

gress passed 28th of 5th month, 1830, provision was made for an exchange of lands with the Indians residing in any of the states or territories east of the Mississippi, and for their removal beyond that river. It authorizes its president "solemnly to assure the tribe or nation with which the exchange is made, that the United States will for ever secure and guarantee to them, their heirs and successors, the country exchanged with them;" it further authorized him "to cause such tribe or nation to be protected at their new residence against all interruption or disturbance from any other tribe or nation of Indians, or from any other person or persons whatever."

Under this policy it appears by a report from a commission on Indian affairs to Congress, dated 1st of 12th mo. 1836, that within the last eight years, 93,401,637 acres have been ceded by the Indians, for which the United States have stipulated to give them 20,982,068 dollars, and 32,381,000 acres of land, valued at 40,476,250 dollars, making the whole consideration 67,485,318 dollars. This sum is made up of permanent annuities, lands, reservations for individuals, expenses of removal and subsistence, merchandize, mechanical and agricultural establishments and implements. The permanent annuities being commuted at five per cent. lands and reservations valued one dollar and a quarter per acre, expenses of removal, subsistence, merchandize, mechanical and agricultural establishments put down at the amounts appropriated for them.

The following copy of the report made to our Yearly Meeting in the 10th month last, will furnish the necessary information of the progress and present situation of one establishment amongst the Shawnese Indians, also an acknowledgment of the receipt of £290. 1s. from Friends in England, in aid of our endeavours for the civilization and Christian instruction of this tribe.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING, NOW SITTING.

"The committee on Indian concerns report, that since our last Yearly Meeting, very important movements have been effected in relation to the interesting concern of the civilization and Christian instruction of the Shawnese Indians.

"The committee appointed on this subject by Indiana Yearly Meeting, and who have hitherto, in conjunction with a similar one of Ohio Yearly Meeting, co-operated with us in this benevolent undertaking, have been industriously engaged during the present year in its prosecution.

"By a report from them we learn, that early in the last spring, having received intelligence that the donation of Dr. Unthank of Ireland, had been collected by their agent at Cincinnati, they proceeded to furnish household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, and a quantity of provisions, &c., in order to enable them to carry into execution the plan of operations, as agreed upon by the three several committees just mentioned. They employed Moses Peirson and his wife, two Friends, as superintendents of the intended establishment for two years, at five hundred dollars per annum, and a young woman, also a Friend, to assist them in their duties, at 100 dollars per annum, all of whom proceeded to their place of destination. They were quickly followed by a deputation from the committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, who on reaching the Shawnese settlement, ascertained that the superintendent and his companions had arrived there about five days previously, and had already purchased about five acres of corn, we presume of some of the Indians, and were busily occupied in cleaning it out. Elias Newby, a young man, was engaged by