1861 Thomas D Stabler John Needles Chalkley Gilling-
ham Asa Jones Benjamin D Moore and Wm Holmes
were appointed to bring forward to a future sitting
the names of suitable Friends for the service mentioned
in the Report of the Committee upon the subject from
Warrington.

Gideon G Dare on behalf of the Committee that
stands appointed to record our Minutes, reported that
the service had been performed.

The Standing Committee on Indian Concerns produced
the following Report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting
and the Committee was continued. At his request
Edward H Stabler was released from further service on
this committee, and Jonathan Seaver appointed in his place,
Viz:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The Committee on Indian Concerns report, That during
the year that has elapsed since our last Yearly Meeting
we have had several meetings, and have given as much
attention to the subject as the circumstances in which
we are placed would allow. Our correspondence with
with the Secretary of the Seneca Nation at Cataraugus
has been kept up, and such advice and assistance
rendered as appeared to be requisite.

In a letter from an educated ex-chief, dated 1st Mo.
30th 1861 he says - "Our people are doing well, every day
shows some evidence of their progress towards a higher
civilization." It appears however, by the same letter, and
by a communication from the United States Interpreter
for the New York Indians, that another insidious at-
tempt has been made to allure these Indians from their
present safe and comfortable homes, by representing to them
that they have lands in Kansas of which they may
take possession, and that by selling their present
farms and improvements at Cataraugus, they might
realize a large sum of money. In order to facilitate
this movement, they have been advised by the land

speculators to annul their present constitutional Republican
Government and to restore their ancient form of government
by Chiefs.

The instigators of this scheme are well aware that they
can only effect their purposes by inducing the Indians to vest
the power of alienating their lands in the hands of irrespon-
sible chiefs, who are liable to be actuated by corrupt motives.
Measures have been taken to frustrate this design, and we
trust that it will not be accomplished.

We believe there is abundant evidence to show that
these deeply wronged people who have so long confided in
the friendship, and received the care of our Religious
Society, are still in a condition to claim our sympathy
and attention.

Our valued friend Philip E Thomas who as Secretary
of this Committee, has so long and so faithfully devoted
much attention to the interests of the Seneca Nation, hav-
ing been recently removed by death, the Committee have
appointed Benjamin Hallowell to succeed him in con-
ducting the correspondence, and attending to the welfare
of the Indians under our care.

On behalf of the Committee
Samuel M Janney
Samuel Townsend
Joseph S Walton

10th Month 30th 1861

The Treasurer of this Meeting was directed to pay
Thirty dollars to the Treasurer of the Womens Meeting.

Then adjourned to 10 Oclock to-morrow morning.