

To Discourage disorderly Marriages as might be Profitable

That a Case subsists in both Quarters on account of Certification of Premises that Friends are mostly careful to maintain their Testimony against Slavery (Some Instances Excepted by the Western Quarter which are said to be under Case) and to provide for young ones under this Case except that of Learning and the Eastern Quarter intimates more Care to be taken on account of the aged amongst them who have been set free

That Case is taken to date with offenders tho. a more timely Case is intimated by the Eastern Quarter to be necessary

And the Western Quarter informs that some attention hath been paid to the subject of Difficiencies Prevalent among us as Directed by the Yearly Meeting to a good Degree of satisfaction as there has been some Encouragement from the Case extended for further Labour in that respect And that the voice is not yet accomplished

The report from the Eastern shore is silent in this respect But informs us that the present unsettled state of our Yearly Meeting being hinted to them in the report from Thirshaven had been under their Consideration and appearing to be a matter of weight and Concern to many Friends they concluded to lay it before this Meeting

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends Held at Philadelphia dated in the ninth month last was read here The satisfaction of Friends Mary Berry and Sarah Matthews are Appointed to prepare an answer thereto and produce it to a future Meeting of this Meeting

We then adjourn to second day after Meeting for worship

The 5th of the 6th month Friends met near the time adjourned to the Representatives being Called appeared as before the following Friends are appointed to meet with a Committee of the more Meeting to consider the unsettled state of our Yearly Meeting as brought up in the report from the Eastern Quarter viz. Mary Berry Sarah Edmondson Ruth Keall Martha Edmondson Rebecca Bartlett Rachel Lamb Susan Bartlett Mary Brown Elizabeth Wainright Sarah Bull Sarah Matthews Sydney Hayward Ann George Lydia Wilson Esther Regester Rebecca Moore Ann Williams and Susannah Maslin and make report to a future sitting of this Meeting

We then adjourn to the 10th hour on Fourth day Morning

The 7th of the 6th month Friends met near the time appointed Representatives were present as before the Friends appointed to prepare an answer to the Philadelphia Epistle produced one which was read here approved and signed by the Clerk of this Meeting who with Mary Berry is appointed to transcribe and forward the same to their next Yearly Meeting

The Friends appointed last year to send Copies of the Philadelphia Epistle to the several Quarterly Meetings have complied with that service

The Friends appointed to meet with a Committee of the more Meeting to consider the unsettled state of our Yearly Meeting inform they mostly attended and it appeared generally to be the judgment of Friends that it would be best the Yearly Meeting should be held alternately at Thirshaven and Baltimore Town with which this Meeting Unites

Our Friend Edith Sharpley produced a Copy of a Minute to this Meeting from the monthly Meeting at Concord dated the 8th of last Month signifying Friends Unity with her in her intended visit to these Parts her Company and Labours of love amongst us hath been truly Acceptable

This Meeting appoints Mary Berry and Sarah Bull to send Copies of the Philadelphia Epistle to our several Quarterly Meetings

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London dated in the fifth month last year was read here to the satisfaction of Friends

We then adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon

Near which time Friends assembled and after a Seasonable time spent in silence passed to business The Representatives being Called were present as before The testimony of Friends of Gunpowder monthly Meeting concerning our Esteemed Friend Ann Moore was read here whereby it appeared that she Departed this life the 11th of the 11th month 1783 in the 73rd year of her Age she being a Minister in full Unity with Friends

We then adjourn to the tenth hour to morrow Morning

The 8th of the 6th month Friends assembled near the time appointed and the Representatives were present as at former sittings except Susannah Bartlett who was prevented by Indisposition of Body

Testimonies of Friends of Thirshaven Monthly Meeting concerning our Deceased Friends James Berry Joseph Berry and John Bartlett were also a Testimony from Gunpowder monthly Meeting concerning