

1796 The committee reported that a deputation had been appointed to make a visit to the Indians for the purpose of communicating with them upon the subject of the introduction of ^{husbands &c} some of the arts of civil life into their country and that ~~that~~ deputation had proceeded as far as the Muskingum river with a view of meeting some chiefs and others who they were informed, were encamped there ~~for~~ but upon their reaching that place they found that the Indians had removed to their respective homes & were too much dispersed to admit of their being speedily collected. the deputation therefore returned without accomplishing the object of their visit.

797 The Committee reported that with a view of becoming fully acquainted with the situation & disposition of the Indians three of their number had been appointed to make them a visit and that these gentlemen had traveled into the Indian Country from the mouth of the Wheeling ~~Indian~~ Postroad as the Sandusky river and had returned by the ~~high~~ waters of the ~~Mistickin~~ performing a route of more than 500 miles during which time they have visited a number of their hunting camps and several of their Villages, and had large opportunity of becoming acquainted with their present situation, ~~which~~ they found to be often exposed to the inclemencies of the seasons with a very precarious & frequently