

Meeting to this, it was concluded to commit the subject to the consideration of the Representatives who were desired to Report thereon to a future sitting.

The Communication received from the Representatives at a former sitting being brought into view, it was concluded to refer the same back to the reconsideration of the Representatives, who were desired to Report to a future sitting.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow Morning.

5th day of the week & 30th of the Month

Pursuant to adjournment Friends again assembled

The Meeting having been brought under great exercise on account of the circumstances developed in the information contained in the Epistles from several Yearly Meetings of the dissensions among the members of our Society beyond the limits of this Meeting and the criminalations promulgated in the form of charges against those who have hitherto been considered by us as brethren baptised by the same spirit into the same body, has not seen its way to respond to charges emanating from meetings possessing the same extent of powers with itself but over whose acts it can have no supervision or control.

Believing as we do that each Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends constitutes of itself a body possessing not less of right than from necessity, all the powers of self government, we neither claim the right to controul the judgment nor to animadvert upon the proceedings of others; nor can we, upon the same principles recognise the right or the power, in them to controul or prescribe rules for our conduct.

This Meeting has not considered itself called upon either to advance any new principle of Faith or to expound those principles which constituted the bond of Union among its Members since the first establishment of the Society; under a belief that these principles are well known

not only to our Members but to the well informed portion of all Christian denominations throughout the world; and we are persuaded that if Friends in all sections of the Country where discord and disunion have appeared will settle down into that state of quietude where only true wisdom is to be found and ask counsel of him "who giveth liberally and upbraideth not" they may yet experience the assurance of that blessing which is reserved for the righteous from the foundation of the world.

The Clerk was directed to forward to the several Yearly Meetings from whom Epistles have been received at this time a copy of the above minute, signed on behalf of this Meeting.

The following Report was received from the Representatives to whom at a former sitting had been referred the proposal brought up from Fairfax Quarter to our last Yearly Meeting and being considered was united with. It was also the judgment of this meeting that Ministers should be excused from acting on committees to propose the names of Friends to serve as Elders; and it is further the conclusion of this Meeting that upon Elders being appointed by a Monthly Meeting their names be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders who shall receive and record them as Members, and that it should also be the case of Monthly Meetings to inform the Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders when an Elder is released from that station. to wit

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The subject of appointing of Elders and Members of the Meeting for sufferings having claimed our serious attention, we have agreed to Report as our united judgment, that it be enjoined on Monthly Meetings to appoint committees for the purpose of proposing Friends to the station of Elders at least once in three years, and that the Members of the Meeting for