5th ..... As far as appears Friends are generally careful to bear a Testimony against an hireling ministry, taking or administering oaths Military Services, being concerned in clandistine trade, purchasing prize Goods & encouraging Lotteries. —

6th ..... Many Friends are careful to make their wills & settle their affairs in time of health, yet others are not sufficiently attentive thereto; the necessities of the poor are inspected & relieved & but few instances of Friends children being placed from among Friends since last year. —

7th ..... Most Friends are clear of importing, vending, distilling & the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, yet divers instances of deficiency in these respects are apparent, & some not sufficiently guarded against attending places of diversion, a good degree of moderation & Temperance in other respects is mostly observed. —

8th ..... Friends are generally careful to bear a testimony against Slavery, yet more instances of failure appears in this respect than at some former periods; those who have had their freedom secured & under Friends care, are mostly provided for, except their school education which is not enough attended to in some places —

9th ..... Offenders are dealt with in a good degree as recommended except some instances of delay. —

Answers to the Annual Queries. —

1st ..... One Minister deceased viz Elizabeth Nicholls a member of Redstone Quarterly Meeting, who departed this life on the 21st of the 7th Month 1798 aged upwards of Seventy Years, having been a minister near fifty years which station it appears she had occupied with propriety, & left a sweet savour behind her.

2nd ..... Two Meetings established, Viz: A Monthly Meeting in Culpepper County Virginia known by the name of South Land M.o Meeting, within the Verge of Fairfax Quarter, & a Preparative Meeting at Centre in the hall Moon Valley in Huntingdon County Pennsylvania, within the limits of Warrington M.o Meeting

3rd — Some sober persons joined in membership since last year.

4th — They are we believe nearly agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

The Representatives are desired to get together at the rising of this sitting to agree on a Friend to propose for Clerk this year & also one to assist him. —

Then adjourned to the 9th hour tomorrow morning. —

16th —

About the time adjourned to, the Meeting assembled, & the Representatives being called were all present except one, for whose absence a reason was given at last sitting. —

Mahlon Janney on behalf of the Representatives reports they have agreed to propose James Mendenhall for Clerk this year & William Stabler to assist him, which being concurred with by the Meeting, they are appointed to the service. —

Evan Thomas, Thomas Moore, Asa Moore, Jonathan Wright of Balt.e 2d, Joel Wright, David Brown, William Kenworthy, Joseph Townsend of Redstone, William Heald, John Hirst, Goldsmith Chandlee, & Benjamin Townsend, are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles of correspondance to the Yearly Meetings of London, Virginia, Philadelphia, & that held for North & South Carolina &c. & produce them to a future sitting of this Meeting.

Moses Dillon, Richard Hopkins, Enoch Williams, John Wilson, Cornelius Garretson, Benjamin Walker, William Wood Samuel Millar, Daniel Ragon, Jonas Potts, Samuel Smith, Joseph Steer, Robert Millar, John Cadwallader, Jonas Cattell, Jacob Ong, & Nathan Heald, are appointed to settle & adjust the Treasurers accounts, examine the present state of the stock, and what sum may be suitable to raise the ensuing year, & make report thereof to a future sitting of this Meeting. —

Fairfax Quarterly Meeting informs, that they are apprehensive, the Discipline is not sufficiently explicit with respect to dealing with, & disowning such members, as hire slaves of those who hold them in bondage. And request the advice of this meeting thereon: as also whether testimonies should be publicly read against such as purchase them or not; The following Friends are appointed to take the subjects under their solid consideration & report their sense thereon to a future sitting of this Meeting Viz.