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Sin ~~and~~ about meeting there has been a requisition  
on the state of Maryland  
Several members of this meeting carefully  
examined our state laws & had interviews  
with the Governor & the Commissioners of  
Enrollment from which they felt assured  
that Friends would be undisturbed in their  
conscientious scruples against war & that a spe-  
cial call of this meeting on the subject was  
unnecessary. The draft has recently taken  
place & Friends have been exempted. In re-  
cording this privilege which has been extended  
to us by our Rules, we desire that our members  
may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior  
in all things that the sincerity of our profession  
& the scriptural soundness of the doctrine may  
appear to those around us. May the injunction  
of the Saviour come closely home to us all -  
"Let your light so shine before men that  
they may see your good works & glorify your  
father in heaven."

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in  
Baltimore the 18<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 1862

Present 15 Members

An estimate was received from our late yearly  
Meeting informing this meeting of the app-  
ointment of Henry W Webster & Joseph Edge to

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fill vacancies occasioned by the death of our  
late friend Board Valentine & the removal of Abtton  
Pope, their names are directed to be placed on our  
list of Members,

The condition of our Friends residing in Virginia  
who are still subjected to trials & sufferings  
on account of the War again claimed our  
several Consideration. Much sympathy and  
concern were expressed for them, but way did  
not open for labor on their behalf at present

They adjourned to meet at the stated  
time in the 3d Month next -

John Scott. Clerk

At a called Meeting for Sufferings 2<sup>d</sup> No 25<sup>th</sup>  
1863, present nine Members

A Quorum not being present it was concluded  
in the emergency of the occasion to prepare the  
following Memorial relative to the conscription  
bill now in the eve of passing Congress, relying  
on the informal proceedings of this Meeting being  
ratified by our Meeting in the 3<sup>d</sup> No 11<sup>th</sup>.

We also appoint Francis T. Thompson, James C. Thomas  
& Richard A. Gannaway to present the memorial to  
Congress & report to next meeting.

To the Senate & House of Representatives of the  
United States in Congress assembled