

that, perhaps the time has nearly arrived, when it would be expedient for us, so far to withdraw as to place at your own disposal, the whole of the funds heretofore considered under our joint control, and to hold ourselves released from the service, except when occasions may offer in which we can be useful to you, in appearing on behalf of the object before the general government, or in such other way as circumstances might render convenient and proper."

The report of the committee on Indian concerns which was approved by this meeting, and from which the foregoing extract is taken, was replied to by a circular from the Ohio Yearly Meeting, directed to the Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings committees on Indian concerns, in which they say, "on taking the proposition contained in the 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, in conjunction with our Friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting." The circular continues to say, "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 communications to them or their agent should be 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."

This circular was adopted, and the clerk added, "upon examining the treasurer's account we find a balance in his hands of \$2258:26.05 exclusive of the principal of the donation received from our brethren of Great Britain?"

Indiana Yearly Meeting was set up in this year (1821) and from this time, we find it united with this, and the Ohio Yearly Meeting, in the Indian concern. In 1822 we find our committee on Indian concerns embracing this arrangement. The committee on Indian concerns report; that by information received from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of Ohio, to whom in conjunction with Friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting, had been by mutual arrangement confided the immediate superintendence of the settlement formerly under our care at Wampashkannetta etc."