

Subjection, ought ^{to} be maintained; this the
Pastor teaches, & the nature of the case imperiously demanded
it — as to the Certificate which accompanied the letter
made several weeks after the circumstance occurred, it is
in general respects not only vague, & ambiguous; but in
other (tho' in different terms) it corroborates the statement
at first made.

When we take a view of the whole subject,
the Doctrines & Sentiments which have been promulgated
by this church under some caution while in this City, & the
opinions which have expressed in an interview between
Ezra Comfort and thee on the 19th ulto, we are fully and
sorrowfully confirmed in the conclusion, that those held
and acknowledged ~~Doctrines~~ principles very different
from those which are held & maintained by our religious
Society.

As thou hast on thy part closed the door
against the brotherly gaze & endeavours of the Elders here for
thy benefit, & for the clearing of our religious Profession,
this matter appears to call for such serious magnitude, so
interesting to the peace harmony, & well being of Society,
that we think it ought to claim the respectful attention of
thy friends at home.

Respectfully, Col. Pierce, Samuel P. Jefferts, Thos. Howardson,
Edward Randolph, Israel Mann, Ellis Gannell, Thomas
Cletcher, Leonard Snowden, Jos. Scattergood.

Being present when the foregoing letter was
concluded, and I unite with the concern & care of my
brethren the Elders in this City, that our religious Society
might not be under the imputation of holding
Doctrines which do not accord with the testimony
of the Holy Scriptures. — I am &c.

Elders Letter to "Elias Hicks"
to Elias Hicks.

Friends in Philad. hearing for a
considerable time past of thy holding & promulgating
Doctrines different from and repugnant to those held by our
religious Society, it was cause of uneasiness and deep con-
cern to them; as their sincere regards & engagements for the
promotion of the cause of truth, made it very desirable
that all the members of our religious Society should remain
in true harmony under the leadings & direction of our
blessed Redeemer.

Upon being informed of thy sentiments expressed
to Joseph Whetall, that Christ was not the Son of God until
after the baptism of John and the descent of the Holy Ghost,
and that he was no more than a man, that the same
power that made Christ a Christian must make us Chris-
tians — and that the same power that saved him must
save us — Many Friends were much affected therewith
and some time afterwards several Friends being together in
this City, on subjects relating to our religious Society, they
received accounts from Ezra Comfort, of some of thy
expressions in the publick General Meeting immediately
preceeding the Southern Quarterly Meeting lately held in the State of
Delaware, which was also confirmed by his companion
Saint Bill. That Jesus Christ wrought some outward
miracles, as healing the outward infirmities of the flesh,
and raising the outward dead bodies, in order to introduce
the Gospel Dispensation; he had no power given
him then man for he was no more than man; he had
nothing to do with healing the soul, for that belongs to God
only — Elisha also had the same power to raise the dead.
That man being obedient to the Spirit of God in him, could
arrive at as great or greater degrees of righteousness than
Jesus Christ — that Jesus Christ thought it not robbery
to be equal with God, neither do I think it robbery for
man to be equal with God — then endeavored to show
that by attending to that stone cut out of the mountain
without hands, or the seed in man, it would make man
equal with God; saying, for that stone was the entire
God — On hearing which it appeared to Friends