

treme poverty ; in a country which, from its extreme fertility, would, with but little cultivation, abundantly supply them with all the necessities of life."

The Committees then proceeded to open a friendly communication with the chiefs of those nations, upon which they wished to try their civilizing experiments, and "endeavoured to impress on their minds, the advantages they would derive from permitting a knowledge of Agriculture and some of the most useful Mechanic Arts to be introduced among their people." They reminded them, "that the time was come, in which they ought to begin