

to a number of the Indian women, furnished them with wool, flax &c and caused them to be instructed in such kinds of business as was suitable for them, and calculated to promote the domestic comforts of the nation. Some attempts also had been made to establish schools among them, but these from different causes had not been permanent. It was extremely difficult to impress the older Indians with the importance of education, and even more difficult to induce the children to submit to the restraints of a school.

While struggling with the various difficulties connected with our arduous undertaking, we found that there were individuals, who, for sinister purposes, endeavoured to infuse into the minds of the less informed part of the tribe, jealousies, in regard to the motives by which we were actuated. They were persuaded that the Quakers were living on their land, making permanent improvements upon it, raising valuable crops &c, not for the benefit of the Indians, but themselves. We saw that these suggestions, if they prevailed, would strike at the very foundation of our system, and totally frustrate the benevolent object we had in view. And we determined at once to apply a remedy; and place our-

selves beyond the reach of unprincipled reflections. We concluded to give up the whole establishment to the Indians. The mills and farm, with all the improvements which we had made at no small expense, - to put the whole into their entire possession, - and not even to use any part of their timber, without paying them for it. - This however they refused to accept. - We let them know at the same time that we communicated to them these views, that we would continue to render them assistance in keeping the mills &c in order, as well as to prosecute the general objects which we had in view.

Conformably to this plan we purchased a tract of land from the Government, adjoining the reservation of Maupahkannetta, at the point where it is entered by the state road leading from Pequa to the Muncie. On this tract we have opened a considerable farm, erected buildings &c for the purpose of placing our superintendent, (a man with a family), to instruct the Indians in their various concerns as before, and also to establish a school in which the Indian children, of both sexes, are taught the elementary branches of a common education. The boys are instructed in the practical business of Farming &c, and the