

THE ESTABLISHMENT & HIST. OF BALTIMORE YLY. MTG.

and Friends have been exempted. In recording this privilege, which has been extended to us by our Rulers, we desire that our members may so adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things that the sincerity of our profession, and the Scriptural soundness of the doctrine may appear to those around us."

In 1863 the Meeting for Sufferings appointed Francis T. King, James Carey Thomas, and Richard M. Janney to present a Memorial to Congress in regard to the "Conscription Bill." Two of their number visited Washington with a delegation from New York Representative Meeting and had an interview with the Chairman on Military Affairs, they were kindly received, and the Memorial was read in the Senate, but as the Session was about closing, it was too late to effect any amendment for the relief of our Religious Scruples on the subject of War.

In pursuance of a call from Baltimore Meeting for Sufferings a conference of Committees from New England, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Baltimore Yearly Meetings for Sufferings was held in Baltimore the 7th, and 8th. of 12th month 1863 to consider the position of Friends in regard to War. It was well attended all the delegates being present except two from New England. In 10th month 1865 the Baltimore Yearly Meeting for Sufferings adopted the following Minute. "That upon the assassination of our late honored and beloved President Abraham Lincoln, and the succession of Vice President Andrew Johnson to the responsible position of Head of the Nation the sub committee which met in 12 mo. 1863 was called together under the belief that some expression of feeling was due from the Society of Friends to the Government upon the great Calamity which had befallen our Country A Memorial