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The Manover-Presbytery-  
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The Manover  
Presbytery

A Copy of the Minute of the Synod of New-York met <sup>57</sup>  
at Philadelphia.

At a meeting of the Synod of New-York September 3. 1758.

A Petition was brought into the Synod setting forth the necessity of erecting a new Presbytery in Virginia: the Synod therefore appointed Mr. Samuel Davies, John Todd, Alexander Braghead, Robert Henry, John Wright, & John Brown, to be a Presbytery, under the name of the Presbytery of Hanover: & of their first meeting shall be in Hanover on the first Wednesday of December next; & that Mr. Davies open the Presbytery by a Sermon: & that any of our Members, settling to the Southward & Westward of Mr. Hoggs Run congregation, shall have Liberty to join the Presbytery of Hanover.

P. Richard Treat Syn: Clerk

Hanover, December 3. the Presbytery of Hanover met according to the above Constitution & Appointment, Mr. Davies Moderator & Mr. Todd Clerk. Ubi post Breve sederunt, Messrs. Samuel Davies, Robert Henry, John Brown & John Todd, Ministers. Elders, Samuel Morris, Alexander Joice, John Macey; Messrs. Braghead & Wright absent.

Mr. Davies being sick, requested Mr. Todd to preach for him, & accordingly, the Presbytery was opened by him, by a Sermon from Zechariah. the 4-7.

The Synod of New-York having appointed that a Day of fasting & Prayer be held in all the Congregations within their Bounds, on account of the present critical & alarming State of Great Britain & the British Plantations in America; & having left it to the Discretion, of each Presbytery to determine the particular Day, this Presbytery therefore appoint next New-Years

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Day, to be set apart for that Purpose; because of the Prospect it may have, to the important Transactions of the last year; the Prospect it may bear to the ensuing Year, which may be equally interesting & important; & that we may have the Encouragement of Joining in our united Requests, to the Throne of Grace, with the Presbytery of New-battle, who have appointed the same Day  
The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup>. Brown to give timely Notice hereof to m<sup>r</sup>. Crayhead, & m<sup>r</sup>. Henry to do the same to m<sup>r</sup>. Wright,

The Synod having recommended to all the Congregations within their Bounds, to raise a Collection for the College of New-Jersey; the Presbytery having taken the Affair under Consideration, Judge, that considering the present impoverished State of the Colony, in general, & of all Congregations in particular, such a Proposal would be quite impracticable; & appoint that the Members that attend the Synod next year, report the same to the Synod.

A Petition directed to m<sup>r</sup>. Davies & m<sup>r</sup>. Todd, from People living near the mountains in Albemarle, near Wood's Gap; was referred by them to the Presbytery; representing their destitute Circumstances; in the want of Gospel ordinances, & requesting some Supplies from us; — The Presbytery therefore, appoint, the Rev. Jam<sup>s</sup>. Davies to preach there, on the 2<sup>d</sup>. Sabbath in March next; & that m<sup>r</sup>. Brown desire some of the People to appoint the Place of meeting, to be out of the Bounds of m<sup>r</sup>. Black's Congregation, at some convenient Place.

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup>. John Todd to be their constant Clerk.

Adjourned until the Thursday after the 2<sup>d</sup>. Sabbath of March next, to meet at Providence, & appoint, that m<sup>r</sup>. Henry open the Presbytery by a Sermon.  
Concluded with Prayer. e

Providence March 18<sup>th</sup> 1786 25

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi 1786  
post Decree sedent. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Davies, Robert Henry,  
John Wright & John Todd, Ministers. — Samuel Morris, Saml  
Davies, Charles Anderson & Tucker Woodson, W<sup>rs</sup>. — Absent,  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander Braghead, & John Brown.

M<sup>r</sup> Henry opened the Presbytery with a Sermon from 2<sup>d</sup>  
Cor. 9. 20. according to appointment.

M<sup>r</sup> Todd chosen Moderator, m<sup>r</sup> Davies Clerk.

Ordered the minutes of our last to be read. — The reason of  
m<sup>r</sup> Wright's Absence from our last sustained. — but the Pres-  
bytery charitably recommend it to all the Members to be par-  
ticularly conscientious in attending for the future.

Petitions for Supplies were brought in subscribed by sundry People from  
Buchanan in Albemarle; also from the People inhabiting between the  
Secretary's Ford & the Mountains in said County; also from the Har-  
rison Fields, Leno & Rice, in North Carolina. — A Petition from above 80  
Subscribers in Prince Edward County, for the one half of m<sup>r</sup> Wright's  
ministerial Labour; a Petition from Orange County, N. Carolina,  
for Supplies.

All the Members present have complied with the Appointment of our  
last, in observing this year's Day as a Day of fasting & Prayer, on  
account of the present Posture of our public Affairs.

M<sup>r</sup> Davies has complied with his Appointment in preaching near  
the Mountains.

A verbal Representation being made of the necessitous Situation  
of the People in Cheatefield County, Meherin indunenburg, & Slate  
River & the North Garden in Albemarle, & of their earnest Desire  
to hear the Gospel from some of our Members: the Presbytery conclude  
to consider them as vacant Congregations, to which they will ap-  
point Supplies, as far as possible. But it is recommended to such  
Congregations as desire our Labour for the future, to send Petitions  
for that Purpose.

The Presbytery finding that that Part of m<sup>r</sup> Wright's Congregation  
situated about Mill's Creek have not been apprised of the Application  
from Prince Edward County for the half of his ministerial Labour.

& consequently couldnot make a representation on their part, the consideration of said Petition is referred to our next, & Mr. Wright is appointed to give that Early Timely Notice.

Mr. Wright is appointed to supply the first & second Sunday of June at Inno. the Hawfields & thro. in North Carolina.

Mr. Todd is appointed to supply Two Sabbaths between Truck Island & the Mountains, & to preach on a Week Day at the North Garden.

Mr. Davies is appointed to preach a Week Day at Meherin.

Mr. Brown is appointed to preach one Sabbath at Discretion in Albemarle, between the Mountains & the Secretary's Ford, betwixt this & the first of September next, & that the Moderators inform him in Time. Mr. Brown is also appointed to preach at Mr. Charles Lewis's at Truck Island, the Sabbath preceding our next P. Y.

Mr. Henry is appointed to preach one Sunday at Discretion at Slate River, one at Meherin, & one at Kallifax, betwixt this Time & September next.

Mr. Brazhead is appointed to supply 2 Sabbaths in the Vacancies in Augusta, betwixt this & September next.

Adjourn'd to Mr. Woodson's at Goose Land Court House at 7 o'clock this Evening - Concluded with Prayer.

At Mr. Woodson's eodem die at 7 o'clock A. M. Post Pres. President qui supra.

A Petition being presented to the Presbytery for Supplies from the People near the Mountains in Albemarle County, & a representation being made, by Mr. Davies, of the Circumstances of some of them, particularly with regard to their Connections with the Presbytery of New York, the Presbytery after the most mature Deliberation, came to the following Conclusions.

1. That as the Synods of New York & Philadelphia are distinct Bodies, the People under their Care have an undoubted Right to chuse what particular Synod they shall adhere to. Upon this Principle the Members of both Synods have acted in the Southern Provinces. And the Presbytery of Sonnyal in particular, have proceeded so far as to judge a Case that had before been determined by the Presbytery of New York, belonging to the Synod of New York; & acquitted & received into their Communion a Person whom they had laid under Censure. And some Ministers of both Parties have come to this Agreement that when any Person in their respective Congregations, should desire to be dismissed, & make Application for a Certificate, they should grant it, if the Person be otherwise a regular Church

2. That as a great Number of the Deliberers have not, & never had, any Communication with the Rev. Mr. Black, this alone is a sufficient Reason for appointing Supplies for those Sarts. — yet
3. That it be given, & it is hereby given, as an Instruction to such of the Members of this Presbytery as may be appointed to supply in those Sarts, or may be otherwise conversant with the People, that they show a proper Tenderness for Mr. Black's Character: that no Measures be taken to alienate People from him, while he continues a regular Minister, or to raise & foment Contentions among them.
4. That such as have been Subscribers to Mr. Black, fully discharge their Subscriptions, & make Application to him & his Wife, in a humble & peaceable manner, for a Certificate, before they leave him.
5. That if a Certificate be refused to such as are not chargeable with Immorality, or any thing inconsistent with Church-membership, they shall produce a Certificate under the Hands of such of their Neighbours & Acquaintance as are of unblamable Character, or be recommended by them & thereupon, they may be admitted to Church-Membership.
6. That tho' the People have an undoubted Right to fix upon a Place of Worship, according to their Convenience; yet the Presbytery recommend it to them, for the sake of Peace, to appoint a Place within the Bounds of Mr. Black's Congregation, & that it be as far down towards the Secretary's Field, as will possibly suit with their Convenience.

Mr. Todd is appointed to send a Copy of this Minute to Joseph Kincaid, to be communicated to the Persons concerned.

Mr. John Martin offered himself upon Tryals for the Gospel Ministry, & delivered a Discourse upon 1st Cor. 2. 1. which was sustained as a Part of Tryal; & he was also examin'd as to his religious Opinions, & the Reasons of his designing the Ministry; which was also sustain'd. He was likewise examin'd in the Latin & Greek Languages, & briefly in Logic, Ontology, Ethics, natural Philosophy, History, Geography & Astronomy; in all which his Answers in general were very satisfactory. And the Presbytery appoint him to prepare a Sermon on 1st Cor. 1. 22, 23. & an Exercise on this Question, Num Revelatio Supernaturalis sit Necessaria? to be deliver'd at one

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next Committee. And the <sup>Disappointed</sup> Messrs<sup>s</sup> Todd, Wright & Davies  
a Committee for that Purpose; to meet at the lower Meeting-House  
in Hanover, on the last Wednesday in April.

Mr. Wright laid before the Presbytery the case of one man Mr. Bride,  
who for some time has been excluded from Church Privileges, on  
account of a report that he had a Wife in Ireland, & during her life,  
married another in America: the Presbytery considering that the  
said Mr. Bride, as appears from his certificates, was admitted to  
Communion by Mr. Paul in Nottingham some years, where he  
settled upon his first coming into the County, & that the said report  
is not so well attested, as that it may be received as an Evidence in  
any Judicature; do Judge, that he ought to be restored to Church-  
Privileges.

The Presbytery considering the present critical State of our public  
Affair, & that it is proper to impress upon the minds of our People,  
those religious Sentiments which are agreeable to it; do appoint  
the first Tuesday in April to be religiously observed in all our Cong-  
regations as a Day of fasting & Prayer, or of Thanksgiving, as the  
Posture of Affairs may then require.

Adjourn'd to the first Wednesday of July, to meet at Goochland  
Court-House: the Presbytery to be opened with a Sermon by  
Mr. Martin, in case the Committee approve of his next Trials,  
otherwise by Mr. Davies. Concluded with Prayer.

Hanover, April 24. 1786. The Committee appointed for  
Mr. Martin's farther Trials, met. ubi post Dives, edraunt  
Messrs<sup>s</sup> John Todd & Samuel Davies - absent Mr. Wright - Mr.  
Todd chosen Moderator, Mr. Davies Clerk.

Mr. Martin delivered a Sermon on 1. Cor. 1. 22, 28. according to  
Appointment of Presbytery, which was received by the Committee  
as a Part of Trials, & also the Charge assign'd him, which  
was likewise approved.

The Committee proceeded to examin him upon the Hebrew, &  
in sundry extempore Questions upon the Doctrines of Religion,  
& some Cases of Conscience: his Answer was to which were generally  
sustained. And the Committee appoint him to compose a  
Sermon on these Words: The life which I now live in the Flesh,  
I live by the Faith of the Son of God. Gal. 2. 20. & an Exposition

most copied minutes are to be paper  
on a line being set down that is white, out of their proper place.



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a Lecture on Isaia LXI. 2. 3. To be delivered at the next Presbytery  
Concluded with Prayer. & 1

Goochland July 7<sup>th</sup> 1736 the Presbytery being appointed to meet, the  
Messrs. Alexander Craighead, Robert Keny, John Brown & John  
Wright, were absent, & July messrs. Todd & Davie, with their Elders,  
William Smith & Walter Leach attended; on which account, they  
did not think it proper to constitute a Presbytery; but only to  
make their report to the next Presbytery of their Transactions  
in a private capacity.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin delivered the Sermon appointed him by the Committee,  
on Gal. 2. 20. which the Ministers & Elders present do highly approve  
of, & think worthy to be received as a Part of Trialon, & they desire  
him to compose a Sermon against the next Presbytery on 1. Jo.  
V. 10. first Part.

The moderator appoints the next Presbytery to meet  
at Goochland Court House, on the last Wednesday of August.

Goochland August 28<sup>th</sup> 1736

The Presbytery of Kanawha met at the  
Appointment of J<sup>r</sup> moderator, ubi post recessu sedent messrs. J<sup>r</sup> Todd,  
Robt Keny, J<sup>r</sup> Wright, J<sup>r</sup> Brown & Jam<sup>s</sup> Davie ministers — J<sup>r</sup>  
Williamson, Jam<sup>s</sup> Hunt, Abram Venable, Andrew Steel, Turner Richardson  
Elders — absent m<sup>r</sup> Craighead.

m<sup>r</sup> Davie chosen moderator, m<sup>r</sup> Todd clerk.  
M<sup>r</sup> Martin opened J<sup>r</sup> Presbytery with a Lecture on Isaia 61. 1. 2. 3. & a  
Sermon on 1. Jo. V. 10.

order of J<sup>r</sup> minutes of our last be read.

The reason of m<sup>r</sup> Brown's absence from J<sup>r</sup> Presbytery in March sustained.

The People of m<sup>r</sup> Wright's congregation who made Application for a  
Division of his Time, have made no motion to J<sup>r</sup> Presbytery, & therefore  
that Affair is dropt. Messrs. Todd, Davie, Brown & Keny, have  
fulfilled their Appointments. m<sup>r</sup> Wright did not fulfill his, by  
he 10.

186 A reason of sickness, but Designs to do it. M<sup>r</sup>. Craghead being absent  
we cannot tell whether he had fulfilled his Appointments or not.  
The Fast appointed was kept by all of members.

The reasons of m<sup>r</sup>. Wright's Absence from our last fastaind.

The minutes of y<sup>e</sup> Committee were read & are as follows.

Hanover April 24<sup>th</sup> 1756.

The Committee appointed for m<sup>r</sup>. Martin's farther  
Trial, <sup>met</sup> ubi post Præced sederunt mess<sup>rs</sup>. J<sup>n</sup>. Todd & Sam<sup>l</sup>. Davies - absent  
m<sup>r</sup>. Wright. - m<sup>r</sup>. Todd chosen moderator, m<sup>r</sup>. Davies Clerk.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin deliver'd a Sermon on 1 Cor. 1. 22. 23. according to y<sup>e</sup> Ap-  
pointment of Presbytery, which was receiv'd by the Committee as a  
Part of Trial, and also an Exegesis assign'd him, which was likewise  
approved.

The Committee proceeded to examine him upon y<sup>e</sup> Hebrew, & in  
undry extempore Questions upon y<sup>e</sup> Doctrines of Religion, & some  
Cases of Conscience; his Answers to which were generally justaind.  
and y<sup>e</sup> Committee appoint him to compose a Sermon on these  
words. - The life which I now live in y<sup>e</sup> Flesh, I live by y<sup>e</sup> Faith of  
the Son of God. Gal. 2. 20. & an Exposition or Lecture on Isaia 61. 1. 2. 3. to be  
deliv'd at y<sup>e</sup> next Presbytery. - concluded with Prayers.

The Appointment of y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery in July not being kept,  
by reason of y<sup>e</sup> Absence of y<sup>e</sup> members, m<sup>r</sup>. Davies & m<sup>r</sup>. Todd, bring  
in a report of their Proceedings, which is as follows.

Goochland July 7<sup>th</sup> 1756

The Presbytery being appointed to meet, y<sup>e</sup>  
mess<sup>rs</sup>. Alexander Craghead, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Keny, J<sup>n</sup>. Brown & J<sup>n</sup>. Wright  
were absent, & only mess<sup>rs</sup>. Todd & Davies, with their Elders, William  
Smith & Walter Leake attendd; on which account they did not think  
it proper to constitute a Presbytery; but only to make their report  
to y<sup>e</sup> next Presbytery, of their Transactions in a private Capa-  
city. M<sup>r</sup>. Martin deliver'd y<sup>e</sup> Sermon appointed him  
by the Committee, on Gal. 2. 20. which y<sup>e</sup> ministers & Elders  
present

present do highly approve of, & think worthy to be received as a  
part of Trial: & they desire him to compose a Sermon against  
next Presbytery on 1. Tim. V. 10. first Part.

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The moderator appoints the next Presbytery to meet at Goshen-  
land Court-house, on 7<sup>th</sup> last Wednesday of August.

The Presbytery enters upon the consideration of Mr. Martin's Two  
Discourses, & approved them as parts of Trial.

Mr. Davie & Mr. Todd having drawn up an Address in the Name of  
this Presbytery, to be presented to his Excellency & Earl of Loudoun,  
upon his arrival in New York, & Presbytery approve of it, & adopt it as  
their Act: & it is as follows.

To the right Hon. <sup>ble</sup> John Earl of Loudoun, supreme  
Governor of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia, Commander in  
Chief of his Majesty's Forces in America, &c. The humble Address  
of the Presbytery of Hanover in Virginia.

may it please your Excellency,

The Presbytery of Hanover, in the Name of the Protestant Dissenters  
of the Presbyterian Denomination in this Colony, most humbly  
beg leave to present to your Excellency, thro' this medium, our  
sincere Congratulations upon your safe Arrival in America,  
& your Accession to the Government of this Colony.

We esteem it an high Honour conferred upon this Dominion  
& most gratefully resent it as a fresh Instance of his Majesty's  
paternal Goodness, that the Government of it is invested in one,  
whose noble Birth, whose military Skill & Bravery, & whose unshaken  
Loyalty & Activity, in the Service of his Royal Master, so conspicuous  
and displayed in a vigorous Opposition to the last unnatural  
Rebellion, afford us the most encouraging Prospect of a happy  
Administration, in the present alarming Situation of this Country;  
which has been so long ravaged, almost with Impunity, by a  
mangled Mass of French & Indian Savages.

We beg leave to give your Excellency the strongest Assurance  
that as we are gratefully sensible of our peculiar Happiness

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under of British Government, & of gracious & equitable Administration  
 of of best of Kings; & as we warmly resent, with a just Indignation, of per-  
 sious Inroachments of of French; those denial Injuries to Liberty  
 & Britons, upon of Territories secured to of British Crown by of Treaties  
 of Treaties, & of inhumane Barbarities & Depredations perpetrated  
 upon our Frontiers by them, & of Indian Savages thro' their In-  
 stigation; we shall zealously exert our utmost Influence, in our  
 respective Provinces, to make our People justly sensible of of  
 important Interests now at Stake, to inspire 'em w<sup>th</sup> a public Spirit  
 & of Love of their Country, & to animate them by our Instructi-  
 ons & Example, bravely to hazard their Lives & Fortunes in  
 its Defense.

As we humbly presume to vie with our Fellow-Subjects, in  
 Duty to his Majesty, & in a zealous Attachment to his Family &  
 Government; & cheerfully submit to of usual Tests of Loyalty &  
 orthodoxy imposed by Authority upon Protestant Dissenters;  
 we humbly solicit your Excellency's Patronage, & put ourselves  
 under your Protection; assur'd, your Excellency will continue to  
 us those Liberties we have enjoy'd, particularly of free Exercise  
 of our Religion, according to our Conscience, & of Practice of  
 of established Church of Scotland; & humbly hoping, that, whereas  
 we have in Times past lain under some Misdemeanors, from which  
 our Brethren in England, under of same religious Establishment  
 are happily exempted, your Excellency will grant us all of Liberties  
 & Immunities of a full Toleration, according to of Laws of England  
 & particularly according to an Act of Parliament commonly  
 call'd of Act of Toleration.

We cannot forbear intimating, what great Pleasure & Sincere  
 Regardment it would yield to us, & our Countrymen in general, if your  
 Excellency should condescend to assume of Administration upon  
 yourself in Person, & honour this Colony with your stated Residence  
 in it, when you have pass'd thro' those Scenes of business,  
 Fatigue, & Danger, in of Field, to which of Course of your  
 Country now calls you.

It is, and shall be, our daily earnest Prayer to y<sup>e</sup> Supreme Ruler of y<sup>e</sup> Universe, that your Excellency, under y<sup>e</sup> Guardianship & Conduct of y<sup>e</sup> Providence, may lead on our Armies to Honour, Victory, & Triumph — that y<sup>e</sup> present & future Ages may celebrate you, as y<sup>e</sup> Saviour & Protector of those infant Colonies in America; & particularly of this which has y<sup>e</sup> Honour to be your immediate Care — & that having long & successfully served your King & Country, you may be advanced to the un molested Tranquility, & superior Honour, of a happy Immortality. — These are our ardent wishes & Prayers; & we dare affirm, they are y<sup>e</sup> wishes & Prayers of y<sup>e</sup> Presbyterians in general, within this Dominion. 174

Signed per order of Presbytery

August 10<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
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John Todd mod<sup>r</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Davies clk<sup>t</sup>

The Presbytery farther examin'd m<sup>r</sup> Martin in sundry ex tempore Questions upon various Branches of Learning, & Divinity, & receiv'd his religious Experiences; & upon a review of y<sup>e</sup> sundry Trials he had pass'd thro' they judge him qualified to preach y<sup>e</sup> Gospel; & he having declar'd his Assent to, & Approbation of y<sup>e</sup> Westminster Confession of Faith, & Catechisms, & Directory, as they have been adopted by y<sup>e</sup> Synod of New York, y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery do license & authorize him to preach as a Candidate for y<sup>e</sup> Ministry of y<sup>e</sup> Gospel, & recommend to y<sup>e</sup> acceptance of y<sup>e</sup> Churches. And they order m<sup>r</sup> Davies & m<sup>r</sup> Todd to draw up for him a Certificate, according to y<sup>e</sup> purport of this minute. and appoint y<sup>e</sup> moderator to give him some solemn Instructions & Admonitions, with regard to y<sup>e</sup> Discharge of his office. — which was done accordingly.

A Petition from y<sup>e</sup> Session of y<sup>e</sup> North Mountain Congregation in Augusta, was presented to y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery, requesting that one of y<sup>e</sup> members may be sent thither to moderate in y<sup>e</sup> Session in determining a Difference between m<sup>r</sup> Brown & James Callison.

A Petition from Inno & y<sup>e</sup> Kawfields for supplies, & particularly for m<sup>r</sup> Martin.

A Petition from y<sup>e</sup> North Mountain Congregation for supplies. Also from Fair River & Lee See. Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning, at 6 o'clock. — concluded with Prayer.

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Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post recess federnunt qui supra, except m<sup>r</sup>. Todd, who had Leave to go home. to be read.

Ordered y<sup>e</sup> minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last federnunt to be read.  
The Presbytery considered y<sup>e</sup> petition from y<sup>e</sup> Northmountain Congregation; & as m<sup>r</sup>. Brown is not now a Prosecutor, but willing to drop y<sup>e</sup> Complaint; we recommend it to James Ballison to do y<sup>e</sup> same, & to bury all matters of past Difference in perpetual oblivion. But if he is not willing to drop y<sup>e</sup> Prosecution against m<sup>r</sup>. Brown, he must regularly enter his Complaint before y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery, before which alone it can be tried; as m<sup>r</sup>. Brown is not subject to an inferior Judicature.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin is appointed to preach at Duck Island y<sup>e</sup> Sabbath of September, at or near y<sup>e</sup> D.S. y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>, at y<sup>e</sup> Northmountain y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. & y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of October; y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> of October at Diverston; y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> at m<sup>r</sup>. Henry's Sacrament; the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at Meherin; & y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> of November at Slate-hives.

The Petitions for Supplies from Carolina are referred to our next Presbytery, when m<sup>r</sup>. Martin is to be sent out in answer to them.

As y<sup>e</sup> members are scattered so y<sup>e</sup> they cannot often meet in stated Presbytery, nor be called pro kenala, the Presbytery appoint m<sup>rs</sup>. Todd, Wright, Brown & Davies, or any Two of them, a Committee for this year, to transact such Affairs as may not admit of a Delay till y<sup>e</sup> meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery, & they shall bring in an Account of their Proceedings to y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery.

The next Presbytery is appointed meet on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Wednesday of November at m<sup>r</sup>. Wright's meeting-house in Cumberland; to be opened by a Sermon by m<sup>r</sup>. Brown. — concluded with Prayers.

