Who being called were all present except those to whose names a mark is affixed, whose absence in general is accounted for by indisposition of themselves or some of their families. ——

The printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London, & Epistles of correspondence from the same Meeting & those of Philadelphia & Virginia, were received & read in this Meeting to our satisfaction — The following Friends are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to each of those Meetings & produce them to a future sitting of this Meeting Viz Basil Brooke, John Wilson, John Cox Evan Thomas, Allen Farquhar, Jonathan Wright, Isaac Everitt, Eli Kirk, Thomas Matthews, Israel Janney, John Hough & Rees Cadwallader.

It is directed that 1000 Copies of the general Epistle be taken & distributed among the Quarterly Meetings, John Brown & John M'Kim are appointed to agree with a Printer for the number proposed, & endeavour to procure them before the conclusion of this Meeting. ——

Baltimore Quarter informs that Isaac Williams appeals from the judgment of Gun Powder Monthly Meeting confirmed by that Quarter in his case and that they have appointed Basil Brooke, John Thomas, Samuel Snowden, Jesse Tyson, Thomas Wilson, Samuel Price, John Cox, William Coale, John Wilson William Brown, David Brown and John Brown to attend with the Minutes & proceedings of the said Meetings in his case, and Isaac Williams appearing, & informing that he intended to prosecute his appeal, the following Friends are appointed, to hear & consider the grounds of his uneasiness, examine the minutes & proceedings of said Monthly & Quarterly Meetings respecting it and report their sense & Judgment in writing to a future sitting of this Meeting Viz. Benjamin Underwood, William Farquhar, Harman Updegraff, Daniel Ragan Benjamin Walker, Joel Wright William Morsell Joseph Grist, Joseph Talbot, Joseph Steer John Cope, Israel Janney, James Rattiken, Nathan Heald William Dixon, Goldsmith Chandlee. ——

The Representatives are desired to meet at the rising of this sitting & take under consideration the choice of a Clerk for the present year & propose one to our next sitting. ——

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Then adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow Morning

15th of the Month & 3d of the Week, near the time adjourned to the Meeting Assembled, & the Representatives being called were present as at last sitting. ——

John Hough on behalf of the Representatives reports, they have agreed to propose Joel Wright for Clerk this Year & Thomas Matthews to assist him, with which the Meeting concurs. ——

The Reports from the Quarterly Meetings were read, containing answers to the Queries, to the following import Viz —

1st ..... That Friends are generally careful in the attendance of Meetings on first days — that divers in most places neglect the attendance of those held on other days of the week — that care in some instances has been extended to those deficient — The hour mostly observed by those who attended — And that unbecoming behaviour is in general guarded against — Yet apparent instances of sleeping in Meetings, continue to be a sorrowful subject of complaint in most places. ——

2nd ..... Many Friends are in a good degree careful to maintain Love & Unity, to discourage Talebearing & Detraction, & to end apparent differences, tho it is believed, there is in these respects room for improvement. ——

3rd ..... That many Friends endeavours to bring up those under their direction, to the due attendance of Meetings, to plainness of Speech Behaviour & Apparel, in frequently reading the holy scriptures, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & the corrupt conversation of the World, yet instances of deficiency are apparent in most places, especially in behaviour & Apparel. ——

4th ..... That Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, to avoid involving themselves in Trade or Business, beyond their abilities to manage, but complaints of deficiency respecting the timely performance of Contracts are continued in all the Reports — And that in some instances care has been extended. ——

5th ..... That our Testimony against an hireling Ministry, taking

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