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On behalf of the Committee by
Albert Hoopes

Baltimore 10 Mo 31 st. 1867

The Meeting directed our treasurer to pay the sum of One hundred Dollars to Elkanah Fawcett, with which to pay the rent for a house in Winchester Virginia in which Friends Meetings are being held since the destruction of their Meeting house during the war.

A Concern was weightily spread before this Meeting in regard to a Case of our distant, neglected Meetings; and after weighty Consideration, it was concluded to refer the Subject to the following named friends to Consider what course shall be adopted to give relief to the Concern, and if it shall be thought best to appoint a Committee of this Yearly Meeting to visit our distant Meetings, as may open there for, to bring forward the names of suitable friends to constitute such Committee viz:

James Bayner

Samuel Townsend

Abraham Merritt

Edward Painter

William Ellis

Jesse Cook

Cyrus Grist

Israhel Hiblerd

Chalkley Gillingham

Samuel M. Jahney

Joseph Brandon

Nathan Walker

Jesse Underwood

Hiram Blackburn

Nathan Morn

Azariah Blackburn

Joseph M. Spencer

Jesse Blackburn

Eli M. Price

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Then Adjourned until 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

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On assembling in the afternoon, the Committee on the Indian Concern produced the following report, which was read, and was satisfactory. And the labors of the Committee Approved and Sanctioned viz:

The Standing Committee on the Indian Concern report that we have continued through the past year, to give unremitting attention to the object entrusted to our Care, and to render all the Assistance that lay in our power to supply the wants and necessities of the Indians as these become known to us.

The Condition of the Indians in the State of New York is very gratifying to the Committee. These it may be again stated, are the remains of the several tribes which once formed the powerful Confederation known as the Six Nations: the Senecas, Cayugas, Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, and Tuscaroras. They now number less than four thousand.

A letter received by the Committee from Nathaniel T. Strong an educated Indian, formerly Clerk of the Seneca Nation, and now a member of their Council, dated the 1st of the present month, gives the following encouraging account of their present Condition:

"It is very gratifying to me, and doubtless it is so to all our public men, and to the Seneca people generally to hear the unabated interest felt by your Society for the welfare of your red Brethren in Western New York. The services rendered by the Society of Friends to our fathers, cannot be forgotten by their Children, for they are now enjoying the benefits. As time recedes, these benefits appear to grow brighter and brighter, and the result every day develops the untold importance which the labors of the Friends have been to us as a people.

"The Seneca people for the past year have enjoyed a degree of good health which perhaps but few Communities in any Country have been favored with. Peace, quietness and brotherly love have been manifested among all classes of the people. There is a prevailing sentiment among us, that all differences of Opinions, on all Subjects, which have sometimes heretofore marred the kind feelings which naturally should exist one for another should now be forgotten, and laid aside. I cannot recall the time to mind when such unity and harmony existed among the Senecas as at present.

"It is evident that sobriety and industry are on the increase now and more with our people. The farms are being enlarged