

it was thought best for them to enact - that Government would be at the expense of building them a good substantial Council House, that each nation should send one or more of their number annually to said house, there to confer on such subjects as they may be interested in - that they should every year elect one of their number to Congress, there to remain during the session to represent the whole of the nations residing in their country, and that government would pay all expenses in going to, while remaining at, and returning from the seat of Government.

This important proposal has been accepted by several of the Tribes of which the Shawnee under our charge is one. From public documents before the United States Congress of 1836, we conclude that the offer on its part to the Aborigines west of the Mississippi, which we have just noticed, does not look to their again removing to some new territory, but simply proposes their acceptance of these privileges in their present location.

The Committee are glad to be able to state, that from a review of the present condition of our red brethren, as presented to public notice in the Report of the United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs, it is manifest that some of the tribes of this long outcast and unhappy people have to a very gratifying and encouraging degree, been made participators in the blessings of civilized life; and we see no ground to despair of this coming to be their experience to a still greater extent, as there is exercised towards them on the part of Christian philanthropy, a due degree of that liberality which "disseminates liberal things", and that "brotherly kindness", which is so eminently a part of the practical charity of the Gospel.

on behalf of the Committee, Samuel Carey Clerk.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare and produce an essay of endorsement, to be placed on the minutes, and certificates of brethren and sisters attending this meeting from within the limits of other yearly Meetings, produced one, which was approved and the clerks were directed to endorse them accordingly.

The Meeting was informed that a vacancy has occurred in the Standing Committee on Indian Concerns,

by the decease of our friend Daniel (Johb), John Scott, Joseph Town, Ind. Sam Carey, Sam Worthington Wm Thomas and David Brisson, were appointed to nominate to a future sitting a friend to fill said vacancy.

Then adjourned to 8 o'clock this afternoon.

According to adjournment Friends met.

The Committee on the Treasurer's account produced the following report, which was approved, and Quarterly and Monthly meetings are directed to raise the sum therein named and forward it to the meeting next year.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have found the expenditures sustained by treasurers, all the quotas have been paid in and there is a balance of \$210.05 in the treasury. We propose that 100¢ should be raised the ensuing year for the use of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Samuel Carey

John Dooley

11th Mo. 1. 1837.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Essay of an Epistle to our Subordinate meetings and members, expressing of the exercise and concern which prevailed during the consideration of the State of Society within our limits, produced the following, which was approved, and directed to be signed by the clerk and transmitted accordingly.

To our Quarterly & Monthly Meetings and the Members composing them
Dear Friends.

In being permitted once more to assemble together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we have been bowed under a sense of the continued and unmerited mercy of God our Saviour, looking unto him as the giver of every good and perfect gift, we have been emboldened to approach him, and to ask for strength and grace to help us in this our time of need; and He has indeed helped us and blessed us with spiritual blessings. Thus allowed as we have been to take sweet counsel together and to encourage one another in the Lord, our hearts have been enlarged and animated with a degree of that love which embraces, with desires for their salvation, the whole human family. But especially have we been made to travail for those who are united with us as members of this Yearly Meeting, with prayers for their preservation, and for their growth and establishment in the Truth.