

dispel the dark cloud of ignorance in which so many thousands of our fellow men are enveloped; I greatly desire that the opportunity may be embraced, and that that light may be attended to which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, especially those who profess faith in Christ—in order that superstition, bigotry and war, may be banished from the earth, and that in its room, humility, charity, and brotherly kindness, may prevail to the very extent of the habitable world.

I am respectfully thy friend,

THOMAS WISTAR,

*Philadelphia, 12 mo. 30th, 1817.*

*From the same.*

Philadelphia, 3 mo. 18 d. 1819.

DEAR FRIEND,

I SHOULD have been more seasonable in replying to thy acceptable favour of 9th month last, but for the want of direct opportunity from this port; and from my more than usual absence from the city in the early part of the winter, at which time I was engaged with a deputation in attending at Washington on behalf of the poor Indians, and to the presentation to the General Legislature, of a memorial from the representatives of the yearly meeting of Friends held in Philadelphia on this interesting subject, a copy of the Memorial and some printed documents relative to Indian affairs I enclose for thy acceptance, as also an account of the natives of this country by John Heckewelder, contained in a report of the Historical and Literary Committee of the American Philosophical Society, which thou wilt find very interesting, the author having resided as a Missionary of the Moravian Society among the natives nearly if not quite 30 years; and with the exception of tradition, and perhaps it may be added the prejudices he appears to have imbibed from his favourite nation the Delaware, among whom he resided and laboured (relative to their origin, and their connection with the Six Nations of Indians) I think