

**Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends
Indian Committee
Minutes
1868 – 1890**

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Genesee YM Indian Com, 1868-1890
No. 3/30 Property of Genesee Yearly Meeting

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Members of Committee on Indian Affairs.

At a meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns held at Pickering Ontario 18th 6 mo. 1862

Members of the Committee

Elihu Durfee

Freeman Clark

Joseph Head

Benjamin Chase

John Searing S

John J. Cornell

Jacob Cronk

Geurdon T Smith

William Cornell

Rowland Brown

Edward Henderson

Seth W Bosworth

Loren Brown

Jonathan Noxon

John D Phillips

Phebe W Cornell

Isabella B. Webster

Sarah Carmart

Catherine E. Bosworth

Lydia ???

Sarah L. Searing

Anna R. Brown

Eleanor Bowerman

Almira Armitage

Abigail D Thom

Lydia C. Webster

Mary Freeman

Jane R. Searing

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John J. Cornell was united with to act as clerk or secretary to the Committee. William Cornell, Abigail D Thom and Phebe W Cornell are appointed to act with the Secretary as a sub Committee to correspond with the committees of other Yearly Meetings or the Representative committees of these meetings and to call the general committee together when there shall be any business to require it.

This adjourned to meet at Farmington at 3 o'clock on 2nd day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo novber.

At a meeting of the committee on Indian concerns held at Farmington N. Y on the 14th of 6th mo 1869.

Present 19 members.

The following communication accompanied with the document Cheseni? referred to were received by this meeting.

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At a meeting of Sufferings held at Mendon on the 8th of 4th mo 1869 -

A communication was received from the committee of Indian concerns of Baltimore Yearly Meeting in which it was stated that the government desired to procure suitable persons from among the members of our Society with the view to inaugurate a more humane and pacific policy toward the Indians. The subject claimed the deliberation of the meeting and called forth

much exercise and sympathy with the concerns and desires were expressed that the work might go forward. In consequence of the limited time between the holding of this meeting and the general conference to be held in Baltimore on the 17th of this month, it was concluded that the meeting could take no action before that time that would result in furthering the cause and in order that the subject should receive prompt attention, it was thought best to refer the whole subject to the standing committee of the Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns. Signed by direction of the Meeting, John J. Cornell, Clerk.

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An interesting report of the proceedings of our brethren of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York was received from the meeting of Sufferings of New York Yearly Meeting and read under which the Committee was introduced into a deep exercise and travail and we were united in the feeling that the time had fully come for us to actively cooperate with our brethren who are already in the field and we were united in believing it would be right to appoint a delegate as suggested in the report to cooperate with friends of Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings and in asking the Yearly Meeting to make a proposition to meet the necessary expenses that may be incurred.

The clerk is directed to present the minutes of the Committee together with the documents which have been received as the report we have to make this year

The Committee then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on 5th day morning.

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At a meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns held at Farmington 17th of 6th month, 1869,

present 18 members.

The following minutes were received from the Yearly Meeting viz

The Committees on Indian Affairs presented to this meeting as their report the minutes of their proceedings accompanied with a statement of the proceedings of the representative committees of New York, Philadelphia And Baltimore Yearly Meetings which were read and were satisfactory to the meeting and the committee are authorized to select a delegate as suggested in the statement referred to and to call on the treasurer of that meeting for the expenses of such delegate and such other expenses as may be incurred in furthering the object of the concerns for an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting by

John J. Cornell, Clerk.

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William Cornell, Guerdon T. Smith, Loren Brown, Isabella B, Webster, Phebe W. Cornell, and Sarah D Searing are appointed to consider if and propose to our next meeting the name of a friend for such a delegate.

The clerk is directed to inform the Indian Committees of each Yearly Meeting with which we correspond or the Meeting for Sufferings of such meeting which has no such committee of the action of that meeting.

The meeting directs that all drafts made for expenses incurred by the committee in carrying out the objects of the concern shall be signed by the clerk of the meeting.

The committee then adjourned to meet at Mendon at 5 o'clock on 3rd day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week 10th mo next=

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At a meeting of the committee on Indian Concerns held at Mendon 3^d day of 10th month, 1869.

Present: 7 member

The committee adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

At a meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns held at Mendon 6th of 10th month, 1869

Present: 10 members -

The Committee to elect a delegate to go out among the Indians in the superintendency under the care of Friends report attention but as they had received information that it would probably be best to defer sending such a delegate until next spring they had as yet made no selection. They are continued at our next meeting.

Information was received to this effect that the Committees on Indian Concerns of Indiana and Ohio Yearly Meetings propose to attend a conference of the Committees of New York

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Philadelphia & Baltimore Yearly Meetings and the propriety of sending a delegation to meet with such a conference claiming our consideration it was thought not best to send such a delegation there at the present time but await the reception of the report of the delegation who have been among the Indians before taking further action.

The clerk informs he has forwarded the report of the action of that meeting to the committees of other Yearly Meetings as directed at our meeting.

Information was received through a letter written by S. M. Janney that there was a probability of suffering among the Indians of the superintendency under his care for the want of proper clothing particularly for children and proper food for the sick which called forth much feeling exercise and resulted in believing

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it would be best to request the monthly meetings of this Yearly Meeting to open subscriptions to obtain money, clothing and garden seeds to alleviate their sufferings and forward such subscriptions to Samuel M Janney, Indian Superintendent., Omaha, Nebraska - The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to each of the Monthly Meetings -

Then adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock on 4th day evening of Quarterly Meeting week in 4th day evening of Quarterly Meeting week in 4th mo next -

At a meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian concerns held at Mendon 6th of the 6th month 1870.

Present 11 members.

The Committee appointed to nominate a delegate to join with one from Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings to visit the Agencies under the care of those and this Yearly Meeting

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report that 5 of their number had met and are united in proposing Benjamin Chase for such a delegate which being satisfactory to the Committee he is appointed to that service and the clerk is directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to defray the necessary expenses which he may incur, and he is to report to our next meeting and the clerk is directed to inform the correspondant of the committee of Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings of the appointment of such? a delegate.

Extracts were received from a communication of the committee of Baltimore Philadelphia, New York and Indiana Yearly Meetings accompanied by a memorial and letter to Congress which were read. And the proceedings of that convention were gratifying to us.

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From them we learn that a convention of the Committees of all the Yearly Meetings is called to meet in Philadelphia on the 6th of 5th mo next, to which that committee is invited to send a delegation which claiming our attention resulted in appointing John J. Cornell and John Searing to attend such convention and Benj Chase is also appointed to attend the convention as a delegate unless called to go to the Agencies sooner -

The clerk is directed to draw an order on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to depos the necessary expenses the delegation may incur.

The clerk informed he forwarded a copy of the minute of our last meeting to the Monthly Meetings as directed and information was received that Farmington Monthly Meeting has forwarded \$35 and 86? articles of clothing

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Rochester Monthly Meeting \$82 and 6 barrel clothing and 2 lbs garden seeds East Hamburg MM \$25 in cash and \$35 worth clothing and material Scipio \$25 and 1 barrel of clothing and \$9 expressage paid.

Then adjourned to meet at Pickering Ontario at 5 o'clock on 2nd day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo next

At a meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Pickering Ontario 6th mo 12th, 1870.

Present: 15 members.

The delegation appointed to attend the convention in Philadelphia report they all attended to their appointment and produced a copy of the minutes of that convention with a copy of a letter of Superintendent Janney written to

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that convention which was very satisfactory to the committee.

Interesting letters were received and read from Benj Chase. The delegate to the Northern Superintendency and the suggestion made by him of appropriating \$50 of the amount

now in the hands of Asa M Janny of our funded contributions, to compensate Carmelia Janney for her services as a teacher as united with, information of which is directed to be forwarded to our brethren of Ohio Y Mtg - for their concurrence -

The committee concludes - to ask The Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of raising such sum as it may deem best to compensate a teacher among the Indians at the Santee Agency -

The clerk is directed to present the minutes of their committee together

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with the documents which have been received and read - to the Yearly Meeting as its report for the present year -

The committee then adjourned to meet at Mendon at 6 o'clock on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week in 10th mo next -

At a meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs held at Mendon, 5th of 10th month, 1870.

Present: 10 members.

The following minutes were recd from the Yearly Meeting VIZ

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering, Ontario by adjournments from the 13th of the 6th mo to the 16th of the same inclusive 1870.

The proposition from the Committee on Indian Affairs to raise money for the compensation of a teacher at the Santee Agency was united with and it was

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concluded to raise \$100 and placed in the hands of the said Committee to be used by them as they may deem best.

Extracted from the Minutes by John J. Cornell, Clerk.

After a time of consideration it was concluded to leave it with the sub-Committee to appropriate the sum named if government did not provide for the compensation of such a teacher, for that purpose but in case such provision is made the sub-committee are empowered to use as much of the sum to supply the needs of the Indians at the Santee Agency as they may deem proper.

The Sub-Committee informed that they have had 75 copies of the report of the delegation of Genesee and Ohio Yearly Meetings for this Yearly Meeting at an expense of 10- for which amount they are directed to call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

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Benj Chase the delegate sent by this Yearly Meeting reports - expenses to
to Philadelphia ----- \$24.30
To The Indian Agency.....160.00
Total..... \$184.30

Which amount he has rec^d from the Yearly Meetings Treasurer.

