

testimonies which we have always held, might tend to the advancement of the cause of Truth: and the encouragement and satisfaction of Friends. A summary thereof has been accordingly prepared, carefully and solidly considered, and being united with, it was directed to be forwarded to the respective Yearly Meetings.

It is approved and adopted by each Meeting, it is proposed that their minute, expressive of this conclusion, and the number of Copies which they may desire to have, be communicated to the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia, in order that a suitable number may be printed.

In the consideration of this important Document, and during the whole of our deliberations, it is cause of humble and grateful acknowledgements to the great Preserver of men, that we have been favoured to feel together as brethren of the same household of Faith and to experience much harmony and christian condescension.

And the following is the Document alluded to and which with this report is submitted to the Yearly Meetings.

Signed on behalf of the general Committee by
Philadelphia 8th mo. 1839. Elisha Bates Clerk.

The essay prepared by the general Committee, composed of Committees from the several Yearly Meetings on this continent, who met in Philadelphia in the 7th month last, entitled "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the American Continent" and submitted to this Meeting with the foregoing Reports, being now deliberately read and considered, was cordially united with by the Meeting.

When approved and adopted by all the Yearly Meetings it was concluded to take five hundred copies for the use of this meeting. The clerk was directed to forward a copy of this minute to the Meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia.

Then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Near the time adjourned to, Friends again met.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to confer together, and nominate to this Meeting suitable Friends to fill the vacancies in the Meeting for Sufferings, reported the following names for that service: Wm. Ward, Isaac Combs, Thomas Ware, Thomas Worthington, Joseph Balaban, Isaac Brooks, Nicholas Popplein, Thomas Covering, Thomas Scott, John Griffith, William Proctor, Jesse Scott, Andrew Schofield, Samuel Hopkins, Joseph King Jun^r, and William W. Handy: which was united with and they were accordingly appointed. The friends now appointed together with Gerrard T. Hopkins, Hugh Balderston, Samuel Worthington, George Wilson and John Dukehart at present under that appointment on behalf

of this Meeting with such of the Members appointed to represent Baltimore and Nottingham Quarterly Meetings as are now in attendance, were directed to hold the next sitting of that Meeting on the 22^d of this Month at 7 o'clock in the Evening. Their regular Meetings to be held the day Preceding the time for holding Baltimore Quarterly Meetings in the 3^d and 10th months at 7 o'clock in the evening. The clerk was directed to furnish the Meeting for Sufferings with a copy of this Minute. The Quarterly Meetings were also directed to fill the Vacancies in their representation in that Meeting, as early as practicable.

Then adjourned to 4 o'clock to morrow afternoon.
22^d of the Month and 5th of the Week.

Pursuant to adjournment Friends again met.

The committee appointed at a former sitting of this Meeting, to take into consideration the Situation of the Meetings and members constituting this Meeting, made the following report:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

We the Committee, appointed to take into consideration the present circumstances of the meetings and members belonging to this Yearly Meeting: Report.

That in adverting to the causes of the painful and afflictive Separation which occurred last year, during the session of the Yearly Meeting, by which many who have been in connection with us, have entered into association and fellowship with the Separatists, from the great body of Friends on this continent, whilst two of our Quarterly Meetings have sent representatives to the Yearly Meeting, we are greatly affected by the circumstances of the remaining two Quarterly Meetings of Fairfax and Warrington not having produced reports: but which it appears have united themselves to the Separatists. We consider then Quarterly Meetings according to the constitution of our Discipline to be subordinate to and accountable to the Yearly Meeting. The committee therefore after taking the fullest view of which they have been capable, both of the duty which the Yearly Meeting owes to its meetings and members, and the meetings and members to the Yearly Meeting, are unitedly of the judgment, that as the two Quarterly Meetings of Fairfax and Warrington have become insubordinate, have separated themselves from communion with us, and have united themselves to a body, claiming to be the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore, and which by an act of its own last year in contravention of the Discipline by which they profess to be governed, closed