

Mount Pleasant 3rd 19th 1833

Respectful Notice

In our last communication to the department we stated the course we had pursued in our endeavors to promote the improvement of the condition of the Indians at Wapaghtkonetta and expressed the disposition which is felt in the three yearly meetings of Friends of Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana, to keep the same objects in view and extend our attention to the Indians after their removal, so far as the means may be at our disposal and the nature of the case admit.

The Indians on preparing for ^{emigration} ~~removal~~ last fall, not only expressed in lively terms their gratitude for the long continued kindness they had received from us but earnestly requested that the connection between their yearly meetings and them might not be dissolved by their removal, but that we might in their peculiar language "hold them by the hand and not let them go".

The committee have concluded to send a deputation to their new residence this spring, to endeavor to promote their comfortable settlement there, and the adoption of such a course of life as may lead to their civilization and happiness.

What further measures we may think it prudent to enter into, beyond the proposed visit this spring, must depend on various contingencies, among which may be mentioned the approbation of the Government, the command of adequate resources, and the general practicability and expediency of the undertaking in their present remote situation.

But as we have hitherto had the full approbation of the Government in all our labors with the Indians, so now we consider it incumbent on us respectfully to inform thee of the proposed visit to the Indians, and ask the approbation of the department.

The deputation consists of Henry Hurvey, who has been our Superintendent, for some time, at Wapaghtkonetta, and Simon Huddy and Solomon Hadden. This expedition is expected to be performed entirely at our own expense.

They propose if the measure meet the approbation of the department, to set out in the 5th month (May) now ensuing.

We are very resp^y thy friends.

To Lewis Cass
Secretary of War
Washington
D.C.

Signed on behalf of the committee in Indian concerns of Ohio Yearly meeting.
Lewis Walker Clerk