Cumberland November 17<sup>th</sup> 1756

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post recess federnunt, m<sup>rs</sup>. Sam. Davies, Robt. Henry, J<sup>n</sup>. Wright & J<sup>n</sup>. Todd, ministers. — Madger Shachelford, Joseph Morlen, J<sup>n</sup>. Morlen, & Tucker Woodson, Elders. — absent m<sup>rs</sup>. Craghead, & Brown.

M<sup>r</sup>. Brown being absent, m<sup>r</sup>. Todd opened y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery by a Sermon from Luke 13. 7.

M<sup>r</sup>. Henry chosen moderator, m<sup>r</sup>. Wright clerk.

ordered that y<sup>e</sup> minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last Presbytery be read. 14  
M<sup>r</sup>. Wright not having fulfilled his Appointments, his reasons  
are sustained, but y<sup>e</sup> Appointments still to be complied with between  
this & y<sup>e</sup> next Presbytery.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin fulfilled his Appointments. →  
A Petition was presented by y<sup>e</sup> People at meherin for some of m<sup>r</sup>.  
Martin's Time & particularly, for his settlement among them.  
A Petition from some People in America to m<sup>r</sup>. Davies, was by  
him presented to y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery.  
Adjourned 'till y<sup>e</sup> o'clock. To-morrow-morning.  
concluded with Prayer.

November y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> the Presbytery met according to adjournment  
ubi post. *Actes federunt qui supra.*

Ordered y<sup>e</sup> minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last s<sup>e</sup>ssion to be read.  
A verbal Supplication from Albemarle was presented by m<sup>r</sup>.  
Doughlas, for some part of m<sup>r</sup>. Martin's Labour.  
A Verbal Supplication in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> People at Willis's was pre-  
sented by m<sup>r</sup>. Wright, for a part of m<sup>r</sup>. Martin's Time.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin is appointed to preach one Sabbath at Willis's meet-  
& six Sabbaths in Albemarle & all y<sup>e</sup> rest of his Time between this  
& y<sup>e</sup> last wednesday in April at meherin & y<sup>e</sup> adjacent vacancies  
at his Discretion.

The Synod having made large Provisions for y<sup>e</sup> vacant Con-  
-gregations in Carolina, & y<sup>e</sup> vacancies in Virginia being very  
needful; y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery do think it improper to appoint m<sup>r</sup>.  
Martin to go to Carolina this winter; & therefore defer it 'till y<sup>e</sup>  
next Presbytery.

Each of y<sup>e</sup> members of Presbytery agree to preach one  
Sabbath in some vacant Congregation between this & y<sup>e</sup> next  
Presbytery, & m<sup>r</sup>. Brown is appointed to preach one Sabbath  
in y<sup>e</sup> North-garden at m<sup>r</sup>. Garland's.

The Presbytery appoint next Newyears-Day to be religiously  
observed in a solemn manner by all y<sup>e</sup> members, in their

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Congregations, in giving them a review of y<sup>e</sup> important Events  
of y<sup>e</sup> preceding Year, & a Prospect of y<sup>e</sup> present Posture of our public  
Affairs & their probable Consequences; & in inculcating y<sup>e</sup>  
Duties proper for so unusual a Time.

The next Presbytery is appointed to meet at m<sup>r</sup>. Davies's  
meeting-house in Hanover, on y<sup>e</sup> last Wednesday of April, &  
m<sup>r</sup>. Brown is to open y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery by a Sermon; but in case  
he is absent, m<sup>r</sup>. Wright is to supply his Place.

Concluded with Prayer. ~

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Hanover April 24<sup>th</sup> 1757.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post  
Sueci fedemur, m<sup>rs</sup>. J<sup>o</sup>. Todd, W<sup>o</sup>. Henry, J<sup>o</sup>. Wright & Sam.  
Davies. ministers. — Phil. King, & James Allen Elders. —  
absent m<sup>rs</sup>. Braghead & Brown.

M<sup>r</sup>. Brown being Absent, & m<sup>r</sup>. Wright not being able to  
preach, thro' Indisposition, m<sup>r</sup>. Todd open'd y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery with a  
Sermon on Psalm CXIX. 11.

M<sup>r</sup>. Wright chosen moderator, & m<sup>r</sup>. Todd Clerke.

Ordered y<sup>e</sup> minutes of y<sup>e</sup> last Presbytery to be read.

The reason of m<sup>r</sup>. Wright's non compliance with y<sup>e</sup> Appoint-  
ment continued in our last (viz. his sickness) is sustained.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin complied with y<sup>e</sup> Appointments of our last,  
except one Sabbath; y<sup>e</sup> reasons for which are excused.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Henry & Todd have complied with their Appointments.

The reasons given by m<sup>rs</sup>. Davies & Wright for not ful-  
filling their Appointments are sustained.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Braghead & Brown not being present, we know not  
whether they have complied or not.

The Appointment of religiously observing last New-years-  
day suitably to y<sup>e</sup> Posture of public Affairs, has been sub-  
stantially observed by all y<sup>e</sup> members present.



ment before that Time, the Presbytery appoint the last Thursday in May to be observed as a Day of fasting & Prayer in all our Congregations, on Account of the present threatening Posture of Affairs. 16

A Ball for m<sup>r</sup>. John Martin was sent to the Presbytery from the People in Albemarle, & presented to him by the Moderator, & not being prepared to give a full Answer, he took it under consideration till next.

A Letter from m<sup>r</sup>. Wallon in behalf of the People of Mehering requesting more of m<sup>r</sup>. Martin's Labours, was presented to the Presbytery, & also an Application for the same Purpose, from the People in Amelia.

A Petition likewise from Petersburg for the same Purpose, also a Petition from the People about the Bay.

An importunate Application being made to m<sup>r</sup>. Davies from some People in & about Richmond County, to come & preach to them:

The Presbytery appoint him to preach there the last Sabbath in June.

M<sup>r</sup>. Davies is appointed to preach at Petersburg the 2<sup>d</sup> Sabbath in May.

Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. concluded with Prayer.

April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Presbytery met according to Adjournment, also post secessederunt, Qui supra. — ordered the minutes of the last sederunt to be read.

An importunate verbal Petition was presented to the Presbytery by m<sup>r</sup>. Henry, from this, Enno & the Kavosfields, in North Carolina.

The Presbytery is appointed to meet next in Kanover on the 2<sup>d</sup> Wednesday of June, which m<sup>r</sup>. Martin is to open by a Sermon on Rom 4. 4. preparatory to his Ordination, which is to be the Day following at which m<sup>r</sup>. Davies is to preside.

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup>. Martin this Thesis, An mundus sit creatus? to be delivered the Day before his ordination: & that he is to officiate in the Inter-space between this & that Time at his ordination, in Petersburg & Amelia.

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup>. Todd one Sabbath at the Bay & one at the D. S. between this & the Fall Presbytery.

one Sab. at Meherrin & one in Halifax: m<sup>r</sup>.  
Wright one at Meherrin & one at State-River; m<sup>r</sup>. Brown two Sab.  
in Albemarle, & m<sup>r</sup>. Bridges 2 Sabbaths in the vacancies in Augusta  
between this & the Fall Presbytery.

The Presbytery Appoint m<sup>r</sup>. Pallillo as pieces of Trial to be deliver'd  
at our next in June, a Sermon on Acts 10. 43 first Part. To him  
gave all the Prophets Witness:— & an Exegesis on that Question, Humana  
Sana Infernum fit deina:

The Presbytery appoint to meet at Lunenburg in the Fall, on the  
last Wednesday of September; & m<sup>r</sup>. Brown to open the Presbytery  
by a Sermon, & in case of his Absence, m<sup>r</sup>. Wright.

Concluded with Prayer.

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Hanover June the 26<sup>th</sup> 1757.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post Preces  
vident Mess: Saml. Davies, J<sup>r</sup>. Todd, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Kenny ministers: Capt.  
Loud & John Williamson Elders: Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Alexander Grayhear  
John Brown & John Wright.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin opened the Presbytery by a Sermon from Rom:  
4. 5. according to Appointment.

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd chosen moderator, m<sup>r</sup>. Davies Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Ordered the Minutes of the last Presbytery to be read.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin not being yet determin'd about the ball presented  
to him from Albemarle, desires to keep it longer under confi-  
deration

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin not having prepared an Exegesis, according  
to Appointment, for want of Time, being oblig'd to preach  
frequently, & to ride much, the Omission is excus'd.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin has complied with his Appointments in Amelia &  
Petersburg.

A ball was presented to m<sup>r</sup>. Martin from Amelia, since  
Edward & Lunenburg: but not being prepar'd to give an Answer  
to it, he is oblig'd to have it for some Time under consideration: which

The Presbytery allowed him but orderd him to be as expeditious  
as possible in coming to a Determination. 18

A Petition to Mr. Davies from a Number of People in Granville  
County in north-Carolina, was by him presented to the Presby-  
tery; & in Answer to it, Mr. Martin is appointed to preach  
there the Two Sabbaths before the Presbytery in September.

Mr. Pallillo delivered a Discourse upon Acts. 4. 13. according  
to Appointment.

The Presbytery adjourned till Tomorrow-Morning at 7 o'clock.  
concluded with Prayer.

June 9<sup>th</sup> 7 o'clock a.m. the Presbytery met according to  
Adjournment, ubi post Sesss fecerunt, que supra.

The Presbytery entered upon the Consideration of Mr. Martin's Ser-  
& unanimously sustain it as a satisfactory Trial; & they con-  
firm the Appointment of his Ordination to be on this Day.

They also considered Mr. Pallillo's Discourse, & approve it as a  
satisfactory Part of Trial.

He likewise delivered an Exegesis from the Question Appointed,  
which was approved.

The Presbytery having examined him at their last meeting  
as to his religious Experience to their Satisfaction, proceeded to  
examine him extempore as to his Knowledge in Logic & the  
Latin, Greek & Hebrew Languages; in which he gave such Spe-  
cimens as were generally satisfactory.

The Presbytery appoint him to compose a Sermon on Mark 16. 16.  
& appoint Messrs. Todd, & Wright & Davies a Committee to hear it, & make  
further Trials of him; to meet at Providence the third Wednesday  
of July. concluded with Prayer.

Providence July 26<sup>th</sup> 1747 The Committee met  
according to Appointment, ubi post Sesss fecerunt, Messrs. Todd, Wright  
& Davies. Mr. Wright chosen Moderator Mr. Davies Moderator.

Mr. Pallillo opened the Committee with a Sermon on Mark  
16. 16. according to Appointment.

The Committee, upon a thro' Consideration of said

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Samon, unanimously approve of it, as a satisfactory part of  
Trial. — The Committee proceeded to examine Mr. Sallillo  
upon Ontology, Pneumatics, Ethics, Metaphysics, natural Philosophy,  
geography & Astronomy; in all which he discovered a very satis-  
-factory degree of knowledge. and they appoint him to prepare a  
Lecture, on Sam. VII. 19 — 27. and a Sermon on the 27<sup>th</sup> verse of  
said Chapter.

Mr. William Richardson, attending upon the Committee to  
offer himself upon Trials for the ministry of the gospel, was  
taken sick, & unable to pass an Examination. but the mem-  
bers of the Committee, having had considerable Acquaint-  
ance with his Progress in Learning, by their private  
conversations with him, conclude they have sufficient reason  
to dispense with his Trials at this time, in so extraordinary  
a case; & appoint him to prepare a Sermon on Jo. III. 2.  
we know thou art a Teacher come from God; & an Exegesis  
on this Question, Unde apparet Necessitas Christi Mortis,  
ut Peccatores servati sint? as a second part of Trial, to be  
delivered at the next Presbytery. Concluded with prayer.

+ Lub-breck September 24<sup>th</sup> 1797. The Presbytery met  
according to Appointment, ubi post Breves Sedunt, Mess<sup>rs</sup>.  
Alexander Craighead, Kob<sup>t</sup>. Henry, John Wright & John Todd  
ministers. — Kob<sup>t</sup>. Mitchell an Elder. Absent, mess<sup>rs</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>.  
Davies, John Brown & John Martin.

Mr. Sallillo opened the Presbytery with a Lecture on Sam.  
VII. 19 — 27 & a Sermon on the 27<sup>th</sup> verse of S<sup>d</sup>. Chapter, ac-  
cording to Appointment.

Mr. Craighead chosen Moderator & Mr. Todd Clerk.  
Ordered the minutes of the last Presbytery to be read.  
The reasons of mess<sup>rs</sup>. Craighead & Wright's Absence from  
our last fastin'd.

Mr. Martin has informed the Presbytery, by a Letter, that  
he which, in several instances cannot attend upon this Presbytery

nor give a determinate answer to the call under his own  
=consideration. 20

Applications for supplies were presented to the Presbytery, from  
Roanoke-river ~~North Carolina~~ <sup>North Carolina</sup> the Kawfields  
in North Carolina, Halifax, Louisa, Albemarle & Lunenburg  
& Northumberland. 21

The Presbytery further examined m<sup>r</sup>. Sullillo in sundry  
Questions in Divinity, examined & sustained his lecture &  
Sermon, & re-heard his religious Experiences: & upon a re-  
view of the sundry Trials he has pass'd thro', they judge him  
qualified to preach the Gospel; & having declared his Assent to,  
& Approbation of the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms  
& Directory, as they have been adopted by the Synod of N. York,  
the Presbytery do license & authorize him to preach as a  
candidate for the ministry of the Gospel, & recommend him  
to the Acceptance of the Churches. And they order m<sup>r</sup>.  
Davies & m<sup>r</sup>. Todd to draw up for him a Certificate, according  
to the Purport of this Minute. - And appoint the moderator  
to give him some solemn Instructions & Admonitions  
with respect to the discharge of his Office: which was done  
accordingly.

The Presbytery examined m<sup>r</sup>. Richardson in the Latin, Greek  
& Hebrew Languages, Logic, ontology, natural & moral Philosophy  
Geography & Astronomy, heard his religious Experiences  
& Sermon: all which they sustain as Parts of  
Trials: & appoint him a Sermon on 2. Cor. 5. 17. to be delivered  
at our next Yearly Meeting, at m<sup>r</sup>. William Smith's in  
Northumberland, the last Wednesday of October, & they appoint  
mess<sup>rs</sup>. Davies, Henry, Wright & Todd a Committee for that  
purpose. The next Presbytery to be at leap<sup>r</sup>. Anderson's  
the last Wednesday of January. The Spring Presbytery  
to be held at Providence the last Wednesday of April.

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup>. Martin to Sabbaths at Roanoke  
-river, one at the Kawfields & one at Kees in North Carolina,  
& the rest at discretion, between this & the next Presbytery.  
M<sup>r</sup>. Wright to preach one Sabbath at Enns & one at Kees be-  
tween this & the Spring Presbytery. 22

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup>. Davies 3 Sabbaths in the Northern Neck, & one at Sclerisburg, between this & the Spring Presbytery;

- M<sup>r</sup>. Salkillo 2 Sabbaths in m<sup>r</sup>. Davies's Congregation, one at Meherrin, Kullbush, Neco, Inno, Chesterfield, the Tryid, Louisa, Amelia, at Halifax Courthouse, & the remainder to be in Albemarle, between this & the next Presbytery;

- M<sup>r</sup>. Todd Two Sabbaths in the northern neck between this & next Presbytery;

- M<sup>r</sup>. Henry to be one Sabbath at Halifax & one at Meherrin between this & the Spring Presbytery;

- M<sup>r</sup>. Braghead to be one Sab: at Louisa, one at the Tryid, & one at the North mountain; the rest at Discretion between this & next Presbytery;

- M<sup>r</sup>. Brown to be 2 Sabbaths at Discretion among the Vacancies between this & next Presbytery.

Concluded with Prayer.

Cumberland October 26<sup>th</sup> 1757.

The Committee met according to Appointment, ubi post Srees fcedunt M<sup>r</sup>. f<sup>r</sup>. Alexander Braghead, Sam<sup>l</sup>. Davies, John Wright & John Todd ministers. & m<sup>r</sup>. Smith an Elder. m<sup>r</sup>. Henry absent.

M<sup>r</sup>. Davies opened the Committee by a Sermon on Acts 17.30. M<sup>r</sup>. Braghead chosen moderator & m<sup>r</sup>. Todd Clerk.

The Committee proceeded to hear m<sup>r</sup>. Richardson's Sermon on 2. Cor. 5.17 which after mature Consideration was sustained as a Part of Trial: & appoint him a Sermon on John 6.44. first Part of the Verse: & a Lecture on 2. Cor. 4 from the Beginning to the 7<sup>th</sup> Verse inclusive; to be delivered at our next Presbytery.

Concluded with Prayer &c

Begin here.

1758 Cumberland January 25<sup>th</sup> 1758 the Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post Srees fcedunt M<sup>r</sup>. f<sup>r</sup>. Alexander Braghead, Sam<sup>l</sup>. Davies, M<sup>r</sup>. Henry, John Wright & J<sup>r</sup>. Todd ministers: - Sam<sup>l</sup>. Morris, David Caldwell J<sup>r</sup>. Wallson Elders. Absent m<sup>r</sup>. f<sup>r</sup>. Brown & Martin.

M<sup>r</sup>. Richardson opened the Presbytery by a Sermon on Job. 44. according to Appointment: the Consideration of which is

Deferred till afterwards.

M<sup>r</sup>. Davies chosen Moderator & m<sup>r</sup>. Todd clerk. Ordered that the minutes of the last Presbytery be read. — The reasons of m<sup>r</sup>s. Davies & Martin's Absence from our last sustained. 1784

M<sup>r</sup>s. Davies & Todd not having drawn up a certificate for m<sup>r</sup>. Sallillo according to Appointment; the order of the last is still continued.

The members appointed to meet at m<sup>r</sup>. Smith's as a committee, complied, except m<sup>r</sup>. Kenay, whose reason for his Absence was sustained; & the minute they produce of their Proceedings in inserted in the foregoing Page, thro' mistake.

M<sup>r</sup>. Martin having entered into the Indian mission, has, by the hands of m<sup>r</sup>. Davies given up both the balls, which he had under consideration.

The farther reading of the minutes is deferred till afterwards & those who have any business with the Presbytery are desired now to introduce it.

A Petition for supplies was presented from Amelia, Lewis & gardens in Albemarle, Mecherin, Roanoke, Kullush, & grassy creek.

Application having been made to the Committee appointed by the Presbytery to manage such incidental occurrences as might happen in the interspace between the meetings of the Presbytery, by the Society for managing the Indian mission & schools, that m<sup>r</sup>. Martin should be sent among the Indians; the Committee complied: on which Account he is excused from complying with his <sup>other</sup> Appointments.

M<sup>r</sup>. Sallillo complied with his Appointments, except in Louisa & Amelia, his reasons for which are sustained.

An Inquiry into the other Appointments is deferred till the next Presbytery.

M<sup>r</sup>. Richardson delivered a Lecture on 2<sup>d</sup> Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from the beginning to the 7<sup>th</sup> verse, according to Appointment.

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The Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of his Sermon & declare,  
& unanimously sustain them as Parts of Trial.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine m<sup>r</sup> Richardson in sundry  
Questions in Divinity, & upon a re-view of the sundry Trials he has  
passed thro', they Judge him qualified to preach the gospel; & having  
declared his Assent to, & Approbation of the Westminster Con-  
=fession of Faith, as the Confession of his Faith, & Catechisms  
& Directory: the Presbytery do license & authorize him to preach,  
as a Candidate for the Ministry of the Gospel; & recommend him  
to the Acceptance of the Churches: & Appoint the Moderator  
to give him some Admonitions with regard to the Discharge  
of his office: which was done accordingly.

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup> Brazhead to preach at Meherin the  
next Sabbath, the Sabbath following, at Kullbush, next at Hockey River  
& other Places in Carolina at Discretion till next Presbytery.

The Presbytery appoint that the next be opened by m<sup>r</sup> Richardson  
by a Sermon on Acts 22. 21. which Sermon shall be looked upon  
as preparatory to his Ordination in case of Necessity.

M<sup>r</sup> Wright having long laboured under a Disorder which is  
often exasperated by preaching: the Presbytery advise him to  
desist from the exercise of his office till may next; & they  
consider his Congregation as a Vacancy in the mean Time.

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup> Pallillo to preach the next Sabbath  
at Willis's Creek, next at the Boyd, Truck Island, leave Louisa,  
Orange, at m<sup>r</sup> Todd's Sacrament, at m<sup>r</sup> Davies's: after that  
at Discretion till the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbaths in April, which he is to  
spend in the Northern Neck.

The Presbytery appoint m<sup>r</sup> Richardson 2 Sabbaths in Cumberland  
& Harris's Creeks, 2 in Amelia, 2 at Meherin, 2 at Willis's Creek,  
& one in Halifax.

concluded with Prayer. c



Providence April 26<sup>th</sup> 1758 The Presbytery met according 24  
to Appointment, ubi post Præses fedemint Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Davies, 175  
M<sup>o</sup> Kemy & John Todd ministers. — David Whilloch & David  
Shellan Elders. — Absent, mess<sup>rs</sup>. Craghead, Brown, Wright  
& Martin. The reasons of whose Absence are sustained.

M<sup>r</sup>. Richardson opened the Presbytery by a sermon on Acts  
22. 21. — M<sup>r</sup>. Kemy chosen moderator & M<sup>r</sup>. Todd clerk.

The reading of the Minutes is deferred till afterwards.

A Petition from the Inhabitants in & about Kico, formerly  
under the care of the Synod of Philadelphia, was presented to the  
Presbytery for supplies; particularly, for M<sup>r</sup>. Pattillo: with which  
the Inhabitants of the Hawfield's, Inno<sup>o</sup>. Kico, under the Synod  
of New York, concurred, by another Petition.

A Petition for supplies from the North mountain congrega-  
tion in Augusta, & another from Amelia, was presented  
to the Presbytery.

A verbal Supplication from Halifax was also presented.

A Petition from Grassy Creech, Moanah & Hulbush, being un-  
designedly overlooked at our last, is now to be considered.

A call from Albemarle, Orange & Cumberland, for  
M<sup>r</sup>. Pattillo, was presented to the Presbytery.

A call was presented to the Presbytery from Hockey river in  
North Carolina, requesting that M<sup>r</sup>. Craghead might take  
the pastoral care of them. and M<sup>r</sup>. Craghead informed the  
Presbytery by a Letter, that he accepts the call, & desires that  
a member be appointed to preside at his Installation.

A Petition was presented to the Presbytery from the Elders  
in M<sup>r</sup>. Davies's congregation, requesting that he might be  
exempted from supplying any of the vacancies in their  
bounds, unless his congregation be provided for in his Absence.

A Petition for supplies was presented from the rich house &  
North Garden; also desiring to be taken in as Partners in the  
call

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Call for Mr. Pattillo.

A Petition for Supplies from Mchenin was presented.  
A Petition from the Northern Neck was presented to the Presbytery requesting more Supplies; & that the Sacrament of the Lords Supper might be administered among them this Summer.

The Presbytery concern in Mr. Pattillo's taking the call presented to him under his consideration; but with this limitation, that he do not accept it before our next Presbytery, & have an opportunity of seeing whether the way be clear for so doing.

James Callison entered a general Complaint against the Rev. Mr. Brown, & the Presbytery desire him to draw up his Complaint more explicitly in order that it may be judged of at our next, & also that the Witnesses, Samuel Downy, John Trimble & James Phillips, attend in Person on the Presbytery or send their Evidence taken upon Oath before a Magistrate, & that Mr. Brown appear & make his Defence. — Adjourned till 10 o'clock Post Meridien. concluded with Prayer.

10 o'clock Post Meridien, the Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post Precedendum qui supra, ordered the Minutes of the last Presbytery to be read, & also of all the Presbyteries since last September, as far as they related to Supplies. — Mr. Wright has not complied with his Appointments at the September Presbytery, by reason of Sickness.

Mr. Davies not having complied with his Appointment to preach at Petersburg, the order is continued. His other Appointments were substantially complied with.

Mr. Todd complied with his Appointments.

Mr. Henry fulfilled his Appointments.

Messrs. Craighead & Brown, as we are informed, have complied with their Appointments.

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd & Davies have complied with their Appointment in drawing up a Certificate of his License for M<sup>r</sup>. Pallillo. 26  
M<sup>r</sup>. Pallillo's reasons for not fulfilling his Appointments in the Northern Neck justified, and the Presbytery appoint him to preach at both Lewis's the first Sabbath of May; the 2<sup>d</sup> at McMillan's the 3<sup>d</sup> at Bush Island; the 4<sup>th</sup> at Orange, the first of June in the lower, the 2<sup>d</sup> in Chesterfield, the 3<sup>d</sup> in Lancaster; the Friday before in Richmond, the 4<sup>th</sup> in Northumberland; the 5<sup>th</sup> of July in Westmoreland, & the 2<sup>d</sup> at Diverchon.

The Presbytery appoint M<sup>r</sup>. Brown to supply 2 Sabbaths at the North Mountain before the September Presbytery.

