

Communion and in Christian fellowship with itself that body of persons in & on behalf of which Hugh Balderson acted as clerk in its Yearly Meeting designated the Yearly Meeting for the Western Shore of Maryland and parts of Pennsylvania & Virginia and from which Yearly Meeting held at Baltimore by adjournments from the 15th of the 10th month to the 22nd of the same inclusive 1830 this meeting has now received & read an Epistle signed by the said Hugh Balderson, and that it acknowledges the said body as holding & maintaining the doctrines & principles of the Christian Religion as they have been uniformly held & maintained by the Religious Society of Friends (commonly called Quakers) in this country from its origin to the present time. And this meeting hereby further declares that it does not recognize as in communion with itself, as a Christian Community under the religious denomination of Friends or Quakers any meeting, association, institution, committee, or body of persons within the district of the Yearly Meeting above described other than the said Yearly Meeting and those meetings, associations, institutions, committees or bodies of persons which the said Yearly Meeting acknowledges as associated with or subordinate to it.*

Signed in and on behalf and by direction of the said Meeting
by Josiah Foster
Clerk to the meeting this Year

Yearly Meeting 1831. "This Meeting has been introduced into a feeling of much sympathy with our friends in several of the Yearly Meetings on the American Continent in consideration of the various pecuniary claims to which they have been subjected from the existing state of things in our Religious Society within their limits and which it understands that they have according to their ability met with great liberality.

Under these impressions it is concluded to recommend that a liberal subscription be raised in our several Quarterly Meetings & transmitted to their correspondents in London to be appropriated under the care of the Meeting for Sufferings to the following objects:

1st To assist in the supply of the Holy Scriptures to Friends in low circumstances and as this meeting has understood that an association of Friends is formed in Philadelphia for the purpose of meeting the general wants of Friends in America in this respect it is proposed that reference should be had to that channel of supplying them.

* The affirmation of Josiah Foster clerk to the meeting taken before the Mayor of London: the Certificate of the United States Consul at London and the Certificate of the Notary Public in London were severally prefixed to this minute. ✓

2^d To assist with small sums of money towards the fitting of meeting houses in places within the limits of towns of the Yearly Meeting whom in consequence of the recent secession from the Society they are deprived of the use of their meeting houses, and it is found that such assistance would prove desirable.

3rd The offer of some pecuniary aid in the prosecution of the important work of education which has it appears been under the especial notice of some of the Yearly Meetings.

4th To assist in the supply of approved writings to our history and religious principles for the Librarians belonging to the Monthly Meetings of Friends in many parts of America which there is reason to apprehend are ^{at present} very inadequately furnished.

"Copy William Allanley"

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

According to adjournment Friends again assembled.

The Committee, appointed at a former sitting to prepare an Epistle of exhortation to be placed on the Minutes & Certificates of brethren and sisters attending this meeting from within the limits of neighbouring Yearly Meetings produced one which was approved and the clerk directed to unite with the clerk of Women's meeting in endorsing them accordingly.

The following Extract from the will of the late Sarah Bane was produced & referred to the attention of the Committee on Indian Concerns and when the bequest is obtained it is the judgment of the Meeting that it be paid over to Joseph Livingston Treasurer of that Committee.

"Extract"

"I give to my Executors the sum of one thousand dollars to pay to the Treasurer of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore for the transaction of the Relief & benefit of the Indians, that the said Yearly Meeting with the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Mount Pleasant in the State of Ohio hath their care towards civilization, having the tribe of Tincanora's first in view, if to be found within two Years."

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon 3rd of the month & 5th of the week.

Pursuant to adjournment the meeting again held.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting produced the following minute of advice to our subordinate meetings viz "On reading the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings the particular state of our meetings and members was brought before us. Deep was the interest felt & earnest was the concern expressed that in our present trying allotment under the awful vision which has passed upon us our members may be able to the responsibilities they owe to themselves, to one another and to the Society."