Report of the Committee

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The Committee appointed in the 5th no. 1795 to prepare some Articles to be sent to the Shawanese, Delaware, Wyandot & other Nations of Indians expected to assemble at Greenville at a Treaty to be held under the direction of General Anthony Wayne, now report.

That having pursuant to instructions procured and forwarded a present to amount of £93. 8. 1½, they accompanied the same with a Letter to General Wayne together with the Epistle agreed to & signed on the 5th, requesting he would embrace a suitable opportunity of communicating it to the Indians when assembled & of delivering to them on behalf of our Religious Society, our present as a token of our continued regard & friendship for them. Considerable time elapsed before we were regularly informed by the General of his Compliance with our request, the reason for which delay is assigned in his Letter to us dated at Detroit the 30th Sept. last, wherein he informs us of the particular care exercised by him in conveying to the understandings of the Indians the substance of the aforesaid Epistle. Our motives in sending them a small present, & of the satisfaction manifested by them on the occasion—this reasonable Testimony of our regard appears to have a good effect, these being as the General expre xs it, "the fairest prospect of a lasting peace and friendly intercourse, between the Citizens of the United States & those Aborigines of America."

Philad 2. 12 mo. 15. 1796

Sign'd on behalf of the Committee by John Darish
The Committee appointed in the 5mo 1795 to prepare some Articles to be sent to the Shawanese, Delaware, Wyandot & other Nations of Indians expected to assemble at Grenville at a Treaty to be held under the direction of General Anthony Wayne, now report that having pursuant to directions procured and forwarded a present to amount of L93.8.1-1/2 they accompanied the same with a Letter to General Wayne together with the Epistle agreed to & sign'd in the 5th mo. requesting he would embrace a suitable opportunity of communicating it to the Indians when assembled & of delivering to them on behalf of our Religious Society, our present, as a token of our continued regard & friendship for them. A considerable time elapsed before we were regularly inform'd by the General of his Compliance with our request, the reason for which delay is assign'd in his Letter to us dated at Detroit the 5th Septr last, wherein he informs us of the particular care exercised by him in conveying to the understandings of the Indians the substance of the Epistle aforesaid Epistle & our motives in sending them a small present, & of the satisfaction manifested by them on the occasion. This seasonable Testimony of our regard appearing to have a good effect, there being as the General expresses it, the fairest prospect of a lasting peace and friendly intercourse, between the Citizens of the United States & those Aborigines of America. Philad. 12 mo. 15th 1796
Sign'd on behalf of the Committee by John Parrish