

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore the 15th of the 3rd Month 1837. Present 13 Members.

The Committee on the Bequest of the late Sarah Lane were again continued.

The Committee who had in charge the 50 Copies of the Bible received from Friends in Great Britain, having complied with the duties assigned them, are released.

Hugh Balderson on behalf of the Committee on Letteries reported that some further attention has been given to that subject since last Meeting. The Committee were continued.

The Clerk informs, that he transmitted a Copy of a Minute of last Meeting, and also a copy of a former Minute as directed, to the Meeting for Sufferings of Ohio.

The following copy of a Minute from our late Yearly Meeting, and also the Epistle which accompanies it, were now read - and on consideration of the deeply interesting subject of which it treats, it was thought best to appoint a Committee to collect such useful information in relation to the subject of Slavery as may be in their power to obtain, with an especial reference to the movements therein of the Legislature of the State of Maryland. To which service the following Friends are appointed, who are desired to report of their care to next Meeting, Viz: Will^m Procter, John W. Balderson, Jos^{ph} King Esq, Jos^{ph} Townsend, Hugh Balderson and Isaac Brooks.

"At a Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore for the Western Shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of

Pennsylvania and Virginia by Adjournments from the 18th of the 10th Month, to the 3rd of the 11th Mo: inclusive, 1836."

"An Epistle was received from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London on the subject of a Slave, and after a time of weighty deliberation thereon, it was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, accompanied with desires that that body may give the deeply interesting subject the solemn consideration its importance demands. The Clerk was directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of the Epistle, and of this Minute."

"Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid."
(Signed) Hugh Balderson, Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting held in London by Adjournments from the 18th of the 10th Month to the 22nd of the same inclusive 1836. To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for the Western Shore of Maryland &c.

Dear Friends

This Meeting has been introduced into a feeling of deep sympathy with the victims of Slavery and of the Slave trade in your land. the faithfulness with which many of your ancestors bore their testimony against this unrighteous system not only by precept but by an example involving great personal sacrifices has been gratefully brought to our remembrance, and when we consider how fully you have washed your own hands of this iniquity, and how long you have continued to deplore the existence of