

the year; together with the dissatisfied and unsettled situation of the Indians at that time, on account of a sale of land made by some of the tribes to the United States*; thought it might, for the present season, be best to write to the agent, and request him, to procure for us, the most suitable character in his power; who, under his direction, should plough the land which Philip De-~~la~~his cultivated the last season, and plant it with corn: in the performance of which it was hoped he would be assisted by the Indians. We also observed, that after their corn was planted, we were willing to believe *they* would be able to manage it themselves. Should a second ploughing however be necessary, we directed this also to be done. This person was also desired to prepare for them a garden of the most useful vegetables, which *they* might afterwards easily manage.

The committee have since received his answer to this letter, in which he says, he will lose no time in complying with their request, and that he will at all times be ready to put the benevolent concern of Friends, towards the Indians, in execution. He also says, that at this time, a spirit of industry exists among the Indians generally; and that, as several of the tribes, had requested of Government, to have a part

* The uneasiness, which this circumstance occasioned amongst the Indians, has since been entirely removed.