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 The Year of our Lord  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1769, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Untill the year 1783

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May 3<sup>o</sup> 1769 The Presbytery of Hanover met according to appointment ~~to appointment~~, at Cook's Creek for the Ordination of Mr. Thomas Jackson & Mr. Samuel Seke to the Ministry of the Gospel, & having constituted by Prayer, Sederunt, the Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>. Craig, Brown & Cummins, with James Allen, Samuel Buchhannen & Samuel Craig Elders. Absent the Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>. Black, Lankey, Todd, M<sup>rs</sup>. Aiden, Patillo, Weddell, Caldwell, Crosswell, Rice & Alexander. M<sup>rs</sup>. Craig was chosen Moderator, and M<sup>rs</sup>. Cummins clerk.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Miller laid in a Charge against the People of Arrears due to him their late Minister. The Presbytery recommended it to the People to pay M<sup>rs</sup>. Miller his just Dem<sup>and</sup> which the People promised to do. M<sup>rs</sup>. Samuel Seke appeared with Mark Seke, as Representative of the Congregation of the rich Cave & Gardens. M<sup>rs</sup>. Brown preached the ordination Sermon from Col: 4. 17. and M<sup>rs</sup>. Craig presided at the Ordination of these two Gentlemen, and, after they were regularly ordained and received to the Fellowship of the gospel Ministry & to their respective Charges, M<sup>rs</sup>. Craig gave to them & to the People suitable Charges and Exhortations. This sederunt of the Day concluded by Prayer.

October 11<sup>th</sup> 1769 The Presbytery met at Providence according to appointment, and having constituted by Prayer, sederunt the Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>. Todd, Brown

Rice, Cummins, Jackson & Sebe, with John Irwin, W<sup>m</sup> White, and George Berrey Claers. Absent, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>. Black, Sankey, M<sup>r</sup>. Aden, Tatillo, Weddell, Caldwell, Crosswell, and Alexander. M<sup>r</sup>. Brown preached from 2 Cor. 8.9. M<sup>r</sup>. Todd was chosen Moderator and M<sup>r</sup>. Brown Clark. Ordered the Minutes of our last P<sup>r</sup>esbytery be read.

Supplications from the low Pasture; from, the south side Dan River; from the Calf Pasture; from sandy River from Meho; from Cumberland; from Prince Edward and from Cub-Creek, were given in for Supplies.

The P<sup>r</sup>y rec<sup>d</sup>. a Letter from M<sup>r</sup>. David Caldwell desiring Supplies in his Congregation during his absence while gathering Contributions for the new Jersey College. The P<sup>r</sup>y adjourned to ten O'clock tomorrow, to meet at M<sup>r</sup>. Todd's House. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>. 1769 The P<sup>r</sup>y having met according to adjournment, seditur, as above. The Reasons assigned by M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Sankey, Todd & Caldwell for their non attendance at last April P<sup>r</sup>y, were sustained. All the Members present either fulfilled their Appointments, or gave sufficient Reasons why they did not. M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Robertson did not attend this P<sup>r</sup>y, on his Tr<sup>av</sup>els.

M<sup>r</sup>. Jackson, who had attended the Synod in May 1769, informed the P<sup>r</sup>y, that the Synod very strongly re-

- commended to each Pley & to each Minister and Wellwisher that they should to their utmost promote Collections and Subscriptions for the new jersey College, and had particularly appointed Mr. Waddell for the lower part of Virginia, Mr. David Caldwell for N. Carolina, and the adjacent parts of Virginia, Mr. John Craig and Mr. John Brown, or Mr. Tho: Jackson, for the western parts of Virginia, as Commissioners of the Synod for that Purpose, directing them to leave Copies of their Success with Ministers, and such other Persons, as they should <sup>judge</sup> expedient to carry on the same Design, farther, and to make their Report as expeditiously as possible to the Trustees of the College. And having delivered Letters from the Synod, to each of our Members, which being read, together with a Letter from the Trustees to last April Pley, all relative to the same thing, the Pley considering the whole, resolve to use their utmost endeavours to forward the Design, and direct Mess<sup>rs</sup> Waddell, Caldwell, Craig and Brown, to keep a List of the Names of all those who shall contribute, to be transmitted to that College, and to leave a Copy thereof in each Congregation, attested by two or three credible Witnesses, and that every Minister and Wellwisher to the Design use his best Influence to encrease the said Collections, even after the Commissioners have finished their Applications. + Mr. Jackson gave the Pley printed Copies of the Synodical Contributions for Missionaries to the Indians, for the Year 1768 &c.

From an attested Extract from the Synod, the Pky find that Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Miller, formerly Minister at Cook's Creek, had declined the Jurisdiction of the Synod, and that therefore the Synod had declared him to be no Member.

The Pky are informed that the last Synod declared that Mr. John Kirkhede was not a Minister of their Body and that they forbade all their Psefbyteries to employ him as one of their Ministers.

Ordered that Supplies be appointed. Mr. Todd and Mr. Rice are appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Supper in Cumberland, on the last Sabbath of Oct<sup>r</sup>. next. Mr. Jackson is appointed to supply Mr. Brown's Congregation, on the first Sabbath of November next, and Mr. Craig's on the first Sabbath of Dec<sup>r</sup>. following. Mr. Cummins is appointed to supply one Sabbath in Mr. Craig's Congregation and another in Mr. Brown's, during their Absence. Mr. Leke is directed to supply Mr. Brown's Congregation on the third Sabbath of Nov<sup>r</sup>. and Mr. Craig's on the fourth Sabbath of the same Month. Mr. Cummins is appointed to supply one Sabbath in Mr. Weddell's Congregation.

The Consideration of a Petition from the Congregation of a Mofsey-Creek, about the Presbytery's fixing of Seat of their publick Worship is referred to our next Meeting, and Mr. Craig's Congregation is to be warned by Mr. Jackson to attend there because of their bordering on Mofsey-Creek.



Mr Todd is appointed to supply Mr. Weddell's Congregation, during his Absence, if in the Fall, one Sabbath and if in the Spring two. The Commissioners of the Synod with of this Day, will have Opportunity to supply thro' all our Vacancies.

Ordered that a Copy of the whole Proceedings relative to Mr. Miller's Tryals, be transmitted to Mr. Brown as soon as possible, by the stated Clerk.

Mr Jackson reported that the Synod had resolved to erect two Presbyteries, of the present Pky of Hanover at their next Session, and charged him to inform our Pky of the same, and that the Synod expected our Opinion about the said new Erections. The Consideration of this is referred to our next.

The Pky order Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patillo, M'Aden, Cresswell & Alexander, to supply Mr. Caldwell's Congregation in his Absence. The Pky also recommend it to the Commissioners from the North ward, particularly to both the Mr. Baulches to supply Mr. Caldwell's Congregation, whilst he is gathering Contributions for the new Jersey College.

It is ordered that Mr. Caldwell take an exact Account of the particular Sums, collected, with the Names of the Persons contributing, that the Names of those who give a Dollar and upwards may be sent to the Trustees of the College and the like Instructions are farther given him, as are given to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craig and Brown in the same Design.

In Obedience to the Appointment of Synod, it is ordin<sup>d</sup> that Commissioners pay a strict regard to their appointm<sup>t</sup>. and that Commissioners here, from North Carolina do leave a Copy of this minute with Mr. M'Aden or with Mr. Tatillo, who are to acquaint Mr. Creswell.

At the Request of Mr. ~~Leitch~~ Baulch, by Mr. Todd, it is appointed, that on his producing proper Credentials, from the new Castle Pky to our's, to meet at Mr. David Caldwell's House on Buffalo, on the first Wednesday of March next, to receive his Tryals for Ordination and Installation, in case his Call and other vouchers are satisfactory, and for part of his Tryal the Pky appoint a Sermon on Gal: 1. 13.<sup>th</sup> "Who hath delivered us from the Law" and a Lecture on Ephe: 6 Chap: from the 10<sup>th</sup> verse to the 19<sup>th</sup>. "Finally Brethren be together with other ordinary Tryals, and his subscription of the Confession of Faith as a requisite, and that Mr. Creswell preach the ordination Sermon, and that Mr. Tatillo provide and give suitable Charges.

Mr. William Irwin was examined on his Knowledge of the greek Language; of Logick, Rhetorick, Astronomy and Geography. The Pky adjourned to meet to morrow at Eight O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1769 the Pky met at Mr. Todd's according to adjournment, and the aforesaid Members being present they constituted by Prayer. Mr. William Irwin

delivered an Exercise on the polemick Question "An Fide-  
 -lium Infantes baptizandi sint". and a Sermon on Prov.  
 the 11<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, which were sustained as parts of Foyal. The  
 Pky appoint him a presbyterial Exercise on the 17<sup>th</sup> Chap.  
 of the Acts, the 26 & 27 Verse and a popular Sermon on  
 Ephe: 6<sup>th</sup> Chap: 13 & 14 Verse, to be delivered at our April  
 Pky ensuing. This Session of the Pky was concluded by  
 Prayer.

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1770 The Pky met according to ap-  
 -pointment. Mr Cummins preached a Sermon from Exo-  
 -dus 34. 14. The Pky constituted by Prayer, Sedecunt the  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Craig, Brown, Cummins and Jackson, with  
 Michael Dickey, Samuel Craig, and Hugh Campbell,  
 Elders. Mr. Cummins was chosen Moderator & Mr Jack-  
 -son Clark. Absent the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Black, Sankey Todd,  
 Rice, Weddell, Patillo, M<sup>r</sup> Aden, Caldwell, Criswell,  
 Alexander and Baulch.

The Day being far spent the Pky agreed to defer  
 the reading of the Minutes of the former Pky, untill to-  
 -morrow, in the mean Time receive Papers or Commis-  
 -sions bearing new matter of Business. Supplications from  
 the south Branch of Patomack and from Unity Congre-  
 -gation, on reed-Creek, were given in for Supplies, and  
 also from the Calf Pasture and Timber-Ridge

Mr Jackson informed Pky that he expected the U-  
 -nited Congregations of his Charge, were to lay before  
 the Pky Representations, for fixing the future number  
 of their Congregations, and also the Places of their pub-

publick Worship. The Pky adjourned to nine O'Clock tomorrow before noon, at this House, Concluded by Prayer.

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1770 The Pky met according to adjournm<sup>t</sup>. Present the members as above. Constituted by Prayer. Read the Minutes of last Sederunt. Read the Minutes of last Presbytery. By Minutes of May 3<sup>d</sup> 1769 the Pky inquired whether the People of Cooks-Creek & Linvils Creek had paid up their Arrears, to Mr. Miller, and finding they had not, Pky recommended it to them to pay up as speedily as possible. The Minutes of last Pky were read.

+ Mr. Craig & Mr. Brown reported, that they had fulfilled their six Weeks, in collecting Benefactions in the western parts of Virginia, for the Support of the College of the new Jersey College, in Obedience to the Appointment of last Synod, and they now offered in their Accounts, and the Money they had gathered, to the Pky to be transmitted to the Trustees of said College. The Pky recommended it to them to keep the Sum in their Hands, untill they should have an Opportunity of some Minister who would carry the same safe to the said Trustees.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Craig and Brown upon this, informed the Pky, that they would be accountable only for the parttial Sum, without the Interest while in their Hands, and should not be liable for that Money, in case of unavoidable Accident. The Pky allowed it was not fit that they should.

Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Leke, fulfilled their Appointments. Mr. Cummins informed the Puy that Mr. Weddell had not gone on taking up Contributions for the College, while he was in the lower Parts of Virginia, and therefore he had not supplied for him. Mr. Brown reported that the Clerk had transmitted a Copy of Mr. Miller's Tryal to him.

Mr. Brown gave in a Copy of the Minutes of the Puy met at Buffalo, in Roan County, N. Carolina, March 7<sup>th</sup>. 1770 which were read as follows

"Buffalo, Roan County, March the 7<sup>th</sup>. 1770, The Puy met according to appointment, ubi post Preces, sederunt the  
 " Pres<sup>es</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> M'Aden, Patillo, Caldwell, Creswell and  
 " Alexander, with John Curry, John Allen, Wm Maybens,  
 " and Wm Alexander, Elders. Mr. Caldwell is chosen  
 " Moderator and Mr. Creswell Clerk. Mr. Herckiah  
 " Baulch's Credentials and a Dismission from the new  
 " castle Puy, and an Appointment of Tryals for Ordination from our last Puy in Louisa, viz a Lecture on  
 " Ephe: 6 Chap: from the 10<sup>th</sup>. to the 19<sup>th</sup> verse. and a Sermon  
 " on Col. 1 Chap. and 13<sup>th</sup> verse. The Puy heard his Tryals &  
 " sustained them. Adjourned to Mr. Daniel's. Adjourned  
 " by Prayer.

The Puy met according to Adjournment, at seven O'Clock before Noon, and, post Preces sederunt qui supra. The Puy proposed to Mr. Baulch sundry Questions on Deurity: His Answers are sustained, and they proceed to his Ordination. Adjourned to the House of Worship. Adjourned by Prayer.

According to Order the Pny proceed to Ordain Mr. Bauleh. Mr. Cresswell preached the Ordination Sermon, and Mr. Patillo presided in the Ordination, which was performed by Prayer and Imposition of hands, as usual.

The Pny agree to appoint Mr. Alexander to carry the following Letter to Synod.

To the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Synod of New York and Philadelphia to assemble in May 1770.

Rev.<sup>d</sup> Fathers and Brethren, the Distance we live from the usual Session of the Pny of Kanawh, and the impossibility thence arising of our regular Attendance on it; our living in the Province of N. Carolina, where the Affairs of Church and State require our acting with that Vigour, Unanimity and Authority which is impossible for us to do in our present single and detached Situation, renders it indispensibly necessary for us to apply ourselves to the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Synod, requesting that we may be erected into a Presbytery by the Name of Presbytery of Orange, the Name of the County in which two of our Members are settled, and that our first Meeting may be at the New-Fields, on the first Wednesday of September next ensuing. We flatter ourselves that the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Synod will at once comprehend the Expediency of complying with the Requestion, and therefore shall waive every Arguement, which if ne-

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necessary, will be represented by our Brother Mr. Alexander  
in its favour who waits on you with this. Praying that  
the divine Wisdom may preside amongst you, we are

Rev. Sirs

Your dutiful Sons

Affectionate Brethren &

most hum<sup>l</sup>. Servants

David Caldwell

Hugh M'Aden

Joseph Alexander

Henry Patillo

Heremiah Baulch

James Crosswell.

This Day concerned with that Request, and  
have instructed the Clerk, to write to the Synod in  
Favours of the same, in case he could find a safe  
Medium of Conveyance. Concluded with Prayer.

Mr. W. Train did not appear to deliver the  
Pieces of Traya! prescribed to him at our last Day.

Mr. Jackson proposed, that Mr. James Campbell, a  
young Gentleman of the Acquaintance of all the Mem-  
bers present, and of worthy Character, should come  
under the Direction of the Day as to his Studies in or-

order to the gospel Ministry. The Pky instruct Messrs<sup>r</sup> Brown and Jackson to meet with him and to examine him and direct him and to make Report about next Pky.

The Pky direct each of the Members now absent to supply the Vacancies, two Sabbaths at Discretion, Mr. Cummins is directed to take a Tour of six Weeks thro' the Vacancies, from Timber Ridge to Unity Congregation on the supposition of his People agreeing to it, and also to supply one Sabbath in the upper Calf Pasture and another in the middle of the Cow Pasture. Mr. Jackson is appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Discretion, and a week Day on the south fork of the south Branch of Patomack. Mr. Craig is directed to supply one Sabbath at Timber Ridge, and one at North Mountain. Mr. Brown to supply one Sabbath at the lower Calf Pasture and another at Discretion.

The Commissioners from the Congregations under Mr. Jackson's Care Viz. Tho: Luis, John Craig, Archibald Huston, for peaked Mountain; Archibald Hopkins, and Andrew Erwin, for Cook's Creek, Ja: Hoogshead Sen<sup>r</sup> and Col. Abr<sup>m</sup> Smith, for Mofsey Co: and John Gralen with George Baxter for Dinwiddie Co: represented at a considerable length the unanimous Desire of all the People to continue in the Care of Mr. Jackson, and that there should be only three Places for publick Worship amongst them, and that they consented to continue their Subscriptions to



Mr. Jackson's Support in that Charge. But the People  
 of Cook's Creek and Simul's Creek said, they ap-  
 prehended that Charge of the whole, as now, was  
 too large for one Minister, and were for dismis-  
 -ing Mofsey Creek from Mr. Jackson's Care. The  
 People of Mofsey Creek said, that the place of  
 -publick Worship, at Cook's Creek should be relin-  
 -quished, because that all that People had conveni-  
 -ent Access to join with one or more of the adja-  
 -cent united Congregations, at their respective Places  
 of Worship. The People of peaked Mountain said,  
 that they were instructed by their Congregation  
 to represent, as Mofsey Creek that the Place of  
 -Worship at Cook's Creek should be relinquished, for  
 the Reasons already given, yet they would con-  
 -cur with either of the Places as should be determin-  
 -ed by the Presbytery. Mr. Jackson represented of  
 the Proposals of Cook's Creek and Simul's Creek  
 were agreeable to his acceptance of the Call of all  
 those united People, and after having now made  
 a Year's Experiment, of this large Charge, he was  
 satisfied to continue the same, upon the Subscrip-  
 -tions given him at his Call and Ordination, and  
 that, as it had been resolved and agreed to by  
 these People, before and at the Calling of him  
 to the Work of the gospel Ministry amongst them,  
 that the Places of their publick Worship should be

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as many, and where their Minister, with the best  
Advises should judge most expedient for the e-  
- great Edification of all uniting, that he had found  
early in his Ministry here, and was more and  
more confirmed therein ever since, that by keeping  
up publick Worship at Cook's Creek, but one Sabbath  
in four, all the People of Cook's Creek, had access  
to publick Worship two Sabbaths of the four, with  
no uncommon Inconvenience, and most of them  
had such access to publick Worship, three Sabbaths  
of the four, while thrice the Number, particularly  
those living on the out Skirts, around the other Con-  
- gregations united with them, had access to pub-  
- lick Worship only one Sabbath in four, whereby  
Mr Jackson could not equally edify all the  
People now under his Care, and that he could  
no longer Minister amongst the People, with safe  
safe Conscience, in the manner he heretofore had  
done by keeping publick Worship by Turns in four  
places, but that by keeping the same at peaked  
Mountain; Lincol's Creek and Mosey Creek every  
of the whole People could have access to publick  
one in three Sabbaths, and the People of Cook's Creek  
would have greatly the Advantage, still, as ~~most~~  
most, if not all of them could have access with  
no uncommon Inconvenience, to publick Worship  
two Sabbaths in the three, and all of them easily to  
one of the three.

The Syn. after consulting amongst themselves, without Mr. Jackson, and the People, proposed their Advice Viz, that Mr. Jackson sh<sup>d</sup>. continue to keep publick Worship as he had hitherto done, for some Time longer, or even for another Year, that the People and He, might have Opportunity to agree those Matters among themselves, and the sooner they should agree, it would be the more agreeable to the Syn. Upon this Mr. Jackson informed the Syn, that he could not with a safe Conscience continue to hold publick Worship in those united Congregations, at the four Places as before on Account of the Injury that should be done to the greater Number of the People, not having access to publick Worship more than one Sabbath in four, and therefore he declined continuing in his present Charge upon these Terms proposed by the Syn, and declared that he meant to continue a Minister of this Syn until divine Providence should remove him from their Bounds and he desired that Syn should disaloe his Relation of Pasture to this People, from this Time. — Presbytery adjourned, to meet at this Place, tomorrow Morning at eight O'Clock. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1770 The Syn met according to adjournment — Members present as above — Constituted by Prayer — Read a Proposial for accommodating Matters betwixt Mr. Jackson and his People, given in by Tho: Lewis Esq<sup>r</sup>. bearing, "That, to prevent an injurious and unfriendly like Separation, betwixt Mr. Jackson and his People, an Experiment should

" should be taken for six Months viz. from April  
 " the 11<sup>th</sup> untill, Oct<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1770 of holding publick Wor-  
 " ship at Mofsey-Creek, Linvill's Creek, and at the  
 " peaked Mountain, that a fair Tryal of that Method  
 " might be made, that the Sacrament of the Supper  
 " might be administered in that Time at Cook's Creek  
 " and publick Worship be held there on the Fast Day  
 " the Preparation Day and Thanksgiving Day on that Occa-  
 " sion, and that no Injury be done in that Time to the  
 " Claims of Cook's Creek, that the Congregation of Mofsey  
 " Creek should think that they who were for disuniting  
 " them from the rest of the present Union, warned them  
 " to look out for a Minister for themselves against  
 " that Time expired; that the Subscriptions sh<sup>d</sup>. stand as  
 " they were given to Mr. Jackson for his Support, and y<sup>t</sup>  
 " against the end of that Time, all w<sup>d</sup>. be better able to  
 " conclude what was most equally edifying".

Mr. Jackson informed the P<sup>l</sup>ey and People, that  
 he had proposed this Expedient in Substance, before, in  
 general meetings of all united, except with regard to the  
 disuniting of Mofsey-Creek from the Rest, which they  
 had not consented unto, and that he now cheerfully  
 complied with this Plan, in as much as it w<sup>d</sup>. continue  
 him with a safe Conscience, in the pastoral Relation  
 with all united in his Charge to which he was ordain-  
 ed by P<sup>l</sup>ey.

The People retired for some Time for Consultation and on their Return into Day, their Commissioners were unanimous for the Plan, as compiled with by Mr. Jackson and the People also, generally consented in like manner. — Upon this Mr. Jackson publicly declared, that, whoever did not approve of the Plan sh<sup>d</sup> have the Liberty to withdraw both from his Ministry and Support, in case they sh<sup>d</sup> signify such Intentions to him within one Week from the Time present

As to seating a Place of worship in the Congregation of Mosey-Creek, after the Commissioners, viz. Andrew McComb and John Paag, for Mr. Craigs Congregation, James Hagshead Sen<sup>r</sup>. and Col. Abraham Smith, for the Congregation of Mosey-Creek, had spoken in a full and friendly manner, and the Day had consulted on the Subject, the Day found that the present Bounds of Mr. Craigs Congregation, on that side were reasonable, and that the Congregation of Mosey-Creek, be allowed to erect their House of publick worship on the Branch of Mosey-Creek, because of their Necessity by want of shore Water elsewhere, nearer to the Centre of their Congregation and that no Person of either Congregation should hereafter join as a Member, with the other, without leave obtained. — This Day judging that the Presence of great Distance in this Case ought not to be  
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pled, or allowed, as the Bounds on that contiguous side are now found reasonable. — To this judgment the Commissioners of Mr. Craig's Congregation and the Commissioners and People of Wafsey-Creek, declared their Adherence. — Copies of these Minutes are ordered to be given to each of these Congregations when called for. — Extract of the Business of Mr. Jackson's Charge, ordered, for those concerned when called for. — The next Synod is appointed to meet at the rich Cave, in Albemarle, on the third Wednesday of Oct<sup>r</sup>. next in the Year 1770. This meeting of Synod was concluded by Prayer.

October the 17<sup>th</sup> 1770 the Presbytery met at the rich Cave according to appointment. Mr. Cummins preached on Jer. 8<sup>th</sup> Chap. and 31. v. — Constituted by Prayer. — Present the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Craig, Brown, Weddell, Jackson and Seke with James Allen, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hills, John Simble and Alex<sup>r</sup>. Blain, Elders. Absent The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Sankey and Todd. — Mr. Seke was chosen Moderator and Mr. Jackson Clerk. The Minutes of our last Synod were not entered on because it was late in the Afternoon. — Rec<sup>d</sup>. a Representation by Andrew Erwin, for Cook's Creek and Sinoils Creek, A verbal Supplication by Daniel Syle for Timber Ridge. — D<sup>o</sup> from Spotsylvania by Mr. Weddell, requesting that Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Brown and Cummins should

administer the Sacrament of the Supper amongst them this Fall. — Do. for Supplies for the lower Calf Pasture by Mr. Brown, and for Do. for the upper Calf Pasture by Mr. Cummins; for Do. for Tinkling-Spring, by Mr. Craig. The Pky adjourned, to meet here by Eight O'clock tomorrow morning. — Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1770 The Pky met according to Adjournm<sup>t</sup>. Members present as above. — Constituted by Prayer. — Mr. Rice is now come with his Elder Tho: Rodgers.

The Pky agreed, that for the sake of the People who had come for publick Worship, Mr. William Inuin sh<sup>d</sup>. deliver his popular Sermon and presbyterianial Exercise. which he did accordingly. The Sermon from Ephe. 6<sup>th</sup> Chap. and 13<sup>th</sup>. v. and the Exercise on Acts 17<sup>th</sup> Chap. from the 27. v. to the End.

Rec<sup>d</sup>. a Reference from the united Session of Mr. Jackson's Charge, concerning Anne, formerly wife of Daniel Kidd, and Representations for Peaked Mountain and Mosey-Creek, approving the Method of Mr. Jackson's preaching in the three places as last half year and requesting that to be confirmed for the future. Rec<sup>d</sup>. a Supplication for Supplies from Cub-Creek. — A ball from the Dee Is for the help of Mr. Lske's Labours. A verbal Supplication by Mr. Rice for Supplies to Briery Creek and Cumberland. — A motion by Mr. Lske concerning a publick School in Augusta.

The Pny are informed that the Rev. Samuel Black, an aged Minister of this Pny, died on the ninth day of August last past.

The Pny approved of Mr. Truin's Discourses holding them parts of his Tryals for being licenced a preacher of the Gospel.

Recd. a Supplication from Rockfish and Mountain Plain for Supplies. — The Pny proceeded to read the Minutes of last Presbytery. The Reasons assigned by Messrs. Weddell, Rice and Leke, for their Absence from our last Pny, were sustained.

Mr. Weddell informs the Presbytery, that the weakness of his Health had prevented his collecting Money in lower Virginia, for the new Jersey-College, & that he only collected near Eight Pounds from his own Congregation, which he had transmitted to the College.

The Presbytery recommended it to Mr. Craig to Mr. Brown to keep the Money they had collected until they had found a sure Person to carry it to the Trustees of said College, as directed by the last Presbytery.

Mr. Rice informed Pny, that he would recommend it to Mr. Caleb Wallace, Student of Theology to call on Mr. Brown and Mr. Craig to carry the Money they had collected for the new Jersey College to the Trustees thereof and to give them Receipts accordingly which Method the Pny approved if they could not find



find a Minister to carry it as proposed before Mr. Wallace calls on them. — Mr. Jackson as Clerk to former Syn. complied with the Order of former Syn. about the erecting the Presbytery of Orange. — Mr. William Guin's Reasons for not attending the last Syn. were judged good. — Miss<sup>rs</sup> Brown and Jackson report that they complied with the Appointment of last Syn. in regard of examining and directing Mr. Campbell. — Messrs Weddell, Rice and Lake supplied Vacancies as appointed. — Mr. Cummins informs Syn. that not finding it convenient to go the <sup>four</sup> recommended thro' the back Vacancies, hitherto he proposed to fulfill the same against next Syn. which the Presbytery allowed recommending it to him to begin at Hall's meetinghouse and to go as far as the royal Oak on Hatter, and to spend at least six Weeks in that Journey. Mr. Cummins complied with his other Appointment in Supplies. Mr. Jackson fulfilled his Appointments among Vacancies. Mr. Craig fulfilled his. Mr. Brown supplied one Sabbath and designed to supply afterwards in the Calf-Pasture.

The Minutes of last Syn. were read. The affair of Mr. Jackson's Congregation was deferred until it sh<sup>d</sup> come in the Course of the present Minutes.

A verbal Supplication was made by Mr. John Hall, for a Minister to ordain William Cook, William Mortan and James Torrington Elders in the Congregation of Cub-Creek, and to admit said John Hall into the Church Eldership of said Congregation, he having been ordained an Elder before he came hither.

Mr. Jackson informed Presbytery that he had ordain-  
 ed John Magil, James Hogshead Senr., Samuel M. Preeters,  
 James Bruster and Archibald Hutton, Church Elders of his  
 united Congregations, and that he proposed to ordain  
 James Marshall, William Dunlop and James Laird Junr.  
 Class also of said Congregations, which application &  
 Information the Puy approve, both as to Lub-Creek  
 and Mr. Jackson's Charge, and the Puy appoint Mr. Rice  
 to ordain the Elders at Lub-Creek.

The Puy agreed to an Ordinance, that a Committee  
 consisting of Messrs Craig, Brown, Cummins and Jackson  
 should meet at Mr. Craig's House on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Decr: next  
 for drawing up a Representation of the prevailing Vices in  
 the Bounds of this Puy, and a Declaration of our Aste-  
 rence to the Standards of the Church of Scotland, which  
 Representation and Declaration are judged necessary to  
 be published to our People, in these times of Vice and  
 Irregularity, and that a like Committee consisting of  
 the Moderator, with Messrs Lankey, Todd and Rice,  
 shall meet at Mr. Lankey's House, on the first Tuesday  
 of Decr: next for the same Purpose, and the Presbytery  
 recommends it to Mr. Weddell to assist with his Mate  
 thereon in Writing, or in Person at any of those Com-  
 mittees he chooses: Two members are appointed a Quo-  
 rum in those Committees, and they shall have Power  
 to adjourn from time to time, as shall be convenient  
 and are directed to report their Diligence therein to next  
 Presbytery.

Mr. Craig is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Sinking Spring and another at the North Mountain. —

Mr. Brown is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Timber Ridge and another at Discretion.

Mr. Cummins is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Jackson's River, and another at Cartmill's Meeting H.

Mr. Rice to supply one Sabbath at Briery and another at Cub-Creek.

Mr. Sankey and Mr. Sodd are appointed to supply each two Sabbaths in our Vacancies at Discretion.

Mr. Seke is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Mountain Plain and another at Rockfish.

Mr. Weddell is to supply two Sabbaths in the Vacancies at Discretion.

The Presbytery adjourned to the House of George Douglaf, to meet at eight O'clock this Evening, and appointed to meet here at eight O'clock tomorrow morning. Adjourned with Prayer.

At the House of George Douglaf, the Presbytery met according to Adjournment. — Constituted by Prayer. Present all the Ministers as above with John Fumble and Alex<sup>r</sup>. Blair, Elders, the rest of the Elders had gone to their Lodgings.

The Presbytery examined Mr. William Duin on Questions in Divinity, which he answered ex Tempore, and the Presbytery approved of his answers.

The Presbytery being now fully satisfied with Mr. Irwin's whole Tryals, and that no more Trials of him are now requisite, and Mr. Irwin having now subscribed the Formula acknowledging the Westminster Confession of Faith and promised Subjection in the Lord to his Brethren of our Church, the Moderator by Appointment of Pley licenced the said Mr. William Irwin, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, wherever divine Providence shall direct and Mr. Rice gave him suitable Directions and Exhortations.

Mr. James Campbell was examined on Experience in Religion and on his Views in proposing to enter into the Ministry of the Gospel, and delivered a Discourse on Rom: 8<sup>th</sup> Chap and 2 v. prescrib'd him by Mr. Brown.

The Pley were satisfied with Mr. Campbell's Answers on his Examination previous to his Tryals, and sustained his Discourse on Rom: 8<sup>th</sup> & 2. as a part of his Tryals, and the Pley continue his Tryals, prescrib'ing a Lecture for him on the first eight Verses of the fifteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to John and an Exercise on the polemical Question "An Christus pro omnibus mortuus est." — Then the Presbytery adjourned by Prayer.

