

(1862) concern with them - at the same time the Committee will remain to be a channel through which the voice of the Indians, should occasion seem to them to require it, may reach the ear of the Yearly Meeting.

If the Yearly Meeting, after consideration, should decide to adopt the recommendations of the Committee we think it can, with great propriety, at the same time, reassure these Indians, of the deep interest which the Friends continue to feel in whatever concerns their welfare; of our hope that the most friendly relations between them and us may always be maintained; of our being ever ready and willing, as heretofore, upon their application, to aid and protect them, as far as lies in our power, against any external interference with their rights and privileges, and of our ardent desire, that the Great Spirit may have them continually in His Holy Keeping, and crown them with His choicest blessings.

Signed Samuel Townsend
Catharine M. Smith
Martha E. Tyson
Margaret E. Hollowell
Rebecca Turner
Eisella S. Walton
Benjamin Hollowell
Joseph S. Walton
Samuel M. Janney
Gerard H. Reese.

The reading of the Report of the Committee spread over the Meeting a feeling of near and deep sympathy for these interesting people; and after serious consideration, the Report was approved, and the proceedings and recommendations of the Committee united with and sanctioned.

The Yearly Meeting accordingly directs the Committee to give official information to the Indians, through the President and Council of the Seneca Nation, that having accomplished all the purposes originally contemplated by the connection of Friends of

this Yearly Meeting with them, the Committee is instructed to discontinue its official connection and concern with the Indians, on the Cattaraugus and Alleghany Reservations, while, at the same time, the Committee will remain to be a channel through which the voice of the Indians, should occasion seem to them to require, may reach the ear of the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee is requested also, to reassure these Indians, of the deep interest which the Friends continue to feel in whatever concerns their interest and welfare, of our hope that the most friendly relations between them and us may always be maintained, of our being ever ready and willing, as heretofore, upon their application, to aid and protect them, as far as lies in our power, and is compatible with our religious principles and testimonies, against any external interference with their rights and privileges, and of our ardent desire that the Great Spirit may have them continually in His Holy Keeping and crown them with His choicest blessings.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Twenty-eighth of the month and third of the week. The Meeting upon assembling entered upon the consideration of the State of Society as presented by the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein under a covering of precious solemnity, in which much salutary counsel was handed forth, through the second Query and the answers thereto.

Adjourned to 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Upon assembling in the afternoon, the meeting resumed the consideration of the State of Society, and proceeded therein through the seventh Query, with the answers thereto.

Then Adjourned till 3 O'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Twenty-ninth of the month and 4th of the week. The Meeting again resumed the consideration of the State of Society and proceeded through the remainder of the queries with the answers thereto, from all our Quarterly Meetings, when the following summary answers were agreed upon as representing the condition of Society with us the past year.