

That the Concern of the Civilization of the Shawnee Indians who have been heretofore under our Care who have removed are now living on the Kanawha River be carried on by the three yearly meetings of Baltimore Indiana & Ohio & that the active part of the cause be devolved on the Committee of Indiana yearly meeting with such assistance from the Committee of Ohio yearly meeting as they may be enabled to afford.

That there be suitable friends with or family placed among the Indians as Superintendent and a school kept up with accommodations for at least twenty poor scholars who are to be taught the use of Letters & the domestic Arts that the children of such friends may reside among the Indians may be permitted to attend school which will doubtless be to the further advancement of the Indian children as a knowledge of our language and that allowance be made by the parents of these children for their schooling and that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to give such account & advice at all times to the Indians as in his opinion may be beneficial to them in their agricultural pursuits &c.

That the care & management of the school be confided to them with the appointment of a man friend a mechanic to be employed for that & other purposes as the Superintendent may think meet. That there be buildings erected suitable for such an establishment on the Indian Land if approved by them by the Government and as soon as practicable to put a sufficient quantity of ground under cultivation in order that the children may be employed a part of their time in working on the farm and that a woman friend be employed to assist in the family.

Impressed with the importance of commencing Christian instruction with our efforts for Indian Civilization and in order to promote this interesting object we propose if consistent with the views of Government that a Blacksmith is to be employed & paid by Government that suitable friends with or family be recommended by the Committee to the head of the prison department of the government to be appointed by him appropriate to that station.

That there might be a number of friends sufficient to hold a religious meeting & that the Indians have an opportunity to attend & sit with friends which we apprehend would not only

only be beneficial to the Indians themselves but a strength to our meetings where let it may be there to be separated from the Society of their friends with such an important charge & responsibility resting upon them.

And further that communications in case of emergency either to the Indians or to Government (the latter through the Committee of Baltimore) be made by the Committee having the immediate charge of the Concern that the Contingent funds designed for carrying on the cause be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Committee of Indiana yearly meeting but that all communications with Government should go through the Committee of Baltimore & that they be at liberty to make such applications without the necessity of consulting the other Committee when the delay would be in any degree injurious to the Concern; in all cases the transactions with the Government and the Indians should be reciprocally communicated to the Committee of the respective yearly meetings.

The Consent of the Government having been obtained a deputation from the Committee of Indiana yearly meeting consisting of Henry Hamer & Simon Hadley visited during the past year the Shawnee at their present location.

The Indians appear to be contented, had built a number of good & covered Log houses & were busily engaged in planting Corn &c and in improving their Lands. They had also provided themselves with some stock part of which they expected to use in plowing and anticipated the raising & fattening of Cows to supply their wants the Spring year.

The Deputation had then collected in General Meeting & explained to them the plan as agreed on by the several Committees particularly referring to them the views of the Society in regard to promoting Christian instruction with our other labors for their improvement. His majesty in the person of Richard C. Cummings who is their Agent and who attended the Council at the request of the Deputation. The Indians appeared well pleased with our plan and with the views of friends concerning them, were very desirous of having their children educated & seemed much gratified with the views & having made the necessary arrangements with the Indian agent & obtained from the Agent a certificate in that behalf, the Deputation proceeded to select a site for the establishment and then for this object a spot near the center of the Indian settlement, and within about 14 miles of the Eastern Boundary of their Reservation. They selected the Building for the intended Establishment to be for the use of a week or two of Prairie within a few rods of a good Spring of Water. They contracted with Messrs. Parks for building two dwelling houses with outside Chimneys to each