

profitable to direct and that strength which is made
perfect in weakness, as otherwise we may injure rather
than benefit the objects of our solicitude. A degree of solemn-
ity appeared to be felt, inducing the hope that it is now
a right engagement that this labor of love has been
undertaken.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at
Joseph King Jr. on 3rd day 3rd mo 26th, which it was proposed
that such friends as may be interested in the subject
should be invited to attend.

C. T. King - Clerk

June 26th

The Association met as proposed at Joseph King
and the following persons were present:

Hannah Ann Lyson.

Ruth Cotts.

Vacay E. King.

Julia Wilson.

Phoebe Thomas.

Mary Brooks.

Anna Proctor.

Sarah Elliott.

Hannah Lyles.

C. T. King being absent, Sarah Elliott was requested
to act as Clerk for the day.

A letter from the Board of Directors of the Maryland
Penitentiary was read, expressing satisfaction at the
inquiries made by the Committee of female Friends,
and requesting them to fix upon and hold convenient
to themselves for meeting at the prison on 1st day.

Julia Wilson, Margaret Cheston, ^{Hugh & Susan} ~~Phoebe Thomas~~ & Phoebe Thomas
reported that they had made a visit and had been gratified
with the department of the prison, and felt willing from
what they had observed to encourage friends to persevere in
the undertaking. The same committee with the addition
of Ruth Cotts name was continued to visit at 3 o'clock
on the afternoon of Thursday until way may open for
a change in the day.

Adjourned to meet at Hannah Talbot's on 3rd day
June 16th.

S. Elliott - Clerk

The regular monthly meeting of the Association of
female Friends for visiting the Maryland Penitentiary
was held at Hannah Talbot's on 3rd day June 16th.

Ruth Cotts, Julia Wilson, Hannah Talbot, Mary Brooks,
Phoebe Thomas, Margaret Hayward & Hannah Lyles
were present.

The visiting committee appointed at the last monthly
meeting made a satisfactory report. They feel a constant
increasing interest in the objects of their solicitude most
of whom united much pleasure in their visits and express
lively gratitude for their care and thought and their conduct
had no short exceptions been uniformly orderly & respectful.
There are now 28 females in the prison, 14 of whom
are white, and some of them already show rapid improve-
ments. Five of the colored women read very fluently the
act except one woman are spelling in words of 24 letters.