

"Every feeling of christian philanthropy forbids that we should, by a failure in the attempt to civilize the Indians under our care, fix a character on this large and interesting portion of the human family, which may not only paralyze the efforts of the friends of humanity, but strengthen the hands of those, who are under the influence of a hostile disposition towards them.

"By a communication from the committee of Baltimore, on the plan of future operations, it is suggested, that they, retaining an interest in the concern, and holding themselves in readiness to apply to government on behalf of the Indians, or render such other support and assistance as may appear necessary, would confide to us the funds, and the active duties of prosecuting the concern among the Indians.

"On taking the proposition contained in this communication under consideration, it is our decided choice, that our friends of Baltimore continue to participate in the concern, and render us such advice and assistance as may appear necessary, in the prosecution of the arduous and interesting work. The principal portion of the labour we are willing to take upon ourselves, or in conjunction with our friends

of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We conceive it indispensably necessary, that they be cordially invited to unite with us in the concern, by appointing a committee to cooperate with a committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting, in carrying into effect that portion of labour that may be required. The facilities with which some of the friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting can attend to the establishment among the Indians, the knowledge of the subject which they possess, and the interest which they feel in the concern, render their co-operation too valuable to be dispensed with. And we are of the judgment that we should be permitted to decide on the measures to be adopted among the Indians, experience having shown that prompt decision is generally required, and that the communication to them or their agent should go through us. The funds to remain in Baltimore, under the care of the committee there, but subject to our drafts, so far as the necessary operations may require. We also unite in judgment that all communications with the government should go through Friends of Baltimore, and that they be at liberty, to make such applications without the necessity of consulting us, when the delay would be, in any degree injurious to the concern. In all cases the transactions both with