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things, were appointed by one of whom all certificates and minutes intended to go beyond the limits of the Quarter, are to be signed, in addition to the usual signatures. A list of these correspondents is hereto enclosed.

With the Salutation of Love we remain Your Friends
Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting
Samuel Pettie Clerk.

From

Our yearly Meeting of men and women Friends held at Wayne Oaks in Charles City County VA 11th 12th 13th by adjournments from the 18th of the 5th Month to the 28th of the same inclusive 1829.

To the next yearly Meeting of Friends in Baltimore.

Dear Friends,

Having been again permitted to assemble together in a Yearly Meeting capacity in order to transact the weighty concerns of Society we salute you and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of the 10 month last.

Our hearts have been drawn into deep sympathy with you in the various trials with which it hath pleased an All-wise Providence to permit you to be afflicted. The disbelief in the Divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the atonement purchased for our Sins by his marvellous love and Condescension in offering himself a ransom for the Salvation of fallen man, which has prevailed among those from whom you have separated, and also the consequent undervaluing of the Scriptures of Truth attendant on this state is likewise truly sorrowful. We are firmly persuaded that the more we are under the influence of the Heavenly principles by which they were originally dictated, the more highly they shall appreciate them.

But dear Friends be not discouraged. The language held forth in former times "The Lord's arm is not shortened that he cannot save nor his ear grown heavy that he cannot hear" is as applicable now as it ever was, to the Jew as to the ungodly, and if we are but rightly concerned to serve him in simplicity and truth, he will be nigh unto us, even to the making our rough paths smooth and opening a door for escape, where none appeared to help, and he will become our fortress and our shield; for as the mountains are round about Jerusalem so will the Lord be round about those that serve him. Many are the deep pressing trials through which we have had to pass on account of the smallness of our numbers, occasioned by emigration and death, leaving those that remain in a very scattered condition and consequently throwing the various duties devolving on us on the shoulders of an experienced few, and these considerations have impressed us with an earnest desire that our younger Brethren may become willing to submit to the gracious influences of the Spirit of Christ, and laying aside the de-

ceitful Pleasure, the cares and perplexities of this world, they may stand forth in the Beauty of Holiness, as helpers and Standard Bearers in support of the Faith once delivered to the Saints, and the Testimonies delivered to us by our predecessors.

On bringing forward the State of Society as handed to us in the answers to the Queries by the subordinate Meetings, various deficiencies are apparent amongst us. Among these the neglect in the attendance of our Religious Meetings, a departure from plainness, and the improper use of Entertaining liquors, claimed the consideration of this Meeting, and drew forth much ^{to the encouragement of Friends generally, and in a particular manner} reasonable advice, tending we hope to the encouragement of those standing in the responsible station of overseers, in the removal of these causes of Complaint, and it was judged best on solidly weighing the subject, to send down a minute of Advice, to our subordinate Meetings expressive of the exhortations of this Meeting, and also to appoint a Committee, to attend our Quarterly, Monthly and as far as way may open our Preparative Meetings, to render such assistance for their removal as in Best Wisdom shall seem meet.

Our Meeting for Sufferings continues its labours on behalf of the rights of the African and Indian races, but way has not opened since last year for much further labour in the great Cause of general Emancipation.

With the Salutation of Love we are your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid by

Heming Bates, Clerk.
Delora Cook, Clerk.

From

The Meeting of Sufferings in North Carolina held the 15th of the 6th Month 1829

To the next yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in Baltimore
Dear Friends

At our last yearly Meeting we received an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore: but as we had been informed that;

That Meeting had acknowledged an association set up in Philadelphia contrary to the order of Friends our Yearly Meeting thought proper to refuse accepting it: drew up a minute to that effect and instructed our Clerks to return said Epistle together with a copy of our Minute, to the Clerks of the Meeting which issued it. Since that time, we have been informed that a number who adhere to the ancient Faith and Doctrine of our Society, withdrew and held a Yearly Meeting. This has been cause of rejoicing, and we have thought proper at this Meeting to address you as the proper Yearly Meeting of Baltimore, on behalf of our Yearly Meeting and we desire you may be encouraged to continue your correspondence with us. We feel much Brotherly Love and Sympathy for you in your