

Then adjourned to meet on the afternoon of 27 Feb. at 4 o'clock.

At a special meeting of the Committee on Indian concerns held according to adjournment Baltimore 11 W 27. 1833

Present Eight members.

The friends appointed to prepare an address to the Secretary of War produced the following, which was decided to be signed by the Clerk, on behalf of this committee, and forwarded. The Clerk is also directed to transmit a copy of the same to the Committee of Ohio, and acknowledge the receipt of their communication of 15 & 21 Feb.

*Resolved Friends*

The apprehensions of much suffering, for the want of food, the ensuing year, among the Shawnee Indians, recently removed west of the Mississippi, is the cause of our now encroaching upon the time of the department, by presenting the condition of these Indians. As from communications received from the Committee on Indian Concerns of Ohio and Indiana yearly meetings of Friends, it is believed their situation has a strong claim upon the benevolence of Government, or some other source, for supplies of food for a longer period than the time for which it is understood they are to be furnished by the department.

It is the opinion of the deputation of Friends who visited these Indians the present year, by the united concurrence of the Committee we represent, as well as by the sanction of Government, that their resources are inadequate to a comfortable subsistence when the allowance of provisions from Government shall be withheld. Therefore much sympathy on their behalf has been felt by these committees. And as we have the utmost confidence in the humane intentions of the Government towards these Aborigines, over whom its guardianship extends, we believe it only necessary that the department should be apprised of their situation, to elicit measures that may guard against the evils to which they are exposed. And as the time is near at hand when the supplies from Government according to stipulations, may be withheld we would respectfully solicit the early attention of the department to their condition.

We have the satisfaction to state, that the Friends who visited the Indians found them settled in a country that appeared to be healthy, and on a tract of excellent land, about one half of which is rich dry prairie and the remainder well timbered, which abounds with good springs and streams for mills. Most of the Indians had built cabins, some of which are comfortable. They had purchased some milch cows and some of them had a few swine. They had made some progress in clearing lots on the timbered land (where they had settled) which they