

through the Epistle from our Brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, from the Shawanoe Indians, heretofore under the care of Friends; an extract from which it is believed to be right to transmit

down to our Subordinate Meetings—to wit:—“We have recently received a solemn message from our Indian neighbours, of the Shawanoe Nation, informing that during a Council lately held amongst them, whilst they were under a deep concern on account of the many deviations from their ancient simplicity, and were labouring to reform their people, they likewise felt a concern for us, stating that in former days they knew us from the people of the World by the simplicity of our appearance, which in times of war had been a preservation to us; but that now they have to lament that they know us not (or many of us) by reason of our departure from our ancient plainness; and that they earnestly desire we would labour with our deviating members, in order to bring them back to that simplicity, which will again distinguish us as the Children of the Great Spirit.”

Adj'd to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

According to adjournment Friends again assembled.

The following Report was received from the Committee on Indian Concerns; which was satisfactory; and the Committee was continued—to wit:—

“To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee on Indian Concerns report, that no opportunity has offered for any direct communication between them and the Indians since last Year. The Committee have, however, received information from Friends of Ohio, with whom they are associated, in this concern, that, although some of the Chiefs at Waupakonnetta appear to be opposed to leaving that place, yet a considerable number of the Indians were preparing to emigrate to the country contemplated for their future residence, beyond the Mississippi River; and their appearance but little prospect that many of them will remain much longer there. Our Brethren of Ohio further state, that even should they all remove, it was confidently hoped that the labour which has been bestowed by Friends would not be lost. The comforts and habits of civilized life which have been gradually spreading amongst them, would, it was believed, follow them to their new habitation, as the benefits of these habits are beginning to be appreciated by many of them. On the mean time it is expected that a Treaty will soon be held with them for the cession of their lands to the Government of the United States, and until the result of this Treaty shall be known, our Friends of Ohio, and Indiana are unable to decide whether such a portion of the Indians may, not for some time longer remain at Waupakonnetta as still to require the further care and attention of Friends.

Our Brethren of Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings, who are associated with us in this work of benevolence, and to whom active attention

tion it has been confided, have, in the prosecution of the concern, winced a patience and a zeal which afford us entire satisfaction, and which give them a strong claim upon the approbation of the friends of humanity; and while there remains a prospect that any future exertions on behalf of this suffering and injured people can be useful, we feel full confidence that every opportunity which may offer, will be improved for rendering them such aid and instruction as will be consistent with the trust reposed, and the means placed at our disposal.

10th mo: 31, 1826.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Philip C. Thomas, Clk.”

The following Report was received from the Standing Committee on the Pasture Lot; which was approved; and the Committee were continued, and left at liberty to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of money therein stated,—to wit:—

“To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee who have the care of the Pasture Lot having conferred together, agree to report, that they are of the mind that another Lot which has not been cultivated for some years, now requires it, and that an appropriation of one hundred Dollars, in addition to the funds already on hand will be necessary; which they submit to the meeting.

10th mo: 31,
1826.

John Marsh,
Wm. E. Elliott,
David Preston.

Joshua Hubbard,
Robert Sinclair,
Thomas Matthews.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

According to adjournment Friends again assembled.

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed at a former sitting, who were desired to report their prospect of the course which might appear proper for this meeting to pursue in relation to the circumstances under which a large portion of the African descendants in our country are situated, to wit:—

“To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the condition of the African Race, report, that they have deliberated upon the subject with much earnestness of concern; but that way does not open to recommend any specific movement at present, except that of continuing it on the minutes of the Meeting for further consideration next year—which is submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Edward Atkley

Eleventh mo: 1, 1826.