

By the reports from our Quarters on the important subject of spirituous liquors, it appeared that our testimony in this respect has advanced since last year. But as it still appeared in the view of the meeting, to be an exceedingly important concern, it was ardently desired that Quarterly meetings might not relax in their attention to it, but with assiduous and affectionate labour, endeavour to strengthen the hands of those who may yet be deficient in respect to it, and report their care to the meeting next year.

The Committee appointed at last yearly meeting to take into consideration the situation of such persons of the African race as are in Friends families produced the following report.

That the Committee last year appointed to take into consideration the situation of those of the African race, who are in Friends families, agree to report, that we have several times met, and upon investigating the subject, unitedly agree to propose to the yearly meeting, that the case be referred to Quarterly meetings, and that they be enjoined to make full inspection into the situation of those who remain in the families of friends, or have been liberated by friends within the limits of their respective meetings, and where there are any who have not had their freedom fully secured (by their

manumissions being defective or otherwise) that they be put upon executing such as will be sufficient, and we are informed, by one of legal information, that by the insertion of a paragraph in the manumissions of females, in the state of Maryland, that their offspring, shall also be free, & will secure the freedom of children that may be born before the time fixed in the manumission for the Parents freedom. — And we think it right that Quarterly meetings be particular in having it done, and that a particular account of their progress and situation, be sent to the meeting next year.

all which we submit to the meeting,

(Signed by)

James Wendenhall
John Chew Thomas
Joseph Grist
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Which was approved, and Quarterly meetings were directed to proceed accordingly, and report their care to the meeting next year.

The following report from the standing Committee on the Pasture lot, was produced and approved, viz. —

The Committee on the Pasture lot, Report, that we have paid