The Committee then adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting in 4th mo next

At a Special Meeting of the Committee on Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs held in Rochester 26th of 11th mo 1870.

Present: 10 members

The Clerk informed he has received a letter from Wm. Macy informing that at a conference of the Indian Committee of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Yearly Meetings it was

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concluded to recommend that for more concentration of action each of the Committees of the six Yearly Meetings should appoint a sub committee who shall be empowered to act for the general committees and that these sub committees shall meet at Race St. Meeting House on 2nd day 19th of 12th month which claiming the consideration of the committee and after a free interaction of views we were united in appointing John Searing as a delegate to attend such convention and he is empowered to act for this Committee on those subjects which may claim the attention of the convention and call on the Treasurer for the necessary travelling expenses incurred Information was received that contributions have been forwarded to the Santee Agency to the amount of 3 barrels of dried fruit and clothing and 2 boxes of of [sic] clothing in which no expenses for freight from Rochester has been paid. After claiming the consideration of

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the Committee it was united in forwarding \$15 of the fund in the Yearly Meeting Treasurers hand . remaining of the \$200 raised last year to Asa M. Janney assist in dispersing the expense

The estimated value of contributions forwarded:

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| 2 barrels of apples - \$1.25 | \$2.50 |
| 3 barrels dried fruit and clothing | \$30.00 |
| 2 boxes clothing | <u>\$90.00</u> |
| Total | \$122.50 |

The Committee then adjourned.

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At a meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting Indian Concerns held at Mendon 3rd of 4th month, 1870

Present: 8 members.

John Searing the delegate appointed to attend the convention in Philadelphia on 12th mo last reports he attended and provided a copy of the proceedings of that convention together with a memorial presented to Congress by its Committees which were read and were satisfactory to the Committees

He also informed his travelling expenses were \$20 which amount he has received from the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The SubCommittee inform that a call having been received from Asa M Janney through his daughter for funds to assist in making the Indians under his care more comfortable, they have forwarded \$20 for that purpose and on a subsequent call for garden seeds they have forwarded 2 lbs onion, 3 lbs Beet and 3 lbs squash seed - at an expense of \$11.24 which was satisfactory

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to the Committee.

The Sub Committee are requested to propose an essay of a report to be presented to the Yearly Meeting and produce it at our next meeting.

Then adjourned to meet at Farmington at 5 o'clock on 2nd day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo next..

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At a meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs held at East Hamburg 3rd day of 7th month, 1871

John J. Cornell being proposed for clerk was united with and appointed to that service. Present 18 members.

The following Minute was received from the Yearly Meeting

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington N.Y. by adjournments from the

12th of the 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclusive 1871.

The following friends have been appointed a Committee to represent the Yearly Meeting in continuing in the charge of the interests in the needs of the Indians and are empowered to select from their number an executive Committee to Cooperate with the other Yearly Meetings in carrying on? this concern and are authorized to call

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on the treasurer of this Meeting for its proportion of expenses incurred by the joint action of the Six Yearly Meeting and for the necessary expenses of the executive committee incurred in the prosecution of their duties and are also to appropriate such of the funds as are in the hands of the treasurer for their disposal as circumstances may seem to require for the welfare of the Indians.

Extracted from the Minutes of said meeting by
John J. Cornell, clerk

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Names of Committee

John Searing

John J. Cornell

Guerdon T Smith

Edwin Ewer

Samuel Haight

Seth W. Bosworth

John D. Phillips

Jonathan D. Noxon

William Cornell

Isaac Baker

Zebulon Hoxie

Sarah D Searing

~~———— Polly Ann Ewer~~

Phebe Jane Noxon

Charlotte W. Casey

Jane R. Searing

Phebe W. Cornell

Eleanor Bowerman

Phebe Haight

Serena Menard

Susan Zavitts

Judith H. Cornell

Benjamin Chase
Isaac T Phillips
Asa L. Schooley
Benjamin Renouf
Isaac G Ewer
Thomas Stinson
Joseph Thorn

Lellis Brown
Elizabeth Freeman
Mary J. Frost
Elizabeth K Phillips
Catharine E. Bosworth
Eliza F Hoxie
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The following friends were appointed as the executive Committee to act for this Committee and are authorized to select from their number delegates to meet with similar executive Committees of the other five Yearly Meetings associated with us in their concern and to appropriate such of the funds at the disposal of the committee as said committee may direct to call a meeting of the general committee when it may be necessary to correspond with other similar committees and to call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the necessary travelling expenses incurred in attending the general conventions and for our proportion of such sums as the Convention of all the Yearly Meetings may incur in the prosecution of the concern and report what action they have taken at each General Meeting of the Committee

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Viz- John J. Cornell William Cornell Isaac G Ewer Joseph Thorn Phebe W Cornell Polly Ann Ewer Judith H Cornell and Sarah D. Searing -

Information was received that a proposition was made by a friend to open a Sewing school at the Santee Agency to induce the Indians to make up their own garment and that an appropriation of \$100 would be needed to carry it into effect which claiming the attention of the Committee they were united in appropriating the sum named for that purpose.

The executive Committee are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for that amount and forward it to the agency and report at our next meeting

The committee then adjourned to meet at Mendon at 5 o'clock on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week of 10th mo next

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At a Meeting of the committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Mendon 4th of 10th mo 1871

Present 15 members

The Subcommittee inform they have forwarded the amount to the Santee Agency as directed at our last Meeting that it had been received and a school opened as intended -

Information was received that Asa M Janney had advanced the fund \$40 to defray the expenses of a miller whom he had hired and who had become unsatisfied and wished to return but had no means and it being thought best by the committee that Asa should be reimbursed the Sub Committee are directed to pay our proportion of that amount and report at our next meeting

Then adj to meet at 5 o'clock on 4th day evening of Quarterly Meeting week in 4th mo next

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At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Mendon 4th of 4th mo 1872

The Sub Committee informs they have not forwarded the Amount to Amon M Janney as directed but are continued to do so.

Information was received from the sub Committee that a convention of the delegates of the six Yearly Meetings was called to meet in Baltimore in the 10th mo last and that the selected Edwin Were and Polly Ann Ewer to attend that convention, and the following a copy of the minute from that Convention was presented by the Clerk and read -

The men also informed that the report therein referred to had been printed and 300 copies forwarded to us by express but had failed to reach us.

The clerk informed that he had ascertained the Cost to reprint them and had given a bill to the express Company for the amount and would the bill be allowed

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he is requested to have them reprinted.

He also informs that the proposition of this Meeting of their original cost habe been defrayed it being \$10 16/100 -

The Committee inform there has been called and forwarded to the Santee Agency from Rochester Monthly Meeting one 1bl fruit and clothing valued at \$24 on which the freight paid amounted to 2.55

one box valued at 10.00

also from Farmington

One box valued at \$15.00

From Scipio executive meeting & North St Preparative Meetings

one box of clothing xcl valued at \$60.00

And they have paid c.o.d. For freight 7.15

The delegates to the Convention at Baltimore inform the expenses incurred by them to have been \$45, and that They had received that amount from

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the treasurer of this Yearly Meeting

A letter was read from Louise J Roberts who had visited the Santee Agency last year in which she suggested that we? take into consideration the propriety of making an effort to elevate the Women as well as the men and also to appropriate some funds to establish a library and reading room for the institution for both sexes which called forth an expression of approval and the subject is referred to our next Meeting for consideration and the clerk is requested to lay the subject before the committee of other Yearly Meetings for? its consideration

The sub committees are directed to correspond with the agent enquire what is needed for the comfort of sick and use in their discretion so much of the funds on hand as may seem? to them best for that purpose

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Then adjourned to meet at Pickering Ontario at 5 o'clock on 2nd day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo next

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Pickering Ontario 10th of 6th mo 1872

Present 20 members

Communications were read from Joseph Webster the Agent at the Santee Agency and from W^m Phillips an employee at said agency Also from Barclay White Supt of the Northern Superintendency. The evidence they give of the successful progress of the efforts which have been made for the advancement of the Indians has been Satisfactory to us and we feel much encouraged to persevere in the concern

The subject of making an effort to elevate

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the women referred from our last meeting now claiming our attention the Committee are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to place at their disposal sufficient funds to either employ a Woman to teach them the arts of housekeeping or to make an effort to open a manual labor school as circumstances open a careful investigation shall appear to them will be the best

The clerk is directed to present to the Yearly Meeting the minutes of the Committee during the past year and the communications which have been read at this time as the report of the committee

The Sub Committee inform they have but yet forwarded to A M Janney the money as directed in consequence of not knowing his address -

They are continued to forward it -

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The clerk having requested to be released the Committee is united in granting his request and Benjamin Chase being proposed for that service and being united with is accordingly appointed thereto.

Then adjourned to meet at Mendon at 5 o'clock on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week in 11th mo next

At a meeting of the committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Mendon N.Y. 11th mo 6th 1872.

