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Letter from Henry Silverheels, President of the Seneca Nation, contains the following qualifying remarks, as indicating a due appreciation of the disinterested labor of the Committee. It affords me great pleasure to perceive the same good and kind feelings, now prevalent in the minds of the Society of Friends, that animated your Father before you, towards our dear Father, as manifested by the willingness and cheerfulness with which you responded to the request of the Clerk of the Nation to "quote a good word" to the Government of the United States in favor of the Republican form of Government of the Seneca Indians of New York.

I have been requested by a resolution of the Council to return my thanks, on account on account of the Seneca Nation of Indians of the Cattaraugus, and Alleghany Reservations, for the kind and instructive address of the Committee on the Indian Census of the Society of Friends, to the Seneca Nation which has been read to the Council and People.

I therefore, in most respectful manner, return my thanks to your Committee for their advice and counsel, and for their continued interest in the welfare of the Seneca Nation.

I herewith enclose you a copy of the resolutions of the Council.
I am your friend Henry Silverheels

His Seneca Nation

"Resolving, that the President be, and is hereby authorized and requested, to return the thanks of this Council, and the Nation, to our Friends and Brethren, for their good, kind and instructive address of the 19th December 1864, to the Seneca Nation of Indians of the Cattaraugus & Alleghany Reservations.

Resolved, that 200 Copies of the Address be printed for general circulation among the People of Seneca Nation."

The address of the Committee was embodied in the memorial of Nathaniel C. Strong and others, Delegates and Representatives, from the Seneca Nation of Indians, to the Legislature of New York, relating to the troubles among the Senecas, and praying for certain legislation, declaring the Government by Councils the legitimate Government of said Nation, and we may add, that the Legislature passed the Indian Government bill, as desired, and voted to sustain the Republican Government, by a large majority, a result which is very gratifying to the friends of the Indians, - as it is hoped, it will tend to restore peace and harmony among

these interesting people.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.
Benjamin Wallcutte
Saml M. Janney
Baltimore 20th Mo 2^d 1865.
Catherine M. Smith
Martha E. Loper.

The minutes of the preceding of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, and the proceedings of that Meeting were approved and sanctioned by the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk was directed to insert in our Extracts, the following report of the Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings to that Body respecting the division of Property with our Orthodox Brethren, viz:

To the Meeting for Sufferings;

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting upon the subject of the division of Property with the other branch of Society, Report that on the 20th of that 1st Mo. last, they addressed to our Orthodox Brethren, a communication of which the following is a copy, viz:

To the Meeting for Sufferings, which represents the Yearly Meeting of Friends that meet at Cullman Street, Baltimore.

Dear Friends, We have been appointed a Committee by our Meeting for Sufferings, to endeavor to carry into effect the object embodied in the following Minutes, which was adopted by our late Yearly Meeting.

"The Meeting for Sufferings is directed to open communications with the other part of Society, eminently called our Orthodox Brethren, for an equitable division of all the property, real and held, which was formerly held by them and us, according to the number of the two branches at the time of the separation; and, if amicable arrangements to that end can be effected, to pay them the amount that may be agreed upon, as their share of all the property held by us."

We think it proper to state, that it has been the desire of some of us, for many years past, that accounts of this kind should be pursued, and efforts to that end have been hitherto made; but the body of our Society were not then prepared to adopt the measure. It therefore seemed right in order to secure that harmony, which is so beautiful and fruitful in a religious organization to wait, as for the kindliest of the flock, remembering the sacred injunction "He that believeth, shall not make haste" and remain alive under the concern, till the opposition should be removed.

We are now favored to be able to say, that this sacred period has arrived. The preceding was adopted by our late Yearly Meeting with