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The Committee to watch over the interest of our religious Society in connection with the Draft & other subjects relating to the war made the following Report which is accepted & the Com^{tee} is released.

To the
Meeting for Sufferings

The Committee to watch over the interests of our Religious Society in connection with the Draft and other subjects relating to the war Report,

That upon the assassination of our late honored & beloved President, Abraham Lincoln, & the ousting of the Vice President, Andrew Johnson, to the responsible position of the Head of the Nation, the sub-committee of the Conference which met here in 12 mo. 1863 was called together 5 Mo. 4th 1865, under the belief that some expression of feeling was due from the Society of Friends to the Government upon the great calamity which had befallen our country.

Three of our Comm^{tee} with a delegation from New England & Ohio visited Washington for that purpose. The New York Committee misunderstood the time, & those of Indiana, Western & Iowa were unavoidably prevented from attending. They all however cordially endorse the

concerns.

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We append to this report a detailed account of the proceedings.

One of our Comm^{tee} visited Washington frequently during the early part of this year on behalf of one of our own members and several drafted ones of other Yearly Meetings. The Govt. in every instance granting the relief asked for.

The war having closed & peace being again restored to our country we would recommend the release of the Committee.

Pass^{ed} 10 Mo. 19th 1865.

Francis J. King
James Caxey
James C. Thomas.

President Johnson received the delegation standing, in his room in the Treasury building, his private secretaries being present & Jos. J. Lewis, and Isaac Newton who had kindly introduced us. After our introduction one of the committee, read the following address to which the President listened respectfully.

To Andrew Johnson, President of the United States.

We appear before thee, as Representatives of the Religious Society of Friends. We desire first to express our heartfelt grief in common with all true men, under the terrible calamity, in which our Nation has been involved, by the Assassination of our honored Chief Magistrate; the late Abraham Lincoln - a ruler whom we sincerely and warmly loved, & to whom we accorded our profound respect.