M<sup>r</sup>. Richardson is appointed to preach the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup>, & 3<sup>d</sup> Sabbaths of May, at Hico, Enns & the Howfields. The 4<sup>th</sup> of May, the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> of June at Gray's Creek, Kullbrush & Yancey's. The 3<sup>d</sup> Sabbath of June in Halifax; the 4<sup>th</sup> of June & 1<sup>st</sup> of July at Meherin; the 2<sup>d</sup> in Amelia, the 3<sup>d</sup> at Sclerburg, the 4<sup>th</sup> in Amelia; the 5<sup>th</sup> at M<sup>r</sup>. Henry's Sacrament. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath of August at Diverchon. The 2<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbaths of August, & the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> of September in the Northern Neck, the 4<sup>th</sup> at Diverchon.

The Presbytery further appoint M<sup>r</sup>. Pallillo to preach again at the Ford, Willis's, Bush Island, the lower & Orange; & 3 Sabbaths in M<sup>r</sup>. Wright's congregation, & 3 in Carolina before fall Presbytery.

The Presbytery upon mature Deliberation on the Petition from the Elders of M<sup>r</sup>. Davies's congregation, agree to exempt him only from one half of the usual Appointments granted to the Vacancies; but his Elder M<sup>r</sup>. Whillock, as the representative of the rest, enters an Appeal from the Judgment of the Presbytery to the Synod of New-York.

The Presbytery appoint M<sup>r</sup>. Todd to supply one Sabbath in M<sup>r</sup>. Wright's congregation at Capt. Anderson's; & one Sabbath at M<sup>r</sup>. Henry's in Louisa, before fall Presbytery.

The Presbytery appoint M<sup>r</sup>. Henry to preach one Sabbath at Capt. Anderson's, & one in Halifax, before next Presbytery.

27. The Presbytery heartily consent that m<sup>r</sup>. Crayhead should accept  
1786 the call of the People on Rocky River, in North Carolina, & settle  
with them as their Minister, & they appoint m<sup>r</sup>. Martin to pre-  
side in his Installation, at such Time as best suits them both.  
Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer.

April 27<sup>th</sup> 4 o'clock ante meridiem, the Presbytery  
met according to Appointment, ubi post breves sermones, qui  
supra.

Appointed that the next Presbytery meet at Capt Anderson  
in Cumberland, the 2<sup>d</sup> Wednesday of July, & that m<sup>r</sup>. Pallillo  
open the Presbytery with a Sermon on Isaia LV-1. & that he  
deliver an Exegesis on this Question, Hum. & quo sensu,  
quarum Preceptum Decalogi sit morale? both as parts  
of Trial for Ordination.

The Presbytery upon maturely considering m<sup>r</sup>. Richard-  
son's Sermon yesterday, unanimously sustain it, as part  
of Trials for Ordination: & they appoint him an Exegesis on  
this Question, Hum. Sabbatum Judaicum post Christi resur-  
rectionem, in primum Diem Hebdomadis mutatur? to be  
delivered at the next Presbytery, as a part of Trial for Ordi-  
nation: & the Presbytery further Appoint, that if ~~they~~  
~~approved~~ m<sup>r</sup>s. Pallillo & Richardson be  
approved in their further Trials at the next Presbytery,  
they be ordained to the holy ministry the Day following,  
in which m<sup>r</sup>. Davies is to preside, & m<sup>r</sup>. Todd to give  
the charges.

On considering the petition of the People of North Cove, to  
be admitted into a share in the call for m<sup>r</sup>. Pallillo, the  
Presbytery desire them to consult those who have joynd in  
the call, & if they approve of it, the Presbytery allow them to  
joyn in it.

The making an Appointment for a sacrament in the  
Northern Neck, is deferred till our next.

The Manover Presbytery.

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After the Union of the Synods, begun, July - 1752.

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Upon the Union of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia, the Synod has ordered, that the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Craighead, Samuel Black, Samuel Davies, John Craig, Alex<sup>r</sup> Miller, John Todd, Robert Henry, John Brown, John Knight and John Martin, do form a Presbytery, under the Name of the Presbytery of Hanover in Virginia, to meet in Cumberland the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1758.

Cumberland July 12<sup>th</sup> 1758—

The Presb<sup>y</sup> met according to Appointment, ubi post Praesederunt, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Davies, John Todd, Rob<sup>t</sup> Henry, John Brown, and John Knight Ministers; Chas<sup>r</sup> Anderson & Alex<sup>r</sup> Miller Elders. Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craighead, Black, Craig, Miller & Martin.

Mr Pattillo opened the Presbytery with a Sermon on Isa<sup>a</sup> 41. 1, according to Appointment.

The Presb<sup>y</sup> agree, that all the Appointments of the former Presbyteries of Hanover, that are not yet complied with, shall continue in Force, as far as they are consistent with the Union of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia, and therefore order the Minutes of said Presb<sup>y</sup> to be read.

The Appointing a Sacrament in the Northern Neck, is deferred till our next Presbytery—

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Mr. Pattillo not being ready to give an Answer to the Call, desires to take it under further Consideration, till next Presbytery.

The Consideration of the Affair between Mr. Brown, & Callison is dropped, as Callison has not appeared to prosecute it.

The Appointing a Member to provide at Mr. Craghead's Installation, in Case Mr. Martin cannot attend, is put off till our next.

Mr. Richardson delivered his Exegesis, which was unanimously sustained.

The Presbytery appoint that the following Address be presented to the Governour, and that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Davis, Todd, Miller, & Wright, be a Deputation to wait on his Honour with it.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Francis Fauquier Esq<sup>r</sup>: His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Dominion of Virginia,

The humble Address of the Presb<sup>y</sup> of Hanover.

Sir,

The Presbytery of Hanover, in their own, and in the

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Name of the Protestant Dissenters of the Presbyterian Denomination in Virginia, beg Leave, by a Deputation of their Members, to congratulate your Honour upon your safe Arrival with your Family; and your Accession to the Government of this Colony: a Colony of so great Importance, and so peculiarly exposed to the Incursions and Ravages of a mongrel Race of French and Indian Savages; & therefore requiring and deserving the Care and Assistance of the Patriot and the HERO.

The Presbtery Sir, give your Honour the strongest Assurances, which, they hope, their future Conduct will verify, that, gratefully sensible of their Privileges, and tenacious of their Liberties, as Britons, as Christians, as Protestants and as Presbyterians; and struck with a just Horror of a Popish arbitrary Government, that shocking Medley of civil and religious Tyranny; they will continue vigorously to exert their utmost Influence, in their respective Spheres, to enthrall & circulate a Spirit of Patriotism and martial Bravery, in this Season of general Danger; to inculcate Loyalty and Submission to the best of Kings. & to You Sir, who are honoured with the high Character of his Representative; to propagate the Principles of Liberty; to promote a general Reformation, & the divine Faith and refined Morals of genuine Christianity and thus, in cordial Conjunction with their Brethren and Fellow-Subjects, who have the Honour of an Establishment, to

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 to render your Administration easy and honourable to  
 yourself, and conducive to the public Utility, notwithstanding the  
 peculiar Difficulties attending it, in the present critical  
 Conjunction; which, tho' discouraging to inferiour Souls, must  
 appear charming & illustrious to a great Mind, as a proper  
 Opportunity to exert and display all its Abilities.

The Presbytery Sir, have nothing to request for themselves,  
 but that your Honour would secure and continue to them,  
 the peaceable and unmolested Enjoyment of the Liberties &  
 Immunities of the Act of Toleration, as understood in England,  
 while they comply with its Requirements, and conduct them-  
 selves as dutiful Subjects.

Finally; they assure your Honour, that  
 they shall not cease to offer up their fervent Prayers  
 to Him who rules supreme in the Kingdoms of Men, for  
 his efficacious Blessing on your Person and Administra-  
 tion, and the Country over which you Preside.

Signed by Order of Presbytery,

At a session of the  
 Presb. of Hanover in  
 Cumberland County,  
 July 12<sup>th</sup> 1758

Sam<sup>l</sup> Davies Mod.  
 John Wright Clk.

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Adjourned till to-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

July 13<sup>th</sup> met according to <sup>Appointment</sup> Appointment, ubi post Poeses Federunt qui supra. Ordered the Minutes of the last Federunt be read.

The Presbytery have considered the sermon delivered yesterday by Mr Battillo, and his Epagesis delivered today both which they unanimously sustain.

The Presbytery, upon a Review of the various Trials of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Battillo and Richardson, conclude they are qualified for the Ministry of the Gospel, and therefore agree to proceed to their Ordination.

The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry Battillo and William Richardson, have been set apart to the Work of the holy Ministry, by Fasting, Prayer, and the Imposition of Hands; and the Moderator and Clerk are ordered to give them a certificate of the same.

Mr Battillo moved, that he should be freed from fulfilling his Appointments in Carolina; to which, after fully considering his Reasons, the P<sup>by</sup> agree; but on this Condition that he perform those Appointments after the next C<sup>o</sup> unless he then accepts of the Call he has now under Consideration, or some other sufficient Reason appear

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 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Davies and Todd are appointed to write to Mr  
 Craghead, in answer to his Letter to the former Presbytery  
 & to Mr Todd.

As John Roseman has been suspended from  
 Church Privileges, on account of a Letter, not subscribed by  
 any Name, insinuating that his former Wife was alive  
 in Ireland, while he was married to another: The P<sup>l</sup> Judge  
 that an anonymous Letter cannot justify his suspension,  
 and accordingly, admit him to Church Privileges.

Adjourned till 6 O'Clock, post Meridieum, concluded in Pray<sup>r</sup>.  
 At 6 O'Clock P.M. post Preces federunt qui supra.

Voted, that Mr Pattillo be stated Clerk of the Presbytery,  
 to transcribe their Minutes into the Presbytery-Book.

The Congregation at Willis' Creek, formerly under the  
 Care of Mr Wright, are dismissed from their Relation to  
 him, & allowed to joyn in a Call for Mr Pattillo.

The Presbytery is appointed to meet next at Mr Davies's  
 on the last Wednesday of September.

Concluded with Prayer.

Begin at this Mark & Page 9. —

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The Minutes of this pro Re. no. in  
 Page 11. to be read after this Mark.

Hanover, September 13<sup>th</sup> 1758. The Presbytery met pro Re nata at the call of the Moderator, ubi post Preces federunt Mess<sup>rs</sup> Davies, Todd, Henry, Wright & Pattillo Ministers; John Williamson & W<sup>m</sup> Craghead Elders. Mr Todd chosen Moderator, & Mr Pattillo Clerk.

As the Trustees of New Jersey College have chosen Mr Davies to be President of said College, and have appointed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Caldwell their Commissioners to wait on Mr Davies for his Answer; and Mr Davies having entirely submitted it to the Judgment of the Presb whether he should accept of said Invitation or not,

The Presbytery, after the most mature Deliberation, & earnest Prayer to God for Direction in the Affair, unanimo-ly come to the following Conclusion.

The Presbytery look upon it as a very great Mortification to be obliged to judge in this Matter, the most momentous and intricate that ever came before them and they enter upon it with the greatest self-Diffidence.

The Presbytery readily own, and are deeply sensible of the vast Importance of the College of N. Jersey; its present unsettled State, and its Need of a skilful healing Hand at the head of it: They are also sensible of Mr Davies Influence, Popularity, Moderation, and in many Respects his Literary Accomplishments for so great a Trust.

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But the Eld<sup>r</sup> being best acquainted with the State of Religion in Virginia, and best knowing Mr. Davies's Importance here, can by no means agree to his Removal, as they foresee Consequences very dangerous to the important Interests of Religion among us; and therefore cannot deliberately agree so sensibly to weaken our own Hands, and so deeply wound that Cause we desire above all things to promote.

Mr. Davies, in the Name of the Society for promoting Christianity among the Indians, petitioned the Presby<sup>tery</sup> that Mr. Richardson should be permitted to go as a Missionary among the Indians, as soon as his Health will permit; to which the Presbytery heartily agreed.

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The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post  
 Precis sedunt Messrs. Davies, Todd, Brown, Richardson  
 & Battillo Ministers, John White <sup>& Christopher Anderson</sup> Elders. Also Messrs.  
 Craghead, Black, Craig, Miller, Henry, Wright & Hartson.

Mr. Battillo opened the Presbytery with a Sermon on Matt  
 VI-12.

Mr. Todd chosen Moderator, and Mr. Battillo Clerk.

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Ordered, that the Minutes of the last Presbytery in Va.  
and of that Pro re nata, and also of all the Presbyteries from  
April last, as far as they relate to Supplies, be read.  
The Minutes of last April Presbytery not being true, the  
Reading of them is deferred till our next.

The Presbytery appoint a sacrament in the Northern  
Neck, the last Sabbath of March next.

Mr Pattillo accepts of the call from the united Congregation  
of Willis, the Byrd and Buck Island, in which the Presbytery  
heartily concurs.

The Clerk is appointed to supply 6 Sabbaths in Orange  
the following Year, if the Exigency of the other Vacancies  
will possibly admit of it.

The Moderator is appointed to preside at Mr Pattillo's  
Installation at the Byrd, on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

Mr Richardson is appointed to preside at Mr Craghead's  
Installation, at Rocky River in North Carolina, on his Way  
out to the Cherokee Nation.

Mr Davies reports, that himself with Mr Wright waits  
on the Governour with the Address, to which his Honour  
was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

I am extremely obliged to the Presbytery, for their  
kind and affectionate Address.

However

Nothing can give me more Pleasure, than the Assurance of their Endeavours to circulate a proper Spirit in the People to defend their Liberties at this critical Juncture.

The Presbytery may be assured, that I shall always exert myself to support the Act of Toleration, and secure the peaceable Enjoyment of its Immunities to all his Majesty's Subjects who conform thereto."

Mr Todd's Reasons for not waiting on the Governor with the ~~de~~iefs are sustained.

The Appointment for M<sup>rs</sup> Davies of Todd to write to Mr Craghead, not being complied with for want of Conveyance, is continued.

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Petitions for Supplies were presented from Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Westmorland, <sup>South</sup> ~~North~~ Mountain, North Mountain, the Cove, Petersburg, Erie, Rico, the Hawfields, Kub-Bush, Grassy-Creek, Makerrin

A Petition was presented from the People in Rock-Tish Settlement, giving an Account of their divided Circumstances, and praying for the Interposition

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of the Presbytery, to settle their Differences, both with Mr Black, their former Minister, & among themselves; & also for Supplies.

A Letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Craig to the Presbytery in the Name of the Brethren formerly of the Synod of Philadelphia, was read, expressing their Willingness to correspond with the Presbytery, but requiring some Time to obtain some farther Intelligence from the P<sup>ty</sup> of Donnegal, and desiring the P<sup>ty</sup> would not encourage the Male contents at Rock-Tish in Mr Black's Congregation.

Adjourned till to-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock, concluded with Prayer.

Thursday, September 28, Presbytery met according to Adjournment, ubi p. p. sederunt qui supra Ordered, that the Minutes of the last sederunt be read. The Clerk is appointed to write to Mr Craighead, that he supply the Vacancies in North Carolina at least <sup>at least</sup> four ~~times~~ in the Year.

Sundry Applications being made to the P<sup>ty</sup> to send Minister out to San Peter; Mr Wright is appointed out there one Sabbath, and another Sabbath in Nica-Tellon this Fall.

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Mr Henry is appointed to preach one Sabbath at Grassy-Creech of Nut-Bush, and another at Eno or Hawk Fields betwixt this and our next Obj. —

The Presbytery recommend to Mr Henry, the supplying of Maherrin; and to Mr Wright the supplying of Amherst as oft as their Circumstances will allow.

The Presbytery, in the present necessitous Circumstances of the Vacancies, cannot see it is Mr Davie's Duty to go to Lunenburg this Fall; and therefore appoint him one Sabbath in the Northern Neck this Fall, and another in the Spring at the Sacrament there —

The Presbytery appoint the Moderator to supply one Sabbath at Petersburg, one more in Louisa at Mechanics and to assist at the Sacrament in Lancaster, before next Presbytery. —

The Clerk is appointed to supply one Sabbath at the Cove, before next Presbytery. —

Mr Brown is appointed to preach in the Cove the first Sat of November; and Mr Craig and he are to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at Maj<sup>r</sup> Towns's Meeting House this Fall, where Mr Brown is to preach another Sabbath, betwixt this & our next Presbytery.

Mr Miller is appointed to preach two Sabbaths at the North Mountain, betwixt this and our next Presbytery.

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Mr Craig is appointed to preach one Sab<sup>d</sup> at the South Mountain, betwixt this and our next.

The Presbytery, after very deliberate Consideration of the Affair laid before them by the People of Rock-Triple, find that it took its Rise before the Union of the Synods of New York & Philadelphia; that it was considered by a Committee of the Presbytery of Donegal, and had by them been referred to said Presbytery, tho' the Reference was not sent till after the Union of the Synods; that the Majority of the People there are desirous it should be tried by the Presbytery of Hanover, and a Number, that it should still lie under the Consideration of that of Donegal; & upon the whole, that it is so circumstanced in these and sundry other Respects, that the Decision of it by either would probably be attended with bad Consequences, and not answer the pacific Ends in View; and therefore the Presbytery agree, earnestly to recommend it to all the Parties concerned, to refer the Matter to the Synod of N. York & Philadelphia, at its next Meeting, to which both Presbyteries belong, and in which the Ministers with whom all the Parties were formerly connected, are now incorporated: and they are the more urgent in their Recommendation, as the Peace of the Church

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750 The Honour of Religion in Virginia, and the good Effects of the Synodical Union, very much depend upon a wise and unanimous Determination of it.

And tho' the Presbytery would by no Means pre-judge the Affair, nor usurp the Cognizance of a Matter previously submitted to a Co-ordinate Jurisdiction; yet as that People since the Union, are no longer under the Care of the Presby of Donnegal, but that of Hanover; as it appears doubtful to the Presbytery, whether the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Black was ever received by them as their proper Pastor; as his confessed Immoralities are the Reason they assign, for their Dissatisfaction with his Ministry; and it does not appear, that the People have done any thing to forfeit their Right to Church Privileges, and particularly the preaching of the Gospel; as it appears Mr Black himself had agreed to give up that Congregation; and as the Union of the Synod leaves the People in the full Possession of their Liberties to chuse their own Minister, and their Attachment to Mr Black's Ministry, in his present Circumstances, can by no means be made a Term of Communion; the Presbytery judge it necessary to make some Provision for that Congregation, till their Cause be tried; and therefore appoint Mr Craig, Mr Miller, Mr Brown, and Mr Pattillo, to preach there each of them one Sabbath betwixt this and the next Synod: but they recommend it to them to do it gratis, and urge the People to pay to Mr Black what may be due for the use of his Church.

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New Providence in Augusta 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1759

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post  
 Praes. federant The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Craig, Alexander Miller, Sam<sup>l</sup>  
 Davie, John Brown & Henry Pattillo Ministers; and the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
 Cadden of the 2<sup>d</sup> P<sup>l</sup> of N. Castle, Correspondent. Tho<sup>s</sup> Tentor  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Buchanan, & Sam<sup>l</sup> Hodge Chers. Absent of Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>s  
 Craighhead, Black, Todd, Henry, Wright, Martin & Richardson.

Mr Davie opened the Pres<sup>b</sup>, according to Appointment  
 with a sermon on John xxv. 17. ~ Mr Davie chosen  
 Moderator, & Henry Pattillo Clerk.

Mr Craig and Mr Miller having desired a private Con-  
 ference with the other Ministers of the Pres<sup>b</sup>, informed them, that  
 their Way is not clear as yet to join as full Members,  
 because they look upon themselves as still belonging to the P<sup>l</sup>  
 of Donnegal, and that P<sup>l</sup> still claims them as its Members;  
 and for other Reasons too tedious to particularize; and therefore  
 they desired to be admitted to sit as Correspondents till the  
 Synod's Pleasure be farther known.

The P<sup>l</sup> after Deliberation came to this Conclusion ~  
 That as the Synod expressly nominated the above said Gentlemen  
 to be Members of the Hanover Presbytery, it is not in the  
 Power of the P<sup>l</sup> to dissolve their Relation to it, but do still  
 in their Judgment approve of the Synod's Decision. ~ Yet as  
 it seems to them, that the Non-admission of those Members as  
 correspondents at present, would not consist with that sense

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Peace and Harmony in the Churches, which the Union between the Synods was intended to promote; & as the Synod is to meet so soon, when the Matter may be more fully considered; and they humbly presume the Synod will excuse this little Variation from their Order for the sake of Peace; they agree, as far as it is in their Power, to allow Mr Craig & Mr Miller, to act only as Correspondents at the present Session. And they earnestly desire this little Irregularity may be ascribed entirely to the Ardour of their Zeal to maintain and promote the Peace of the Churches in these Parts, and to express their Benevolence and Forbearance towards their Brethren...

As Messrs Craig and Miller had a Proportion of Supplies appointed <sup>and the other Members of the Synod</sup> among the Vacancies and elsewhere, and have not fulfilled these Appointments, the Presbytery refer them to the Synod to give their Reasons for their Non-Compliance, and order the Clerk to send a Copy of this Minute to the Moderator of the Synod.

Ordered that the Minutes of the last Synod, & of that of last April, as far as they relate to Supplies.

The Appointment of dispensing the Lord's Supper in the Northern Neck has been complied with.

Mr Todd guided at Mr Pattillo's Installation, and Mr Richardson at Mr Craighead's according to Appointment.

The Clerk has written to Mr Craighead to supply the Vacancies in Carolina according to Appointment.

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Mr Wright has not complied with the Appointment of supplying at Dan River and this —

The Presbytery are not informed that Mr Henry has fulfilled his Appointments.

Mr Davies has fulfilled his Appointments, and Mr Todd has substantially fulfilled his. —

Adjourned till to-morrow Morning 8 o'clock — concluded with Prayer. —

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 8 o'clock A. M. met according to Adjournment ubi p. p. sed. qui supra.

The Clerk has fulfilled his Appointments in the Cove, but for sundry Reasons put off those at Rock Fish, which Reasons the Presbytery approve.

Mr Brown has fulfilled all his Appointments, but in the Cove, of which he was prevented by Sickness. —

A Copy of the Minutes of last P<sup>ty</sup> relating to Rockfish was sent to the Pres<sup>by</sup> Mr Craig, and also given to Mr Crawford, according to Order. —

The written Applications for Supplies from Effa, Lancaster, Northumberland & Westmoreland were attended with Difficulties, the P<sup>ty</sup> receive verbal Petitions from Mr Davies in their behalf.

The P<sup>ty</sup> receive a verbal Petition from the Cove by the Clerk. —

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A Letter to the Colicks from a Gentleman in Port-Royal, desiring him to preach there, was read; & the Pby order him to write to said Gentleman to get a Place licensed at the County or General Court, & send him a Copy of a Certificate for that Purpose.

Written Applications from the Inhabitants of New Mayo & County Line Creeks were given in & read in Pby; desiring the Labours of an Ordained Minister for three or four Months to dispense the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lords Supper amongst them.

Mr McGadden has made a Representation of the Condition of sundry Parts of North Carolina, which the Pby agree to consider.

A Petition for Supplies was presented by the People of the Fork of James River in Augusta, & read in Pby.

A Petition from the People concern't Mr Maj Brown's Meeting-House desiring Supplies for a Month, and also Mr Davies next Sabbath, was given in and read.

The Moderator is appointed to supply at least 2 Sabbaths in the Northern Neck; but if Mr Davies leave Virginia before these Appointments are complied with, that it be recommended to his successor in Hansour to fulfil them.

Mr Craig agrees to preach once abt at Maj Brown's Meeting House & one in the Fork of James River betwixt this & Fall Pby.

Mr Miller agrees to preach once abt at Maj Brown's Meeting House & one in the Wolf Pasture betwixt this and our next Pby.

Mr Brown is appointed to preach once abt at Maj Brown's

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Meeting House, and 3 in the Fork of James River before  
Fall Presbytery.

Mr Todd to preach one Sabbath in Essex, and one at  
Mechanics before our next Presbytery.

Mr Henry is to preach three Sabbaths at New G. Mayo  
before next Presbytery.

Mr Wright to preach one Sabbath at Eps, one at New-  
fields, and one at Kuttush or Grassies Cove before our next.

And As the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr McCadden has given a moving represen-  
tation of the Difficulties and Calamities which these and  
many other Vacancies in Carolina labour under for want  
of Supplies; and at the same Time the indefatigable Indi-  
try of Soldiers to pervert their Minds from Gospel Truth  
The Order such a Remedy and the Correspondents, as shall  
attend the Synod, to use their best Endeavours with the Synod to  
procure Supplies thence; seeing in present Circumstances  
they cannot sufficiently <sup>supply</sup> those Parts.

The Clerk is appointed 2 Sabbaths in the Cove  
before Fall Presbytery.