Present 12 Members

The Executive committee reports that they have employed Mary V Freeman to go to the Santee Agency Neb to Teach the Indian women the knowledge of House keeping &c

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For the Term of about one year for the sum of \$400 from this Yearly Meeting. She having her own expencis

The Same commette report that the correspondents of Ohio YI Meeting has informed that that meeting had apporospriestee One Hundred Dollars for the same purpose to further remunerate Mary V Freeman for her servisis

By letter from M V Freeman

This committee warns that there is a great want of Dried apples for the Indians and that she desired our committee to forward a quantity of Cotton Batting & cloth for Lening to enable the Indians to make Quilts

This committee instructs the Executive committee to draw on the Yearly Meetings Treasury for \$30. And lay out the same in Cotton Bating and Lening

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This committee is Satisfied with the reports of the Executive committee

This committee is united in requesting the Executive comty to ~~take such action the~~ request the Executive committee of the Six Yearly Meetings to take such action as will be advisable to induce Congress to make such appropriation as will be sufficient to establish a Manual Labor school at the Santee agency for the benefit of the Indians

Then adjourned to Meet at Mendon on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week at 5, oclock in 5th mo next

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At a Special Meeting of the Committe of Genesee Yearly Mtg on Indian Affairs meeting at Macedon 2^d mo 5th 1873

Present 13 members

Recd & Red a letter from Mary V Freeman at the Santee Agency Neb. Stating that the present Doctor to the Indian had decided to leave in the coming Spring Also suggested that it was deemed important that there should be a shomaker provided for the benefit of the tribe

After a free interchange of views It was decided to authorise the sub committee on Indian affairs to inform the Indian Com^{ty} of Ohio Y^{ry} Me^{tg} of the above information and to take Such measures as to them shall

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be deemed advisable to procure a Phasition

Also to refer the subject of the appointment of a shoemaker to the proper authorities having Such matters entrusted to them

Then adjourned

At an adjourned Meeting of the comittee on Indian Affairs of Genesee Yrly M^{tg} of Friends held at Mendon 5th mo 7th 1873

The correspondents of the sub committee report that they have attended to the business entrusted to their care. That they have read no responce from the general com^{ty} or from the Committe of Ohio Yearly M^{tg} relating to the employment of a Phasition They produced a letter from

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Sam^l M Janney relating to a shomaker which was read & he recommends to defer the call for the present

They informed that at the request of Mary V Freeman they had sent her \$15, to enable her to employ a female interpreter at times she not being able to properly communicate to them through a man? as interpreter. The need of which she had acknowledged

The labors of the sub committe were acknowledged to be satisfactory to our committe

By letter from the Superintendant Barkley White we learn that the commissioner of Indian affairs Had instructed him provided in his judgment he deemed it necessary to take proper measures to have a building erected at the Santee Agency of sufficient size

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to accomodate 40 Schollars and to be so constructed that an addition might be put on to it at a future time not to cost over \$8,000

Sub^{pt} White Says "I will immediately engage a suitable architect to draw plans & working plans & Specification in accordance with the above instructions & when recd will advertise for bids for the Erection of Said building and have it compleeted as soon as circumstances will permit"

J. J Cornell informed the Com^{ly} that he was disirous of being releaded from being longer a member of the sub committee. His request was granted & Johnothan Noxon was appointed in his stead

Other letters of interest were read which are cerculated to inspire our interest in behalf of the

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oppressed and much injured Indians to whom we are looking forward with the confident hope and beleaf that better days are in store for them

Then adjourned to meet at Yarmouth on 2^d day of Yly Meeting week at 6 P.M.

At a meeting of the committe of Genisee Y^{ly} Mtg of Frds on Indian affairs Held at Yarmouth Ontario 6,, 9, 1873

The sub committee informed that they had attended to such matters as had been intrusted to their care. They were informed by the reports of Sup^t B. White that he had contracted for the building of a School house at the Santee Agency to be compleeted by the 1st of 11 mo next. His report is here offered as a more full

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account also that of Joseph Webster Agent of the Santees

The Sub committe also reports that they have forwarded 5 bbls of Dried Fruit including

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Cloth for quilts in value | \$75. |
| Paid Freight for the same | <u>9.87</u> |
| Making----- | \$84,87 |

The above was forwarded by F^{ds} on the other side of the Lake

That the Indians have been furnished with Titles to their lands generously allotted restrictins the sale to Indians Our committe were united in asking the Yearly Meeting to raise \$400. for the use of the committee for the purpose of employing a woman to instruct the Indians in housekeeping beleaving it to one of the most efficient means of Civilizing them

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Then adjourned to 5 day at 9.am.

12 of the month & 5 of the week The Committe met

Present 21 members

The Subject of the Care of the Several Yearly Meeting towards the Indian claimed our attention. It wa expressed to be understood and so held by our Committe that Each Yrl. Meeting was to take charge of gratuities - our contrabutions & Such Subjects as related to general wants and improvements That the Six Yearly Meeting were to act in consent and pay the expence pro rata of Sending Committes to examine into the acts of Agents & employees and making such suggestions as they might find important

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Our Sub committee are requested to take such care and extend such labor as by them is deemed necessary to have a clear understanding and a consent of action by All the Six Yearly Meetings

That it be arranged so that the action shall be as was understood by our delagates at Philadelphia in 5th mo 1871,

John J. Cornell informed the Committee that the Lands of the Cataaugus Tribe of Indians had not been allotted to them In severalty but was held Subject to the Controll of the Chiefs

John J. Cornell Isaac Baker & Benjn Chase were appointed to take the necessary care & report at our next session

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The Sub com^{ty} are at liberty to ask of the Secretary of the General Executive Com^{ty} to call a convention of its members and send a deligate to the same on behalf of this committe & Report the expence of the same to this com^{ty} at a future seting

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The sub committe are instructed to take the necissary care to employ a suitable person to fill the posetion occupied by Mary V Freeman and apply to Government for funds to defray the Expence of the same

Then adjourn to meet at Mendon on 4th day of Quarterly meeting week in 11th mo next at 5, PM

At a special Meeting of the Com^{ty} of Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting pursuant to a call of the Sub com^y met at Rochester 8,,23.1873

Present 17 Members

Recd from Barclay White Sup^t Indian affairs Northern superintendency the following Communication which is Referred to the sub

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Committee who are instructed to refer the subject to the Ohio Committee of Indian affairs and act in Conjunction with that Com^{ty}

Rept in substance from From Barclay White sup^t

I would call the attention of those having the immediate charge of the Santee agency. That in order that I may lay an estimate of the expence of conducting the Manual Labor school [school] at that agency it will be necessary for you in connection with Agent Webster to mature plans and make out a list of employees necessary to conduct the school with the expences The same and estimate for funding them per Anum making proper allowance from the Supplies when provided for with the tribe at large

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The sub committee informs this that they have recd information from those at the santee agency which induces them to beleave that the affairs at that ~~Santee~~ Agency are not moving along satisfactorily.

This Committee instructs its correspondents to lay the subject before Barclay White Sup^t &c as set forth in a communication read to this committee and request him to thoroughly investigate the matters refered to him and report the result of his investigation to this Com^{ty}

The clerk is Requested to sign the communication above refered to on behalf of the Comty & ford the same to Barkly White Supt &c

Then Adjourn

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At an adjourned meeting of Committee on Indian concerns of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Mendon 5th of 11. Mo 1873

Present 10 members

The sub committee reports that they have given attention to the subject of the Manual Labor school for the Indians at the Santee Agency & through deligates have consulted with Ohio Frinds com^{ty} produced the following report which is united with by our committee

The sub committee appointed to consult with a committee from the Indian committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting having met and considered the subject are of the judgment that for the present year a Matron who shall be principal of the school - One female teacher & one man to have the general care and direction of the boys would be necessary & with the other necessary employees

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would be placing the Institution on as equimonical a basis as woul[d] be consistant with its. Best interest

In regard to matureing the plans of operation for the school we think it right to suggest that it would be best to open correspondence with Barclay White the Sup^t of that Supⁿ Tendency In connection wit Jos. Webster and propose that a committee designate some suitable friend to that said correspondence

At the suggestion of our friend Samuel M Janney (who is presently with us) He would conclude that the sum of \$5,000. Is as low an estimate as can be made for the expences of the Institution for the first year and that to come within the bounds of this sum we think that the

number of students should be restricted to 10 or 15 of each sex Believing that it would result at a future advantage of the

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Institution to commence with a small number

On behalf of the sub com^y

Sam^l S Tomlinson

Jane Egerton {Clks

9,,1,1873

The sub committe reccomend that it si not advisable to open the school before the 1st of 4th mo next in consequence of the small pox having broken out amongst the Indians of that Tribe

[written in the left hand margin is the following]

John J Cornell and Judeth M Cornell & Johnothan Noxon the Delegates

The Sub committe present the following report as the result of their consultations with the Executive Committe of the Six yearly meeting having charge of the Indian concerns of the northern superintendency which met in Baltimore 10 mo 30.7,3,

The Expençe of a delegate being \$22. He is directed to call on the Yly Metg Treasuer for the same

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At a Meeting of the Delegates of the Six Yearly Me^{tg} of F^{ds} on In^{dn} Co^{ns} Having Charge of the Northern Superintendency held 10/30, 1873

The present arrangment of the Y^{ly} Me^{tings} for the proscution of In^{dn} Con^{ts} being under consideration it was concluded that the present organization shoul[d] be continued with this Change That the F^{ds} of Genesee & Ohio Y^{ly} M^{tings} should hereafter have the privledge of selecting their committe for visiting the agency under their care from F^{ds} of other Monly M^{tg} and that the expence attending these visits shall be bourn prorata by the Six Yearly Mee^{gs} The other Yearly Meetings each bearing their own expences the Prorata percentage of Ohio and Genisee be here after 7 per Ct for Genisee, and 5 perct for Ohio

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The committees of the Yearly Meetings are requested to visit the agencies under their care at least once in the year and they shall for^d a copy of their reports to the Secretary of the Com^{ty} of Deligates, whose duty it shall be to furnish copies their of to the Correspondent of the Ind^a Com^{ty} of Each Yrl Me^a.

