

concerns, and Joseph Vance, for his unremitting exertions in the House of Representatives, on behalf of the Shawanese, without whose particular care, in all probability, the cause would have been lost altogether.

Some of the principal Chiefs, delivered to our superintendent the following discourse, which at their request, he committed to writing, which is as follows viz

"We have been, brothers, together with you, the Quakers, for a long time. You took us by the hand, and you held us fast. We have held you fast too. And although we are going far away from you, we do not want you to forsake us. We intend to have a school where we are going to, but we cannot tell you how soon. We want our friends to know that most of our people are well, although some of us are afflicted with sickness, yet we are in good spirits, although for some time past things went very wrong, but through all we have found that by holding fast to the friends we have done best, so we hope always to be in your hands. We are not prepared to say much at present, but thought we wanted to let our friends know how things were with us, but before we go away we intend to send a full speech to our friends. We want all

our friends whom we saw on our way to Washington City, to know that we are well, and those of us who went, wish to be remembered to all the friends we saw on the way. To friends at Mount Pleasant, as well as at other places. We want to be remembered by them. We have not forgotten them. We hope we shall always be remembered by our friends who went with us to Washington last winter. We are glad to hear that we are to get help from Government. This is done by our friends going with us last winter to Washington City."

Signed by John Perry and other Chiefs
at Friends establishment 8 month 1. 1832

The situation in which the Indians would be placed, by our withdrawing from them at this time of peculiar trial, claimed our serious attention, and we are united in sentiment, that the concern is of too deep an interest to this people, to be let fall to the ground, but that it would be safest for friends to continue their labours, as ways may open, so long as we can be useful to them, in whatever way that may be required of us, firmly believing that a blessing has attended our labours thus far, and that we may not shrink from this work, although discouragements may in many respects