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1770 The Pley met according to adjournment. — Constituted by Prayer. — Present the Members as above. — The united Session of Mr. Jackson's Charge having referred to this Presbytery a certain Case

Case of Adultery confessed by Anne, formerly Wife to Daniel Thidd in Stanton: The Presbytery advise, that w<sup>o</sup>. said Anne has given suitable Satisfaction for her scandal of Adultery to manifest the Sincerity of her Repentance, and to glorify the Christian Law before the Church of Christ, and when she shall have received such Censure as shall be thought by that Church Session Necessary to testify the Churches Disapprobation of such crying Sins, she may again be admitted to the Priviledges of the Church.

As to the Affair laid before the Presbytery by Mr. Erwin, Commissioner for Lincolne and Cook's Creek, and by Mr. Jackson as to the Regulation of the Place of publick Worship, since there lies before the Presbytery only the Representation of the Satisfaction of Mosey Creek and Peaked Mountain with the Method of Mr. Jackson's preaching at those three Places agreed to at our last, and their Request to continue that Method; and since the Commissioner for the rest of that People united in Mr. Jackson's Charge is limited by his Instructions, the P<sup>ly</sup> cannot come to any decisive Determination about that Affair, but recommended it to Mr. Jackson & the several Congregations under his Care, to continue on the same Plan they had been on ever since the last Spring P<sup>ly</sup>, and in the Interim to endeavour by all possible means to means to fall on some Method amicably to settle the Matter amongst themselves, and, if they can not settle it by y<sup>e</sup>. Time, let them come prepared to lay the Matter fully before our next Presbytery.

The Presbytery do not intend by the above, any thing that shall in the least affect Mr. Jackson's Call, or his Personal Relation to the Congregation aforesaid.

Mr. Erwin motioned to the Presbytery to have the Pastoral Relation between Mr. Jackson and the Congregations of Cook's Creek and Sivil's Creek dissolved, but, as he has no written Instructions for that Purpose, the Presbytery think they have no Right to do so. He also petitioned for Supplies.

The Congregation of the Dee, Efs, in Albemarle gave in their ball for having Mr. Seke appointed and installed by their fixed Pastor, which was consented unto by the Congregation of the rich Cove and the Gardeners: The Presbytery gave this ball to Mr. Seke, and he declared his Acceptance of the same. — The Pky appoint Mr. Todd to Install Mr. Seke Minister of the Congregation of the Dee, Efs, on y<sup>e</sup> second Wednesday of March next ensuing.

Mr. William Drin is appointed to supply three Sabbaths at Timber Ridge; three at Rockfch; three at Mountain Plain, three at Briery and as many at Cumberland and the rest of his time to be spent among Vacancies at Diferation. — Mr. Jackson is appointed to supply one Sabbath at the upper Calp Pasture and another at M<sup>r</sup> Deary's meeting House.

The Presbytery, from particular Considerations of supplying as much as possible at Cub-Creek, and the Neighborhood thereof, order Mr. Dice to employ a fourth part of his time, at Cub-Creek until the Pky see Cause to alter this Appointment, which he consented to in Obedience to Presbytery, provided his late sale of his Land where he now resides at That-Creek, and the Purchase of Land he

he has made at the Peaks of Otter does not prevent this Order from taking Effect.

The next Presbytery is appointed to meet at Mr. Cummins's place of publick Worship, on the second Wednesday of April 1776. — This Session of Presbytery was concluded by Prayer.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1776. The Presbytery met at the House of publick Worship at Browns Settlement according to appointment. — Mr. Seke preached from 2 Peter 3. Chak 8. 11<sup>th</sup> v. — Presbytery concluded by Prayer. — Present, the Rev. Messrs Craig, Brown, Jackson, and Seke. — with George Maupel, John Logan, John Drumble, James Houghthead and Barabael Maxwell, Elders. — Absent the Rev. Messrs Sankey, Todd, Waddell and Rice. — Mr. Cummins was chosen Moderator and Mr. Seke clerk.

• Supplications for Supplies were received from Timber Ridge, and Thalls meetinghouse in conjunction; — from the upper half Pasture; — from Prince Edward County; from Bayers's — et cetera from the united congregations of Rockfish and Mountain Plain, for Mr. William Druin — Verbal Supplications for Supplies, from Derry Congregation by John Henderson; 1<sup>o</sup> from the lower half Pasture by J<sup>o</sup> Day; — 2<sup>o</sup> from the middle and upper low Pasture and for ordaining Elders there by J<sup>o</sup> Hartmill; — 3<sup>o</sup> from Col. William Peyton, for Domain Congregation, by Mr. Craig. —  
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Representation by Mr. Cummins that he had Congregated  
 " on the Waters of Holffen the Big-Spring Congregation whose  
 " Representatives are George Adams, Robert Buchanan, Rich.  
 " Higgon and Alexander Veilly.

The Presbytery gave the ball from Rockfish and  
 Mountain Plain to Mr. William Inuin to consider of - Mr.  
 Inuin asks liberty to consider of said ball untill next Pley  
 which was allowed, and it was recommended to Mr. Inuin  
 to supply that People as much as he could untill our  
 next Syson, which he consented unto.

Read the Minutes of the former Presbytery.  
 Messrs Craig and Brown inform the Pley that Mr. Ca-  
 lell Wallace did not call on them for the Money collected  
 for the New Jersey College. — The Presbytery continue of  
 former Appointment concerning that Money as directed  
 in April 1770.

Mr. Cummins reports that he fulfilled his Appointment<sup>th</sup>  
 thro the back Vacancies besides his common Supplies.

Mr. Brown thro sickness failed of fulfilling his Ap-  
 -pointment in the half Pasture. The appointment is removed.

No Report is come concerning ordaining Elders at  
 Cub-Creek. — Mr. Jackson reports that he has ordained  
 James Laird Junr. a Church Elder in his united Congregations  
 and that James Marshall and William Dunlop have declined  
 being ordained Elders, hitherto.



The Committee to meet at W. Craig's report that they could not attend to draw up the Representation appointed. The Appointment continued to hold at W. Craig's on the second Tuesday of June next. — No full Report concerning the Committee at W. Lankey's. — Mr. Craig's Reasons for not supplying as directed held sufficient. — Mr. Brown fulfilled his Appointments. — Mr. Seke fulfilled his Appointment at Rockfish and his Reason for not supplying at Mountain Plain held sufficient.

Mr. Campbell's Trials deferred untill our next Session. The affair of the Place of Worship in Mr. Jackson's Congregation deferred untill tomorrow. — Mr. Seke's Installation at Bee Lgs, fulfilled. — Mr. Irwin's Appointments fulfilled except one at Mountain Plain and his Reason for that Disappointment held sufficient. — Mr. Jackson supplied in the Calf-Pasture and his Reason for not fulfilling his other Appointments held good. — No Report concerning Mr. Rice's supplying at bub-breek. — Mr. Irwin is appointed to supply four Sabbaths between Briary, Harris's breek and Cumberland Meetinghouse; four Sabbaths between Rockfish and Mountain Plain, and two Sabbaths between Timber Ridge and Hall's Meetinghouse; two Sabbaths at the upper and lower Calf-Pastures; six in the more western Parishes and one at Kartmill's Meetinghouse.

Adjourned to meet here tomorrow at Nine O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1771. Presbytery met according to Adjournment. — Constituted by Prayer. — Present as above. Minutes of last Sederunt read.

A Supplication from Rock-Bridge Congregation was given in by James Gilmore for Supplies, who also presented a verbal Petition against being disunited from Hall's Congregation. The Commissioners from both Places agree to settle the Matter by next Fall Presbytery.

A verbal Supplication by Daniel Lyle, from Timber Ridge, that the Lord's Supper may be administered among them before next Fall: Heard, and Mr. Brown, assisted by Mr. Inuin, is appointed to administer accordingly.

Mr. Campbell delivered his Lecture and Exegesis as prescribed, which were approved as Pieces of his Tryals. The Day prescribed to Mr. Campbell a presbyterial Exercise, on Ephe. 1. Chap and 10<sup>th</sup> and a popular Sermon from Isa. 41. Chap 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Affair of the Places for publick Worship in Mr. Jackson's Congregation is here resumed. — The Commissioners on that Affair were, Patrick Fraser, James Bruster and Archibald Hutton, for Peaked Mountain; — Archibald Hopkins, John Magill and Andrew Erwin, for Cook's Creek; — Tho<sup>s</sup>. Woodal, William Stephenson and David Kephenson, for Mosey Creek; — Thomas Gordon, John Drason and James Marshall, for Linville Creek.

The Commissioners of Cook's and Linville Creek, gave in a Petition with Seventy Names at it suing for the Disavowing of Mr. Jackson's Pastoral Relation to them: The Subscriptions for  
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this were on three or four Papers bearing the same Petition, which said they applied for this again to Presbytery, but their Commissioners owned that this People had never applied for that before.

The Commissioners of peaked Mountain gave in a Paper, called a clear View of the Conduct of the congregation of peaked Mountain, book's creek and Linville creek from the first rise untill April 1770, which was also read and spoke to, and the Presbytery found  $\frac{1}{2}$  this clear View of the Conduct of these Congregations from the first Rise untill the Time mentioned, was altogether fair, and it was further confirmed by Mr. Craig's Testimony.

The Presbytery found that Mr. Jackson had adhered to their advice of last Presbytery.

The Commissioners of book's creek and Linville creek, declare their own and, their People's Willingness, to pay Mr. Jackson according to their Subscriptions, for the Time, since last Presbytery; They also declare they have no Complaint against Mr. Jackson's moral, or Pastoral Character, except that he did not continue to preach at book's creek Meeting-House, as in the first Year of his Ministry, and that otherwise they believed that scarce any man could have done better in his congregation than he had done.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet at this Place, by nine O'clock tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1775. Presbytery met according to adjournment. — Constituted by Prayer — Present as above.

The Commissioners of Peaked Mountain desire that the Pastoral Relation of Mr. Jackson to them be continued according to  $\frac{1}{2}$  call. — The Commissioners of Peaked <sup>the Peaked Creek</sup> Mountain report if they desire to continue in conjunction with Peaked Mountain under Mr. Jackson's Pastoral care, according to their call, if his  
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Pastoral Relation was dissolved as to the Rest, and expected to obtain one half of his labours, but, that they did nothing in this in Opposition to their Brethren of book's creek and dimuli creek.

The Commissioners of book's creek desire that the Bounds of their Congregation may be fixed by the Presbytery. Upon this the Presbytery, thinking of the matter judges that the Congregation of the Peaked Mountain had a right of Right to have their Bounds fixed first.

The Commissioners of Mosey creek desire to have their Bounds between them and their united Neighbours minuted by the Synod.

After some Endeavours of the Presbytery to reconcile the Commissioners of book's creek and dimuli creek to the Continuance of Mr. Jackson's Pastoral Relation amongst them in Union, with y<sup>e</sup> Rest according to their call, those Commissioners insisted on the be dissolving Mr. Jackson's pastoral Relation, as to their People. The Synod then removed them, Mr. Jackson and all others but Members.

Upon being called in again, the clerk read the Presbytery's Judgment on the case "Vir". The Synod have maturely the Representations by Mr. Jackson and the Commissioners of peaked Mountain and Mosey creek Congregations and do heartily approve of the unity and Concord that subsists amongst them, and sincerely wish and pray for the continuance of their mutual Relation.

As to those security Persons including the Commissioners of book's creek and dimuli creek who sued for a Dissolution of the pastoral Relation between them and Mr. Jackson their Minister, we look upon them as not without cause of Complaint in book's creek being relinquished, nevertheless we cannot approve of their confused Manner of proceeding in fixing their Meeting Houses, and of their Breach of their Obligations and Engagements to Mr. Jackson when he was ordained their Minister. However, it appears to us that it will tend more to Mr. Jackson's Comfort and to

" to their Edification to dissolve the Relation, than to continue, and We  
 " unanimously agree that it shall be dissolved."

" The Commissioners of all the Congregations concerned in this Case,  
 " uniformly approved of this Judgment of the Day respecting them:  
 " Mr. Jackson also submitted to it with an express Declaration and Testi-  
 " money against such irregular Proceedings in the People, that w<sup>o</sup>.  
 " now indulged in obtaining a Dissolution of the pastoral Relation  
 " that had subsisted: Mr. Jackson's Testimony is as follows viz,

" In pure Submission to the Judgment and Authority of Pastors  
 " I comply with their Sentence of separating so much of my charge  
 " from my pastoral care, altho' in the Case of any other Minister in  
 " such Circumstances, I believe I could not have so complied. And our  
 " certainly judge the conduct of the People, particularly their indiffer-  
 " -ous Leaders in this Affair, who have assented for and obtained this  
 " Separation, very unequal and hurtful, I therefore find myself en-  
 " -gaged to enter this my Testimony, in the Records of this Day, for  
 " the Discouraging of such Conduct, in the Records of this Day, for  
 " -ness, and for the Relief of my own Mind.

" My Reasons against the conduct of those People have been  
 " laid, more largely before the Day and them in the Reasonings on y<sup>e</sup>  
 " -case before, I shall now only mention, that besides the Disapproba-  
 " -tion of them by the Day, for their confused manner of fixing their  
 " Meetings-Places, and for their breaking their Obligations and Engage-  
 " -ments to me when I was ordained their Minister: I further testify a-  
 " -gainst the Conduct of this People in this,

" 1. That when they had previous to their call of me to be their  
 " Minister, they had uniformly agreed that publick Worship sh<sup>d</sup>.  
 " be held where, upon just Experience it sh<sup>d</sup>. be found to be of  
 " most equal Edification to all those that then united to be of  
 " the Charge of one Minister, without any preferable Regard to  
 " former Places of Worship, yet they of look<sup>r</sup> Creek lying much in  
 " the Centre of the other three Congregations, has Access to publick-  
 " -Worship

Worship, on Sabbath three Times, while others had accept thereto only once. This Humour I Testify against as being irregular and offensive, as it has broken the Union of my Charge but thou Separatists themselves and maintains an unhappy Example of abusing publick Faith to licentious Disorder in Congregations and discouraging gospel Ordinances and the Christian Benefit thereof, a Vice now growing and to be guarded against, with People professing and claiming to be still of the Communion of our Church

2. When that People have confessed that I have acted unexceptionably and with all my moral and Pastoral Character, in my whole Charge while Minister there (altho' I wd. be very humble in a Sense that I know better than they my Failures and Infermities in discharging my Duty in that Charge) yet, I must Testify that that People, especially their officious Leaders appear to me, not only Irregular, but Impious in misrepresenting things, in withdrawing, not only themselves but in many Instances, others also from my publick Administration of the Ordinances of the Gospel, while Numbers of them sought to Baptist Meetings for Worship thro' last half Year, tho' they had not before, nor now, professed to be of that Denomination.

3. Because they avowedly disobeyes the Presbytery's direct Injunctions for attempting amicable Accommodations in said Time, also for referring to the Pky the Difference about any Place of their publick Worship, in case of Disagree ment at Home, and for abiding under my Ministry according to my call and Ordination (Vide Minutes of the Pky of Oct: 1770) the contrary to all which Injunctions they were then guilty of.

4. Because of direct Oppositiō to me in my Ministry refusing to suffer their Families to be catechised and

" some of them, with two of the Church Elders at their Head, di-  
 " rectly required me to cease my Minestrations of the Gospel a-  
 " mongst them, and those were of Simul's Creek Congregation  
 " not of back's Creek, the People pretending to be aggrieved  
 " whilst the Pky continued them of my charge.

" I add this Request of the Pky that I be candidly un-  
 " diffused, to give this Testimony not out of unfriendly Pre-  
 " sidentment against the People so late of my charge, for  
 " whom I bear the best Christian Affection, and hope I still  
 " shall but for their Benefit and the warning of others against  
 " such confusion and Disobedience to the Courts and Schools of  
 " Christ in this Church. — I entreat also, that for any concern-  
 " ed may have Extracts of the whole, or of part of the Minutes  
 " or Papers, relative to this Affair when called for in a dis-  
 " creet manner (So subscribed)

Thomas Jackson

Mr. Jackson is appointed to supply one Sabbath at M'bra-  
 -y's Meeting-House, and to ordain bapt<sup>d</sup> William Lewis and J<sup>r</sup>.  
 Kirkade Elders of our Communion of that Church, and to supply  
 another Sabbath a Disfession.

Mr. Cummins is appointed to supply one Sabbath in the upper  
 half Pasture and another at Hartmel's Meeting-House, where he  
 is to ordain one Elder in that Congregation.

Mr. Brown is appointed to supply one Sabbath in the  
 Fork of James's River. — Mr. Sehe is appointed to supply  
 two Sabbaths at Disfession. — Mr. Craig is to supply one  
 Sabbath at back's-Creek, another at the Tinkling-Spring and  
 a week Day at Simul's-Creek. — Messrs Todd, Sanbury  
 Todd, Weddell and Rice, to supply two Sabbaths each at Disfa-  
 -tion.

The next Presbytery is appointed to meet at the Lee Ck on the second Wednesday of Oct<sup>r</sup>. next. This session of Presbytery was concluded by Prayer.

October the 9<sup>th</sup> 1776. The Presbytery met according to appointment. — Mr. Todd preached — Constituted by Prayer. Present the Rev. Messrs. Craig, Todd, Rice, Jackson and Loker, with James Allen, James M<sup>r</sup> Randles, and James Terr, Elders. — Absent Messrs. Sankey, Brown, Waddell and Cummins — Mr. Todd was chosen Moderator and Mr. Rice clerk.

Reasons assigned by Messrs. Todd and Rice of their absence from last Day sustained. — Read the Minutes of last Day — The Appointment concerning the Money collected by Messrs. Craig and Brown for the New Jersey College, continued, as directed April 1770 found, that Mr. Brown fulfilled his Appointment of Supplies. Mr. Rice ordained the Elders at Lee-Creek according to Appointment in Oct<sup>r</sup> last.

Report was made that the Committee appointed to meet at Mr. Craig's was prevented, as was also that at Mr. Sankey's. — The Presbytery enjoin that in the Room of these Committees, each minister exert himself to promote the Purposes of said Committees amongst the People, as soon and as much as possible.

Mr. Lavin fulfilled his Appointments amongst the Vacancies. The Appointment about the Lord's Supper at Timber Ridge was also complied with. — Received a call from the united Congregations of Sinkin-Spring and Timber-Creek for Mr. W. Lavin to be their Minister, given in by Andrew Woods.



A Supplication for Supplies from Cook's Creek and Lewis-  
 Creek, by David Ralston — For D<sup>o</sup> from the Fork James River by  
 Daniel Syle — For D<sup>o</sup> from Timber Ridge and Hall's meeting-  
 House by Daniel Syle — For D<sup>o</sup> to Leitch Creek and Knot-Creek,  
 by John Irwin. — For D<sup>o</sup> to Rock Bridge, and particularly  
 for the Assistance of W<sup>o</sup>. Craig in adjusting the Seat of Wor-  
 ship and the Bounds of their Congregation, by J<sup>o</sup>. Paag Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
 A verbal Supplication for D<sup>o</sup> from the middle and upper low-  
 Pasture by Andrew Suttleton. — The P<sup>ly</sup> adjourned, to meet  
 at W<sup>o</sup>. James Kerr's, this Evening, at Six O'Clock. — Adjourn-  
 ed by Prayer.

P<sup>st</sup>ery met according to Adjournment — Constituted by  
 Prayer — Members present as above.

A Representation in favour of the Academy of New-Ark  
 by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Synod, was taken into Consideration, and the P<sup>ly</sup>  
 recommended it to all their Ministers, to lay it before their se-  
 veral Congregations, and to use their best Influence to pro-  
 mote that Design, in the best way they can.

P<sup>st</sup>ery being very sensible of the great Expediency of  
 erecting a Seminary of Learning somewhere within the  
 Bounds of this P<sup>st</sup>ery, do recommend it to all the Members  
 to take this Matter under Consideration, and report their Thoughts  
 at our next, especially respecting the best method of accom-  
 plishing it.

All the Members present fulfilled their appointments at our  
 last — The Persons nominated for being ordained Elders in the up-  
 per and middle low Pasture declined being set apart to that  
 Office. — Messrs. Sankey, Todd, Meddell and Rice, are appoint-  
 ed to supply two Sabbaths, each among the Vacancies, before our  
 next.

Adjourned, to meet at the House of publick Worship, to-morrow, by Eleven O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. 1776. Presbytery met according to Adjournment —  
Completed by Prayer — Present, the Members as above —

The Synod heard Mr. Campbells Sermon and Exercise preferred him at aurlast, do appear and receive them as Pieces of Tryal — The Thesis appointed him at aurlast was opposed by Mr. Leber, and defended according to Order by Mr. Campbells to Satisfaction. They also proposed several extemporary Questions on Divinity to him, and his Answers were sustained.

The Presbytery considering that Mr. James Campbells has before passed thro' the other parts of Tryal usual for bandadiles before they are licensed preachers of the Gospel, and has now given Satisfaction in those parts of his Tryals but now recd. do unanimously agree to license him to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as a Probationer, and he is hereby licensed accordingly.

Mr. William Irwin accepted of a call from the united congregation of Rockfish and Mountain Plain and returned that from Sinking Spring and Sinker's Creek, and the Synod appoint his Ordination at Rockfish, on the second Wednesday of April next. Mr. Todd is appointed to preside at the Ordination and Mr. Rice is to preach on the Occasion.

Andrew Woods petitions for Supplies for Sinking Spring & Sinker's Creek. — Received a Petition from peaked Mountain about the Bounds of that Congregation.

The Synod appoint Mr. Campbells to supply at the Pastures; at Sinker's Ridge and the Forks of James's River; at Sinking Spring and Sinker's Creek; at Hat Creek and Cut-Creek and among the

the other Vacancies at Deferation — Mr. Jackson is appointed to supply one Sabbath at the upper, and another at the middle low-Pasture — Mr. Sete to supply one Sabbath at Lumberland, and another at Deferation — Mr. Brown, to supply one Sab: at Timber Ridge and one at Timber Creek — Mr. Lummie one Sabbath at Linwell's Creek and another at Deferation — Mr. Craig, one Sabbath at Rock Bridge and another at Sinkling Spring. — Mr. Inuir to supply one Sabbath at Lumberland, one at Lout Creek and one at Flat Creek.

The Syn adjournes, to meet at Mr. James Kerr's at seven O'clock this Evening. Adjournes by Prayer.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, constituted by Prayer — The Members present as above.

The Presbytery appoint Mr. Inuir a Lecture on Gal 3 & 21 to be held, and a Sermon on Rev. 22. 17 as Pieces of Trial for his Ordination.

As to the Petition from Peabees Mountain with ~~the~~ regard to the ascertaining of the Bounds of that Congregation Syn recommends it to Jn Paag, William McTeles, and Andrew McComb, to meet at a convenient place, in order to determine the most proper Bounds and to make Report at our next, and that timely Notice be given both of Time and Place to all concerned.

The next Syn is appointed to meet at Rockfish Meeting-House on the second Wednesday of April next. This Session of the Presbytery was concluded by Prayer.

Adjourned to next tomorrow at the Chapel of the parish  
 The business of the day being adjourned by  
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April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1772 The Pky met at Rockfish ac-  
 cording to appointment — Mr. James Campbell, Probationer, preach-  
 ed from Mat. 6. 9. 3. — Concluded by Prayer — Present the  
 Rev. Messrs. Sankey, Craig, Rice, Jackson and Seke, with Robert  
 Mitchell, Archibald Hutton and Barabeel Maanell, Elders.  
 absent the Rev. Messrs. Todd, Brown and Weddell. Mr. Sankey  
 was chosen Moderator and Mr. Rice clerk.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last Sederunt be read.  
 Mr. Sankey's Reasons for his Absence from our last Prefecture  
 are sustained, as also Mr. Cummins's.

There is no Report concerning the Money collected for  
 the Use of the new Jersey College. — The Injunction, that  
 "The several Ministers of this Pky sh<sup>d</sup>. exert themselves in their  
 "several congregations in the best manner they could to answer  
 "the Ends of two Commissions, appointed at a former Commissions,  
 "is continued

The Confutation of the Minutes concerning the new  
 Ark Academy, and a Seminary amongst ourselves is de-  
 ferred until our next Sederunt — Mr. Rice supplied  
 one Sabbath and intends to supply another — Mr. Lewis's  
 Trials and Ordination deferred until Tomorrow. — Mr.  
 Campbell fulfilled his appointments — Mr. Jackson's rea-  
 sons for not supplying as directed, sustained. — We un-  
 derstand that Mr. Brown supplied at Timber Ridge —  
 Mr. Cummins's Reasons for not supplying, sustained.

As to the Petition from peaked-Mountain, there is no Report as yet — Ordered, that Supplications be taken in. — Supplications, from Timber-Ridge and Hall's Meeting-House; from Brewery, Leeb-breck and Flat-breck; — from the congregation on Reed-breck; — from the united congregations of the Forks of James's River, and from the bow and half-Popple, for Supplies, were given in. — A ball from the congregations of sinking Spring and Talking Spring on Holsten River, was given in for Mr. Campbell, by John Daughlast, and also another from back's-breck and Penwell's-breck, by J. in Graton.

Adjourned to meet here tomorrow at Nine O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Ordered, that as Mr. William Irwin is in a low state of Health he sit to read the Lecture and Sermon assigned him at an last as pieces of Trial previous to his Ordination, which he did accordingly, and the Presbytery approve of both Lecture and Sermon, holding them as the last Pieces of Trial for Ordination, after which Mr. Irwin was solemnly set apart to the sacred Work of the gospel-Ministry by the Imposition of Hands and Prayer.

Mr. Cummins applied to Presby to have the Pastoral Relation between him and his Congregation dissolved, not on account of any Offense given by the Congregation, but only on Account of their Inability to support him. The Presby enquired at the Representatives of that Congregation whether he knew of any Cause of Disqualification, besides that already mentioned by Mr. Cummins, that might be supposed to have an Influence on such Application. He answered that he knew of none, and added, that the Congregation had acknowledged to the Justice of said Application.

Presbytery having considered the matter, approve of the Harmony subsisting between Mr. Cummins and his Congregation, and allow of the Necessity of dissolving the pastoral Relation, and it is dissolved accordingly.

A verbal Supplication for Supplies from Browns Meeting House and Tennin's Branch was given in by Robert M. Ketchik, the same from Tinkling Spring by William Teas. Ordered, that the Minutes of our last be read.

The Presbytery recommends it to Messrs Craig and Brown, to send the Money collected for the Use of the new Jersey College by Mr. Eraton to be delivered to Peter Allison, and Mr. Sprout of Philadelphia to be transmitted to the Trustees of that College.

Mr. Craig did not attend at Hall's Meeting House and High Bridge to supply and to adjust the Bounds of their Congregations, and Seats of Worship, as directed, but underwent by their Commissioners, Samuel Lyle and Tho. Paxton, that their Congregation agree to fix these amongst themselves.

Presbytery allow the Congregation of the Forks James's River to apply to any regular Jurisdiction of the Synod, for Supplies, or for balling a Minister, as they shall chage.

Mr. Cummins is appointed to supply two Sabbaths in the Forks, one at High Bridge and the other at the Place united with it. — Mr. Brown, to supply one Sabbath at Tinkling Ridge and another at Hall's Meeting House. — Mr. Lake and Mr. Chain are appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Supper at Hub-breck, and each of them to supply another Sabbath at Diferation.

The Presbytery recommended it to Mr. Cummins to take a tour thro' our western Vacancies, and recommended him as a Brother of good standing to the Pres. Brethren of Orange Presbytery if he chooses to travel amongst them in their Bounds.

As to the Boundary between peaked Mountain and Cook's Creek, the Syn. are of Opinion that it ought to be determined according to their Subscription, yet not so fixed, but that it may be altered, when the People on both Sides shall find it expedient.

Mr. Jackson and the Commissioners from peaked Mountain, entered an appeal from the Delimitation of Syn. to the Pres. Synod of New York and Philadelphia, but this Appeal was afterwards withdrawn.

Our next meeting of Presbytery is appointed at the Bee Egs, in Allegheny County, on the second Wednesday of October next. This Session of the Presbytery was concluded by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. the 11<sup>th</sup>. 1772 The Syn. met according to Appointment, at the Bee Egs — Mr. Rice preached on Jeremyab 3. 11<sup>th</sup>. — The Syn. was constituted by Prayer. Present the Pres. Messrs Craig, Todd, Brown, Rice, Jackson and Lake, with James Allen, Alex<sup>r</sup>. Walker, Alex<sup>r</sup>. Steel, Samuel M<sup>r</sup> Phetters and James Kerr, Elders. Absent the Pres. Messrs Sankey, Weddell, Cummins and Lavin. Mr. Lake was chosen Moderator and Mr. Rice Clerk.

Ordered that calls and Supplications be given in. Accordingly, Supplications from Salem, at Reed-brook; the Long Pasture; peaked Mountain; the half Pasture; Timber-Ridge; Hall's Meetinghouse; Long-brook; Kalsbrook; Brown's Meeting House; Cumberland; Forks of James River; Holsten Peace and New Hope, on Green Brier; Tiger's Valley; and from Jacksons River, were presented.

Mr. Inuin is now come together with his elder bro<sup>r</sup>. Michael Wallace. — It is recommended to Mr. Cummins to supply eight Sabbaths on Green Brier and Tiger's Valley. — Mr. Craig is appointed to supply two Sabbaths, one at the Sinkling Spring and another at the North Mountain. — Mr. Jackson is appointed to supply two Sabbaths, one at the upper half Pasture and another at Brown's Meeting House. — Mr. Brown is appointed, one Sabbath at the lower half Pasture and another at Hall's Meetinghouse. — Mr. Inuin is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Buffalo, in Amherst, and another in Brown's Cove in Albemarle. — Mr. Tadd is appointed to supply one Sabbath at the Byrd, and another at Elk Creek. — Mr. Lebe two Sabbaths at Disertation. — Puffery adjourned, to meet at Mr. James Therr's at seven O'Clock, this Evening. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1772 The Puffery met according to Adjournment. Concluded by Prayer — Members present as a usual. — Ordered that the Minutes of our last Sederunt be read — The Reasons assigned by Messrs Tadd and Brown for their Absence from our last sabbath.

It is reported by Messrs Craig and Brown, that the Money collected by them for the New Jersey College was by them



them delivered to Mr. Graton, agreeable to the Direction of Presbytery. —

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the House of publick Worship by nine O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>. 1772 Presbytery met according to Adjournment. Concluded by Prayer — Present the Members as above.

The Pky are informed that Mr. James Campbell, a Probationer of this Presbytery, departed this life on the fifth Day of Sept<sup>r</sup>. last. The Pky recommends that those who were indebted to him for preaching, sh<sup>d</sup>. carefully convey the same to his Parents by some Minister of the Gospel belonging to this Presbytery.

All the Members present, either fulfilled their Appointment, or assigned sufficient Reasons why they did not — Mr. Jackson informs the Pky of the erection of a Congregation on Green Brier, by the Name of New Hope and Peace — Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Mr. Kerr's this Evening at seven O'clock. Adjourned by Prayer.

Presbytery met according to Adjournment and after some free conversation about the Boundaries of peaked Mountain Congregation, Pky adjourned to meet at the Place of publick Worship by nine O'clock, tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. 1772 Presbytery met according to Adjournment — Members present as above, except Mr. Todd who went by Permission — A Paper was presented to Pky by John Cranford, Commissioner from mosey-  
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-breek, requesting that their Congregation, might be lauded to the Eastward, and also complaining (tho in a friendly way) of some Disorders, of both the Sessions of Cook's-breek and Lincolns-breek. They recommend it to the several Sessions to provide every Disorder, as far as possible, altho they do not charge them with Disorder unheard.

