

of the Indian children, not only in literature, but in usefull business, suitable for the two sexes.

As the buildings and other improvements that would be necessary, would of course be on the Indian lands, we would ask whether a part of the funds of the Government, might not be applied to that object: the more especially, as we have built a grist mill and a saw mill, opened a farm and improved it, on the Indian reserve at Waukegan, altogether at our own expense, which now has gone entirely out of our hands. It will be borne in mind also that the support of a family, so far from the white settlement will require considerable expense, and during the whole term that the annual appropriation of \$10,000. has been distributed among other tribes of Indians, in the benevolent societies engaged in civilizing them, the Shawanese Indians under our care, have never participated in any part of that fund.

We do not know how long it will be before the Indians will remove. But we would respectfully enquire whether they might not receive some benefit from that appropriation while they remain where they are?

We have now a school at our establishment, in which a number of Indians

children, of both sexes, are educated and instructed in literature and in useful business.

We are very respectfully, the friends
Signed on behalf of the committee
(signed) Lewis Walker. Clerk.

Accompanying the foregoing was the following communication, from the same committee, addressed to us. The clerk was directed to inform them of our having received the same, - and also, that we had added our approval to their communication to the Secretary at War, which we had forwarded.

Mount Pleasant 5th month 22nd 1832.

Dear Friends

We have recently received a communication from the Secretary of War, offering aid from the annual appropriation of the General Government, for Indian civilization, if we are willing to extend our care to the Indians beyond the Mississippi.

We have felt a desire to have the joint council of our friends of the two yearly meetings engaged with us, in this benevolent concern, in forming a judgment on the important question now submitted to our decision, in regard to the prosecution of our labours therein.

But the occasion has not appeared to admit of delay, in giving a reply to the Secretary: - and