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of a larger draft which will soon be enforced & the necessity of some definite settled course for him to pursue.

He wishes Friends to have a general Conference of their Committees to consider a proposition from him, which he believes would satisfy them & relieve him & the Government & that he expects to hear from them in relation to it.

He proposes to create a special fund for the benefit of the Freedmen & to exempt Friends from military service upon the payment of \$300. into this fund, said payment not to be as in other cases to the District Provost Marshal, but to his fiscal agent at Washington to be credited on his books to the Freedmen, & that Friends can have the disbursement of it thro' their own agents & laborers. He expressed deep interest in organized & individual efforts of Friends to elevate the moral & physical condition of the manumitted slaves & was willing to accept this medium as relief for our members from the draft - the only legal mode in his power.

Our Committee informed him that they would convey the result of their interview to Friends generally.

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After a time of serious deliberation, without entering upon the proposition itself, this meeting concluded to lay the foregoing report before the several Mtgs for sufferings in this Continent, inviting them to appoint Com^s to meet in Conference in this City at 9 o'clock A.M. 2nd day 12th Mo. 7th 1863, to consider the whole subject, believing that the time has come for our widely-spread Society to have some definite & settled understanding with the Government in relation to the draft, that now are and soon will be ordered.

The Com^e appointed by this meeting last year to represent it in any Conference of Com^s which may be called during the War, is directed to represent us in accordance with the foregoing minutes viz: Francis J. King, Wm. C. Thomas, Wm. Carey & Richard M. Janney. Then concluded.

F. J. King
Aik for the day.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore the 21st of 12th Mo. 1863. Present eleven members. A minute was received from our late Yearly Mtg informing this Mtg of the appointment of Sam^l May Jr