

were there on the same occasion, from North Carolina & Philadelphia Yearly meetings. The special subject which led friends of Virginia Yearly meeting to ask the appointment of these committees, viz: "that of their continuance as a body" was taken up and a considerable number of their members were constituted a committee to unite with those from other Yearly meetings in deliberating upon it. It was a season of much exercise and trial. Friends felt deeply the importance of the question. A free expression of sentiment was allowed, and the conclusion arrived at with decided harmony, that the time was come when it would be best for the Virginia Yearly meeting to be suspended and its members to be attached to some other. On viewing this part of the subject it was deemed most suitable for them to be joined into a half yearly meeting, and in that character to be joined to Baltimore Yearly meeting. A report to this effect was drawn up and signed by every member of the Virginia committee. This report was approved by the general body,

and they appointed ^{a committee} of their men & women friends to attend our present Yearly meeting for the purpose of promoting this arrangement to the satisfaction of the parties concerned. All of which is submitted. Signed on behalf of the committee, by John Scott, Jonah Sands, Anna Overthornton, Margaret Cheston.

At Virginia Yearly Meeting held at Cedar creek in Stanover county from the 22^d to the 24th of 5th mo. inclusive 1843

The committee appointed to unite with committees from other Yearly meetings report that they have conferred together relative to this important & interesting subject and after a time of deep feeling and warm sympathy with earnest desires for Divine guidance in this weighty concern they have arrived at the united judgment that the time has now come when the meeting should be suspended. In considering the best mode of promoting the advantage of the meeting and the general welfare of society the committee has also arrived at the ^{united} conclusion that it would be best to hold