

6 from irregular meetings of the Separatists
liberating persons who had been thus dis-
owned, to attend Baltimore Yearly Meeting; which
were read by the clerk; a minute made of their
receipt, and a committee appointed to prepare
endorsements to be placed upon them, con-
trary to the good order and discipline of our
Yearly Meeting, which does not admit of persons
sitting in our meetings for business, who have
been disowned.

The epistles addressed to this mee-
ting by Yearly Meetings with whom we reg-
ularly correspond, were referred to the repre-
sentatives for examination and to report
whether they were proper to be read, which
is contrary to the discipline and usage of
this meeting; which is to read without
reference to any committee all such com-
munications; and to submit to previous
examination and decision, such documents
only as are from assemblies or sources
with whom we are not in the habit of
regular correspondence. This innovation
upon our order was also testified against

without effect.

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At a subsequent sitting, the represen-
tatives proposed that all the documents
without reserve should be read in the
meeting, which was accordingly done.
Among them were Epistles, from meet-
ings of the Separatists in New York,
Philadelphia, and one purporting to
be from Indiana, the Yearly Meeting
held at Waynesville Ohio; and a pro-
position being made that the meeting
should then distinctly declare whether
it would continue to hold connection
and intercourse with the ancient Yearly
Meetings of the Society of Friends, or ac-
knowledge and unite with those of the
Separatists, a part of the meeting advo-
cated the latter course, and the clerk
made a minute expressive of this deter-
mination, and appointing a committee
to essay replies to those from New York,
Philadelphia, and Indiana above allu-
ded to.

Friends viewed these proceedings