

98 To the ensuing Quarterly Meeting
In consequence of a minute received from the
Monthly Meeting of Baltimore for the Western District
held on the 9th ulto accompanied with a lengthy
narrative of the circumstances of the property
belonging to this meeting situate in the eastern
part of the city, prepared to be laid before the
Quarterly meeting — The tenor of which may
have a tendency to introduce unfavorable im-
pressions on the minds of those not acquainted
with the real merits of the case, and the trans-
actions of this meeting respecting it — we
therefore consider it necessary (as we are im-
plicated in said communication) to briefly
state to the Quarterly Meeting the following
information relative to the said property, being
in addition to the copies of the minutes and
proceedings of the meeting in the case, and
title papers accompanying

About the year 1773,

there was a few friends who resided in Baltimore
town and from the remote situation of Patapsco
meeting house together with the uncomfortable
state of the building, were motives that induced
the propriety of a removal of the meeting into
the said town, to accommodate which, as also
with a burying place, several lots adjoining
were purchased on the East side of Jones Falls
and paid for by a few individuals of the
aforesaid, and soon after liberty was

99 obtained of Gunpowder Monthly Meeting for a
Meeting house to be built thereon, which was also
carried into effect, and proved a heavy expence
on the small number who lived within the
verge thereof at that time, particularly certain
active ones amongst them — but still a
considerable balance remained due thereon,
which was finally paid through the
interference of the yearly Meeting

A part of the said lot of ground was
enclosed for a burying place the remainder
with the meeting house lay open — exposed as
a common for a number of years, some time
after the expences of building the new meeting
house was got through, and a small increase
of Friends being experienced, (some of whom
settled in the west part of the town) it became
necessary to look forward to some further
improvement — the enclosing of the meeting
house and yard around it was next accom-
plished and paid for by voluntary sub-
scription — the fencing in of the remainder
of the lot was much desired, but when the
subject was brought forward at different times
in the preparative Meeting it was always
discouraged by certain individuals — at length
it was completed by a friend of the Eastern
part at his own expence a few trifling