

"protection, and that claim we have never forfeited by suddenly
 "or injurious conduct. We have fought in common with your
 "own soldiers, and have shed, our blood for the United States. From
 "our youth we have loved the free republican institutions of your
 "Country. We were born within your limits, and though called
 "savages, by those who would dispossess us, we feel this
 "moment a vastly deeper interest in every thing which con-
 "cerns the welfare of the Country, than the host of foreigners,
 "who with all their imported notions of government and religion,
 "have so easily become naturalised, and obtained the rank
 "and appellation of citizens. We inherited that feeling with
 "our earliest breath, and yet we must be driven off beyond
 "the limits of civilization, because we lack the name."

"The undersigned having for a number of years, been engaged
 "in efforts to aid these Indians, and induce them to turn their
 "attention to the cultivation of the soil for a support, under the
 "repeated assurances from the Government of the United States, that
 "they should never be dispossessed of their lands without
 "their own voluntary consent, feel themselves called upon, on
 "the present occasion, to appear on their behalf, and to solicit
 "for them justice and protection. They think that the evidence
 "now before the country, of the unjustifiable means used to despoil
 "these people of the inheritance descended to them from their fore-
 "fathers, calls loudly for a thorough investigation, into the cir-
 "cumstances under which the pretended treaty was procured; and
 "that should it be found, as they confidently assert it will
 "be, and as the Governor of New York has explicitly declared,

"it is, tainted with 'fraud, corruption and violence,' the undersigned
 "trust that it will be annulled, and these greatly abused and
 "injured people, be left in the peaceable possession of their ho-
 "mes and property, under the care and protection of the United
 "States."

"The committee have likewise had several personal interviews with some
 "of the heads of the Departments at Washington, and with the President
 "of the United States, in relation to these Indians, and have faith-
 "fully made known to these authorities the injustice that is sought
 "to be inflicted on them, as well as the means that have been
 "used to drive them out of their lands, and drive them from
 "their homes: - and finally the committee have omitted nothing
 "which they believed themselves authorized to do, that appears
 "likely to aid in obtaining justice for these people. - the issue
 "and the responsibility, therefore, now rest in the hands of those
 "who have the power to protect and relieve them, and the
 "committee trust, that whatever may be the result, the Society
 "of Friends, will have the consolation to feel that they have
 "been the faithful and maturing friends and advocates of this
 "deeply wronged & abused race. Signed by direction and on
 "behalf of the committee"

"Baltimore 10mo. 22^d. 1841

"Philip E. Thomas Clerk."

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

24th. of the month & 3rd. of the week.

Now the time adjourned to Friends again assembled,

The meeting having entered into the consideration of the