

9th of the 1st mo. 1809.

The Friends to confer with a committee of the monthly meeting of Baltimore for the Western District, relative to the disposal of sundry books, brought in the following report - (To Wit) —

"We the Committee appointed on the communication from the monthly meeting for the Western District of Baltimore at our last — Agree to Report, —

That we have conferred with their committee by whom we were informed that the books alluded to, in their communication, and certain religious tracts explanatory of Friends Principles, published some years past by the meeting for Sufferings, and that committee proposed that our meeting should unite with theirs in disposing of them.

We have examined the records relative thereto and the following extracts from the minutes of our meeting shew in what manner the books came into our possession.

From the minutes of our meeting it appears that at a meeting in the 3rd month 1799 information was received by said monthly meeting that the meeting for Sufferings had it in contemplation to publish several religious tracts explanatory of Friends Principles, for the information of sober enquirers, but the stock of the Yearly Meeting being small, had concluded to leave the subject open for other meetings to sub-

scribe for what number they might think proper — said monthly meeting directed the Clerk to subscribe for 500 Copies for the use of the meeting. —

"At a meeting the 12th of 12th month 1799 Joseph Townsend reported that the 500 copies of the books he subscribed for by the direction of the meeting were ready for delivery William Riley, Gerard T. Hopkins, Elisha Tyson George Ellicott & Benjamin Rich were appointed with him to take into consideration and report in what manner the said books may be most profitably disposed of. —

"At a meeting the 9th of the 1st month 1800 the committee report their opinion that 200 Copies be distributed amongst sober enquirers & others desirous of reading the same & that they be lodged in suitable friends hands in different parts for that purpose, the same friends with William Trimble were continued for that service and to report to next meeting. —

"At a meeting the 13th of the 2nd month 1800 the committee reported that they had put into the hands of Mr. Trimble, Robert Cornthwaite, Isaiah Caldwell, Mr. Riley, Izath Procter, John Marsh, Elisha Tyson, and Gerard T. Hopkins, 25 Copies each, of the books for distribution, and the remaining 300 Copies they lodged in the hands of William Riley, until the further direction of this meeting, which was concurred with and the meeting, being informed that 100 Copies of