

At a Meeting for Sufferings Held in Baltimore 16th of 3rd Mo 1857

Present 18 Members = also our friend Daniel Williams from Indiana

The following report from the committee to prepare or select a tract upon our Christian doctrines was produced, read & approved. The clerk was directed to furnish each of our Monthly Meetings with a copy of the report & this minute, and sign it on behalf of the Meeting. The Committee is relieved.

To the Meeting for Sufferings

We have had the Tract entitled a brief Exposition of the rise & fall of our religious Society stereotyped, & three thousand copies printed at a cost of One hundred & twenty dollars, including the price of the plates. The bill has been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. 200 copies have been placed in charge of Nathaniel C. Crenshaw for distribution within the limits of the Half Yearly Meetings of Virginia, and we propose that Centre Monthly Meeting, Dunning Creek Monthly Meeting, Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, Hopewell Monthly Meeting, each be furnished with 150 copies, and Baltimore Monthly Meeting with 500 copies, and each of our Monthly Meetings after having furnished a copy to their respective families to such persons not members of our Society, who are in the practice of attending their Meetings for worship, be requested to appoint a few judicious Friends to take charge of the

remaining copies for general circulation. And as the design of the Meeting for Sufferings in publishing this tract is to spread a knowledge of our religious Society & of its Christian doctrines & testimonies we would express the desire we feel, that due care and diligence be taken to give it a wide & extensive circulation especially amongst those who are not in connection with us, but who may be seeking a knowledge of the Truth. Our Monthly Meetings to be furnished with a further supply of the Tract on application to the Meeting for Sufferings or during the recess thereof to Joseph Shing Jr or Francis Shing
3rd Mo 16th 1857

Hugh Balderston
Joseph Shing Jr
Richard H. Thomas
Ely B. Haysward
Aaron H. Griffith
Francis T. Shing

Then adjourned to meet at the stated time i.e. 20th Month Next

At a Meeting for Sufferings Held in Baltimore 17th of 10th Mo 1857

Present 17 Members also General Brethren from other Yearly Meetings whose company is acceptable.

Then adjourned to meet at the stated time in 12th Month Next