

141 Joseph Townsend on behalf of the Committee appointed at last sitting to propose a friend to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee on Indian Concerns, reported, that they had agreed to propose John Scott, which was united with and he appointed to the service. The clerk was directed to furnish that Committee with a copy of this minute.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

2^d of the 11th Month and 5th of the Week.

According to adjournment Friends assembled.

The Committee appointed on the proposition from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, for the adoption of a Rule of Discipline respecting the minor children of the Separatists; also to consider and report their views in relation to the adult members in the Separation and not yet disowned, produced the following report which was united with, and Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are directed to proceed accordingly.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The joint committee of the men and women Friends appointed to consider the present situation of the yearly Meeting in relation to the adult members who have joined in the Separation, from communion and fellowship with our religious Society and who are not yet disowned: also to consider the propriety of adopting a rule of discipline in regard to the minor children of the Separatists Report - that after mature deliberations, we are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, the following change in the mode of treating those cases under our present discipline. Viz: that it be recommended to our Quarterly Meetings to appoint a committee of men and women Friends to assist their respective monthly meetings, that the friends composing the Committee after presenting a copy of the Minute appointing them to the service to the monthly Meeting of which they are in attendance, be considered as members thereof for the purpose of assisting in treating with all the adult members in the Separation within its limits. That our Monthly Meetings be directed when visited by the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, to appoint a committee to consist of the overseers and other judicious friends for the especial purpose of visiting from time to time all those within their respective limits who have not yet been treated with. This Committee to report the names of all those visited (by any two of their number) to the monthly Meeting, and at the same time the result of their

labours in the cases, when if it shall appear that the parties visited manifest no disposition to withdraw from their present connection and make satisfaction to Friends, Monthly Meetings may be left at liberty to issue testimonies of Disownment against them: which when approved is to be either delivered or forwarded to the party, with a written notice attached thereto informing them of their right of Appeal.

And as it may not be necessary that the Quarterly Meeting's Committee should attend all of the Monthly Meetings, in order to assist them in those cases, such Monthly Meetings to be at liberty to appoint committees of men and women Friends in connection with their overseers to treat in the manner proposed with those within their limits.

And in regard to the adoption of a rule of discipline in relation to the minor children of the Separatists: after a full communication of sentiments thereon, we are free to propose that the subject be referred to the consideration of the yearly Meeting next year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Thos Waring, Jesse Scott

Harriet Hopkins, Rachel Incom.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting, produced as directed, Essays of Epistles to the yearly Meetings of Friends held in London and Dublin, and to those on this continent which were read, and with some corrections approved, and directed to be transcribed, signed and forwarded.

Under an humbling sense of the continued goodness & mercy of the Head of the Church, manifested towards us during the several sittings of this meeting, whereby we have been enabled to transact in much brotherly harmony and love the various subjects which have come before us, and feeling our minds precious united together in the fellowship of the Gospel, the meeting concluded, to meet at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.