

the sympathy, charity, and forbearance of the white inhabitants, our desires for their welfare have been unabated, and for many years with the approbation of the Executive Department, we have been engaged in exertions to introduce more particularly amongst those nations on the western frontier, such a knowledge of agriculture and some of the most necessary mechanic arts, as would enable them to procure ample supplies for their comfortable subsistence, and gradually prepare them for becoming useful citizens; towards which they are advancing with encouraging success: therefore from long experience, we can confidently state, that they are a people whose perceptions are strong, lively, and susceptible of great improvement.

WITH deep concern we have observed a disposition spreading in the United States, to consider them as an incumbrance to the community, and their residence within our borders as an obstruction to the progressive improvements and opulence of the Nation; hence it is that some, through alluring prospects, calculated for the increase of private emolument, seek to evade or lay waste the salutary restrictions which have been wisely provided for the regulation of trade, and to prevent the free introduction of ardent spirits among them; which if they should effect, would we believe, though gradually, yet ultimately produce their entire extinction.

THE preservation and existence of Nations and Governments however exalted in the scale of power, must depend upon the Providence of the Almighty, but when prompted by ambition and a thirst for aggrandizement, they have swerved from the principles of righteousness and justice, in the acquisition of territory and the enlargement of empire; history furnishes ample testimony, that this abuse of power hath been displeasing in the sight of Heaven, and brought heavy calamities upon them. We feel for our country, and sincerely desire its real prosperity; but when we behold the original proprietors of the land, once an independent powerful people, now greatly diminished, and rendered so far destitute and helpless, as to be almost reduced to a dependance upon the will of the Government, whether they shall remain upon the soil endeared to them as the in-