

of the title so recognized created trustees to hold the property for the Eastern Monthly meeting for the specific purposes stated as the object for which the property was purchased, which ~~are~~ are specifically enumerated and for which purposes only is the property to be held.

It will be remarked on this subject that the quantity of land was greater than could be ~~con-~~stitutionally held by a religious society & can only be held by special legislative permission & consequently the Legislature can prescribe the conditions on which it shall be held. If therefore the purposes prescribed by the act of assembly were not those of the original deeds they would be obligatory nevertheless.

3rd That the several subsequent proceedings of the quarterly & yearly meetings of friends in Baltimore purporting to decide that the property jointly belonged to both monthly meetings and finally depriving the monthly meeting for the Eastern District for the causes & reasons therein set forth are ~~not~~ not only illegal ~~unjust~~ but

are not founded on any principle of equity which could be recognized by a court of law or equity.

I am therefore clearly of opinion that the trustees of the property are not only not bound by the decision of the quarterly and yearly meetings - but that if they were inclined to ~~conform thereto~~ ^{conform thereto} they have no legal power so to do.

It is not perhaps my legal advice that the religious discipline attempted to be inflicted by the yearly meeting on the monthly meeting for the Eastern District can be settled. But I have no doubt the law will fully sustain in property & privilege of the Eastern Monthly meeting in the exercise of religion & all the powers of a monthly meeting. It is however with the individuals of that monthly meeting to judge on this subject for themselves - by resistance. It would seem to me if they are not disposed to disregard the proceedings of the