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a subject of such great importance and of such deep
interest to the welfare of our religious Society, as to require
an early attention of care, in order that if any incorrect
statement had been made, it should as soon as possible be
rectified, or if true, that there might be proof of the
painful concern of Friends and their sense & judgment
thereon. Two of the Elders accordingly invited some of
the members of the day of the Annual in this City, and also
those who denied the statement, yet they declining to meet these
two Elders in company with those who made it, left the
minds of Friends without relief. One of the Elders who had
called on them repeated his visit on the next day but one,
and again requested them to see the two Elders & the
Friends who had made the above statements, which they
again declined. The Elders from the different Monthly
Meetings in the City were then convened & requested a private
inter-view with them, which they also refused, yet next
day consented to meet them at a time & place of their own
fixing, but when they assembled a mixed company being
collected, the Elders could not in this manner enter into
a business which they considered of a nature not to be
investigated in any other way than in a select private
opportunity. They therefore considered that meeting a
clear indication of their continuing to decline to meet the
Elders, as by them proposed. Under these circumstances
it appearing that those are not willing to hear & disprove
the Charges brought against them, we feel it a duty to
declare that we cannot have religious unity with their
conduct, nor with the Doctrines they are charged with
promulgating. — Philad: 12 mo 19. 1822

Signed by ten Elders

Chas. Stick's answer
To Caleb Pierce, Samuel P. Griffiths, Thomas Stewardson,
Edmund Randolph, Brailman, Ellis Gurnell, Robt. Humphrey,
Thomas Webster, Leonard Snowden and Jos. Scattergood

Having been charged by some of our members in
Principle & Doctrines, founded on reports spread among the
People in an unfriendly manner and contrary to the
order of our Discipline, by Joseph Whittall as stated in a
Letter from you dated the 19th mo. and as these charges are
not literally true, being founded on his own forced & improper
constructions of my words — I deny them — and as I do not
consider myself amenable to him nor to any other, for crimes laid
to my charge as being committed in the course of the