

The friends of Gunpowder appointed to attend of last Quarterly Meeting
at Westover Report they were prevented by Distress of weather

This Meeting received 38 printed Epistles from the Yearly
of London which are Distributed Amongst friends

We having received the
Extracts of our last Yearly Meeting which hath been read, no further
Business this Meeting concludes & appoint to attend of next Yearly
Meeting, Joseph Richardson John Hopkins Henry Wilson Henry Purpoint
& William Coale

And there are desired to make Report to next Quarterly
Meeting

All a Quarterly Meeting held at Westover 4th of Decr 1772
This Meeting being met according to Appointment proceeds as Usual
as Usual to the Business that may there to Occur

The Representatives appointed to attend this meeting being late all
appeared except Robert Ward who is very unwell

Report is made to this meeting that the several friends that were
appointed to attend the last Yearly Meeting complied with the appoint
except Henry Purpoint who was unwell at that time & that
they were favoured with a satisfactory Meeting

By Accounts from the several Monthly
Meetings it appears that Monthly Meetings are constantly kept
and the Business there of transacted in a good degree of Christianism
and where thing amiss care is taken for amendment & that Love
subsists amongst friends But some neglect appears in attending
weekly meetings although they are kept up for the most part & friends
care is for the widows and Orphans & the poor & there has been no dissent
made for heretofore demands since last Acct

The Monthly Meeting held at Westover sent answers to the
Queries which were read & answered in this meeting but there
appears a neglect in the Monthly Meeting at Gunpowder in not
sending answers there are desired to be more careful in future

This Meeting appoints Joseph Richardson Joseph Purpoint
Henry Purpoint Thomas Armitage junr Philip Thomas Richard Hopkins
John Thomas junr are appointed to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting
on the Eastern Shore with an account from this Meeting

It appears to this Meeting that are some repairs making on the tent house
on the Eastern Shore the Expenses attending the same Philip Thomas is
desired to pay when laid on out of the stock for that house & produce
the account thereof to this Meeting

No further Business this meeting concludes

All a Quarterly Meeting held at Gunpowder 7th of Decr 1772 -
of Representatives from each Monthly Meeting being late appeared
except John Thomas reason given for his absence Joseph Purpoint Report to
this Meeting Report that he Joseph Richardson Henry Purpoint &
Thomas Armitage attended of last Yearly Meeting on the Eastern Shore
It appears that Philip Thomas John Thomas and Richard Hopkins
did not attend therefore this meeting appoints Gerard & John
Hopkins to desire of friends to give these reasons to our next
Quarterly Meeting from under these one hands if they cannot
attend

By Accounts from Indian Spring & Gunpowder
It appears that meetings are kept on their appointed seasons
but often thinly attended on weak days & that if Business
of the Monthly meeting has been conducted in a good degree of
Christian order Love and Unity in a good Continuum amongst us
and as the friends of Gunpowder desire the necessity of
Building a house more convenient for friends therefore
this Meeting advise said friends to proceed to forward Building
a convenient house at said place

Our friends John Churchman
and Thomas Brown attended this Meeting with a copy from the
Minutes of Nottingham Monthly Meeting showing friends unity
with them whose company was acceptable to us, the Queries have
been led in this Meeting agreeable to former advice
No further Business this Meeting concludes

All a Quarterly Meeting held at Westover 11th of Decr 1773 -
This Meeting met according to Appointment and proceeds
as Usual to the Business that may there to Occur
The several that did not attend the Yearly Meeting on the
Eastern Shore have given these reasons which are to satisfy