As to the affair relating to the Boundaries of the Congregation of Peaked Mountain, the Pny do again earnestly recommend it to that Congregation, together with the Congregation of Cook's-breek and Lincolns-breek, to fall in with the Recommendation of last Pny, and the Pny profess themselves to be at a Loss to know, why this has not been done before now, and further, they recommend that the Names, Peaked Mountain & Cook's-breek be sunk, and that all of our Communion that shall not attend publick Worship at Lincolns-breek, shall have a Vote in fixing their new Seat of publick Worship.

M<sup>r</sup>. Brown asked the Opinion of Pny relative to a couple in his Congregation, who are said to have been married together by a Traveller, who was not properly authorized to perform that Ceremony. — The Opinion of the Pny is, that that Marriage be proved; that they be censured on their acknowledging to the irregularity of it, and be admitted to Communion in Christian Pledges, as M<sup>r</sup>. Brown's Session shall judge fit.

M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Edmunson offered himself on Tryals for the gospel Ministry — The Pny being satisfied as to his moral and religious Character, proceeded to examine him with respect to his Views in undertaking the sacred Work of the Ministry and also to enquire after some  
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Evidences of the Grace of God in him. Being satisfied with the several Questions proposed, and having had a specimen of his Ability in Composition in a Discourse on Jr 3. 5. do agree to receive him on Trial. The Ruy appoint him a Sermon on Gal. 3. 5. "For I testify again to you, and also a lecture on Luke 20. 9-19, to be delivered at our next, at Tinkling Spring, on the second Wednesday of April, in the Year 1773.

This Session of the Presbytery was concluded by Prayer.

N. B. The Minutes of the Presbytery appointed at the Time, and place above mentioned, are lost.

June 2. 1773 The Ruy met at Brown's Meeting House according to Appointment - constituted by Prayer. Present the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Craig, Brown, Rice and Cummins. with Capt. George Kaufel and Jr Logan, Elders. - Mr. Brown was chosen Moderator and Mr. Rice clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in. A ball from the united congregations of Ebbing Spring and Sinking Spring was given in by Samuel Edmiston to be presented to Mr. Cummins, who accepted of the same.

Supplications from back-breck; from Lincolns b; from Salem; from Timber Ridge; from Hall's Meeting-House; from Mayses breck; from Briery and from Brown's Meeting House, were given in for Supplies.

Presbytery are informed that Mr. Jackson departed this life, on the thirteenth of last May. Adjourned to meet at this Place tomorrow by eight O'clock before noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

June 3<sup>d</sup>. Presbytery met according to Adjournment  
 ult. post Preses, sederunt qui supra. — Ordered that the  
 Minutes of our last be read. Mr. Cummins reports of  
 Mr. William Lakin, Jr. of Lodge and William M'Geer  
 nominated for Elders in the upper half of Poplar.

Mr. Brown is appointed to install Mr. Cummins  
 in his congregation on Hoffer, and to supply one Sabbath  
 on Reed Creek, on doing of which, he will be released from  
 his appointments above.

Mr. Seke is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Cum-  
 berland and another at Briery. — Mr. Cummins to sup-  
 ply one Sabbath at Cook's Creek and another at Peaked  
 Mountain.

Presbytery think it prudent to defer the fixing of  
 particular Place of our intended Seminary until our  
 next stated Day, which is to be at Rockfish on the second  
 Wednesday of Oct<sup>r</sup>. next

This Session of the Day was concluded by Prayer.

October 13<sup>th</sup> 1773. The Presbytery met at Rock-  
 fish Meeting House according to Appointment. Mr.  
 Edmarson delivered a Discourse on Numbers 23. 19.  
 The Presbytery constituted by Prayer — Present the Rev.  
 Messrs Craig, Brown, Rice, Seke and Irwin, with lay<sup>r</sup>.  
 Alex<sup>r</sup>. Read, Andrew Flays and Nicholas Flays Elders.  
 Absent the Rev. Messrs Sankey Tadd Weddell and  
 Cummins. Mr. Irwin was chosen Moderator and  
 Mr. Seke Clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in. Supplications from back's creek and Dinwiddie creek; from Timber Ridge and Hall's Meeting-Place; from Brown's Meeting-Place and the North Mountain; from Tinkling Spring and the lower Settlement on Halfpen, & given in for Supplies.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last stated Synod be read. all the members present either fulfilled their appointments, or assigned sufficient Reasons why they did not.

Presbytery Adjourned to meet at this Place, tomorrow, at Nine O'Clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to adjournment. *Acti. post Præses sederunt qui supra*, together with Mr. Sargey and George Sheladay, his elder, now come.

Mr. Samuel Edmonson delivered the Exegesis which was sustained as part of *Tryal*. — The Presbytery having proposed to him a number of expository Questions on Divinity, having also made Inquiry into his literary Accomplishments, and considering his former Pieces of *Tryal*, do approve and sustain them, and he having approved of the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Presbytery do agree to licence him to preach the Gospel, as a Probationer, for the Office of the gospel Ministry, and he is hereby licenced accordingly.

The Synod are informed that Mr. Caleb Wallace, a Probationer for the Office of the Gospel Ministry, had it in view to have been here at this Time, but has been prevented thro' Sickness, and in consequence of this Expectation, we find that Commissioners from two Congregations have attended Synod with calls.

balls to be presented to Mr Wallace. This being the case, the Pny judge it expedient to lodge the said balls with the clerk, and that Mr Wallace have Information thereof that he may have them under consideration.

Mr Edmonson is appointed to supply at Hoggary creek; Simili's creek, backi creek and Peaked Mountain. The rest of his Time he is to be at Liberty to supply as suits him — Mr Brown is to supply one Sabbath at the lower Poffure and another at Patti's creek. — Mr Sanbury to supply one Sabbath at Tinkling Spring. — Mr Craig to supply one Sabbath at the same Place, and another at the North Mountain. — Mr Cummins is to supply one Sabbath at the lower Settlement on Halfpen and another at Clinch. — Mr Rice is to supply one Sabbath at Buffalo in Amhurst — Mr Irwin is to supply two Sabbaths at Woods's Plain, on rich creek, near River. — Mr Lake to supply one Sabbath at Cumberland, one at Partery and one at Cub creek and one at little Falling Prier in Bedfords. — The absent Members are appointed to supply two Sabbaths, each, at Diferation.

Presbytery Adjourned to meet here at Nine O'clock tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> P. Presbytery met according to Adjournm<sup>t</sup>. where after Prayer the above named Members took their Seats, Mr Irwin is appointed stated clerk of this Presbytery. Ordered that the Minutes of our last be read. The Pny took the Bill of Toleration into Consideration, and judge it expedient that some two persons do attend the Assembly as Commissioners of the Pny, to transact that affair in their Name and behalf. The Pny do

therefore appoint the Rev<sup>d</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Todd and Capt J<sup>r</sup> Mortan a ruling Elder, to attend the assembly on that Business, and wish that they may not fail in Business of so much Importance. The P<sup>ty</sup> do trust the matter entirely to them, to act as their Prudence may direct, and the Nature of the Cause may require, and they do also Order, that a Paper now before them may be transmitted to Capt Mortan, as what contains their Thoughts on the Subject, that from it these Gentlemen may take such Hints, or make such Use of as they shall find expedient. Ordered, that a copy of the above Minutes be sent to each of these Gentlemen.

The P<sup>ty</sup> adjourned to meet at this Place tomorrow at nine O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Presbytery met according to adjournment. *ubi post Preces sederunt qui supra.* The advice of P<sup>ty</sup> being offered respecting the Use of Spiritous Liquors and Games at Taverns, the P<sup>ty</sup> take the matter into Consideration and judge it to be an improper Custom, and that it ought to be discontinued.

The Presbytery agree to fix the publick Seminary for the liberal Education of Youth, in Stanton, in August.

The next Presbytery is appointed to meet at the Tinkling Spring, on the second Wednesday of April next. This Session of the P<sup>ty</sup> was concluded by Prayer.

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1774 The Presbytery met at Tinkling Spring according to Appointment. — Mr. Irwin preached a Sermon on Acts 3. 19. — They constituted by Prayer — Present the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Messrs Craig, Rice, Loke and Irwin, with Alex<sup>r</sup>. Blair & Robert Dunwoody, Elders. — Absent the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Messrs Tuck Sankey, Brown, Weddell and Cummins. Mr. Craig was chosen Moderator and Mr. Rice clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in. Accordingly, Supplications from the South mountain and Brown's Meeting House; from Cook's-brook, Dinwiddie brook and Mosey brook; from Cumberland and Thair's brook; from Quarry, peaked mountain, Tiger's great valley &c, for Supplies, were given in.

A ball from Cook-brook in conjunction with little-Falling River, was given in to be presented to Mr. Caleb Wallace.

Ordered that the Minute of our last Sederunt be read. all the Members present either fulfilled their Appointments, or assigned sufficient Reasons why they did not.

Adjourned to meet at this Place, tomorrow at nine O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 14<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to appointment. where after Prayer the above Members took their Seats. Mr. Caleb Wallace Probationer from New battle Pky produced sufficient Testimonials; preached a popular Sermon on Luke 13. 24. which was approved, & he having professed his Desire to join this Pky, was received accordingly. A ball from Cook brook in conjunction with little Falling River being presented to Mr. Wallace, he takes it in to Confirmation.



A ball from the congregation of Specken and Cedar Creek was lodged in the Hands of the Presbytery for Mr. Waddell.

Ordered that Supplies be appointed. Mr. Edmanson is appointed to supply in the Bounds of the Pky at Discretion. Mr. Craig is to supply one Sabbath at the heated Mountain, and another at Simuli Creek. — Mr. Wallace is to supply one Sabbath at Sinkling Spring, and another at Hall's Meeting House. — Mr. Rice is to supply one Sabbath at Cumberland and another at Briery. — Mr. Irwin is to take a Turn thro' Segert's great Valley, and to supply six Sabbaths in the neighbouring vacancies, at Discretion. — Mr. Brown is to supply two Sabbaths at Discretion.

Mr. Caleb Wallace after a little Consideration accepts of the ball from Lub-Creek and Little Falling River. The Pky appoint Mr. Wallace a Lecture on Isa: 53. Chap: and a presbyterial Exercise on Rom: 5-12. as Pieces of Trial previous to his Ordination, to be delivered at our next. — Mr. Rice is appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon, and Mr. Sankey to preside.

Our next Presbytery is appointed to meet at Lub-Creek, on the second Wednesday of Oct: next. This Session of the Pky was concluded by Prayer.

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1774. Presbytery met at Lub-Creek according to appointment — Mr. Wallace preached a sermon on Rom: 5-12. — Presbytery concluded by Prayer. Present the Rev: Messrs Rice, Leke and Irwin, with Thomas Montgomery and Robert Mitchell. Elders — Absent the Rev: Messrs Sankey, Todd, Brown, Waddell and Cummins. Mr. Leke was chosen Moderator and Mr. Irwin clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in — Supplications from upper and lower Dan; from Thico; from Cumberland; from Pine Edward; from Briery; from Dean and Mayo, and from Sandy River, were given in for Supplies.

The Presbytery adjourns to meet at Mr. Ralston's well's at eight O'clock this Evening. Adjourned by Prayer.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. when after Prayer, the absent Members took their Seat — Mr. Wallace delivered a Lecture on the 53 Chap: of Isa. This done, there were some extemporary Questions on Devinity put to him — His Sermon, Lecture, and his answers to said Questions, having been taken into Consideration were approved — Mr. Wallace's Ordination is appointed to be on the morrow.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the House of public Worship tomorrow at eleven O'clock, before Noon, Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> They met according to adjournment. Ubi post Pices sederunt qui supra. — Mr. Rice preached from 1 Tim: 5. 17. after which Mr. Wallace was solemnly set apart to the sacred Work of the Ministry, by the Imposition of Hands, and Prayer, to whom, by appointment Mr. Lake gave suitable Charge, +

Adjourned to Mr. Caldwell's, to meet at eight O'clock this Evening.

They met according to adjournment a: p. P. I. q. 3. Mr. Wallace, now a Member, takes his Seat in Pley together with Robert Caldwell his Elder.

The Presbytery are informed that Mr. Craig departed this Life, on the Twentysena of April 1774.

The Syn. resume the consideration of a School for the liberal Education of Youth, judged to be of great and immediate Importance. We do therefore agree to establish and patronise a publick School which shall be confined to the County of Augusta. At present it shall be managed by Mr. William Graham, a Gentleman properly recommended to this Syn, and under the Inspection of the Rev. Mr. John Brown, and the Syn. reserve to themselves the Liberty at a future Session, more particularly to appoint the Person by whom it shall be conducted, and the Place when it shall be fixed, which they are induced to do, notwithstanding a former presbyterial Appointment, because there is no Person to take the Management of in the Place first agreed on and it is very uncertain whether there ever will,

In Consequence therefore of this Ordination, we do recommend it to the several Congregations subject to our jurisdiction to make such liberal Contributions as they shall find compatible with their Circumstances, in order to provide a publick Library and other Apparatus for the Benefit of that Seminary. These Donations shall be applied agreeable to the Order of Syn, and for this Purpose we do appoint the Rev. Messrs Brown, Rice, Cummins, Irwin and Wallace and also Mr. Samuel Smith Probationers, to collect Subscriptions in the several Congregations annexed to their Names, viz, Mr. Brown in the Pastures, Providence and the North-main-tain; — Mr. Rice in Batetout, on the south side of James's River; — Mr. Cummins in Fincafle; — Mr. Irwin at Tinkling Spring, the Stone Meeting-Place and Brown's Littlemore; — Mr. Wallace in the Fork of James's River, and Mr. Smith at Pleasure.

It was then ordered that a Form of Subscription should be noted down as follows viz,

Agreeable the above Order and for the Purposes therein contained, we the Subscribers do promise to pay to the Persons above nominated, or to their Order the on or before the Twentieth Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> next ensuing, in the Year 1775 the Sums annexed to our Names, dated this 13<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> Anno 1774.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at this Place tomorrow, by seven O'Clock before Noon — Adjourned by Prayers.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>. They met according to adjournment U, P, S, S. Ordered, that the Minutes of our last Session be read. It was found on Inquiring that all the Members present had either fulfilled their Appointments, or assigned sufficient Reasons why they did not.

The Congregation at the Stone Meeting House petitioned the Pky for Leave to apply to the Synod, or to any Pky with in its Jurisdiction, for Supplies, which was granted accordingly. — A Petition for the same thing being presented by the North Mountain Congregation and that in Brown's Settlement, was also granted.

The Congregations of the upper and lower Dan petitioned for Leave to apply to the Presbytery of Orange for Supplies, which was also granted.

The Congregations of North Mountain; Brown's Meeting House; Mosey Creek; Timber Ridge, and Hall's Meeting House petitioned for Supplies.

An Order being made that Supplies sh<sup>d</sup> be appointed to the vacant Churches, M<sup>r</sup> Lake is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Dan and Mayo, and one at the upper and lower Dan — M<sup>r</sup> Wallace two Sabbaths in Halifax and two at Hall's Meeting House, and one at High Bridges.

Mr. Rice two Sabbaths in Cumberland, and two in Battentout — Mr. Lavin one Sabbath at the Stone Meeting House and one at Brown's Meeting House. — Mr. Lake is to supply at Briery — Mr. Brown one Sabbath at Mosey Creek and one at Cook's Creek and two in the Pastures.

Presbytery agree to meet on the second Wednesday of November next at Col. William Lobb's in Amherst to remonstrate against a Bill, intitled, intitled "a Bill for extending the Benefit of the Act of Toleration to his Majesty's Subjects, deserting from the Church of England in the Colony of Virginia".

The Pity taking into Consideration the great Extent of this Colony, judge that a publick School for the liberal Education of Youth would be of great Importance on the south side of the blue Ledge, notwithstanding the Appointment of one already made in the County of Augusta, and having been favoured with the Company of Mr. Samuel Smith, a Probalioner of the new-fangled Presbytery, in Pennsylvania, a Gentleman who has taught the Languages for a considerable Time in the new Jersey College with good Approbation, and with Pleasure finding, that if properly encouraged, he may be induced to take the Charge of such a Seminary, we therefore judge it expedient to recommend it to the Congregations of Cumberland, Prineedward, and Briery, in particular, and to others in general, to set a Description on foot to purchase a Library and a philosophical Apparatus and such other things as may be necessary for the said Purpose, and on the supposition that proper Encouragement shall be given, and Mr. Smith, or any

Gentleman properly qualified may be induced to take the Superintendency, we shall gladly concur to establish and Patronise a publick Seminary in Prince Edward on in the upper End of Cumberland, but if not we reserve to ourselves the Power at any Time hereafter to fix on any Place at or below the Mountains, that we shall judge best, and the Subscriptions taken in consequence of this Order shall be void as to them who desire to withdraw them.

Our next stated Presbytery is appointed to meet at Timber Ridge, on the second Wednesday of April next Anno 1775. — This Session of Pley was concluded by Prayer.

( N. B. The Minutes of two pro re nata Presbyteries which ought to have been inserted here are lost. )

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April 12<sup>th</sup> 1775. The Presbytery met at Timber Ridge according to appointment — Mr. Lake preached a Sermon on James 2. 20 — Pley constituted by Prayer Present the Rev. Messrs Todd, Brown, Rice, Lake, Irwin and Wallace, with Jo Logan, Elder — Absent the Rev. Messrs Sankey, Weddell and Cummins — Mr. Todd was chosen Moderator and Mr. Irwin Clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in accordingly Supplications from the most of our vacant churches were presented.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last Pley be read, as far as they have a Reference to Supplies. An Inquiry it was found that all the Members present had either fulfilled their appointments or assigned good Reason —

Reasons why they did not.

Ordered that supplies be appointed — Mr. Stevens a gentleman from the North ward, having intimated his desire to spend some time in the Bounds of this Pley, it is recommended to him to supply at peaked Mountain in particular and else where in general at Diferation. — Mr. Irwin is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Augusta Meeting House; one at Jeffrey Creek and two at Woods's Plain: It is also recommended to Mr. Irwin to supply a week day at Fort Young, and another at Finlen Ridge. — Mr. Lake is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Park's Creek. — Mr. Wallace is appointed one Sabbath at High Bridge.

The Pley adjourned, to meet at Mr. Brown's by Nine O'clock tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 13<sup>th</sup>. Pley met according to adjournment. u, p. 5. q. 5. Ordered that the remaining supplies be appointed — Mr. Weddell is appointed to supply a Sabbath at Brown's Settlement; one at the North Mountain and another at the Tinkling Spring. — Mr. Cummins one at the Head of Reed Creek and two more at Diferation. — Mr. Rice two Sabbaths at a Society in Ambush known to him, altho without name at present. two more at Dan, and another at Sandy Creek, and to preside at the Choice of Elders there. — Mr. Cronin one Sabbath at Hall's Meeting House and another at the Stone Meeting House. — Mr. Todd four Sabbaths at Diferation.

Messrs Leke and Wallace are appointed to prepare an Overture respecting the better Exercise of Discipline in our Churches to be ready at our next.

Ordered that the remaining part of the Minutes of our last be read. Reasons of absence by Mr Todd and Mr Brown sustained - Mr Weddell is now come - The Confederation of the Petition and Remonstrance drawn up at last Mr Cabals deferred untill tomorrow.

Ordered that the Minutes of our pro re nata Pley, held at Capt. Wat: Venable's on the first of Feb. 1775, be read.

The Confederation of School Affairs deferred untill tomorrow - Mr Cummins and his Elder are now come.

A certain Margaret M'Millen having sworn a child to James Wright, which he denies, he applies to Pley to have the matter cleared up, but Pley finding that they can do nothing in this affair untill both parties are present, do cite them to appear at our next.

A certain Rachel Harbut having sworn a child to Capt. Michael Wallau, he also applies to have the matter cleared up but Pley finding that they can do nothing in this case either till both Parties are present, do therefore cite them to appear at our next.

A certain Rich<sup>d</sup>. Williams being unhappy in his first Wife, she having made many Elapements from his House and Bed, and having accompanied with other Men, notwithstanding of every Method in his Power to reclaim her that it neccessary, after having given her timely Notice of his Intentions, to join himself to another, whereupon one of our Churches scrupled to allow him Church Priviledges, whereupon he applies to us for our Direction and Advice in the Case. The Pley having taken the matter into Consideration, do



advise that he be admitted to the Privileges of the Church.

Mr. William Graham having offered himself on Trial for the gospel Ministry produced sufficient Testimonials of his good standing in the Churches where he lived to the Northward, and in particular from the Churches which he was best known, and having been interrogated on his Views for the gospel Ministry, and also on his Acquaintance with practical Piety, and on these Points having satisfied the Pky, he is continued on Trial.

Presbytery adjourn to meet at this Place, tomorrow, at nine O'clock before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 11<sup>th</sup>. Pky met according to adjournm<sup>t</sup>. U. p. P. S. q. S. Ordered that the Minutes of our last be read. — Mr. Graham having read a Discourse on Gal. 1. 13. and also an Exegesis on this Question "An Christus qua Mediator, sit adorandus? — The Pky after Confederalion sustain him as Prees of Trial.

Mr. James Tompelson having offered himself on Trial for the gospel Ministry, produced sufficient Testimonials of his moral and religious Character, from the Northward, and in particular from Doctr. Weatherpoon, and having been examined on his Views for the gospel Ministry, and also as touching the grace of God in him, has on these points satisfied the Pky, The wherefore is continued on Trial.

The Pky appoint to Mr. Tompelson, a Discourse on Mat. 5. 14. also an Exegesis on this Question "Fides Abrahami an sit Fides Gratie": as Prees of Trial to be delivered at our next.

The Pky do also appoint to Mr. Graham a Discourse on Tim: 4. 10 also an Homily on this Subject "How far Knowledge is necessary to Salvation, to be delivered at a Pky to be held at the Dec. Esi. on the last Wednesday of June, Anno 1775.

The Affairs of our publick School are now taken under Consideration, and after the most mature Deliberation

The Pky find that they can do no more at this Session than to recommend it again in the warmest manner to the Publick. to make such Liberal Contributions as they shall find compatible with their Circumstances, for the establishing said School and the Pky as Guardians and Directors, take this Opportunity to declare their Resolution to do their best Endeavours to establish it on the most catholic plan that Circumstances will permit of. The Pky adjourn to meet at this Place tomorrow at Nine O'clock before Noon.

Adjourned by Prayer.

April 15<sup>th</sup> The Pky met according to Adjournment *ultra post Preces sedent qui supra* — Ordered that the Minutes of our last Session be read. The Pky finding that they cannot of themselves forward Subscriptions in a particular manner. do, for the encouragement of the Academy to be established in Augusta, recommend it to the following Gentlemen to take in Subscriptions in their behalf. *Viz*,

The Rec. W. Cummins, Col. W. Puffton and Col. W. Lethbridge in Fincastle — Col. Lewis, Col. Fleming and W. Larkheart, in Balltown. — On the South Side James River, Capt. J<sup>r</sup> Payer, Capt. W. M<sup>r</sup> Kee, Capt. Adli Paul, Capt. J<sup>r</sup> Maxwell and W. James Trimble, in the Forks of James River. W. Samuel Syle, and Capt. Samuel M<sup>r</sup> Donel in Timber Ridge. The Rec. W. J<sup>r</sup> Brown, W. James Wilton and W. Charles Campbell of Providence — W. William M<sup>r</sup> Peters, W. William Ledgerwood and W. J<sup>r</sup> Trimble in the North Mountain and Browns Settlement. — W. The Stewart and W. Walter Davis at the Trubling Spring — W. Sampson Mathens of Stanton, Capt. George Mathens, Capt. George Harpel, and W. James Allen in Augusta Congregation. — W. Brown, W. Lwin and W. Wallace are to give the above named Gentlemen, Notice of this Appointment. and to solicit their Favour.

The P<sup>ty</sup> think it expedient, as they now have an Opportunity of visiting the School under the Direction of Mr. Brown, accordingly the P<sup>ty</sup> repaired to the School House, and attended a Specimen of the Proficiency of the Students, in the Latin and Greek Language, and pronouncing Orations with which they were well pleased.

Our next Presbytery is appointed at Rockfish in Cumberland County, on the twenty-fifth of Oct<sup>r</sup>. Anno 1775. This Session of the P<sup>ty</sup> was concluded by Prayer.

October the 25<sup>th</sup> 1775 The Presbytery met at Rockfish according to Appointment — constituted by Prayer — Present the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Messrs Lankey, Tada, Brown, Rice, Seke, Shuin and Wallace, with Robert Johnson, Robert Buchanman, Robert Mitchell, Alexander Blain, Capt. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Montgomery & J<sup>r</sup> Shuin, Elders. — Absent the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Messrs Weddell & Cummins. — Mr. Lankey was chosen Moderator & Mr. Rice Clerk.

Messrs Brown & Seke being the only Persons who found it practicable to meet at the Time & Place appointed for our Fall Presbytery, last June, altho' they could not constitute a P<sup>ty</sup>, yet proceeded to hear the Pieces of Trial assigned to Mr. W. Graham & Mr. Templeton at our last, & also examined them on Natural Philosophy and report, that they were well pleased with the Performance of these young Gentlemen. — The Presbytery do approve of their Proceedings on the then Occasion & do so far con- sider in their Judgment as to sustain the Performances of those Candidates as Pastors of Trial. They further report that they assigned Mr. Graham the Eleventh Verse of the third Chapter of the Epistle to the Galatians, as the Subject of a Sermon, and to Mr. Templeton a Lecture on Rev. 2. 1 — 8. — Mr. Graham having delivered his Discourse to Day, the Consideration thereof is deferred.

Ordered that calls & Supplications be given in — A Petition was presented from Cumberland & Biery, requesting that Mr. Smith be ordained at Presbytery, — The Synod therefore agree that his Ordination be on Friday next at this Place & that Mr. Rice shall preside. Mr. Todd is permitted to go Home.

Presbytery adjourn, to meet at this Place tomorrow by Nine o'clock before Noon.

Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to Adjournment & after prayer the Members above named took y<sup>e</sup> Seat. — same Mr. Todd permitted to go Home. — Ordered y<sup>e</sup> the Minutes of our last Sederunt be read.

Mr. Samuel M'Bookle, a Probationer licensed by y<sup>e</sup> Presbytery of New York, having signified his Desire to join himself to this Presbytery, & having produced proper Testimonials from said Presbytery, as also from Orange Ry, he is now taken under the Care of this Synod.

A Call from the united Congregations of Falling-Spring, Oxford & High Bridge, was presented to Mr. Samuel M'Bookle, which he takes under Consideration, & he is therefore appointed to supply them for ordinary untill our next.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last Sederunt be read. — Mr. Leke & Mr. Wallace having been appointed at our last to prepare an Overture respecting the better exercise of Discipline in our Churches, & things having fallen out so that it was impracticable for them for the time being, are reappointed to this Business to have it ready at our next.

All the Members present either fulfilled their Appointment or assigned sufficient Reasons why they did not.

The Presbytery having made an Order at our last, that Jas. Right & Margaret McMillen sh<sup>d</sup>. be summoned to appear at this, to answer in a certain Charge, as mentioned in the Minutes of our last, The said Right has appeared accordingly, & has produced a Certificate of his good standing amongst his Neighbouring Persons of Character, & has also shewn several Depositions for his own Exculpation, but the Consideration of the Affair is deferred.

The Presbytery adjourns to meet at Mr. John Morrison's, this Evening at Eight O'Clock.

Adjourned by Prayer.

The Pky met according to adjournment, where after Prayer the above Members took their Seat. The Pky proceeded to hear Mr. Templeton's Sermon & Lecture, and having considered them do approve & sustain them as Pieces of Trial. — The Pky further proceeded to examine Mr. Templeton & Mr. Grayham of Science & Decency & to put them on the Defence of their The-  
 sis. Having now taken a View of their whole Trials, & they having promised to subscribe the Formula having acknowledged the Westminster Confession of Faith & having promised Subjection to this Pky in J<sup>o</sup> Lord, the Moderator, by the Appointment of Pky, proceeded to licence the said Mr. W. Grayham & Mr. W. Templeton, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as Probationers, & they are licenced accordingly.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet at the House of publick on to morrow by Nine O'clock, before Noon.

Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> They met according to adjournm<sup>t</sup>: when after prayer the Members as alean took their Seat.

The Confederation of Mr. Wright's. affair is now resumed, and from what appears before us, we are led to judge favourably of his Case, and we agree to appoint one of our Members again to cite Margaret M. Millen to give publick notice to the Congregation where she lives, that if she or any other Person can say, or have any thing to fasten the Child on him agreeable to the said Margaret's Oath, that they appear before us at our next stated Presbytery; that they give the said Wright Notice in Writing, of what they intend to make appear against him, at least one Month before the Day, and then, if no further Proof appears against him, we judge that the said Wright sh<sup>d</sup> no longer be debared Church Priviledges on that Account.

Michael Wallace and Rachel Harbut, not appearing agreeable to the Order of our last, the Consideration of their case is deferred untill our next.

Mr. Samuel Smith preached a Sermon on Luke: 2.8. previous to his Ordination, with the Day are well pleased. Mr. Smith having applied for Admission into this Day, informed us that he had neglected to bring a Dismission and Recommendation from New Castle of the, nevertheless, being well assured of his good Standing, as a Probationer of that Day, and seeing that a Ball from the united Congregation of Cumberland and Prince Edward, has been presented to him and he being encouraged to receive it by said Day, which amounts to a Dismission and Recommendation, we judge it safe to receive him; but recommend it to him to pro-

procure a Dispensation and to produce it to this Body as soon as he conveniently can. The Presbytery then proceeded to read Mr Samuel Smith to be added Work of the Ministry by the imposition of Hands and Prayer. Mr Smith now takes his Seat as a Member of Body, together with his Elder, Mr James Arnable.

Body adjourned, to meet at Mr John Morrison's at seven O'clock this Evening. Adjourned by Prayer.

<sup>20</sup>The Body met according to adjournment, ubi prae-  
ces sedesunt qui supra. The Aquia School is taken  
under consideration. We agree that Mr William Graham  
continue to have the care and tuition of said School, and  
upon receiving a proper Recommendation, we choose and  
appoint Mr John Montgomery, late from Prince Town Col-  
lege to be his Assistant.

We request, that the Gentlemen appointed by the Body  
last Spring, still continue to take Subscriptions, and find-  
ing that the Interest of the School requires that a considera-  
ble Sum of Money be immediately laid out in pur-  
chasing Books and Mathematical and Philosophical appa-  
ratus, we appoint the Rev. J<sup>r</sup> Brown, Mr Chas. Camp-  
bell, Mr Robert Steel, Capt. Sam<sup>l</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dowell, Mr Samuel  
Lyle, Capt. J<sup>r</sup> Bowyer, Mr William McKee, and Mr Wil-  
liam Graham, to collect what Money they can, from  
those who have already subscribed, or who may now be en-  
courage the Design. And we appoint the said Willi-  
am Graham, as giving Bond and Security to the Rev.  
J<sup>r</sup> Brown and Capt. Samuel M<sup>r</sup> Dowell for the faithful  
Discharge of the Trust, to lay out the Sum of £150  
in purchasing Books and Apparatus for the Use of  
the said School.

Ordered that Supplies be appointed.

Mr. William Graham is appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Timber Ridge, two at Hall's meeting House, two on the south side James River, five in the pastures one at Brown's Meeting House, one at the North mountain and the rest of his Time at Dieration, until our next spring Pley.

Mr. Templeton is appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Sandy River, one at Mayho, one at Balletaub, Court House, one at Raan Oak, one at Reed Creek and one at Tinkling Spring, and the rest of his Time at Dieration until our Next.

