

have in view, before the general government.

Whilst, however, we have had an opportunity of observing, the lively interest with which our brethren of Ohio have embarked in this object, we have on several occasions experienced, that the obligation under which they found themselves to consult the committee of Baltimore, before they could feel at liberty to undertake direct measures, which from time to time clearly appeared to them to be necessary in relation to the concern, has created delays, which we have reason to believe, have retarded their efforts, and had a discouraging tendency, upon their minds, and in some instances of dissatisfaction to the Indians: under these views, after a solid consideration of the subject, we addressed to the committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting the following communication, to wit:

"To the committee on Indian concerns appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Ohio
Dear Friends,

"Your communication under date of the 6 month 11. 1821, together with the accompanying documents have been received and laid before us.

"Upon a solid consideration of the general subject which has been confided to us, by our

respective Yearly Meetings, after a free communication of sentiment, we are under the impression, that under all circumstances, taking into view our very remote situation from the settlement of Indians under the care of the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Baltimore, there is not much prospect, that we can hereafter be of any very important advantage towards promoting the interesting object, which Friends have in view in relation to these people.

"The experience of a number of years has shown, the whole of the active duties in the prosecution of this concern, must unavoidably devolve upon you, and that we could correctly look to no other source, for the necessary information, to enable us to decide upon the measures which it might be deemed expedient to be pursued, we have indeed for a considerable time, been little more than nominally embarked with you, and unable to afford much more than our cordial sympathies, in the arduous work in which we were engaged, in the mean time the difficulty of a union in concert, at so great a distance, has often tended to create delays, and perhaps to discourage you, from pursuing those views which have clearly shewn to you as proper.

"Under these considerations we are free to suggest, that the time has perhaps nearly arrived,