

Brothers, you have now heard all that I have to say; what I speak is not from me alone; it is also the language of our younger brothers the Cherokees, who are now here with us. I have nothing more to remark."

The conference being about to close, the principal chief of the Cherokees arose and addressed the committee as follows:

"I feel thankful to the Great Spirit for permitting me to be present on this occasion. I have heard of the Quakers, and have always understood that they lived in peace, and were desirous of doing good to all men; but I have never before been favoured to see them. I rejoice in the opportunity which I have now had, to become acquainted with them, and feel thankful for the good advice I have heard from them, and will endeavour to remember it and make it useful to my people."

Our Father the President of the United States, has promised to do all that may be in his power for the benefit of his red children; I hope he will do so, and that our people will hereafter be shielded from the evils which have so long afflicted them."

The conference being concluded, the Indians, thirteen in number, amongst whom were several very aged chiefs, after taking a most affectionate

leave of the Committee withdrew, having conducted themselves on this occasion with great propriety and decorum, and manifested a strong feeling of attachment to Friends.

The committee have been since informed that Captain Lewis and a number of the Indians from his Town have already removed, and by accounts from our brethren at Ohio Yearly Meeting, we learn that the Indians at Wauhatchkannetta, had been in an unsettled state, owing in a great measure to the agitation amongst them of the question of their removal beyond the Mississippi; and that the School had been suspended at that place, but that a man and his wife had been continued on the farm belonging to Friends, near to the village, and that the Mill had been kept in such a state of repairs as to be still capable of grinding.

They further inform, that from more recent intelligence received from Friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting, many of the Indians at Wauhatchkannetta, having relinquished the idea of removing, were becoming more settled in their minds, and more industrious and sober in their habits; and that they had also expressed a desire that the School might be resumed.

The committee, upon viewing the continued and unceasing efforts of uninterested persons, to distract