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WINCHESTER, VA. 1812

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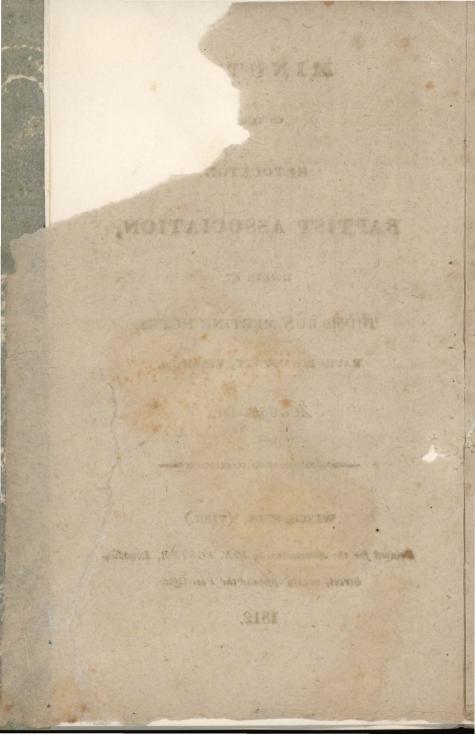
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THE ASSOCIATION

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1st. Elder John Monroe, chosen Moderator; brother Thomas Buck, clerk, and Thomas Buck, jun. As. sistant Clerk.

2d. A letter from the Culpepper Association, received by their messengers, brethren Mason, Conner, and Jones, who were invited to take seats amongst us.

3d. Letters from three new constitutions, viz. Rock. Hill, Grove, and Bethlehem, were received by their Messengers praying admission: which was granted after satisfactory information of their faith and order, and their messengers after receiving the right hand of fellowship, were invited to take their seats in the Asy sociation, and the Churches ordered to be enrolled.

4th Elder William Fristoe, Jeremiah Moore, Henty Toler, William Gilmore, and Robert Latham, with the moderator and clerk, are appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association, who, after a few minutes intermission, made report, which, with the resolves of the Association thereon, follow in order On motion adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday, 14th.

Met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer, proceeded to business.

5th. The business of the silver cup being called as a reference, brother Benjamin Dawson, who was ap, pointed to procure the same, informed the Association, he had not procured it, and gave reasons why he had not, that were satisfactory. Brother Saml O. Hendren, is appointed by the Association as their agent, to collect the meney, in the hands of brother Watkins, and brother Dawson is to address a letter by brother Hen.. dren to brother Watkins, in behalf of the Association, on that subject.

Gth. The Division of the Association, standing as p.

reference from the last Association, called ; and after considerable consultation, determined to continue in one body by an almost unanimous voice

7th. Enquiry from the Alexandria Church: What ought a church to do when a person comes from Europe, and says he or she has been Baptised, but has no other evidence of this but their own word We answer, that in cases of this nature, by persons from Europe, or elsewhere, due caution ought to be used, and without direct or circumstantial evidence satisfactory to the church, the application ought to be rejected

8th. The church of Alexandria, applied by her letter for a dismission to join the Baltimore Association, which was granted, and the clerk directed to write the came.

9th Enquiry from Fryingpan Spring, viz. We think members of one Church, living in the bounds of another, and not taking letters to the Churches to which they are most convenient, an evil that calls for some general remedy; what you have thought on this subject as expressed in your last minutes, is not likely we think to remedy the evil, please to answer pointedly.

Answer. It is the sense of the association, that where a member removes his residence from within the bounds of one church, to that o' another, with or without a letter of dismission, and neglects giving himself a member of such church, in that case the church from whence he came make enquiry into the reasons, and if not satisfactory to the church, to take such a member under their discipline.

10th Also from Fryingpan Spring: "when persons go from the bosom of one church to another, fifty times as far as from their residence, to get Baptised and become members, please give us your thoughts on this subject. This Association doth advise all ministers and churches in union with us, to exercise all due care and caution in receiving of members, or administering Baptism, and by no means give any just cause of offence to any church or minister, when the same can with propriety be avoided.

11th. Query from Ebenezer Are Associations considered advisary councils, and necessary, if so, in what particulars are they to give counsel?

Answer. We consider this Association an advisary counsel; that her existence is necessary, and that she may, and ought to give advice in all cases, that respect the glory of God, and the peace and prosperity of Zion,

12th Query from Goose Creek. Are Lotteries a species of gambling or not? if they are, is it right for a member of a Baptist church to have any thing to do with them?

Answer. We think Lotteries a species of gambling, and that members of a Baptist church ought not to have any thing to do with them.

13th Brother Jeremiah Moore, is appointed to write the corresponding letter to the Culpepper Association ; brother William Gilmore, to the Baltimore Association; and brothers Dawson, and Hendren, to write the circular letter.

14th Elders Lewis, Conner, Jones, Bowles, and Fristoe, are appointed to preach to morrow, and Elders Toler, Mason, Hiter, Monroe, Jeremiah Moore, on Lord's day.

On motion, Adjourned till toamorrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday, 15th.

Met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer proceeded to business.

15th. Elders Dawson, Hendren, and Gilmore, are

appointed messengers, to bear the letter of correspondence to the Culpepper Association.

16th. Elders Gilmore, and Toler, and Jeremiah Moore, are appointed messengers, to bear the letter of correspondence to the Baltimore Association.

17th. On motion, Resolved, that a memorandum of deficiencies in the records of Associational proceedings, produced by the clerk, be annexed to the minutes, to enable the churches to comply with the request of last Association, respecting documents to complete the resords of the Association, and the churches are request, ed to attend to the same, and give the next Association such information as they are in possession of.

