"that Friends in the City have a desire to improve the present
"lot, by building thereon a suitable Meeting house for their accom-
"-modation, as also the accommodation of the Yearly Meeting, on which
"account it is our united sentiment, that the Yearly Meeting purchase
"off the ground rent to which the said lot is subject, at as early a period
"as may be, & that Friends of the City aforesaid be at liberty to pursue
"their prospect of improving the same in the manner proposed. —

"We are also free to propose that if a liberal subscription
"was opened during the present meeting, it would have a good effect
"to answer the purpose aforesaid. — All which is submitted to the
Yearly Meeting, & signed on behalf of the committee by,

10th Mo 17th 1798 — "John Butcher "Samuel Rice
"Rues Cadwallader "Thomas Thornburgh"

Joseph Townsend (of Balt.) Elisha Tyson, John Brown and
Elias Ellicott are appointed to open & take such subscriptions as
Friends (during the time of this Yearly Meeting) are free to make;
& that the different Quarterly & Monthly Meetings are requested to
take up the subject, & as early as may be, raise such sums as
they are free, & forward the same to the above named Friends for
the purpose above mentioned. — The sum wanted being £833-6-8
The Treasurer is directed to pay out of the Yearly Meeting stock,
the ground rent due on the said lot for the last year. —

The committee appointed on the accounts, & Pasture lot
brought in the following report Viz. —

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting"

"We the committee appointed to examine & adjust the accounts
"of the Treasurer, & also respecting the Pasture lot, having met &
"attended thereto, find the expences, for improving said lot,
"Mowing, haymaking, &c amount to $209-31/100
"The proceeds arising from s'd lot for hay Pasture &c 122 75/100
"Advanced by the Treasurer ..... 90.
Balance in the hands of standing committee ... 3. 44/100

"The Quota's being all paid in to the hands of the
"Treasurer there remains in his hands a balance of $405. 54/100

"And we agree to propose, that the sum of $400 be raised the

"the ensuing year; but as many Friends appear not fully satis
"-fied with the present proportions, we are free to offer to the consider
"-ation of the Yearly Meeting, whether the same shall be raised in
"that proportion, or be farther considered. — All which we submit
"to the Meeting."

"Signed on behalf of the Committee"
Joseph Steer John Wilson
10th Mo 17th 1798 Jonas Cattell Benjamin Walker"

Which being twice read is concurred with & Jacob Baldwin Moses Dillon, Joseph Townsend (of Balt.) Thomas Moore, Samuel Snowden jun.r Benjamin Underwood, John Love, Joel Wright, William Wood, Isaac Pearson, Asa Moore, Isaac Steer Goldsmith Chandlee, James Rattikin, Aquilla Janney, John McPherson, Joseph Townsend (of Redstone) Blackstone Janney Jonas Cattell, William Heald & John Cadwallader, are appointed to consider the present proportions of the different Quarterly Meetings, & make such alterations as they may think right, & report thereof to a future sitting of this Meeting. —

Isaiah Balderston on behalf of the Committee here-
-tofore appointed to have the care of the Pasture Lot informs —
that they request to be released, & the Meeting considering the
same grants their request, & appoints Joseph Thornburgh, Thomas
Poultney, David Brown, & John Mash to have the charge thereof
until farther directions are given by the Yearly Meeting. —

The Friends appointed to prepare copys of certificates
for our Friends Gervis Johnson & Mary Prior, produced them &
being read were approved & signed. —

The situation of those black people who remain
in Friends families, being revived, & many Friends expressing their
sentiments thereon; it appears to be the united judgment of Friends
at this time, that Quarterly Meetings take the subject into consider
-ation; & appoint suitable committees to unite with the Committee
appointed for the service by this Meeting; & that accounts of their
care herein may be sent to our next Yearly Meeting. —