

THE ESTABLISHMENT & HIST. OF BALTIMORE. YLY MTG.

In 1774 It was decided that a general Meeting be held at West River when the Meeting for Discipline was held on the Eastern Shore and in 1784 it was the judgment of the Yearly Meeting that it was best "to hold it next time at Baltimore Town".

In 1778 the Committee appointed to take under consideration the present state of the Society in the time of commotion made report that they have had several Meetings and conferences on the occasion in which divers weighty matters have been under their consideration but that which most particularly engaged their attention to report is that they apprehend there is a necessity for the Meeting at this time to appoint a committee of twelve members to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings to sit on cases of difficulty where the testimony of truth may be concerned, that twelve members be the smallest number capable of acting in behalf of the body out of which three at least to be from the opposite shore.

In 1786 A joint Committee of Men and Women Friends appointed to consider the unsettled state of the Yearly Meeting made the following report "It appeared to be the judgment of Friends that it would be best that the Yearly Meeting should be held alternately at Third Haven, and Baltimore Town.

In 1787 a concern arose in the Yearly Meeting about the expediency of an arrangement of Meetings belonging to this Yearly Meeting within the verge of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and the next year it was decided that if the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia agreed that a division should take place. In 1790 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting sent the following minute to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. "The Committee named to take into consideration the matter relative to carrying out the proposed new arrangement of Meetings into execution, have met in conjunction with the Committee