

REPORT
FROM THE
MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS
TO THE
YEARLY MEETING
RESPECTING THE
ABORIGINES.

AT a MEETING for SUFFERINGS, held the 11th of the 5th month, 1841.

THE subject of the Aborigines, which was referred by the last Yearly Meeting to the further care of the Meeting for Sufferings, has from time to time continued to obtain the attention both of the Meeting itself, and also of its standing Committee specially appointed to that service.

The Meeting, however, has received fewer communications, and has less variety of details to report to the Yearly Meeting, respecting the state of the uncivilized Aborigines in different parts of the globe, in this, than in some former years. This deficiency is not referable to the diminished claims which this portion of our fellow-creatures presents to our sympathy, but rather to the difficulties which have stood in the way of obtaining information. On various grounds the condition of the aboriginal population in the British Colonies never called for more serious and attentive consideration from the members of our Society than at the present time. Emigration is proceeding with almost unprecedented rapidity, and to districts entirely new. Collisions are frequently occurring between colonists and natives, and under the existing systems they seem to be almost unavoidable; and not only our countrymen at large, but our fellow-members in particular, are deeply interested in putting a stop to atrocities, by which the profession of Christianity is disgraced, and the innocent often become sufferers.

In relation to this subject, the Meeting has thought it right to draw up an Address to Emigrants who may be likely to be brought into relation with uncivilized men. This address has been supplied to several emigrant vessels, and its further distribution is continued under the care of some members of the committee.

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