

Which was issued by this Meeting in the year 1849 has been again read, under a renewed feeling of the same religious concern in which it originated. During the four years which have since elapsed the Address has been personally presented by Special Deputations on behalf of this Meeting to most of the Sovereigns of Europe and to the Emperor of Brazil, as well as to many others in Authority in each of the countries visited by these deputations, and this Meeting thinks it right gratefully to record its reverent sense of the Divine Assistance which has been graciously afforded in the prosecution of that part of the service which has already been accomplished on seriously deliberating in the fear of the Lord upon that which may yet remain to be performed of the religious duty laid upon us as a church in this matter, we believe that the time is come for presenting the Address to the President & others in power in the United States of America.

Under a solemn sense of the weighty & important character of the mission, we accordingly appoint our beloved friends, Josiah Foster, William Foster, John Candler and William Holmes (of whom William Foster and John Candler are ministers of the Gospel, and Josiah Foster and William Holmes Elders in our religious Society) a Deputation to proceed to America and

present the Address to the President and other members of the Federal Government, to Governors of States, and others in authority in that great Republic.

We encourage these our dear friends to proceed in the prosecution of the important duty confided to them, in such manner as, in dependence upon the wisdom that is from above, they may deem best, craving that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon work in which they are about to engage, and commending them to the Christian kindness and consideration of those with whom they may have intercourse, and especially to the sympathy and help of our dear American brethren, members of our religious Society who have so long labored in the same righteous cause.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the members of the Deputation with a copy of the foregoing minutes duly signed by him on behalf of this Meeting.

In order that the important concern developed in the preceding minutes may, with brotherly confidence be brought at as early a period as possible to the notice of our dear friends in America, and particularly of the respective Meetings for Sufferings in that land, we think it right to instruct the Correspondents in London of the several American Yearly Meetings to transmit copies of the said minutes to their respective correspondents in America, and we desire to commend our beloved