

be, in conjunction with the Clerk for the time being, to revise and record the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting from year to year, which being concurred with the following Friends were appointed to that Service for the present year viz. Philip E. Thomas, George Ellicott, Joseph Townsend and Jared T. Hopkins. —

Baltimore Quarterly Meeting in their Report forwarded a Request that the time of holding their Meeting of Ministers and Elders may be changed from the eleventh to the tenth hour of the same Day which was approved, and the Clerk directed to furnish that Quarter with a copy of this Minute. —

The following Friends were appointed to take into consideration a Request from Red Bank Quarterly Meeting relative to the Proportions in which the Quarters have hitherto contributed to the Yearly meeting Stock, viz. Caleb Bentley, Jonathan Ellicott, Joseph Thornburg, Silas Warner, Joseph Priest, Isaac Pearson, Thomas Russell, Jesse Hughes, William M. Pherson, Mahlon Taylor, John Williams, Thomas Shreve, Henry Mills, Henry Roth, Jacob Griffith, Charles Dingee, Nathan Updegraff, William Wood, Joseph Gibbons, Enoch Harris, Gideon Hughes, Abraham Warrington, Isaac James, Joel Wright, Henry Siddons & Jonathan Wright jun. who were requested to report to a future Sitting. —

The following Friends were appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's Accounts, report the State of the Stock, and the Sum which it may be expedient to raise the ensuing year for the use of the Yearly meeting viz. Benjamin Benson, Hugh Calderston, George Ellicott, Solomon Shephers, Caleb Kirk, Joseph Garrison, Isaac Steer, John Jannet, Nathan Haines, Jacob Griffith, Elisha Hunt, Henry Mills, Horton Howard, Joshua Hatcher, James Kinsey, Isaac James, Gideon Hughes, Abraham Warrington, Ezekiel Cleaver, Henry Siddons, who were desired to report to a future Sitting. —

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour to morrow morning. —

Tenth of the Month and third of the Week. —

Friends again assembled according to adjournment.

The State of our religious Society as contained in the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings being brought into view, an ardent Travail of Spirit was experienced in regard to those Causes which continue to retard the progress of the Church, and having proceeded in the consideration thereof to the third Query it was concluded to the fourth hour this afternoon. —

Friends met agreeably to adjournment. —

The Consideration of the interesting Subject of our precious Testimonies being resumed the Meeting proceeded therein to the fourth Query and then adjourned to the ninth hour to morrow morning. —

Eleventh of the Month and fourth of the Week. —

Pursuant to adjournment Friends again assembled. —

The Reports transmitted to this Meeting from the different Quarters in answer to the Recommendation handed down in the Extracts last Year relative to Spirituous Liquors having received the solid attention of this Meeting it was concluded to appoint a Committee to take the Subject into serious consideration and to report to a future Sitting their Judgment of the necessary steps further to be taken by the Yearly Meeting: — the following Friends were accordingly appointed: — Samuel Lukens, William Raley, John Jewett, Jacob Tyson, Joseph Priest, Samuel Garretson, John Talbot, Jonathan Jephso, Israel Jannet, Nathaniel White, James Moore, John Jannet, David Grave, Charles Dingee, Henry Roth, Elisha Hunt, Jonathan Taylor, William Wood, Joseph Gibbons, Joshua Hatcher, Gideon Hughes, Isaac James, Abraham Warrington, Horton Howard, Henry Siddons, Joel Wright, Jonathan Wright jun. Ezekiel Cleaver. —

The Accounts brought up from the Quarterly Meetings in answer to the Queries were to the following effect: —

1. — A considerable number of Friends are careful to attend all our religious meetings; those for worship on first days more generally, — but in regard to the important duty of attending week-day meetings, a remissness is noted by each Quarter: Meetings for Discipline are also said to be too much neglected: Instances of a drowsy Disposition prevailing are remarked in three of the reports, on which account, as well as the smallness of Meetings an extension of some hour is mentioned; — in other respects unbecoming Behaviour when met is generally avoided, — and the hour of meeting nearly observed. —
2. — Many Friends are in a good degree careful to maintain Love to each other as becomes our christian Profession; — to discourage Tale-bearing and Detraction; — and to end Differences when care has appeared to be necessary. —
3. — A considerable number of the Members of each Quarter endeavor by example and precept to educate their Children and those under their care in plainness of Speech, Deportment and Apparel; — to guard them against reading pernicious Books, and from the corrupt Conversation of the World; — and to encourage their reading the Holy Scriptures; yet it is acknowledged, that in many places, there are evident Deficiencies in these respects, which require attention. —
4. — There does not appear to be any known Importer of Spirituous Liquors amongst us; but some Members continue to vend, — and to have them distilled from fruit, — and also at some times to use them. — Mostly careful to avoid frequenting Taverns unnecessarily, — or to attend at places of Division; — and in other respects to observe moderation and temperance. —

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