Mr. Rice is appointed one at upper, and one at lower Dan, and one at Buffalo in Amherst. — Mr. Brown one at Balletaub Court House, one at New River and one at Tinkling Spring. — Mr. Smith is appointed one Sabbath in Flanau and one in Carolina. — Messrs Todd, Leke, Lummis and Wallace are appointed each three Sabbaths in ambuances, at Dieration.

Adjourned to meet at the House of publick Worship tomorrow, by nine O'clock before Noon, Adjourned by Prayer.

Met according to adjournment, at 11, P. M. — Mr. Brown and Mr. Leke are now gone home.

A Petition was presented from the congregation of Rockfish, requesting that we would enquire why Mr. Devin, their Minister had absented himself from them since last Spring. Upon which Mr. Devin represented to us that it was his necessitous circumstances, occasioned chiefly by the deficiency of the congregation, that obliged him to remove his family, and so absent himself from his congregation.



Upon this the Syn proceeded to examine into the state of the Accounts between Mr. Drvin and the Congregation; but finding that the Balance cannot be easily ascertained at present they advise that they meet together next Monday with the help of Mr. Wallace, and endeavour to adjust their Accounts, and be ready at our next to make the Balance appear to us. In the mean Time on the account of Mr. Drvin's unsettled Condition, we appoint him to step-ly in his own Congregation, or in our Vacancies at Discretion till our next. Mr. Drvin is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Cook's Creek, and he is ordered to make diligent search for our old Presbytery Book, and also to transfer our old papers as soon as possible.

Mr. M'Bookle is appointed to supply two Sabbaths, at Cook's Creek and one at Jackson's River, and then to give Notice to Margaret M'Miller, and the Congregation of our last Thursday's Order relating to Mr. Wright's Case.

A Session of the Syn is appointed to meet at Prince Edward Court House on the second Wednesday of the next Month, Mr. Smith's Installation is to be on that Day and at that Place. Mr. Todd is to preach the Installation Sermon and Mr. Sankey to give the Charge.

Our next Presbytery is appointed to meet at Timber Ridge on the first Wednesday in May. This Session of the Syn was concluded by Prayer.

November the 8<sup>th</sup> 1775. The Presbytery met at Prince Edward Court House according to Appointment — Mr. Rice preached on Jas. 53. 10 — Present the Rev. Messrs. Sankey, Todd, Rice, Wallace and Smith, with William Cook and John Matton Elders — Mr. Rice was chosen Moderator and Mr. Wallace Clerk. — Mr. Smith's Installation deferred till tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock. Adjourned to meet at Capt. Wal-

Met: Venable, this Evening.

Met according to Adjournmt. The Day proceed to take under Consideration the Affairs of the Pine-Edward Academy - Ordered the Minutes of our Session of the first of Feb: last be read.

Mr. Smith informs that the Gentlemen, not being able to collect or borrow the four hundred Pounds, for the Purchase of purchasing Books &c; did transmit a Letter of Credit to him, last Spring, for three hundred Pounds, and Twenty in Cash, which he has laid out in purchasing of Books and mathematical and Philosophical Apparatus, agreeable to the Directions of the Day, and that he has purchased on his own Credit, in behalf of the Day to the amount of forty Pounds, which are all safe come to hand - The Letter of Credit; and the forty Pounds above named, together with the Package and Portage of the Books and Instruments, the Gentlemen appointed to collect the four Hundred Pounds, are desired to pay out of the Collections, they have made or shall make of the Subscriptions.

Mr. Smith is desired to give a Catalogue to the Trustees to be entered in their Book.

The Gentlemen inform us that Ninety eight Acres of Land is measured, bounded and secured from being Deed from Mr. Peter Johnson, for the Use of the Academy.

The Gentlemen appointed inform us, that they have drawn Plans, and let an Academy-House, and a Dwelling-House for the Rector, at the sum of six hundred and Ninety four Pounds, for which the Undertaker is to take Subscriptions for Payment, upon the Condition that such as are found to be insolvent, be made good with the other Subscriptions, and that they have let a Kitchen and a Smoke House, which are to be valued when the

work is done, and paid as above.

The Pny are informed that the Gentlemen who were appointed Trustees, have signified their Acceptance, and the Rev. David Rice, Col. Patrick Henry, Col. J<sup>r</sup>. Tadd, Col W<sup>m</sup> Cabbell and Col. James Madison Jun<sup>r</sup>. are now added to the number. W. Tadd is appointed to write to Col. Henry and to Col. Madison; W. Rice to Col. Cabbell and Cap<sup>t</sup>. Norton to Col. Tadd, and to solicit their Acceptance

Adjourned, to meet at this place, tomorrow at nine o'clock half one Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Nov<sup>r</sup>. the 9<sup>th</sup> Pny met according to adjournment. — W. Smith informs, that agreeable to the Commission of Pny. he has engaged two Assistants of liberal Education, W. J<sup>r</sup>. Smith and W. Springer. — W. Smith was installed agreeable to an Order of last Prefytery.

A Letter from the Synod of New York and Philadelphia was given in by the Moderator, informing us of an Order of Synod that collections sh<sup>d</sup>. be made in all our congregations for the Purpose of sending Missions and religious Books to our Frontiers, and ordering that our Prefytery Book be sent to the next meeting of the Synod.

The Prefytery considering the great Secarcity of Cash & the important Struggle we are now engaged in with the Indian Country, judge that little or Nothing can be procured at present in our congregations, in the Way of Collecting for the above Purpose, and considering the Extent of our Charges and the great Number of Vacancies we have to supply, as well as the Difficulties in which we are involved in common with our Countrymen, we also judge it incompatible with our Circumstances, for any of our ~~Home~~ Members to attend at the next Synod, with our Prefytery Book: We therefore appoint W. Tadd and W.

Mr. Rice to write to the Synod, and plead an Excuse, until Providence shall put it into the Power of some of our Members to attend.

Ordered that our clerk furnish the clerk of the Trustees, of the Prince Edward Academy with a copy of all our Minutes relative to that Academy, to be entered in their Book.

May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1776. Presbytery met at Timber Ridge according to appointment. — Mr. McCle preached on Job, 37, 0. constituted by prayer — Present the Rev. Messrs Brown, Weddell, Rice, Druin and Wallace and Smith, with Wm<sup>o</sup> Campbell, Elder — Absent the Rev. Messrs Santrey, Todd and Cummins.

Mr. Druin reports, that Mr. Lake departed this life the second of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775. — Mr. Brown is chosen Moderator and Mr. Wallace clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in. A ball from the united congregation of Timber Ridge and Hall's Meeting — Kauge, for Mr. William Graham was given in to the Pky, and by them presented to him, which he takes under Consideration — A ball from the Tinkling Spring Congregation, for Mr. Weddell was given into the Pky and by them presented to him, which he takes into Consideration, for one year. A ball was given in from Bathy's Settlement Congregation, in Orange Presbytery, with a letter from that Pky, requesting that it may be presented, to Mr. McCle. and be dignified from this Presbytery. The ball was presented, which he takes into Consideration, but his Dignification is deferred.

Supplications from Craig's Creek Sinking Spring - Weaver's Falls -  
Oxford North Mountain and Brown's Settlement - Monongahela  
High Bridge and Falling Spring, were given in - Verbal, from  
stare Meeting House - half Pasture - Upper and lower Pan,  
Buffalo in Amherst - Halifax - Sandy River - Mayo -  
The head Waters of Roan Oke - John's Creek and Sinking Creek  
were given in. - Mr. Wallace is permitted to go home.

Adjourned untill tomorrow at Nine o'clock before  
noon, to meet at this Place. Concluded with Prayer.

May the 2<sup>d</sup>. Presbytery met according to adjournment,  
where, after Prayer the Members as above took their seat saw  
Mr. Wallace permitted to go home. - Ordered, that the Mi-  
nutes of our last stated Day be read.

The consideration of the certificate for the better Discipline of  
our Churches, deferred - Mr. Morel having signified that  
not finding his way clear to take the charge of the united  
congregations of Falling Spring, Oxford and High Bridge,  
now gives back their ball, and accepts the ball from Bath's Set-  
tlement congregation. He is therefore dismissed from this  
Ply, and returned to the Jurisdiction of Orange Ply. Or-  
dered that the Clerk furnish him with proper Testimonials.

Mr. Morel reports that he has made probation directed by  
our last stated Ply in the case of James Wright and Margaret  
McMillen, and no Accuser now appearing, the Bar to Wright's  
being taken into the communion of the Church is now removed.

Michael Wallace's and Rachel Barbut's case is deferred  
untill tomorrow.

Mr. Smith informs, that he has obtained a Dismission  
from New Castle Ply, and expects to have it in his Power to pro-

produce it to this Presbytery at our next Session. — The Consideration of Agrippa School is deferred.

The Appointments of last Fall's Presbytery, to the Members present, are fulfilled, or the Reasons of those which were omitted sustained.

The Confederation of the Affair between Mr. Inuin and his Rockfish Congregation is now resumed, and from the whole that has appeared before us, we judge that Mr. Inuin is excusable for absenting himself from that Congregation, before he had obtained the Dismission of this Presbytery.

Mr. Inuin having represented to us ~~that~~ many providential Circumstances, that would render it difficult for him to continue in the Charge of the Congregation of Rockfish, at his Request and by their Consent, he is now Dismissed.

Balls were given in from the united Congregations of Lee Es, and rich have for the on third of Mr. Inuin's ministerial Labours, in each Congregation, also a ball from the Mountain Plain Congregation, for a continuation of the remaining third part of Mr. Inuin's ministerial Labours, and containing a Request, that the Union between them and Rockfish Congregation might be dissolved. This Union we advise that it will be for Edification to Dissolve.

The above balls were presented to Mr. Inuin and by him accepted. They proceeded to appoint Supplies.

Mr. Templeton is appointed to supply at High Bridge; at lower and upper Dan; at Sandy River; at Mayo; at the head Waters of Raven Creek; at Peter's Creek; at John's Creek; & at sinking Creek, ~~one~~ Sabbath at each one of these Places, and the rest of his Time he is to supply at his own Pleasure untill our next.

Mr. Graham is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Craig's Creek; one at Spring-Creek; one at Weaver's Knobs and two in the Pastures. — Mr. Brown to supply one Sabbath at the North Mountain, one at Brown's Meeting House and one at the Stone Meeting House, and to administer the Sacrament of the Supper there. — Mr. Weddell is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Backfish; one at Dinwiddie's Creek & one at Back's Creek. — Mr. Rice, to supply one Sabbath at Buffalo in Amherst and two at Diferation — Mr. Guinn is appointed to supply one Sabbath at the Stone Meeting House, one at Mosey's Creek, and one at the Peaks Mountain. — Mr. Wallace is appointed to supply three Sabbaths in Halifax. — Mr. Smith is appointed to supply one Sabbath in Hanover, one in Caroline, and one at Diferation — Mr. Moreland is requested to supply one Sabbath at Falling Spring and one at Dailer Mr. Kinley's.

Adjourned until Tomorrow Morning at Nine o'clock before noon to meet at the Gram-marschal, under the care of Mr. Graham. Concluded with Prayer.

May 3. 1776 Met according to Adjournment. 22 p. p. qui supra. saw Mr. Campbell.

Rachel Harbut having sworn a child to Michael Wallace which he denies, he made Application to the Jury for a Trial in the case, upon which an Order was made, to cite the said Wallace and Harbut to appear before us. She failing to appear, and Information having removed to South Carolina, and Wallace having produced several affidavits for his Exculpation. The Jury ordered to judge favourably of him, but do not see any way clear to admit him

to Church Communion without farther light in the case. We therefore appoint the Rev. Messrs Todd Brown, Weddell and Irwin or any three of them, with their Elders, a committee, to meet at the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> on the seventeenth of Oct. next, and in conjunction with Mr. Irwin's Lesson to determine on the case, and of this appointment Mr. Irwin is to give timely notice to the Parties more immediately concerned. — Mr. Irwin's Infilliation is appointed at the same Time and Place. Mr. Weddell is to preach the Sermon and Mr. Todd to urge the charge.

The Synod proceeded to examine the School under the care of Mr. Graham, and having attended a Specimen of their Improvement in their Classical Studies, and pronouncing Grations, the Synod highly approve of the Proficiency of the Students and the Diligence and Ability of the Teachers.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at Nine O'clock, to meet at Timber Ridge. Adjourned by prayer.

May 1<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment. *M p p* qui supra. Ordered, that the Minutes of the Synod of the Eighth of Nov<sup>r</sup>. last be read. Mr. Samuel Smith informs that Mr. John Smith came according to Agreement, and is now in the service of an Academy, as his Assistant, but Mr. John Springer having been providentially detained, he has on the Emergency imployed Mr. Samuel Daak, as second Assistant, and the Number of Students increasing beyond Expectation, he has also employed Mr. David Weatherston, as third Assistant. The Synod, on being certified of their good Character, and liberal Education, do approve and confirm the choice.



Ordered, that the Minutes of this Day be read. Mr. Graham now accepts the ball from the united congregation at Timber Ridge and Hall's Meeting House.

Our next stated Day is appointed at Concord on the 17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Oct<sup>r</sup> next, the Time and place of Mr. Graham's Ordination, at which Mr. Wallace is to preside and Mr. Rice to give the charge. Mr. Graham is to preach on Rom: 3. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We mean to his Ordination.

The confederation of the Quakers for the better Discipline of our Churches, is deferred until our next Yearly Meeting, and as one of the Members appointed to that Business is deceased, Mr. Rice and Mr. Smith, are now joined a committee with Mr. Wallace to mature the Venture.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last Day relating to the Augusta School be read.

Mr. Graham informs, that agreeable to the Commission of Day, he has purchased Books and Apparatus for the Use of an Academy to the Amount of £160<sup>..</sup>10<sup>..</sup>9<sup>..</sup> which he has paid and £2. 4s. which he has lost in change. which Monies, with the Portage of the Books, the Apparatus, and all other reasonable Expenses, the Trustees hereafter to be appointed, are directed to account with Mr. Graham for, and pay him the Balance.

Mr. Graham informs, that the gentlemen appointed last Fall, have collected and paid into his Hands, about £128. which he will be ready to account for more accurately with the Trustees of the Augusta Academy, when they are appointed.

B. This last Minute<sup>l</sup> ought to have stood before the one above it.

Ordered that the Minutes of the former Prefecture relating to the Augusta School be read. The further Consideration of the Augusta Academy, deferred — Mr. Duin is permitted to go home.

Adjourned untill next Monday morning at Nine O'Clock. Concluded by Prayer.

May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Day met according to Adjournment, all past Business, sedunt qui lupus, same Mr. Duin permitted to go home.

As by the Death of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Lake there is a Vacancy in the Board of Trustees, of the Prince Edward Academy (now known by the Name of Hampden Sidney) The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Archibald McRae is chosen Trustee in his stead.

The Prefecture finding, that as the Augusta Academy is circumstanced, it is highly necessary now to fix on the Place for its situation, and the Person by whom it shall be conducted, and as this Congregation of Timber Ridge appears to us to be a convenient Place, and they have obtained a Minister, whom we judge qualified, and Capt. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Stewart and Mr. Samuel Houston, each offering to give 100 Acres of Land, for the Purpose, convenient to the Place for publick Worship, and the Neighbours offering to build an Flowed Log House, 20. by 25. feet, one story and an half high besides their Subscriptions, and assuring us of the Probability that fire Wood and Timber for the Buildings, will be furnished gratis, for at least Twenty Years, we agree that the Augusta Academy shall be placed in Timber Ridge upon those Lands, and we choose Mr. William Graham Pastor and Mr. J. Montgomery his Assistant, and we appoint The Rev<sup>d</sup>.

Major John Brown, James Weddell, Charles Cumming, William Duin and the Rector *ex Officio*. in conjunction with Mr. Thomas Lewis, General Andrew Lewis, Col. William Christian, Col. William Fleming, Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stewart, Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Lyle, Mr. John Eratton, Col. William Preston, Mr. Sampson Matthews, Col. John Boyer, Major Samuel M<sup>o</sup>Donnell, Mr. William M<sup>o</sup>Peters, Capt. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Stewart; Capt. William M<sup>o</sup>Tree, Mr. John Hutton, Mr. Charles Campbell, Capt. George Manter, Mr. William Ward, and Capt. Jo<sup>e</sup> Lewis at the warm Springs. Trustees. Seven of the Trustees shall be a Quorum. They are to collect Subscriptions and Donations, expend the Monies and conduct all the business of this Academy, in behalf of the P<sup>r</sup>esbytery, also, they are to keep a fair Book of Accounts, and all the Transactions relating to the Academy, they reserving to themselves the Right of Votation, forever, as often as they shall judge it Necessary, and of choosing the Rector and his Assistent.

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The Trustees are to meet together Statedly, Twice in the year, and have the Students examined before them, at these Times. They are to choose their own Chairman, Treasurers and Clerk, and appoint a Committee, who shall have Power to call a Meeting of the Trustees, as often as any emergency shall make it Necessary.

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The P<sup>r</sup>esbytery appoint Mr. Samuel Lyle, Col. Lt<sup>o</sup> Banger, Major Samuel M<sup>o</sup>Donnell, Mr. Charles Campbell, Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Capt. William M<sup>o</sup>Tree, Capt. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Stewart, Mr. John Hutton, and the Rector, or any five of them, a Committee to have the Lands given to this Academy measured and Bound and the Title secured, and to draw the Plans and

and let the Buildings of such Houses as they shall judge necessary for the Use of the Academy, and the Rector.

The first Meeting of the Committee shall be on next Monday, and they are impowered to call a Meeting of the Trustees, sometime before the first of next July.

Ordered that Mr. Graham inform the Gentlemen now chosen Trustees, of the contents of these Minutes, & solicit their Acceptance in behalf of the Presbytery.

Mr. Wallace to Preach three Weeks, and assist the Trustees in taking Subscriptions, and Mr. Sankley, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Smith are to supply his Pulpit, each one Sabbath in his Absence.

Minutes lost here — from May 1776 to Jun 1777

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1777. Presbytery met according to Appointment at Concord, in Bedford County. Mr. Wallace delivered a Discourse on the Doctrine of the Cross of Christ, considered as the Foundation of the Gospel, from 1 Cor. 3. Chap.

Present, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Rice, John Wallace & Graham, with Archibald Campbell, John Inuin and Hugh Weir, Elders.

Mr. Rice was chosen Moderator and Mr. Wallace clerk. — Adjourned to meet at Capt. Thumlers at 5 O'Clock this Afternoon.

Met at Capt. Hunter's according to adjournment. The hearing of the pieces of Trial assigned to Mr. Hook and Mr. Seat at our last, deferred untill Tomorrow.

Mr. Dr. Blair Smith, a Graduate of New Jersey College and for some time past an Assistant Tutor in Hampden Sidney Academy, having signified his Desire of putting himself under the care of this Pky. as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry, the Pky. proceeded to examine him concerning the Grace of God in him, and also concerning his Views and Motives, for desiring to enter in the Gospel Ministry, concerning all which he gave competent Satisfaction. Pky. being also well informed that Mr. Smith has been admitted to sealing Ordinances in our Churches, and that he is of good Character and Deportment, and well likewise having produced a Certificate from New Castle Pky. recommending him to our care, we therefore take him under our care, for further Tryals.

Mr. Smith informs, that having been providentially prevented from attending at our last Pky, he made the same known to one of our Members, who directed him an Exegesis on this Theme, An Supplicium apud Inferos sit aeternum, and for the want of Time this Evening defer the Consideration of it untill the Morning.

Adjourned, untill tomorrow Morning at 8 O'Clock. concluded with Prayer.

June 19<sup>th</sup>. Met according to Appointment. The last pieces sederunt qui supra. Ordered that the Minutes of yesterday be read.

The Pley considered and sustained Mr. Smith's Exe-  
-gis as part of Tryal, and Appoint him an Homily on  
-Regeneration, a Sermon on Rom. 3. 24. and a Lecture on  
-Daniel 9. 24. - 27. to be delivered at a Committee of Pley  
-to be appointed before the conclusion of this Session.

Mr. Cranford appeared and gave his Reasons for  
-not attending for not attending, which were sustained,  
-and then he delivered the Exe-gis and Sermon assigned  
-him at our last Fall's Pley, which is considered and sus-  
-tained, as part of Tryal.

Mr. Scot delivered the Lecture, and presbyterial Exer-  
-cise assigned him at our last Pley, which were considered  
-and sustained as part of his Tryals.

Mr. Doak delivered the Lecture and presbyterial Exer-  
-cise assigned him at our last, which were considered and  
-sustained as part of his Tryals. We appoint Mr. Doak,  
-a popular Sermon on Heb. 5. 9. and the same for Mr. Scot  
-on Rev. 22. 17. to be delivered at our next stated Pley.

Mr. Cranford informed us, that, sending himself  
-prevented from attending our last Pley, he shortly after-  
-wards had an Opportunity of applying to the Moder-  
-rator, who appointed him a Presbyterial Exercise on  
-on Rom. 3. 31. to be delivered at this time with the con-  
-currence of the Pley, which having heard me sustain  
-as part of his Trials, and further appoint him a Lec-  
-ture on Johi 1. 1-6. and a popular Sermon on Ephe-  
-5. 14. to be delivered at our next stated Presbytery.

The Pley considering it as probable that our General Assembly may come to a final Determination concerning Church Establishments, at their next Session, which may make it of Importance for this Pley further to concern themselves in the case before our next stated meeting, we therefore appoint the Rev. Messrs Sankey, Todd, Rice, Wallace, and Smith, or any three of them a committee, to meet at Hampden Sidney, on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> or sooner, if any two of them shall judge it necessary, to do and act in behalf of the Pley, in that case and to further Mr. John B. Smith in his trials

Ordered that the Minutes of this Sederun be read. concluded with Prayer.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1777 The Presbytery met at Buf-  
 falls Congregation & the Pley having been prevented by  
 a Storm of Rain from meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, the Day  
 to which it had adjourned, met on the Day following.  
 None of the candidates being present to whom separate  
 Discesses had been assigned, and the Time of Pley  
 being shortned by yesterday's Disappointment, Resol-  
 ved that the Usual Form of opening Pley by a Sermon from  
 the Moderator of the preceding Pley be omitted, on the  
 occasion. Uti post heces sederun, the Rev. Messrs San-  
 key, Wallace, and Smith, with Hugh Porter, Robert  
 Caldwell and James Allen Elders. — The Rev. Green-  
 erer Brooks a Member of Senic Pley, being occasionally  
 present, was invited to take a seat with the Pley as a cor-  
 respondent

Resolved that the former Moderator and clerk be continued untill there is a full Pley.

Ordered that the Minutes of the Intermediate Pley, held at Concord on the 10<sup>th</sup> of last June be read.

The first Business which accrued on the reading of the Minutes was a popular Sermon to be delivered by Mr. Dabk. but he not being yet arrived, Ordered that it be postponed.

The Rev. Messrs. Rice and Graham, with their Elders Rob<sup>t</sup> Mitchell and Henry Millung, appeared and took their seats.

Ordered that a Moderator and clerk be chosen, accordingly Mr. Wallace was chosen Moderator and Mr. Smith clerk. — Pley being informed that the candidates were arrived and ready to be heard.

Ordered, that Mr. Dabk deliver his Sermon. Resolved that Mr. Dabk's Sermon be received as part of Pleyals, & that the Moderator point out to him the Animadversions made upon it by the Pley, and those Defects in it which it will be necessary to cure, in order to improve his usefulness in the Churches of Christ.

Ordered that Mr. Crawford be introduced to deliver the Lecture assigned him at the last Session of Pley; and having delivered it accordingly, the Pley approve and receive it as part of his Pleyals.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning at nine o'clock concluded with prayer.



Oct<sup>r</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup>. Pley met according to Adjournment. Ubi post  
 Praes. sederunt qui supra.

On Motion made to proceed in the Examination of M<sup>r</sup>.  
 Cranford's literary qualifications, the Pley made <sup>Tryal</sup> Trial  
 of his Knowledge in Geography, and Natural Philosophy,  
 and, having obtained Satisfaction of his competent Ac-  
 quaintance with them - Resolved that they be accepted as  
 Parts of his <sup>Tryals</sup> Trials.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup>. Scott, and M<sup>r</sup>. Cranford proceed to  
 deliver the Sermon required of them at the last Lesson of  
 Pley. Upon Deliberation on their Discharges - Resolved  
 that they be sustained as Parts of <sup>Tryals</sup> Trials, and that the Mo-  
 derator administer to them such Censures, as the Pley thot  
 necessary upon the Consideration of their Performance.

A Motion was made that M<sup>r</sup>. Rice might introduce a  
 Representation, from himself, and his present Congrega-  
 tion, and ask the Advice of the Presbytery, whether he shall  
 continue in the Relation that now subsists betwixt them  
 or relinquish one of them, and which it shall be. The  
 Pley called on the different Parties to make their Represen-  
 tations, and upon Deliberation held, advise that  
 M<sup>r</sup>. Rice relinquish the Congregation of Concord, and at-  
 tach himself wholly to the Congregation at the Peaks of  
 Otter, and they do hereby dissolve the Connection be-  
 twixt the said Congregation and M<sup>r</sup>. Rice.

Adjourned untill tomorrow Morning. Comed at Nine  
 o'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 31<sup>st</sup>. Met according to adjournment. Ubi post  
 Praes. sederunt qui supra, came M<sup>r</sup>. Allen who is per-  
 mitted to go home.

Ordered, that Mejer's Cransford Book and Leath, be introduced to compleat their literary Trials, and after long and particular Examination of each of them in the Sciences of moral Philosophy and Theology, and of W. Cransford in the Languages,

Resolved that they be accepted as the foundation of their Trials, previous to their being licensed. and the Licence of the Pley to them to preach the Gospel in their Churches, was intimated to them accordingly accompanied with a solemn Charge from the Moderator.

M. Graham represented, that W. J. Montgomery, a young Gentleman of the County of Augusta, who has finished his Education in the College of New Jersey, desires to be received by this Pley as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry — Resolved that he be introduced, and, after Inquiry made into his moral Character and Deportment in life, and hearing his Profession of Faith in Christ, and of his Repentance towards God,

Resolved, that W. Montgomery be received as a Candidate, for the Gospel Ministry.

Appointed, that he prepare an Exegesis to be delivered at our next Lesson of the Pley, on this Subject, An Justitia vindicatrix sit Deo essentialis, and on Homily on the following Head of Theology, what is the nature of saving Faith, and how is it distinguished from its Counterparts?

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning — Concluded with Prayer.

Nov. 1. Met according to adjournment. Ubi post Praesederunt qui supra. — An Motion that the Confederation of Supplies should be taken up.

Ordered, that the Supplications be given in at the Table. The following written Supplications were accordingly presented, From the united Congregations of back's creek and Mafey's creek — from the Inhabitants of the sink-hole Lands, formerly known by the name of Beas, particularly for an Ordained Minister — from Reed-creek and New Dublin — from Anthony's creek Boleslaunt's bounty — from the united Congregations of North Mountain and Brown's Meeting-Place. — and the following verbal ones from the upper and the lower Congregation of the half Pasture, — from the Windy Cove in the lower Pasture — from the Augusta Congregation — from Mr. Weddell's late Congregation — from Rich creek and Indian creek — from Tragent's great Valley — from the upper and lower Dan — and from lower Flico.

Ordered that the reading of the Minutes of the Session of June the 10<sup>th</sup> at Concord be finished. — The Committee appointed <sup>once</sup> at Hampden Sidney, on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>: failed to meet, and upon hearing the different Members who failed the s<sup>r</sup> judge the causes sufficient to excuse them.

Mr. John B. Smith being absent in Pennsylvania, Ordered that his Tryals be farther deferred.

Ordered that the Minutes of the Session at Timber Ridge, in last April be read. — Mr. Smith's Reasons for not attending our two last Presbyterys, sustained — Mr. Sankey's Reasons for non attendance, and for not supplying at

at Rockfish, sustained.

Mr. Rice the Chairman of the Committee appointed to meet at Mr. John Page's, informs the Day that he was ready to deliver in the Minutes of the said Committee. Ordered that they be received. On reading the Minutes Resolved that the Proceedings of the Committee were judicious and successful, and Ordered that their Minutes be recorded. Ordered that the consideration of Mr. Wallace's Expenses at Williamsburg be further deferred until our next Session. On Motion resolved that Supplies be appointed.

Mr. Cook is appointed to the North Mountain; — Timber Ridge — Hall's Meeting-House — Concord — Amhurst — Brown's Meeting-House — Aquissa — Backs-brook — Peaks Mountain — Nofsey brook.

Mr. Scott. New Dublin — Reed brook — Timber Ridge — Hall's Meeting-House — The Pastures — Peak-ed Mountain — The North Mountain.

Mr. Crawford, Amhurst, Concord, Bathetourt at at Craig and Jackson's.

Mr. Weddell three Sabbaths at his former congregation. — Mr. Tompison at lower Dan, lower Flies and sandy brook. — Mr. Wallace on Sabbath at upper Dan. — On Motion that the Day be adjourned

Resolved that the Day be adjourned accordingly to meet at Tinkling Spring, on the fourth Tuesday of April next 1778.  
concluded with Prayer.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1770. The Presbytery met at the Sink-  
ling Spring according to appointm<sup>t</sup>. — Mr. John B. Smith  
abandoned, preached a popular Sermon, on 1 John. 3.1.  
Present the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Messrs Weddell, Luin and Graham<sup>rs</sup>.  
Samuel Syle and Samuel Wright Elders — Absent the  
Rev<sup>d</sup>. Messrs Lankey, Todd, Brown, Rice, Cummins, Wal-  
lace and Smith. — Mr. Weddell was chosen Moderator  
and Mr. Luin clerk.

Mr. James McInnell, a Probationer, licenced by the  
the Presbytery of Dunmagon, having signified his De-  
sire of putting himself under the care of this Presby, and  
having also produced proper Testimonials, from that Presby  
by which he was licenced, of his good standing in the  
Churches of Christ and of his regular Dismission, from y<sup>e</sup>.  
Presby, and he having accepted of a call in our Bounds, he  
is therefore taken under the care of this Presbytery.

Ordered, that calls and Supplications be given in. A  
Petition from Rock-Bridge, Oxford, and Falling-Spring for  
the Ordination of Mr. McInnell, as soon as possible, was  
given in.

A Petition from the North Fork of Roanoke, and the  
Head of Cataba, particularly for Mr. Scott, and also for  
an Ordained Minister. — A Petition from the up-  
per and the upper part of the low Pasture, and the low-  
er part of the Bull Pasture, particularly for Mr.  
Scott. — A Petition from the Aqueduct Congregation, that  
Messrs Brown and Weddell might administer the  
Sacrament of the Supper, and also for as much of Mr.  
Scott's Time as might be:

A Petition from the North Mountain and Brown's Meeting-Place, that the Sacrament of the Supper might be administered amongst them, and for a supply by W Scott. — A Petition from Mayses Creek for the same thing. — A Petition from the Lion-Pasture and the Mouth of Craig's-Creek, for supplies by an ordained Minister — Do from the Mouth of New-River for the same — Do from Peakes Mountain for supplies — Do from Rockfish for the Administration of the Sacrament of the Supper. — A Petition from Liberty Hall, that some Members might collect Donations.

A Call from Pleasant-Garden and Quaker's Meadows, North Carolina, was given in to the Pny to be presented to Mr. Timplerson, which was by him taken into Consideration.

A Petition from the Executors of the Rev. W. John Craig deceased, requesting that the congregation of Tinkling Spring might be urged to pay up their Arrears &c.

The Pny appoint the Ordination of M. M. Gonnell on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June next, at High Bridge; that W. Meddell preach the ordination Sermon; that W. Brown preside and that M. Rice give the Charge.

