

At a special meeting of the Committee on Indian concerns, held the 29th of the 5th month 1832

Nine members present

The following communication from the Committee on Indian concerns of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, addressed to the Secretary of War, and forwarded to us for our consideration and approval, was read, and after mature deliberation thereon, was concurred in. The clerk was directed to forward said communication to the Secretary of War, with the substance of this minute added thereto, signed on behalf of the committee. -

Monmouth Pleasant 5 month 22^d. 1832

To Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

In reply to thy favour of the 31st of 3^d month, last, we would remark, in the first place, that, as stated in our former communication, to which we would refer, our labours for the improvement of the Shawanese Indians at Wauhatchametta, have been carried on jointly by the committee of the three Yearly Meetings of Friends of Baltimore, Ohio, and Indiana, and all important measures have heretofore been submitted to these three Committees, before they were considered as finally adopted. But there has not been time to take this course, in

regard to the prosecution of our labours, for the same object beyond the Mississippi, since we have heard of the ratification of the Treaty. We are aware too of the difficulty of forming and supporting an establishment so far beyond the limits of civilized society. We suppose however that thou wilt consider it quite reasonable that in stating our views on the subject before us, it should be understood as qualified with the contingencies necessarily connected with the case. And on our part we should have no objection that the aid afforded by the Department, should be equally contingent and conditional. We think, however, that some information of the amount that would be placed in our hands, is necessary to enable us to decide what measures we can carry into effect for the improvement of the Indians after their removal, and also what will be the instructions of the Department, as to the application of the appropriation.

Of the plan itself we can say that we think it very desirable that as soon as convenient, a family should be placed among them, to instruct them in farming, and other kinds of business connected with civilized life, endeavouring to exert a moral influence among them, and to support a school for the instruction