

(with whom our Correspondence has been continued, through the medium of the Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting) they concluded, early last spring, to send a deputation to visit these Indians at their new residence, and transmitted to us the following communication:

"Mount Pleasant 3rd Mo. 19. 1833."

"Dear Friends:

We lately received a letter from a deputation of the Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, who have been appointed to visit the Shawnee at their new residence beyond the Mississippi and as the approbation of Government must necessarily be had, before they proceed on their contemplated embassy, we have prepared the enclosed communication to the Secretary of War, and request, if it meets your approval that you will attend to having it presented to him with such statements or explanations as you may think proper to make illustrative or confirmatory of the legitimacy of our communication, and forward to us his reply, as soon as convenient as the time (~~season~~) they propose to set out on their journey will not now admit of much delay.

"Your sincere friends

"Signed on behalf of the Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting by,
Lewis Walker, Clerk."

"To the Committee on Indian Concerns"

Baltimore."

"Mount Pleasant 3rd Mo. 19. 1833"

"To Lewis Cass: Secretary of War, Washington D. C."

"Respected Friend. In our last communication to the Department, we stated the course we had pursued in our endeavours to promote the improvement of the condition of the Indians at Waukegonnetta and expressed the disposition which is felt in the three yearly Meetings of Friends of Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana, to keep the same objects in view and extend our attention to the Indians after their removal, so far as the means may be at our disposal, and the nature of the case admit.

"The Indians, on preparing for emigration last fall, not only expressed in lively terms their gratitude for the long continued kindness they had received from us but earnestly requested that the connection between these Yearly Meetings and them might not be dissolved by their removal but that we might in their peculiar language 'hold them by the hand and not let them go'.

"The Committees have concluded to send a deputation to their new residence this spring to endeavour to promote their comfortable settlement there, and the adoption of such a course of life as

may tend to their civilization and happiness. What further measures we may think it prudent to enter into beyond the proposed visit this spring must depend on various contingencies among which may be mentioned the approbation of the Government, the command of adequate resources and the general practicality, and expediency of the undertaking in their present remote situation.

"But as we have hitherto had the full approbation of the Government in all our labours with the Indians, so now we consider it incumbent on us respectfully to inform thee of the proposed visit to the Indians and ask the approbation of the Department.

"The deputation consists of Henry Harvey (who has been our Superintendent for some time at Waukegonnetta) Simon Hadley and Solomon Hadden.

"(This expedition is expected to be performed entirely at our own expense) They propose, if the measure meets the approbation of the Department, to set out in the 5th Month now ensuing.

"We are very respectfully, thy Friends

Signed on behalf of the Committee on Indian Concerns of Ohio Yearly Meeting
Lewis Walker, Clerk."

The Committee taking into view the importance of the Communications presented, and being desirous that that addressed to the Secretary of War should be early forwarded, it was concluded to accompany it by the following

"Respected Friend

"We herewith enclose to thee a communication from the Committee on Indian Concerns of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends who pass through our hands to thee, as being united with our brethren of Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings, in concern for the welfare of the Indian Nations. We cordially approve of the contemplated visit to the Indians at their new settlement beyond the Mississippi feeling the same philanthropic interest in their civilization which originally prompted us, as a religious Society, to extend aid to the Indians at Waukegonnetta and other places.

"The Communication will fully explain to thee the motives and views of our several Committees as united in this benevolent movement, and we confidently indulge the belief, that Government will continue to view with a favourable eye, our disinterested and charitable efforts for Indian Civilization and improvement. Should our intended deputation meet the approbation of the Government, we solicit that the earliest evidence of it be forwarded to Lewis Walker, Mount Pleasant, Ohio, Clerk of