

At a yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore for the Western Shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, by adjournments from the 28th of the 10th month to the 31st of the same inclusive 1844. By Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, and from the Half Years Meeting in Virginia, the following are the Representatives from Baltimore, - Thomas Scott, Isaac Brooks, Nicholas Kepperman, - Richard H. Thomas, Hugh Balderston, Robert Bond, Jonah Sands, and Aaron H. Griffith. -

From Nottingham, - William Waring, Joseph Balance, Samuel Worthington, Gideon G. Smith, Harris Reed, and George L. Cook. -

From Dunning's Creek, - William A. Thomas, Hugh M. Coy, Bond Valentine and George Valentine. -

From Virginia Half Years Meeting, - Micajah Bates, John Boulke, Nathaniel Crenshaw and George L. Torrel. - Who were all present except three.

Minutes were now produced for several Brethren and Sisters in attendance with us from other yearly Meetings, - which being read, - were with their company acceptable; and Hugh Balderston, Jonah Sands, Elisha Cook, Samuel Worthington, William A. Thomas and - Nathaniel Crenshaw - are appointed to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends in preparing suitable endorsements to be placed on them and report to a future sitting. -

Having been engaged in reading the Epistles of Correspondence, received at this time from other yearly Meetings, and proceeded in them so far as to that of N. Carolina, the Meeting concluded to adjourn to 3 O'clock this afternoon. - In the mean time the Representatives are desired to confer together, and propose at the opening of next sitting two suitable friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the present year. Also to nominate two friends to be the Channel of Communication between us and Women's Meeting.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. -

The Representatives inform that they had agreed to propose John P. Balderston for Clerk and Bond Valentine for Assistant Clerk to this present yearly Meeting, - which nomination was approved and they are accordingly appointed to that service. They also offered the names of Richard H. Thomas and Isaac Brooks as the two friends to convey such business to Women's Meeting as we may have for them during our several sittings, which is united with. -

The residue of the Epistles of Correspondence were now read. - - The manifestations of brotherly remembrance and Christian fellowship afforded by these communications from our distant brethren, have been -

- grateful to our feelings, and the religious views therein unfolded, edifying to our minds. - To reply Epistles in reply to them the following friends are appointed, Richard H. Thomas, Joseph King Jr., Samuel Worthington, Nathaniel Crenshaw, Gideon G. Smith, Joseph Balance, Jonah Sands, Micajah Bates, Hugh Balderston, Wm. Waring, Wm. A. Thomas, Thomas Worthington, Robert Bond, Aaron H. Griffith, Bond Valentine and John Scott. -

The printed general Epistle issued by our brethren of the London yearly Meeting, being now produced and read, - the valuable matter contained in it was to our instruction and admonition, and Francis T. King and Thomas R. Matthews are appointed to have 500 copies printed for distribution among our members for their help and spiritual benefit, - to inspect the press, and call on the Treasurer for the amount of expense incurred. -

The following friends are appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's accounts, - report the state of the Stock, and the sum which it may be necessary to raise the ensuing year. - They are likewise directed to propose such a new apportionment of the quotas, as shall in their judgment be advisable for the regulation of our subordinate branches, Jonah Sands, John Scott, Aaron H. Griffith, Elisha Cook, Wm. Waring, Samuel Worthington, Wm. A. Thomas, George Valentine, Bond Valentine, Micajah Bates and Nathaniel Crenshaw. -

The Meeting having been notified that a vacancy has occurred in its representation to the Meeting for sufferings by the decease of Jesse Scott, - Isaac Brooks, John Scott, Thomas Leving, Joseph Balance, Wm. A. Thomas, Bond Valentine, Micajah Bates and Nathaniel Crenshaw are appointed to report to a future sitting, if way should open for it, a suitable friend to fill said vacancy. - Then adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

29th of the month and 3rd of the week. -

Friends assembled

Having been engaged in the divine fear and under the divine covering, as we trust, in considering our state as a yearly Meeting, and as unfolded by the answers to our Queries, the following summaries were adopted. - During this engagement the minds of many friends were exercised on account of deficiencies exhibited by the Reports, and for the welfare and advancement of our members in the truth. - That the love of God might come to be more and more the governing and primary influence of our spirits, - the predominance of which would not fail to lead us punctually to attend our Meetings for Divine worship. -

When collected for this incumbent duty, much advantage, it was believed, would accrue by a fervent and truly devotional frame of mind being sought for and maintained. - The power of the Lord's presence would hereby