

2 very scanty supply of food & cloathing and the Committee were of the opinion that unless these people can be prevailed on to change their present mode of living they must in a few years from the increasing scarcity of game, be reduced to a state of extreme want & distress, and in order to awaken their minds to ~~view of~~ ^{reflection} reflection upon this subject they had addressed a communication to the Wyandots on the Great Miami and the Delaware on the Sandusky endeavouring to excite them to turn their attention to the cultivation of the Earth for a support and offering them some assistance towards effecting so desirable a change in their mode of living

1798 The Committee having rec^d ^{from some Delaware Indians on the Muskegon River} an application for assistance, and having taken into consideration the particular circumstances of these people concluded to ~~offer~~ furnish them with a few tools and implements of husbandry for their immediate use

1799 The committee having rec^d a pressing invitation from the Wyandots at Upper Sandusky to visit them ^{several} appointed ^{of} of their number to for that purpose & of whom ^{after visiting several Indian Villages} attended to the service, and arrived at ~~the~~ ^{Town} near about the time proposed by the Indians; upon conferring with Tashie ~~the~~ and other chiefs there it was discovered, that the ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} ~~holding~~ the General Council to which friends had been invited ~~was~~ ^{not} would take place for more than two weeks, and the committee having ascertained that it would

not be practicable to obtain food for themselves ³ ~~there~~ until that time, concluded it would be best to ^{a conference with him} propose to Tashie and the other chiefs who were then at Sandusky which was accordingly agreed to, and the committee had a full opportunity ^{of communicating} to these people the prospect and views of Friends relative to them, to which the Indians gave close attention and promised to communicate to the General Council which would take place soon after. The Committee during their visit ~~was~~ ^{often} had frequent opportunities of observing the destructive effects of spirituous liquors amongst these people and were confirmed in the opinion that unless the traders who supply with ^{new} this article can be restrained, they will not easily be prevailed on to turn their attention to agriculture or make much effort towards establishing themselves in permanent homes

1802 The Committee reported that ^{they have had several} ~~a full~~ ^{principal} conferences with the Little Turtle and some other Chiefs of the Miami confederacy of Indians on the subject of the introduction of Agriculture and some of the useful arts into their Country, and were assured by these Chiefs that it was the real wish of these people to engage in the cultivation of their lands, as they were sensible that the game was becoming scarce and they must soon take hold of the tools which they saw in the hands of the white people

The Committee had also conferred with them upon