All Affairs relative to Rocks Rich Congregation  
are deferred till hereafter.

James Colleson enters a Complaint of Mr Brown  
that he debarred him from Baptism for his Child unjustly; and that  
he told said Colleson, that John Shields had entered a Com-  
plaint against him, and afterward said that he had not.  
James Philips, the only Witness produced in Person,  
after being solemnly charged, and cautiously examined

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1769 declares nothing to support James Callifon's Charge.

Tho' the Presbytery would not receive any extrajudicial Evidence, nor would have their Conduct in the present Case misinterpreted as a Protest; yet as Mr Brown is pleased to give up his Right of having the Evidence Face to Face, the Presbytery, at his Request, have examined the Substance of the written Evidence of Samuel Downey and John Tremble, but can find Nothing in them to prove the Charge.

And therefore, after serious Consideration, the Presbytery Judge that Mr Brown's ministerial or moral Character is not in the least affected; nor are James Callifon's Charge or Charges made good against him by all the Evidence produced. And they appoint their Moderator publicly to mention the Reasons of this Judgment, and also to admonish Callifon for his unchristian Conduct in carrying on this Affair, which was done accordingly.

Next Presbytery to meet at Mr Todd's Meeting House in Louisa the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of September, unless a Day be called pro Renata; and Reasons then appear for altering the Place.

Concluded with Prayer.

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 Providence in Louisa, October 3. 1759.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post  
 Procees sederunt the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Black, Craig, Miller, Wright  
 & Pattillo Ministers: Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Efraim Love, & Charles Craddock  
 & John Lewis Elders. Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Anthony, Henry, Brown & Tidd.

Mr. Miller opened the Presbytery with a Sermon on  
 Titus 1, vs.

Mr. Craig chosen Moderator, and Mr. Miller Clerk.  
 Mr. William Kirkpatrick, a Synodical Supply from Brunswick  
 P<sup>o</sup>. was invited to sit as a Correspondent, and accepted the  
 Invitation. Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow Morning at Mr  
 Todd's - Concluded with Prayer.

October the 1<sup>th</sup> at Mr Todd's P. O. sederunt qui supra, and  
 Mr Todd, who by sickness was kept from Sermon yesterday  
 his Cleric David Shelton.

The Reasons for Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Anthony's & Henry's Absence from  
 the present Meeting of P<sup>o</sup> are sustained.

Ordered that the Minutes of last April P<sup>o</sup> be read.

Mr Wright has fulfilled his Appointment on Dan River  
 P<sup>o</sup>. Mr Henry not having fulfilled his Appt<sup>s</sup>, they are con-  
 tinued. Mr Shelton's Relations for not supplying in the said  
 Pasture sustained.

Mr Pattillo has fulfilled one of his Appointment at the Cove  
 resigns the other this Fall.

Mr Black excused for not preaching at Coolbrook & Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
 Wright & Pattillo for their Absence last Presbytery.

A written Application from Buffalo & Dan in Roan County  
 & Carolina for Supplies was read in Presbytery.

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A verbal Petition from Halifax by M<sup>r</sup> Wright; and from Lancaster, Northumberland by M<sup>r</sup> Todd. A Petition for Supplies from Ebor was read. Also <sup>one</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Davies's former Congregation in Hanover, and another from Amelia, were read.

Two Petitions from Rock-Tish were read; one desiring to be joyned with the Cove; and requesting the Labours of an unsettled Minister for 6 or 12 Months, or occasional Supplies; the other desiring half of M<sup>r</sup> Black's Labours for one year.

A Petition from the People of North & South Mountain was read, desiring as great a Share of M<sup>r</sup> Black's Labours as can be allotted. And one from the People convenient to Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's Meeting-House, desiring Supplies and the Sacrament this Fall.

A Petition from the Pecked Mountain Congregation was read; desiring a Centre between the Stone Meeting House and Cook's Creek M. House; or they will be deprived of M<sup>r</sup> Miller's Labours.

The P<sup>ty</sup> receive a verbal Petition from Orange and the Cove by M<sup>r</sup> Pattillo for Supplies; & from Meeky's by M<sup>r</sup> Todd.

A Petition for Supplies from Smith's Creek in Augusta County was read.

A Presbytery being called pro Re nata the Minutes are as follows.

Rock-Tish July 18<sup>th</sup> 1759. The Presbytery met according to Appointment of Synod. M<sup>r</sup> Todd preached from 1 Pet. iv. 10.

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after Prayer

Ministers  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Black  
 John Craig  
 Alex<sup>r</sup> Miller Eld<sup>r</sup>.  
 John Todd Mod<sup>r</sup>.  
 John Brown.

Elders  
 William Wallace  
 John Finley  
 Abraham Smith  
 Alex<sup>r</sup> Walker.

Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craghead, Henry Wright, Martin, Patullo & Richardson.

Mr Hugh Mc Gadden producing Credentials from New-Castle Presbytery, and desiring to be admitted a Member of Hanover P<sup>ch</sup>, was admitted accordingly, and appointed to preach before the P<sup>ch</sup> to-morrow at 9 o'clock. A. M. — Concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer.

July 19<sup>th</sup> The P<sup>ch</sup> met according to Appointment, ubi p. P. f. q. f. Mr Mc Gadden preached as appointed from Eph II. 10.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the Affair between Mr Black & Rock-fish Congregation.

Mr Black earnestly requested the Presbytery to dismiss him from the Congregation of Rock-fish. Many of the Congregation urged that he might be dismissed, and others again opposed it.

The P<sup>ch</sup> after maturely weighing the Reasons on both Sides, unanimously agree to dismiss Mr Black from the Congregation of Rock-fish.

As to the Charge against Mr Black's moral Conduct, notwithstanding his Fall is a Matter of real Grief, and of pernicious Tendency, so that we hereby testify our Displeasure against, and Condemnation of such. Mal. conduct: yet on his duty, peccant and prompt Confession, pious Purposes, & after circum-spect Walk, satisfactory to his then Brethren in Virginia,

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1759 and many of his own Congregation; & the Synod having recommended to all their Presbyteries as far as possible to bury past Misconduct, and to begin as if newly come into Existence: And considering that we are to restore him that is over-taken in a Fault, in the spirit of Meekness, when the Ends of Discipline are obtained, viz. Edification, and not the Defraude of any Person or Character: The M<sup>y</sup> agree to look upon Mr Black as a regular Member of this Body; & order that the Congregation may him according to their Promises, till the Time of his Dismission from them; & recommend to all Parties to cultivate Peace and Christian Forbearance towards each other.

A Petition from Part of Rock-fish and the Mountain Plains, desiring Mr Black's Continuance with them as formerly, was read; also a verbal Request from others of R. Fish Congregation for such Supplies as the Body could allow them.

A Petition from Nottingham in Roan County, N. Carolina for Supplies was read. A Verbal Petition from The Cove was made for Supplies. Another from Smiths Church in Augusta of Frederick was read for the same.

Mr Davies by Letter desired a Dismission from this Presbytery, as the Synod had removed him to Nassau Hall, that he might regularly join some Body in those Parts: The Body ~~ordered~~ order Mr Todd to draw up for him a formal Dismission, & to transmit it to him accordingly.

Mr McCadden is appointed to supply one day at the Cove, one at Hico, one at the Newfields, & two at Nottingham in his absence.

Mr Black is to supply one Sabbath at Col<sup>l</sup> Schools before our next.

A Petition from five Men in Mountain Plains, desiring a Dismission from Mr Black, was read in Obey.

Mr Black is to supply at Rock-fish at Swanton, & New ~~England~~ Presbytery.

Mr Caine & Mr Cattille to supply each one day at Rock-fish

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before our next Presbytery, which is to meet at Providence in  
Louisia the first Wednesday of October next, of Mr. Miller is  
to open it with a sermon. Concluded with Prayer.

Mr Wright having been guilty of an indecent Piece of Con-  
duct, by taking more spirited <sup>at this Presbytery</sup> ~~Discourses~~ than his Constitution  
would bear at that Time; freely confessed his Fault, and pro-  
fessed more Caution for the future, with such Circumstances as  
we in Christian Charity judge genuine. He was reproved  
by the Moderator before all who were supposed to have  
observed the same in him, who professed their entire Satisfac-  
tion with him, & Reconciliation to him. —

Mr Kirkpatrick, a Synodical Supply, designing to  
some of the Vacancies under the Care of the P<sup>b</sup>. & desiring  
Direction therein; the P<sup>b</sup> accordingly direct him to preach  
as his Time will allow at Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's M. House, at  
the North Mountain, Rockfish, Halifax, Dan, Buffalo  
Mts, Nutbush, Hanover, & the Northern Neck.

Mr Todd & Mr Pattillo are to administer the Sacra-  
ment of the L<sup>d</sup>s Supper in Hanover the first Sab of  
November. —

Mr Wright is appointed to preach one Sab at Dan, & one  
at Buffalo between this and Spring P<sup>b</sup>.

Mr Todd is to supply one Sab at Nechy's before our next.  
Mr Craig, Mr Brown & Mr Pattillo to preach one Lord's Day  
each at Rockfish, & Mr Black five before Spring P<sup>b</sup>.

Mr Black to preach at N. & South Mountain as often as he can before  
Mr Miller to preach one Sab at Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's, one at Col<sup>l</sup> Wood's, &  
before our next Presbytery, which is to meet at Stone Neck House  
August the first Wednesday of June next, where Mr Todd is to preach, or if  
he fail, Mr Black to be prepared. — Concluded with Prayer.

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Stone Meeting- House in Augusta

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, and Mr Todd opened the Sacred with a sermon on Matt 25. 46 ubi post Præcederent

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| Ministers | { | Samuel Black             | Elders | { | Wm Wallace                             |
|           |   | John Craig               |        |   | James Gillespie,                       |
|           |   | Alex <sup>r</sup> Milton |        |   | John Malcomb                           |
|           |   | John Todd                |        |   | Alex <sup>r</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Clure |
|           |   | John Brown               |        |   | Sam <sup>l</sup> Wallace,              |
|           |   | John Wright              |        |   |  |
|           |   | Henry Pattillo           |        |   |  |

Absent - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craighhead, Henry M<sup>r</sup> Gordon & Richardson  
Mr Black chosen Moderator, & Mr Brown Clerk.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Richard Santhey produced Credentials & a Demission from the Pres<sup>by</sup> of Longnegal; and desiring to be admitted as a Member, & promising Subjection to the P<sup>by</sup> in the Lord, he was admitted accordingly.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr James Latta, a Synodical supply & occasionally present, was invited to sit as a Correspondent. Ordered that the Minutes of the last Presbytery be read.

Mr Wright has fulfilled his Appointments in Amelia, but not at Dan of Bu<sup>ts</sup>haloc.

Mr Pattillo administered the sacrament in Hanover, a

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appointed, Mr Todd being sick at that time, but has kept his other Appointments at Meeky's.

Mr Pattillo to preach next Sab at Rock-Sick as formerly appointed.

Mr Brown heard not of his Appointment at R. Fish.

Mr Craig has fulfilled all his Appointments, & Mr Miller his. Mr Miller has preached at Maj Brown's, & his Reason for not preaching at Col<sup>d</sup> Shull's justained.

Petitions for Supplies were given into Presbytery from the Cove, Bone Oak, North & South Mountain, Hill and Country Line Creeks, Stanover, Meeky's, the Fork of James River, Amelia ~~and~~ Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's N. House, Effigy N. Rock

A Petition was put into P<sup>r</sup> from the former Elders of N. Fish, desiring a Week days Preaching, and also a verbal Petition from y<sup>e</sup> Congregation for supplies by their Commissioner Thomas Wentgemery.

A Petition was presented to y<sup>e</sup> P<sup>r</sup> from Rocked Mountain requesting a verbal Line between them and Stone Making House against which one Petition was presented from Tinkling Spring & two from Augusta; also a Draught of the Distance between the two Meeting-Houses, & the Bounds of Mr Craig's Congregation as already established.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow. Concluded with Prayer.

April 3. The Body met according to Adjournment, p. p. 9. Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Minutes of the last Year be read.

The Presbytery after fully hearing & impartially weighing the Petition from Mr Miller's Congregation for a verbal between Rocked Mountain & Stone Making House; and the several Petitions

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from Mr Craig's Congregation against it: And after bearing their Testimony against the unfriendly, Reflections & Insinuations contained in the Papers relative to said Affair; they do deliberately, remiss & contradicente judge & determine,

That Mr Craig's Congregation shall remain as at present settled by Order of Synod; especially as Mr Craig's Bounds on that Side, are very moderate; and as the People on the Limits contended, earnestly petition that they may be continued under their own Pastor.

From which Judgment the Commissioners of Peched-Mountain appeal to the Synod, & are to give their Reasons in due Time.

Quaeritur, Whether a professed Presbyterian living in the Bounds of a particular Congregation, shall be deemed a Member thereof, without his own Consent, and contrary to his Declaration before a Minister be installed in it.

This was debated at large, <sup>by the P<sup>ty</sup></sup> in the Case of Mr Miller of W<sup>m</sup> Magill, and they declared Magill at Liberty.

Mr Miller moved to P<sup>ty</sup> for a Demission from his Congregation, as they are unable to pay his promised Support. Mr Craig is ordered to write to them, & they are to prepare an Answer by our next.

Application was made to the P<sup>ty</sup> by some of the People convenient to Mr Brown's M<sup>o</sup> House, for their Convenience in giving a Call to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Satta, which was cheerfully granted, provided they do not intrude on any other established Congregation.

Each Member of the P<sup>ty</sup> is desired to take into Consideration the Bounding of Congregations for their future Conduct, & each be prepared to give his ~~own~~ Judgment, whether a Person or P<sup>ty</sup>

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living in a particular Congregation, may be allowed to become a Member of another if he pleases. —

As the Number of our Vacancies is great, and Ministers but few, the Presbytery affectionately recommended it to the People of Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's, North & South Mountain M. Houses, to form themselves into one Congregation, at least for a Time on what Conditions they please, either at one, two or three M. Houses, as the P<sup>ty</sup> apprehends such a Union for a while would be for the Promotion of Religion among them. —

Mr Sankley is appointed to preach next Sab<sup>th</sup> at Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's M. House; to assist in the Affairs of Cr. Fish Congregation next Tuesday, & to supply one or more Sabbaths at Mehoan before our next.

Mr Pattillo is to preach one Sabbath in Hanover, & two in Orange before our next. —

Mr Todd two Sab<sup>th</sup> in the Northern Neck of Essex, & one at Meeky's by next P<sup>ty</sup>. —

Mr Black is to preach at North & South Mountain at Discretion, & 2 Sab<sup>th</sup> in Cr. Fish. —

Mr Wright is to supply one Lord's Day in Hanover, and 3 or 4 in Amelia at Discretion. —

Mr Brown one Sab<sup>th</sup> in the Parish of James River, & Mr Craig is to administer the Sacrament at Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's M. House at Discretion. Mr Craig is to preach one Sab<sup>th</sup> at Cr. Fish; Mr Miller 2 in M<sup>r</sup> Davis former Congreg<sup>y</sup> & Mr Henry 3 at Drury before next P<sup>ty</sup> which is to meet in Prince Edward & last Wednesday of Sep<sup>r</sup>; and Mr Craig is to preach in M<sup>r</sup> Warthrop's Sabbath before next. Concluded with Prayers

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Buffalo in Prince Edward County,  
Septem<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> the Presbytery met according to appointment,  
and M<sup>r</sup> Craig opened the same with a sermon from Titus  
II. 7, 8, and then presided at M<sup>r</sup> Sanhey's Installation, as  
appointed, then prof. Peace seditur

Ministers

Sam<sup>l</sup> Black  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Sanhey  
John Craig  
Wm<sup>l</sup> Miller  
John Todd  
John Brown  
John Wright  
Henry Pattillo  
Robert Henry

Elders

John Caldwell  
John Finley  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Gordon  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Tenson  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Wallace  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Jorde  
W<sup>m</sup> Holland  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Buchanan

Absent M<sup>r</sup> Craighead of M<sup>r</sup> Cadden - We are in-  
formed M<sup>r</sup> Richardson has joined the Syn of South  
Carolina.

M<sup>r</sup> Sanhey chosen Moderator, & M<sup>r</sup> Todd Clerk.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 a Clock.

Sept 25. The Syn met according to adjournment. p. p. f.  
qua supra. I Ordered that the Minutes of our last meeting  
Petitions were presented to the Syn for Supplies from Upper  
River, Coddle Creek, Hawk River, Slides and end of News River, South Branch  
& Grass Creeks from Harrower, the Northern Neck, Pottlar, N. of G. Mount  
Crispin, M<sup>r</sup> Harwin & North River.

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Mr Craig wrote to the People of Mr Miller's Congregation relating to his Request of being dismissed from them, according to Order; and the People have made such Regulations, of Distribution of Mr Miller's Labours, that they have agreed to pay his promised Salary, with which he is satisfied.

The Appointments of Supplies made last Pby are all fulfilled, except one by Mr Miller, whose Reason is

Next Spring Pby to meet at Tinseling Springs Meeting House in Augusta, the first Wednesday in April.

A Petition was presented from Mr Henry's Congregation, requesting the Judgment of the Pby, respecting the Use of Dr Watts's Version in Public Worship, which is referred to Spring Pby.

A kind of Libel was presented by James Murphey, a grantee of the Pby, desiring his Name might be taken from Mr Henry's Call.

An Appeal from Mr Henry's Session was bro't in by <sup>being suspended for marrying the half Sister of his former Wife.</sup> Major Methersford, which is Murphey's Libel, and deferred till Spring.

Mr Wright complained to Pby that Mr Black had published said sundry Things reproachfully of his Character. And Mr David Crawford complained that Mr Black had falsely accused him of several Things at our last Pby. And Mr Black complained that Mr Henry had spoken reproachfully of him. The Trial of all which is put off till Spring Pby, as well as the affair relating to Dr Watts's Version.

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Mr Henry is appointed to preach 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> at Nut Bush & Grassy Creek. Mr Wright 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> at Hawfields, Hills End, or B. Place in N. Carolina. Mr Craighhead 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> at Cottle Creek, of the Branches of rocky River. Mr Pattillo 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> in the Northern Neck. Mr Todd 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> in Hanover, if they are not supply'd, before the Synod. Mr M<sup>r</sup> Chadden 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> at News River. Mr Black 1 Sab<sup>s</sup> at Pedlar, of at N. of South Mountain at Diferchion. Mr Rankin one Sab<sup>s</sup> at Cap<sup>t</sup> Anderson's M<sup>r</sup> Houps & 2 at Meherrin. Mr Miller 3 Sab<sup>s</sup> in the N. Neck. Mr Craig 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> at B. Fish, one in Mr Miller's Cong, and one at Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's M<sup>r</sup> Houps. Mr Brown 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> at Otter River, behing this & our Spring Presbytery.

Mr James Madge having at our last offered himself in trial as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, he was desired to prepare a Discourse to be delivered this Oby, which he had done accordingly, and has been examined on sundry temporary Questions in Divinity, his Christian Experience and Motives to the Ministry, with all which the Oby are well pleased, and sustain them as Parts of Trial, & appoint him an Exegesis on that Question, *An Christus qua Mediator, sit adorandus*, and a Sermon on the same Subject, the Text to be chosen by himself, to be delivered at our next Presbytery, which for that Purpose is to meet at the Byrd in Goochland the 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of December. Concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer.

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1768 Tinkling Spring in Augusta Apric the 1<sup>st</sup> 1768  
The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi p. p. sequitur.

Minister  
Sam<sup>e</sup> Black  
John Craig  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Lankey  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Miller  
John Todd  
John Brown  
John Wright  
Henry Pattillo

Clerk.  
Wm Wallace  
John Finley  
John Caldwell  
Ephraim Smith  
John Holt  
Thos<sup>t</sup> Easton  
Sam<sup>e</sup> Wallace  
Sam<sup>e</sup> Hodge

Absent. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craighead, Henry and McCadden. Mr Lankey  
opened the Presby with a sermon on Ju<sup>o</sup> 1. 11.

Mr Lankey continued Moderator, & Mr Todd Clerk.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last be read.

Mr Black has fulfilled his Appointments, except one at Pedlar,  
the Presby for it is sustained. Mr Lankey has fulfilled his Appoin-  
ment Brown his, substantially, Mr Wright his, Mr Craig all his,  
but one at Rock fish, which he forgot. As Staves of the northern  
Sick were supplied by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hunt & Caldwell, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Miller  
Todd & Pattillo are acquitted of fulfilling their Appointments.

Petitions for Supplies were presented from the lower End of Rock  
North Mountain, Mahemier, Browns N. House, Fork in Augusta  
Rock fish, Nethys, Pedlar, Orange, Grassy Creek, Nut bush, Hill  
End New fields, Cultrata Creek, Pecks of Otter, Pastures of  
I gathered till tomorrow Morning at 9 o Clock, concluded with Prayer  
April 2. The Presby met according to Adjournment, ubi p. p. qui  
sequitur - Ordered that the Minutes of the last Session be read.

1761 The Syn having approved the following Representation made  
by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Todd & Pattillo, viz,

Louisa 21<sup>st</sup> January 1761. As the Syn for Mr Maddel's  
further Trials were prevented from convening by the Incon-  
venience of Weather; that he might not be longer confined to studies  
remote from, but might prosecute those that have a more  
immediate respect to, the work of the Ministry, and that the  
Church might not suffer by the disappointment: Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Todd & Pattillo proceeded to hear his Exegesis, & a Sermon from  
Chil. II. 9-10, & approved of them as very satisfactory.—  
They also examined into his Knowledge of the Latin, Greek,  
& Hebrew Languages, together with the Sciences of Rhetoric,  
Logic, Ontology, moral and natural Philosophy, & Astronomy;  
in all which he gave very pleasing and satisfactory Evidence  
of his Knowledge, intending to report the same to the next  
Presbytery. And procuring on their Concurrence, appoint  
him popular Trials, to be delivered, with their Permission at  
our next viz. a Lecture on Isaiah LXXI. 1, 2, 3. Verses, of a Sermon  
on John V. 40.— The Syn having further examined Mr Madel  
in sundry Branches of Learning, heard his popular Sermon  
and Lecture, & examined him in Divinity, do express their Satisfac-  
tion with the several Trials he has past through, and on his  
Subscribing the Confession of Faith, as a Confession of his  
Faith, & Conformity to the Directory, & on promising  
Subjection to the Syn in the Lord,

The Syn do license & appoint him to preach the  
Gospel as a Candidate for the holy Ministry, &  
heartily recommend him to the acceptance of the Churches.

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I believe the Doctrines contained in the Confession of Faith to be agreeable to the Word of God, contained in the Old & new Testament, and subscribe them accordingly as the Confession of my Faith.

James Waddel.

Mr Wright complained to the Syn. against Mr Miller, as being joined with Mr Black in aspersing his Character, relative to the Affair said to be transacted at Tho. Hinson's; of the unchristian Treatment of him.

Adjourned till some new Morning, at 9 o'clock concluded in Prayer.

April 3. Syn. met according to Adjournment, p. p. s. qui supra.

Mr Waddel is to supply in all our Churches in Virginia, & they in North Carolina that depend on this Syn., at his Discretion till the Fall Presbytery.

Mr Henry is to supply two Sab<sup>s</sup> at Falling River, and to dispense the Sacram<sup>t</sup> there with Mr Waddel to assist him.

Mr Black is appointed two Sab<sup>s</sup> at North Mountain, & to disp<sup>se</sup> the Sacram<sup>t</sup> there with the Assistance of Mr Lewis, who is to preach one Sab<sup>at</sup> at N. Mountain, and one at Browns. N. House.

The Presbytery appoint, Mr Lanhey one Sab<sup>at</sup> at Mathewin, & one at Rockfish — Mr Brown one Sab<sup>at</sup> at the Pech<sup>s</sup> of Otter one at Hencocke, and one in the Fork of James River —

Mr Todd one Sab<sup>at</sup> at Nechys, & one in Orange — Mr Wright one Sab<sup>at</sup> at Clark's & one at Mathewin — Mr

Miller one Sab<sup>at</sup> at the N. Mountain, one in the Calif<sup>o</sup> P<sup>er</sup>th & one in Rockfish — Mr Pattillo two Sab<sup>s</sup> at Newbush & Grassy Creek — And Mr Black 2 Sab<sup>s</sup> at Cedar, if they end a Sab<sup>at</sup> for him.

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David Martin having been kept from Church Privilege  
five or six years because a Bastard Child was sworn to  
him, the Syn. after faithfully and solemnly warning him  
of the guilt and Danger of lying to God, & imposing on this  
Judicature, he having produced a Certificate of his good  
Behaviour from his Neighbours, do admit him to sealing  
Ordinances, he repeatedly professing his Innocency.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning, 8 o'clock. Concluded at 4 o'clock.