W. Dack is appointed to supply one Sabbath at the North Fork of Roan Oak, and another at the Head of Cataba. M. M. Gonnell is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Craig's-Creek; one at Peter's-Creek; one at Galluppie's Meeting-Place, and one at the Lion Pasture.

Mr. Brown and M. Meddell are appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Supper at the Stone Meeting-Place.

W. Seab is appointed to supply ~~four~~ Sabbaths at the united congregations of North Mountain and Browns Meeting House; four at Augusta, or the Stone Meeting House; four at the united congregations of Mosey Creek and Cooks Creek, and the rest of his time at Deferation untill sun next.

W. Crawford is appointed to supply three Sabbaths at the Wolf Pasture — W. Waddell to administer the Sacrament of Supper at the North Mountain, assisted by W. Seatt. — W. Brown to administer the Sacrament of the Supper at Mosey Creek, assisted by W. Seatt. — W. Dault to supply two Sabbaths at New River — W. Lankey and W. Rice to administer the Sacrament of the Supper at Blackfish — W. Brown to supply two Sabbaths at Green Brier — W. Waddell two Sabbaths at Deferation — W. Irwin two at Deferation.

Adjourned to meet at W. Waddell's at seven O'Clock this Evening.

concluded with Prayer.

~~April 30th~~

Met according to adjournment. Members present as a-ban — The Pky proceeded to examine W. John B. Smith on Divinity, his answers were all satisfactory. The Pky having now taken a full view of his whole performance and being well satisfied therewith, do agree to license the said W. John B. Smith to preach the Gospel as a Probationer, and he is therefore licensed accordingly.

Adjourned, to meet at the House of publick Worship at nine O'Clock before Noon, tomorrow.

concluded with Prayer.

April 30<sup>th</sup>

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Met according to adjournment, the past Preres de-  
ferred qui supra.

Absammitte of Pley having been appointed to attend  
at Mountain Plain, to inquire into a certain affair rela-  
-tion to Capt<sup>t</sup> Michael Wallace and Rachel Harlent which,  
by some Circumstance was prevented from meeting accord-  
-ing to said Appointment, Capt<sup>t</sup> Wallace renews his  
Application verbally, by W. Druin, to have the matter  
-settled, Resolved therefore that the Appointment be renewed,  
and that Messrs Sankey, Rice, and Druin, in conjunction  
with the Deacons of Mountain Plain and the Dec Esq<sup>s</sup> wa-  
-scomitte, to inquire into that affair, at a Time here-  
-after to be appointed, when W. Sankey and W. Rice  
shall find it convenient, at any Time before our next  
of which Appointment they are to give timely Notice to  
W. Druin, and he to the aforesaid Deacons.

The Petition of the Executors of W. Craig deceased is  
now taken into Consideration & as the only thing that can  
be done, Pley do recommend it to both the Congregation  
of the Stone Meeting House and also to that of Tinkling  
Spring, to pay their due Proportions of the Money due  
to W. Craig's Heirs, Viz  $\pm$  37-16. Principal, which is now  
in Dispute, and to settle the Matter in the most amicable  
manner possible.

W. Montgomery read his Homily and Exegesis  
assigned him at our last, the Consideration of which is de-  
ferred — Adjourned, to meet at the House of publick  
Worship, at 9 O'Clock tomorrow before Noon.

Concluded with Prayer.



May the 1<sup>st</sup> met according to adjournmt. Members present as above.

W. Montgomery's Peaces are taken into Consideration Resolved that they be sustained as Parts of Tryals.

Mr. Benjamin Erwin having offered himself to the Pley as a Candidate for the gospel Ministry, the Pley do therefore take him under their care, and having heard him as to his Profession of Faith in Christ, and also as to his Views in desiring to enter upon the gospel Ministry do so far approve, and agree to continue him on Tryals.

Mr. B. Erwin having been prevented from attending at our last according to his Intention, Mr. Graham, that his Tryals might be expedited, appointed him an Homily on the Perseverance of the Saints, and also a Discourse on Rom. 8.9. on the Presumption that the Pley might think fit to receive them. The Pley approve of Mr. Graham's Appointmt. - have now heard, considered and sustained them as parts of Tryal.

Pley proceeded to examine W. J. Montgomery and Mr. B. Erwin on the Classics and Geography, and being satisfied with their skill in these Parts of Literature, do sustain them as Parts of Tryal.

Appointed, that Mr. B. Erwin prepare an Exegesis on this Theme, An Infantes Fidelium baptizandi sint? and a Lecture on the Epistle of Jude, and that W. Montgomery prepare a Lecture on the 5<sup>th</sup> Chap: of the Song from v. 2 - 9. and a Discourse on 2<sup>nd</sup> 5. 10. to be delivered at our next intermedial Pley, our next Pley is appointed to meet at Mountain Plain on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Oct: next.  
Concluded with Prayer.

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1778. (1941) The Presbytery met at Rankbridge according to Appointment. W. McInnell delivered a Sermon on the Subject assigned him at our last. Constituted by Prayer — Present the Rev. Messrs Brown, Waddell and Rice. W. Brown was chosen Moderator and W. Rice Clerk.

W. McInnell's Sermon being approved by the Pley, his Ordination is appointed on the morrow.

W. B. Erwin delivered the Epitaph and Lecture assigned him at our last, and the Pley approved and sustain them as part of Trial.

Adjourned till 10 O'Clock tomorrow morning.

Concluded with Prayer

June 18<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment — A Sermon was delivered by W. Waddell according to Appointment, on 2 Tim. 1. 7. — Then W. James McInnell was ordained to the sacred Work of the gospel Ministry, by the Imposition of Hands and Prayer, and he now takes his Seat with us as a Member of Pley.

The Pley appointed W. Rice to supply four Sabbaths in Westmoreland and Richmond, and W. McInnell is appointed to supply his Pulpit one of these Sabbaths. W. Seat is also appointed to supply those Counties four Sabbaths.

~~The Pley recommends it to the Trustees of Liberty Hall to use their best Endeavours to collect outstanding Subscriptions, for the Use of that Institution, and that each Mem-~~

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Member of the Presbytery obtain of the Trustees a copy of a Subscription Paper, and take in what Subscriptions they can.

M. Montgomery and W. Erwin delivered the Lectures and Discourses assigned them at our last, and having considered them, agree to sustain them as part of Trial.

The Presbytery appoint W. Erwin a popular Discourse on Rom. 3. 24. and M. Montgomery one on Phil. 2. 12. to be delivered at our next.

October 27<sup>th</sup> 1770. Presbytery met at the Mountain Plain according to appointment — Present the Rev. Messrs Fadd, Rice, Lummins, Irwin and Graham, with James Davis Tho. Thorp and Dr M'bullet, Elders. — Absent the Rev. Messrs Laney, Brown, Maddell, Wallace, M'bonnel and Smith. — W. Rice was chosen Moderator and M. Irwin Clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in. In consequence of the above order a ball from the North Mountain and Brown's Meeting House, was given in to be presented to W. Scott, which was by him taken into consideration, until the Day following.

A ball from the congregations of Sinking Spring and Spreading Spring, was given in to be presented to W. Brown, which he accepted of at the time.

Supplications from Aqueta congregation; from Salem; from the Royal Oak &c. were given in for Supplications.

The Confederation of Mr. Erwin's and of Mr. Montgomery's Discourses deferred untill tomorrow.

Adjourned, to meet here tomorrow, at Nine O'clock before Noon. concluded with Prayer.

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournm<sup>t</sup>. *et* post Breves qui supra, together with the Rev. Messrs Brown Waddell, Wallace, and Smith, with Mr Hutton, John Ramsey and James Allen, Elders.

Inasmuch as all the Members and Commisisioners could not attend yesterday, Ordered, that if there be any balls or supplications to be given in, they be now presented.

In consequence of the above Order, a ball from the united congregations of Flapwell, and Concord, in Hedgton was given in to be presented to Mr. Samuel Doak, which he takes under consideration untill tomorrow.

A petition for Redress of a certain Grievance was given in to Pley by William Lowry. — Mr. ~~Doak~~<sup>Doak</sup> accepts the ball presented to him yesterday. An Motion of Mr. Seath be ordained as soon as possible, Resolved that his Ordination be on the first Tuesday in Dec<sup>r</sup>. next. Mr. Graham to preach the Ordination sermon and Mr. Waddell to preside and give the charge. The Ordination is to be at Brown's Meeting House — The subject pointed out to Mr. Seath is, God is Love.

Ordered that the Minutes of the last stated Pley be read. Messrs Lowry and Rice for sufficient Reasons, failing to examine into Capt. Michael Wallace's Affair with Rachel Harbeck, it was proposed that the Pley sh<sup>d</sup>. enter upon the

defension of that Affair and bring it to a final decision. Ordered that Capt. Wallace produce any evidence that he may have for his own Exculpation. He accordingly brought into Ply several Depositions to invalidate the said Harburt's Veracity. The Ply, after inquiring into the Character of the Parties, and into a variety of Matters fitted to reflect Light on the Subject, *Advised,*

Ordered that one more Attempt be made to bring said Wallace to a Confession, and for this Purpose that Mr. Rice in particular, may in private deal solemnly with his Confession, pray with him as in the Presence of Almighty God, and enjoin it on him to confess the Truth, and that the Result be reported to Ply tomorrow morning.

Ply proceeded to the Examination of Mr. Erwin and Mr. Montgomery on Divinity, after proposing a few Questions the Triest coming on made it necessary to defer the farther Examination of these young Gentlemen, till this Evening. Messrs Wallace, Smith and Graham, are appointed a Committee of Ply for that Purpose, and to make Report in the Morning.

Adjourned, to meet at this Place by Nine o'clock tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned with Prayer.

Oct: 29<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment. *ubi post* *Præces sedentur qui supra.* Mr. Rice having complied with the Order of yesterday, reports that Capt. Wallace, observed that he considered himself as speaking in the Presence of Almighty God, and declared that he never knew Rachel Harburt, nor any other Woman, save his own Wife.

On the above Report being made by Mr. Price, the Presb. altho they readily take it for granted that the truth of the case may never be known before the great Day, when all Secrets shall be disclosed. yet, as there appears to them to be a Foundation for a Judgment of Charity respecting Capt. Wallace, advise that he be restored to Church Privileges.

A ball was given in from the upper End of Amherst to be presented to Mr. Doak, which he takes into Consideration till this Evening.

Agreeable to the Appointment of Yesterday Mr. Smith and Mr. Graham examined the Candidates on Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Eloquence and Criticism, and do now report that their Answers were satisfactory, Mr. Wallace could not attend.

They do now proceed to the farther Examination <sup>Mr. J. J. [unclear] & Mr. P. [unclear]</sup> on the Candidates on moral Philosophy and Divinity, and having gone thro' with their Examination and being well satisfied with their moral and religious Character, as also in the Classics, Geography Astronomy, Criticism, moral Philosophy and Divinity, do agree to license them to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Probationers, and they are hereby licensed accordingly.

Mr. Doak accepts of the ball from Hattgen. His Ordination is appointed at the same Time and Place of Mr. Seath's. The subject pointed out to him is, "O ye holy as I am holy".

Adjourned, to meet here tomorrow, viz. Nine O' Clock, before Noon. Concluded with Prayer.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment. Members present as above — Considering the growing extent of our churches; the critical state of religious affairs, the great variety of Denominations multiplying in the State, the Danger of the Extinction of our own Churches, unless some speedy and effectual means be adapted to prevent the evil, a Motion was made that our Pulpits may be rendered more easily accessible and more speedy by altering the usual course of Education, at least with regard to those who are advanced in years, and after cautious Deliberation

Resolved that it be recommended and it is hereby recommended, to all the Members of this Body to mature their thoughts on a Plan to shorten and reform the Mode of Education, so as to afford a longer time for cultivating the Study of Theology, and to make the Pulpit more accessible to younger Youth, who are advanced in years before they have entered on a course of Learning.

Minutes last here —

June the 9<sup>th</sup> 1779. The Presbytery met at Hall's Meeting House according to Appointment — Congratulated by Prayer — Present The Rev. Messrs Brown, Wallace, McKennel, and Scott, with Charles Campbell, James Cooper, William McPheters, Elders. — W. Wallace was chosen Moderator and M. Scott clerk.

M. James Crawford and M. William Wilson delivered the Discourses assigned them at aurlast, the consideration of which is deferred untill Tomorrow.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in. A ball from the Inhabitants on Roan Oak, in Battetawh. County was given in, to be presented to W. Wallace which he takes into Consideration untill Tomorrow.

A verbal Supplication from a great Number of the Inhabitants of Kentucky, for Supplies, was given in.

Adjourned, to meet at this place, by Nine O'Clock Tomorrow before Noon. Concluded with Prayer.

June the 10<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment, with past Preses sederunt qui supra — They proceed to consider the Discourses delivered yesterday, and on mature Deliberation, Resolved that they be sustained as parts of Tryals.

W. Wallace informs us that he accepts of the ball that was presented to him yesterday — The Presy inform James Davies, the Commissioner from Kentucky, that they will send them supplies as soon as possible.

In order to the further Supply of W. Graham's Pulpit, M. Scott is appointed to preach at Hall's Meeting House, on the last Sabbath of June. — M. Brown on the first  
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Sabbath of July — M. Mcbonnel on the second. M. Waddell on the third Sabbath at Timber Ridge — M. Carwin on the fourth Sabbath in July, at Hall's Meeting House, and the first of August at Timber Ridge. — M. Waddell is appointed one Sabbath at Rockfish — M. Mcbonnel, one in the half Pasture & another at Digeration.

The Pley having examined M. Wilson on the classics, Geography, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, have rec<sup>d</sup>. competent Satisfaction, and sustain his Performance as part of Tryals.

Adjourned, to meet at this Place on the Moron by Eight O'clock before Noon. Concludes with Prayer.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to adjournment. The members present as above. Constituted by Prayer. They proceeded to examine M. James Cranford and M. William Wilson on moral Philosophy, and having received competent Satisfaction do agree to sustain their Performance as part of their Tryals, and do appoint for M. William Wilson a Lecture on 2 Cor: 13. to 19, and for the Subject of a popular Sermon the 17<sup>th</sup> verse of the 5<sup>th</sup> Chap. of 2 Cor. and for M. James Cranford, a Lecture on the 4<sup>th</sup> Chap. of y<sup>e</sup> Epistle to the Ephesians from v 22 to the 25<sup>th</sup> and a popular Sermon on 1 Peter 2:7. to be delivered at our next

As Sarah Templen having been prevented from attending, They notwithstanding appoint to him a Lecture on Rev: 3 from v 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> to be delivered at our next together with the Homily assigned to him at a former Presbytery.

Ordered the Minutes of our last Sederunt be read.  
This done this Session of Play was concluded by Prayer.

Our next stated Presbytery is appointed to meet at  
Prince Edwards Court House on the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1779.

October 26<sup>th</sup> 1779 Presbytery met accord-  
-ing to Appointment. Concluded by Prayer — Present  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sankey, Todd, Irwin, Smith and Cranford,  
with J<sup>r</sup> Caldwell Elder — Absent, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Waddell  
Rice, Cummins, Wallace, Graham, McComel, Seal &  
Doak — M. Todd was chosen Moderator and M. Irwin  
clerk. M. James Cranford delivered a Sermon from  
Peter. 2. 7.

Ordered, that M. William Wilson, and M. J. Cranford  
deliver the Lectures appointed them at our last. This done,  
Presbytery confide and sustain the performance of these young  
Gen<sup>ts</sup> as parts of J<sup>r</sup> Trials.

Adjourned to Hampden Sidney to meet there at 9<sup>o</sup>  
clock tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to Adjournment.  
Concluded by Prayer — Members present as above.

M. Samuel Shannon, a young Gen<sup>t</sup>. from the State  
of Pennsylvania having appeared before this Presbytery,  
recommended by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. James Waddell, and having pro-

produced a Certificate of his moral and religious Character from the Presbytery of Danneagal, the Pley, after inquiring into his personal Piety and his Views in defining the Pastoral Office, and having received a Specimen of his Abilities in explaining the Doctrines of the sacred Scriptures, resolved, upon the whole to receive him to future Tryals as a Candidate for the gospel Ministry.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Shannon prepare an Homily from Proverbs 3. 6. to be delivered at our next.

M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Blair Smith having delivered a Sermon on the Subject assigned him at our last, previous to his Ordination, the Pley proceeded to set him solemnly apart to the sacred Work of the gospel Ministry by the Imposition of Hands and Prayer. This done, he now takes his Seat at us as a Member of Pley.

Ordered that Balls and Supplications be given in. A. agreeable to the Order, a Ball from Washington County, N. Carolina, was given in to be presented to M<sup>r</sup> John Montgomery, another from the united Congregations of Hope Creek and Look's Creek, to be presented to M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Erwin, and Supplications for Supplies from various places.

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Templin deliver the Discourses assigned him at our last. This done Pley consider and sustain them as parts of Trial, and do further appoint him a popular Sermon on Hosea 10. 12. and a presbyterial Exercise on Rom: 2. 13<sup>th</sup> to be delivered at our next.

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Adjourned, to meet at this Place tomorrow at 9 O'clock  
before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct 28 Presbytery met according to appointment  
Members present as above. Ordered, that a Mr. Wilson  
deliver the popular Sermon assigned him at our last.  
This done they having considered the Discourse, do agree  
to sustain it as part of Trial.

Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Erwin take the balls pre-  
sented to them under Consideration till our next.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. James Cranford  
and Mr. William Wilson on <sup>the</sup> theology. They being satis-  
fied with their whole Performance, and they having a-  
dopted the confession of faith and having promised Sub-  
jection to this Presbytery in the Lord, Presbytery agree to li-  
cense them to preach the Gospel as Probationers wherever  
God in his Providence may direct, and they are licen-  
sed accordingly.

Ordered that Supplies be appointed. It is done accord-  
-ingly.

Mr. Samuel Stan: Smith having had an Invitation  
from the Trustees of the new Jersey-College to accept of  
the Professorship of moral Philosophy in that Institution,  
asked a Dismission from this Body; from the Congre-  
-gations of Cumberland and Briery, and also from the  
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Presidency of Hampden Sidney. Resolves that the request is reasonable, and he is dismissed accordingly.

The Presidency of Hampden Sidney being now vacant, they appoint the Rev. Mr. Blair Smith to succeed to his Brother, the late President in that Office.

Our next Pley is appointed at Tinkling Spring on the fourth Tuesday of April next. This Session of the Presbytery was concluded with Prayer.

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1700 Presbytery met at Tinkling Spring according to Appointment - Constituted by Prayer. Present the Rev. Messrs Todd, Brown, Waddell, Rice, Davis, Smith and Crawford - Absent the Rev. Messrs Lankey, Cummins, McConnel, Graham and Wallace. Mr. Todd was chosen Moderator and Mr. Davis Clerk. Mr. Brooks being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent Member.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last Session be read, and that balls and Supplications be given in.

According to the above Order a ball from Lancaster and Northumberland was given in to be presented to Mr. Mr. Montgomery, another from Cumberland and Briery was given in to be presented to Mr. Mr. Blair Smith, with he now accepts of, the other is taken in to Confederation. Various Supplications for Supplies.

Adjourned, to meet at this Place at 9 O'Clock to-morrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 26 Met according to adjournment - The Members present as above, with the addition of the Rev Messrs Graham, Scot and M'Connell and their Elders viz Robert Hambleton, Jr Fulson and Samuel M. Nat.

W. Templin preached on the Subject assigned him at our last. His Sermon was considered and sustained as part of Trial

Considering the great Difficulty of Supplying the many Vacancies with ordained Ministers, for the Purpose of administering the Sacraments of Baptism and the Supper of our Lord, Presbytery agree to ordain W. J. Montgomery to the said Work of the gospel Ministry that he may be more extensively useful. He is therefore appointed to preach on the Moron, previous to his ordination.

W. Templin having now read his presbyterial Excuse, they having considered it, do sustain it.

W. B. Erwin now accepts of the ball that was presented to him at our last - On Motion by W. John Davier, the Commisisoner, that W. Erwin be ordained, as soon as possible, Resolved, that his Ordination be on

the third Wednesday of June next; that Mr. Brown  
 preside and that Mr. Waddell preach and give the charge.  
 The Subject assigned to Mr. Erwin is "He is well pleased for  
 his Righteousness sake, he hath magnified the Law and  
 made it Honourable". — Mr. Cranford obtains leave  
 to go home.

Adjourned, to meet at this place on the Morrow  
 before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 27<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment. They  
 have heard, considered and sustained Mr. Shannon's  
 Homily assigned him at our last, and they further  
 appoint to him a Lecture on the 14<sup>th</sup> Psalm, to be de-  
 livered at Massie-break in June next. They having  
 examined him on the Latin and Greek Language,  
 are satisfied with his Skill therein.

Ordered that Supplies be appointed. And they are  
 appointed accordingly.

Res. Motion that the stated Time of our meeting  
 in the Spring be altered from the fourth Tuesday of April  
 to the third Tuesday in May, from the Consideration of  
 the many Disadvantages ~~that~~ attending our meeting at  
 that Time. Resolved, therefore that our Meeting, in fu-  
 ture be on the third Tuesday in May.

Mr. M. Connel having supported his labours at  
 High Bridge, in consequence of the Neglect of that Con-  
 gregation, in giving him a competent Support, until

untill they sh<sup>d</sup>. have better Regulations amongst them.  
 a Communion from that Congregation, applied for the  
 Advice of They in the Case. They accordingly advise, that  
 that Congregation return to their Duty to W. M'Connell,  
 and that they contribute towards his Support something  
 adequate to y<sup>e</sup>. first Proposals. and to use all pre-  
 -udent Measures to cultivate Love and Friendship.

Presbytery having examined M<sup>r</sup> Templin on Geogra-  
 phy, natural and moral Philosophy and Divinity,  
 have had competent Satisfaction and M<sup>r</sup> Templin having  
 adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith, and hav-  
 ing promised Submission to this Presbytery in the Lord,  
 They agree to licence the said M<sup>r</sup> Sarah Templin to preach  
 the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a Habakoner, where God in  
 his Providence shall direct, and he is hereby licensed ac-  
 -cordingly.

M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Montgomery, having preached on the Subject  
 assigned him previous to his Ordination, the Presbytery  
 proceeded to set him solemnly apart to the sacred Work  
 of the gospel Ministry, by the Imposition of Hands &  
 Prayer.

M<sup>r</sup> James Mitchell having offered himself as  
 a candidate for the gospel Ministry: They proceeded to en-  
 -quire into his moral and religious Character, his perso-  
 -nal Piety and his Views in desiring to enter into the  
 pastoral Office, and having had a Specimen of his  
 abili-



ability in Competition, They agree to receive him to future Trials. Mr. Mitchell is appointed to prepare an Exegesis on this Question "An Infans ullorum qui negligunt Institutiones Christi, uulgo, baptisenter? and a sermon on 1<sup>st</sup> L. 13. to be delivered at our next.

A Question was put, with a view to take in the Opinion of Presbytery upon it viz, whether any Person ought to be admitted to the Privilege of Baptism for his Child, who should neglect family publick Worship, family prayer and who, notwithstanding repeated Opportunities, continued to neglect the Sacrament the Sacrament of the Supper? They having considered the Question were unanimously of this Opinion, that those who lived in such neglect w<sup>o</sup> disqualified and ought not to be admitted to that Ordinance.

Adjourned, to meet at Mr. Waddell's at Nine O'Clock tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

April 20 Met according to adjournment, Constituted by Prayer — Present as above.

A Memorial to the Assembly of Virginia, from this Presbytery to abstain from interfering in the Government of the Church, was prepared, and being read in Phys, is appointed and directed to be transmitted to the House,

Congress having recommended last Wednesday a Day of Fasting and Prayer to be observed throughout the united States of America, and the Members of this Presby not having had timely Notice of said Appointment.

could not comply with it, The Pley do therefore appoint Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May to be observed thro out their Bounds for the same purpose.

The Pley do request Col. M<sup>r</sup> Dowell, and Cap<sup>t</sup> Johnson to present their Memorial to the assembly and to second it by their Influence, and M<sup>r</sup>. Waddell and M<sup>r</sup>. Graham are appointed to inform these gentlemen of the Request of Presbytery.

Our next stated Presbytery is appointed at Fall-ing-Spring, in Rock-Bridge county, on the fourth Tuesday of Oct<sup>r</sup> next, and M<sup>r</sup>. Graham is appointed to open the Pley by a Sermon on the Subject of Church-Government. This Session of the Pley was concluded by Prayer.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1790 Presbytery met at Mossie-breek according to appointment — Constituted by Prayer — Present the Rev Messrs Brown, Waddell and Scot. M<sup>r</sup>. Brown was chosen moderator and M<sup>r</sup>. Scot Clerk.

M<sup>r</sup>. B. Erwin delivered the Discourse assigned to him at our last, previous to his Ordination, which of Pley conferred and approved. The Pley next proceeded to set the said M<sup>r</sup>. Erwin apart, solemnly to the sacred Work of the gospel Ministry, by the Imposition of Hands and Prayer. M<sup>r</sup>. Erwin now takes his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Mr. Samuel Shannon delivered the Lecture assigned him at our last: He was also examined on Geography, natural Philosophy and Astronomy, in all which he gave competent Satisfaction, and his Performances are sustained at parts of Trial.

A Supplication for Supplies from the South Branch of Potomack was given in to Pky. Mr. B. Erwin is there fore appointed to supply that Vacancy for three Sabbaths.

This Session of Pky was concluded by Prayer.

October 21<sup>th</sup> 1780. Presbytery met at Falling Spring in Rock-<sup>to</sup> Bridge bounty, according to Appointment. Con-cluded by Prayer — Present the Rev. Messrs Brown: Waddell, Wallace, McConnell, B. Erwin and Mr. Brooks, a corresponding Brother, with Mr. Jm Green Lee, an Elder. Mr. Brown was chosen Moderator and Mr. Wallace clerk.

Ordered, that Mr. Shannon deliver the popular Sermon assigned him at our last. Mr. Shannon delivered it accordingly.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Seat are now come with their Elders, Samuel Lyle and Samuel Craig. — The Consideration of Mr. Shannon's Defence is Defered untill Tomrow morning. — Mr. Graham is to deliver the Defence with which he was to open the Pky to Day, Tomorow Morning.

Ordered, that balls and Supplications be given in. Accord-  
ing to the above Order, a ball from the Augusta Congregation  
was given into Play, and by them presented to Mr. Wilson,  
which he takes into consideration. Various Supplications  
for Supplies were also given in.

Ordered, that the Minutes of our last stated Day be  
read — The clerk not being present with the minutes  
Ordered, that the Minutes of our intermediate Day in  
last June be read.

W. M'Connell's Affairs with his Congregation of High  
Bridge, deferred until tomorrow after Sermon.

Adjourned to Mr. Thomas Parson's to meet at six O'  
clock this Evening. Concluded with Prayer.

Play met at Mr. Parson's according to Adjournment  
and proceeded to hear Mr. Mitchell's Discourse assigned  
him at our last stated Day, which was approved and  
sustained, as a further part of Trial. He is ordered to  
attend next Play with an Exegesis formerly assigned  
him, and a Lecture upon Heb. 6. 1-9. and he may  
then expect to be examined on the Languages and Sci-  
ences.

Adjourned, to meet at the House of publick wor-  
ship at Ten O'Clock, tomorrow before Noon.

Adjourned by Prayer.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Met according to Adjournment. Mr Graham delivered the Discourse assigned him at a last. The P<sup>ly</sup> constituted by Prayer — Mr Cranford and his Elder Mr. Caleb Worldly are now come, and their Reasons for not attending yesterday sustained.

The Consideration of Mr Shannon's popular Discourse, and his Examination on Divinity and moral Philosophy further deferred.

The P<sup>ly</sup> proceeded to enquire into the affair between Mr. McConnel and the Congregation of High Bridge, and after making some progress therein, it was judged expedient to defer the farther Consideration of it till the Morrow.

Mr Moses Hoge was recommended and introduced by Mr Graham as a candidate for the gospel Ministry, and after conversing with him an experimental Religion to his Call to the sacred work, the P<sup>ly</sup> were well pleased to take him under their care and Direction, and they direct that he shall prosecute the Study of Divinity under the Care of some one of our Members, and wait on our next P<sup>ly</sup> with an Exegesis on the following Theme, *Qui Fideliū Infantē soli, baptizantē?* at which time he may expect to be examined on the Languages.

Mr Maddell has leave to go home on account of bodily Infirmary — Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 O'clock. concluded with Prayer.

Oct: 26<sup>th</sup> Met according to adjournment. Upon Mr. Wallace's Motion in behalf of the Great Orchard Congregation on the Head of Holsten River, a ball was given into the Pley from that Congregation for Mr. Eneas Brooks, requesting our Concurrence, that the ball might be purchased to Lewis Town Presbytery, to w<sup>ch</sup> Mr. Brooks belongs, in order to his Settlement amongst them, which was agreed to by the Pley, and the Clerk is ordered to furnish Mr Brooks with a Copy of this minute.

A memorial was given into Pley on the subject of Pfalmacy, requesting that such Measures may be adopted and recommended by Pley, as will improve this this part of divine Service, to which some Queries were annexed with respect to purchasing slaves and having infant slaves baptised, the Consideration of which is deferred until the afternoon

Ordered that the Members of Pley take under their Consideration the State of our Vacancies, and the Churches under our Care, in general, and report such Plans as they may judge most conducive to establish the Gospel and Church Discipline there, to our next Presbytery.

The Pley resume the Consideration of Mr. McConnell's affair &c and being informed by Representatives from the Congregation, that they are willing to give Mr. McConnell Security for a third part of his Salary, and both Parties

manifesting a Desire of being in Friendship with each other, and mutually to forgive and forget any Misunderstandings that have arisen between them, the Pny judge it most for the Glory of God and the Interest of the Parties, that Mr. M'Connell return to the pastoral care of that Congregation, and Pny desire the Moderator to exhort them to cultivate love Unanimity and Forbearance for the Time to come.

The Memorial respecting psalmody was taken into Consideration, and after making some Progress, the further Consideration is deferred until our next stated Pny for the want of Time. The Consideration of the Queries annexed to the above Memorial deferred until our next. Adjourned, to meet at Mr. Payton's at seven O'Clock this Evening. Concluded with Prayer.

Met according to adjournment, and after examining Mr. Shannon on moral Philosophy adjourned until tomorrow morning at 6 O'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> met according to adjournment U, P, P. qui supra sederunt. — proceeded to examine Mr. Shannon on Divinity and after making some Progress therein the Pny adjourned to the House of publick Worship and there finished his examination, and after taking his popular Discourse and his Examination on moral Philosophy and Divinity under the most serious Consideration, in connexion with with the

length of Time he has prosecuted his Studies, do advise and judge it most expedient for W Shannon to decline further Views to the gospel Ministry; at the same Time we also think it our Duty to declare that we hope and expect that W Shannon will prove himself a useful and reputable Member of Society in some other Calling, and the Moderator is directed to furnish him with a Certificate of his good moral and religious Character and Deportment, since he has been under our Care.

Ordered that Supplies be appointed, and they were appointed accordingly.

W M Connel having yesterday informed of Prefecting that Reports injurious to his Character have been propagated, concerning a Negro Child that died in his Service last Winter, and requesting if the Phy would inquire into the Case that the Truth might be manifested. Upon which the Phy proceeded to collect such Proof and Information as could be obtained upon the fact, and it being suggested that W Thomas Lacey and James Jones, were more fully acquainted with the Matter, the Determination was deferred to this Day, and Summonses sent for the above named Persons, to appear as Witnesses,



but these Witnesses not appearing, the Determination is deferred untill our next, and the Elders of Mr. McConnell's Congregation, are directed to cite the above named Witnesses, to appear at that Time, and to give publick Notice that if any others can give Information in the Case, that they also attend Presbytery.

