

Representations have been made, under very plausible disguises, to the officers of government, to prove that the interests of the natives would be greatly advanced by their removal to the west of the Mississippi, and that the opposition to the treaty is the work of a few interested individuals.

Previous to leaving Washington, the committee, through the action of some of the ~~members~~ ^{Friends}, procured the printing of the documents which Friends and the ~~Indian~~ ^{Indian} delegation had prepared, in opposition to the treaty, by which means they would be placed within the reach of every member of the senate.

As the treaty has not been submitted to the senate, the business is still under the care of the sub-committee, and the issue of this attempt to dislodge these people from their present scanty allotments, must for a time remain uncertain. But whatever the result may eventually be, the trouble and perplexity to which they have been subjected, loudly demand the sympathy and commiseration of every Christian mind, and present a peculiar claim to the continued attention of Friends.

By direction,

THOMAS WISTAR, *Clerk.*

Philadelphia, 4th month 14th, 1838.

Since the preparation of the foregoing report, the sub-committee deemed it necessary again to proceed to Washington, where they spent several weeks in attending to the business, endeavouring to furnish the proper authorities with correct information relative to the treaty and the circumstances attending its negotiation. In the sixth month the treaty was taken up by the senate and remodelled, by which the terms of it were so materially changed as virtually to annul its provisions. Several new articles were inserted as amendments, which together with the other parts are to be again fully explained to the Indians, and submitted to their consideration; not in one general council as heretofore, but to each tribe and band separately; and if any one of the tribes or bands do not voluntarily accept of it, it is not to be bound by it; but those accepting, may remove: and it is to be valid and binding as respects them. By this means the whole matter will again come before the Indians for their consideration, and approval or rejection; and such bands as do not wish to accede to its terms will be exempted from the necessity of removal.

The present state of the SHAWNESE INDIANS and the care extended to them will appear from the following extracts from the Correspondence of Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting with the Meeting for Sufferings in London.

Baltimore, 12th mo. 14th, 1837.

Dear Friends,

In our communication of 3rd month, 1835, we gave you some general information of the condition of the Indian natives of this country, their progress in civilization, and of the existing policy of the Government of the United States respecting them, as also of our efforts for the relief and improvement of the Shawnese tribe, under the joint care of Ohio, Indiana, and Baltimore Yearly Meetings, and in compliance with the request of Josiah Forster, dated 5th of 7th mo. 1835, we now propose giving you some additional information on these subjects.

The policy of our Government remains unchanged. By an act of Con-