April 4<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met according to Adjournment,  
ubi p. p. f. 9. supra.

April 11<sup>th</sup>

The Affairs between Messrs. Black, Miller and Wright  
not being prepared for Trial thro' Mr Black's failing to pro-  
duce his Evidences, the Trial is deferred till our next Presby-  
which is to meet at Tinkling Spring. M. House, the first  
Wednesday of October, & Mr Brown is to open the Presbytery  
Ordered, that the Complainants give the particular Charges  
with the Names of the Evidences to support them, to the  
Moderator and the Defendants, at least three Months before  
Trial - Concluded with Prayer.

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Pinkling Spring in Augusta October  
7<sup>th</sup> 1761. The Presbytery met according to Appointment  
ubi post Breves Federunt.

Ministers

Sam<sup>l</sup> Black,  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Lanhey  
John Craig  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Miller  
John Todd  
Robert Henry  
John Brown  
John Wright  
Henry Pattillo abs. excusd.

Elders

W<sup>m</sup> Wallace  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Ritchie  
George Michon  
David Hueston  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Mitchel  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Wallace  
John Logan

M<sup>r</sup> Brown opened the Presbytery with a sermon on  
2 Cor. 2. 16.

The Bro James Hunt having been regularly dismissed from  
the Presby of New Brunswick, and desiring to join this; on  
producing his Credentials, they unanimously receive him  
as one of their Members.

M<sup>r</sup> Craig chosen Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Brown Clerk.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last be read. All appointments are  
suspended, on the Account of Omission sustained.

The Consideration of the Affair between Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black, Miller  
& Wright is deferred.

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The following Balls were put into Presbytery for Mr Waddell  
viz. one from upper falling of the pecks of Otter - one from Nut-  
bush & Grassy Creek & one from Brown's N. House, Jennings's  
Gap - one from the Fork of James River in Augusta -  
and one from Halifax, none of which he thought fit to take  
under Consideration.

Petitions for Supplies were presented, from Tico, Eno, Hanspeter,  
North Mountain, from Little River, Gashin, Halifax, Hanover, Pinecock  
& Catauba. Adjourned till tomorrow Morning, 9 a Clock.

Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Pby met according to Adjournment  
10 p. f. Equiv. supra.

Ordered that the Minutes of last Sederunt be read.

The following Proposals for Peace were agreed to & subscribed  
by Messrs Black, Miller & Wright viz

As Mr Black, by Accounts from Mr Miller, has reported,  
Sundry things of Mr Wright, from which many People  
took occasion to say Mr Wright was guilty of attempting  
the horrid Crime of Sodomy; Messrs Black & Miller believe,  
they never knew him to be guilty of so base an Attempt, &  
are sorry Imputations so vile should be charged on him from  
any thing said by either of them: that the whole took its  
rise from Behaviour & Expressions of Mr Wright to Mr Miller  
with which he was offended, & communicated to Mr Black as  
Matter of Offence - Mr Wright professes his sorrow, that any  
Part of his Conduct should give offence to any -  
And as Mr Black charged Mr Wright with Incontinence,  
Laziness & Praying, Mr Black acknowledges, that it was only

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by Information, & thro' the Warmth of Passion and Resentment that he uttered such Reports, & that he never ~~was~~ personally knew Mr Wright guilty of said Crimes, in the Cases referred to, & hopes in Christian Charity they were without Foundation & is really sorry he ever said such things to the Injury of Mr Wright's Character & Usefulness.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Black  
John Wright  
Wm<sup>r</sup> Muller

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The Presbytery having fully considered & deliberately weighed the Proposals for Accommodation between Messrs Black, Muller & Wright, have come unanimously to the following Determination  
That the Messrs Muller & Black declare they never intended to be understood as insinuating that Mr Wright attempted any thing like Sodomy, yet they judge that Mr Black is criminal & culpable, for publickly & repeatedly aspersing Mr Wright, & they earnestly call him to Repentance, & order the Moderator solemnly to censure and admonish him publickly, according to the merit of his crime. The Synod also judge Mr Muller's Behaviour in this affair deserving an Admonition; they also recommend to him more Caution & Tenderness respecting the Characters of his Brethren for the future. The Synod finally recommend to Mr Wright, suitable Care & Prudence in his Conduct.

The Parties were dealt with accordingly, & they acquiesced in it. Deponed at \_\_\_\_\_

October 4<sup>th</sup>

The Presbytery met according to Adjournment, p. p. 77.

Doctor Cupples having charged Mr Sankley with not delivering a Letter of his to the Presbytery, to be publicly read, but only delivered it to a Party, the Pby declare the Charge was false, and that Mr Sankley did present it to the Pby, and not to a Party; but not having Time, it was referred to the next Sederunt, and read accordingly with Mr Miller's Animadversions on it, & his Reasons in Scotch Version, and against Dr Wallis's Imputation in support of the <sup>same</sup> Consideration of which is put off till our next Presbytery.

The Petition from Mr Patello and his Elders, that he may have no Appointments abroad this Year by the Pby, is granted, as his Congregation allow him the fourth Part of his Time at his own Disposal, to help out his Salary, which is not sufficient for his Support.

Verbal Supplications were put in for Supplies from Buffaloe in N. Carolina, the Northern Neck, Calfeasters, Meherrin, Pedlar, & Little Falling.

A Call was presented to Mr Waddel from Bedford, which he took under Consideration till our next.

Mr Waddel is appointed half the Time betwixt this & our Spring Pby, in Bedford; & the Remainder of his Time at Discretion, but chiefly to the People that have presented Calls to him.

Mr Hunt is appointed to supply at Discretion till our next.

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The Pby grant the Congregation of North Mountain their Request, that Mr Black supply them as much as he can, & catechise their Children.

The Pby appoint Mr Craig to preach at Rockfish the second Sab of November, and Mr Brown to meet him the Tuesday following, to make the best Recommendation between Mr Black and the People, respecting their arrears, & that Mr Black and the People meet them therefor that purpose.

The Pby appoint

Mr Craig to supply one Sab at Brown's M. House, and one in the Fork of James River;

Mr Miller one Sab at N. Mountain, & one in the Wolf Pasture;

Mr Wright one Sab at Falling, & 2 in Bedford;

Mr Todd two in the Northern Neck;

Mr Henry one at Falling, and one in Halifax;

& Mr Santee two at Mohovin, before our next Presb, which is to meet at the Byrd - breeding House in Goochland the first Wednesday of April. Concluded with Prayer.

Augusta

### Byrd in Goochland, April 7<sup>th</sup> 1762

The Presbtery met according to Appointment, ubi p. p. f.

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| Ministry | Mr <sup>Wm</sup> Craghead | } |
|          | Craig                     |   |
|          | Todd                      |   |
|          | Henry                     |   |
|          | Wright                    |   |
|          | DeWillo                   |   |

|        |               |   |
|--------|---------------|---|
| Elders | James Norris  | } |
|        | John Anderson |   |
|        | Thomas Gorton |   |
|        | John Morton   |   |
|        | John Lewis    |   |

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1) Goodland. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1762

Subsisting between Mr Wright and some of his Congregation,  
& to receive Mr Waddell's Trials for Ordination; viz, Num Electio  
sit conditionalis - & a sermon on Rom 8-4 - And the Presbytery  
empower said Committee to receive Mr Caldwell as a Member of  
our P<sup>ty</sup>, if he offers himself with proper Credentials, and to appoint  
him where to preach. The said Committee, if they sustain  
Mr Waddell's Trials, are to proceed to his Ordination, at which  
Mr Todd is to preside.

Mr David Rice offered himself on Trial as a Candidate,  
and was examined by the P<sup>ty</sup> concerning his experimental  
Acquaintance with Religion, and the Motives that inclined  
him to turn his Thoughts towards the Ministry: His Answers  
were satisfactory, and sustained as Parts of Trial. The P<sup>ty</sup> appoint  
him to prepare a sermon on Eph. 2-8, By Grace ye are saved  
& a Lecture on the 15<sup>th</sup> Psalm, to be delivered at the Committee  
to meet in Pine Down.

Mr Richardson's Reasons for joining the South P<sup>ty</sup>  
without a regular Dismission from this, are sustained.

Our next Presbytery to meet at Providence in Louis  
the first Wednesday of October, w<sup>ch</sup> Mr Todd is to open with the  
sermon he has prepared on Calmedy.

Concluded with Prayer.

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Providence in Louisa October 7<sup>th</sup> 1762

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, & post p. f

R<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sankey

Craig

Miller

Todd

Brown

Henry

McLendon

Pattillo

Hunt

Waddel

Ministers

Charles Richie

John Herdman

Elders

George Morris

Daniel Lyon

John Holt

Wm Smith

Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craighthead and Black. Mr Todd opened  
the Day with a Sermon on 1 Cor. XIV-15. according to Appointment.  
Mr Miller chosen Moderator, and Mr Todd talk.

Resolved that the Minutes of our last Synod be read.  
Mr Miller's Absence from our last excused.

Supplications were presented for supplies, from Falling River  
Northushan & Grassy Creek, Brown's Meetinghouse, Amelia  
for Mess<sup>rs</sup> Todd & Pattillo to administer the Sacrament this fall,  
from the Fork of James River in August, Mr Wright for

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former Congregation, the Pecks of Otter, Flico, the lower Congregation in Hanover, North Mountain, Nottingham in Roan County, Galt Pasture. Verbal supplications were made for Mehevins, Catauba & Noncoah, Linvils Creek, & Carolina Vacancies.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last be read.

The affair of Palmdy deferred till tomorrow.

Mr Hunt gives up the call he had from Roan County.

All Appointments for Supplies were fulfilled, or the Reason of Omission sustained.

Mr Craig reports to the Synod, that Mr. Miller and the People of Pecked Mountain have parted by mutual Agreement, and that Mr. Miller <sup>now</sup> sustains the pastoral Relation to the People of Cook's Creek only.

The Synod having Appointed, Messrs. Wm Tennent & Enock Green to preach 6 Months each under the Direction of our Synod, we appoint the above Gentlemen three Months each in Hanover, and the other three Months in the rest of our Vacancies, especially those in Carolina, which we understand to be agreeable to the mind of the Synod.

The following Supplies are appointed  
Mr Henry 2 lab's in Carolina & Mr Pattillo 3, if he can  
— Mr Black in the Galt Pasture as much as he can,

at Providence in Louisa, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 1766.

and at North Mountain as much as he pleases. — 502  
Mr Craig one Sab at Poncaok, & one at Moutaubas.  
— Mr Brown one Sab at the Pechs of Otter, and one at  
New London in Bedford. — Mr Hunt one Sab in Hancock  
if he can — Mr McCaddon one at Meherrin. —  
Messrs Miller, Todd & Waddel at Diserction, & Mr Pattillo  
at Diserction on the south side of James River. —  
Mr Sankey at Meherrin, Harris's Creek & Leap Underford  
each one Sabbath.

The People of Rockfish, the levee, & Gardens of Det.  
having sent a Subscription and Invitation to Mr Pattillo  
for his Labours a Year among them: the Pby appoint him  
to spend as much of his Time there as he can at his  
Diserction; & recommend to the People of Rockfish, to  
discharge Mr Black's Arrears.

Mr Waddel accepts of all call from Lancaster & Northern  
burland Counties, in which the Pby heartily concur.

Mr Pattillo, having given his People timely Notice of  
his Design, moved to be dismissed from his Congregation,  
they being unable to give him a sufficient Support, &  
no Objection being made, the Pby agree to it, and he is  
accordingly dismissed from his Charge, & the Relation broken.

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The Committee having obeyed the Order of our last, laid before the Presbytery the following Minutes of their Proceedings, viz.

Prince Edward 16<sup>th</sup> June 1762, the Committee met according to Appointment, most p. f. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Sankey, Henry, and Pattillo. Elders, William Campbell, David Caldwell, and William Smith. Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Todd & Hunt. The Reason of Mr<sup>s</sup> Todd's Absence Justained.

Mr Waddel opened the Committee with a sermon on Rom 4. according to Appointment. Mr Sankey chosen Moderator, Mr Pattillo Clerk. Adjourned till 10 O'Clock tomorrow morning Thursday 17. ~~Commenced~~ Concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer.

Thursday 17. Com<sup>m</sup> met according to Journment, p. f. p. f. —

The Committee having considered Mr Waddel's Sermon, & Thesis, with his Defense of the same, sustain them as satisfactory Trials for Ordination; to which they accordingly proceeded, by Fasting, Prayer, and Imposition of Hands; in which Mr Pattillo presided, by a sermon on 2 Cor. V. 20. and he is now present as a Member of this Judicature.

The Committee entering on the Affairs between Mr Knight and his Congregation, the Charges being entered by some of the Elders, the Minutes thereto being put solemnly sworn to by the Elders for response

29) at Providence in Louisa, Oct<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - 1762

Elizabeth Cornwel, that being at James Anderson's one Evening after the Sacrament, as she past the Door Mr Wright desired to speak with her, and walked aside; whereupon he put his hand into her Bosom, which hand she pushed away, but he continued trying to keep his Hands in her Bosom for some time, and then taking them out of her Bosom, put them on her Belly, and offered to put them further, which she refused, and asked him whether he used other Girls of his Congregation in that manner, he declared he never had, and hoped she would not take it amiss, and desired her to pray for him.

John Norton and John Watson - That Mr Wright going in their Company from Prince Edward Court one Day appeared to them to have drunk too much; and told them, with odd Gestures and great Vehemence that he was just going to leave them, having an Estate in Scotland sufficient to maintain him.

Theodorick Carter, & Joseph Michaux - That Mr Wright appeared to them to be in drink one Night going to Mr Woodson's, and having got there, he talked to two little Negroes about Religion, and boxed their Ears because they did <sup>not</sup> answer to please him.

George Smith and Joseph Michaux - That Mr Wright told Jo<sup>s</sup> Michaux he wished, he might not prosper if he went to live on his rich Land in Halifax, and they suspected he had drunk too much Liquor. Mr Wright acknowledges that <sup>he</sup> had good two or three times at Mr Venables, on the Sabbath.

Mr William Smith produced a letter to the Committee from Mr

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Mr Wright, in which he tells said Smith, that if ever he appeared against him as a witness, he would produce four articles of Accusation against him.

Adjourned till 9 O'Clock tomorrow morning  
Concluded with Prayer

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> The Com<sup>d</sup> met according to Adjournment:  
post. p. l. qui supra.

The Com<sup>d</sup> having maturely considered the Charges brought against Mr. Wright find, that some of them have been made out by proper Witnesses and Mr Wright's own Confession. But as some of the Charges are not yet entered upon thro' the Absence of Witnesses, which it is suggested can be proven; as a fresh Charge is entered against Mr Wright today before this Judicature, which we judge it best to defer till all Parties are properly warned; and as Mr Wright has by the Advice and Concurrence of the Committee, suspended himself from the Exercise of his Ministerial Office till his Innocence appear, the Committee adjourn for the further Trial of this Affair till the last Tuesday of July next. And if there are any other Charges to be laid before us at that Time, the Accusers are ordered to give Mr Wright a Copy of them, with the Witnesses to support them, at least ten Days before our Meeting.

5A) Providence in Louisa, October 7-8. 1762

Mr David Price read his Lecture and Sermon before of Con-  
according to Appointment, which they approve and sustain  
as Parts of Trial, and having examined him on the Greek  
and Latin Languages, to their Satisfaction, appoint him  
to prepare a Sermon on these Words. "If Christ died for  
all, then were all dead:" And an Exegesis on that Quota  
Num quantum preceptum Decalogi sit morale?

Concluded with Prayer.

Prince Edward July 27<sup>th</sup> 1762. The Committee met  
according to Adjournment, present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sinking,  
Todd, Henry, and Pattillo Ministers; Elders W<sup>m</sup> Campbell,  
David Caldwell, W<sup>m</sup> Smith. Mr Todd preach from Luke 13. 3.  
Ordered that the Minutes of our last Sederunt be read.

A Charge being entered, that Mr Wright came drunk  
to Mr Nathaniel Venable's last August, the following  
Witnesses depone, viz

Josias Norton - That Mr Wright did not appear to  
him to be in Drunk at that Time.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Venable, - That Mr Wright's Behaviour differed from  
what it usually was; and he believed it to be the Effect of  
Error, but did not think he was drunk.





56<sup>a</sup>) at Providence in Louisa. October 7. 1760.

The Presbytery, having well considered the foregoing Minutes of the Committee, on Mr Wright's acknowledging he had a fair Trial, they do unanimously confirm the Suspension, and Mr Wright is hereby suspended until we shall see sufficient Reasons to restore him: And the Relation formerly subsisting between Mr Wright & his Congregation, is broke by mutual Consent, which the Synod also confirms, & recommends to the People, justly to pay off their arrears.

Mr Sankey is to supply at Mathurin, Harris's Creek, and Cumberland, each one Sabbath.

Mr Pattillo is left at Discretion, as to his Supplies on the south Side of James River.

Mr Rice delivered his Trial Discourses appointed by the Committee, which were accepted as Parts of Trial. And he is appointed to prepare a popular Sermon on "Let every one that nameth the Name of Christ, depart from Iniquity." - And a presbyterial Exercise on "When for the Time, ye ought to be Teachers of others, ye have need that one teach you which be the first Principles of the Oracles of God."

The Synod is to meet at Deep Creek Mr. House in Cumberland, the Tuesday in November, Messrs. Sankey, Henry, Tod, & Pattillo, or any three of them to make a Quorum.

Pursuant to an Order of Synod, the Synod enjoins, that every

57) Proceedings of Hanover Presbytery  
and bring the Collections to our Spring Presbytery

In answer to the request from Hico relating to Galatians  
the Presbytery are not yet agreed in their Sentiments,  
nor have they come to any Determination on that Head,  
but recommend to the People mutual forbearance, <sup>that they take</sup> & care  
not to introduce any thing that may cause Divisions among  
themselves, but to exercise Patience, till the Affair be  
issued by the Synod.

Mr Hunt having requested a Desmission from this  
Presbytery, as he expects to settle in Pennsylvania, Mr  
Todd is ordered to give him Credentials, when he shall  
apply for them.

Our Spring Synod to meet at Finkling Spring, the  
first Wednesday of May next, which Mr Miller is to open.

Concluded with Prayer.

Deep Creek in Cumberland, Nov<sup>r</sup>. 9. 1762

The Presby met according to Appointment, at the place  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Sankuy, Todd & Pattillo. Mr Sankuy Moder  
Mr Todd Clerks. Mr Rice opened the Synod with a Sermon on  
2 Tim 2. 19 - as appointed. Adjourned to Mr W. Holland's  
concluded at Prayer.

At Mr Holland's, 3 O'Clock P.M. The Synod proceeded to  
consider Mr Rice's Sermon, & to hear & consider his

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terial Exercise, & do unanimously sustain both. They then proceeded to examine him on the sundry Sciences and Divinity, upon which his Answers were very satisfactory. The Presbytery considering the sundry Trials he has gone thro', do cheerfully agree to license him as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry, and he is hereby licensed, and Mr. Pattillo is ordered to give him the usual Form of Credentials given to Candidates by this Presbytery.

Mr. Rice is appointed to preach about a Month in Bedford one Sabbath in Halifax, a Month at this Grassy Creek of Nutbush, & about a Month in Roan & Anson Counties: then at the Cove, D.S. Rockfish, and the principal Vacancies in Augusta till our next.

The People of the Synod having petitioned the Pky to appoint Mr. Todd to supply them as much as possible this Winter; the Pky recommend it to Mr. Todd, to grant them as much of his Labours as he can consistent with his other Obligations.

Concluded with Prayer.

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Sinking-Spring in Augusta May 4<sup>th</sup> 1763  
The Presb. met according to appointment.  
Mr. Miller opened it with a sermon on  
L. Cor. 14. 15. then Post precede Severest

Min<sup>rs</sup>  
Sam. Black  
Perich. Sankey  
John Craig  
Alex. Miller Mod.  
John Roxson Mod.  
Robt. Henry  
Henry Dattillo

Slaves  
Wm Campbell  
John Anderson  
Capt. Ephm Love  
Robt. Caldwell  
Capt. Jno. Hayes  
Warren Walkers

Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craighead, Todd, Mr Cadden, &  
Waddle.

Mr. Roxson Mod. Mr. Dattillo Clerk  
ordered of the Minutes of our last stated Meet-  
ing be read.

Mr. Green has supply'd in Hanover being  
going to order, & other Southern Vacancies.

Mr. Wright being absent, his affairs deferred  
all appointments at our last have been put  
off of reasons offered for non-compliance  
Sustains.

Ordered of the Minutes of the Presb. 7 at Be-  
speak in Cumberland be read.

Mr. Dice fulfilled some of our appointments  
it was desired for as he did not fulfill.

(60a)  
The Presbytery agree that every Minister, and those  
that may hereafter join us, <sup>with all</sup> together, Inhabitants of Candidacies,  
pursuing to their ~~degrees~~ <sup>being licensed</sup> and Ordination, shall subscribe  
the following Formula. Viz

I believe the Doctrines contained in the Westminster  
Confession of Faith and Catechisms, to be agreeable  
to, and founded on the Word of God; and as such, I  
subscribe them as the Confession of my Faith

James Creswell  
Charles Cummings  
Samuel Leak  
Thos Jackson  
Wm Jackson  
William Juvin  
James Campbell

\* Saml Black  
Rich. Faukey  
John Craig  
\* Alex. Miller  
John Todd  
John Brown  
\* Robert Honery

Henry Pattillo \*  
James Woodell  
David Rice

12) The Minutes of Hanover Presb. Ch.

Supplications for Supplies were presented from Linville-Creek, Sinking-Spring, Three-Cumberland, South of Fall-River, North-Mountain, Three-River Cross-pasture, Mt. Portavans, & Jennings Portavans, Hanover Co. Va.

Adjourned to tomorrow at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayers

Thursday May 5th of presb. Ch. according to adjournment 7th of Dec. 1801. quid supra.

The people of North Mountain Cong. supplicate for 1/2 of Mr. Polack's labours for one year. This is left to Mr. Polack to comply or not as he sees cause.

The Presb. Ch. concurs in an agreement between Mr. Polack & the people of Cumberland, Harris-Creek, Deep-Creek & Amelia viz. to heartily supply 'em one year according to agreement.

pursuant to the original agreement between Mr. Craig's people & the people of Stone-Meeting-house have demanded a separation from the Sinking-Spring Cong.

The presb. Ch. order of the affair be prepared for next year.

A call was presented to Mr. Rice from Bedford & another from New South & Gray-Creek, both which he took under his consideration.

The Presb. Ch. being desirous to encourage of breaking of Cong. recommends it to the people

of upper & lower ties, to join for a third  
of Mr Pices labours for a time, if he keep  
the call from Nut-Bush to Grays-Creek.  
The Decr. 7 presume this expedient will  
strengthen & promote their Mutual Disposition  
& Comfort.

Nov 6

- The Decr. 7 allow of sev<sup>l</sup> parties to be qualiff<sup>d</sup>  
by yr Suppliers, in yr affairs of psalmody.
- It is agreed at our Next Meeting, shall be ad<sup>l</sup> sub  
-s<sup>l</sup> Meeting house of first wednesday of  
October; & of Mr. Dattillo open it with a sermon.
- The presby orders of following Members to  
supply these places mentioned & time specified  
viz Mr Henry overtabath at yr forks of rd river & one  
at Bedford before our Next. such  
Mr. Millers 2 or More tab. at Linwills before our  
Next.  
Mr. Brown 2 Sab. at sinking spring & one Sab.  
at Ciferation before our Next.  
Mr. Craig one Sab. in calf-pasture & another  
in cow-pasture before our Next.  
Mr. Sankey one at Maj. Coroners M<sup>l</sup> House &  
one at Mehersten before our Next.  
Mr. Todd one Sab. in Hanovers & one in Orange  
of yr. Socy before our Next.  
Mr. Dattillo one Sab. in Hanover before our Next  
Mr. Middle one in Essex & one in Westmore land  
before our Next.



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The Presb'y recommend to Mr. Polack, to supply  
one Sab. at Cutaba, & one at Hoan oak, before  
our next: & if can't one <sup>at</sup> Mayr. Borowns M. Cong.  
& another at Jennings's Boranick.  
Mr. Price to spend his time in yr. Congs. who  
have given him calls untill our next.

From yr. forks of Tad River Congy. Wm  
Quaton, appealed to yr. presb'y, from a judgment  
of Mr. Borowns Session.

The presb'y confirm & approve yr. judgment of  
of Mr. Borowns Session, & remit to Mr. Quaton  
back again to Mr. Borowns Congy. to give  
satisfaction for yr. sin of fornication.

Tad. Edmiston from Mr. Borowns Congy.  
complains of Mr. Borowns denial a certificate  
to his brother Wm Edmiston, & will not  
give yr. reasons for refusing.

