

The following Certificate from the Meeting for Sufferings of Indiana Yearly Meeting was produced and read together with a copy of a Minute of Indiana Yearly Meeting referred to in the Epistle.

To the Meeting for Sufferings of Baltimore Yearly Meeting -

Dear Friends

We hereby offer to you the salutation of brotherly love and fellowship and believe it may be proper to inform you of the proceedings of our Yearly Meeting recently held in relation to the separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting the painful intelligence of which was received at that time by us.

Documents from both parties claiming to be Ohio Yearly Meeting were addressed and sent to ours: whereupon our Yearly Meeting referred the consideration of the said documents to a select committee of men and women Friends, instructing them to pursue the same, and obtain such other evidence in the case as may be had, and make report of their judgment as to which of the said bodies should be recognised as Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends and the communications thereof read accordingly. Their report a copy of which we enclose ^{to you} herewith was unanimous that the body in Ohio of which Jonathan Bismar and Jane

St. Sumner our clerks should be so recognised, and was sanctioned without dissent by a very general exhibition of unity, and adopted as the judgment of the Yearly Meeting, whereupon the communications signed by Jonathan Bismar and Jane St. Sumner as clerks were read accordingly and Epistles addressed to the body which they represent, as the true Ohio Yearly Meeting, at the same time correspondence with the body of which Benjamin Hoyle was Clerk was declined.

We believe that our Yearly Meeting in taking this step was deeply sensible of the importance thereof, and our hearts were affected with much sorrow at the existence of a state of things which made such a step necessary. But much as we have felt our responsibility we are well satisfied with our decision and entertain no doubts of its propriety for us.

Renewing our salutation of brotherly love we remain affectionately your friends

Respectfully directed and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends held in adjournment on the 3rd day of the Tenth Month 1854.

David Hunt. Clerk.

Then adjourned to the stated time on 12th mo. next.