

agreed to propose to the Quarterly Meeting, that the time of holding it be changed from the fourth day after the 2<sup>nd</sup> second day in the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> second day at 10 o'clock in the morning, — the meeting of Ministers and Elders to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day preceding, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon: which was concurred in by the Yearly Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting directed to be held accordingly, that is, to be held as heretofore in the 12<sup>th</sup> Month next, and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> second day in the month.

The clerk was directed to furnish Baltimore Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Edward H. Stabler on behalf of the committee appointed to record the minutes of this meeting, reported that the service had been performed, and he requesting to be released from that appointment, John Gillingham, Samuel Townsend, and Matthew Smith, were appointed to propose, to a future sitting, the name of a suitable friend to serve as recorder of the minutes of this meeting, in his place.

The Representatives were desired to confer together at the close of this sitting and nominate to the next, two friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk. Then adjourned to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. —

Near the time adjourned to friends assembled. —

William Stabler on behalf of the representatives reported that they had united in proposing the name of Thos P. Stabler as clerk and Benjamin Halliwell as assistant clerk, which was concurred in, and they were accordingly appointed to the service.

The following report from the standing committee on Indian Concerns was read and was satisfactory viz:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The committee on Indian Concerns report, that in conjunction with our friends of Genesee, New York, and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, they have continued to give close attention to the subject confided to them, and have now the satisfaction to state, <sup>that</sup> since their last report, the Ogden Land Company, who it will be recollected had succeeded in procuring the ratification of a treaty, by which it appeared the Seneca Nation had ceded to that association the whole of their lands in the State of New York, have been induced to agree to the abrogation of this treaty, and to enter into a new negotiation with these Indians, under the auspices and sanction of the Government of the United States.

The Ogden Company having been brought to this agreement, and having consented to a compromise arrangement, by which they were to convey back to the Senecas, their two Reservations at Allegany and Cattaraugus, containing together about fifty-two thousand acres of land, and having further agreed that they would purchase at a valuation their other two Reservations at Buffalo and Tonawanda, a general Council of the Senecas was convened on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> mo. last, at Buffalo Creek, when eighty-one of their Chiefs attended, and the whole matter was fully explained to them by a delegation from the joint committee of Friends. The deliberations of the Council were continued until the 15<sup>th</sup> of the same month when, after a full discussion of every article of the new treaty, the result was, that the proposed compromise was agreed too and accepted by all the Chiefs in attendance, with the exception of only two dissenting voices.

Upon these preliminary arrangements being adjusted, a communication was addressed by the Chiefs to the Secretary of War, acquainting him with their conclusion, and requesting that a Commissioner might be appointed by the United States to meet them in Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1842, for the purpose of enabling the parties legally and formally to conclude and confirm the same.