It being reported to us that Dissatisfactions and Discontentions are subsisting between Mr. Cummins and his Congregation respecting the Use of Doct. Watts's Version of Psalms and Hymns, the Presbytery judge it expedient to order that the Parties be summoned to appear before our next Presbytery that we may know what Proceedings it may be necessary to take in the Case.

We are also informed that Mr. Daak has removed from his Congregation in Halifax, without the Advice of the Presbytery, we order that Mr. Daak and a Representative from the said Congregation appear at our next Presbytery to answer in that Case.

Our next Presbytery is to be at Hall's Meeting-House on the third Tuesday of next May. This Session of the Presbytery was concluded with Prayer.

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1783 Presbytery met at Hall's Meeting -  
Hauge according to Appointment - Mr J<sup>r</sup> McCue, a bansi-  
dale for Ordination preached a Sermon from 1 Tim. 3. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Concluded by Prayer - Present the Rev. Messrs Rice, Lum-  
mins, Graham, McConnell, Teal, Crawford, Doake, B. Erwin  
and Wilson. Absent the Rev. Messrs Lankey, Tass, Brown  
Waddell, Irwin, Smith and Montgomery. The Elders that  
attended were David Gray, J<sup>r</sup> Fulton, J<sup>r</sup> Hutton, Andrew  
Moore, Edward Erwin, and J<sup>r</sup> Campbell. - Mr Doake was  
chosen Moderator and Mr Rice clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in. In  
consequence of the above order, a ball was given in from  
the united Congregations of Concord and New Bethel, and an-  
other from the united Congregations of Linking Spring and  
Linker's Creek, to be presented to Mr Rankin.

A ball, from the united Congregations of Cane Run,  
Concord and the Forks in Lincoln County was given in to  
be presented to Mr Rice.

A ball from the united Congregations of Maune Bethel  
and Hopewell, was given in to be presented to Mr Bauleh,  
and by him accepted.

A ball from Providence Congregation in Washington  
County, to be presented to Mr Hutton, and by him accep-  
-ed.

Supplications for Supplies were also given in from many  
of the vacancies, and Appointments made.

On motion that W. McCue be ordained in the congregation of Camp Union and Good Hope, Resolved that it be done accordingly on the first Wednesday of August next, W. Flege is to preach the ordination sermon, W. McConnell to preside, and W. Bradford to give the charge. W. Seath and W. Huxton and kinage appointed to attend.

The Rev. Ezekiah Baulch, made application to be received as a Member of this Presbytery, and on his producing sufficient Testimonials from the Pky of Dunnagal, he was received accordingly, and now takes his Seat as a Member.

Presbytery appoint W. Rice to write a letter to the Pky of Orange in answer to theirs.

Adjourned, to meet at this place tomorrow at nine o'clock before noon.

Adjourned by Prayer.

May 21<sup>h</sup> Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above except W. Graham and W. Erwin.

Ordered that the Minutes of our last Session be read. A Petition from Bethel was preferred to Pky, requesting their judgment in a certain case respecting Rebeckah Bradford.

Presbytery appoint Messrs Cummins Baulch and Doake a committee, to enquire into the Boundaries of Hope well and new Bethel, and to prevent, as far as may be, any disputes that might arise, and likewise to advise them of

of Flapewell, who have joined in Subscription with Bethel to consider themselves as members of Flapewell, but at Liberty and under no Obligation to join with Flapewell if in the course of divine Providence they should have an Opportunity of calling a Minister of their own, and like wise to advise Concord to furnish W. Drake with a Gift of all the Delinquents amongst them, as far as may be obtained,

Prefecture taking Notice that a ball from Linking-Spring was given in to be presented to W. Rankin while at the same time a Supplication was preferred for W. Cummins, after considering the Matter, agree that both the ball and the Supplication be returned to the People, together with an advice to be more unanimous, and thus to prevent that certain Ruin that ever awaits Concord, and also to pay up their Arrears due to W. Cummins as soon as possible.

Ordered, that the Case of Rebecca Bradford be considered — W. Rice is appointed to Converse with her in a solemn manner. W. Rice complied and makes ~~his~~ Report that she still declares her Innocency.

Ordered that Supplies be appointed, and they are appointed accordingly.

An Motion by W. Rice that he be dismissed from his Congregation in Bedford, Resolved that he be dismissed accordingly.

Ordered that the Ball from Kentucky be presented to W. Rice. The Ball was presented and W. Rice accepted of the same.

They appoint Messrs Leck and Erwin, together with Andrew Maer and David Gray, a committee, to enquire of the Com-missioners present, how their Galleries are paid up in their several Congregations.

Ordered that the Petition from highbridge respecting Dancing be considered - This done They are unanimsly of opinion that the custom is pernicious, and do recommend it to all their Members to endeavour to suppress it by every prudent Mean in their Power.

A Petition from the Administrators on the Estate of the Rev. Mr Craig deceased, was given in. On Enquiry They find that the Augusta Congregation have paid up their Arrear to the said Estate, and do recommend it to the Congregation of Tenbling-Spring to pay up their proportion likewise.

Ordered that the Report of the committee be deferred till tomorrow.

Adjourned, to meet here at Eight O'Clock tomorrow before Noon.

do Adjourned by Prayer.

May 22 Met according to adjournment. The Members present as above - Constituted with Prayer.

Ordered that the Minutes of yesterday be read. ~~The appointment of the committee of Litching Spring referred.~~

The Report of the Committee for Congregational Affairs deferred

Ordered the Minutes of the Pny of Oct<sup>r</sup> 22 1702 be read.

On Motion by W. Cummins that the congregation of ebbing-spring might be directed to pay up their arrears due to him, Resolved, that they be directed & enjoined, to do it with all possible Expedition.

M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Berry complaining at aurlast, of being suspended from the <sup>pr</sup>iviledges of a Christian, Pny appointed Messrs Doake and Braughhead, in conjunction with the Eldership of that congregation, a committee to enquire into the Circumstances of the affair; but by some Means the Committee did not attend, Pny do therefore order, that the Decision of the affair be referred to a committee appointed to meet on the Waters of Halfpen for other Purposes.

Ordered that the Petition from the Session of Halli-Meetinghouse requesting the Attention and Interposition of Pny in a certain Case be considered.

Prefleytery having considered the affair, conclude by the Session of Halli-Meetinghouse congregation, had sufficient grounds of Complaint, because the said J<sup>r</sup> Brown had baptised the child of a certain William Brown who resided in their Bounds, and who at the same time was held in Detention, by them a Christian.

Presbytery pronounce it wrong and the Rev. Mr. Brown acknowledges that it is so too.

On Motion that Mr James Mitchell be ordained Deacon that he be ordained at our next stated Syn. He is therefore directed to prepare a Sermon from Isa: 63. 1. Mr. Waddell is appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon and Mr Graham to preside and give the charge.

A certain Ebenezer Brooks, formerly a Member of Lewis Town Syn and for some years past admitted as a corresponding Member of our's, having vented some heretical Doctrines which affect the very essentials of Christianity was cited to appear before Presbytery to answer to the charge brought against him, but refused, Presbytery do therefore warn all the Churches under their care to refrain from hearing his Doctrines, or receiving Ordinances administered by him.

The Session of the congregation of Bethel in Augusta introduced a Reference respecting a certain Rebecca Brantford, the Widow of Robert Brantford deceased. They reported that she had lived seven years with her Husband without Child; but, that on her Husband's going on a tour of militia Duty, in which he died, she bore a Child in ten Months and an half after his Departure, In  $\frac{1}{2}$  of last Session prayed the Decision of Presbytery.

Presbytery, an enquiry finding that the said Rebecca had lived with her Husband in great friendship; that she appeared much concerned at his Death; that she supported a good moral character, and that it is the Judgment of Physicians that a Woman, this Weakness occasioned by Grief or otherwise may go Ten Months or more, are disposed to judge favourably of the Woman, not knowing but her case may be one of those extraordinary Cases, and agree that she may be admitted to Church Privileges, on the Supposition that her other conduct be agreeable.

On Motion the Petition of W. Hamilton is introduced, and as he is not able to attend in Person, Resolved that Messrs Scott, Erwin and Wilson be appointed advocates, to converse with him.

On Motion that W. Samuel Hutton be ordained, Resolved that he be ordained on the third Wednesday of August next, and that Messrs Cummins, Bauley & Doak be appointed to attend as a Pley, W. Bauley to preach the Ordination Sermon, W. Doak to preside and W. Cummins to give the charge. A trial Sermon is required of W. Hutton prior to his Ordination from Col. 3. 4. The Place appointed is Providence Nalachuckey.



Messrs Brown, Bauleh, Doake, Cranford and Thyl-  
son, if ordained, are appointed to meet as a P<sup>ly</sup>. on  
the first Wednesday of Sept. next, to compromise the  
Differences subsisting in Linking Spring, and also  
to consider and determine the affair respecting M.  
Jr. and Thomas Berry.

Adjourned, to meet here at Ten O'clock tomorrow  
before Noon.

Adjourned by Prayer.

May 23<sup>d</sup> Met according to Adjournment. Present  
as above — Constituted by Prayer.

On a Motion that M. Barwick sh<sup>d</sup>. supply at rocky  
Spring and Little River until the next stated P<sup>ly</sup>, he  
solved that he be appointed accordingly as far as he  
may find it convenient.

M. Brown and his Elders are now come. The  
Members appointed to confer Robert Hamilton are  
now come.

The western Members of this P<sup>ly</sup> requested <sup>our</sup> the con-  
currence in soliciting Synod to constitute them into a  
distinct Presbytery it being so exceedingly inconvenient  
for them to attend P<sup>ly</sup> at such a Distance. P<sup>ly</sup> con-  
cure accordingly provided they can procure another  
Member.

On a Motion by W. Graham that neither W. Cum-  
-mins nor W. Rankin be allowed to preach at Sink-  
-ing Spring untill they shall have met to compromise  
the Difference subsisting.

Resolved that they be forbid accordingly: Messrs  
Brown, Baulch and Doake enter their Dissent.

On a Motion that W. J. Rhea, a young Gent. from  
Haltin be taken on Trial as a bananite for the gospel  
Ministry, Orders that W. Rhea be introduced.

The Pley having heard a Relation of the Evidences  
of his Faith in Christ, and Repentance to<sup>d</sup> God, and hav-  
-ing proposed a Number of casuistical Questions and  
having received substantially a Profession of a Chris-  
-tian Faith, and also having heard an Essay from W.  
Rhea on Justification, do agree to receive him on  
Trial accordingly, and do appoint to W. Rhea an  
Exegesis on this Theme "An detur peccatum originale?  
to be delivered at an next stated Preaching.

Ordered that the Affair of Robert Hamilton be con-  
-sidered. On mature Deliberation they came to the fol-  
-lowing Determination Viz, that W. Hamilton has not  
sufficiently defended himself against the Charges  
brought by W. Graham and the Synod: but that upon  
his expressing sorrow to the Synod for his past conduct he  
be restored to full Communion.

Our next stated P<sup>ly</sup> is appointed to meet at Tinkling Spring on the fourth Tuesday of Oct<sup>r</sup> next.

This Session of the P<sup>ly</sup> was concluded by Prayer.

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August 20<sup>th</sup> 1783 P<sup>refy</sup> met at Providence Congregation, Nalanchucky, North Carolina. according to appointment - Concluded with Prayer - present the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Cummins, Doak and Baulch - M<sup>r</sup>. Cummins was chosen Moderator and W. Baulch clerk.

P<sup>refy</sup> was opened with a Lyal Sermon by W. Samuel Hutton from Col. 3. 14.

Ordered that P<sup>ly</sup> proceed to consider M<sup>r</sup> Hutton's Dis- course. P<sup>ly</sup> having considered it do unanimously approve of it and appoint to proceed to his ordination tomorrow.

Adjourned to meet here at Ten O'clock tomorrow before Noon. Adjourned by Prayer.

August 21<sup>st</sup> Met according to adjournment. - The Mem- bers present as above. Ordered that the Minutes of yes- terday be read.

P<sup>ly</sup> proceeded to M<sup>r</sup> Hutton's Ordination. W. Baulch preached a Sermon suitable to the Occasion from Rev. 2. 10 last clause. M. Doak presided and M. Cummins gave charge.

W Thuston being solemnly set apart to the sacred work of the gospel Ministry by Fasting, Prayer and Imposition of the Hands of the Presbytery, takes his seat as a Member of Presbytery.

concluded by Prayer.

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~~The following minutes are recorded already page 94, 95, 97~~  
 JUNE 17 1770 The Pley met according to appointment.

W M'Connell delivered a Sermon on the subject assigned him at aurlast, then post Preces sedent. Messrs Brown Waddell and Rice. W. Brown was chosen Mod. and W Rice clerk.

W M'Connell's Sermon being considered by Pley was approved of and his Ordination is appointed on tomorrow.

W B. Erwin delivered the Exegesis and Lecture assigned him at aurlast, and the Pley approve and sustain them as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet here at ten O'Clock tomorrow before Noon

Adjourned by Prayer

June 10<sup>th</sup> Pley met according to adjournment. The Members present as above. W Waddell delivered a Sermon according to appointment from 2 Tim: 4. 7. and part of vs. 8<sup>th</sup> then W. James M'Connell was ordained to the sacred Office of

of the gospel Ministry by Fasting, Prayer and the Imposition of the Hands of the Priesthery; and he now takes his Seat as a Member of the Pky.

The Pky appoint W Rice to supply four Sabbaths in Westmoreland and Richmond and W. McConnell to supply his Pulpit one of those Sabbaths; M Liatt is also appointed to supply those two Counties, four Sabbaths.

The Pky recommends it to the Trustees of Liberty-Hall to use their best Endeavours to collect the outstanding Subscriptions for the Use of that Institution, and apply them to the present Expencies of that Academy, and that each Member of the Pky obtain of the Trustees a Copy of a Subscription Paper, and take in what Subscriptions they can.

W. Montgomery and W B. Erwin delivered the Discourses and Lecture assigned them at aurbush, and after due Consideration, the Pky approve and sustain them as parts of Trial.

Pky appoint to W B. Erwin a popular Discourse on an Rom: 3. 21. and one also to W. Montgomery on Phil: 2. 12. 13. to be delivered at our next stated Priesthery.

October 27 1778. *(The minutes of this Session are also page 95)*  
 They met at a Mountain Plain according to Appointment - Constituted by Prayer. Present the Rev. Messrs Todd, Rice, Sumner, Swain and Graham.  
 with

with James Davies, Tho<sup>o</sup> Thorp, and Jo<sup>o</sup> M'ulloch, Elders.  
 Absent the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Lankey, Brown, Waddell, McComel,  
 Wallace and Smith. Mr Rice was chosen Moderator and  
 W. Luin clerk.

Ordered that balls and Supplications be given in.  
 agreeable to the above Order a ball from the North Moun-  
 tain and Brown's Meetinghouse was given in to be pre-  
 sented to W Scott, which he takes under Consideration.  
 till tomorrow. Another from sinking Spring and spread-  
 ing Spring, in Battelout, to be presented to W Edw. Cran-  
 ford, which he accepts for the present.

Supplications from various places for supplies w<sup>o</sup>  
 also given in and Appointments made.

The Consideration of Mr Mungomery's and Mr Erwin's  
 Discourses deferred untill tomorrow.

Adjourned, to meet here at ten O'clock tomorrow  
 before Noon.

Adjourned by Prayer

Oct<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Met according to adjournment. Present  
 as above, with the Addition of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Brown  
 Waddell, Wallace and Smith, and of Mr Ramsey, Sr.  
 Thuston, and James Allen Elders.

A Call from the united Congregations of Hopewell &  
 and Concord was given in to be presented to W Doake,  
 which

which he takes into Consideration till Tomorrow.

W Seal accepts of the ball presented to him yesterday. On motion by the Commissioners from N. Mountain and B. Meetinghouse, that M<sup>r</sup> Seal be ordained as soon as may be

Resolved that he be ordained on the first Tuesday of Dec<sup>r</sup> next at Brown's Meetinghouse, that W Graham preach the Ordination Sermon and that W Waddell preside and give the charge. It is appointed that M<sup>r</sup> Seal, prior to his Ordination preach a sermon from these words, "God is Love".

Ordered that the Minutes of our last P<sup>l</sup>y be read. Ordered that the Confederation of the Question relative to the Office of Visitation in particular Families, and the Duties of ruling Elders be deferred till tomorrow.

Major Lankey and Rice failing, for sufficient reasons, to attend, the examination into Capt<sup>l</sup> Michael Wallace's affair with Rachel Harbut, it was proposed y<sup>t</sup> P<sup>l</sup>y W<sup>3</sup> enter on the Disposition of the matter, and bring it to a final decision.

Ordered therefore that W. Wallace produce any evidence that he may be possessed of for his own exculpation. He accordingly brought into P<sup>l</sup>y several Depositions to impeach the said Rachel's Veracity — the P<sup>l</sup>y after enquiring into the Character of the Parties, and into a variety of circumstances suited to reflect Light on the subject.

Ordered

Ordered that one more Attempt be made to bring Mr Wallace to a Confession, and for this Purpose that Rice in private deal solemnly with his Conscience, pray with him and as in the Presence of almighty God enjoin it on him to confess the Truth and that the Result be reported to Puff in the Morning.

They proceeded to examine Mr Montgomery and Mr Erwin on Divinity, and after a few Questions the late Evening made it necessary to adjourn, but Messrs Wallace Smith and Graham are appointed a committee to complete the examination and to make Report in the Morning.

Adjourned to meet here at ten O'clock in the Morning.

Adjourned by Prayer

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Met according to adjournment. Present as above. — Mr Rice complied with the Order of yesterday, and reports that Capt. Wallace, after having observed that he considered himself as speaking in the Presence of almighty God, declared that he never knew the said Rachel Harbut, nor any other Woman save his own Wife.

On this Report, altho they readily take it for granted  
that



that the true state of the case may never be known before the last solemn Day of Accounts; yet, as there appears to them a <sup>20</sup> foundation for a judgment of charity, do agree that Capt. Michael Wallau be restored to the Privileges of the Church.

A ball from the upper part Amherst, was given in, to be presented to Mr. Doake which he takes under consideration till this Evening.

Agreeable to the Order of last Evening, the Members appointed, as above, to attend the Examination of the Candidates, made Report that the Answers of the young men before the Pity were satisfactory.

They do now proceed to the farther examination of Candidates on moral Philosophy and Divinity, and having gone thro' with the examination of Mr Benjamin Erwin and Mr J<sup>r</sup> Montgomery, and being well satisfied with their moral and religious Character, as also with their Skill in the Languages, Geography, natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Criticism, moral Philosophy and Divinity, do agree to license them to preach the Gospel as Preachers, and they are hereby licensed accordingly.

Mr Doake accepts of the ball from Hobson. This ordination is appointed at the same <sup>20</sup> time and place of Mr Scott's, as above. — The Subject appointed to Mr Doake is "Be ye holy as I am holy". Adjourned, to meet here at Ten O'clock tomorrow. Adjourned by Prayn.

(1841)

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Met according to adjournment - Present as above.

Considering the growing extent of our Churches, the critical situation of religious Affairs, the great variety of Denominations multiplying in the State, the Danger of the extinction of our own Church, unless some speedy effectual Means can be adapted to prevent the evil, a Motion was made That our Pulpits may be rendered more easily accessible and more speedily supplied by altering the usual Course of Education, at least with regard to those who are advanced in years, and after cautious deliberation.

Resolved that it be recommended, and it is hereby recommended to all the Members of this Syn, to mature their Thoughts on a Plan to shorten and reform the mode of Education, so as to afford <sup>to</sup> afford a longer time for cultivating the ~~study of~~ Theology and making the Pulpit more accessible to pious Youth who are advanced in years before they have entered on a course of Education.

(1751)

++ February 1. 1775. The Moderator being informed that the Congregations of Cumberland and Prince Edward had succeeded beyond Expectation in taking Subscriptions for the establishment of a Seminary for the Education of Youth, thought it expedient to send a Circular Letter to the several Members, appointing a Pny pro re nata, at least Nathaniel Venables in the County of Prince Edward on Wednesday this first Day of February 1775.

Being met according to appointment, W Rice opened the Pny by a Discourse from Heb. 11. 6. The first Pnyes present the Rev Messrs ~~Scott~~ Lankey, Rice, Leake, Irwin and Wallace. W Lankey was chosen Moderator and W Wallace clerk.

Ordered that the clerk read the Minutes of our last stated Presbytery, respecting the establishment of Schools in our Bounds.

Ordered, that W Irwin furnish W Cummins w<sup>th</sup> a Minute of our last stated Pny respecting the school in Augusta.

The Pny upon enquiry find that there is above £1300 already subscribed for the purposes above mentioned, and considerable Additions are expected.

The Pny proceed to consider how it would be most  
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expedient to lay out these Monies, and where to establish an Academy.

Ordered that £400 be applied to purchase such Books, and Mathematical and Philosophical Apparatus as are more immediately necessary; and considering that the present non Importation Agreement may continue a considerable Time, we earnestly <sup>re-</sup>quest <sup>Mr.</sup> Samuel Stan: Smith, to purchase said Books and Apparatus in our Northern Provinces, by and with the Advice and Concurrence of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Robert Smith and the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Robert Davidjon, and W<sup>o</sup>. Bayard Marchant of Pennsylvania; and the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Dat<sup>o</sup>. J<sup>o</sup>. Rodgers, and W<sup>o</sup>. Samuel Broom Marchant of New-York, or any two of them. And we also earnestly request the Visitors and Managers, hereafter nominated, and Messrs Joseph Morton, James Allen, William Smith of Cumberland, W<sup>o</sup>. Walker, Will<sup>m</sup>. Morton, and Robert Good, to collect £400, or to borrow it upon Interest, and transmit it to Philadelphia, to the said Samuel Stan: Smith before the first of May next.

Adjourned, till Tomorrow morning at seven O'clock.

concluded with Prayer.

Feb: 2. Met according to adjournment, Ubi post Preces  
 qui supra. The Try after viewing several places  
 shewn them by the gentlemen of the Part, agree to  
 build an Academy House, and a Dwelling House  
 for the Superintensent, and other necessary Houses  
 as far as the Subscriptions will admit at the head  
 of Hudsons Branch in Prince Edw: bounty on an Hun-  
 dred Acres of Land given for the Use by M<sup>r</sup> Peter John-  
 son, and we entrust M<sup>r</sup> Peter Johnson, Col<sup>l</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Nash,  
 Jun<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> James Allen, Capt<sup>t</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Norton, and Capt<sup>t</sup> Nat:  
 Venable, or any three of them to draw Plans, of  
 the Houses and let them to the lowest Bidder. of w<sup>ch</sup>  
 they shall give timely Notice to the Publick. and  
 we also intrust Col<sup>l</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Nash Jun<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> James Allen,  
 Capt<sup>t</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Norton, and Capt<sup>t</sup> Nat: Venable, or any three  
 of them to have the above named Hundred Acres of  
 Land measured and bounded, and the <sup>same</sup> little secured  
 for the purposes for which it was given.

And as several Members of this Try lie at too  
 great a Distance from each other frequently so  
 meet together and consult the affairs of this Academy  
 we appoint the Dea<sup>r</sup> Messrs Lankey, J<sup>r</sup> Loas Samuel  
 Seake, and Caleb Wallace; together with M<sup>r</sup> Peter  
 Johnson, Col<sup>l</sup> Paul Harrington, Col<sup>l</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Nash Jun<sup>r</sup>. Capt<sup>t</sup>  
 J<sup>r</sup> Norton, Capt<sup>t</sup> Nat: Venable, Col<sup>l</sup> Tho: Read, M<sup>r</sup>

Mr. James Venable, Mr. Francis Watkins and the Superintendent ex Officio, Trustees of the Academy seven of the Trustees shall be a Quorum: They are to collect the Subscriptions, expend the Monies, and conduct all the Concerns of the Academy in behalf of the Pity: also they are to keep a fair Book of Accounts, and all the Transactions relating to the Academy to be preserved on the Records thereof.

The Pity reserve to themselves the liberty, power of choosing the Superintendent, the Trustees, and the Assistants.

The Clerk is ordered to send a copy of this Minute to the gentlemen above Chosen, who are not now present, and in behalf of the Trustees to solicit their Acceptance.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning seven o'clock.

Concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer.

Feb. 3. Met according to Appointment. — The Pity chose Mr. Samuel Stan: Smith, Rector, of the Prince Edward Academy, and we entrust the said Smith, and the Rev. Robert Smith of Pennsylvania and William Chas: Ruffon, Professor in Princeton College  
or

or any two of them to choose an Assistant. And we also agree that Tuition be fixed at £4 per Annum, for each Scholar, 20/ of which shall be paid yearly on the Day of Entrance, and we also agree that all the Tuition Money shall be divided between the Rector and the Assistants, at the Discretion of the Trustees, until they shall find it expedient otherwise to regulate the Matter.

Mr Lankey having obtained Permission to go home, Mr Rice was chosen Moderator in his Room.

The united Congregations of Pine Barrow & Cumberland, having applied to us for Permission to present a call to Mr Samuel Smith a Probationer of New-Castle Presbytery, it is cheerfully granted. And as we find it would be very inconvenient for any of our Members to be present in the Congregation when the call is signed, we take the Opportunity to assure the Rev. Phy, that we have sufficient Information that they are unanimous for Mr Smith, and we earnestly pray that you may concur in encouraging him to take the care of one of our Important Vacancies — Ordered that the Clerks furnish the above named Congregation with an attested Copy of this Minute.

The Presbytery having for a long Time had the liberal Education of Youth, in these upper Parts much at Heart, and having succeeded so far in our endeavours to promote it, as to do something considerable, towards erecting an Academy in Prince Edward County where not only every necessary Branch of human Literature will be taught to good Advantage on the most Catholic Plan, and whereas some Gentlemen who are unacquainted with our Sentiments may encourage this Seminary with Reluctance because it is to be under the Guardianship of this Pley, we take this Opportunity to assure the publick, that tho' the strictest Regard shall be paid to the morals of the Youth, and Worship carried on Evening and Morning in the Presbyterian way, yet on the other Hand, all possible Care shall be taken that no undue Influence be used by any Member of this Pley, the Rector, or any Assistant to Regard the Judgment of any; but that all of every Denomination shall fully enjoy his own religious Sentiments, and be at Liberty to attend that Mode of publick Worship, that either Custom or Conscience makes most agreeable to them, when and where they may have an Opportunity of enjoying it.



Ordered that the clerk furnish Cap<sup>t</sup>. J<sup>r</sup>. Morton with an attested Copy of this Minute.

The Presbytery reflecting that W<sup>o</sup> Todd has not attended p<sup>l</sup>y for two or three years last past, the clerk is ordered to write him a Letter, desiring him to attend our next p<sup>l</sup>y, or favour us with the Reasons of his long Absence.

Ordered that the clerk read the Minutes of this Session.

O O Concluded with Prayer

\*\* The Minutes of the presbytery, appointed to meet at Hall's meeting House May 25<sup>th</sup> 1781, which ought to have been inserted here, are lost

Concord Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1781. The Presbytery met according to appointment. Present the Pres<sup>es</sup> Messrs Sankley, Brown, Waddell, Cummings, W. Irwin, Graham, Crayford, Doak & Smith Ministers; Messrs McLogan, Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell, John Lyle, & Bryant Ferguson Elders. Absent the Pres<sup>es</sup> Messrs Todd, Rice, Wallace, McConnel, Scott, Montgomery & D. Irwin - Consecrated <sup>with</sup> by prayer - The Pres<sup>es</sup> Messrs Edmonds & Crayford of Orange Presbytery being present were invited to sit as correspondents

Mr. James Stetzel opened the P<sup>l</sup>y by a sermon from Col. 1. 14 which was sustained as a part of his Trials

Mr. Sankley was chosen Mod<sup>o</sup>. & J<sup>r</sup>. Smith Clerk

On citation, ordered that the Supplications for supplies be presented - Mr. Cummings requested Supplies for Concord below the North Fork of Hotalen, & the Valley Church

in Sullivan County - Mr. Waddel requested Supplies for Richfish, the South Branch of Potomack & the Northern Neck - Mr. Doak the same for Salem in Montgomery County - Mr. Brown the same for the Bull, Cow, & Calf pastures & Green River - Mr. Crawford the same for the head of Craig's Creek, & the Lowest Bottom - A verbal request was made for supplies from Buffalo in Amherst - The same from Concord in Bedford - The People on Simpson's Creek, a Branch of the west fork of the Monongahela petitioned for supplies - The Augusta Congregation requested, that a Presbytery should meet there as soon as possible for Mr. Wilson's Ordination -

Mr. Montgomery then came

A Call was presented to him from Bethel in Washington which he took into Consideration a few Days - another was presented from Concord & Providence to the same, with the same Effect - as also from Winchester, Opened & Cedar Creek to the same Gentleman with the same Effect -

Adjourned till Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock  
Concluded with prayer

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> The Presby met according to adjournment. Con-  
-stituted with prayer. The same members present as before.

Mr. M. Connel came with Tho. Wilson his Elder

An Motion ordered, that the Minutes of the Presbytery on Rockbridge last October be read. As also the Minutes of last Spring Presbytery

The Consideration of the Affairs of Messrs. Cummings & Doak's Congregations as recorded in the Minutes that were just read, was postponed till the whole reading of them be finished

Mr. Graham reported that the differences subsisting between Mr. Crawford & part of his Congregation called Sinking Spring as noticed in the Minutes of preceding Presbyteries, had been in a proper train of being happily accommodated when he was there according to order.

But Mr Crawford informed the Presbytery, that the fair prospect soon after disappeared, and that the same uneasiness had again fully revived. The Consideration of that was deferred as above.

Mr. Bogie's Trials were deferred in the same manner, as were also the Trials of Messrs M'Cue & Rankin - The Consideration of Mr. M'Cormel's case was deferred in the same manner.

Mr Graham reported, that he had complied with the Order of Presbytery in writing to the Session of High Bridge, but had not written to Mr M'Cormel's two other Sessions, for reasons that were sustained -

Mr Brown reported, that he substantially complied with the order of Pby, respecting his writing to Mr. Daniel M'Callan.

Mr. Graham's report from the Committee appointed to meet at Sinking Spring to prepare a Memorial to the General Assembly was as follows.

"Sinking Spring May 31. 1781. The Committee met according to Appointment at Sinking Spring & was opened by a Sermon from Mr Graham on 2 Cor. 9.15. Present Messrs Wallace, Graham & Crawford. Absent Mr Rice. Mr Crawford was chosen Chairman, Mr Graham Clerk. The Committee adjourned to Mr. Samuel M'Roberts. - Concluded with prayer

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1781. The members met as above. The Committee being opened with prayer proceeded to draw up a Memorial according to appointment of presbytery, which was put into Mr Graham's hands to be forwarded to the General Assembly, & he was directed to preserve a Copy for the Inspection of our next Presbytery."

The Consideration of Mr Graham's Correspondence with the Association of Litchfield in Connecticut was deferred

Ordered that the Members should give an account of the Appointments assigned them at the last Presbytery -

Mr. Montgomery reported that he had fulfilled his appointments. — Mr. Smith did not fulfil his appointments; his reasons justified — Mr. Stanley the same — Mr. Templeton of N. Carolina supplied Concord one Sabbath according to appointment — Mr. Mr. Shwin did not fulfil his appointments; his reasons justified — Mr. Waddel fulfilled one of his appointments; his reasons for not fulfilling all were sustained. — Mr. Brown the same — Mr. W. C. Cornell did not fulfil his appointments thro' sickness. Mr. Cook substantially fulfilled his appointments — Mr. Cummings supplied equivalent to his.

