

be more immediately interested, we judge it proper to call your persons and
sole attention to the subject & to invite you, if way should open, to the appoint-
ment of a Committee to participate with us in our next Yearly meeting upon the
further consideration of this important subject."

This meeting feeling an affectionate and brotherly interest in the important
concern thus offered to its consideration was united in believing it right to
accept the invitation therein contained, to appoint a Committee to unite
with them in further deliberation on the subject at their next Yearly
meeting. And the following friends were accordingly appointed to the
service, to be in connexion with a Committee of Women Friends viz.
Hugh Balderson, Joseph Townsend, Gerard T. Hopkins, Andrew
Sholfield, Joseph King Jr. Thomas Scott David Griscom &
Nicholas Popplein. The Clerk was directed to furnish the
Committee with a Copy of this minute signed on behalf of
this meeting.

The following paragraph was contained in the Epistle received
from Ohio Yearly Meeting

"The appointment of a Committee to unite with others from the
several Yearly Meetings on this Continent in the capacity of a
General Committee to take into consideration the general
interests of Society, & any subject which may appear to be connected
with the prosperity of the body at large, was taken into weighty de-
liberation and the meeting believing that it is not only desirable
that there should be a more perfect agreement of the discipline of the
respective Yearly Meetings in some of their provisions but that the
recurrence of such an assembly under the influence of the Holy
Head of the Church, entering into an united exercise for the welfare
of the Society and the support of its testimonies, & in that wisdom
which he might graciously afford, directing their attention and
giving their advice to the Yearly Meetings on any subject in which
the Society possessed a common interest, might lead to strengthen
the bonds of Gospel Fellowship, unite us more closely together
as one body, & thus promote the great objects for which our meet-
ings for discipline were originally established; it was ^{with} much unanimity
concluded to recommend the subject to the consideration of the several
Yearly Meetings proposing, if the concern should be united with
that they may respectively appoint committees to meet in Phila-
delphia the last second day in the seventh month next Year for the
important & interesting objects, & that they should also take into con-
sideration, & propose to the respective Yearly Meetings their
improvement as to the times & places of holding such general Com-
mittees to be hereafter appointed."

after a time of weighty & deliberate consideration on the nature and
great importance of the subject contained in the paragraph the meeting
united in the propriety of appointing a Committee to take the subject gen-
erally into consideration, & report their judgment thereon to a future sitting
of the Meeting. The following were accordingly appointed for that ser-
vice to be in connexion with a Committee of Women Friends viz. by
John Schubert, Isaac Brooker, Joseph Townsend, Thomas, Leving
Thomas, Scott David Griscom, Samuel Worthington, William Howell
Gorge Williamson & Nicholas Popplein. The following
Report was produced by the Committee appointed last Year in
relation to the meetings & members composing the Yearly Meeting
which was read & approved, & the Committee were exhorted &
encouraged to embrace every right opening to a farther discharge
of the duties connected with their appointment ^{their own business} report to the Meeting
next year.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting

The Committee last Year nominated to unite with such Committees as
might be appointed by the several Yearly Meetings in order to
expend labour within the compass of the Quarters either to meetings or
individually as way might open for it, whether in relation to meetings
for Worship or discipline Report, that acquainted with similar Com-
mittees by the respective Women Meetings they have affectionately &
they hope faithfully kept in view, the importance of the duties
confided to them in reference to the separation & to the difficulties
to which our religious Society has become subject.

Soon after the close of the last Yearly Meeting our attention was directed
to some parts of the late Fairfax Quarter where we had reason to
apprehend there were openings to receive visits from the Committee.
In the neighbourhood of Hopewell we had religious meetings and
conferences with a number of individuals who were under concern
& trial on account of their connexion with the Separatists as made
obligatory upon them by the steps taken by Baltimore Yearly Meeting
in the Year 1825 which resulted in the interesting conclusion to establish
a meeting for Worship at Hopewell to be composed of the members
of the late Hopewell Monthly Meeting in unity with us & to be held
on first & fourth days. We had also in the course of this visit
conferences with several friends at Goose Creek under whose
that there were amongst them those whose minds were preparing
for the same step. On a second visit to these Vicinities, the Committee
found the way open for encouraging & establishing a meeting
for Worship (on First & Fourth days) at Goose Creek at the house of Hannah Hoge; they found
also a desire as expressed by friends of South Fork Meeting a branch of the late Goose Creek Monthly Meeting
to obtain connexion Fellowship with the Quaker Society and they were accordingly encouraged to hold a meeting for Worship
on First and Fourth days at South Fork Meeting House.