

Country - a race once numerous and powerful, the proprietors and undisturbed occupants of this vast continent, but now despoiled by the policy of the white man of the inheritance of their ancestors, and almost exterminated. The delay has been chiefly occasioned by the plan for the future operations of the Joint Committee of Settlers Ohio and Indiana yearly meetings in the benefit of the Shawnee not being fully matured. The plan being now adopted, we propose to give you a synopsis of it together with some general information on the present condition and future prospects of the Indian Natives of this country.

" During the first Session of the last Congress a very interesting Report was made to the House of Representatives in the 5th month 1834 on the subject of Indian affairs. The organization of the Indian Department the regulation of trade & intercourse with & the obligations of the United States to the emigrant tribes have been fully examined by their Committee as this Report and the Bill which accompanied it develop the existing policy of the Government towards the Indian Natives we subjoin some Extract Remarks for your satisfaction & information on the subject. The Report was accompanied by three Bills entitled

✓ A Bill to provide for the Organization of the Indian Department

A Bill to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian Tribes & preserve peace on the Frontiers

& a Bill to provide for the establishment of the Western Territory & for the security & protection of the immigrant & other Indian Tribes therein.

The two first of these bills have passed into Law the last is still pending. It was before Congress at the last Session but owing to the press of business & shortness of the Session it remains among the unfinished business. We regard some of the provisions of this bill as important and anticipate its being passed by our next Congress according to this bill the Western Territory will be bounded on the East by the Territory of Arkansas & the State of Missouri on the North by the La Platte River on the West & South by the Mexican possessions to the whole of this Territory the original Indian title has been extinguished & the Tribes now within it derive their title from the United States. It is believed to be more than sufficient for them & for those who have agreed to immigrate to it. It contains an area of 132 295 680 Acres of which only 61 830 000 have been assigned to the occupant Tribes and the soil & climate are said to be all that can be desired to reward industry & to prolong life. The Committee in their report to Congress speaking of the Bill observe "whatever difference of opinion may here before