

In addition to the foregoing report and narrative, we believe it right further to state to the committee, that we were informed by the United States agent who has charge of the Wyandots at Upper Sandusky, that these Indians have almost entirely abandoned the use of spirituous liquors, and very generally betaken themselves to habits of industry. We were also assured by him that at the late council held near Piqua, not one from this village had been drunk, and that notwithstanding they received at that time from the Government \$3500 in cash on account of their annuities, and as an indemnity for their losses during the late war, and many efforts were made by designing persons to induce them to purchase drink, they resolutely refused to expend one cent in that way, but concluded to take the whole of their money home, and apply it in the improvement of their houses, and procuring farming utensils. We were further informed by the same agent that the Indians generally at this council, departed themselves in an unusually correct and prudent manner, and that although seven hundred were collected from various tribes, it was his opinion, that there were not more than ten of them during the whole time intoxicated.

It also appears that the Wyandots have

an excellent mill seat in their village on the Sandusky River, and that they as well as the Indians near Stony Creek are extremely anxious to have mills built, and to receive some instruction in the farming business. Captain Lewis when we left his town, accompanied us several miles on our journey, and on parting from us most earnestly entreated that Friends would not overlook his village. He stated to us that his people were willing and anxious to work, but that they were very ignorant and in great need of instruction, and that if we could do us more, he hoped we would send one of our young men, if it would only be to stay 3 or 4 months, to encourage and shew them how to put in and manage their crops. It is therefore our opinion that these Indians have a strong claim upon the attention and sympathy of Friends. Their situation is peculiarly calculated to awaken the commiseration and excite the active benevolence of all who feel for the sufferings of their fellow men. They are themselves now fully convinced that they have no alternative, but to abandon their former habits and apply themselves to agriculture, or become totally extinct as a people, at the same time many of them feel the force of their ancient habits opposing itself to the change which they know to be essential.