

to take a deep interest in the work & fill several positions of usefulness and responsibility. Thro' the kindness of Sect^y Stanton & Gen^l Howard liberal grants of Gov^t barracks have been made to the Association - from this material 36 large School houses have been erected during the past year in various parts of the State. The Colored people doing the work themselves.

The press of scholars and want of funds have rendered it necessary to make the schools partially self-sustaining by a charge of 10 cents a week for each pupil, which is paid every 2nd day morning - the plan works admirably & will defray the board of the teacher.

The old laws of our State affecting the Colored people still remain un-repealed, but the Civil Rights and the Freedmen's Bureau Bill have virtually rendered most of them inoperative - they are still a disgrace to Maryland's Statute Book & some of them are oppressive.

Patto 10th Mar 30. 1867

Francis T. King
Rich^d W. Janney
Jas. Carey
Jas. C. Thomas -

The Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Maryland Legislature on behalf of the Colored people was continued.

An account of the sufferings of our members during the late Rebellion prepared by Hopewell Monthly Meeting and referred by our last Meeting to this; also a similar document sent forward

from Virginia Half Year Meeting was referred to James Carey, John B. Gresham & Jacobariah McLean who were directed to prepare a summary of their content, with such other information as they may be able to obtain & present it to next Meeting.

The Meeting being informed that a vacancy had occurred in the Yearly Meeting's representation - by the death of our dear friend Bro. King Jr. the Clerk was directed to furnish information thereof to the Yearly Meeting -

The following report of the Committee having charge of the division of the Yearly Meeting's property was approved and the Committee continued. it is as follows To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Com^{tee} upon the division of property belonging to the Yearly Meeting report: that the Fairhill School Farm & a portion of the Pasture Lot were sold since last year. The law directing the sale of the Farm required that the proceeds should be held in Trust for Educational purposes, according to the original design of the Fund, and in order to make but one Trust of it. Lombard St. Friends concluded to hold it themselves and pay us from the proceeds of the Lot.

Both Com^{tees} have made great effort to sell the Lot and finally agreed to sell it at public Auction - but only part of it was sold. Nothing has yet been paid us. Our Committee is negotiating a settlement. We shall continue to give attention to the subject.

Patto. 10th Mar 17th 1867.

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