

to the department that the committee engaged herein should propose for the approval thereof a person who being a member of the Society of Friends would unite in carrying into effect the annexed plan of operations for the benefit of these Indians.

With sentiments of consideration and respect

On behalf of the committee

Dan^d Cobb Clerk

Department of War
July 17. 1835

I have received your letter of the 10th inst in behalf of the yearly meeting of Friends. The plan of operations proposed for the benefit of the Shawanese Indians west of the Mississippi appears to have been well considered, and to be adapted to their improvement. The department gives its full assent to your undertaking and trusts that the hopes it inspires will not be disappointed. Blacksmiths required for any Indian tribe must be nominated by the Agent, for the approval of the Department. Upon this subject therefore your application must be addressed to George Washington Fort Gibson under whom can the

Shawanes, we please.

To Dan^d Cobb } My resp^d te
Baltimore } (signed) Lewis Cass

Adjourned to meet at the usual time in 8 months next.

At a special meeting of the committee on Indian concerns held Baltimore Jan^y 24. 1835
Present several members.

Hugh Rulienston
in behalf of the committee appointed at a former meeting to reply to the communication from Mr Allen and other friends of London produced the following which was approved and directed to be forwarded signed by the Clerk and transmitted to them.

To Mr Allen Josiah Foster George Stacy and Robert Foster. Dear friends. We acknowledge

the receipt of your acceptable communication dated Dec^r 23. 1834 addressed to this committee.

We had intended to have replied to it at an earlier period, and to have expressed to you and through you to Friends of Great Britain, the satisfaction felt for this renewed manifestation of interest in the civilization, Education and Christian instruction of the Aborigines of this