

Institution, and for the payment of which it may be added, the demands of several of the claimants are very pressing.

From the estimate we have taken it appears that the average number of Pupils for the past year is only about 41, this small number, it is easy to be seen, must account for the increase of the debt above reported. With these facts before us, accompanied by no reasonable ground of expectation that the future promise more flattering prospects, we consider it to be a duty we owe to the general committee, to express unreservedly our doubts whether the Institution can be longer sustained, or whether it may not be more to the credit and reputation of society to suspend the school, rather than continue it under those circumstances with which it is attended.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the visiting committee

Balt. 16 mo. 30. 1825

by Gerard T. Hopkins

John Chas Thomas

Catharine M Smith

Patience Tyson.

Extracted from the minutes of the General committee by

Isaac Tyson clk

The meeting after solid deliberation concluded to refer the subject to the further attention of a committee who were directed to take the present situation and prospects of the establishment into their careful consideration and report to a future sitting what may open to their view as the best course for this meeting to adopt in reference to the whole concern under its present circumstances: the following Friends were accordingly

appointed, to wit. John Marsh, Isaac Tyson, Amos Smith, Roger Brooke, Thomas Matthews (of Balt.) Thomas Scott, Jonathan Jessop, Jesse Wickersham, William Wierman, Josiah Penrose, Eli Elliott, Abel Russell, Thomas Wetherald, Gardley Taylor, Isaac Kier, Isaac Walker, Samuel Myers, Thomas Phillips, John C Thomas, Moses Gillingham, David Parry, William Preston, James Coale & Jeremiah Brown.

The following report was received from the standing committee on Indian concerns with which the satisfaction of the meeting was expressed, to wit.

To the Yearly meeting now sitting.

The Committee on Indian concerns report. That since the last Yearly Meeting they have had an opportunity of some conference with a deputation of the Shawanoe Tribe attended by their Chief Captain Lewis, and also several Chiefs of the Cherokees from Arkansas who were returning home after having visited the seat of the United States Government for the purpose of making arrangements for the Shawanoes to leave their present residence near to Waupachkonetta and to remove to the West.

The Committee were informed by Captain Lewis that he had definitively determined to remove with his tribe beyond the Mississippi and that all the Indians now residing East of that river were very generally preparing to do so, and the Committee having also received information from the United States agent that the Government was disposed to promote this general removal of these people and were taking measures to ~~persecute~~ encourage it there seemed but little