

FACTS

RELATIVE TO THE

CANADIAN INDIANS.

THE ABORIGINES' COMMITTEE of the MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS has continued to direct its attention to the situation of the Indians of Canada, and has availed itself of various opportunities to plead their cause with members of the Government. In the last pamphlet published by the committee, will be found the memorial which the Meeting for Sufferings, at the suggestion of the same committee presented to Lord Durham. The subject was likewise brought before the attention of Lord Durham's private secretary, Charles Buller, M. P.; and it was confidently hoped that these efforts had proved successful in arresting the progress of Indian expatriation, to which the treaty of Sir F. B. Head had given increased activity. Subsequent information has renewed the most serious apprehensions respecting the fate of these Indians. The committee has therefore thought it right to print for circulation through the Society, some recent documents and statements, calculated to awaken a more lively interest in their behalf. They likewise present a brief narrative of the case of the Indians, by which the circumstances of their present situation may be readily understood. The committee is fully persuaded that it is the immediate and imperative duty of those who are concerned for the preservation of this interesting race, to lose no time in seeking to gain from the executive government the most prompt execution of vigorous and effective measures, by which the feeble remnants of once numerous tribes may be rescued from extinction, and the work of conversion and civilization, which has been happily commenced in various Indian settlements, may be encouraged and assisted rather than obstructed and counteracted.

It is believed that petitions in favour of the Indians in the British provinces of North America will be presented to the several branches of the Legislature; and it is hoped that the members of our Society, in different parts of the kingdom, will not be backward in uniting with their benevolent and influential neighbours in giving support to these and similar applications, and in endeavouring to diffuse, in the several circles in which they may be placed, such information on the subject as they may collect from the following pages, and from other authentic sources: