

8th of 4th Month 1813

The friends appointed produced the following

"We the committee appointed to assist the clerk
"in preparing copies of the minutes and proceedings
"requested by the monthly meeting of Baltimore for the
"Western District:— Report that we have complied
"with the appointment."

We may also inform that in
"attending to the subject we have been desirous
"that the monthly meeting for the Western District
"may be put fully in the possession of the motives
"and views of this, in relation to it, which we
"apprehend, will not be sufficiently apparent,
"from the perusal of the minutes requested alone.

We are therefore free to propose for consider-
"ation, the propriety of naming a few friends
"to attend that meeting with the copies of
"the minutes and proceedings requested, as
"also the following communication as ad-
"ditional information on the subject."

John Trimble
Joseph Townsend
Wm Procter
"Wm Hubbard"

To the monthly meeting of Baltimore for the Western
District Dear Friends,

Agreeably to your request
"we forward the several minutes relative to
"the late act of Assembly, perpetuating the

"trusteeship of the property belonging to our monthly
"meeting; and from a consideration of the
"apprehensions suggested, we believe it may be
"necessary to state; that by a reference to our
"minutes it appears, that the property at the
"East end of the city belonging to this meeting
"and held by trustees under the authority of
"an act of the Legislature; passed in 1793
"was by them in the year 1800 conveyed to
"Gerard T. Hopkins and others, that since that
"time, one of the last named trustees being about
"to remove, requested to be released from said
"trust, which claiming the consideration of
"the meeting, a committee was appointed
"to examine into the circumstances attending
"in order that no improper step might be
"taken; the committee in the course of their
"investigation, found it necessary to consult
"Counsel,* from which it appeared, that no
"Legal conveyance could be made by the
"Original trustees, without a special act of the
"legislature passed for that particular purpose."

The property appearing to be thus circumstanced
"and but two of the Original trustees living, it
"became not only necessary, but the duty of
"the meeting, agreeably to discipline and the
"established order of society, to take the necessary

* see the three last leaves in this book