Information of a change of agents shall be furnished in the same manner. Any Expençe attending these duties shall be bourn prora by the Yearly Meetings

Extracted from the Minutes

Wm Dorsey

Sec Intrm

The sub committee report that they do not think it advisable to send a woman to the Santee Agency to fill the place occupied by Mary V Freeman in consequence of the

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breaking out of the small Pox in the Tribe and further that they are encouraged to believe that the U. S. Government will prorate funds to defray the Expence of one or more which it shall appear best to send one

The committee Having Charge of the subject relating to the Cataraugus Tribe of Indians report report [sic] that they have given the subject attention and find it not practicable to move at present as they are informed that the treaty made by that tribe with the Ogden Land Company requires that any alteration which shall be made in the titles to their lands would require the consent of the United States for the Legislature of N.Y. & Mass

On behalf of the Comty
Benjamin Chase

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This committee are united with their report and the committee is discharged

The Clerk informs that he signed and forwarded to Barclay White Sup^t SAC? The communication read at a special Meeting in Rochester 8.23.73, and has this acknowledgement of its reception and the assurance of his attention and his report of the result of his investigation but his reply has not been read

Then adjourned to Meet at Macedon on 4th day afternoon of Y^{ry} Me^{tg} Week in 2n mo next at 5 o'clock

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At an adjourned Meeting of the committee on Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Macedon 2^d mo 4th 1874

Present 16 members

The sub committee report that they are informed by Jos Webster agt at the Santee Agency that the buildings for the Manual labor school at that agency was completed. That he had procured most of the necessary furniture requisite for the opening of the school

That they have corresponded with Agent Webster & Barclay White and agreed upon the number of employees their Services. & their general duties necessary for the opening of the school and that the agent had made his estimate and sent them to the department for the necessary

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Expencis of the school for the 4th Qr of the year - it being \$1500,

They are informed that the school may be opened 1st of 4th mo next

The employees and their salaries as agreed upon is to be

For the principal a female \$800, for year including board

A male Teacher of Agriculture & mechanical labor at \$800, for year

A Cook at a Salary of \$350 for year

A Seamstress at \$250 the year

A laundress " 250 " "

A Nurse 250

They inform that Agent Webster has been instructed by the Commissioner of Indian affairs to estimate for the salary of two persons to instruct the women in household duties and that the same had been done

The Sub committee report that Barclay White informs that Doctor

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Roberts has offered his resignation to take effect the 1st day of 4th mo next and that it is necessary that some one be appointed in his stead

The sub committee state that B White has investigated the charges made by against Agent Webster & his employees as stated at our Meeting in 8th mo 23^d last not any of them been sustained

This committee express themselves satisfied with the report of the Sub Com^{ty} for their diligent attention and continued persiverance on their part to alleviate and elivate the condition of the Indians

The sub committee in conjunction with Fds [Friends?] to Select a suitable person as Doctor to go to the Santee Agency in place of Doctor Roberts

Also Suitable employees for the Manial Labor school, and one female to instruct the Indian women in house keeping

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and two for that position if an appropriation be made by Government to pay them

We are informed by the sub committee that the small pox that reged so at our last meeting has so far subsided that at the last accounts there was but one case in the Hospital. That there had been 150 casis & 78 death

This committee appoints Gurden T Smith Seth W Bosworth Catherine E Bosworth Mary F Frost & Benjn Chase who are to act in conjunction with the Indian Committe of Ohio Yearly meeting in selecting suitable persons (a man & woman) to visit the Santee Agency in Neb. whose duties shall be to Examin the accounts of the agent See that all moneys placed at his disposal have been properly appropriated and accounted for

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To observe his general management of Affairs. To enquire after each employee with a view to finding out his or her fitness for the position they occupy and the manner in which they have performed the trust confided to them

In a general manner to look after all the Workings of Friends at the Agency

To make Such suggestions as in their judgment will be for the benefit of the Indians and the maintainance of the high Trust confided to Fr^{ds} in the oversight of a much injured people

This delegation will be expected to report in writing all matters of Interest coming under their observation

Recd & Read a semmianual report From Barkley White giving a general account of all the agencies

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Also his report directed to Samuel M Janney dated 10 m 2d/73 giving a general account of the affairs of the V^r Supt Since his semianual report

Then adjourn to Meet at Farmington on 2^d day afternoon at 5 oclock of Yearly meeting week in 6th mo next

At a meeting of the committe of Indian Affairs held at Farmington NY. 6mo 15/74

Present 23 members

The minutes of each meeting read & apr^d

The Sub Com^{ty} report that they have attended to all matters entrusted to them ~~care~~

That the position of Doc^t has been filled. That they have secured the servisis of Matron a Seamstress & a Steward at the industrial school at the Santee agency

Also a woman to instruct the Ind Women domestic employment at a Salery of \$400 from this yearly meeting

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being the amount appropriated for that purpose at our last yearly meeting. Having been unable to obtain an appropriation for that purpose from the Government for that purpose She has gone forward & Commenced her labors

The committe appointed to Select persons to visit the Santee Agency rep^{se} that they Secured those of Charles W Searing & Jane R his wife who have visited the agency & mae the following report Which was read & they are ~~called~~ directed to call on the Treasurer of our Yearly Meeting for the expence it being \$220 52/100 This yearly meeting proportion of Said sum being \$15 43/100

The Clerk of the sub committe is directed to call on the Secretary of the General Executive Committe for their proportion of of [sic] the other yearly meetings connected with us to pay the committee Expence in visiting

The Santee Agency The committe there adjd

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At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs held at Farmington N. Y. 6th mo 18th 1874

By a Minute rec^d from the Yearly Meeting It appears that the following friends have been appointed a committee on Indian affairs for three Years

Benj Chase being proposed for Clerk was united with and appointed to that service for 3 years -

Then adjourned to meet at Mendon at 5 oclock on 6th day after noon of Quarterly Meeting week in 11th mo next

Sub Committe

John J Cornell

Johnathan D Noxon

Phebe J Noxon

Phebe W Cornell

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian affairs held at Mendon 11th mo 4..1874

Present 9 Members

Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

The Sub Committee report that they have payed attention to such matters as were entrusted to their care

That they have sent Julia E Kester for her use in procuring needles thread &c \$10. Have payed to the General Exe[cu]tive Committee \$7 to defray expences of that committee as our proportion

They report having received information from the Central Executive Committee that it was necessary that some one should be appointed to represent this yearly Meeting in Matters that come before the General Government

That they have authorised Samuel Townsend of Baltimore as such representative Subject to the approval of this Com^{ty}

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which this committee approves & he is to be the representative of this Committee in Matters coming before the General government and claiming the attention of the Central Executive Committee

Then adjourn to Meet at Macedon on 4th day afternoon at 5,oclock of Quarterly Meeting week in 2^d mo next

At an adjourned Meeting of Indian Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Macedon 2^d mo 3^d 1875

Present 9 members

Minutes of last Meeting read and approved

The Sub committee reports that they have recd a rept from the General Executive Committee through Samuel Townsend of Baltimore Giving an account of the state of Affairs in the Northern Superintendency

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which was read with much Satisfaction to the Committee

Also a letter from Agent Webster giving a detailed account of affairs at the Santee Agency by which it appears that affairs are moving along to our satisfaction

Also a letter from Julia E Kester the village Matron at that agency by which we learn that, the Indian women are improving quite Satisfactorily under her care.

Also several others which went to show that the sub committee had faithfully discharged the duties Entrusted to their Care. And taking the who accounts into consideration the committee have Courage to percevere in the work beleaving a pure reward will follow our labors

The treasurer reports having payed \$11.81 being our proportion of expence of the Central Executive Committee

Sub committee report having forwarded to the Santee Agency one bbl Dried apples Some Calico

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a box of herbs? Valued at \$14,

Benjn Chase reports having received Contrabutions in Money to the amt of \$34.80. & had expended for Calico Cotton Batting & including Freight of goods & a barrel Dried Apples a cheese & some canned fruit to gather with money forwarded J E Kester to appropriate for the benefit of the Indians \$37.10 leaving a balance due him of \$2,31, which the Treasurer is directed to pay

Apples & Cheese estimated worth \$13

The Sub committe reports that they have not yet obtained any assurance from the General Government that friends will be furnished to pay I G Keatens Salery after her year is up. That they beleave it is important that she or some one should be continued in that position. There being nearly funds enough in the treasury subject to the call of the Indian Committee to defray the expences to the finish of 7th mo next. This committe

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unite with them and authorise them to continue her in to that time at the expence of the yearly Meting

It being time to provide some one to go as deligates to the Santee Agency the coming Spring We appoint Sunderland P Gardner Gurden T Smith Benj^d Chase & Phila L Chase to correspond with the Indian Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting on the Subject giving them the opportunity to Select from their members Sutable persons for such deligates

Should they Fail to select such persons then the above committee are to propose to our next meeting the names of a man & woman for that position to our next meeting

