

—lings of our early Friends, if more generally prevalent, it was likewise believed would be the means of guarding our members against the dangerous and contaminating influence of those many speculative opinions which have so abounded in our day: It would strengthen us in the truth of those points of doctrine in which they believed and for which they suffered, as well as diffuse amongst our members a more intimate acquaintance with the various Testimonies which have from the beginning been maintained by the Society and the close trials and deep sufferings through which they were sustained. — Our ancient Testimony against War was likewise impressively brought into view and an earnest exercise and concern felt that our members might be engaged faithfully to hold it up to the world and not to enter into those commutations which have in some instances been offered as substitutes for military requisitions or fines and in an especial manner that they might be careful of the state of their own minds when called upon for military exactions, lest they violate the spirit of our Testimony by the exhibition of Tempers inconsistent with that meekness under suffering which constitutes an unequivocal feature of the Christian Character.

By the minutes of the meeting for sufferings it appeared that a new edition of the Book of Discipline was become necessary and that it had been the prospect of that meeting that some improvement might profitably be made therein: The Meeting after a time of deliberation on the subject concluded to appoint a Committee to unite with the meeting for sufferings in taking the subject under their consideration with the privilege of proposing such alterations to the Meeting next year as they may believe will promote the best interests of Society. The following Friends were appointed to the service, to wit

William Procter, Isaac Wilson, Caleb Bentley, John Livingston, George Wilson, Eli Elliott, Joseph Gried, John S. Garretson, Richard A. Little, Isaac Steer, Bernard Taylor, William Telliffe, Joseph Smith, Robert Brown, Silas Warner & William Weston.

This Meeting was informed that a vacancy had occurred in the Meeting for sufferings by the death of our friend Lyah Procter who was appointed by the Yearly Meeting; the following Friends were set apart to nominate to a future sitting a Friend to succeed him, to wit, Thomas Elliott, Isaac Brooks, John Talbot, Amos Farquhar, John McPherson, Edward Walker, Joseph Balanda and James Jackson.

The Committee appointed to examine the late Treasurers account and to propose a suitable friend to succeed him produced the following Report which was concurred with and the friend therein named appointed and Quarterly and Monthly Meetings desired to forward their Quotas accordingly.

To The Yearly Meeting now sitting.

We have examined and settled the late Treasurers' accounts and find a Balance on hand of \$20⁰⁰ exclusive of the Balance due from Warrington and Fairfax Quarters which were reported last year and the quotas for this year which remain to be paid: These together with the Balance now on hand will amount to \$472⁷⁵. We have agreed to propose Four hundred Dollars to be raised the ensuing year — and that Hugh Balderson be appointed to serve this meeting as Treasurer.

— Which we submit to the Meeting. Signed on behalf of the Committee by

Seremiah Browne

George S. Hough

Baltimore 10mo 11th 1820 John S. Garretson

The Committee on Indian concerns produced the following Report which was concurred with, to wit.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee on Indian Concerns Report.

That since last year the subject committed to their care has continued to claim their serious attention, but that as the Meeting has been heretofore informed the more active part of their duties has by an arrangement been

(trans)