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To Baltimore Yearly Meeting
on Ministry and Oversight.

Dear Friends

at Baltimore

Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight
held 10th to 19th 1877 All the Annies
were read in this Meeting and
the following Summary adopted
to be forwarded to the Yearly
Meeting to which we appoint
as our Representatives

John Scott, James C. Thomas,
Joseph W. Gollife, Clarissa Davis,
Ann W. Scofield, Mary Wright and
Mary S. Edg^d taken from the
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting
by Geo L Scott 'Clerk'

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SOME REGULATIONS OF LONDON YEARLY MEETING IN RELATION
TO THE CERTIFICATES OF FRIENDS FROM AMERICA TEL-
LEGRAPHING IN GREAT BRITAIN ON RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

The Regulations which exist in this Yearly Meeting, for the verification of the Certificates of Friends who come to England on religious service, were adopted at the time of the Hicksite separation, with the concurrence, it is believed, of the several American Yearly Meetings. That some arrangement of the kind is still desirable must be manifest from the number of bodies who appropriate to themselves the name of "Friends."

On several occasions of late years the means of authentication provided for in the Regulations have been omitted; and the London Correspondents have, on the suggestion of a Friend from America, been requested to call the attention of the Correspondents in America to the Minute on the subject in our Rules or Disciplinary, a copy of which Minute is annexed; and to ask them kindly to arrange, either to send word, on the liberation of a Friend, in the manner recommended in the Minute, or, as has been the more usual practice of later years, to have the Certificates authenticated by the signature of one at least of the Friends officially appointed Correspondents with this Yearly Meeting. Similar authentication of Certificates of Removal is also desirable. Some recent Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings on the same subject are appended.

"MINUTE OF LONDON YEARLY MEETING."

"It is the judgment of this Meeting that, when any Friend from America arrives within the compass of this Meeting on religious service, he should produce his Certificates to the Friends of the Meeting within the

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AMERICAN MINISTERS VISITING AUSTRALASIA DIRECT WITH
CERTIFICATES.

Minute adopted by London Yearly Meeting of 1874.

The following Minute has now been received from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, which is adopted by this Meeting, and it is directed that a copy of it be sent to our correspondents in the American Yearly Meetings, and also to our friends in Australasia.

The attention of this meeting has been called by the Morning Meeting to the circumstances of Friends in the ministry belonging to American Yearly Meetings, liberated by their own meetings for religious service in Australasia, and proceeding thither direct without visiting this country. Whilst desiring, so far as we may be enabled, to enter into sympathy with our American Friends in their service for Christ, there appears an obvious impropriety in this meeting or the Morning Meeting being called upon to express a judgment upon the religious prospects of Friends under such circumstances. We would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that a minister, so liberated by meetings in America, shall not be required to obtain from any meeting in this country a certificate, or any endorsement of a certificate, before entering upon the engagement; but that duplicates of such certificates shall be sent to the Meeting for Sufferings in this country, for verification. The certificates of Friends so liberated, should be also duly authenticated by the signature of one or more of the correspondents, for this Yearly Meeting, of the Yearly Meetings from which they come; and the names of such correspondents should, from time to time, be transmitted by the Meeting