Then adjourn to Meet at Mendon on 4th Day of Quarterly Meeting week at 6 P. M. in 5th mo next

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Committee of Indian Affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Mendon 5th mo 5/1875

Present 9 members

Benj^d Chase reports having Recd from the Treasurer of the Yearly Mee^{tg} \$2.31 being the amt due him from the Yearly Indian Meetings Com^{ty}

Benj^d Chase on behalf of the com^{ty} appt^d at our last Meeting to propose to this Meetings the names of Friends as deligates to the Santee Agency (in case Ohio Friends failed to do so). That they have attended to their appointment and are united in proposing the names of John C Peckham & his wife Mary S. as such deligates. This Committee are united in appointing them as such delegates who are Expected to perform their journey so as to return in time to report to this committe prior to

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our meeting at the time of our next Yearly Meeting

The Sub Com^{ty} rep^d that the U. S. Congress has appropriated \$800. To pay a village Matron for the next fiscal year commencing 7th mo 1, next

Also that they have employed Julia E Kester the present occupant of that position to continue her servisis up to the 1st of 7th mo agreable to previous instructions of this Comty at the Expençe of the yearly Meetg

Also that Julia E Kester has recd from Government the apptg of Village Maton for the next fiscal year

The sam[e] Comty presented which was read a monthly rep^t from Jas Webster from the 1st of 9th mo last to 4th mo 1st

Also a rep^t from Government inspecting Agent his report of his finding at the Agency. All of which was interesting and considered as cause for our encouagement & persiverance

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The Sub committe inform that Agent Joseph Webster has notified them that his term of Office will expire 1st of 1st mo 1876, & that he proposed to offer his resignation to take effect 10th mo 1st.

This Com^{ty} Authorise and instruct the Sub Com^{ty} to Select and propose to the Sup^t of the Northern Superintendency a Suitable person (if they find one) to fill that position.

The sub Comty presented & Read portions of the proceedings of a convention of deligates from the several religious bodies having Indians under their care by appointment from the General Gov^t Which was truly interesting

Then adjourn to meet at Pickering Ontario on 2^d day of Yearly Meeting Week at 5. P. M.

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At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Pickering Ontario 6th mo 14th. 1875

Present 24. Members

The Clerk proposes that he be released from further service and asks that John J Cornell be appointed in his stead with which the committee unites and he is appointed to that service for two years -

The Minutes of The Committee for the past year were read and approved

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to visit the Santee Agency presented a report which was read and was very satisfactory to us and it is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting as a portion of this committees report, and they are directed to call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred it being \$207 80/100 and the recommendations contained in the report which are necessary

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to call the attention of the government to are referred to the Sub Committee for its care=

The Sub Committee presented an essay of a report of the proceedings of the Committee for the past year which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Then adjourns to meet at Farmington at 5 oclock on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week in 11th month next

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Farmington NY. 3rd of 11th mo 1875

Present 6 members

The Sub Committee submitted a written report of their labors since our last meeting with some reports of the Agent at the Santee Agency and W. S. Inspectors report to the Government which were Satisfactory to the Committee and were directed to places on file with the Members of the Committee,

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The following minute was received from their Convention of delegates held at Baltimore Viz.

At a Meeting of the Delegates of the six Yearly Meetings having Charge of the Indians in the Northern Superintendency held at Lombard St Meeting house in Baltimore 10th mo 22ⁿ 1875

A delegate representing the Committee on Indian affairs of Ohio Yearly Meeting informed that Employees had been released from the Santee Indian Agency without consultation with the Committee who have charge of that Agency. The subject was referred to the Committee of Ohio and Genesee Yearly Meetings and to Superintendent Barclay White

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Dillioyn Parrish

Secretary of the Delegates -

The Sub Committee informed they have had the subject under consideration and have corresponded with the Agent

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in regard thereto and presented a letter from the Agent explanatory of his action and one from the former Agent fully endorsing the course taken. And they also informed the Committee they had received information from other sources that the employees at the Agency other than the farmer question the action of the Agent

From the information thus received this committee is united in sustaining the Agent in like present action but direct the sub committee to request the Agent to contact with in in future before removing any employees

William P Sisson, Cha^s W Haines Jane R Searing and Mary J Peckham are appointed to Confer with friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting and select 2 delegates to visit The Santee Agency during the Coming Spring - And report their names at our next meeting

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Then adj to meet at 5 oclock on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week in 5th mo next -

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Mendon 3^d of 5th mo 1876

Present 14 members

The Sub Committee made a report of the character of selectors since our last meeting and presented the correspondence they have had with the Agent. And with the Current Executive Committee which was read and the proceedings of the Sub Committee approved -

The Committee to whom was referred the selection of a Committee to visit the Santee Agency this spring report they have concluded to present the names of Isaac and Ruth Wilson for that service which was satisfactory to the Meeting but owing to the unsettled state of the Indian Concern in Consequence of the proposed action of

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the government it was concluded to lead the subject as to the propriety of sending a Committee to the sub Committee to act as way may open

Then adjourned to meet at Yarmouth Ont at ½ past 5 P.M. on 2nd day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo next -

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Yarmouth Ont 12th of 6th mo 1876

Present 25 members

The sub Committee report that way did not open to send out a visiting Committee to the Santee Agency this spring.

Their action was approved

An essay of a report of the proceedings of the Committee for the past year was presented and read and being satisfactory to the Meeting it is directed to the Yearly Meeting.

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The adjourned to meet at Farmington at 5 o clock in 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week in 11th mo next

At a Special meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs held at Rochester 22nd of 9th mo 1876.

Present 9 members

The sub committee presented a communication from the secretary of the Annual Executive Committee requesting our Committee to send a delegate to a convention of delegates from the Seven Yearly Meetings to be held in Baltimore at the time of Baltimore Yearly Meeting to consult as to what is the best course to pursue in regard to the Indians in the future

After a time of consideration it was concluded to appoint John J Cornell - and Jonathan D Noxon such delegates to represent the interests of our Yearly Meeting at that Convention. And they are directed

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to call on the Yearly Meetings Treasurer for the expense incurred and report

The meeting then adjourned

At a Meeting of the committee of Genise Yearly Meeting on Indian affairs held at Farmington 11th mo 4 1876.

Present 6 members

The Clerk being absent Benjn Chas was appointed for the day

No business appearing the committee adjourned to meet at Macedon on 4th day of the week at the time of the Quarterly Meeting week at 5 P/M

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At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Maceon 7th of 2nd month 1877

Present 8 members

The delegates appointed at the Special Meeting to attend the Convention held in Baltimore in 9th mo last presented the minutes of the proceedings of that Convention as their report which in being read were satisfactory to this Committee and they report our proportion of the expences of the delegates to have been \$18.64 -

The members of this Committee belonging to Farmington Monthly Meeting are appointed to Select a committee to visit the Santee Agency should the incoming administration of the Government continue the present policy. And report their names at our next meeting

Then adjourned to meet at Mendon 5 oclock on 4th day afternoon of Quarterly Meeting week in 5th mo next -

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At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Mendon 2nd of 5th mo 1877

Present 10 members

The friends appointed to select a committee to visit the Santee Agency report they have given attention to the subject without being able to come to any satisfactory result but the Sub Committee informed that John D Phillips and Ann his wife would accept the position, which after consideration was satisfactory to the Meeting and the clerk is directed to inform them of their appointment to the Service

A communication was received from the Central Executive Committee giving a statement of an interview with the President of the

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United States and a copy of the an address read to him which was satisfactory to their members

The following communication was received from a Committee of Delegates

To the Committee on Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting

Y reference to the proceedings of the Meeting of Delegates on Indian Affairs held in Washington 27th of 3^d mo last. It was the united judgment that a Special Agent should be appointed to visit the Agencies under our care &c

The subject was referred to a committee and soon after our appointment we thought on ourselves with Barclay White who in our judgment was the most suitable person to carry out the views of the Delegates. Although at some personal sacrifice he agreed to consider the subject and has informed us that he is willing to devote 100 days of the present year to the

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Indian Service for one thousand dollars and traveling expenses estimated at Five hundred dollars or \$1500 in all

We gave this information now that the Delegates of the General Yearly Meetings may be prepared to receive or reject the proposition at the next Meeting of Delegates to be held 5th mo 15th in this City On behalf of the Committee Philadelphia Dillwyn Parrish
4th mo 21st 1877

After carefully considering the subject we came to the united conclusion that our meeting could not unite in the proposition made and that our Yearly Meeting would be unwilling to bear its proportion of the expenses -

The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the convention to be held on the 15th inst either by delegature or through our member of the Central Executive Committee

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Then Adjourned to meet at Farmington at 5 oclock on 2nd day afternoon of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo next

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Farmington N. Y. 11th of 6' mo 1877

Present 24 members

Jonathan D Noxon as a delegate to the convention held in Philadelphia in 5th mo last reports he attended the Convention and presented a copy of the minutes of the Convention as his report which were read -

The Committee to visit the Santee Agency presented their report which was read and was satisfactory to the Committee and is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting as part of our report -

The clerk presented an essay of a report of our proceedings and of the present situation of affairs to be provided to the Yearly Meeting

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which was united with and directed to be so forwarded.

