7th ——— "Are Friends clear of importing, vending, distilling and
" the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns and
" attending places of diversion, & do they keep to due Moderation on
" all occasions. ———

8th ——— "Are Friends careful to bear a Testimony against Slavery
" and do they provide in a suitable manner for those under
" their direction, who have had their Freedom secured, are they
" instructed in useful learning, and is their spiritual and Tem-
" poral Welfare properly attended to? ——— That the 1st 2nd and
" 9th Queries, be answered in the 1st 2nd & 3rd Quarters; and that they
" all be answered at the Quarterly Meeting preceding the Yearly
" Meeting, & that such answers be clear & distinct, and as near
" in the words of the Query as may be. ———

"Signed on behalf of the committee by
"Balt. 9th of 6th Mon 1790. ——— "John Thomas" ———

How Slavery or Slaves!

The same Committee also brought in the following report

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting in Baltimore. ———

"The United Committees of the Yearly Meeting having met and
"solidly attended to the several Matters, to them referred, agree to pro-
"pose. ———

First "That a Meeting for Sufferings be constituted & appointed
" agreable to the sense of the Meeting yesterday expressed. ———

"That the said Meeting be composed of eight solid, faithful
" Friends, to be named out of the Yearly Meeting at large, and
" four Friends to be appointed by each Quarterly Meeting as their
" Representatives therein ——— The said Meeting for Sufferings are
" to exercise care, and to interfere in such cases where the testimony
" of truth may be effected, and also to advise and assist Friends
" who may be brought under sufferings for the Testimony of a
" good Conscience; to examine & adjust the accounts of Sufferings
" for our Religious Testimony, after the same have been approved by
" by the Monthly & Quarterly Meetings where they arise; to
" examine & correct Memorials concerning deceased Friends, prepara-
" tory to their being laid before the Yearly Meeting; and also to
" examine & correct such manuscripts and writings respecting our

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" Religious Testimony & principles as are intended for Publication
" and to suppress such as may be improper, or not thought necessary
" to publish, & also to direct the reprinting and distribution of such
" books, as they may think expedient and useful, & generally to exer-
" cise vigilance & care on all occasions where our religious Testimony
" may be advanced or effected, and also as Wisdom may direct, to hold
" a brotherly Correspondence with such other Meetings for Sufferings
" as are, or may be established under the Authority of any other Year-
" ly Meeting of our religious Society, and appear on our behalf on
" all occasions during the Recess of the Yearly Meeting: Also to
" give attention to the Temporal concerns of the Society as occasions
" may require, and from time to time draw on the Treasurer of the
" Yearly Meeting for such sums as may be necessary in the course
" of the discharge of the Trust in them reposed. ——— But the
" said Meeting is not to have power or Authority to alter or vary
" from the Rules & Discipline of the Society, as established by the
" Yearly Meeting, but are to be governed as a subordinate Meeting
" by the rules of the Body, and every Year to lay the Minutes of
" their Proceedings, before the Yearly Meeting of Business, who have
" a right to continue or discontinue the said Meeting for Sufferings
" and to approve, or disapprove, their proceedings, and generally to give
" instructions, and advice to said Meeting as occasion may require. ———

"It is also proposed that said Meeting be held Quarterly
" Alternately, at Balt. & Pipe Creek, to wit, at Baltimore the 2nd
" day after the Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd & 8th Months at the
" 10th hour in the morning; and at Pipe Creek the 6th day before
" the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th & 11th Months at the same hour;
" with liberty to meet on their own adjournments or call a special
" meeting when any four of the Members of said Meeting shall judge
" it necessary. ———

"That the stile of said Meeting be "The Meeting for
" Sufferings, for the Yearly Meeting held in Maryland" ——— And that a
" less number than eight Friends be not authorized to hold such
" a Meeting. ———

signed