

famine prevails, and spreads in Ireland to a very affecting and appalling extent. Large numbers are perishing from the want of food, arising from the failure of the potato crop a supply of sustenance on which hundreds of thousands have been accustomed for years almost solely to depend.

Our sympathies and sorrows are deeply awakened; and in that brotherly love and fellowship which we desire to cherish and cultivate we feel inclined to commend the state of the distressed to the Christian feeling, and interests of our brethren of the several Meetings for Sufferings in America, and to add our desires that as your country has been blessed with an abundant harvest, in whatever way of your members may be disposed to manifest their desire to assist in helping our fellow men you may be encouraged to do so either by the sending of money or grain to the care of Friends. We feel that this mysterious dispensation of the Most High should lead us to a renewed sense of our dependence upon him for the supply of all our wants, whether temporal or spiritual; and earnest are our desires that being brought to a state of true humiliation before Him, this sore calamity may be overruled for good, and blessed to us and to the inhabitants of this Kingdom. The Correspondents

of the respective yearly meetings in America are instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing minute to the respective correspondents abroad, and request that it may be promptly brought under the notice of the several meetings for Sufferings whom they represent.

Robert Forster Clerk

Copy James Bowdlen

Then adjourned to meet at the stated time in 10th month next

At a meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore the 16th of 10th mo 1847

Present 26 Members a Co several Brethren from other yearly meetings,

A communication from New York Meeting for Sufferings relative to Periodicals under the control of a Friend or Friends, dated 7th of 12th mo 1846 was read & deliberately considered. And no way for action upon its suggestions appearing to open at this time, it was directed to be filed among our papers.

Then adjourned to meet at the stated time in 12th mo next