

Baldenston, Mecajah¹⁴⁴ Bates, John P Balden-
ston, Richard H Thomas & William Waring.
And then adjourned to 5th day evening next
at 1/2 past 7 o'clock

At an adjourned meeting for sufferings
held in Baltimore the 31st of 10^{mo} 1844
present 25 members - also several brethren
from other yearly meetings.

The Memorial produced at our late sit-
ting from the Virginia 1/2 years meeting, was
now read as amended by the Committee &
after some further alteration it was conclu-
ded to give friends of Va. the sanction of
this body for its presentation to the Legis-
lature of their State.

The Committee appointed to prepare an
address to the meeting for sufferings of London
explaining our position in reference to the
subject of slavery & produced the one which
was read and with some alterations adopted
being as follows: Our clerk is directed to
transcribe & sign it on our behalf and forwar-
ded it.

"To the meeting for sufferings in
London

Dear Friends. We have received from

you a pamphlet entitled¹⁴⁵ "An Appeal on the
iniquity of slavery and the slave trade issued
by the yearly meetings of the Religious Society
of Friends held in London 1844", with a request
that we should circulate it as extensively
as we could, and also furnish the members
of our State Legislature and members of Con-
gress with copies thereof, and desiring to hear
from us on the subject. It has been read
and has received that consideration which
its importance demands. After solid delib-
eration thereupon and a free expression of sen-
timent, we are united in the belief that
it would not be expedient to comply with
your request. We have been brought to this
conclusion, because we do not believe it is
at this time required of us to appear before
the public in this manner either as principals
or agents: because we do not believe it
would be well or kindly received by our fellow-
citizens, who are jealous of any (as they term it)
foreign interference with the subject and will
scarcely look at any thing that has a foreign
origin be it either from abroad or from an
other State: because we think it would
have a tendency to lessen our future use-
fulness and would probably close the door