"persons. And it is further our sense the testimonies against those
"who purchase slaves be publickly read. ——

"We have also taken into consideration the practice of purchasing
"slaves to be liberated after a term of years, and are of opinion, that though
"some friends may be induced thereto, from a motive of contributing to the
"cause of humanity (& it may in some instances produce that effect) yet it
"is our sense that it is too generally gone into from interested views, and
"the practice ought to be discouraged, believing that those who are concerned
"therein do not bear a faithful Testimony against slavery, & that friends
"forbear to employ such in ordering, or managing the affairs of the
"Church." —— All which is submitted to the Yearly Meeting & signed
"on behalf of the Committee"

By,

"Abel Walker
"William Farquhar
"Rees Cadwallader
"Joseph Townsend of Balt.

10th Month 17th 1798. ——

Which being twice read is concurred with. ——

The Committee appointed on Indian affairs brought in the following report Viz. ——

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting. ——

"Although we have paid attention to the subject of our appoint-
"ment we have not made much procedure in the business, but having
"lately received an application on behalf of the Indians, formerly
"residents on the Muskingham River, who being driven from their habe-
"tations in the time of the late War are now returning, & represented
"to be in want of necessary implements of husbandry, & provisions, a
"committee is appointed to inspect into their circumstances, with liberty
"if they shall believe it necessary, to afford them some assistance by
"furnishing them with such articles as they may be in immediate want
"of. —— And as no account has recently been received from those
"Indians who reside Westward of the Muskingham River, we have not
"made any provision for their accommodation, & we think it right to
"inform the Meeting, that when the necessary information is received
"it will be proper to communicate the same to the different Quarterly
"or Monthly Meetings in order for a speedy augmentation of the fund
as

"as it is yet much too small, to proceed on the plan last year
"proposed, there being now in our Treasurers hands only $1080.50

"Signed on behalf of the Committee by

"Jonathan Wright "Evan Thomas
"Joel Wright "Elias Ellicott"

"Balt. 10th 17th 1798

Which was twice read, & upon a deliberation, approved & that committee continued, & are at liberty if occasion requires to proceed according to their Prospect mentioned in the report. ——

The Committee continued last year to visit those who have in their families the black people; report that there has been nothing done in that case the preceding year; the committee is continued, & desired to attend to the business so as to render a satisfactory report to our next Yearly Meeting. ——

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the Circumstance of the lot heretofore purchased in Baltimore for the use of this Meeting, brought in a report in writing, which being several times read is referred to the consideration of a future sitting of this Meeting. ——

The meeting then adjourns to the 3d hour to-morrow afternoon. ——

18th of the Month & 5th of the Week, near the time adjourned to Friends Assembled. ——

The report of the committee on the lot of ground yesterday refered, was again read, many Friends expressing their sentiments thereon it is concurred with being as follows Viz. ——

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting"

"We the committee yesterday appointed to reconsider the
"circumstance of the Lot of Ground purchased in Baltimore
"for the further accommodation of the Yearly Meeting; agree to
"report. —— That we have (with most of the committee continued
"to have the management thereof) attended to the same, and on
"hearing the particular circumstances of it fully opened, find
that