A Call was presented to Mr. Montgomery from Reed Creek in Montgomery County, which he took under consideration for a few days.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rice & B. Erwin came. John Nichol was the Elder of the latter.

On motion, it was ordered, that the papers relating to the dispute between Mr. Cummings & part of his Congregations should be read.

A Complaint was accordingly preferred from a part of Ebbing Spring and Linking Spring Congregations against the Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles Cummings for singing D<sup>r</sup> Watts's Imitations of the Psalms of David & his Hymns in public worship, without their Consent; as also for treating them in an unfriendly manner; & requesting to be dismissed from his Charge — Mr. Cummings objected to 23 of the names in the Representation from Linking Spring, & to 24 in that from Ebbing Spring, as not being members of his Congregations at all. The Commissioners insisted that the persons referred to were subscribers, and therefore ought to be read against Mr. Cummings. Therefore on motion it was

resolved. That none but those who are regular members of a Church & support the Gospel have a right to interfere in the affairs of that Church. But as there were some Complainers who were confessedly under Mr. Cummings Charge, it was agreed to warr a minute Investigation of every subscribers pretensions, and to attend only to the merits of the Cause as stated in the papers.

After a considerable time spent in hearing both sides, & night approaching, the Presbytery agreed to defer the further discussion of the matter till Thursday morning

At 9 o'clock Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> The presbytery met according to adjournment. Confabules by prayer. The same members present as before. The minutes of the Monday were read, and the affair of Mr. Cummings Congregations reviewed.

After a very full discussion of every matter that could be of service in the Investigation of the merits of the case; it was resolved, that the persons who signed the Representations from Sinking & Ebbing Springs against the Rev. Charles Cummings be dismissed from his charge, provided they discharge their accounts with Mr. Cummings's Congregations, in the same way that the other members, who still adhere to Mr. Cummings, discharge theirs. The presby then agreed upon a Recommendation to the members, which if observed might prevent disturbances in the Churches upon the same subject which is as follows;

As there has been a considerable degree of uneasiness occasioned in the minds of several persons who are under the care of this presbytery, by the Introduction of Dr. Watts's imitation of the Psalms & his Hymns into the public worship of some of our Churches; and as some of our members have found difficulties in the way of leading the people of their charge into that method of Psalmody, which appears

calculated to raise and animate the devotions of the worshippers by such remembrance. The presbytery recommends to all their members, that much care be taken to preserve the peace & Harmony of particular Churches, in their attempts of this nature; and especially that they take particular pains to inform the minds of the people as fully as possible upon the subject; and that they gain the approbation of the Elders & the people of the particular Church where such Exhortation is desirable, before it be prosecuted to a decided practice - Still however reserving to each member the right of Conscience in particular Cases as prudence shall direct.

The affairs of all Doaks <sup>late</sup> Congregations were next considered, It appeared by a letter sent to the Presbytery from Hopewell one of those Congregations as well as Mr. Doaks own representation of the danger in which the County was involved by the Indians, and of his Settlement there at first being merely temporary, that their mutual separation was proper.

A Call was presented to Mr. Doak from Hole Church which he accepted.

The Conduct of Mr. Crawford's Congregation of Sinking Spring was next considered, & the following Resolution agreed to - It appears to this presbytery that the Congregation of Sinking Spring under Mr. Crawford's charge, tho' warned by him to attend <sup>at</sup> the present meeting of Presbytery, to answer to a charge exhibited against them of neglecting to support their minister & to choose Elders in the Church, have failed to appear: and as this matter has been noticed by the presbytery before, and at present requires some immediate determination, the presbytery are obliged to issue the matter conditionally upon the Evidence before them; therefore resolved, that upon Mr. Crawford's return, if the Congregation after they receive proper notice of his design shall still fail to comply with their duty immediately,

he shall consider himself as dismissed from the pastoral charge of them; and shall make report to our next stated Presbytery.

Mr Hoge's Trials were referred to Messrs Crawford, Montgomery, & B. Erwin, to meet as a Committee for that purpose in the Evening at Mr. Steel's - Mr. McQueen's trials were referred to Messrs Cummings, Rice, W. Irwin & Smith to meet as a Committee for that purpose in the Evening at Capt. Hunter's - Mr. Rankin's Trials were referred to Messrs. Santkey, Brown, & Edmonds to meet as a Committee for that purpose in the Evening at Mr. Helm's

Mr. McConnel's case was next considered, and the following Resolution agreed to. As injurious reports have been largely circulated to the prejudice of Mr. McConnel's Character, respecting the death of a negro Wench at his house, it is necessary that they be inquired into. But as the persons who were cited to appear before the presbytery in the affair, have failed to come the final decision of the matter is deferred to our next stated Synod. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Friday morning. Concluded with prayer

Oct: 26<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Confirmed by prayer. The same members present as before. The Minutes of Thursday were ordered to be read

Mr Crawford reported from the Committee at Mr Steel's, that they had examined Mr Hoge on Geography, and had attended to those written parts of Trial that were assigned him by the last Presbytery, and approved him in all. The Presby accepted their Report. - Mr. Rice reported from the Committee at Capt Hunter's that they had attended to Mr McQueen's Exegesis; & after having also examined into his knowledge of the Greek and Latin Languages had approved the whole. The Presbytery accepted the Report. - Mr. Santkey reported from the Committee at Mr. Helm's, that they had attended to Mr Rankin's Exegesis, but as he appeared to <sup>have been</sup> unacquainted

with the method of such a performance, & not to have attended sufficiently to the Execution of what he presented, they could not sustain it in its present form, but would recommend it to him to review it & exhibit it before the next Presbytery.

The Presbytery accepted the report

Upon Mr. Graham's report of his Correspondence with the Association of Sitchfield; the Presbytery agreed to continue a Correspondence with that Association, & appointed Messrs. Brown, Waddel, Graham & Scott a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Montgomery returned the Calls from Bethel & Concord & Providence, but desired to retain those from Winchester &c., & Read Creek till the next meeting of Presbytery.

An Motion ordered that Mr. Mitchell's Trials should be attended to

Mr. Samuel Shannon having again appeared before the Presbytery with a design of giving further Satisfaction respecting himself to the Members, as a foundation for the reception of him again upon Trials for the Ministry, it was resolved that he should be examined upon Moral Philosophy & Divinity with the other Candidate.

The Presbytery after having examined Messrs. Mitchell & Shannon upon Moral Philosophy & Divinity, and Mr. Mitchell upon Natural Philosophy agreed to sustain the whole as parts of Trial, and came to the following Resolution

Messrs. Samuel Shannon & James Mitchell having passed the usual Course of Trials, and having been approved of both in them, & in their personal Character; upon their having adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith, for the Confession of their Faith, as received in this Church, & having promised Subjection to the Presbytery in the Lord. The Presbytery do agree to license them to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, where-ever God in his Providence shall call them;



and do recommend them to the notice and regard of the Churches under their Care.

In Consequence of the request from Augusta Congregation, the Presbytery appointed to meet at that Church on the last Wednesday of November, for Mr. William Wilson's Ordination.

Mr. Wilson was appointed to preach a sermon previous to his Ordination from John 15. 8. Mr. Graham was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon; Mr. Brown to preside & give the charge.

Mr. Hoy was appointed to deliver a popular discourse upon John 15. 2 at the same meeting of Presbytery - Mr. McCue was appointed to prepare a Lecture upon Job 40. 1-14; & a sermon upon Ept. 2. 9. to be delivered at the next stated Presbytery.

In Consequence of the late signal Interposition of divine Providence in the Capture of Charles Earl Cornwallis & his army at York, the Presbytery appointed the second Wednesday of December as a day of public Thanksgiving in the Churches under their Care, unless where the different Ministers may have received timely notice of another day near it, appointed by Government.

The Members and Candidates were then directed to supply as follows. - Mr. Sankey one Sabbath at Concord - Mr. Brown three Sabbaths at his own Option - Mr. Edmonds two months on the South Branch of Potomack, & the rest of his time till May at his own Option - Mr. Waddel one Sabbath at Roubish & two at discretion - Mr. Cummings three Sabbaths at discretion - Mr. Rice one Sabbath at Concord & two at discretion - Mr. Wessel - law one Sabbath at Catsuba, one at the head of Roan Oak, & one at his own Option - Mr. W. Swin three Sabbaths if possible at Nola-Chucky - Mr. Graham one Sabbath on Jackson's River & two at discretion - Mr. Crawford one Sabbath at Craig's Creek & at Loust Bottom - Mr. Doak three Sabbaths at Discretion - Mr. McCannel three Sabbaths at Discretion - Mr. Smith one Sabbath at Cub-Creek, one at Hat-Creeky

and one at discretion) - Mr. Montgomery is to be at his own discretion till the next presbytery - Mr. B. Erwin & Sabbath at Concord, one at the Croft-Roads, & one at Cape-Capon. - Mr. Tamplin three Sabbaths at the forks of Holston, & one at the knots - Mr. Shannon till our next presbytery at the Bull-Cow, half-pastures & Jackson's River - Mr. Mitchell one Sabbath at Buffalo in Amherst, & if possible to take a Tour to the Western Waters -

The Presbytery was appointed to meet the third Tuesday of May at Timber-Ridge - Concluded with prayer

NB. The Minutes of the presbytery appointed to meet at Augusta Church for the Ordination of Mr. Wilson & furthering Mr. Hoag's Trials, in Nov. 1781, are lost

Timber-Ridge May 21<sup>st</sup> 1782. Presbytery met according to appointment. Members present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown, Graham, Scott, Doak, Montgomery, B. Erwin & Wilson Ministers; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Edmonds, Balch, Craighad, of Orange Presbytery, take their Seats as corresponding members. Elders present Mr. Andrew Hayes, Mr. Daniel Lyle, David Doak, David Ratton, & Mr. McComb. Presbytery was opened with a discourse by Mr. McComb from 1 John 3. 2. Presby constituted with prayer. Members absent, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sanky, Todd, Wadell, Rice, Cummings, Irwin, Wallace, Mr. Connel, Crawford & Smith

Mr. Doak is chosen moderator & Mr. Montgomery Clerk - Supplications were ordered to be taken in - A Supplication was presented from both sides of the great knots in Washington County for supplies - Another from Rock-Spring Congregation for supplies - as also from the united Congregations of Concord & Hat-lereck for Mr. Mitchell in particular some of his time, and for an ordained minister - A Supplication from Buffalo Amherst requesting supplies - A Supplication from the lower end of Lincoln County on the waters of Salt & Dickson's

Rivers, for supplies - Another from Lexington & all Connells in Fayette County for an ordained Minister

A receipt was produced in presbytery by the dismissed part of Mr. Cummings's congregation at sinking Spring, that they had settled their Accounts with said congregation agreeable to order of Presbytery, certified by Samuel Havel, George Finley, and John Daves

The people from Rockspring in their Supplication declared their Readiness to settle with Elbing Spring

A Verbal Supplication was presented to presbytery from Lancaster & Northumberland Counties for supplies, & for Mr. Atchafall in particular - Verbal Supplications from the Royal Oak, the head of Roan Oak, from Catauba, Jackson's River, the Cove, Bull, & Calf-pastures, from Shenandoah County for supplies -

The Inhabitants of Hampshire supplicated for an ordained Minister, & for Mr. Hays for one year - A Supplication from Green River for supplies, & if possible for an ordained Minister -

Presbytery adjourned to meet Tomorrow Morning at 9 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery met agreeable to adjournment. Members present as before. Concluded with prayer. Mr. Cummings is now come as also Mr. Connell. John Logan is the Elder of the latter. Mr. Crawford is also come with his Elder Valentine Martin

A motion was made that Mr. Samuel Huston a Candidate for the Ministry of the gospel should deliver his pieces of Trial, appointed him at our last intermedial Presbytery. Mr. Huston read to Presbytery a lecture on Col. 3. from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> Verse inclusive; as also a presbyterial Course discourse on 1. Tim. 1. 5. Presbytery having considered the discourses agreed that they should be sustained as parts of Trial

Presbytery having considered Mr. Cline's popular discourse of yesterday agreed to sustain it as a part of Trial

An attention made, Mr. Rankin was desired to read his pieces of Trial assigned him at our last intermediate presbytery. Mr Rankin read a Lecture on the 3.<sup>d</sup> Chap. of the Rev. from the 14<sup>v</sup>. to the end; as also a presbyterial discourse on the 5<sup>th</sup> Chap of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans & the 12<sup>th</sup> Verse. Presbytery having considered them agreed to sustain them as parts of Trial

Mr. McCue was desired to read a Lecture appointed at our last on Job 40 from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> inclusive, which he did; and presbytery having taken it under Consideration agreed to sustain it as part of Trial

Mr. Barrick read an Exegesis assigned him at our last on this Theme, "An Christus pro omnibus mortuus sit?" which was sustained by presbytery as part of Trial

Mr. McClure also read an Exegesis assigned him at our last Presbytery on this Theme, "An Apostoli professionem fidei salvifica acquisiverint?" which was sustained as part of Trial

The Rev. Hezekiah Balch having obtained a Dispensation from the Donnegal Presbytery, and designing to spend some of his time in the Bounds of this presbytery; the presbytery recommended it to Mr. Balch to supply in our Bounds Discretionary

Mr. Doak having informed the presbytery that the Rev. Ebenezer Brooks, maintains a Doctrine which they look upon as subversive of Christianity: that he denies the Imputation of Christ's righteousness as it is generally received, and as received by this presby: that Christ came into the World only to publish his doctrine, & die for the Confirmation of them, without any view to the making of an Atonement for sin, or satisfying divine Justice: The presbytery agreed that the Clerk by order of Presbytery cite Mr. Brooks to appear at our next presbytery to give them Satisfaction in that point

Messrs. Graham, McConnell & Crawford were appointed a Committee to hear and determine upon a matter of scandal

between William McClure & Catharine Kirk in falling Spring  
Congregation the first of June

The Minutes of last October presbytery at Concord not being pre-  
sent yesterday and now ordered to be read -

As an injurious Report mentioned in our last October presbytery  
was circulated against Mr. McConnel, & the persons who propa-  
gated the report not having appeared at Presbytery, tho' they  
have been often regularly cited. It is the mind of Presbytery,  
that the Report against Mr. McConnel is groundless. And that  
those who propagated the report and were cited by Presbytery,  
be called to an account by their Session for neglecting the order  
of Presbytery, and Mr. Crawford is appointed to preside in that  
Session

Mr. Crawford reported to Presbytery, that after his return from  
our last, he communicated the Resolutions of Presbytery to the  
Sinking Spring Congregation under his Charge; but they  
failing to comply with the Recommendation of Presbytery, Mr.  
Crawford agreeable to that Resolution suspended his labors  
amongst them, and employed part of his labors since that  
time in the Locust Bottom. Tho' Presbytery approved his Con-  
duct herein, & consider Mr. Crawford as now dignified from  
Sinking Spring Congregation; and agree that he shall continue  
his labors as formerly with the Locust Bottom, for one year  
from the time he first Commenced with them.

Presbytery adjourned till Thursday morning 9 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present,  
as before. Constituted with prayer

Presbytery examined Messrs. Houston, Rankin, McClure &  
Carrick on the Classics, & sustained their Examination as  
part of Trial

4 Messrs M. Connel, Scott, & Wilson are appointed a Committee to examine the same Gettlemen on Geography & make a Report to Presbytery

Motion was made that the members and Pastors sh<sup>d</sup> be directed their supplies. They were directed to supply as follows —  
 M. Mitchell is directed to supply four Sabbaths at the united Congregations of Concord & Hat Creek; six Sabbaths at Lancaster & Northumberland in the Northern Neck; one at Buffalo in Amherst, one at Rockfish, & the rest of his time till our next discredionary —  
 M. Tamplin is directed to supply four Sabbaths in Green River, one at Fort. Young, one at Craig's Creek, one at Rockfish, one at Buffalo in Amherst, two at Pedlar Church in Amherst, and the rest of his time till our next presytery at discretion —  
 M. Shannon is appointed to supply eight Sabbaths in the pastures of Jackson's River, two on the South Branch of Colowmak, one at the Cross Roads, one at the Backed Mountain, and the rest of his time discretionary —  
 M. Hays is directed to supply twelve Sabbaths in Hampshire and Shenandoah, and the rest of his time till our next discredionary —

The Rev. Charles Cummings, thinking that he had but little prospect of being useful in the Congregations of Sinking Spring & Elbing Spring, and supposing it would be more for the advantage of said Congregations that he should be liberated from them, filed for a dismission. The Presytery considered his reasons, judged them proper, and accordingly granted M. Cummings's request, and dismissed him from his former charge.

M. Scott reported from the Committee appointed, that they had attended to the Examination of Messrs Houston, Rankin, M. Clure, & Learris on Geography & approved of them therein.

M. Brown is appointed to supply one Sabbath at discretion —  
 M. Rice one Sabbath at Concord, and one at Hat Creek —  
 M. Cummings is requested to take a Tour to Kentucky if convenient & to supply one Sabbath in Concord below the North fork of

Hatfield, and one at the Watley Church in Sullivan County - Mr. W. Irwin one Sabbath at discretion - Mr. Wallace one Sabbath at Cataula - Mr. Waddel two Sabbaths at the South Branch of Patowmack - Mr. McConnell one Sabbath at Wakab's meeting house in the Calp. pasture - Mr. Scott one Sabbath at discretion - Mr. Crawford one Sabbath at Craig's Creek, & one at discretion - Mr. Doak one Sabbath at discretion - Mr. Smith one Sabbath at discretion - Mr. Montgomery one Sabbath at discretion - Mr. Erwin one Sabbath at Cape Capon - Mr. Wilson one Sabbath at discretion

Presbytery having examined Messrs. McCue, Houston & Rankin, on natural philosophy and astronomy approved of all, and sustained it as part of Trial

Mr. McCue was examined on Criticism, Moral Philosophy, & Divinity which was also sustained as parts of Trial. The Presbytery then came to the following Resolution.

Mr. John McCue having passed the usual Course of Trials, and having been approved of, both on them and his moral Character, upon his having adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith for the Confession of his Faith as received in this Church, and having promised Subjection to the presbytery in the Lord; the presbytery do agree to license him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, where ever God in his providence shall direct him, and do recommend him to the notice & regard of the Churches under their Care

Mr. Houston is appointed a popular discourse on John 17. 3 to be delivered at our next stated presbytery - Mr. Rankin is appointed a popular discourse on 2 Cor. 5. 14 first clause to be delivered at our next stated presbytery - Mr. McClure is appointed a lecture on Rev. 1. 10 to the end; also a presbyterial Discourse on John 17. 17; and a popular discourse on 2 Cor. 3. 18 to be delivered at our next stated presbytery - Mr. Carrick is appointed a lecture on the 15th Chapter of Hosea; a presbyterial discourse on Rev. 1. 18 last clause; and a popular discourse on Rom. 7. 18 to be delivered at our next stated Presby

Mr. McLeuw is appointed to supply two Sabbaths in the Forks of Holstein, two Sabbaths at the Knobs, and four Sabbaths on Holstein & Chucky, four in Green Brier, and the rest of his time discretionary, till our next

Mr. Graham is appointed to draw up a plan for the Regulation of Students of Divinity in their Studies to be laid before next Presbytery

Next Presbytery is appointed to meet at New Providence the fourth Tuesday in October - Concluded with prayer

New Providence. Oct 22. 1782. Presbytery met according to appointment. Members present Messrs. Brown, Waddel, Graham, Scott, Montgomery, & Wilson Ministers. Messrs. Alex. Coakley John Wilson, George Berry, & Michael Dieby Elders. Mr. Craighead from Orange Presbytery upon Invitation takes a seat as a Corresponding Member. Members absent. Messrs. Sankley Todd, Rich Cummings, Shinn, Wallaw, McConnel, Crawford, Dock, <sup>Smith</sup> & Erwin - Presbytery was opened with a discourse from 2 Cor 5. 14 by Mr. Adam Rankin, and another from John 17. 3 by Mr. Samuel Houston both Candidates for the Ministry - Prsby was constituted with prayer - Mr. Graham chosen Moderator & Mr. Wilson Clerk

A Letter from Spring Lick & Lower Congregation of Greenbrier requesting the stated Labors of Mr. McLeuw. - A Supplication from Hampshire requesting the stated Labors of Mr. Hoge for one year - A Supplication from the united Congregations of Little Halling & Concord in Campbell County for the stated Labors of Mr. Mitchell for one year - A Verbal Supplication from the south River in Shenandoah County for supplies - A Petition from the Session of Hall's meeting House respecting Robert Hamilton

Presbytery adjourned until 9 O'clock Tomorrow

Concluded with prayer

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above, together with Messrs. McConnel & Smith,



and their Clerg Joseph Boggie and Charles Allen  
upon Mr. Berry complaining of being deprived of Church pri-  
vilages, the Presbytery appoint Messrs. Doak & Crawford as a Com-  
mittee in conjunction with the Session of the congregation to  
which he belongs to consider and determine into the causes and  
grounds of the matter on the first Thursday of December next.

The session is desired to cite the Evidence  
Mr. McCue consents to be placed the following half year in  
the Green Brier congregation by way of supply, during which  
time Mr. Wilson is appointed to go there, and form a call  
from that people to Mr. McCue

Ordered that the minutes of last presbytery be read  
The Consideration of the letter from the Rev. Mr. Brooks is  
deferred — Mr. Crawford is appointed to copy the minutes  
of the Committee met at Galing-Spring in June 1<sup>st</sup> 1782

Mr. Mitchell's reasons for not fulfilling his appointments at  
the Northend Church are sustained — Mr. Shannon's reasons  
for not completing his appointments sustained. — The appoint-  
ments of Mr. Stige deferred

Ordered that Messrs. McClure & Carrick perform the Exercises  
appointed by our last presbytery.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the popular discourses  
delivered yesterday by Mr. Houston & Rankin and agree to  
sustain them as parts of Trial —

Presbytery next proceeded to hear & consider the lectures &  
Presbyterial & popular discourses of Messrs. McClure & Carrick  
and agree to sustain them as parts of Trial —

Messrs. Graham, Scott, & Wilson, are appointed a Committee  
to examine Mr. Carrick & Mr. McClure upon Natural Philo-  
sophy & Astronomy

Presbytery adjourned until Tomorrow at 9 o'clock  
Concluded with prayer

Octo. 24<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to adjournment  
The Committee having examined Messrs. McClure & Carrick

upon Natural Philosophy & Astronomy report their Appro-  
bation -

Mr Hays is appointed to supply until our next at discus-  
sion, recommending to him, in a particular Manner, the  
South Branch of Potomack & Kentucky.

The Presbytery having considered the Supplication of the united  
Congregations of Little-Falling & Concord, appoint Messrs. Rice and  
Smith to inquire into the Provision they make for Mr. Mitchell's  
support. If this provision should be judged sufficient by the Com-  
mittee, Mr. Mitchell is appointed to supply among them the follow-  
ing year; but if it should appear to them inadequate Mr. Mitchell  
is left at discretion -

As it appears to the presbytery, that the Trustees of the Aca-  
demy of Hampden Sydney in Prince Edward have failed to dis-  
charge their duty, thro' the distant Situation of some whose  
attendance was necessary, upon Motion by Mr. Smith, the Pby,  
agreeable to the original Constitution of that Academy,  
appoint Messrs. James Allen, Charles Allen, Sam<sup>l</sup> M. Wrenn,  
W<sup>m</sup> Booker, William Morton of Charlotte, Joseph Parks, & Col<sup>l</sup>  
Thomas Scott in addition to those who already act in that  
Capacity -

Upon a similar Motion by Mr. Graham, & for similar Rea-  
sons, respecting the Academy of Liberty-Hall in Rockbridge  
County, The Presbytery appoint the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Caleb Wallace,  
Edward Crawford, Samuel Doak, Arch<sup>d</sup> Scott, John Mont-  
gomery, James Mc Cormel, Benjamin Erwin, William Wilson,  
and Andrew Moore, John Wilson, John Lyle, James Trotter,  
Archibald Stewart, Joseph Walker & William Alexander  
Esq<sup>r</sup> to act as Trustees of Liberty-Hall -

The presbytery having taken into their serious Consideration  
the manner in which their Ministers are supported, and  
wishing to maintain the Character of the Churches of Christ  
under their care, as well as the support and Comfort of the  
Members belonging to their Body, think proper to adopt

some measures to answer these important ends. The Presbytery therefore, agreeable to an act of Synod, recommend to the various Churches under their care, to appoint each of them a Committee and Treasurer to manage the affairs of the Society, and that they shall send yearly at our May Session a Commissioner to give an account to the presbytery, how their pastor's salary has been paid —

The Presbytery at their last Session having cited Mr Brooks to appear at their next: but he failing to make a personal appearance, and only sending a Letter: the Presbytery appoint Messrs Waddell & Montgomery a Committee to write to Mr Brooks, and to cite him to appear at our next Session —

Presbytery adjourned until Tomorrow 9 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted by prayer

Ordered, that Messrs Houston, Rankin, McClure & Carrick be examined upon Moral Philosophy, Criticism, & Divinity. The Examination of the above mentioned young Gentlemen upon the aforesaid Branches, is sustained. Presbytery then came to the following Resolution —

Messrs Samuel Houston, Adam Rankin, Andrew McClure, & Samuel Carrick, having passed the usual Course of Trials, & being approved of, both in them, & in their moral Character. Upon their having adopted ~~adopted~~ the Westminster Confession of Faith for their Confession of Faith as it is generally received in this Church, and having promised subjection to this presby in the Lord, the Presbytery do agree to license them to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, where-ever it may please God in his providence to direct them, & recommend them to the notice and regard of the Churches under their care

Presbytery next proceeded to order Supplies - Mr. Shannon is left at discretion until our next - Mr. Rankin is appointed to supply in the Vicinity of Nola. Chucky, at Barnets, Rattlesiff's Marsh, the Knobs, & Catauba - Mr. Carrick appointed to supply four Sabbaths in the Northern Neck in January, one in Sulphur, two in Shenadoah, three at the South branch, & one at Cape Sapon - Mr. Houston six Sabbaths at New Dublin, Fort. Chesol, & Rattlesiff's Marsh, one at the head of Roan Oak, one at Mr. Dork's former Congregation, and three at Nola. Chucky and Watauga. - Mr. Jamplin two Sabbaths at Cut Creek, five at Buffalo and Rockfish, and the rest at discretion - Mr. McClure three Sabbaths at Wilson's in the South one at Indian Creek, one at Rich Creek, three at Anthony's Creek & Jackson's River, & one in each of the pastures -

Presbytery agree to ordain Mr. Hoge, at Mr. Scott's lower meeting House on the second Thursday of December next. Mr. Scott is to preach an Ordination Sermon, Mr. Waddel to preside and give the Charge, or in his absence Mr. Benjamin Erwin - Mr. Hoge is appointed to preach a trial Sermon previous to his Ordination from 1 Kings 19. 11, 12 Verses -

Presbytery appointed, that the second Thursday of November be observed as a fast, on account of the present distress of our Country.

Presbytery is appointed to meet next on the third Tuesday of May, at Hall's meeting House - Concludes with prayer.

Brown's Meeting House Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1782. As some of the Members were prevented from attending yesterday for reasons very sufficient, and Mr. Hoge's Ordination upon that account deferred, Presbytery met this day for the same purpose. Members present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Scott, Montgomery, Erwin, & Wilson Ministers; & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benjamin Brown & John Brown Elders. Mr. Erwin was appointed moderator & Mr. Montgomery Clerk. Mr. Scott & Mr. Erwin, who attended on yesterday to Mr. Hoge's

Ordination Sermon reported to Presbytery that they approved of his discourse. Presbytery accepted their report

Mr. Scott preached the Ordination Sermon as appointed at our last, from Acts 20. 28

The Presbytery then proceeded to set apart Mr. Hoge to the work of the Ministry with the Imposition of Hands and prayer. Mr. Erwin presided and gave the charge. Mr. Hoge now takes his seat as a member of Presbytery

A Call was preferred to Presbytery from the united Congregations of Camp Union & Goodhope for Mr. McCue, which he accepted

In consequence of which a Supplication was also preferred from said places, requesting that a Presbytery should be appointed to meet in one of the said Congregations for Mr. McCue's Ordination as soon as possible; but the Presbytery deferred the appointment till our next stated meeting

As Messrs. Judson & Parnly came recommended from the Association of Littlefield to this Presbytery; the Presbytery recommends them to supply in our vacant Congregations at their own Discretion till our next; and they also recommend them to the notice & regard of the Vacancies under their Care.

Presbytery was concluded with prayer

For the Minutes of May 20<sup>th</sup> 1783 & August 20<sup>th</sup> 1783, see pages 118 & 127 of this Book

Tinkling Spring. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1783. Presbytery met according to Appointment. Members present the Rev. Messrs. Brown, Waddel, Erwin, Scott, Montgomery, Wilson, Hoge, Mr. Cues, & Houston Ministers. Mr. Abraham Serue, John Wilson, John Finley, & Thomas Tramm Elders. Members absent. The Rev. Messrs. Sankey, Todd, Rice, Cummings, Balch, Graham, McConnell, Crawford, Cook, Smith & Erwin

Presbytery was opened with a Sermon by Mr. Houston from Math. 11. 28, 29. Then constituted with prayer. Mr. Brown

was chosen Moderator and Mr. Montgomery Clerk.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of last Presbytery was postponed till Tomorrow, and Calls and Supplications were ordered to be given in. — In Consequence of which, a Call was presented from the united Congregations of Rocky Spring & Wabash Meeting House in the East-pasture, for Mr. Saml. G. Carrick, which he accepted. — A Supplication was presented from the Peaks Congregation in Bedford County — another from the united Congregations of Elk-Creek & Hat-Creek, for the labors of Mr. Mitchell for one year, and desiring his Ordination as soon as possible — another was given in from the Big-Spring Congregation in Carter's Valley — as also from the Sinks of Green River for an ordained Minister, & for Mr. McCue in particular for five or six weeks — A verbal Supplication was given in from Rockfish Congregation — another from Tigger's Valley & one from the Windy-Cove in the Lower-pasture.

On motion, Mr. Phea read an Oeigasis on this theme "Hæc deter peccatum Originale?" which was sustained as a part of Trial: And Mr. Scott, Mr. Wilson & Mr. McCue were appointed to meet as a Committee at Mr. Hall's in the Evening, to examine Mr. Phea on the Languages & Geography, and make their report to Presbytery Tomorrow.

The minutes of the day were ordered to be read, and the Presbytery adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Adjourned with prayer.

October 29<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met agreeable to adjournment. Members present the Rev. Messrs. Brown, Waddel, Invin, Montgomery, Hoge, & Houston; & Messrs. Thinley & Serus' Elders. Constituted with prayer.

The Presbytery in compliance with the request of Elk-Creek & Hat-Creek Congregations, allow Mr. Mitchell to supply in these Congregations as it shall be agreeable to him & the people; and appoint a Presbytery to meet at Elk-Creek.

Creek the last Thursday in February for his Ordination. Mr. Irwin is appointed to preach his Ordination Sermon, Mr. Searcy to provide and give the Charge, and Mr. Smith to attend.