The presb'y, being informed by Mr. Borowns  
of yr. affair has not yet been judicially  
tried in their Session, & remit <sup>it</sup> back again  
to Mr. Borowns

Articles relating to yr. suspension of Dat.  
Crawford from Christian Priviledges,  
for getting Sam. Givens wife with child.  
was referred to yr. presb'y by Mr. Gaig  
& his Session, with yr. Minutes of  
their procedure.  
The Presb'y finding, of yr. charges & accused

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had not been confronted by Mr Craig's  
session, and if accused did not appear  
at y<sup>e</sup> Court. y<sup>e</sup> titles by Mr Craig; or  
Messrs Miller & Brown with their Clerks  
each, to meet at y<sup>e</sup> Stone-Meeting-house the  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of y<sup>e</sup> Instant as a Committee  
to cite & confront y<sup>e</sup> accused; & set  
& determine in that case, as they see necessary  
& expedient.

concluded with prayer

57 Proceedings of Hanover Presbytery,  
Cub Creek, Lunenburg County, Oct. 6. 1763

The Presbytery met according to Appointment; Mr. Pattillo opened it with a sermon on 1 Cor. 3. 23 Verse, first Clause.  
Post processa fuerunt

The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Sankey, Todd, Henry, Pattillo, & Waddel  
Ministers — Matthew Cuninghame, Thomas Rodgers, &  
Nathanael Venable, Elders — Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Black, Craigh-  
head, Craig, Miller, Brown & McCadden.

Mr. Henry chosen Moderator, & Mr. Pattillo Clerk.

The Minutes of our last Presbytery not being here, the  
reading of them is deferred till our next.

Some verbal supplications for supplies, were presented from  
Vacant Congregations.

A Petition was read in Pby from Mr. Henry's Elders, desiring  
their judgment & Advice in the Cases of dancing and shooting-  
matches — The Pby, having considered the Affairs, judge, that  
these Exercises are generally of evil Tendency, & ought to  
be discouraged.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 9 O'Clock. concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer

Thursday 7. The Pby met according to Adjournment p. p. p. p.  
Mr. Todd read the Rules the Synod have adopted, & records —  
D. The Members present are well pleased with

at Cub Creek in Linn County, Dec. 6. 1793 (4)

Rules; but as so many of our Members are absent, the further consideration of them is put off till our next.

In answer to the Petition from Mr Henry's Congregation respecting Psalmody, Mr Todd read from the Minutes of the Synod, the following Exhort, viz.

2<sup>d</sup> Does the Synod so far approve Dr Watts's Imitation of David's Psalms, as to allow such Ministers of Congregations Liberty to use them, who judge it most for their Edification.

A. As a Number of our Members have never particularly considered Dr Watts's Imitation, they are not prepared to give a full answer to the Question; yet as it is well approved by many of this Body, the Synod have no Objection to the use of said imitation by such ministers and congregations as so incline, until the matter of Psalmody be further deliberated upon, and in the mean Time recommend it to the Members of this Body, to be prepared to give their Sentiments respecting this Subject, at our next Session.

The Synod appoint the following Supplies, viz.

Mr Sankey - one Sabbath at great Tallony; one or two at Meherrin, and a week day at Flat Creek.

Mr Brown - one Sab<sup>d</sup> at the Pecks of Otter, and one at Bedford Court House. - Mr Pattillo, one at Grassy Creek.

Mr Widdel, two at his Discretion. - Mr Henry one at Grassy Creek, & one at Rice. - Mr Todd one at Flat Creek.

7) Proceedings of the above Presbytery.

Mr. James Cresswell delivered to the Presbytery, a Sermon on Genesis 3-8 - and an Egeisis on this Question *Nam Christus pro omnibus et singulis mortuus sit.* - according to Appointment; which the P<sup>ly</sup> sustained as Parts of Trial; and having examined him in the Latin & Greek Languages, Logicks & Ontology, appoint him a presbyterial Exercise on these words, "The carnal mind is enmity against God" - to be delivered at the lower Meeting-house in Hanover, the 28<sup>th</sup> of next December - And Mr. Rice is appointed to deliver a Sermon at the same time and place, on 2 Tim. 2. 3 - as a Part of Trial for Ordination. A Presby<sup>tery</sup> is appointed to meet in Hanover Decem<sup>r</sup> 28 to receive Mr. Cresswell's Trials, and to ordain Mr. Rice at which Mr. Pattillo is to preside, if he with any two Members more, shall make a quorum.

Mr. David Rice accepts a Call from Mr. Davison's former Congregation; in which the Presbytery cheerfully concur.

The P<sup>ly</sup> having considered the affair between Mr. Wright & this late Congregation, recommend it to the People to make speedy payment of their respective subscriptions, to Mr. Wright, and that the Elders urge them to do so; and that the Parties take all due Care to have the matter fairly settled before Mr. J. Jansky, or Mr. Pattillo, who is appointed to be admitted to the

The Synod having maturely considered  
Wetherford, look upon his Marriage with his  
half Sister, as contrary to Law, and therefore can  
restore him to Church privileges. 682

Next Spring Presbytery to meet at Finking-spring  
Augusta, the first Wednesday of May. Concluded with Pr.

Hanover, December 28. 1763. The Pres  
met according to Appointment, ubi post processe fuerunt  
M<sup>r</sup>. Todd, Patullo & Madool. M<sup>r</sup>. Rice opened the  
with a sermon from 2 Tim. 2.3. according to Appointment

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd chosen Moderator, M<sup>r</sup>. Patullo Clerk.

M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell delivered the presbyterial exercise, that was  
at by our last, which the Synod accept as a part of Trial  
having proposed sundry Questions to him in Philoso-  
graphy and moral Philosophy, appoint him to give  
Lecture on Matt XI. 28-30- and a sermon on the  
No man can come unto me, except the Father  
sent me draw him, as popular trials, to be  
at our next Presbytery. Adjourned till ten  
o'clock- concluded with Prayer.

... having ascertained for his satisfaction  
stained it as a satisfactory Part of Trial  
did to his Ordination with the usual solemnities  
the Mr. Pattillo presided according to Order.  
Concluded with Prayer. —

Winkling Spring in August a County. May 2<sup>d</sup>.  
The Presbytery met according to appointment, present  
Messrs. Black, Lankey, Craig, Todd, Miller, Brown &  
Elders, John Anderson, John Herdman, William  
Robert Messrs. Craighead, McCadden, Henry, Waddell  
Mr. Crewell delivered a popular sermon, accord-  
ing to appointment of our last, from John 6: 44.  
Craig chosen moderator, Mr. Brown Clerk.  
That the Minutes of our two last Presbyteries be read  
in agreement betwixt Mr. Pattillo and his congregation  
another year. Adjourned till tomorrow morning  
concluded with Prayer.

May 9 O'Clock A.M. The Synod met according to  
appointment. Ordered that the minutes of last Synod be read  
Mr. Crewell delivered a Lecture from Matt 11: 28-30, which  
Discourse yesterday, the Synod approved as Part of  
asking a very temporary Session in Divinity

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to which he gave satisfactory Answers, & considering the several Trials he has gone through, & the satisfaction he has given the Presbtery do licence him to preach, as a Candidate & Probationer for the gospel ministry, on his subscribing the westminster Con. of Faith & Catechisms, and promising subjection to the Judicatories, in the Lord. — and we recommend him to the Churches in our Bounds.

Petitions for Supplies were presented from, Roan County North Carolina — North mountain for the half of Mr Blackstone Brown's of Jennings Branch — Rockfish, Fork of James River — Buffaloe in N. Carolina, & from the Byrd.

Mr Black is left to his Discretion, & so is Mr Castello respecting supply.

Mr Todd is appointed one lab. at the Byrd.

Mr. Criswell is to supply our Vacancies at his Discretion.

A Motion was made by the Bondsmen of Mr Miller's Cong. with his Concurrence, requesting the Pky to desire Mr Miller to give up their Bonds, & take up with a Subscription for the future. — The Pky advised Mr Miller to give up the Bonds, and that they be no longer obligatory than to this Day; on Condition that the Bondsmen give him a Note of Hand, to pay before our next Presbtery, all the Arrears now due. — And that in Proportion to what Supply he may give the said Congregation, at the desire of the People, they pay him by Subscription according to his annual Salary he has received, till our next Presbtery.



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The People of Stone Meeting House addressed the Presbytery for a separation between them and tinkling Spring; but all Parties not being prepared, it is deferred till our next, & then to be finally determined.

Adjourned till tomorrow, 9 O'Clock. - Concluded with Prayer.

Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>. 9 O'Clock. A.M. - The Syn met according to adjournment. p. p. f. f. Ordered that the minutes of our last s<sup>es</sup>ion be read. Ordered that the Suppliers at Rockfish recommend to the people to pay up what Arrears may be due to M<sup>r</sup> Black; and that he supply them one, Sab. before our next. - M<sup>r</sup> Miller is left to his own Discretion, as to his supplying Vacancies, as far as is consistent with his Relation to his own congregation.

A reference from M<sup>r</sup> Craig's Session, in the Case of John King, who was accused of getting a young Woman with child, that was non compos mentis, was heard by the Presbytery; and no evidence appearing full to his conviction he is to be looked upon as clear of the charge.

The Syn having re-considered the reference from M<sup>r</sup> Brown's Session, in the Case of M<sup>r</sup> Edmiston & John Robertson, order the said Session to write to M<sup>r</sup> Edmiston, that he acknowledge some undutiful Behaviour towards John Robertson, which if he does, the Session are to send him a Certificate.

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The minutes of the committee relating to Patrick Crawford and Martha Givens, were laid before the Synod and approved; but as the committee did not determine the affair, and as the parties are not present, they are cited to appear, the clerk is ordered to cite them to our next Synod in Augusta.

Our next in course, to meet at the upper M. Synod in Cumberland County, the first Wednesday in October, which Mr Henry is to open with a Sermon.

Concluded with prayer.

Cumberland Co. 4 October 3. 1764.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, Mr Henry opened it with a Sermon from Prov. 28. 20. then presented the Rev. Mr. S. Sankey, Craig, Todd, Henry Miller, Patullo & Price. Ministers — John Finley, Ralph Charles Anderson, William Campbell, Elders. Absent Messrs. Craghead, Black, M. Casden, Brown, & Waddel.

Ordered that the minutes of our last Presbytery be read.

Supplications for supplies were presented, from Rockfish, upper Rice, Bedford, Finking Spring, new Notingham, Roan County, & the forks of Haw River. — Mr Craig is dismissed from the Finking Spring, and

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and sustains the pastoral relation, as to the Congregation of Home meeting Houses only.

Adjourned to Mr. Pattillo's — Concluded with Prayer

At 7 O'Clock, P. M. the Presbytery met according to adjournment. — Mr. Henry & Mr. Bird excused, for their absence from our last Presbytery.

All appointments of Supplies have been fulfilled, or the reasons for non-compliance, are sustained.

No Commissioners appearing from Cook's creek, & Mr. Miller having informed the Presbytery, that the bonds men have not paid off their arrears, according to the proposal at our last, the Pby recommend to the people to do Mr. Miller justice, according to said proposal, and in the mean time they leave him at liberty, either to continue there, or to accept of an invitation elsewhere.

A Call was presented to Mr. Creswell, from Nat. bush, Grassy Creek and lower Nico, which he accepted, and in which the Presbytery heartily concurred.

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Ordered, that Mr. Creswell prepare a sermon on Rom. 8-1- as a part of trial for Ordination, at a Presbytery appointed to meet at Grassy creek the first Thursday in March for that purpose, and at which Mr. Todd is to preside. Adjourned till to-morrow, Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup> 1764. The Pby met according to adjournment, p. p. f. q. supra.

The Presbytery, considering the prevalency of vice and immorality; and the decay of vital piety, together with the yet exposed & dangerous situation of some of our frontiers, think fit to appoint the last Thursday of this month, as a day of public fasting and prayer, to be observed throughout our bounds.

Mr. Black, Mr. Todd, and all the Ministers in Augusta County are left to their own discretion, in supplying the vacancies, till spring. Mr. Rice is to preach one Sab. at the forks of Otter and to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Reddy spring. Mr. Creswell is to assist at the sacrament at Reddy spring, & to preach one Sab. at upper Nico.

The Pby recommended to Mr. Sankey, to supply 2 Sab. in Carolina at discretion. Mr. Henry one Lord's day at Reddy spring.

It is also recommended to the people of tinkling spring and Stone meeting-house to pay off the arrears due to Mr. Craig, by next spring Presbytery, which is to meet at Stone meeting house the first Wednesday in May next; & Mr. Rice is to open it with a sermon. Concluded with Prayer.

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1765. Mr. Rice opened the same, as appointed, with a  
sermon on Isa. 64. 7. then post praece sedevant, the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black, Lankey, Craig, Miller, Brown & Rice  
Elders William Watson, John Anderson, James Miscampbell.  
Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craighed, Todd, Henry, McAdoo, Estlin  
and Wadell. Mr. Craig chosen moderator, Mr. Rice Clerk.  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black's and Brown's reasons for their absence from  
our last, are sustained.

Supplications were presented from Cook's Creek and  
Pecked mountain, Tinkling spring, North mountain,  
Staunton, James River, Rice. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown's, Peck's of the  
Reddy spring and little falling of Rock fish & ~~Peck's~~  
The affair between Patrick Crawford and Martha Gwinn  
is deferred till afterwards.

John Stewart enters a complaint against Mr. Miller  
Adjourned till tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock. Concludes in Prayer  
Thursday May 2. The Pby met according to adjournment.  
Ordered that the minutes of our last sedevant be read.  
p. p. f. f. d.

The following supplies are ordered, viz  
Mr. Craig 1 Sab<sup>at</sup> at Cook's Creek, and one at pecked  
mountain, and as many more there, as he conveniently can  
in some Sab<sup>at</sup> at ~~Peck's~~ <sup>Peck's</sup> ~~Peck's~~ <sup>Peck's</sup>  
Mr. Craig and Mr. ~~Wadell~~ <sup>Wadell</sup> to administer the Sacrament of the

at Stone Meeting House, in Augusta, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1765. (76)

Lord's supper at tinkling spring.

Mr. Black comply with the supplication from North mountain congregation; to supply the pastures at discretion, & with Mr. Sankey to administer the Lord's supper at Rockfish, & to catechise there.

— Mr. Sankey, one Sab. at Tinkling Spring.

Mr. Miller at Discretion, within our Bounds.

Mr. Brown one Sab. in the forks of James River.

& one at Mr. Brown's by Rockfish.

Mr. Creswell, two Sabbaths in Bedford.

Mr. Sankey one Sab. at Reddy Spring.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Todd, Wadell & Rice, 2 Sab. each at Discretion.

The Pby. with the mutual consent of both parties, dissolve the pastoral relation between Mr. Miller, and his congregation of Cook's creek and pecked mountain; and also advise Mr. Miller and the commissioners to choose two honest and judicious men to arbitrate the difference justising between them, relating to a disputed charge. Which the parties complied with, and the affair was settled to mutual satisfaction.

The affair between John Stewart and Mr. Miller not being ripe for trial, the Pby. order, that John Stewart bring in his charge properly drawn up, with the circumstances of time & place as near as possible, and the names of the Evidences; and that he present a copy of the said charge to the Moderator of the Presbytery, and another to Mr. Miller by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, that if possible the affair may be finally issued at our next Pby. in the year 1766.

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It was urged by Mr. Miller to insert a certain expression made before the Presbytery by John Stewart, to wit, that "Mr. Miller ~~was~~ never seized with shame, or something better"; Mr. Miller replied "that is Grace", to which John Stewart answered, "I had almost said so, but since you have said so, let it stand so."

With respect to the supplication from Staunton, the Synod determined, that they shall have liberty to enjoy supplies in proportion to their subscriptions, but that they defer building a house at the place mentioned, till our next in Augusta.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.  
Concluded with Prayer.

Friday May 3. The Presbytery met according to adjournment, ubi post procees sederunt qui supra. Ordered that the minutes of one last sederunt be read. The Presbytery find that the congregations of Forkling Spring and Stone meeting house, are in forwardness to pay the arrears due to Mr. Craig, according to an order of our last.

After considering the supplication from Proan County, and consulting with Mr. Allen their commissioner, the Presbytery agree to send them the following Letter.

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Dear Brethren,

We received your supplication by Mr Allen and sincerely lament your destitute situation, through the want of public ordinances, and our own inability to supply your wants, and those of other ~~congregations~~ Vacancies within our scattered and extensive bounds.

We look on it as a hopeful symptom, and bless God for it, that you shew yourselves solicitous about the means of salvation; and we hope the great shepherd of the flock, will command, in his own good time, some to feed his sheep & lambs among you, & to gather in others to his fold. And in the mean time we resolve to embrace every opportunity of promoting your best interests; earnestly recommending to you to maintain the communion of saints in quaker, praising God & praying to him, exhorting & edifying one another, in your proper Stations as Christians, till some proper instruments come to you, in fuller blessings of the gospel of Christ: This we earnestly wish for you and for all in your situation, with all that in every place call on our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. Subscribed by order of Presbytery — John Craig, Mod  
David Rice Clerk  
May 3. 1765.



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The Presbytery having seriously considered the unhappy affair between M<sup>r</sup>. Crawford & M<sup>r</sup>. Givans, recommend it to said Crawford, that he apply to any Minister of this Presby to have his child or children baptized, his wife being sponsor. They in the mean time agree that M<sup>r</sup>. Givans be cited to appear before our next <sup>at</sup> Augusta, & to proceed finally to issue the affair, & that M<sup>r</sup>. Brown cite her & other witnesses as above, accordingly.

The Presbytery intend to encourage M<sup>r</sup>. Cummins; & appoint him a Discourse on these words, "Be not desirous of vain glory", to be delivered at discretion, and that he stand extempory trials.

A P<sup>ly</sup> is appointed to meet at lower Neco, the third Wednesday of August next, to receive M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell's trials, and ordain him, if approved; and to take under consideration something laid to the charge of M<sup>r</sup>. Miller, in those parts; and that according to a former order, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Todd, Henry and Pattillo, attend said P<sup>ly</sup>, and that M<sup>r</sup>. Rice and as many more as can may, and that M<sup>r</sup>. Todd preside at the ordination.

Our next stated P<sup>ly</sup> is to meet at Cut creek meetinghouse the first Wednesday of October, unless the Presbytery pro re nata should fail of meeting at the time and place appointed; in that case, the Presbytery the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of October, is appointed to meet at lower Neco, & that M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell open it.   
Concluded with the prayer

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The Presbytery met according to Appointment; ubi post Praes sedit M<sup>r</sup>. Messrs Todd, Henry, Pattle.

M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell opened the Presbytery by a Sermon from Prov. VIII. 1.

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd chosen Moderator, & M<sup>r</sup>. Pattle Clerk.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last Presbytery be read.

A Supplication was presented from Bedford for Supplies & complaining of the Non-fulfilment of some late Appointments.

A Call was presented by the Moderator to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup>. Pattle from the Congregations of Hawfields, Ino, & Little River, to which he engages to return an Answer in eight Weeks.

Adjourned to M<sup>r</sup>. Deboes

Concluded with Prayer.

M<sup>r</sup>. Deboes 7 O. Clock P.M. The Presbytery met according to Appointment; ubi post Praes sedit M<sup>r</sup>. Todd qui supra.

The Presbytery having considered M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell's Sermon, sustain it as a Part of Trial for Ordination; & having proposed sundry extempory Questions in the most important Points in Divinity, & the ministerial Office, to which he gave satisfactory Answers; the Presbytery therefore resolve to proceed to his Ordination on the morrow.

Adjourned till to morrow Morning

Concluded with Prayer.

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Thursday October 3

The Presbytery met according to Adjournment, post Prases sederunt quid Suprad.

M<sup>r</sup> James Coreswell has been ordained to the Office of the Gospel Ministry with the usual Solemnity, at which M<sup>r</sup> Todd presided according to Appointment. \* \* \* \* \*

Our next Spring Presbytery is appointed to meet at the Tenting Spring in Augusta the 3<sup>d</sup> Wednesday in April next.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Leake, having come Pieces of Trial given him by M<sup>r</sup> Todd, delivered them, viz a Sermon on 1 John V. 12. & Arguments on this Question, Num Peccatum Adami vis posteris imputatur? ~~Having~~ the Presbytery considered them, & having examined into his religious Experiences, sustain all as Parts of Trial; & appoint him a Sermon on Gal VIII to be delivered November the 7 at Providence in Louisiana; at which Time & Place the Presbytery is appointed to meet in Order to receive said Pieces of Trial.

M<sup>r</sup> Coreswell is appointed to supply two Sabbaths in Bedford— M<sup>r</sup> Henry, & all the other settled Members, two Sabbaths each at Discretion.

Concluded with Prayer.

Providence in Louisiana November 7. 1765.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment— M<sup>r</sup> Pattle opened it with a Sermon on James 1. 27. Post Prases sederunt the Bro<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Pattle, Waddel, & Rice.

M<sup>r</sup> Rice chosen Moderator, & M<sup>r</sup> Todd Clerk.

At Providence in Louisa Novem<sup>r</sup>. 7. 1766. (32.)

Adjourned to M<sup>r</sup>. Todd;

The Presbytery is met at M<sup>r</sup>. Todd's according to Adjournment.

M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Leach delivered a Sermon on Gal. VI. 15. according to Appointment; which the Presbytery sustain as a Part of Trial, & proceeded to examine him on the Latin & Greek Languages, Rhetoric, Logic, Metaphysics, Geography, Philosophy, & Astronomy; his Answers in all which the Presbytery also sustain, & appoint him a Sermon on the Words, To Jew is the Word of this Salvation sent & a Lecture on John III. 1-8 inclusive, to be delivered at our next as popular Trials.

M<sup>r</sup>. Pattico accepts of <sup>the</sup> call presented to him at our last; so far as to move out among those People, in which the Presbytery concur.

M<sup>r</sup>. Charles Cummings delivered a Discourse from Gal. II. 26 according to Appointment, & an Exegesis on this Question Sum iustificamur sola fide? which the Presbytery sustain as a Part of Trial: And having examined him on his religious Experiences, in the Latin & Greek Languages, Rhetoric, Logic, Geography, Philosophy, & Astronomy, they sustain his Answers to the several Questions proposed on those Subjects, & appoint him a Sermon on Rom. XII. 9. & a Lecture on the 23<sup>d</sup>. Psalm 1-4. to be delivered at our next, as popular Trials.

Concluded with Prayer.

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Meeting Spring Meeting House April 16. 1766.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, ubi post  
præsis sederunt the Pres. Messrs Polack, Craig, Miller, Torr,  
Brown, Waddel, Price, Griswells. Elders Messrs Probert Page,  
Daniel Hill. Absent Messrs Sanbury & N. Caden.

Since our last we are informed of the Death of the Pres  
Alexander Craghead, one of our Members.

M<sup>r</sup> Craig chosen Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Price Clerk.

Adjourned till 10 O'clock to morrow Morning

Concluded with Prayer.

April 17. 10 O'clock A.M. The Presbytery met according  
to Appointment.

M<sup>r</sup> Cummings delivered a Sermon on Rom. 7. 9. & M<sup>r</sup> Leah  
one on Acts 13. 26. according to Appointment, which were  
sustained as Parts of Trial. M<sup>r</sup> Leah also delivered a Lecture  
on John 11. 8. & M<sup>r</sup> Cummings one on Psalm 13. 1-5. according  
to Appointment, which were also sustained as Parts of Trial.

These two Candidates were examined on some Points in  
Divinity; & gave satisfactory Answers to the Questions pro-  
posed thereon.

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning at 9 O'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

April 18. 9 O'clock A.M. The Presbytery met according  
to Adjournment. Post Præsis sederunt.

The Presbytery having heard, & considered Messrs

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Leak & Cummings's Sermons & Lectures, & examined them as above; & considering the sundry Trials they have gone thro', do cheerfully agree to licience them as Probationers of the Gospel Ministry, & they are hereby licenced accordingly.

M<sup>r</sup> Rice petitions the Presbytery for a Dismission from his Congregation in & about Hanover, upon Condition that the Differences now subsisting in said Congregation are not made up in the Space of three or four Months, which the Presbytery grant.

Ordered Supplies to be appointed

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cummings & Leak to spend their Time till our next in the Vacancies in Augusta, Albemarle & Amherst at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup> Creswell one Sabbath at Rockfish.

M<sup>r</sup> Waddel one Sabbath at Browns Meeting House.

M<sup>r</sup> Rice one Sabbath at the Forkling Spring, as much as he conveniently can in Bedford, & elsewhere at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup> Todd to administer the Sacrament of the Supper at Roanoke in Augusta between this & our next.

M<sup>r</sup> Sankey to administer the Sacrament of the Supper at Forkling Spring.

