10th Month 6th

The printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London was received & read, to our edification, 400 copies having been sent by a Friend in London for the use of Friends within the limits of this Meeting. — It is directed that they be divided amongst the Quarters in the usual proportions John M.Kim, William Morsel & Abel Walker are named for that Service. —

Epistles of Correspondence were also received & read from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, Virginia & that held for North & South Carolina, Georgia & the Tennessee State to our satisfaction. The following Friends are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to each of those Meetings & the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London & produce them to a future sitting of this Meeting Viz: John Wilson, Evan Thomas, James Mendenhall, Isaac Pearson, Isaac Everitt, Allen Farquhar, Israel Janney, William Hough, James Gillingham, Joel Wright & Thomas Moore. —

George Ellicott, Joseph Townsend, Isac Webster Jacob Tyson Benjamin Walker, Benjamin Wright Stephen Howell Nathaniel White, James Rathbun, Jonas Cattell, Samuel Smith & David Greave are appointed to examine the Treasurer's Acct & report the State of the Stock, & what sum they judge necessary to be raised the ensuing Year. — And also to examine the state of the Pasture lot, & the proceedings of the Committee continued at last Yearly Meeting, to make farther improvements thereon, & report to a future sitting of this Meeting. —

The Representatives are desired to confer together at the close of this sitting in order to agree on a Friend to be proposed to next sitting, for Clerk to the meeting this Year. —

Then adjourned to the 10th hours tomorrow morning

10th M.o 10th & 3d of the Week. — About the time adjourned to Friends met & the Representatives being called, were present as yesterday. —

John Wilson on behalf of the Representatives, reports that they had conferred together & agreed to propose Joel Wright for Clerk this year, & Thomas Moore to assist him, with which the Meeting concurs. —

The answers to the Queries contained in the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings, representing the general state of society, were read & deliberately considered importing as follows. — Viz: —

1st — That all our meetings for Worship (except one, from which we have not had a regular account) have been generally attended by many of our members on first days, those on other days of the week are also duly attended by some Friends, tho' the number is sometimes small the hour mostly observed, unbecoming behaviour in meetings mostly avoided, yet one report notes some instances of sleeping, on which account some care has been extended. —

2nd — Many Friends are careful to maintain Love & Unity in a good degree as recommended, Talebearing backbiting & spreading evil reports mostly discouraged & care taken to end apparent differences. —

3d — A Considerable number of Friends are in a good degree careful to bring up those under their direction, to the due attendance of meetings, to plainness of speech behaviour & Apparel, to encourage their reading the Holy Scriptures & to restrain them from reading pernicious books & the corrupt conversation of the World, yet it is acknowledged, more attention to most of these particulars is necessary

4th — Friends are mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, & to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their Abilities to manage; the latter part of this Query mostly attended to, except some instances of failure, in punctually fulfilling contracts. —

5th — Our Testimony against a hireling Ministry, taking or administering Oaths, Military Services clandestine trade & Lotteries appears to be generally maintained. —