Then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorow Morning.

12th of the Month & 3rd of the Week. — Friends met near the time adjourned to. — The Representatives reported they has agreed to propose Evan Thomas for Clerk & Joel Wright to assist him, which is approved by the Meting. —

The Minutes & proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings were produced & Read, which inform that a Bill published by Congress in order that the Public Sentiment may be obtained thereon entitled "A Bill more effectually to provide for the National Defence by establishing an Uniform Militia throughout the United States" had been under their consideration, & being united in believing that the said Bill if passed into a law, will in its operation, materially affect our Religious Society, particularly the 11th & 16th Sections, and that it would be right for the Yearly Meting, in a collective Capacity to remonstrate against it. — The Bill being produced, those sections which appear to militate against the rights of conscience, by imposing a Tax, or Fines, in lieu of Personal Service were read & Considered, and this Meeting, according to the uniform Testimony of Friends, against the Payment of such Fines; a general Concurrence of Sentiment with the Meeting for Sufferings is expressed, & the following Friends appointed to unite with the committee on the Epistles in a solid consideration of the Subject, & prepare an address to Congress, to be produced to a future sitting of this Meeting Viz. Mahlon Janney, John M.Kim, William Hough, Isaiah Balderston, & David Brown. —

Then adjourned to the 3rd hour this afternoon

Friends met near the time of Adjournment. —

The Minutes of last Meeting were now read, & the following Friends appointed to inspect into the State of the Yearly Meeting's Stock, & to report what sum they may judge necessary to be raised the ensuing Year Viz Richard Hopkins, Sam Snowden Henry Wilson, Thomas Matthews, Benjamin Walker, Anthony Poultney, Joseph Grist, John Love, Andrew M.Kay, Tho. Moore, Benjamin Mead & William M.Pherson. —

A revisal of the Book of Discipline heretofore in use within the compass of this Yearly Meeting appearing to Friends at

at this time to be expedient, the following Friends are appointed to unite with the Meeting for Sufferings in the revisal thereof and to report their care to next Yearly Meeting Viz. Isaiah Balderston, William Willis, John Mason, Joseph Grist, Mahlon Janney, & James Mendenhall. —

Then Adjourned to the 9th hour tomorrow Morning. —

13th of the Month & 4th of the Week. — Near the time adjourned to, the Meeting Assembled, and the Representatives being called were present as at the former sittings. —

The State of society, as contained in the reports brought up from our several Quarterly Meetings, coming at this time weighty under consideration, the minds of many Friends being dipt into a lively exercise on account of the many sorrowful deficiencies therein Mentioned to prevail in each Meeting, divers pertinent remarks were made, tending to excite Friends to greater Vigilence and circumspection, to guard against those things, which are the causes of Weakness amongst us, & seek for Ability to remove them out of the way, in order that the Camp may move forward under right Influence; that Friends, their Children &c. may be excited to a Consideration of the necessity of a diligent, timely, watchful & lively attendance of Meetings, & a particular attention to a seasonable and Upright Compliance with their contracts; that the Society may no longer travail under the painful exercise, occasioned by the failure of many under our name, to do justice to their Creditors, by a punctual discharge of their debts, that the reproach occasioned thro' such deficiency may be removed: That Parents & Heads of Families may be excited deeply to search into the cause of Weakness, & encouraged to guard against every disposition in the Youth under their immediate direction, to go out into wrong Liberties particularly with respect to their dress & address; early inculcating into their tender minds the principles of the unchangeable truth, and the simplicity it teaches, in order that they may be instructed to value above all other Adornings that of a meek & quiet Spirit, which is in the sight of him that made them of great price; That they may be more guarded against the various Temptations with which they are surrounded, & not liable to be carried

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