

Impressed with this melancholy consideration, it must be a prospect truly gladdening to the enlightened christian mind, to survey the hastening of that day, when this part of the human family, weaned from savage habits, and allured by the superior advantages of civil life, shall exchange the tomahawk and scalping knife for the *plough* and the *hoe*; and instead of ranging the forests in seeming affinity, to the wild beasts of the desert, shall peacefully and rationally enjoy the productions of the *fruitful field*!—Nor is this all, added to the cultivation of the earth, the first step in the view of the committee, towards many other important *temporal* advantages, to be derived to this people from civil life, may not the promotion of this concern, which has thus far evidently prospered, *prepare for*, and prove *the means* under the DIVINE BLESSING, through which, may finally spread and prevail amongst these, our fellow men, that LIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE, which so eminently distinguish the true CHRISTIAN?

Signed on behalf of the committee on Indian concerns, appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore.

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