Stephen Grellet attended this Meting & produced a copy of a minute from New York Monthly Meting dated the 6th of the 11th Month 1799, expressive of friends unity with his paying a religious visit to friends in some of the southern States in company with John Hall, & he having visited most or all the Metings constituting our Yearly Meeting, the friends yesterday appointed to prepare a Certificate for John Hall are desired to prepare the needful for our aforesaid friend & produce it to a future sitting of this Meting. ——

Caleb Bentley, John Nash, Benjamin Wright, Joel Wright, Asa Moore, Abel Walker, Jonas Cattell, Joseph Townsend (of Redstone) are appointed to examine & adjust the Treasurers accounts, report the State of the Stock, & what may be needful to raise the ensuing year) to a future sitting of this Meting. ——

Joseph Townsend (of Balt°) Thomas Moore, Isaiah Balderston, David Brown, Joel Wright, Benjamin Wright David Greaves, Joseph Townsend of Redstone) Asa Moore and Evan Thomas are appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to the different Yearly Metings, with which this corresponds & produce them to a future sitting of this Meting. ——

The comprised answers to the Queries as brought up in the reports from the Quarterly Metings are as follows

Answr 1st —— All our Metings for Worship & Discipline have been duly attended by a considerable number of friends: on first days by the greater part of our members, yet it is remarked that in most places, too many remain in the frequent neglect of those held on other days of the week, the hour nearly observed, unbecoming behaviour in Metings mostly avoided, except some instances of sleeping in divers places on account of which care has been extended. ——

Answer 2d —— Many friends are concerned for the maintainance of Love & Unity as recommended, tho' some instances to the contrary has appeard, on account of which some care has been taken

taken, Tabbearing, backbiting, & spreading evil reports mostly discouraged, & endeavours used to end apparent differences. ——

Answr 3d —— A Considerable number of friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction to the due attendance of Metings, to plainness of speech, behaviour & Apparel, to the frequent reading of the scriptures, & to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the World yet there are deficiencies in these respects in most places. ——

Answer 4th —— Friends are mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, to avoid involving themselves in business, beyond their Abilities to manage; to observe justice in dealing, & punctuality in fulfilling contracts and where there is ground for fear in these respects care is taken.

Answer 5th —— Friends appear to be generally careful to bear a Testimony against a hireling Ministry, taking or Administering Oaths, Military services, being concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, purchasing prize goods, or encouraging lotteries, yet it is remarked, that a few instances of failure respecting Military Services, & Lotteries, have occurred, on account of which, some care has been extended. ——

Answer 6th —— Many friends are careful to make their wills, & settle their outward affairs in time of health, yet it appears that more care in these respects is necessary — the necessities of the poor are attended to, & friends children mostly placed among friends, tho' a few instances to the contrary has appeared.

Answer 7th —— Friends appear to be mostly clear of importing, vending, distilling, & the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, frequenting places of Diversion, or Taverns unnecessarily & to observe a good degree of moderation & temperance, yet divers instances of deficiency in most of these particulars has appeared.

Answer 8th Friends are Generally careful to bear a testimony

against