

the measure. A corrected copy of the law as it now stands accompanies this report from which it will be seen that the Indian is now made a competent witness in these cases. We also submit for the approbation of the Committee a Communication addressed to the Secretary of War giving some account of the past history & present condition of our Establishment & requesting a copy of the Laws & Regulations upon the subject all which is submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Joseph King jr

Bath 5 mo 13. 1847 Richard H. Thomas

To the Secretary of War

Respected Friend

The Committee on Indian Concerns of Bath. Yearly Meeting of Friends, would respectfully submit to the Department charged with the affairs of the Indians the following statement.

13 The three yearly meetings of Bathians Ohio & Indiana have been for many years associated together in efforts for the civilization & Christian instruction of the Shawnee Tribe of Indians who formerly resided at Waukegan on the Ohio.

and who emigrated in 1832 and settled on the Sandy river, west of the Mississippi. Previous to their removal they had made, under our care considerable advances in the arts of civilized life and had erected in 1831, upwards of one hundred hewn log houses and cabins; they possessed Wagons & gear; fruit bearing orchards and had raised horses and a considerable stock of cattle, hogs & a number of Milk Cows. In this comparatively comfortable condition they were constrained by the policy of the government to exchange their lands in Ohio for those they now occupy. The Indians on preparing for emigration in 1832, not only expressed in lively terms their gratitude for the long continued kindness they had received from us, but earnestly requested that the connexion between the Yearly Meetings & might not be dissolved by their removals but that we might, in their peculiar language, hold them by the hand and not let them go. The approbation of the Government was obtained from Lewis Cass, Secretary of War in 1833 for a committee of Friends to visit them at their new location west of Mississippi (see correspondence on file) and in 1834 the visit was made by Henry Harvey & Headley & the land for the farm & site for the Establishment were selected by them with the appro-