The Committee then adjourned

At a meeting of the Committee on Indian concerns of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Farmington N. Y. 14th of 6th Mo 1877

Twenty members

A minute was received from the Yearly Meeting by which it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed a committee on Indian Concerns for three years viz Farmington

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| Benjamin Chase X | Phila Chase |
| X Catharine Bosworth X | Gurden T. Smith X |
| Jonathan D. Noxon | Phebe Jane Noxon |
| Isaac G. Ewer X | Isaac Baker X |
| Judith Cornell X | William G Barker |

Scipio
John Searing
John C Peckham X
Sarah D Searing
Jane R Searing X

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William P. Giles X
William P. Sisson

Canada
John D Phillips
[name erased] X
Elizabeth R. Phillips
[name erased] X

Pelham
Daniel Zavitts Lobo X
Joseph Priestman X
Serena Minard Sparta X
X Whitchurch

The name William P. Sisson being proposed for Clerk was united with and he appointed to that service for three years

The following named friends were selected as a Sub Committee viz. John Searing, Jane R. Searing, William P. Sisson, Jonathan D. Noxon, William P. Giles, and Sarah D. Searing

Then adjourned to meet at Scipio N. Y. at 4, oclck P. M. of 4th day in Quarterly Meeting week in 9th mo Next

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At a Meeting of the Committee of Indian Affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Scipio N. Y. 9th Mo. 26th 1877

Present six members

A report from the Sub Committee was received informing that orders had been issued by the Commissioner of Indian affairs to reopen the Industrial school at Santee Agency. In that it was to be reopened on the 17th inst

A notice was received of a meeting of delegates from the Seven Yearly Meetings of Friends to be held in Baltimore the 29th of 10th mo next It was determined to send two delegates & the Sub Committee were Authorized to select suitable Friends for that Service and call on the treasurer for their expenses

Adjourned to meet at N St. N. Y. on fourth day at 4, P. M. of Quarterly Meeting week in 12 mo next

At an adjourned Meeting of the Committee of Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Mtng

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held at N. St 12th Mo 2^{6th} 1877

The report of the Sub Committee accompanied by the report of the delegates to the Convention of the Seven Yearly Mtngs in Baltimore was received & found satisfactory After due Consideration The Committees were united in agreeing to send Barclay White as Special agent on the same terms as last year provided Friends continued their care over the Northern

Superintendency he agreeing to aid the Central executive committee in preparing & bringing before the Government such business as should require his assistance as such special agent without further charge

A communication from B. Rush Roberts enclosing a copy of a bill to be laid before Congress securing to the Indians inalienable titles to their lands was received and considered and some suggestions of amendments offered which the Clerk

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is directed to forward to the Clerk of the Central executive committee as requested by him

Adjourned to meet at Scipio N. Y. on 27th day of Quarterly Meeting week in 4th mo next

At a Meeting of the Committee of Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Scipio 4th mo 27th 1878

report of the Sub Committee received & appeared The Clerk informs that the suggestion of amendment to the proposed bill for securing titles to their lands to The Indians had been forwarded as directed that the bill had been presented to the appropriate committee of the Senate but that no action had as yet been taken though the committee had promised to give it the needed attention.

Then adjourned to Meet in Yarmouth Ont at 4 P. M. of 2nd day of Yearly Meeting week in sixth month next

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At a meeting of the committee on Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Yarmouth Ont. 6th Mo 10.1878

Present 13 members

The report of the sub-committee was read including a report of the Delegates to the convention of the seven Yearly Meetings at Baltimore in 10 mo/77 also a report of the Delegates to the Convention at Philadelphia in 5th mo last. The efforts of the sub Committee was approved & they were encouraged to continue their labors ~~until~~

A statement of accounts was produced by which it appears \$290.⁰⁰ of expenses had been incurred in payment of which \$155.⁰⁰ had been received from the Convention of Delegates & that the ballance had been drawn from the funds placed at the disposal of the Indian Committee and we recommend that the Yearly Meeting raise & place at our disposal for the ensuing year \$750.⁰⁰

It was determined to suggest to the Yearly Meeting that a joint session be held at 3 ½ P.M. of 4th day for the purpose of considering the

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report of the Indian Committee

Adjourned to meet at Scipio N. Y. at 4 P. M. on seventh day of Quarterly Meeting week in 9th mo next

At Scipio N. Y. 9th mo 28th 1878

The only members of the Committee present were the Sub Committee.

The Secretary announce that Isaiah Lightner had been confirmed as agent at Santee just previous to the adjournment 9th Congress, hat he had found Bondsmen that were acceptable to the Government and had entered on the discharge of his duties at the beginning of the fiscal year The first of 7th month last

At a meeting of the Sub Com - on Indian concerns held at Scipio N. Y. 10th mo 17th 1878

The Secretary informed that the annual meeting of the Convention of Delegates from the seven Yearly Meetings having a care on The Indians of the late Northern Suptcy

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would be held in Baltimore on the 28th of 10th mo. Way did not open to send Delegates at this time

At a meeting of the com. - on Indian concens of Genesee Yearly Meeting held pursuant to adjournment at Scipio N. Y. 12th mo 28th 1878

The minutes of the Executive com^m was introduced and approved.

The Com- were informed that our proportion of the expenses of the Convention of Delegates viz 6 per ct would be (\$144) One hundred and forty four dollars and that it was already called for by the Treasurer of the Convention

The Sub Com - also reported that there was not sufficient money yet held in to meet the demand. The Sub Com - are authorized to borrow for that purpose forty \$40.⁰⁰ dollars to be repaid when the Quotas should be received

The report of Barclay White - Friends special Indian agent was produced and portions of it read also the report of the convention of Delegates

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copies of which are here with submitted

Adjourned to meet on 7^th day of Q. M. wk in 4th mo 1879

At a meeting of the committee on Indian concerns of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Scipio N. Y. 4th mo 26th 1879

The Sub-Com- reported that they had borrowed as directed forty dollars (\$40.⁰⁰) and with that sum and what was already in the Treasurers hands had paid our proportion of the expenses of the Convention of Delegates

The interest on the Sum borrowed was 60 cts

The Sub-Com - also reported affairs at Santee Agency had moved on satisfactorily Since Isaiah Lightener had assumed the duties of agent.

That a small band of Indians in Yacolah had been added to the Care of our Agent at Santee

The Com - were also informed that a Convention of Delegates from the Seven Yearly Meetings would be held in Philadelphia on the 13th of 5th mo. next

The report of the Sub com

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was approved and Jonathan D Noxon and William P. Sisson were named to attend the Convention of Delegates from this Yearly Meeting and ~~Call on the Treasurer for the expenses~~

The Secretary also called attention to a tract on Indian Civilization which had been prepared and forwarded by the Central Executive Committee and which he had distributed as far as practicable also called attention to the fact that Congress had failed entirely to pass any act to secure to the Indians advanced in Civilization any titles to their lands in Severality although improvements of a permanent character had been made by them and that many more would be encouraged to build better houses and out buildings dry wells make fences and roads &c could they be certain of a permanent tenure of the lands so improved

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At a meeting of the Committee on Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Bloomfield Ontario 6th mo 9th 1879

Present 12 members

The minutes of the committee for the past years were read also the report of Barclay White Friends Special Indian Agent also the report of the Delegates of this committee to the convention of Delegates of the Seven Yearly Meetings held in Philadelphia the 13th, 14th of 5th mo last.

The Delegates reported their travelling expenses to be (\$36⁵⁰) Thirty Six 50/100 dollars

The Committee after Careful Consideration are united in recommending that Seventy five dollars (\$75⁰⁰) be raised by the Yearly Meeting for the use of the Committee for the ensuing year

The Committee recommend that the Yearly Meeting meet in joint session to hear its report on 5th day morning

Adjourned to meet at Scipio N. Y. on Seventh day of Quarterly Meeting week at - 4 P. M.

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At a Meeting of the Committee on Indian Affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Scipio N. Y. 7th 27th 1879

No Quorum being present

Adjourned to meet at North St. N. Y. on the seventh day of Quarterly Meeting week in 12th mo next

At a meeting of the Indian Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at North St 12th mo 27th 1879

A report from? the Convention of Delegates of the Seven Yearly Meeting held in Baltimore held on the 27th of 10th mo 1879 was read which embodies a report by Isaiah Lightener ??? Indians at Santee Agency Neb.

It appears that the expenses of the convention for the last year have been twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.⁰⁰) our proportion of which 6 per cent is Seventy two dollars (\$72.⁰⁰) which sum

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has been paid by the Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting

The Secretary was directed correspond with New York Yearly Meetings Indian Committee relative to a Joint memorial to Congress asking the passing of an act to secure to the Indians homesteads in ??? on their reservation

Adjourned to meet a Scipio N. Y on the after noon of Seventh day in Quarterly Meeting week in 4th mo next

At a Meeting of the Committee on Indian affairs of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Scipio N. Y 4th mo 24th 1880

The Executive Committee reported that that [sic] Jonathan D. Noxon had been sent as Delegate to a special meeting of the Convention of Delegates from the Seven Yearly Meetings & produces a partial report of the proceedings

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of said convention which was held in Philadelphia on the 17th & 18th of 2ⁿ mo 1880

The secretary reported that he had addressed a letter to the correspondent of New York Yearly Meetings Indian committee relative to a joint memorial as had been directed at our last meeting but nearly four months had passed & no reply had been received

Adjourned to meet in Farmington N. Y on second day of Yearly Meeting in 6th mo month next at 4. P. M.