M<sup>r</sup> Brown to ordain Elders in the Congregation on Roanoke in Augusta before our next, & to examine first vicars to the Sacrament.

M<sup>r</sup> Black at Discretion.

The People in the Forks of James River are here

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be permitted to make Application to any Presbytery belonging to our Synod for Supplies.

M<sup>r</sup> Craig to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Coopers Creek before our next.

Ordered the Minutes of our last Spring Presbytery to be read.

John Stewart, not having complied with the Order of Presbytery, & not appearing to support his Charges against M<sup>r</sup> Miller, the order is still continued, of which the Clerk is ordered to send a Copy to said Stewart.

M<sup>r</sup> Miller having asserted that a certain Clause in a Minute of our last Spring Presbytery was an Interpolation, & appeared to him to be a Cheat, M<sup>r</sup> Rice is ordered to produce the original Minute at our next Presbytery in order to the clearing up of that Affair.

Certain Rules drawn up by the Synod for the Regulation of their own Conduct, & recommended to their several Presbyteries, having been seriously considered & approved, are adopted as Rules for this Presbytery, with such Alterations as the Nature of the two Jurisdictions require: & are as follow.

After the Presbytery is met, & a new Moderator chosen, the former Moderator, before he leave the Chair, shall remind his Successor, that agreeable to the Character he is now chosen to sustain, he is not to leave his Chair, nor speak in any Affair debated, unless allowed by the Presbytery, but is only to be a public Person to whom all shall speak, & the common Mouth of the Presbytery; & it is so ordered, that becoming

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Order be maintained by all the Members, according to the following Rules, which they are agreed to observe.

1. That no Member speak to any Affair untill he respectfully aske & obtain Leave of the Moderator.
2. That all Speeches be addressed to the Moderator: & when a Member has done speaking, he shall sit down or otherwise signify that he has done.
3. No Members shall multiply Speeches on the same Point; unless some new Matter is started, or he has been misunderstood; or has forgot something he intended to say: & when any seem likely to waste Time by speaking often, the Moderator may confine each to speak once only in the Order of the Roll.
4. That no Member interrupt another, while he is speaking nor offer any different Matter after a Motion is made, till it be judged; nor shall he speak to any Matter after the Presbytery have judged, ripe for a Vote; unless he obtain Leave of the Presbytery by the Moderator.
5. That in all Debates the Members shall treat each other with becoming respect & Decency.
6. That none shall withdraw or be absent in the Time of a Session without the Leave of the Presbytery obtained by the Moderator.
7. That while the Presbytery is transacting Business there shall be no unseasonable private Whispering, or Conversation on other Affairs, but all shall attend with Gravity & Decency.
8. If any Member act indecently & disorderly, contrary to these Rules, the Moderator shall reprove or otherwise censure him, as the Presbytery shall judge proper; & if



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any Member shall think himself denied any just right, or unjustly blamed by the Moderator, he shall not speak disrespectfully, but modestly require the Presbytery's judgement in the case.

After the former Moderator has recommended these things to the Care of his Successor, he shall address the Members of the Presbytery, expressing his earnest Desire & Hope, that they will give all due respect & Encouragement to their Moderator, in his Duty; observe these Rules themselves, & in all things maintain the Dignity, Gravity, & Juency, the mutual Love & Confidence, that become their Character.

Adjourned till to morrow Morning at 9 O. Clock  
Concluded with Prayer.

April 19. 1766. The Presbytery met according to Adjournment. post Præs seditur. q. s.

Ordered the Minutes of our last to be read.

M<sup>r</sup>. Miller having <sup>interd</sup> ~~interd~~ a Delinature & Withdrawn ~~and~~ his Subjection to the Authority of this Presbytery, & an Appeal to the united Synod to judge between us & him, unless we decline all further Proceedings with him, until the last Wednesday of May or the first Wednesday of June next: to be inquired into by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Southey, Craig, & Brown, according to the Rules of the Church of Scotland, & if the Presbytery having duly considered these things, & two of the Members having declined undertaking the Affair for certain reasons given, appoint a full Presbytery to meet the first Wednesday in June to try, & if possible to issue it.

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As to M<sup>r</sup> Miller's Demand, that the Presbytery Book be lodged in the Hand with the Moderator, the Presbytery do not see fit to grant it.

M<sup>r</sup> Miller being invited first by a Member of this Jurisdiction, then by the Moderator, & then by the Presbytery to come in, to hear the above two Minutes read, refused to comply with said Invitation.

Ordered. that M<sup>r</sup> Breswell cite Elizabeth Miles ~~and~~ & her sister Sally Tobbert to appear at our Presbytery, which is to meet the first Wednesday in June at North Hico, to make good her Charges against M<sup>r</sup> Miller: And also that Samuel Bell, & such other Persons as M<sup>r</sup> Miller shall think proper, be cited to appear at said Time & Place.

The Presbytery to meet again in the Fall the third Wednesday of October next, at Cub Creek.

Concluded with Prayer.

North Hico June 4. 1766.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment and was opened by M<sup>r</sup> Waddel with a Sermon on Prov. 28.1. P. P. Messrs Todd, Miller, Brown, Waddel, Rice, Creswell: Elders, Messrs Howel Lewis, James Henry.

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M<sup>r</sup>. Brown was chosen Moderator, & M<sup>r</sup>. Rice Clerk.  
The Rev. David Caldwell, being present, was requested to sit  
as a Correspondent, with which he complied.

The Presbytery entered upon the Affair respecting M<sup>r</sup>.  
Miller mentioned in some of our former Minutes.

M<sup>r</sup>. Miller enters a Declination from the Authority  
of this Presbytery, & an Appeal to the Synod; for the fol-  
lowing Reasons, viz; That there was not a full Presbytery,  
which was appointed, that the Members <sup>present</sup> were prejudiced,  
& that some of them had prejudged the Affair. But  
the Presbytery apprehending that M<sup>r</sup>. Miller's Reasons had  
no sufficient Foundation, & that he was determined to baffle  
them, proceed to consider the Affair relative to him.

Samuel Bell, Andrew Warwick, John Richmond, Thomas  
Dobbins, Hugh Dobbins, Christopher Huston, Alexander Mont-  
gomery, Lawrence Vanhook & his Wife, Joseph Gold, John Mc  
Farland, William Chambers, & Charles Stephens, being so-  
lemnly sworn by the Moderator, declare, That they know no  
sufficient Reason why Elizabeth Miles should not be admitted  
as an Evidence in the Affair respecting M<sup>r</sup>. Miller.

Elizabeth Miles being solemnly sworn by the Moderator,  
declares, That M<sup>r</sup>. Miller came to her House above a Year  
ago near Sunset, called for half a Pint of Rum, which he  
had & drank up, & then went away; but, it beginning to rain,

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he returned, & called for more Rum: that after awhile he had Supper, & then went to Prayer: that after Prayer, a Man and his Wife who were before in her House being gone, he the said M<sup>r</sup>. Miller began to talk very unchastely, insisting, that she the said Elizabeth Miles should go to Bed with him in his Bed, saying that her Husband & his Wife would know nothing of it: that after some time he went to Bed, lay awake awhile, talking still very unchastely: viz. that he could not be above three Nights without a Woman: that after he had been asleep, he awoke & came to her Bed side, & insisted very much to come to Bed to her, trying to uncover the Bed, & saying it was no Harm: & that he had a Quart of Rum in all.

The above Evidences, except two or three who went away before called upon, being again solemnly sworn by the Moderator, declare, That they know of no sufficient Reason why Sally Talbert should not be admitted as an Evidence in the Affair respecting M<sup>r</sup>. Miller.

Adjourned to M<sup>r</sup>. Debows.

Concluded with Prayer.

June 5. 1766 the Presbytery met at M<sup>r</sup>. Debows according to Adjournment. P. P. & v.

Sally Talbert not being present the Affair respecting M<sup>r</sup>. Miller is deferred till she come.

A Petition of four of the Elders of the Congregation of Hanc

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ver, desiring a Committee of Presbytery to settle some Differences  
subsisting in sd. Congregation, was read & considered; & the Pres-  
bytery, being greatly concerned to hear of the unhappy Differen-  
ces in that Congregation, & particularly among the Elders, high-  
ly approve of the Expedient of a Presbytery or Committee, as  
most likely to compose Matters: but this being a Petition only  
of four Members, & it not appearing <sup>us</sup> probable that all con-  
cerned heartily concurred in the Request, & some would perhaps  
decline proper Submission to a Committee, we earnestly re-  
commend to them, to use all proper Indications to have  
their Affairs composed, & for that End to write in a proper  
Preference to the Presbytery with Unanimity & Candor  
that may give us some reasonable Expectation of Success  
in the Attempt, as soon as it can possibly be done.

Sally Talbert now being present, the Affair respecting  
M<sup>r</sup>. Miller is resumed.

Sally Talbert, Sister to Elizabeth Mils, being solemnly  
sworn by the Moderator, declares, That M<sup>r</sup>. Miller came  
to her Brother in Law's just before Eight, & called for  
Rum; after he drank it he went away; but after some  
time returned, had Supper, went to Prayer, & then be-  
gan to talk immodestly to her Sister; insisting that she  
should go to his Bed; saying, If you do not, I shall get  
up in the Night, miss my Way & come to your Bed  
To which she replied, That he need not give himself  
Trouble, for the Way to his own Bed was easily found

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that after she had been in Bed, he got up, went out of Doors, came in again, went to her Sisters Bed Side, having no Clothes on but his Shirt, & insisted to go to bed with her, saying That neither her Husband nor his Wife would know any thing of it; & that he was so warm that he could not do above three Nights without a Woman: that her sister replied, that he ought to carry his Wife with him: & that he had a Lust of them in all.

The Presbytery, having duly examined in <sup>to</sup> the Affair relating to M<sup>r</sup>. Miller agreeable to the Order of our last; find attested by the Oaths of Elizabeth Miles & her Sister Sally Talbot, both Persons of unblainable Reputation, that said M<sup>r</sup>. Miller behaved in a very indecent & criminal Manner to said Elizabeth Miles; as appears by the Depositions. Besides said M<sup>r</sup>. Miller is guilty of excessive Drinking, Contempt of Order & Authority, & false base & malicious Charges against several of the Ministers; as appears by the scandalous Libel he deliver'd at our last Presbytery, & in his inflammatory Address to the People at the same Time, containing gross & scandalous Reflections upon the late happy Union of our Synod, tending to blow up the Fire of Contention & Alienation between Ministers & People, & thereby hinder the Success of the Gospel in the Churches of Christ amongst us: do unanimously agree in this judgement, that M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander Miller be deposed from the ministerial Office, & he is hereby deposed accordingly.

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Ordered the above Minute to be read publicly in the several Congregations within the Bounds of this Presbytery, where ever it shall appear Expedient.

The Affair between James Petigrew & Gideon Greenstew being refered to the Presbytery for Reexamination both by the Session & Parties concerned, the Sby duly considered it; and it doth not appear to ~~them~~ us, from the Evidence we have, that M<sup>r</sup> Petigrew is chargeable with Lying. Ordered a Copy of this Minute to be read in the Congregation.

A Petition for Supplies was presented by the Congregation of upper Hico: The Presbytery appoint M<sup>r</sup> Creswell to supply said Congregation on Sabbath, & M<sup>r</sup> Pattillo on

Concluded with Prayer.

Cub Creek October 15. 1766.

The Presbytery met according to Appointments & was opened by M<sup>r</sup> James Caldwell, with a Sermon on first Timothy 4. 10. P. P. s. the Rev M<sup>rs</sup> Janney, Todd, Henry, Pattillo, Caldwell, as a Correspondent, Rul. Elders: John Cunningham, Alexander Joice. Absent M<sup>rs</sup> Black, Craig, Woolen, M<sup>r</sup> Caden, Waddel, Creswell.

M<sup>r</sup> Todd was chosen Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Rul Clerk.

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Ordered the Minutes of our two last Presbyteries, to be read.  
Messrs Leak & Cummings have substantially fulfilled  
their Appointments.

All present have fulfilled their Appointments, except  
Mr. Sankey, who was not well.

The Clerk ordered John Steward to bring in his Charges  
against Mr. Miller according to Appointment.

Mr. Pattillo not having complied with the Order of our last  
to preach at this, the Order is continued.

A Call was presented to Mr. Cummings by the Congre-  
gation in the Forks of James River in Augusta; another  
from the D. S. North Garden & Rich Cove; <sup>by the Congregation</sup> & another be-  
longing to Major Wrowns Meeting House in Augusta. A  
Call was presented to Mr. Rice by the Congregation in  
Bedford; which he accepted, & in which the Presbytery con-  
curred.

Supplications for Supplies were presented from

The upper & lower Sarau Towns

Cumberland & Prince Edward

South Side of James River

Sandy River in Halifax.

A verbal Petition from the Calf & Cow Pastures.

Adjourned till 9 O'Clock to morrow Morning.

Concluded with Prayer.



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Thursday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met according to Adjournment, ubi post Preces sederunt qui supra. except M<sup>r</sup> Pine, who was permitted to go home, & M<sup>r</sup> Pattillo is chosen Clerk in his Place.

Ordered the Minutes of our last Sederunt be read.  
M<sup>r</sup> Charles Cummings accepts the Call from the Congregation convenient to Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's M. House, in which the Presbytery concur. And he is appointed to supply two Sabbaths at the Cove, Gardens & D. S. & one at the Lower M. House in the Fork of James River in August before our next Spring Presbytery. And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black, Craig, Brown, & Rice, with as many other Members as can attend are appointed a Presbytery to meet at Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's M. House the first Wednesday of March next, to receive the Trials of M<sup>r</sup> Cummings; viz a Sermon on Rom: 10. 1. & a Lecture on the 3. Epistle of John through out, as preparatory to Ordination. & if they see fit to ordain & install him at which M<sup>r</sup> Craig is appointed to preside.

As to <sup>the</sup> Matter refered to the Presbytery from the Session of Sugar Creek, respecting Margaret Barnet; it is determined, that she the said Margaret Barnet give public Satisfaction to the Church for her Bastard Child before she be admitted to Church Privileges.

M<sup>r</sup> Henry & his Session have agreed before the Presbytery, that if the said Session cannot settle their congrega-

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nal Affairs respecting M<sup>r</sup> Henry's Salary to his Satisfaction in a Month from this Time, they are willing to acquit him of the pastoral Relation, & to allow him to remove where he pleases, in which the Presbytery concurs.

At the earnest Request of the People of Hanover, the next stated Spring Presbytery is appointed to meet there the first Wednesday of April, & that M<sup>r</sup> Waddel open the same with a Sermon.

The Presbytery appoint the following Supplies; viz  
M<sup>r</sup> Craig one Sabbath at the Cow Pasture & one at Cooks Creek.

M<sup>r</sup> Brown two Sabbaths on the South Side of James River.

M<sup>r</sup> Rice one in the Forks of James River & one in Cumberland, at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup> Leak at Sandy River, Sarau Towns, Hogans's Creek, Haw River, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Deep Creek & Amelia, each one Sabbath: & the rest of his Time at Discretion in the Southern Colonies. +

M<sup>r</sup> David Caldwell two Sabbaths at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup> Pakillo two Sabbath at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup> Cresswell one at Meherrin, & one in Mecklenburg.

M<sup>r</sup> Sankey one at Meherrin.

M<sup>r</sup> Todd one at Discretion & the Sacrament at Harris's Creek.

M<sup>r</sup> Henry one at Harris's Creek.

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M<sup>r</sup>. Pattillo next Sabbath at Worsery, & the three following in  
Cumberland & Amelia.

M<sup>r</sup>. Waddel two Sabbaths as Discretion.

The Presbytery recommend to M<sup>r</sup>. James Caldwell to visit  
Hanover in his return home, & to act at his Discretion re-  
specting the Sacrament.

M<sup>r</sup>. Rice is appointed stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

Concluded with Prayer.

Hanover April 1. 1767. The Presbytery met according to Ap-  
pointment: and was opened with a Discourse by ~~the~~ M<sup>r</sup>. Henry, M<sup>r</sup>. Waddel not being present.

Ubi P. P. s. the Bro. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Todd, Henry, Rice: Elders Joseph  
Shelton, John Irvine. Absent. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Melack, Jamney, Craig,  
Brown, M<sup>r</sup>. Caden, Pattillo, Waddel, Crewell.

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd was chosen Moderator & M<sup>r</sup>. Rice Clerk.

Petitions for Supplies were presented from Rockfish, and  
Charlotte; & a verbal Petition from Tobacco Row Moun-  
tain.

A Call was presented to M<sup>r</sup>. Henry from the United Con-  
gregations of Steel Creek, & New Providence; which he  
accepts, upon Condition that said Congregations, & his former  
Congregation, continue in the same State in which he left  
them: in which the Presbytery concur; M<sup>r</sup>. Henry having pre-  
viously obtained a regular Dismission from his former

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Congregation on Cub-Creek in Virginia.

Ordered the Minutes of our last to be read.

M<sup>r</sup>. Cummings fulfilled his Appointments.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Craig, Brown, & Rice, met at Maj<sup>r</sup> Browns Meeting House according Appointment; but, on acct<sup>l</sup> of M<sup>r</sup>. Blacks non-Attendance, the receiving M<sup>r</sup>. Cummings Trials, & his Ordination were deferred: the Presbytery <sup>therefore</sup> renew the Order for said Trials & Ordination; & appoint Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Vanhey, Craig, Brown, Waddel, Rice, & Creswell, or any three of them, a Presbytery to meet for that Purpose, at Maj<sup>r</sup> Browns M. House on the second Wednesday of next May. M<sup>r</sup>. Craig to preside as before; or, in case any thing should prevent him, M<sup>r</sup>. Brown is appointed to preside. & Creswell

Ordered that the Clerk inform Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Vanhey, & M<sup>r</sup>. Todd inform M<sup>r</sup>. Waddel of the above Appointment.

The Presbytery finding that Parties concerned in the Debates in Hanover, have amiaably composed them among themselves, & are now restored to Peace & Christian Friendship, take this Opportunity to express their hearty Approbation of the healing Expedient for restoring the Tranquility of the Society, & wish them long to continue in Peace & Harmony in the Ways of God.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Craig, Vanhey, Brown, Fattillo, & Creswell not being present, we do not know whether they have fulfilled their Appointments.

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd's Reasons for not administering the Lords Supper at Harris's Creek ~~is~~ Sustained.

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M<sup>r</sup>. Henry's Reasons for not preaching at Harris's Creek sustained.

M<sup>r</sup>. Rice's Reasons for not preaching in the Forks of Jas. River sustained.

The Presbytery appoint the following Supplies between this & our next stated Meeting: viz.

M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell one Sabbath at Rockfish, & one in Aucklins Keys: P. P. P. & La. Caldwell two Sabbaths each at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup>. Brown one Sabbath at Roanoke & one in the Forks of Jas. River.

M<sup>r</sup>. Craig one Sabbath in the Cove Pasture, & one in M<sup>r</sup>. Miller's former Congregation.

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd two Sabbaths at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup>. Henry two Sabbaths at Viriery, & two at Cub Creek, and one in Halifax.

M<sup>r</sup>. Waddel two Sabbaths at Williamsburg.

M<sup>r</sup>. Sankey one Sabbath at Meherrin.

M<sup>r</sup>. Leah three Sabbaths at Rockfish & the Cove, one in the Forks of Jas. River, one at Roanoke, & the rest of his Time in the Vacancies in Carolina at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup>. Cummings one Sabbath in the Cove & one the Cove Pasture.

Our next stated Presbytery is appointed to meet at the Ford in Goochland County the 2<sup>d</sup> Wednesday of next Oct. & to be opened by M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell. Concluded with Prayer

At Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's Meeting House, May 13. 1767 (100)

Maj<sup>r</sup> Brown's Meeting House, May 13. 1767

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, and was opened with a Sermon by M<sup>r</sup> Cummings on Rom. 10. A. 11. & P. v. The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sankey, Craig, Brown, Rice, Elders George Maffab, Alexander Walker, John McFarland. Absent. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Madril & Greenwell.

M<sup>r</sup> Sankey was chosen Moderator; & M<sup>r</sup> Rice Clerk.

M<sup>r</sup> Cummings delivered a Lecture on John 3. ad finem, according to Appointment.

The Presbytery having heard & duly considered M<sup>r</sup> Cummings's Sermon & Lecture, & proposed to him several extempory Questions on Divinity, sustain all as Parts of Trial previous to Ordination; & accordingly on the Morrow agree to ordain him to the sacred Work of the Gospel Ministry.

A verbal Petition for Supplies & the Administration of the Lord's Supper was presented from the Congregation of the Turkling Spring; the Presbytery appoint M<sup>r</sup> Sankey to administer that Ordinance there on the 4<sup>th</sup> Lab of his Month, & M<sup>r</sup> Welch to assist him. Tho' M<sup>r</sup> Craig might have objected to the above Appointment on Acc<sup>t</sup> of a Claim on said Congregation of Arrars due to him; yet being Desirous of the Good of that People, he consents to the Administration of the Lord's Supper amongst them; but not so as to give up said Claim to their Arrars.

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Adjourned till tomorrow Morning at 10 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer

May 12. 10 O'Clock A.M. The Presbytery met according to Adjournment. P.P. & q.s.

Persuant to an Agreement at our last seditant, the Presbytery proceed to ordain the Bro. Charles Cummings to the sacred Office of the Ministry, with Fasting, Prayer, & the Imposition of Hands, agreeable to an Order of our last, & accordingly received him as a Member of this Presbytery: in which Ordination, M<sup>r</sup> Craig presided according to Appointment.

A verbal Petition was presented for a Member of this Presbytery to be appointed to ~~institute~~ <sup>institute</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rice in his Congregation in Bedford: we accordingly appoint M<sup>r</sup> Brown to perform that Work, at such time as he shall judge most convenient, before our next Presbytery.

Concluded with Prayer.

Byrd in Goochland Oct<sup>r</sup> 11. 1767.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment. Present  
The Bro. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Todd, Brown, M<sup>r</sup> Gadden, Pattillo,  
& Cummings: Elders. Alexander Walker, John Young.

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M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Alexander occasionally present preached a Version on Micah 7. 18.

Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Black, Sankey, Craig, Waddler, Rice & Greenwell.

M<sup>r</sup>. Todd chosen Moderator, & M<sup>r</sup>. Pattillo Clerk.

Supplications were presented from

Cub Creek, for Supplies, & Leave to supplicate the Synod Cumberland Prince Edward, & Brierly: Fork of Jo<sup>s</sup>. River in Augusta, for M<sup>r</sup>. Leah six Months: Coock's Creek & Pecked Mountains: Rich Cove: North & South Gardens: South Side of far River, & Ponecok; for Supplies, & Leave to supplicate elsewhere: & Akemir.

M<sup>r</sup>. David Caldwell having produced to the Presbytery suitable Credentials & a Dismission from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, & desiring to be received in as a Member of this Jurisdiction, the Synod accordingly receive him as a Member, & his Elder William Heban to sit at this Presbytery.

M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Alexander produced suitable & satisfactory Credentials from the Presbytery of Newcastle, of his being regularly licensed to preach the Gospel, & having received & accepted a call from Sugar Creek Congregation, They recommend him to us for Ordination: The Presbytery having heard him preach & asked him some Questions in Divinity, appoints him farther Trials, viz. a Lecture on John 3. 3-8. And a Sermon on these



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Words, "There is one Mediator between God & Man, the Man Christ Jesus:"  
To be delivered at a Presbytery to meet at Buffaloe in N. Carolina  
the first Wednesday in March next. Messrs. M<sup>r</sup>. Cadden, Pattillo, Rice,  
Coreswell, Caldwell, are to attend, & any three of them to make a quo-  
rum; & if the Way be quite clear they are to proceed to his Ordina-  
tion: at which M<sup>r</sup>. Pattillo is to preside.

A Petition was presented from Buffaloe & Allamance Congrega-  
tions to have the Rev. David Caldwell installed among them,  
which the Presbytery grant, & appoint M<sup>r</sup>. Coreswell to pre-  
side at the Instalment the first Wednesday in next March.

The Minutes of our last not being here, they cannot be read.

A Reference from Buffaloe Session was laid before the  
Ply, setting forth that Jane Boyd a single Woman had a Child,  
& swore before a Magistrate that she never knew a Man to her  
Knowledge, being proved to be a heavy Sleeper; but from their  
decent Behaviour of Francis M<sup>r</sup>. Henry her Sister's Husband to-  
wards her while awake, she suspects him to be the Father, hav-  
ing dreamed that he had carnal Knowledge of her one. The  
Ply judge that she is guilty of equivocal Evasions in this  
Matter, & that she shall be debarred Church Privileges,  
till she give full Satisfaction concerning the Father of her  
Child, & all the other Guilt attending this Matter.

