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with messengers by the Society of Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The establishment of the Indians on their allotments of land may ultimately lead to their holding title for their property, and thus they will be secured in their land and possessions.

The accounts from the Superintendency show that the labors of Friends thus far, have been blessed, and there is encouragement to hope, that as acting to these poor people are opening a wide field of labor, Friends will generally extend their sympathy and aid in the cause. Notwithstanding this great improvement, there is great destitution, and suffering ^{particularly} among the sick. Hospitals, physicians, and medicines are wanted. Since our last report a joint committee from General Yearly Meeting, visited upon the President and Congress, asking aid for these purposes, and a moderate sum was appropriated, but insufficient for their needs. The Committee respectfully suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of appropriating the sum of three hundred dollars for expenses, which it seems needed to incur.

Friends find great vigilance as regards the interest of these poor oppressed people. Disgraceful companies have induced the Chiefs to make treaties in Washington for the sale of lands at prices far below their value. The people indignantly protest against it, and Friends endeavor to prevent the ratification of such treaties. On all occasions of this kind, as well as those relating to the welfare of the Indians, our beloved Friend Benjamin Halliwell, has long been an earnest and indefatigable worker. He has been willing to be spent in this cause, and although at present, his failing health is preventing him from working with us, we are hoping yet, that we may have the benefit of his long experience.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Samuel Townsend

Charles Gellingsham

Mary E. Mowd.

Mary L. Roberts.

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The report was satisfactory, and the Committee encouraged to continue their labors for the help and improvement of these greatly wronged people.

As this Cause is of much interest to Friends, our Quarterly Meetings were desired to render such aid to this Committee as may be given for relieving the wants of the destitute and suffering among the Indians as suggested in the Reports.

The Committee was authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Meeting for the sum of three hundred dollars as named therein.

A written request was received from Benjamin Halliwell to be released

from his appointment as a member of the Committee on the Indian Cause on account of his physical disability, which after a time of deliberation was accepted. It was proposed to increase the number of Friends composing the Standing Committee on the Indian Cause, and a committee was appointed to bring forward to a future sitting of this Meeting, the names of a suitable number of Friends to be added to that committee. Viz: Benjamin Bush Roberts, John C. Matthews, Wm. C. Asiland, Thos. Jones, Josiah Priest, Elijah Wright, Wm. B. Hunt, David Walton Joseph Nichols David H. McCoy, James Ford, Jesse Unadum, Agariak Blackburn, Thomas W. Mowd, and Aquila Whitson.

It was proposed to a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year a committee was appointed, viz:

Thomas Russell, Burlington Arpes, Levi Price, Mordecai Fico, Jesse Cook, Jessie W. Geist, Joseph Hillard, Ambrose Ford, Milton Schooley, Daniel E. Ford, P. Kilman Foster, Wm. J. Smith, William Warner, Joseph Thomas, Nathaniel P. Harry, Edward Stubbs, Thomas W. Mowd, S. Wilson May, Joseph W. Spencer, Agariak Blackburn, and Joshua Russell, on behalf of Aquila Whitson.

In accordance with the direction of this meeting last year our Quarterly Meetings have forwarded the following Census, of our members, which the Clerk is desired to have printed in our Extracts, and a copy furnished to the Meeting for sufferings.

Names of Monthly Meetings.	No. of Families and Single Individuals.	Males Adults.	Females Adults.	Males Infants.	Females Infants.	Quarterly Meeting Total.
Landay Spring	87	62	80	37	39	218
Baltimore	170	202	260	85	78	625
Gumponder	38	41	58	23	22	144
Little Falls	82	82	112	45	22	263
Total for Past Quarters	327	387	511	190	161	1249
Two Creeks	35	39	48	12	11	110
Monmouth	70	68	87	30	26	221
Total for Washington Quar.	105	107	135	42	47	331