At a Meeting of the Committee on Indian concerns of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Farmington N. Y. 6th mo 14th 1880.

Present 10 members

After sending the report of the Executive Committee and a portion of the minutes of the Convention of the 7 Yearly Meeting in the past, the Committee adjourned

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At a Meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Farmington N. Y 6th mo 17. 1880.

A minute was received from The Yearly Meeting by which it appears the following named Friends have been appointed to act as a Committee on Indian Concerns for the ensuing three years -

From Farmington

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Isaac Baker | Phebe W Cornell |
| William G Barker | Phila L Chase |
| John J Cornell | Judith H Cornell |
| Jonathan D. Noxon | Phebe Jane Noxon |
| Geurdon T Smith | Mary G Herenden |
| Benjamin Chase | Eliza A Baker |
| William Green | Sarah A Greene |
| Amos Freeman | Mary T Freeman |
| | Jane E Cox. |

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Scipio

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| John C Peckham | Mary S Peckham |
| William P Giles | Hannah Marshall |
| George Iden | Sarah D Searing |
| John Searning | Eliza S. Hoxie |
| William P Sisson | |
| Zebulon Hoxie. | |

Canada

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| John D Philips | Eleanor Bowerman |
| John P. Hilborn | Lellis [Lettis] Brown |
| Isaac Wilson | Ruth C Wilson |
| | Elizabeth Hilborn |

Pelham

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| John Minard | Serena Minard |
| Asa L Schooley | Levisa Schooley |
| Isaac U Chase. | |

whose names being called were all present but eight.

The name of John J Cornell being

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proposed for Secretary was united with and he appointed to that service for the ensuing three years -

John J Cornell Jonathan D Noxon Benjamin Chase, Judith H Cornell Jane E Cox - and Phebe Jane Noxon are appointed an executive Committee to represent this committee during the interval between its session with the usual powers

A communication was received from Barclay White Secretary of the Convention of the Seven Yearly Mtgs asking the following questions -

1st Is Genesee Yearly Meeting prepared to nominate a candidate for U. S. Indian Agent at Otoe Agency and take the Case of that Agency

2nd In the event of your declining such responsibility are you answer

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Ing that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting may withdraw from its present oversight of said agency?

The clerk of this committee is directed to inform B White, that we have no one to nominate for a candidate as US Ind agent at the Otoe agency - and that we consent that the Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting shall act in the case as they may desire best

Then adjourned to meet at Farmington at 9 oclock in 5th day morning of Quarterly Meeting week in 11th mo. next.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends on Indian Concerns held at Farmington 4th of 11th mo 1880.

Present 9 members

The clerk informs he has forwarded the Answers to the questions proposed to this Committee by Barclay White ~~Clerk~~ Secretary of the Convention of Seven

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Yearly Meetings as directed

The Committee then adjourned to meet at Yarmouth at 9 o'clock on 3^d day morning of Yearly Meeting week in sixth Mo next unless sooner called together by the clerk.

At a Meeting of the Comitty of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian affairs held at Yarmouth Ont 14' of 6' mo. 1881 -

Present 22 members

The Executive Committee inform they were notified that a Convention of delegates was called to meet in Philadelphia in 5th mo last and they appointed J D Noxon to attend said Convention.

A copy of the proceedings of that Convention was presented to this meeting and read and was satisfactory to us our delegate is directed to call on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expenses incurred in attending Said Convention

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There was also presented by the Monthly reports of the agent at the Santee Agency which were read and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting with our report

The clerk presented an essay of a report of the proceedings of the Committee the past year which was approved and directed to be presented to The Yearly Meeting

The Committee then adjourned to meet at Bloomfield Ontario at 9 o'clock on 3^d day morning of Yearly Meeting week in next year -

[*Note no meetings recorded for 1882]

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At a Meeting of The Committee on Indian Concerns held at Farmington NY 12' of 6' mo 1883

Present 12 members

The minutes of the Convention of the delegates from the seven Yearly Meetings held in Baltimore in 10th Mo last also of that held in Philadelphia in 5th mo last were presented by the Executive Committee and were read. They were very satisfactory & interesting and were directed to be laid before The Yearly Meeting

It was also concluded to recommend that the Yearly Meeting appoint another Committee to continue to co operate with Friends of other Yearly Meetings as way may open

The committee then adjourned

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At a Meeting of the Committee on Indian concerns held at Farmington N.Y 14th of 6' mo 1883.

John J Cornell was appointed secretary for the Triennial term

Jonathan D Noxon John J Cornell Phebe Jane Noxon & Judith H Cornell are appointed an executive committee with similar powers as those of such former Committees -

Then adjourned to meet at Yarmouth Ontario at 9 o'clock on 3d day morning of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo next -

Names of Committee

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Jonathan D Noxon. | Mary S Peckham |
| John L Searing | Phebe J Noxon |
| John J Cornell | Martha Ferris |
| Jacob S Cornell | Caroline Sisson |
| John D Phillips | Judith H Cornell |
| John Minard | Serena Minard |
| Guerden T Smith | Mary T Freeman |
| Mary B Cushman | |

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At a Meeting of the Committee on Indian Concerns of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Yarmouth 10' of 6' mo 1884

Present 4 members

An essay of a report was presented the Secretary and approved and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting at its present session

Then adjourned to meet at Bloomfield at 9" o'clock on 3^d day morning of Yearly Meeting week in 6' mo next -

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At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Farmington N. Y. 15th of 6th mo 1886.

Present 12 members

The minutes of the Convention of Delegates representing the seven Yearly Meetings held in Philadelphia 1th of 5th mo 1886 were presented and read and were interesting and satisfactory to us.

We have our friend Levi K Brown of Gallimore Yearly Meeting in attendance with us

A communications was received from the Ladies Missionary Society of St Peters Presebyterian Church in Rochester N. Y. informing us that there is a bill now before Congress calculated to deprive the Indians of West Cattaraugus and Alleghany reservations of their land and asking us to use our influence to present its passage

The committee are united in referring it to The Executive Committee of the Seven

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Yearly Meetings and request them to give the subject their present and careful attention. And the clerk is directed to inform the parties from whom the communication was received of the action we have taken.

While there does not seem to be much labor to be performed in the direction in which we have been formerly engaged in the Indian Concern. Still there seems to be a need of some organization through which attention can be given to exercise a watchful care of the rights of the Indians and use an influence to prevent those rights from being infringed on. And we are united in recommending the appointment of Another Male Committee by the Yearly Meeting to continue to labor in connection with the other Yearly Meetings as way may open

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The clerk is directed to present ~~a copy~~ these minutes together with the minutes of the Convention of Delegates held in Philadelphia last month to the Yearly Meeting during its present sessions as our report for the present year

The Committee then adjourned

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Farmington 17' of 6' mo [1886]?

The Yearly Meeting informs that they have appointed the following ??? - friends to constitute The Indian Committee for 3 years. Viz

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| Maria B Fritts | John J Cornell |
| Jonathan D Noxon | Phebe Jane Noxon |
| John L Searing | Mary S Peckham |
| W ^m P Sisson | Caroline Sisson |
| Jacob L Cronk | Charles Wilson |
| Amelia M Hayters | Ruth C Wilson |
| Serena Minard | Asa L Schooley |
| John Minard, | Sarah E Zavitz |

108 It was proposed that John J Cornell be appointed Secretary for the term of the appointment of the Committee which being united with he is accordingly so appointed

John J Cornell, Jonathan D Noxon Phebe Jane Noxon are appointed an Executive Committee with such powers as have formerly been delegated to such a Committee

Then adjourned to meet at Yarmouth at 9' oclock on 3^d day morning of Yearly Meeting week in 6' mo next -

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At a Meeting of The Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Yarmouth Ont. 14th of 6' mo 1887

Present 7 members -

The clerk informs that he has performed the duty allotted to him regarding the communication received from the Ladies Missionary of St Peter Church in Rochester

A communication was received from Levi K Brown Secretary of the Convention of the Seven Yearly Meetings on Indian Affairs which was read and its contents were interesting and it was directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting with the request - that it give us its judgment regarding uniting with the other Yearly Meetings in employing a Matron at the Santee Agency should the United States Government fail to make the needed appropriation.

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The Clerk is directed to present a copy of the minutes of this Meeting together with the communication of Levi K Brown to the Yearly Meeting at its present session as our report for this year.

