

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore the 15th of 12 Mo 1856

Present 16 Members

A Minute was received from our late Yearly Meeting informing us that they had appointed John B. Crenshaw, John H. Williamson & Jesse Tyson to fill the vacancies in its representation in this Meeting. Their names are directed to be placed on our list of Members.

The following report from the committee to prepare or select, a tract upon our Christian Doctrines and Testimonies, was produced & read, and being fully united with. The committee is left at liberty to proceed with the publication of not less than 3000 copies thereof and call on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense.

The committee appointed on the subject of preparing or selecting a tract for general distribution on the doctrines & Testimonies of our religious Society report that we have conferred together and are united in the belief that the publication of such a tract by authority of the Meetings for Sufferings, at the present time would be useful. We propose that our tract consist of the brief exposition of the doctrines & testimonies of the Society prepared by the general conference which met in Philadelphia in the year 1829 and which was subsequently approved & adopted by all the Yearly Meetings of Friends

on this Continent - and of the concise account of the rise of the Society & its disciplines as contained in a Tract published by Friends tract Society in Philadelphia, with some verbal corrections in the latter, and substituting the accompanying statement of our testimony against Slavery for that prepared by the conference. The reader of the tract, who may desire fuller information on these subjects to be referred by a suitable note to Sewall's history of the Society of Friends - George Fox's Journal - Barclay's apology - Barclay's catechism - Barclay's Treatise on church government - Phipps on the original and present state of Man, & William Fowles rise & progress of the people called Quakers - Standard works - Most of which have been largely circulated & distributed by direction of our Meeting for Sufferings, between the years 1844 & 1855, among our Members & Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee

12th Mo 12th 1856

Hugh Dalderston

The Committee to offer to this Meeting the name of a Friend to serve as clerk in the place of Richard H. Thomas, reported the name of John Scott which was united with & He appointed to the service.

A Minute was received from our late Yearly Meeting referring a document from our friends of London Yearly Meeting intitled a plea in behalf of Liberty of conscience which the clerk is directed to file among the papers of this Meeting.

Then adjourned to meet at the stated time in third month next