

At an adjourned Meeting for sufferings held 7th Mo 1. 1861, present twelve members.

This meeting has had weightily before it the subject for which it was called together ^{last month} & after serious consideration of the propositions presented in the request, may did not open for us to move in it at the present time, but Friends were encouraged to dwell under the concern.

An address to Friends in N^o America was received from London Yearly M^g, through its meeting for Saff^y & in order that its valuable advice & brotherly sympathy may reach our members generally in this season of close proving & trial, it was concluded to have 300 copies thereof reprinted for distribution. We earnestly commend it to the serious & prayerful consideration of our members.

Francis J. King & Jas^o C. Thomas, were appointed to attend to the printing & circulation & draw on the Treas^r for the expense.

The following minute was rec^d from Dublin Yearly M^g, expressive of ^{their} deep sympathy & feeling with friends in America on account of the civil war which is now raging within our borders.

The affectionate remembrance & prayerful concern of our dear friends is comforting & encouraging to us, our clerk is directed to furnish London & Dublin Yearly M^{gs} for Saff^y with copies of these respective minutes & sign them on our behalf.

The Dublin minute is as follows, viz:

at a Yearly M^g of friends in Ireland held in Dublin by adjournments from the 29th of the 4th Mo to the 4th of the 5th Mo 1861.

This meeting has been introduced into feeling of near & tender sympathy with our beloved brethren in the U^s of A on account of the sufferings to which they may be exposed by reason of the political dissensions that prevail in that land. We view with much alarm the fearful indications of national strife which threaten the peace & prosperity of that country & it is our heartfelt desire that if consistent with the divine will, the sword may be stayed, the horrors of civil war be averted & a peaceful solution of the present difficulties be effected. In the trials & perplexities which may attend our dear friends, in maintaining inviolate their testimony to the benign character of the Christian dispensation & against the inherent wickedness & impolicy of the system of Slavery that prevails in a portion of their country we desire their encouragement, & trust that as they abide in the fear of the Lord & in the meekness of heavenly wisdom they will know their confidence to be in Him & be enabled faithfully & patiently to endure whatever sufferings may be permitted to attend them.

signed Thomas White Sec^y clerk
a minute was received from Balt^o Quarterly Meeting enclosing a memorial from late beloved friend Hugh Balderson prepared by Balt^o M^o M^g & endorsed by Balt^o Quarterly M^g. It was read in this meeting