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At a Meeting for Sufferings Held in Baltimore
21st of 12th Mo 1857

Present 12 Members,

The Subject of the growing evil of intemperance claimed the serious consideration of this Meeting and Francis T. King, John Scott, James Carey, Robert Hopkins, Aaron H. Griffith, Richard McJannet, Thos. R. Matthews, & George P. Cook were appointed to prepare a Memorial to our State Legislature on the Subject, and produce it to a future Meeting.

Then adjourned to meet on Fifth day the 7th of 1st Mo 1858 at 3 o'clock P. M.

At an adjourned Meeting for Sufferings Held in Baltimore 7th of 1st Month 1858

Present 13 Members

The committee appointed to prepare a Memorial to the State Legislature produced the following, which was read and approved, and the clerk directed to sign it on our behalfs and Richard H. Thomas Francis T. King, John Scott & George P. Cook were appointed to present a copy of it to the Senate & House of Delegates, and report of their care to next Meeting.

To the Senate & House of Delegates of Maryland.

The Representatives of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, would respectfully state, that the Subject of Intemperance has for many years claimed their serious attention

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& Concern, especially of late, in view of its alarming increase in our community, destroying the morals of the people & threatening the security of life and property. In the moral & political view of the Subject, the facts are so strong & the proof so evident, which the Friends of Temperance, have again & again laid before you, that we deem it unnecessary to repeat them here & we are sure that every enlightened & conscientious Legislator feels that a great responsibility is resting upon him from the fact that the license to sell Liquors has its origin & sanction from the State. We believe that the expenses entailed upon the State directly & indirectly by the present System are fourfold greater than all the revenue it derives from it, but beyond all this & of far greater moment, the cause of religion, of good morals, & the social & physical improvement of the people, are greatly retarded. We would respectfully, but earnestly appeal to you to give the Subject your early & serious consideration & interpose the authority of the State for the protection and welfare of the people in this particular. Signed by direction & on behalf of the Representatives of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends.
Baltimore 1st Month 7th 1858

John Scott & Thos
Then adjourns to the stated time in Third
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