among Friends tho' one Quarter Mentions some instances of Sharing children contrary to the intent of the Query, in which cases, care has bin taken. —

7th ..... That Friends are generally clear of importing, vending, distilling, and the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors, tho' a few instances remain of vending them, and some encourage the distilling of Fruit — Unnecessarily frequenting Taverns and attending Places of diversion generally avoided. —

8th ..... That Friends are careful as opportunity offers to bear a testimony against Slavery, & to provide for those under their direction, who have had their Freedom secured except too great neglect of their School education; tho' all the accounts mention some care in this particular and also of their spiritual & temporal Welfare. —

9th ..... That there is a good degree of care taken to deal with offenders as recommended. —

The general printed Epistle, and Epistles of correspondence, from our brethren at their last Yearly Meeting in London also Epistles of Correspondence from the Yearly Meetings of Friends in Pennsylvania & Virginia were read to our satisfaction: — The following Friends are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to each of these Meetings, & produce them to a future sitting of this Meeting Viz. John Wilson, John Cox, John M'Kim James Gillingham, John Mason, Evan Thomas, Joseph Elgar, Isaac Everitt, Joel Wright, Eli Kirk, James Mendenhall, Thomas Matthews, Israel Janney, John Hough. — 1000 Copies of the general Epistle are directed to be printed for the use of Friends within the compass of this Yearly Meeting — John Brown and John M'Kim are appointed to agree with a Printer for the number proposed, & the expence to be paid by the Treasurers.

The written Epistle from London informs that they have appointed our Friends George Stacy, John Lloyd, James Beasley, & Thomas Compton, Correspondents to this Yearly Meeting. —

The following Friends are appointed to settle and adjust the Treasurers Accounts, report the State of the Stock, and what sum they think necessary to be raised the ensuing year, Viz. Richard Hopkins, Samuel Rice, Peter Wilson Isaiah Boone, Jonathan Wright Benjamin Walker, Stephen Howel, James Hancock, James Moore Edward Beeson, Andrew M'Kay Asa Moore. —

The Representatives are desired to meet and confer together at the close of this sitting, respecting the choice of a Clerk for the present year, and propose one to our next sitting. —

Then adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning. —

16th of the 10th. M. & 3rd of the week. —

Near the time adjourned to, the Meting Assembled, & the Representatives being called were present as at last sitting.

The Representatives reported they had conferred together & agreed to propose Evan Thomas for Clerk this Year and Joel Wright to assist him, with which the meting concurs.

The Minutes of last year were read — The minutes & proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings were also read over and approved, and that Meeting continued, and John Hough appointed a member on behalf of this Meeting, in the room of our Friend William Matthews deceased. — In the proceedings of the meting for Sufferings is the following minutes —

"The Congress of the United states at their last session "having passed a Law entitled "An Act more effectually to provide "for the National Defence, by establishing an uniform Militia "throughout the United States" Which it is apprehended will, in its "operation Affect our religious Society, unless the Legislature, in "whom Congress have vested the power of exemption, should interpose "and as it is likely there may be a Law passed relative thereto at "the ensuing Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, it appears "to be the sense of this Meeting, that it Will be best to lay the "subject, before the Yearly Meeting for consideration". — Which being attended to, the following Friends are appointed to prepare an Essay of an address on the subject to the Legislature, to be produced to