

They have refused to hear an address adopted and sanctioned by our Yearly Meeting, and four other Yearly Meetings and sent to them by a Committee of this Yearly Meeting warning them of the consequences which appeared to us inevitable and beseeching them to unite with other Yearly Meetings, in pursuing that love, which we believed could alone prevent results that would be deeply to be deplored. And finally, a seat in the ministers gallery, in the Yearly Meeting of the present year, was allowed to Thomas B. Gould who acted, as clerk to the Separatists in New England, in 1845, though at that time disowned by society. Thus virtually owning and acknowledging the seceders of New England Yearly Meeting and we may add that after the appointment of Johnathan Birns, the said Thomas B. Gould became the companion and associate of the body, of which Benjamin Hoyle is clerk.

It will not be denied, that these departures from the discipline, and usages of our society, and breaches of unity as well as others which might be mentioned, were committed by the body, who now have Benjamin Hoyle for clerk. And that the friends who have placed Johnathan Birns

at the clerks table, have steadily and earnestly advocated the ancient usages of our society, and the course indicated by the discipline, and affectionately and earnestly recommended by our Yearly Meeting, and others that they have borne the lamentable state of disorder which had existed for several years, as long as they could do so without identifying themselves with the members of a meeting, which had been testified against, by all Yearly Meetings of friends except their own, and Philadelphia, and not acknowledged by any. That believing that the time for their release had come, they ^{were} favored to be found "the friends of good order and supporters of our Christian doctrines and testimonies and discipline" and therefore they truly constitute this Yearly Meeting, and are justly entitled to all the privileges which belong to that body. But whilst we cannot unite with the body of which Benjamin Hoyle and Rachel O. Patterson are clerks, we earnestly desire for the members, who are now attached to it, that they may put away from them all that separates, and again come into that unity which formerly existed