

TO
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from his friends
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A Narrative of the principal part of the events which transpired at
Baltimore Yearly Meeting held in the year 1828, with imper-
fect reports of some of the speeches made by
different individuals.

On the 27th day of the 10th mo. and the 2nd of the week the busi-
ness of the Yearly Meeting was opened by the clerk who called over the
names of the representatives and read the reports from the Quarterly
Meetings. The representatives were all present except one who it ap-
peared was prevented from attending by indisposition. The clerk men-
tioned that there were on the table several minutes and certificates
brought thither by friends who were now present from other Yearly Meet-
ings. These minutes reached the Y.M. thro: the ordinary channel the
Y.M. of Ministers and Elders. They were accepted and a committee
appointed ^{to prepare} an endorsement for them.

The assistant clerk now rose and observed in substance that there
were a number of Epistles and other documents on the table with the
nature of which they were unacquainted and he wished to propose for
the purpose of preventing any debate in the meeting on the subject
that these papers should all be referred to the representatives for
them to inspect and to say whether any or all of them should be read
in the meeting. As a reason for this step he said the representatives
were perhaps the fittest body that could be selected out of the Y.M.
for this business. They came from all the different quarters of the
meeting and must be supposed to represent the feelings of the meetings
they severally belonged to; in fact he said that clothed ~~them~~ with the
authority of representatives they were the Yearly Meeting. He did
not wish to withhold from any individual the privilege of expressing
his sentiments on the subject, but he wished debate to be avoided in
so large a body as this, for he thought debates would not be profit-
able. He wished not to influence the judgment of any person present
except by means of conviction produced upon his understanding. With