Then adjourned to meet at Bloomfield Ont. at 9 o'clock on third day morning of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo next -

At a Meeting of The Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Bloomfield 12' of 6' mo 1888 -

Present 7. Members

The minutes of the last Convention held in Baltimore in 11' mo last together with a communication from Levi K Brown and one from Jasper J Janney regarding the appointment of a Matron at The Santee Agency was read and are directed to the Yearly Meeting as part of our report -

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Then adj to meet at Farmington N. Y at 9 o'clock on 3^d day morning of Yearly Meeting week in 6' mo next -

At a Meeting of the Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Concerns held at Farmington N. Y. 11th of 6' mo 1889 -

Present 111 [believe this is 3 and not 111]

It was proposed and united with to recommend to The Yearly Meeting to appoint a few friends being [living?] ??? ??? ??? to constitute an executive committee to ??? an interest in the concern and co operate with the other Yearly Meetings if way should open for further labor

The meeting then concluded -

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Farmington N. Y 6th mo 13th 1889

By a minute from the Yearly Meeting it appears that the following Friends were appointed a Committee on Indian affairs for three years viz

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| Jonathan D Noxon | William P. Sisson |
| Eliza H Cornell | Martha H Ferris |
| William F Searing | Mary B Cushman |
| Stewart Brown | George Oden |
| Asa L Scholey | Charlotte W Locks |
| Edgar M Zavitz | Phebe We Cornell |
| Phebe Jane Noxon | ??? Wilson |

and Sunderland P Gardner

Fourteen of the Committee met and united in appointing William P Sisson Clerk for the ensuing three years

William P Sisson William F Searing and George Oden were then appointed to Sub Committee for the ensuing three three [sic] years

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Then adjourned to meet at Yarmouth Ontario at 9 o'clock on 3rd day AM of Yearly Meeting ??? ?? 18?? [faded text]

At a meeting of the Indian Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Yarmouth Ontario 6th mo 10th 1890

Present 5 members

The Clerk being absent Jonathan D Noxon is appointed for the day

Communications were received from Levi K Brown Sec of the Convention of the seven Yearly Meetings suggesting the propriety of Employing a Matron at Santee Agency the expense of which to be borne by six of the Yearly Meetings provided the Government failed to make the necessary appropriation for such purpose

On consideration it was concluded to refer said communications in connection with the report of the

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Executive Committee this Meetings Com. t^{ee} to the Yearly Meeting for its consideration

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Bloomfield Ontario at 10 O'clock on 3^d day morning of Yearly Meeting week in 6th mo 1891

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To the Indian Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting

The executive committee to whom was entrusted the general business of the committee report that little has been required of them

A proposition was received from the executive Committee of the convention of seven Yearly Meetings to unite with other Yearly Meetings in defraying the expenses of sending an instructor in domestic affairs to the Santee Agency As the proposition, only embraced a brief time and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting did not conclude to unite in the proposed action. Your Executive Committee did not feel warranted in returning a favorable answer Several reasons led to this conclusion We did not believe from past experience that mere temporary effort pursued for a few months would result in any appreciable good.. That to effect any permanent change for the better in the domestic habits of the Indians the effort must be steadily pursued

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till the old habits were eradicated and new ones had been formed We believe that this can only be properly done by government assuming the payment of the cost and extending the instruction generally among the Indians

Other reasons will readily suggest themselves to the Committee

No other subject has claimed the attention of the Executive Committee and the field of labor in which we may engage with profit is the words of the nation sums sorrow

Respectfully submitted

William P. Sisson
Sec'y on behalf of Ex. Com.

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Goshen, Lancaster Co Penn-^a
1st Month 20th 1890.

John J. Cornell

Dear Friend - Four of our Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs Visited Washington last week and had very Satisfactory interviews with the Secretary of the Interior. The Indian Commissioner and Chairman of the House Committee on Indian Affairs. The Matron question was fully discussed, and we feel encouraged from the assurance given us, that they will report in the Indian appropriation Bill the present Session a Sum Sufficient to pay the Salaries of at least two if not five Matrons for the more advanced Tribes.

The Indian Commissioner in examining his list of Agencies, Said, there were 15 Tribes that had their lands allotted in Severalty and were progressing more or less Successfully. We could not recommend the appointment of so many, Not Knowing their condition. We however urged the Appointment of two or three as an experiment, fully believing that a Matron at Santee would prove a Success

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The Commissioner Said that if we would Make a special application for one at Santee and perhaps one at the Omaha & Winnebago Agency, and the Agents there would ask for their appointment he would recommend that Congress make an appropriation for the payment of their Salaries. As an inducement to grant us one at Santee and perhaps one for the Poneas, or Omahas, we ~~would~~ proposed to furnish the Matron with a home at the Agency, and the necessary equipments Horse & carriage, Interpreter to enable her to fulfill her duty in visiting the families &c a cost of \$250 to \$300 probable, per annum.

This amount we thought Friends of the Six Yearly Meetings that have been favourable to the project would contribute, in case the Government pays the Salary about \$700. Will Friends of Genesee be willing to pay their Quoto of the Sum I have indicated for the equipment of one or two Matrons in case Congress provides for the payment of their Salaries?

Hastily they friend. LWBrown.
Secry to Convention & com

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Goshen, Lancaster County Penn^a
5th Month 27th 1890.

Jonathan D. Noxon

Dear Friend - as thee is aware, Our Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs, have been earnestly working with the authorities at Washington and with Congress, to procure an appropriation for the payment of the Salaries of a number of women, to be designated as Matrons, for the especial purpose of Visiting the Indian Women, in their houses

and instructing them in housekeeping and their domestic duties. - A year ago, we visited Washington, - had very Satisfactory interviews with President Harrison, Secretary Noble and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and were encouraged to believe that the New Administration would favor our project and recommend to Congress, Such an appropriation. - The Indian Commissioner true to his promise and Convictions wrote a very Strong Letter to the

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Secretary of the Interior recommending that an item be inserted in the Indian Appropriation Bill of \$7.200 for the payment of the Salaries of Ten Matrons, for the more Advanced Tribes at \$720, per annum With Such a prospect, we at once concluded to place a Matron in the field at Santee Agency and at Agent Hills request appointed Marie L. H. Steer, wife of Joseph M. Steer, who has been many years engaged in Indian work at that Agency to that Service at \$75. Per month. She to board herself, furnish all the necessary equipments, and devote her time in the endeavour to elevate the Indian women. - We engaged her for three months with the hope that we could continue her in the Service at least Six Months, if not for the year or longer - Accordingly, I wrote to the Six Yearly Meetings omitting Philadelphia, to Know if our project met their approval, and would they be willing to Contribute their respective Quoto^s of \$200, proposed to be raised at this time, to defray the expense of the first three Months Service. All except your Meeting & Indiana have promptly responded and remitted their

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respective Quoto^s - I have no doubt Indiana will respond, as they have heretofore heartily approved of employing a Matron to instruct and elevate the Indian women. - Marie Steer =, has written Several Letters to us, giving Some interesting particulars, of her work. She States a number of them have promised her they would Comply with her instructions and She feels encouraged. Our Committee have Sent her \$50. with which to purchase Such little matters which Se desires presenting to those who are trying to put her instructions into daily practice - I must now State that although the Commissioner So warmly recommended the appropriation mentioned, to Secry Noble, that Official failed to agree with the Measure and declined to made any Such recommendation to Congress. I regret to Say that Secry Noble has shown himself to be more of a poloticean than a Statesman not only has he refused to aid us in getting an appropriation for Matrons, but without any notice to Us or Agent Hill, he had pereruptorily

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removed our excellent and worthy Agent Charles Hill and appointed a Nebraska politicean in his Stead! Not discouraged, we have two members of Congress from this County and the adjoining County of Chester Brosires & Darlington, both members of our Society, who have interceded with the Com on Indian Affairs of the House who are very favorable if only the Department would recommend the Measure, and Although they are opposed to inaugerating Any Neco? departure without the approval of the Secry of the Interior. The Chairman of the Committee Stated they would not object to the employment of one Matron as an experiment, provided no charge was made for a residence for the Matron. I immediately wrote to our Member that we would cheerfully provide all necessary accomodations to carry on the Work and had a Matron in

the field, all we asked was that Congress provide \$720 for her Salary. Some of Our Committee propose visiting Washington in a very few days and endeavour to Secure the Salary of our Friend, and in that case we can readily Keep her at work for a year at which time I think her labors will prove to the most incredulous, that Matrons are indispensable to the uplifting of those poor creatures, from the degradation they long been Subject to, a higher plain of Civilization -

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Report for the year 1888 exceeded \$20,000. I do not remember the amount they expended the past year but it must have been large.

The quoto of Genesee Yearly Meeting under the present aportionment (omitting Philadelphia) will be \$9. To the \$100. If your Committee approve of the work please remit me \$18. Quoto of \$200 proposed to be raised at this time which will pay to 7th month next, by which time we Shall Know whether Congress will aid us or otherwise.

In a Letter rec^d to day from Marie L. H. Steer She States that Charles Hill, although he does not think his removal comes under the rule of "Civil Service reform" ye he Says his Successor appears to be a very gentlemanly man and wishes his aid and counsel, he thinks he will prove himself a true friend of the Indians all which, we are pleased to hear.

truly & Sincerely thy friend

LKBrown, Secry

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Indian affairs

P. S. Kind regards to thy Wife and ??? ??? friends

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Such my dear friend is about the Status of our Indian work at present, which I have hastily Stated, presuming your Indian Committee would have a meeting prior to your Yearly Meeting, now near at hand

Our Baltimore Committee is in favor of continuing the present matron at Work Six months, which will give her all the Summer months during which time we feel confident She will make a favourable impression, and prove, what we, who have visited these Indians and witnessed the deplorably condition of their houses have long advocated, that this work is absolutely indispensable.

The Cost of the Six Months will probably be \$500. this will allow \$50. more to provide Such little matters as the mature may need, amongst other articles She needs Soap, a good deal of which She has already distributed. We sent in flower Seeds, which she has had planted and which pleases them very much, medicine for the Sick and food for them also, is needed. -

We feel that this outlay in behalf of the Indian is Small Compared with the amount contributed by our Orthodox brethran whose

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