Near the time adjourned to, Friends Assembled ——

The Minutes & proceedings of the Meeting for Sufferings for the year past, were read over & approved, & that Meeting continued. ——

A proposal being brought from Fairfax Quarter of altering the time of holding that Meeting, as follows, Viz^t to be held at Fairfax on the 3^rd second Day in the third Month, and at the same places on the 2^nd day preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 10^th Month: — And at Hopewell on the third second day in the 6^th & 12^th Months, alternately, & the Select Meeting to be held on the seventh day preceding the same at each place, which being considered in this Meeting, is concurred with. ——

Then adjourned to the 11^th hour tomorrow morning. —

15^th of the Month & 4^th of Week. — About the time adjourned to, the Meeting again Assembled, & the Representatives being called, were present as at the former sittings. ——

The Committee appointed on the proposition from Fairfax Quarter, respecting the Marriage of Kindred brought in the following report. —

"We the Committee appointed to take into our consideration, the proposition from Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, whether Marriages, between first Cousins once removed, should be allowed to pass our Meetings; met on the occasion, with women Friends appointed, and after a solid conference we were united in Judgment that Marriages nearer of kin than second Cousins, ought not to be allowed amongst Friends — Which we submit to the Yearly Meeting." ——

"Signed on behalf of the committee by Evan Thomas
Mahlon Janney
Wm^s Farquhar"

Which being read & considered is concurred with. —

Then adjourned to the 4^th hour afternoon. —

Near the time adjourned to the meeting assembled

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The Comprised Answers to the Queries being read, & the present State of Society within the compass of this Yearly Meeting, opened, a lively exercise & engagement was experienced under which it is again recommended, that concerned Friends when at their respective habitations may be encouraged in brotherly affection to invite those who are often deficient in the attendance of Week day meetings, to come forward in filling up their places therein. — that no trifling consideration may be suffered to prevent any from paying that tribute to the author of all Good, which in gratitude is due, for the multiplied favours received, and when any who have a right of membership are overcome with sleep in Meetings for Worship, that those who observe it, may not omit tenderly endeavouring to stir them up to greater exertion of mind, in guarding against that disposition which if suffered to prevail will from time to time prevent us from being strengthened & refreshed by assembling together on these occasions, an early attention herein, it is believed would conduce to the increase of that Love which remains to be the distinguishing mark of Christianity. ——

That Quarterly and Monthly Meetings may be engaged in a Labour to promote the right education of the Youth, that they may be as much as possible weaned from a Love for the Customs, Maxims & fashions of the World, & preserved in plainness of dress & address, and that Friends may guard against replenishing their houses with such gay & costly furniture, as may be a stumbling block in the way of their tender offspring. ——

It is also earnestly desired that Friends may be excited to punctuality in the performance of their Contracts, that the reputation of the society may not suffer by an inattention to the timely payment of Debts. —— And as it is apprehended (under the present state of affairs) Friends may suffer loss in a religious sense, by mixing with others in Government, either in the Legislative or Executive Departments it is therefore advised that all may refrain from offering themselves as Candidates, for, or accepting of places of Honour or profit in Civil government, or attending at Elections in order to give their Votes for others. —

That Quarterly, Monthly & Preparative Meetings may also be encouraged to extend care where it is necessary, respecting the distillation

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