

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore, for the Western Shore of Maryland, Virginia, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania, by adjournments from the 17th of the 10th Month to the 22^d of the same inclusive, 1846.

By reports at this time received from our subordinate Branches, the following Friends are the Representatives.

From Baltimore Quarterly Meeting. John Scott, Hugh Balderson, Joseph King Jr., Thomas Scott, Thomas R. Matlock, Isaac Brooks, and Isaac Hogg.

From Nottingham Quarterly Meeting. Joseph Balaban, Thomas Worthington, Thomas Shering, William Waring and Elisha Cook.

From Dunnings Creek Quarterly Meeting. William A. Thomas, Hugh McCoy, Abraham S. Valentine and Bond Valentine.

From Virginia Half Yearly Meeting. Micajah Bates, Nathaniel C. Crumshaw, Joel Cook and William Bonford.

Who were present except two, for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Certificates and Minutes were now produced for several Brethren and Sisters attending this Meeting from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings, which were read, and being acceptable to the Meeting, the following Friends were appointed to write with a similar Committee of Women Friends to prepare a suitable essay of endorsement to be placed on them, to be produced at a future sitting. Jonah Sands, Samuel Worthington, Joel Cook and Bond Valentine.

Epistles were now received from the different Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except Ohio. The reading of these testimonials, of brotherly regard and fellowship has been acceptable to us, and the following Friends are appointed to essay replies to them, also an epistle to Ohio, and produce them to a future sitting. Nathaniel C. Crumshaw, Joseph King Jr., Samuel Worthington, Thomas Worthington, Hugh Balderson, Jonah Sands, Robert Bond, John Scott, Joel Cook, William Bonford, Richard Thomas, Samuel S. Balderson, Eliza D. Hayward, Francis J. King, Hugh and Bond Valentine.

The representatives were desired to confer together at the close of this sitting, and agreed on two suitable Friends to serve the Meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk for the present year, to be proposed at the opening of next sitting and also two Friends to serve as Messengers to the Women's Meeting. And then

adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Agreeably to adjournment the Meeting again assembled.

The Representatives through one of their number reported that they had agreed to propose that Hugh Balderson should serve the Meeting as Clerk, and Bond Valentine as assistant Clerk; which was approved, and they are accordingly appointed. They also informed that they had concluded to nominate Richard R. Thomas & Isaac Brooks as Messengers to the Women's Meeting, which was united with, and they are accordingly appointed.

The printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London in the 5th Month last, was received and read to our satisfaction, and that the valuable and salutary matter therein contained may be generally spread amongst our members, it was concluded to have 500 copies thereof reprinted for distribution, and William Procter and Thomas R. Matthews were appointed to attend to the service and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred, and report to a future sitting.

The following Friends were appointed to adjust and settle the Treasurer's accounts, and report the state of the Stock, and the sum in their judgment necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and report to a future sitting, viz Thomas R. Matthews, Isaac Hogg, Elisha Cook, Joseph Balaban, Abraham S. Valentine, W. A. Thomas, Joel Cook and Nathaniel C. Crumshaw.

Francis J. King on behalf of the Committee continued last year to correct and record the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, reported that the service had been completed with. They were continued to correct and record the Minutes of the present year.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, 22^d of the month & 3^d of the week. Near the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

The Meeting having been engaged in the consideration of the State of Society within our limits, and having proceeded in the reading of the Queries & Answers received from the Subordinate Meetings as far as the 3^d Query inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Near the time adjourned to Friends assembled. The Meeting resumed the consideration of the Queries and Answers, and having proceeded through them, the following Summary and answers were adopted as nearly representing the present state of this Meeting.

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