to establish a school there for the education of the Indian Children; this proposition was fully united with by us and we have since been informed by our Brethren of Ohio that arrangements are now in train to immediately carry into effect this measure, from which very important

advantages to the rising generation are confidently expected: We are also informed that the operations of the Committee are still continued without interruption and with satisfactory encouragement at Waupaukonetta, and that one of the Chiefs had been placed at the Mills for the purpose of obtaining such instruction in the management of them as would it was expected in a short time render the future attention of a superintendent at that place not necessary: this arrangement will hereafter relieve the Committee from a heavy item of expence.

Since the union of our Committee with that of Ohio Yearly Meeting in the Year 1816 the more active part of the duties confided to us have been discharged by Friends of Ohio, as the very remote situation in which we were placed, necessarily rendered much personal attention on our part impracticable, it ~~was~~ with great satisfaction we can however state that our brethren of Ohio have been so fully brought under the weight of this truly interesting ~~concern~~ and important concern, they have embarked in it with an ardour and a zeal which have rendered unnecessary any great exertion on our part, further than when occasions have offered, to appear on behalf of the object which Friends have in view, before the General Government.

Whilst however we have had an opportunity of observing the lively interest with which our brethren of Ohio have embarked in this object, we have on several occasions experienced that the obligation they found themselves under to consult the Committee of Baltimore before they could feel at liberty to undertake divers measures which from time to time clearly appeared to them to be necessary in relation to the concern has created delays which have, we have reason to believe, retarded their efforts and had a discouraging tendency upon their minds, and in some instances of dissatisfaction to the Indians; under these views, after a solid consideration of the subject we addressed to the Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting the following Communication to wit:

"To the Committee on Indian concerns appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Ohio"

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