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Yearly Meeting, many individuals were permitted to attend who had been regularly disowned from Society; and minutes produced by some of these from their irregular meetings were read, and a record made of their reception. Several Epistles from meetings of the same character styling themselves Yearly Meetings, were also read, and a committee appointed to reply to them, while the Epistles transmitted to us from those bodies with whom we have long and regularly corresponded were not treated according to the provision of the discipline. At the suggestion and by the direction of those among us who have departed from the ancient doctrine and discipline of our society, a minute was made which goes to acknowledge their fellowship and unity with those separate bodies, and consequently to withdraw from communion with the Ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends. Our objections to these innovations upon the established order of society not being regarded; and it being evidently their determination to identify themselves with the seceders, we have felt ourselves constrained, for the due support of our Christian discipline, and the precious doctrines of our Holy Religion, as well as to maintain

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our brotherly connection with the Ancient Society of Friends; to meet select from those who have thus departed from our regular order, and to hold Baltimore Yearly Meeting agreeably to its original institution, as a part of the great body of Friends.

We feel, dear friends, that we have need to seek in reverent humility from the unfailing helper of his people, strength and wisdom to conduct us safely through the trials and difficulties which attend us; and we also believe that the help of the spirits of the living members of the church, is one of those sources of consolation and support, which in His condescending goodness he has been pleased to afford to his tribulated flock: hence we are earnestly solicitous that the members of our Religious Society every where, to whom the "name and testimony of Jesus" is precious, may be so bound together in the "unity of the spirit" and "bond of peace," that we may increasingly become one another's joy in the Lord.

With the salutation of unfeigned love we bid you affectionately farewell, and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
by Hugh Balderson, Clerk
Elizabeth Billingham,
The meeting adjourned.