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unite with our brethren of the several yearly meetings heretofore named (Sennepsee, New York & Philadelphia in extending assistance to these tribes as may may open and they accordingly propose to do so."

John P. Balderson & Richard H. Thomas are appointed to essay a document to be presented to the Secretary at War for the U.S. Containing an account of our Establishment among the Shawnee and produce at our next meeting.

Then concluded

At a Special Meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns of Baltimore Yearly M^g held at the house of J. B. Balderson the 11th of 5th mo 1841

Present 11 members

The Committee appointed at last Meeting to essay a document to be presented to the Secretary of War produced one which was read amended and ^{adopted} referred to next meeting

Then concluded

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at a meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns held at the house of J. B. Balderson on the 17th of 8th mo 1841

Present 7 members

The Committee which produced the Communication addressed to the Secretary at War are requested to transcribe it & forward it to him; It is as follows

To John Bell Secretary of War: Washington D.C.
Respectfully:

We take the liberty of laying before thee in this way some particulars relative to our efforts as a religious community for the civilization & Christian instruction of the Shawnee Indians; We do this for the purpose of introducing ourselves in connection with our concerns to the more familiar knowledge of the War department as more acquainted with a desire to enjoy the approbation & cooperation of the present incumbent as we have that of his Predecessor with whom we have corresponded & had personal intercourse on this subject as far back as the year 1810 our interest was especially manifested for this tribe of Indians they were then located at Mauchpokenetta a tract of country now within the limits of the State of Ohio their acquisition was at that period very slow, but what the Christians in Philadelphia could do with poor, degraded, ignorant & uncomfortable they were just such objects of compassion as those of our usually exhibit, where no friendly hand of benevolence has been extended for their help; under these circumstances we placed an "Establishment" among them for their civilization & Christian instruction which continues to subsist under the joint control & care of three "Yearly Meetings"