The Presbytery appoint the following Supplies viz:

- M<sup>r</sup>. Waddel - - two
  - M<sup>r</sup>. Todd - - two
  - M<sup>r</sup>. Brown - - two
  - M<sup>r</sup>. Craig - - two
  - M<sup>r</sup>. Cumming two
- } Sabbaths at Discretion  
} between this and our  
} next Stated Presbytery
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M<sup>r</sup>. Pattillo to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper  
next Sabbath at the Byrd, & the Sabbath following in Cumber-  
land, & to supply one Sabbath more at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Cadden next Sabbath at Meherrin, & the two following  
at Linc.

M<sup>r</sup>. Caldwell next Sabbath in the Cove, & discretionary till  
he get home.

M<sup>r</sup>. Crosswell two Sabbaths at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup>. Leah two Months in the Fork of fast River in Auguste,  
two at Broncoake, & one at Cochs Creek, & the Rest of his  
time at Discretion.

M<sup>r</sup>. Rice one Sabbath at Briery & one at Cumberland

M<sup>r</sup>. Sankey one at Cub Creek, & one at Meherrin.

M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander one Sabbath at Cub Creek.

The Presbytery concur in the Request of Cub Creek & Broncoak  
Congregations in applying to the Synod for Supplies.

M<sup>r</sup>. Brown having laid before the Presbytery the Talent of his  
Charge, & the Difficulties of performing the Duties of his Fun-  
tion & also having declared to the Presbytery, that he verily  
believes his Usefulness is at an End in Timber Ridge Congrega-  
tion; & that, as he apprehends, it would be for the good of  
said Congregation, that the pastoral Relation he sustains  
to them should be dissolved; the People of Timber Ridge in the  
mean time petitioning against his Dismission, & sending  
Commissioners to oppose it. The P<sup>ly</sup> having maturely

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considered the Affair, do not pretend to oblige M<sup>r</sup> Brown to continue with <sup>the</sup> People contrary to his Inclination; but leave it to himself to continue with them, or confine himself to Providence Congregation, at his own Discretion: but do earnestly recommend it to M<sup>r</sup> Brown not to give <sup>up</sup> the pastoral P<sup>re</sup>lacion to Timber Ridge, & leave that People destitute, since there appears to be a mutual regard between them & him. But if he should leave Timber Ridge, the Commissioners from Providence, have represented to the Pby the Earnest Desire of that Congregation to have the whole of his Labours, & the Ease with which they can give him a comfortable Support.

Next Spring Presbytery to meet at Rockfish, the first Wednesday of April, & M<sup>r</sup> Groswell to open it with a sermon.

Concluded with Prayer.

Rockfish April 6. 1768. The Presbytery met according to Appointment, & was opened by M<sup>r</sup> Brown with a Sermon on 2 Cor. 5. 17. M<sup>r</sup> Groswell being absent. R. S. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Polack, Craig, Brown, Rice, Cummings. Elders William Lamb, James M<sup>r</sup> Campbell, Robert M<sup>r</sup> Ackerly. Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hankey, Todd, M<sup>r</sup> Cadogan, P. Hill, W. Mc, Groswell, Caldwell, Alexander. M<sup>r</sup> Brown was chosen Moderator, M<sup>r</sup> Rice Clerk.

At Rockfish April 27. 1768 (106<sup>a</sup>)

Supplications for Supplies were presented from Timberland, Red Creek, Cochs Creek, a verbal Petition from Beanoche, & Wriery. A Call was presented to M<sup>r</sup>. Lake from Sandy River, Dam & Mayo, & one from Rockfish & the Cove.

Adjourned to 9 o'Clock to morrow Morning

Concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer.

April 7. The Presbytery met according to Adjournment, and P. P. 9. o.

Ordered the Minutes of our last Presbytery to be read.

The Reason of M<sup>r</sup>. Black's Absence is sustained. M<sup>r</sup>. Craig assures the Presbytery that some Affairs, which <sup>he</sup> thinks it not expedient to mention, render it impractical for him to attend; which from his faithful Attendance formerly the Presbytery judge must be sufficient; & therefore sustain it.

Received the Minutes of the Presbytery at Buffalo, which are as follow.

Buffalo Mehan County St. Carolina March 2<sup>d</sup>. 1768.

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, Ulbi post process & pursuant to the said M<sup>rs</sup>. M. Cadden, Pattillo, Creswell, & Caldwell. Elders Robert Pea, James Corrie, William Denny, M<sup>r</sup>. M. Cadden Moderator, M<sup>r</sup>. Caldwell Clerk,

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Adjourned until to morrow Morning at 9 O'Clock  
Concluded with Prayer.

March 2. the Presbytery met according to Adjournment, ubi  
post p. 105. v. g. s. M<sup>r</sup>. Creswell presided at the Installment  
of M<sup>r</sup>. Caldwell, & preached a Sermon on these Words, "It is  
required in stewards that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4. 2.

M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph. Alexander delivered a Lecture to Vermont a pignus  
him at our last. A Ball was presented to M<sup>r</sup>. A. Ladden  
from the Inhabitants of Five Creek, Dan River, & Country  
Line Creek, which he takes under Consideration, & the Presby-  
tery desire him to spend as much of his time among that peo-  
ple as as he can.

+ Mary Willson personally appeared before this Presbytery, &  
complains of the Deposition of the Law Fields in respect to an af-  
fair, which was there determined concerning her Daughters,  
& prays that this Presbytery would rectify the Matter:  
but the Pby not having the Minutes of that Deposition, nor a  
ny proper View of the Matter, cannot proceed to consider it: but  
do appoint Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Creswell & Caldwell with their Elders to  
rehear it on the Friday before the third Sabbath of April. Ad-  
journed to M<sup>r</sup>. Caldwell's to 9 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer

At Buffaloe N. Carolina March 23. (1082)

The Presbytery met at M<sup>r</sup>. Caldwell's <sup>at 8 O'clock</sup> according to Adjournment, ubi p. p. s. q. v. & asked M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander a Number of Questions both practical & polemical, which, with his Discourses, are sustained as pieces of Trial. Adjourned until tomorrow

at 9 O'clock

Concluded with Prayer.

March 24

The Presbytery met according to Adjournment, ubi p. p. s. q. v.

The Presbytery having maturely considered the various Trials M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander has gone thro', & that they have proved very satisfactory, resolve to proceed to the Ordination, by fasting & Prayer & the Imposition of Hands, in which M<sup>r</sup>. Pattillo presided, according to Order: he preached on the Occasion on Acts 5. 22.

M<sup>r</sup>. Caldwell is appointed to install M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander at Sugar Creek, the third Friday in May

Concluded with Prayer.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craig & Cummings fulfilled their Appointments. M<sup>r</sup>. Brown supplied one Sabbath & intends to supply the other he was appointed. M<sup>r</sup>. Leak fulfilled some of his Appointments, & his Reasons for not fulfilling the rest are sustained. M<sup>r</sup>. Brown has given up the pastoral

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Relation to timber Ridge, & now confines the whole of his Labour to New Providence. Mr. Will fulfilled his Appointments.

~~Ordered that~~ ~~the~~ ~~Members~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~last~~ ~~year~~ ~~be~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~read~~  
Ordered that Supplies be appointed.

Mr. Craig six Sabbaths at Craig's Creek & Reed Creek, & places interjacent: & that Mr. Craig's Congregation may not thereby sustain too great a Loss, the Presbytery appoint Messrs. Black, Brown, & Cummings to supply it one Sabbath each. Mr. Black to supply Coeh's Creek & Pyhed Mountain, at Discretion. Mr. Brown two Sabbaths at Proan One in Augusta. Mr. Cummings one in the Cow Pasture & one in the Calf Pasture. Messrs. Sankey & Price each one at Wriery, & one at Discretion.

All the absent Members <sup>Sabb.</sup> two, at Discretion, except Mr. Todd, who is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Timber Ridge, & one at Discretion.

The two above mentioned Calls were presented to Mr. Leah by the Moderator, which he takes under Consideration. He is appointed to supply four Sabbaths at Timber Ridge, & to divide the Rest of his Time, between the two Congregations, which have presented him Calls as equally as he can.

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M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Robinson offered himself on Trial, & the  
Presbytery appoint him a Discourse on these words, "There  
is no Condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."

Ordered that the Clerk, with one Member more, give M<sup>r</sup>  
Craig proper Instructions about the Regulation of the Pa-  
caries, where he is appointed to supply.

Our next Presbytery is appointed to meet again the  
first Wednesday of October, at M<sup>r</sup> Sankey's Meeting House

Concluded with Prayer.

M<sup>r</sup> Sankey's Meeting House Prince Edward Oct. 5. 1768

The Presbytery met according to Appointment, and  
was opened with a Sermon by M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell on Luke  
15. 13. & p. p. s. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sankey, Todd, Brown, Waddel, Thie  
Caldwell; Elders John Haston, Thomas Donald, John Ter  
vine. Absent Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black, Craig, M<sup>r</sup> Cadden, Pattillo,  
Criswell, Cummings, Alexander.

M<sup>r</sup> Sankey was chosen Moderator & M<sup>r</sup> Thie Clerk.

Ordered the Minutes of our last to be read

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sankey's, Todd's, Waddel's, & Caldwell's Reasons  
for Absence from our last were sustained.

M<sup>r</sup> Leah accepts of the Call from Sandy River  
Dan & Mayo, & returns the Call from Rockfish: on  
which the People of Rockfish, in Conjunction with  
the Cove, petition for Supplies, by the Sacrament



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of the Lords Supper be administered at the Cove. A Call was presented for M.<sup>r</sup> Leah from Timber Ridge, but as he has already accepted that from Sandy River, & this lies in the Hands of the Presbytery.

(Petitions for Supplies were presented from Timber Ridge, the Cow Pasture, Briery, Amelia, Spotsylvania, Meanoche in Augusta, the Horse Pasture, & Upper Varau Town, Cut Creek, a verbal Petition from Cumberland. One by Letter from Pyhed Mountain & Cook's Creek.)

M.<sup>r</sup> Alexander was installed according to Appointment.

M.<sup>r</sup> Brown's Reason for not supplying M.<sup>r</sup> Craig's Congregation in his Absence sustained. M.<sup>r</sup> Waddell's Reasons for not supplying two Sabbaths at Discretion sustained, & also M.<sup>r</sup> Leah's for not fulfilling some of his Appointments— M.<sup>r</sup> Todd's Reasons for not supplying at Timber Ridge sustained; & M.<sup>r</sup> Craig is appointed to supply that place, as soon as possible, one Sabbath; & to attend there on a week Day to settle some Affairs in that Congregation. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nile & Cummings are appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Cove between this & our next. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Todd & Brown to administer the Lord's Supper in Spotsylvania; & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Todd & Waddell to dispense that Ordinance at Hanover. M.<sup>r</sup> Cummings to supply one Sabbath in the Cow Pasture. M.<sup>r</sup> Brown two Sabbaths at Meanoche. M.<sup>r</sup> Caldwell one Sabbath, at Cut Creek.

Adjourned to ten O'clock tomorrow Morning  
Concluded with Pray

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Oct. 6. 10 O'clock  
to Adjournment. The Presbytery met according  
well to Tho: Donald

Ordered the Minutes of our last sederunt to be  
read.

M<sup>r</sup> Griswell is appointed to supply one Sab. at  
Hanover.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Jackson, a licenced Candidate, well  
recommended by the New Synod, & the Presbytery  
of New York to the Presby. of Dinwiddie or Hanover  
chose to put himself under the care of this Pres-  
bytery: & they do most cordially receive him. And  
the Synod having also recommended it to one of  
said Presbyteries to ordain him as soon as possible  
we do therefore appoint him a Sermon on the  
Words "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away  
the sins of the World." & a Lecture on Rom. 8. 1-10 to  
be delivered at our next Spring Presbytery. M<sup>r</sup> Jackson  
is appointed to supply two Sabbaths in Spotsylvania  
two at Timber Ridge, one at Pyhed Mountain, one  
at Cochs Creek, one in the Cow Pasture; & the rest of  
his time between this & our next at his own Discretion  
except one Sab. at Rockfish. M<sup>r</sup> Sankey one Sab. at  
Harris's Creek. M<sup>r</sup> Leah one at Cumberland, on  
his Return from Hanover. M<sup>r</sup> Price one Sab. at  
Briery. M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell two at the Hollow. M<sup>r</sup> Leah  
one in the Horse Pasture & one at the upper Saraw-  
Towns. M<sup>r</sup> Waddel one at Rockfish. M<sup>r</sup> Alexander

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is appointed two Weeks to visit the People from Mulberry fields to the Shallow Ford on the Madrin. Messrs McCadden, Pattillo, & Cresswell two Sabbaths each at Discretion. M<sup>r</sup> Sankey one at Cub-Creek.

The Pby appoint M<sup>r</sup> Leah a Sermon on these Words "God hath given to us eternal Life; & this Life is in his Son" & a Lecture on the 15. Psalm, as pieces of Tryal for Ordination, to be delivered at a Pby appointed for that Purpose to meet at Sandy River M<sup>r</sup> House the first Wednesday of April next. Messrs M<sup>r</sup> Cadden, Pattillo, Cresswell, Caldwell, & Alexander, any three of whom shall be a Quorum, are appointed to meet at time & place aforesaid, to receive said pieces of Tryal, & if approved to Ordain him to the sacred Work of the Ministry in that Congregation; at which Ordination M<sup>r</sup> Caldwell is appointed to preside; & that the Minutes of said Presbytery be transmitted to our next State Meeting.

M<sup>r</sup> Robinson was examined as to his religious Experiences, & read a Sermon on the Text assigned him; which were considered by the Pby, & which they so far sustain as to continue him on Tryals; & appoint him an Exegesis on this Question viz "An Adamus precando ullum bonum in posterum operandi in potestatem contraxerit?"

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& a Lecture on the 23 Psalm to be delivered at our next.

M<sup>r</sup> Price having laid before this Syn. That he was entangled in a Suit brought against him by M<sup>r</sup> Miller, <sup>in Augusta Court</sup> for pretended Slander in transcribing a Minute of the Presbytery, which respected M<sup>r</sup> Miller's Trial & Deposition; which he the S<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Price did as Clerk of Presbytery; which Suit considerably affected the presbyterian Interest in this Colony: the Syn. thin that necessary that some of our Members attend said Court, where this Suit is to be determined, & represent the Affair in a proper Light; & do therefore appoint Mess<sup>rs</sup> Todd & Brown to attend said <sup>Court</sup> for that Purpose.

Our next stated Meeting is appointed to be at Tinkling Spring on the second Wednesday in April.

Concluded with Prayer.

Tinkling Spring. M. Th. April 12. 1769.

The Syn. met according to Appointment, & was opened with a Sermon by M<sup>r</sup> Jackson on John 1. 29 & 30. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black, Craig, Brown, M<sup>r</sup> Cadden, Haddel, Price, Cresswell, & Cummings: Elders James

Allen, Alexander Walker, Samuel Downy, John Irvine, Abunt Mep.?<sup>s</sup> Sankey, Todd, Pattle, Caldwell Alexander.

M. M. Cadden was chosen Moderator & M. P. Hill Clerk.

Ordered Applications for Supplies to be presented.

A Call was presented from Cooks Creek & to M. Jackson, one from the Calf Pasture, & one from Timber Ridge.

Supplications from Mountain Plains, Craig's Creek, Forks of Fat River, Rockfish, & Windy Cove.

Adjourned till to morrow Morning at 9

O'clock

Concludes with Prayer.

April 13. 9 O'clock A. M. The Synod according to Adjournment & resp. q. s.

A verbal Petition <sup>for Supplies</sup> was presented from the C. A. particularly for M. Cummings.

Commissioners from the Forks of Fat River laid before the Synod a Representation of their having been long in a distressed Condition for want of the stated Dispensation of Gospel Ordinances, & by the Incapacity of the Synod to supply them; in said Representation we heartily concur & recommend

The State of that large & necessitous Congregation to the Synod, hoping that if possible they will grant their Petition.

A Complaint was made by Samuel Henderson of Timber Ridge Congregation, that after he and his Wife were acquitted in a certain Trial by the Session of said Congregation, some desired a second Trial which he refused; on which he was debarred Church Privileges. Defered till Tomorrow.

Ordered supplies to be appointed.

M<sup>r</sup>. Cummings one Sabbath at M<sup>r</sup>. Planes & one at M<sup>r</sup>. Brown one Sabbath at High Bridge, & one at Denian— M<sup>r</sup>. Jackson one in the Woods of James River at Hall's M<sup>r</sup>. H. — M<sup>r</sup>. Leah one at the low Posture, & one at Craigs Creek — M<sup>r</sup>. Rice one at Cub Creek & one at Priory

Ordered the Minutes of our last to be read.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craigs, M<sup>r</sup>. Cadden's, Black's, Criswell's, & Cummings's Reasons for Absence from our last sustained.

M<sup>r</sup>. Craig settled the Affairs in Timber Ridge Congregation, & his Reasons for not preaching there are sustained. M<sup>r</sup>. Craig, not being present at our last

returned an Act of his Mission, which was appointed by last Spring Pby, which being very satisfactory, is ordered to be recorded in the Pby Book, which is as followeth.

| Names of Congregations                              | Families Living | Representatives   |
|---|-----------------|---|
| 1. Vinhing Spring on bank of<br>Labia & James River | 75 ----- £ 40.  | { J <sup>n</sup> . Miller, Jo-<br>seph Bloyd, Ed-<br>Sharp, Benj.<br>Hawkins, Tho.<br>M <sup>r</sup> . Ferron,<br>Rob <sup>t</sup> . Finley<br>Andrew Hobbs |
| 2. Craig's Creek                                    | 45 ----- 28     | { Malcom A-<br>len, J <sup>n</sup> . Crow-<br>ford, J <sup>n</sup> . Wilson,<br>J <sup>n</sup> . Robinson,<br>Sam <sup>l</sup> . Law-<br>rence.             |
| 3. Seneca   | 70 ----- 40     | { J <sup>n</sup> . M <sup>r</sup> . Bowen,<br>Ed. Bloyd, M <sup>r</sup> .<br>Preston, M <sup>r</sup> . Flem-<br>ing, Rob <sup>t</sup> . Bre-<br>kenridge    |
| 4. New Antim  | 43 ----- 30     | { Andrew Boyd<br>Robert Poage<br>Neal M. Neal<br>M <sup>r</sup> . Bryan<br>Tho <sup>s</sup> . Fosh.   |

| Congregations. Families. Living |             | Representatives  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 5. New Derry . . .              | 36. . . 45. | { Joseph Barnett, Robt.<br>Pichey, David Robinson,<br>Saml. Woods, Wm. Pender,<br>Saml. Croket, Hugh<br>Croket, Jas. Roberts,<br>Jas. Montgomery.                        |
| 6. New Dublin . . .             | 45. . . 45  | { Joseph How, Saml. Colvill<br>John Tylor, Samuell<br>Cloyd, Jas. Montgomery,<br>Robert Montgomery,<br>David Vairt, Wm. Vairt,<br>Nathaniel Melcher,<br>William Herbert. |
| 7. Boiling Spring A 2. . . . .  | 26.         | { James Harris,<br>James Davies, Jas.<br>Hollis, George Wra-<br>kenridge, Saml. Mon-<br>gomery.  |
| 8. Unity . . . . .              | 45. . . 40. |  |

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Mr. Brown's Reasons for not fulfilling his Ap-  
pointments sustained: also Mr. Creswell's for  
not supplying one Sab. in Hanover; & Mr.  
Leake for not supplying in Cumberland.



We understand Mr. Caldwell fulfilled his Appointments— Mr. Waddells Treasons are sustained for not supplying in Boatfish.

The Order for a Poy to meet at Sandy River to receive Mr. Leakes Trials, & to ordain him was not complied with by reason of some mistake in the Information to the Members who were particularly nominated for that Purpose. Mr. Leake having informed the Poy, that since he accepted the Call from Sandy River, & he finds the Difficulties that would attend his Settlement in that Place are so great that he cannot perform his Duty there without intolerable Fatigue; & therefore is not inclined to be placed there: That he has a tender Regard to that People, & they express a great Regard for him, in a Paper sent by them, in which they profess, they do not desire that Mr. Leake should be laid under any Compulsion in the Case; the Poy do not think it expedient to oblige Mr. Leake to settle there against his Will, but leave him at his own Liberty. Upon this Mr. Leake returns their Call.

Mr. Miller made Application to the Poy for a Copy of his Declination and Appeal, & of the

whole Proceedure of the Syn with regard to his Trial & Deposition in the Order in which they lie in the Syn Book; & the Clk is ordered to give him said Copy some time this Week.

M<sup>r</sup> Leach publicly delivered a V<sup>er</sup>mon assigned him by our last as a Piece of Trial for Ordination. Adjourned till 9 O'Clock tomorrow morning  
Concluded with Prayer.

April 14. The Syn met according to Adjournment & p<sup>ro</sup>ceeds.

M<sup>r</sup> Jackson & M<sup>r</sup> Leach delivered the Lectures assigned them at our last, which together with their Sermons were maturely considered, & sustained as part of Trial previous to Ordination.

M<sup>r</sup> Jackson accepts the Call from pythid Mountain Cooks Creek & the People uniting with them, & returns the others.

M<sup>r</sup> Leach accepts of a Call or Invitation from the Cove & Garden

The Syn is appointed to meet at Cooks Creek N.H. the first Wednesday of next May in Order to ordain M<sup>r</sup> Jackson & M<sup>r</sup> Leach to the sacred Work of the Ministry in

which Ordination Mr Craig is appointed to preside, & Mr Brown to preach the Ordination Sermon.

Some Supplies not being appointed in our last Sederant the Order for appointing <sup>them</sup> repeated.

Mr Jackson is appointed to Supply one Sab: in the Calf Pasture; Mr Lake two a Timber Ridge.

Tinkling Spring Congregation petition for Supplies, & Liberty to apply to the Synod or any Pby under their Care; which the Pby grant, & appoint Mr Rice to Supply here next Sabbath; & Mr Craig one Sabbath, & one in the Calf Pasture. Mr. Mr. Gadden two Sab: at Haw River, & one near Pby Dr Jerry upon Dan. Mr Criswell one Sab: at Allens Creek. Mr. & one at Hoors. The absent Members two Sab: at Disunion.

As to the Affair respecting Saml. Henderson, the Pby judge, that his refusing to submit to a second Trial is no sufficient Reason why he & his Wife should not be admitted to Church Privileges.

William M. Elhency made before the Pby Confession of his being guilty of the Sin of Fornication, & profess'd his Repentance: the Pby agree, that if the Officers of the Congregation to which he belongs are satisfied therewith, he may be admitted to Church Privileges.

leges on his once confessing the same publicly in  
said Congregation.

Adjourned till 9 O'Clock to morrow Morning  
Concluded with Prayer.

April 15. 9 O'Clock A.M. The Hymns according  
to Adjournment & ps. s. q. s. except Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craig,  
Black & Waddel; & Elders James Allen, Samuel Dow  
ney.

Mr. Robinsons Trials for certain Reasons are De  
ferred.

Mr. William Truine entered on Trials, & was ex-  
amined as to his religious Experiences, & ~~Truine~~ Ind  
in desiring to undertake the sacred Work of the Mi  
nistry, & on the Latin Language: the Act he gave  
of the two first, & his Skill in the Latin, were satisfac  
tory & <sup>the</sup> sustained as parts of Trial,

A Letter from the Trustees of the College of N.  
jersey was read; but the Consideration of it is  
deferred till our next, on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Absence of sever  
al our Members.

Ordered all the Minutes of this Meeting of May to  
be read.

ordered that a Copy of the Minute respecting  
 the Spring Congregation be given to the  
 Representatives of said Congregation by the Clerk.

Our next stated Day is appointed to meet at  
 Providence N. H. in Louisa the second Wednesday  
 of next October.

Concluded with Prayer

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The day they appoint the last Wednesday of June to  
 observe by all the Members in their Congregations, as a  
 day of public fasting & prayer, on account of the present  
 situation of our public affairs; & the want of divine  
 influence on the means of grace. — It is also desired  
 that various Congregations meet together, & spend the  
 day religiously, according to the design of it.  
 The Fall meeting, for a purpose, to be at Mr. Sawber's  
 the last Wednesday of September.  
 concluded with prayer.

The Presbytery appoint the last Wednesday of June to be observed by all the Members in their Congregations, as a Day of public fasting & Prayer, on Account of the present Situation of our public Affairs; & the want of divine Influences on the means of Grace. — It is also desired that vacant Congregations meet together, & spend the Day religiously, according to the Design of it.

The Fall Presbytery, for Supplies, to be at Mr. Davies's the last Wednesday of September.

Concluded with Prayer.

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Our next stated Day is appointed to meet at Providence N. B. in Down the second Wednesday of next October  
The present state of said Congregation by the letter  
nothing during Congregation be given to the  
arrived that a Copy of the Minutes respecting



