Or administering Oaths, Military Services clandestine Trade & Lotteries is generally maintained, yet one instance of deficiency respecting Oaths & one respecting Lotteries is mentioned to be under care. ——

6th —— That some Friends at each meeting, are careful to settle their Estates & make their Wills in time of health, yet that care does not appear general —— Care is taken respecting the poor, & there is no account of any Friends children being placed from among Friends since last year. ——

7th —— That Friends are generally clear of importing, vending, distilling & the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors, tho some instances to the contrary, with respect to the distillation, vending & the unnecessary use of them are noted by all the quarters, & by one, care is said to be taken. — That frequenting Taverns unnecessarily and attending places of diversion, have in some instances occurred & said to be under care. — That a good degree of moderation is observed by most. ——

8th —— That Friends are generally concerned to bear a Testimony against Slavery, except a few instances mentioned by one of the Quarters & said to be under care. — That those who have had their Freedom secured are provided for — but that more care respecting their School Learning & religious instruction is necessary. ——

9th —— That a good degree of care is observed in dealing with offenders, tho not allways without unnecessary delay. ——

Answers to the Annual Queries —

1st — Two Elders deceased, Viz. our Friend William Garretson of Warrington Monthly Meeting, who departed this life the 15th of the 12th Month last, & our Friend Joseph Janney a member of Fairfax Monthly Meeting, who departed this life the 7th of the 9th Month last, concerning whom no further Memorial appears. — A memorial is forwarded from York Monthly Meeting for our friend William Matthews, an acct of whose decease was forwarded last Meeting. ——

2d —— Three New Meeting houses built, One at Southland, within the verge of Crooked-run Monthly Meeting, one at Fallowfield, within the verge of Westland Monthly Meeting, and one in the room of an old one, at New-Berry within the compass of Warrington Monthly Meeting; at each of the two first mentioned places a Meeting for Worship & a Preparative Meeting has been settled — and a Monthly Meeting settled at Redstone and another at Baltimore. ——

3d —— Some sober Persons have been admitted into membership since last Year. ——

4th —— The Queries are read & answered in our Quarterly, Monthly & Preparative Meetings in general, nearly agreable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting. ——

The most material parts of the Minutes of last Year were read over. ——

The following Friends are appointed to settle and adjust the Treasurer's Acct and report what sum they may think necessary to be raised the ensuing Year, to a future sitting of this Meeting, Viz. Thomas Poultney, Isaac Webster, Samuel Snowden, Thomas West, Caleb Kirk, Joseph John, Isaac Wickersham, Solomon Shipherd, Philip Wanton, Jonas Kalb, William Wilson, Joseph Hackney, & John Hirst. ——

A Proposition being brought from Fairfax Quarter whether first Cousins once removed, shall be allowed to marry among us — the following Friends are appointed to take the subject weighthily under consideration, & report their Sense & Judgment to a future sitting, Viz. John Bowman, Evan Thomas, Jacob Baldwin, David Brown, John M'Kim, John Mason, Samuel Rice, Samuel Coale, William Morsell, Jonathan Wright, Joseph Priest, Harman Updegraff, Daniel Ragan, Benjamin Walker, Benjamin Underwood, William Farquhar, John Butcher, John Cope, Mahlon Janney, Joseph Snr, John Hirst, William Wilson, Goldsmith Chandlee, Rees Cadwallader, Andrew M'Coy, Rowland Richard, Benjamin Mead & Joseph Hackney. ——

Then adjourned to the 4th hour afternoon. ——