

In Virginia Half Year Meeting,

Henry Ware, Wm P. Ware, Joseph S. Ware and Rev. S. Ware were taken to Camp at Suffolk in 24th of 2nd month 1862 & placed under guard for five weeks; they were then to be called upon to work of the Commisary house which they unwillingly did but to make some banks for the sick. They were permitted to have provisions sent from home. When Rev. J. & Wm P. Ware were taken sick, they were permitted to go home. About that time the State of Virginia passed a law imposing a tax of £500. & 2 p.c. on the value of the property of all religious non-combatants, who were of military age. Under this law our members were released paying as follows: J. S. Ware \$522.55. Wm Ware \$42.21. B. F. Ware \$510. Henry Ware being shut him on the reserve list. Congress passed a Tax law requiring only \$500 which he paid. There was taken from our friend Wm Ware in U. S. Money £515 and in property about \$800 - he was cruelly treated being shot in the head & left for dead - but had miraculously recovered. On the 29th of 2nd Mo. Geo. B. Britton, Dr. Hiram S. Eder, Hiram S. Eder, Silman Harris, Orrin White & Wm Harris were taken to the entrenched camp at Norfolk - After 12 days, having steadily refused to perform any military service they were put into a dungeon where they remained nine days, & were then released on paying the State Tax of \$500 each & 2 p.c. on their property. Edw. Harris was taken ill in the dungeon & died in seven days after being released from the effects of the imprisonment, we believe. Abel Cook, Dr. Wm. S. S. S.

Dr. J. Harris and B. F. Harris were released on payment of the tax, also Walter Pleasants, Walter Ricks, Edw. S. Pleasant, and Nathaniel B. Wrentham. Geo. Britton also lost in property about \$400 & Abel Cook about \$175. In addition to what we have mentioned we know that others of our members sustained considerable losses of which our report can make no mention but we can all unite in saying that the persecution and discommodities experienced at the hands of our merciful God were so great and manifest as to call for the only adequate response and praise & to cause us to testify as we desire in humanity to be that God is faithful in all his promises - a present help in times of need.

On behalf of the Committee

Ans. B. Cushman.

The following Report from the Baltimore Association to advise and assist Friends of the Southern States, was caused to be entered in our Minutes.

To "Baltimore Association of Friends to advise and assist Friends of the Southern States:"

In making our first general report it is proper that we should refer to the origin of our Association.

Soon after the breaking out of the rebellion, Friends from North Carolina occasionally passed through Baltimore on their way to the West, but during the autumn of 1864 such arrivals were so much more frequent, and the families, in most cases, so destitute, that it was concluded to combine our individual efforts to aid them, and "THE BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS TO ADVISE AND ASSIST FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES," was formed.

We have kept a regular account of our operations, and have acted through committees with all the care and system in our power, but do not think it is required of us to make public the details of our aid to brethren, under temporary and unexpected privations, many of whom had formerly given freely to others.

It is due, however, to the contributors of the fund, that some report should be made, if it be only as a record of the love, sympathy and interest which have bound us together as a people, at a period when nearly every other tie between the North and the South was severed.

We had no expectation at first of any thing but a local effort—but the interest which we felt was simultaneously manifested throughout all the Yearly Meetings, and we became the medium of dispensing their liberality also.