18th. On motion, Resolved, that there be six visita^{*} tion meetings, and that the yearly meeting is discontinaed : brethren Gilmore, Francis Moore, and A. Hum. phries are appointed a committee to arrange the same, and make report to morrow.

19th. The next Association to be holden at Bethel meeting house in Frederick County on the Thursday preceding the 3rd Lord's day in August 1812.

20th. On motion Resolved, that the former order restricting the commencement of Preaching until Saturday be and is hereby resended, and that preaching commence in future with the Association, and that Brother FRISTOE do preach the introductory sermon at the next association, and in case of future Br. Jeremiah Moore.

21st On motion Resolved, that the association do advise the church to observe the day recommended by the president of the United States as a day of fasting and prayer.

22nd On motion Resolved, that the Association do

may be holden in future, that they (the church) do appoint some one or more of their members to provide grain to retail out for horses at the meeting house, convenient thereto, and also to have troughs prepared.

23d. Resolved, that the clerk do superintend the print, ing of the minutes, whereupon the sum of thirty three Dollars 62 1 2 Cents was contributed for that purpose.

24th. The letters of correspondence with the Baltimore and Culpepper Association prepared by elders Jeremiah Moore and Wm. Gilmore—read and approved of.

25th. Elders Dawson and Hendren not having preapared the circular letter, and rendered satisfactory reasons, the association agreed to confide in them to do it at their leisure, and convey it to the superintendant of the printing of the minutes.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock, in order to receive the report of the committee appointed to arrange the visitation meetings, which was received and approved of by the association as follows viz,

The 8th Lord's day in November 1812, there is to be one at Opequan, to be attended by Elders John Monroe Samuel O. Hendren and John Arnold. The South Ri. ver to be attended by Elders John Hutcheson, Robert Lathan and Peter Sperry. One at Brent town of Lucky.Run, Elders Henry Toler and William Gilmore to attend the same.

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The 5th Lord's day in May 1813, there is to be one at Hedgeman River, to be attended by Elders Jeremiah Moore and William Northan One at Opequan to be attended by Elders William Fristoe and Benjamin Dawson. One at Long Branch by Francis Moor, G. Sedwick, and Jesse Monroe.

Adjourned till Association in course.

JOHN MUNROE, Moderator. THOMAS BUCK, Clerke There was preaching on every day of the Association; on Thursday three Sermons, by brethren HITER, BOWLES, and MASON.

On Friday, Brother HITER preached from John, 3d chapter, 36th verse.

Brother HENDREN, from John, 5th chap. 25th verse, Brother Bowles, from John, 4th chapt. 14th verse. On Saturday, Brother Jones, from Rev. 12th chapt. first verse.

Brother CONNER, from John, 3d chapter, 19th verse, Brother Bowles, from IId Cor. 3d chapter, 1st verse,

Brother FRISTOE, fsom Matth. 11th chapter, 28th, 29th and 30th verses.

On Lord's day, Brother TOLER, from Hagar, second chapter, 7th verse.

Brother HITER, from John, 3d chapter, 3d verse.

Brother J. MOORE, from Rom. 15th chap. 29th verse. Brother MASON, from Isaiah, 27th chap. 13th verse. Brethren GILMORE and MONROE reached, but the rain prevented my hearing; neither could I get the texts of the first day, being confined in the Association —— 'There were Sermons also every night at several places in the neighbourhood, which I could not obtain.

THOMAS BUCK

Documents wanting to compleat the Records of the Association, viz : In 1766, the Number of Members in each Church: In 1767, the Numbers and Circular Letter. 1768, the Minutes and Letter. 1769 the Numbers and Circular Letter 1770, Broad Run and Smith's Creek, Numbers and Circular Letter 1771, the Circular Letter. 1772, the Numbers and Circula? Letter 1773, the Number of Broad Run. 1774 the Table of Churches. 1777, the Table of Churches.... 1779, the Minutes. 1780, the Circular Letter 1786, the Circular Letter. 1792, the Circular Letter 1786, the Circular Letter. 1792, the Circular Letter. 1793, the Circular Letter. 1792, the Circular Letter. 1793, the Circular Letter. 1792, the Circular Letter. 1793,

BELOVED BRETHREN,

BY divine permission we met aceording to appointment, and the business that came before us was disposed of as you will see in our minutes. We met together with joy, continued in love and parted in peace. Several of the letters from the Churches brought us pleasing news of revivals, others breathed the spirit of Love and Harmony.

It appears, dear brethren, that the Lord hath not for. saken us; there are numbers at present enquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward.

Dear Brethren,

We live in a period that appears pregnant with important events. The war that has so long raged in Europe, has at length reached our once happy and peaceful land; suffer us therefore to caution you not to indulge a party spirit, which has a tendency to beget strife and animosity, but remember you profess to belong to the Redeemer's Kingdom which is not of this world; be often at the throne of grace, intreating the Lord while the phials of his wrath are pouring out on the beast and the false prophet, that he would favor Zion,

When ye hear of wars and rumors of wars be not troubled, for these things must needs be, but stand still and see the salvation of the Lord enter into thy chambers, and shut thy doors until the indignation be overpast—follow peace with all men, endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Young Brethren, in particular we exhort you, not to be conformed to this world, the fashion of which is passing away; and should any of you be called on to take the sword, be on your guard, watch and pray, and let your light shine before men.

Finally, Brethren, follow your Lord and master in all things, and may the God of love and peace be with you all—Amen,

