

to John Darrow. - These companies have strong claims upon our sympathies, under the circumstances which attend them in their remote situations & trying allotments. The committee will now advert to friends of Dunning's creek, a distant section of the late Warrington Quarter. In a visit to these friends, in the seventh mo. last; after deliberate conferences with them, they openly manifested their attachment to the ancient principles & doctrines of <sup>our</sup> society, as also their unwillingness to be in connection with the seceders. - A large proportion of those who have heretofore composed Dunning's creek monthly meeting, and who have been in the entanglement, united in expressing an earnest desire, to be continued as associated with us. - They were encouraged by the committee to hold a monthly meeting, to be held on the last fifth day in each month - the preparative meeting the week preceding, and to be designated & known by the names of Dunning's creek monthly & Preparative

meetings in unity with the ancient yearly meetings of friends. - The mo. meeting was opened in the past month, being attended by several of the committee, and the important concerns of the meeting conducted in great harmony & unanimity. In conclusion we desire to express, that however responsible the duties which have been laid upon us, or however trying & arduous the field of labour which has opened, & which we believe is opening, we are persuaded that not only patience & faithful-ness are called for, but that the exercise of due discretion & of Christian charity is requisite. Many and various are the circumstances attendant on those who are now numbered with the seceders, and wide is the distinction between such as have been active agents in producing the present awful conflict in our religious society, & those who, ignorant of the nature of the steps ~~they have~~ taken, & blind to the consequences which have followed, are now under different degrees of doubt & unsettledness & of grief.