

4 subject of the introduction of spiritous liquors into their country, in the course of which the Indians ~~gave~~ gave a pathetic representation of the melancholy effects which it produced amongst their people, and earnestly intreated their friends would aid them in endeavouring to remove it out of their country.

Upon a weighty consideration of the subject, the committee being fully persuaded, that this article had heretofore been the principal obstacle in the way of friends succeeding in their efforts, concluded to address a memorial to Congress upon the subject which was favourably rec^d and a law passed prohibiting the traders from carrying any spiritous liquors amongst the Indians.

1803

The committee reported that information had been rec^d from the Agent Stations amongst the Indians ^{near Fort Wayne} that since the traders were released from ~~the~~ furnishing spiritous liquors to them, ~~people~~ they had become more industrious, and manifested an increasing disposition to turn their attention to raising of stock & farming. The committee had accordingly forwarded to them, a number of farming utensils.

1804

The committee reported that upon a pressing ^{solicitation} ~~invitation~~ ^{by} rec^d from the Chiefs of the Miami Confederacy of Indians, that some ~~Indians~~ would visit

them in their country and instruct them how to ~~use~~ use the tools which had been forwarded to them, a deputation had been sent out for that purpose and one friend had remained amongst the Indians to instruct and aid them in their agricultural concerns and that ^{many of} them ~~had~~ had manifested considerable ~~disposition~~ ^{disposition} to become industrious for the purpose of receiving instruction and had ~~removed~~ ^{settled} the establishment formed by the committee. The friends who had been deputed to visit them as well as the one who remained amongst ^{them} were uniformly treated with the most respectful attention & kindness.

1805 The committee reported, that the friend who had been stationed amongst the Miami Indians last year had returned, having raised a good crop & secured it safely before he came away; The Indians who were settled near him were industrious and generally disposed to attend to his directions, and that ~~some~~ of the women had also been learned to spin & knit, and that there was a prospect of the village being considerably ^{increased by} ~~from~~ many families from the neighbouring towns removing to it, that the Indians had acquired a considerable stock of hogs and some cattle, and that there was encouragement for