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we found that those persons the Superintendent & family
has been there about 5 days & were all well, & those had
brought about 5 acres of corn and they were busily engaged
in cleaning it out; the employees Elias newly or teacher
for 6 months at 24¢ per day if he is willing to remain until
next spring he is to have only 20¢ per day for the whole
term. On account of the situation of the family
and of the house we did not collect the Indians there
but had an interview with them at their Council house
in company with the agent who has a considerable
number of them collected on business they appeared glad to
meet with us, they looked well, spoke highly of their country
& from what we could learn from seeing many of
their farms and the intelligences we received otherwise.
They appear much more sensible of the advantages of
civilization and many of them manifest a disposition
to equal their neighbors in agriculture.

On conferring with them respecting a school they
appeared much pleased with the prospect & said they
would furnish as many children as we wanted
as soon as the teacher and the house were in readiness
to receive them.

There are two missionaries amongst them
a Methodist & a Baptist.

It may interest the Commission
to know the cause of the Indians being concerned by the
agent which was to lay before them a proposition
from the Government the substance of which was
"that Govt was willing with their approbation to mark

off a large tract of country sufficient 207
to contain a number of nations of Indians. To give them
a Warranty Deed for the same that said land should be
known by the name of Indian Country that no
white man should have any right within said
boundaries except his business as a settler by
Government that the Indians have the privilege
of making their own laws (withal recommending some
laws that was thought best for them to enact) that
Government would build them a good Council house
and that each nation should send one or more of their
members yearly to said house to confer on such subjects
as they might be interested in and that they should send
one of their number to Congress there to remain
during the session to represent the whole of the Nation
residing in their country and that Govt would pay
the expense of the Delegate travelling to & from the
seat of Government to take there. The agent said
the proposition had been submitted to & approved by
several nations without hesitation.

Nevertheless
did not accede to the proposition at that time but
set a time when they would return him an answer.

On parting with John Perry the head Chief spoke as
follows: "When you get home tell my friends the Quakers
that I am their friend & that he as long as I live & when I
am laid in the ground I hope my children will be your
friends when I lived in this where I could get Game
I thought it not worth while to send my children to school