

particularly addressed to this meeting. Likewise epistles of correspondence from all the yearly meetings held upon this continent (except <sup>that of</sup> Rhode Island) were received; which being read were acceptable. And in order that the truly valuable and salutary matter contained in the general epistle may become more extensively useful, it was concluded to have 2500 copies printed, to be apportioned between the quarterly meetings. William Riley and Philip E Thomas were appointed to agree with a printer for the above number; who were also directed to inspect the proof sheet, & call upon the treasurer for the amount of expence.

The following friends were appointed to prepare essays of epistles to the Yearly meetings with which we correspond, who were desired to produce them to a future sitting (to wit)

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| Abel Thomas     | James Mendenhall  | James Gillingham |
| Thomas Moore    | Isaac Moore       | Zaccheus East    |
| Aquila W Bolton | Isaac Pearson     | Saml Hutchinson  |
| Edward Stabler  | William Kenworthy | Philip E Thomas  |
| Israel Howell   | Charles Dingee    | John Trimble     |
|                 | Thomas Wood       |                  |

Certificates and minutes were offered to the meeting, by several brethren from other yearly meetings, which on being read were acceptable. Jacob Tyson and Thomas Moore were appointed to prepare essays of endorsements upon them, to be produced to a future sitting.

The representatives were directed to confer together, at the close of the present sitting, in order to agree upon a clerk, and an assistant to be proposed at the opening of the next sitting.

Then adjourned to the 3rd. hour, this afternoon.

When friends assembled.

James Mendenhall, on behalf of the representatives, reported, that after a conference they had unitedly agreed to propose Gerard T Hopkins to serve the meeting as clerk, and Isaac Moore for an assistant, with which the concurrence of the meeting was expressed.

The following report was produced by the committee, appointed last year, to attend the opening of Short-Creek quarterly meeting.

The committee, appointed to attend the opening of Short-Creek quarterly meeting, report, that we complied with our appointment, and that the meeting was opened and held agreeably to the direction of the yearly meeting, to a good degree of satisfaction.

Signed William Trimble George Ellicott Jonathan Jessop

Thomas Wood William Hough Abra<sup>m</sup> Branson

Will<sup>m</sup> Yeates William Dixon Thomas French.

Which being read was satisfactory.

A report, as follows, was also produced by the committee appointed last year to feel after the propriety of granting the request of Salem and Middleton monthly meetings. (to wit) The committee appointed to attend Red-Stone quarterly meeting, and Salem and Middleton monthly meeting report that we attended to the appointment, and had an open conference with friends of each of those meetings, in which our minds were feelingly disposed in nearly sympathy with them. And we are free to propose, as our united judgment, that a quarterly meeting for business be established at Salem, to be called Salem quarterly meeting, and composed of Salem and Middleton monthly meetings - to be held at the eleventh hour on the first seventh day, after the second second day in the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th months. And that a quarterly meeting for ministers and elders be opened at the 11th hour the day preceding. Signed

William Trimble George Ellicott Jonathan Jessop

Thomas Wood William Hough Abraham Branson

William Yeates William Dixon Thomas French

and David Greave

Which was deliberately read, and after claiming the solid consideration of the meeting a concurrence therewith was expressed. It was accordingly concluded that a committee be appointed to attend the opening of the quarterly meeting, and that its commencement take place at the stated time in the 6th month next. The following friends were appointed to this interesting service, who were desired to report of their attention, to