

1809 The committee reported that from ^{the} information which they had rec^d through the young men ~~who~~ who were stationed at the settlement on the Wabash ~~many of~~ the Indians then continued industrious and worked steadily, but that the corruptions and debasing influence of spirituous upon them (which article had ~~been~~ lately been in large quantities again introduced amongst them) was found to be a great obstacle ^{it was not known effectually} to their general improvement, and if ~~not~~ restricted from being brought into their country, ~~it would~~ ^{it would} lay waste ~~and totally counteract~~ all the efforts which friends ^{might be enabled to} make for the improvement of this people. The committee also reported that they had rec^d a communication from the Pultowallomies Miami and other nations residing N. W. of the state of Ohio describing the ^{baneful} ~~mischievous~~ effects of spirituous liquors amongst their people, and earnestly intreating the aid of Friends in removing it out of their country, at the same time ^{nations had at} ~~therefore~~ ^{sent} a general council agreed upon a ^{memorial} ~~letter~~ to the Government relative this subject which they

~~was~~ forwarded by them to the Committee with a request that Friends would give their aid in promoting such measures as might hereafter relieve them from the dreadful consequences of this great destroyer amongst them. The committee accordingly presented the memorial of the Indians to the P. U. States who readily engaged to use his influence with the Government of the state of Ohio & the Indiana & Michigan territories whence the Indians were principally furnished with this article to suppress the evil, and the committee have rec^d assurances that laws have been enacted in all those districts, interdicting any further supplies of it being carried into their country.

1810 The Committee reports that a general wish regard to religious ^{concerns} state of commotion, had ^{been} excited amongst the Indians during the last year by the delusion ^{of extensive influence} of an Indian ~~amongst them~~ who styles himself a prophet, and that such a degree of fanaticism ^{agitation} prevailed ~~through~~ through all that country that the Indians could scarcely be prevailed on