

half year's meeting (now a constituent branch of Baltimore yearly meeting) had appointed Alfred Ricks, Joel Cook, Nathaniel C. Crenshaw & Micajah Bates its representatives to this meeting. The said minute was acceptable & the clerk is directed to enter their names upon our list of members.

The communication from our Brethren of the New England Meeting for Sufferings as referred by our last meeting to this was now taken up and read and after solid deliberation it was concluded to direct the clerk to place it among our books and papers.

The following minute was now presented and read and the memorial therein alluded to, (addressed to the Legislature of Virginia & asking it to modify certain laws so as better to protect the free Coloured persons of that State who may have lost or neglected to obtain their free papers) is referred to the consideration of John P. Balderson, Saml Mathurton, Bond Valentine, Rich^d B. Thorn as Eliza Hayward & Mr. Waring. to report on the same to a future sitting.

"At a half year's meeting of the Virginia Friends held at Richmond the 7th of the 10 mo 1844.

The proceedings of the Committee having

the care of our concerns respecting our coloured population being now read are approved. The clerk is directed to forward the Memorial to the Meeting for Sufferings in Baltimore for their approval and when so approved: Micajah Bates - Nath^l C. Crenshaw & Joseph I. Pleasants are appointed to present it to the Legislature. The Clerk of this meeting is directed to sign it on our behalf."

Extracted from the minutes
Nath^l C. Crenshaw Clk."

A communication from our brethren of the London Meeting for Sufferings requesting our agency in the distribution of a certain publication of their yearly meeting on the subject of Slavery and the Slave trade, was now read together with the pamphlet alluded to - and the subject having received our careful and solid deliberation and friends appearing to be settled in the judgment, that such a course on our part would not be expedient nor conduce to the end had in view by our brethren of England - the following friends are appointed to essay a communication to them & prepare of our position in reference to this subject and report to a future sitting of this meeting. Nathaniel C. Crenshaw, Hugh