On motion supplies were ordered to be made - Mr. Brown was appointed to supply one Sabbath at the Windy Cove in the Cow-pasture - Mr. Maddel two Sabbaths at Rockfish & the rest at discretion - Mr. Irwin one Sabbath at Rockfish & two at his own Discretion - Mr. Scott one Sabbath in the Bull-pasture, & one at Discretion - Mr. Montgomery one Sabbath at Col. Greery's in the Cow-pasture - Mr. Hage two Sabbaths at Discretion - Mr. Wagoner two Sabbaths in Tygers Valley - Mr. Barrick one Sabbath at Capt Deans on Jackson's River, and one Sabbath in the bend of the same River - Mr. Ed. Crawford three Sabbaths at the forks of Green-Creek - Mr. Smith one Sabbath at the Oaks Congregation - Mr. Mitchell two Sabbaths at the Peak Congregation - Mr. Cummings two Sabbaths at Big-Spring Congregation in Carters Valley - Messrs. Balch, Deak, & Houston to supply as they shall judge it most advantageous - Messrs. Graham and McConnell to supply at discretion.

On application made by the Representatives from Rocky-Spring & Wahab's meeting House for Mr. Barrick's Ordination, a presbytery was appointed to meet for that purpose at Mr. James Hodge's on the fourth Wednesday in November. Mr. Graham is appointed to preach the Ordination sermon, Mr. Scott to provide & give the Charge and Mr. Wilson to attend. - Mr. Barrick is required to preach a sermon previous to his Ordination at the same time & place from Rom. 5. 18.

The members of the committee appointed for the Examination of Mr. Phea on the Languages & Geography the last Evening being come reported to Presbytery, that they were well pleased with his Examination. Presbytery accepted the Report, and Sustained it as part of Trial.

Mr. Phea is appointed as farther piece of Trial for his

Admission into the ministry a lecture on Eph 6. from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> Verse; as also a Sermon on Gal 5. 5. to be delivered at our next stated presbytery.

On motion made, the Minutes of last presbytery were read, as also the minutes of the two intermediate Presbyteries the one met at Providence on the Western Waters, and the other in the Levels of Green Brier.

The Presbytery having agreed to ordain Mr Shannon & Mr Rankin at our next stated presbytery, appointed Mr Shannon a discourse on Rom. 3. 24; and Mr Rankin one on John 5. 40 to be delivered previous to their Ordination. Mr. Erwin is appointed to preside and give the charge.

Mr. Shannon on application obtained liberty to supply discretionary in the Bounds of this presbytery or Donnegal till our next; and he is recommended to the notice & regard of Donnegal presbytery.

A Letter from the Clerk of the Synod, directed to the moderator of Hanover presbytery, was read, requesting the due attendance of its members in Synod; and that their presby Book be produced for the Inspection of Synod.

Ordered that any members who have minutes of Presbytery in their possession furnish Mr. Erwin with them in order to be transcribed.

Presbytery is appointed to meet the third Tuesday in May at Bethel in Augusta. Concluded with prayer.

From the above it appears, that the minutes of a Presby appointed to meet in Greenbrier on the first Wednesday in August 1783, for the Ordination of Mr. McEue, are lost.

Also the minutes of a Presbytery, appointed to meet for the Ordination of Mr. Garrick, at Mr. James Hodge's, on the fourth Wednesday in November 1783, which ought to follow here, are wanting.



Bethel May 18<sup>th</sup> 1784. Presbytery met according to appointment at Bethel in Augusta. Members present, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs<sup>r</sup> Graham, Scott, Wilson, Houston & Rankin; & Samuel McCutchen Elder, to represent Mr Scott's Congregation. Constituted by prayer - Mr Graham was chosen Moderator & Mr Wilson Clerk. Mr Hays is now come and takes his seat.

Ordered that calls & supplications be presented to Presbytery - A Call from Sullivan, County N. Carolina for Mr. Andrew McClure Probationer in particular, or any other whom Presbytery may appoint, provided he does not accept of it. - A Call from the North & South fork of Roan-Oak to Mr. Andrew McClure

Ordered that both be presented to Mr McClure. Both having been presented he accepted the call from Roan-Oak.

A Supplication from the head of Smiths Creek in Henry County for supplies, & especially for an ordained Minister -

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. John Brown is now come & takes his seat

The Congregation of the North and South Fork of Roan Oak, having signified their earnest desire to have Mr McClure ordained as soon as conveniency would admit, and Rev. 22.4 having been assigned to him by one of our members as the subject of a Trial Sermon, provided Presbytery would grant their approbation of it; and Mr McClure having intimated his preparation to preach upon said Text, it was agreed that he should deliver this Discourse, as a piece of Trial, previous to his ordination -

Robert McCutchen Elder to represent Mr. Brown's Congregation is now come

Ordered that Mr McClure deliver the sermon he has prepared as part of Trial. The sermon being delivered the Consideration thereof is deferred until Tomorrow -

Ordered that a Letter sent by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Thomas Crawford to the Moderator of this Presbytery be read. This Letter represents to us the Case of one Thomas McSpaden, whose

Character has suffered very much since he was thirteen years of age. A very foul crime was charged against him at that early period of life, by one whose character as a Christian did not stand high; which crime he continues to deny; and since that time lived twenty or more years in an honest, sober, & inoffensive manner, and now desires to be admitted to the distinguishing privileges of the Church. The presbytery in compliance with Mr Craghead's request for advice in the case, having considered the matter, recommend it to Mr Craghead, that if said Mr Spaden makes a credible profession of Christianity, and his admission would not give offence to the Church where he lives, he be admitted to its privileges.

A Supplication from the Knobs Congregation was presented for Supplies — A Supplication from sinking Spring Congregation Washington County Virginia for supplies — A Petition from some of the members of sinking Spring & the Knobs Congregation for the advice of presbytery in a certain case respecting Mr Ammings — A Petition of James Beard, formerly a member of Augusta Congregation to Presbytery for redress in a case of Suspension

Mr. Barrick & his Elder Samuel Craig are now come. Messrs. Madde and Smith are now come

A Reference from Little River in the Calf. Pasture to Presbytery in a certain case betwixt Thomas Armstrong & Jonas Henderson

Presbytery adjourned till Tomorrow 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer

May 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer

An Motion, made, the Reference from ~~Little River~~ the Session of Little River in the Calf. Pasture was considered; and from the state of the Evidence taken by said Session, it does not appear, there is sufficient reason to fix the

Charge upon Thomas Armstrong of being the Father of Elary Henderson's child; and that the Session certify this to Thomas Armstrong without entering into other parts of his Conduct. The Presbytery also are of Opinion, that Jonas Henderson should receive a Rebuke, for speaking unadvisedly of the Report, respecting Thomas Armstrong.

Mr. William Mlakon a young Gentleman from Prince Edward County, having offered as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, Presbytery required Testimonials of his moral Character and good standing in the Church. Testimonials were produced & well approved of by Presbytery.

Mr. Rhea is ordered to read the parts of Trial assigned to him at our last stated presbytery. Mr. Rhea having read the parts of Trial assigned, Presbytery agree to sustain them.

Messrs. Montgomery & Erwin are now come; likewise William Trotter an Elder from Mr. Wilson's Congregation.

An motion made it was ordered, that Mr. Mlakon be introduced, & examined concerning his Faith in Jesus Christ, Repentance towards God, and Call in providence to the Gospel Ministry. Presbytery proceeded to examine him with respect to these points, and defer the Consideration thereof until Tomorrow.

An motion made the Petition of James Beard was ordered to be considered. Upon Consideration the presbytery are of Opinion, that the point on which the decision wholly depends, is of a civil nature, & therefore, that they can do nothing in it at present; but recommend it to Mr. Beard to have the dispute amicably settled by arbitration or some such mode; and when that is determined, then the suspension under which he now lies, will of course be removed.

Presbytery having considered the Petition from some of

the Members of sinking Spring and the Knobs Congregations, give it as their Opinion, that there will be no danger in attending upon the word preached by Mr. Cummings or any other regular Member of our Presbytery; and recommend it to them to lay aside prejudice and party spirit, that so they may hear him and other supplies that may be sent them, to their spiritual advantage. -

Messrs. Smith, Montgomery, Hoge and Crwin are appointed a Committee to examine Mr. Phea upon Natural Philosophy and Astronomy. -

A Representation was made by Col. Mottel one of the Administrators of the Rev. Mr. Craig's Estate, that Sinking Spring Congregation has not complied with the former advices of presbytery respecting the Arrearages due to his heirs. Presbytery agreed that Mr. Barrick should preach a sermon to them on the Occasion, and recommend it to them to pay off these arrears: Or if they should apprehend themselves not bound in duty to do so, to proceed in Conjunction with Augusta Congregation to chuse Arbitrators, to determine to which of the Societies the debt is justly to be charged. -

The Committee having examined Mr. Phea upon the aforesaid Branches of Science, made report that he gave them ample Satisfaction: and presbytery agree to sustain them as parts of Trial. -

A Supplication from the united Congregations of Pleasant run, & Windy Cove for the stated labors of Mr. Shannon until our next; intimating likewise that they intend a call for him. -

The Consideration of Mr. Clure's sermon is resumed, Presbytery agree that his Trial Sermon taken in Conjunction with his natural & acquired Abilities, his piety & good moral

Character, & former Exhibitions be sustained, and that his Ordination be Tomorrow ~ Mr. Smith is to preside and give the Charge.

An Motion made by Mr. Smith, that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Assembly at their present Session, upon certain Infringements of religious Liberty which exist in this State, the Presbytery agreed to appoint him and Mr. Waddel to that Business, & that they make their Report Tomorrow.

Presbytery adjourned until Tomorrow 8 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer

May 20<sup>th</sup> Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted by prayer. Ordered that the minutes of yesterday be read.

Presbytery resumed the Consideration of Mr. Mahon's Examination, and agreed to admit him as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

Presbytery being informed, that Mr John D. Blair, a young Gentleman from Hanover in Virginia, desired to offer as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, required Testimonials of his moral Character and good standing in the Church. His Moral Character and standing in the Church being sufficiently ascertained, it was agreed that he be introduced in order to be examined concerning his faith in Christ, Repentance towards God, and leave in providence to the Gospel Ministry. Presbytery having examined Mr Blair in the aforesaid points, agreed that he had given them ample Satisfaction, and cordially admitted him to a Course of Trial.

An intermediate presbytery is appointed to meet at Hampden Sydney in Prince Edward the first Tuesday of August, for the Ordination of Mr James Stutchell & furthering the Trials of Messrs Blair and Mahon; at which Messrs Todd and Irwin are required particularly

to attend. Mr. Mitchell is to preach on the same subject assigned to him before, to have been delivered at an intermediate presbytery last February, at which the members appointed to meet for the purpose of his Ordination could not attend, by reason of the inclemency of the season; and also it is ordered that the Rulings of his Ordination be conducted in the same manner as before prescribed.

Mr. Coigsis was appointed to Mr. Clarkson on this subject, "An Operationes spiritus divini in corde humano, sint omnino necessariae ad Religionem et vitam eternam." Likewise a discourse on Isa. 45. 22. also a Lecture upon Heb. 1. 1-9 inclusive. All these to be delivered by him at the intermediate presbytery in August.

Mr. Blair was appointed an Exegesis upon this subject, "An Operationes spiritus sancti sint irresistibiles" - also a discourse upon Phil. 1. 21. Likewise a Lecture upon Luke 15. from the 11th verse to the end - All these to be delivered by him at the intermediate presbytery in August.

Presbytery proceeded to Ordain Mr. Andrew M. Clure, gave him the right hand of Fellowship, and he now takes his seat as a Member in presbytery.

Mr. Smith from the Committee appointed yesterday, produced a Draught of a Memorial, which presbytery approved of, & appointed Messrs Smith & Waddel to have it presented to the assembly, and to procure a Copy for the Inspection of presbytery at our next stated meeting.

Mr. Shannon is appointed to supply in the Cow-pasture until our next.

For the Convenience of the western members of this presbytery, and to suit the Exigencies of that part of the Church of Christ under our Care, we appoint an inter-

mediate Presbytery on the second Tuesday of September at Concord in Sullivan County North Carolina... Mr Rankin is appointed to supply at the Knobs & Linking Spring - - - - - Mr. James Crawford at Carters Valley, & Concord - - - - -

The clerk is appointed to write to Mr William Irwin requesting him in the name of the presbytery to prepare, bring, & lay before us the Records of Presbytery at our next stated meeting - - - - -

Presbytery appoint to meet at Timber Ridge the fourth Tuesday of October next - - - - - Concluded with prayer

Hampden Sydney August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1784. according to the appointment of <sup>the</sup> last stated presbytery, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Irwin and Smith met at Hampden Sydney in Prince Edward County, as a part of the intermediate Presbytery for the ordination of Mr Mitchell, and the Trials of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Blair & Allshon. But Mr Todd having failed to attend tho' particularly informed of it, and as Mr Sankey was unable to ride so far through long indisposition; after hearing a Sermon from Mr Mitchell upon Isa 63. 1 which they approved, it was thought proper to appoint a meeting the next day at Mr Sankey's meeting House

Buffalo, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1784. The presbytery met at Mr Sankey's meeting house. Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sankey, Irwin, & Smith Ministers; Hugh Porter, & Charles Allen, Elders. Constituted with prayer

Mr Sankey was chosen Moderator and Mr Smith Clerk.

Mr Blair read an Eccegesis upon this subject, "An Operatioes Spiritus sancti sunt irresistibiles" the Consideration of which was postponed till after Sermon.

Mr Irwin delivered a Discourse from 1 Tim. 4. 5, previous to Mr Mitchell's Ordination - - - - -

The presbytery then, after having heard a solemn profession of Faith from Mr. Mitchell, and declaration of his upright Intentions in undertaking the ministry of the Gospel, with which they were satisfied; upon his adopting the Westminster Confession as received in this Church for the profession of his Faith, proceeded to set him apart by prayer and the imposition of hands to the whole work of the Gospel ministry, and he afterwards took his seat as a member of this presbytery.

Mr. Blair afterwards read a Lecture upon Luke 15. 11-32, & a sermon upon Phil. 1. 21. - upon a review of the whole of the Compositions which Mr. Blair exhibited, the presbytery sustained them as parts of Trial.

As Mr. Mahon had been for several weeks dangerously sick, and was at that time too weak to attend the presbytery, Mr. Smith, produced and read an Elogium of his on this subject, "An Operationes Spiritus sancti, in corde humano, ac religionem et vitam aeternam, sint necessariae?" as also a Lecture upon Heb. 1. 1-9, and a sermon upon Isa. 45. 22.

The presbytery sustained Mr. Mahon's Compositions as parts of Trial.

Mr. Blair was then directed to prepare a popular discourse upon Eccles. 7. 12, to be delivered at our next stated Presbytery.

Mr. Mahon was directed to prepare a popular discourse upon 1 John 2. 3 to be delivered also at the next stated Presbytery.

The Presbytery was then concluded with prayer.

Concord. Sullivan County N. Carolina.  
Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1784. Presbytery met according to appointment.  
Constituted with prayer. Members present Messrs Cummings,  
Balch, Doak & Houston. Mr. Cummings was chosen M. D.  
& Mr. Houston Clerk.

Ordered that Petitions for Supplies be given in. A verbal request for supplies from French Broad - from the



Tork of Nola. Chucky & Watauga - also from Buffalo - & written  
 Supplication from Sicking Creek & Little Smoky - and one from  
 the Clay Dick from Easters Valley - The members present  
 are directed to supply in the petitioning congregations Vacancies  
 that are most convenient to them three Sabbaths each, between  
 this session and the one next spring.

A Certain James Balch now living in the bounds of this  
 Presbytery, applies to us for our Opinion and advice, with  
 respect to a Minute & Certificate of Orange Presbytery con-  
 -cerning him and his wife. The Presbytery deliberating on  
 his request, and the contents of the Certificate & Minute,  
 clearly conceive, that it is justifiable in any member to  
 admit the said James Balch to Church privileges, because  
 his life and Conduct, which is well known for some years  
 to two of the members, confirm the Charitable Opinion  
 mentioned in the Minute. And with respect to his wife,  
 they also clearly conceive, that upon her making oath, that  
 her husband is the father of the child for which she is  
 -criminated, in consequence of so doing, she, by the same Cha-  
 -ritable Opinion, and her subsequent good Conduct, must  
 appear innocent, and be admissable to church privileges -  
 Presbytery concluded with prayer

Timber Ridge Oct 26. 1784. The presbytery met  
 according to appointment. members present, Messrs. Graham,  
 McCornel, Scott, Crawford, Smith, Montgomery, Hoge, &  
 Carrick ministers. Messrs. James Elliott, Mr. Lockridge,  
 & John Lyle Elders. Absent. Messrs. Santee, Todd,  
 Brown, Waddel, Rice, Cummings, Balch, Irwin, Dock,  
 Erwin, Wilson, Houston, McCue, Rankin, McClure, and  
 Mitchell - The presbytery was opened with a sermon  
 by Mr. Hoge from Rom. 1. 16. Concluded with prayer.

Mr. Crawford was chosen moderator. Mr. Montgomery Clerk. Ordered that Calls and Supplications be given in. A letter was presented from the congregation of the Peaks in Bedford County, stating the dangerous situation of that part of the Church, from the Intrusion of the ignorant, the designing Sectaries, and praying for a Supply for two or three Months, of such a nature as might be suited to their Circumstances at present — A verbal request by Mr. Smith was made for supplies to the congregations of Lick Creek, Hot Creek, & Concord — A Call was presented to Mr. Shannon, from the united congregations of Windy Cove and Blue Spring in Augusta County, which he accepted —

As Mr. Blair did not arrive in time to preach to day according to the appointment of the intermediate Presby in August, it was ordered that he deliver his discourse Tomorrow —

Presbytery adjourned till Wednesday at 9 O'clock —  
Concluded with prayer —

October 27<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above. Constituted with prayer. Ordered that the minutes of yesterday be read; as also the minutes of the intermediate presbytery at Hampden Sydney, and of the last stated presbytery —

In consequence of a request from the united Congregations of Windy Cove & Blue Spring for Mr. Shannon's Ordination: Presbytery appoint to meet at Mr. Lewis's on the Cow-pasture the fourth Wednesday in November for that purpose. Mr. Carriek is appointed to preach the Ordination, Mr. Brown to preside, & Mr. Quinn to give the Charge; and Messrs. Scott, Crawford, & Wilson are desired particularly to attend. Mr. Shannon is appointed to prepare a discourse upon the same text assigned him at a former presbytery, to be delivered previous to his Ordination.

As Mr. Dwin failed in complying with the request of last Pres-  
bytery, to bring the presbytery Book and lay it before them, Pres-  
bytery now appoint Mr. Scott to write to Mr. Dwin, requesting  
him to convey the presbytery Book, with all the minutes in  
his Care to him as soon as possible. And Mr. Scott is also  
desired to collect from other members, whatever minutes have  
not been recorded.

Mr. Smith agreeable to an order of last Presbytery, produ-  
ced a Copy of the Memorial presented to the last Session of  
the General Assembly, complaining of certain Encroachments  
on our religious Liberty. The Presbytery approved the  
Memorial, and ordered it to be recorded in the presbytery  
Book.

Mr. Blair agreeable to the order of yesterday, delivered  
a popular discourse, assigned him at the intermediate  
Presbytery in August, on Eccles. 7. 12; and Presbytery having  
considered the discourse sustained it as a part of Trial.  
Messrs. Graham & Smith were appointed a Committee to  
prepare a Memorial to be presented at the present Session  
of the General Assembly of this State, and to produce it  
Tomorrow for the Inspection of the Presbytery.

Messrs. Scott, Hoge and Barriek were also appointed as  
a Committee to examine Mr. Blair upon the Languages  
Sciences and Divinity, and make report to Presbytery Tomorrow.  
Presbytery adjourned to meet on Thursday 10 O'clock.  
Adjourned with prayer.

October 28<sup>th</sup> — Presbytery met according to adjournment,  
Constituted with prayer. Ordered that the minutes of  
yesterday be read.

Presbytery having considered the Letter from the Beaks  
Congregation in Bedford, appointed Mr. Graham to write  
to them a pastoral Letter in the name of Presbytery, in  
answer to their request, and to reserve a Copy for the

Inspection of next presbytery. — — — They also appointed Mr. Graham to supply four Sabbaths in the same Congregation, and Mr. Crawford two Sabbaths before our next stated presbytery.

A Complaint from the Elders of Linking Spring Congregation in Washington County, and the Rev. Mr. Cumings was lodged in Presbytery against Mr. Rankin, for baptizing Children for John and Thomas Berry, who have been for some years, and still continue under suspension by Presby; and also for baptizing Children for others who are under suspension by the Session of the same Congregation; & requesting that Mr. Rankin be cited to appear before the next stated Presbytery to answer to the Charge. The Presbytery accepted the Complaint, and ordered the Clerk to cite Mr. Rankin to appear before our next presbytery in May, to answer to the Charge exhibited against him.

The Committee appointed yesterday to examine Mr. Blair on the Languages, Sciences, & Divinity, reported to Presbytery, that they had complied with the appointment, and were well pleased with his performance. The presbytery accepted their Report. And upon a review of his Trials, having had Satisfaction with regard to his moral Character, and Christian Conduct, and upon his adopting the Westminster Confession of Faith for the Confession of his Faith, as received in this Church, and professing his subjection to this Pres in the Lord, The presbytery agree to license him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, and recommend him to the notice and regard of the Churches under their Care.

Upon a Reference from the Arbitrators in a difference between William Houston & Peter Casaday, to know whether this presbytery thought the judgment of the said Arbitrators was a Libel. The presbytery determined that it was not a

Libel, either in a civil or ecclesiastical view upon a Application by the Session of falling Spring, requesting the Opinion of Presbytery whether the Session had acted uprightly in admitting Peter Casaday to church privileges. Presbytery is of Opinion that they acted prudently & uprightly in the Case.

A request was preferred to Presbytery from the Inhabitants of Smiths River in Henry County for supplies.

In a case referred from the Session of Halls meeting house respecting Hugh Wilson, Presbytery appointed Messrs McConnell, Smith, Montgomery & Hoge a Committee to meet this Evening at Mr Graham's, to enquire into, and determine the matter, & make report to our next Presbytery.

Presbytery appointed Messrs Rice, Rankin, & Etchehale to meet as a Presbytery at any time and place convenient to themselves; and if they judge it proper, they are hereby appointed to proceed in assigning subjects of Trial, & in ordaining Messrs James Crawford, and Sarah Sampson to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

7 Messrs Graham and Smith produced a Memorial, agreeable to the order of yesterday, to be presented to the General Assembly at their present Session, complaining of, and praying a Redress of certain Grievances. The Presbytery approved of the Memorial, and ordered it to be presented to the General Assembly at their present Session.

A Plan was also introduced, agreeable to which alone, Presbytery are willing to admit a General Assentment for the support of Religion by Law; the leading principles of which are as follow

1. Religion as a spiritual System is not to be considered as an Object of human Legislation; but may in a civil

View, as preserving the existence, & promoting the happiness of Society. —

2. That public worship, and public periodical Instructions to the people be maintained in this view by a general Assessment for this purpose. —
  3. That every man as a good Citizen be obliged to declare himself attached to some religious Community, publicly known to profess the belief of one God - his righteous providence our accountableness to him - and a future State of rewards and punishments. —
  4. That every Citizen should have a liberty annually to direct his assessed proportion to such Community as he chooses. — and
  5. That twelve Tithables, or more, to the amount of one hundred and fifty Families, as near as local Circumstances will admit, shall be incorporated, and exclusively direct the application of the money contributed for their support.
- Messrs. Todd, Graham, Smith & Montgomery are appointed to present the Memorial and attend the Assembly with this plan of an Assessment —

Mr. Blair was appointed to supply in the Bounds of this presbytery discretionary till our next stated presbytery; and is particularly recommended to supply some time in the presbyterian congregations in Lancaster and Northumberland — Mr. Smith is appointed to supply one Sabbath at Hat Creek, one Sabbath at Cut Creek, and one at Concord — Mr. Crawford was appointed to supply as much as convenient in the same congregations — Mr. McClure two Sabbaths at Smiths River in Henry County — Mr. McClure three Sabbaths in the Vacancies convenient to him — Mr. Hoge two Sabbaths, if convenient, in

Tyger's valley — Mr. McConnel two Sabbaths at the foot of  
the Cow-pasture — Mr. Shannon two Sabbaths on Jackson's  
River — Mr. Carrick two Sabbaths in Mr. Rice's former  
Congregations.

It was agreed, that for the future, the presbytery shall  
meet on Wednesday, and that two members shall be appoint-  
ed each Session, who shall prepare a sermon upon a sub-  
ject assigned them by the Presbytery; and that the Presbytery  
shall continue together for the administration of the Lord's  
supper, the next Sabbath at the place of meeting.

Messrs. Graham and Carrick were appointed each to prepare  
a discourse for the opening of next Presbytery on this sub-  
ject. To establish and confirm the Doctrine of Election. Mr.  
Graham to preach if present, or in his absence Mr. Carrick.

Presbytery adjourned to meet the third Wednesday in  
May at Bethel in Augusta. Concluded with prayer.

Mr. Lewis's, November 24<sup>th</sup> 1784. The Presbytery  
met agreeable to appointment at Mr. Lewis's for Mr. Shan-  
non's ordination. Members present Messrs. Brown, Montgomery,  
& Carrick. Constituted with prayer. Mr. Brown was  
chosen Moderator & Mr. Montgomery Clerk.

It was ordered that Mr. Shannon should deliver a dis-  
course assigned him at our last stated presbytery from  
Rom. 3. 24. The Presbytery having attended to the discourse,  
agreed to ordain Mr. Shannon to the work of the ministry,  
and appoint to meet Tomorrow at 11 O'clock for that purpose.  
Adjourned with prayer.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met agreeable to adjournment.  
Members present as above. Constituted with prayer.  
Ordered that the Minutes of yesterday be read.

Mr. Carrick, agreeable to the appointment of last Presbytery, preached a sermon previous to the Ordination of Mr. Shannon, from 2 Cor. 5. 20 first Clause -

Mr. Shannon having made a profession of a Christian Faith, received the Westminster Confession of Faith as the Confession of his Faith, as received in our Church, & promised Subjection to the presbytery in the Lord. The Presbytery proceeded to set apart Mr. Shannon to the sacred Work of the Ministry, by the Imposition of Hands & prayer. Mr. Brown presided and gave the charge, & the Presbytery having given Mr. Shannon the right hand of Fellowship, he took his seat as a Member of Presbytery.

Presbytery concluded with prayer -

Halls meeting Horse March 28<sup>th</sup> 1785. The Presbytery met according to appointment. Present Messrs William Graham, Edward Crawford, James Mitchell, & Samuel Shannon Ministers; and Robert Bealy Elder

Presbytery was opened by a sermon from Rom. 8. 14 by Mr. Graham - Constituted by prayer -

On motion, the presbytery proceeded to chuse a Moderator and Clerk. Mr. Crawford was <sup>accordingly</sup> chosen Moderator & Mr. Graham Clerk. -

Calls and Supplications were ordered to be given in. A Call from the Peaks Congregation in Bedford County was presented to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Mitchell, which he takes under Consideration for a few days. A Supplication from the Sinks of Greenbrier for Supplies -

The Presbytery adjourned until Tomorrow at 9 O'clock. Concluded with prayer -



March 29<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met according to adjournment, Presbytery was opened with prayer. The members present as above. Mr. Erwin is now come. His Reasons for not attending yesterday were sustained.

An motion, ordered that the minutes of yesterday be read, and they were accordingly read.

An motion, ordered that the Supplication from the Senks of Greenbrier be taken under Consideration, which was accordingly done; and Mr. Crawford is appointed to supply that Society two Sabbaths the ensuing summer, Mr. McComel two, and Mr. McCre one.

An motion ordered, that the minutes of our last stated Presbytery be read, they were accordingly read.

Mr. Mitchell was called upon to inform the presbytery, whether he had complied with the appointment of our last, he informed the presbytery he had punctually complied. Mr. Graham that he has complied. Mr. Shannon informed Presbytery that through the inclemency of the season, and the length & difficulty of the way, he had not supplied at Tyger's Valley but intended to supply that place during the summer, and he is accordingly appointed to supply two Sabbaths as soon as convenient.

An motion ordered, that application be made to Synod for a Division, of what was formerly Hanover, into four Presbyteries. and if there should be a Division of the present Synod, and a General Assembly be constituted, that application be made to have a Synod constituted in Virginia by the Name of the Synod of Lexington.

An motion unanimously agreed, that Mr. Todd, Mr. Graham, Mr. Smith, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Blair, & Mr. Carrick be appointed to attend Presbytery Synod in behalf of this Presbytery.

and that it be recommended to the members of this Presby in general to attend if possible -

Ordered that Mr. Graham, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Mitchell be appointed a Committee to meet at Mr. Graham's this Evening, to draw up Instructions for the members who are appointed to attend Synod, and report to Presbytery Tomorrow morning.

A Petition was presented to Presbytery by James Cunningham, representing that he James Cunningham, had been suspended from Church privileges in consequence of a Charge preferred against him by William Bell, to the Session of Brown's meeting house congregation, and referred from them to presbytery in May, 85; and praying that presbytery would appoint a time when his case could be fully heard. Ordered that William Bell be cited to appear before our next stated presbytery to support his Charge, and that the Clerk forward a citation to Mr. Bell, as also the time when the presbytery will meet.

The presbytery adjourned to meet at this place Tomorrow at 9 o'clock - concluded with prayer

March 30<sup>th</sup> The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted by prayer. The members present as above. Mr. McConnel & Mr. Carrick are now come. Their Reasons for not attending sooner sustained -

An motion ordered, that the minutes of yesterday be read. Mr. Graham from the Committee appointed yesterday, to draw up Instructions for the members who are appointed to attend Synod, informed the presbytery that the Committee had complied with the appointment, and were ready to make report, which was read and agreed to,

& which is as follows. \* \* \* (aliqua desunt)

A Supplication was preferred to Presbytery from the Congregations of Tinkling-Spring & Staunton for supplies, & the Lord's Supper at Tinkling-Spring. Mr. Carrick is accordingly appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Staunton, and Messrs. Scott & Carrick are appointed to administer the Sacrament at Tinkling-Spring the second Sabbath of September, and Mr. Carrick to preach the preparation Sabbath.

A Petition was preferred to Presbytery by James M<sup>r</sup>. Carroll for complaining that he had been debarred from church privileges by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. James M<sup>r</sup>. Connell, and praying a Committee to be appointed to hear and judge of his Case. The Presbytery finding it inconvenient to appoint a Committee for that purpose, Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Connell is directed to inform Mr. Carroll, that if he attends Presbytery at their next meeting with his Evidences, they will hear his case, and give him such redress as the merits of his Cause may require.

Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Connell informed the Presbytery, that his Congregations had come to an agreement with him, to have the union between them dissolved. A Petition was preferred from the Elders of said Congregations confirming the same report. Presbytery took the matter under Consideration, and unanimously agreed to dissolve the union, and it is accordingly dissolved.

On Motion, the Commissioners informed Presbytery, that there was not a full settlement with Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Connell, nor the sum of arrears due to him clearly ascertained. Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Connell is appointed to supply these Congregations at discretion until our next; and Mr. Crawford is appointed to supply these Congregations at such time as he and they may judge most suitable, and assist them in settling their Accounts; and that these Congregations report to the next Presbytery,

what progress they have made in settling & discharging  
their arrears.

A verbal Supplication from the Congregations of Gull's  
meeting house and Timber Ridge for supplies. Mr Graham &  
Mr Hoge are appointed to supply them at discretion until  
our next.

These Congregations are directed to endeavour to settle and  
discharge their arrears to Mr Graham as soon as possible,  
and make report to next presbytery.

Mr Crawford is appointed to supply the remainder of his  
time between this and our next at discretion - Mr Erwin  
two sabbaths at discretion - Mr Hoge two Sabbaths at  
Tiger's Valley - Mr McCue two Sabbaths at discretion - Mr  
Scott two Sabbaths at discretion - Mr Wilson three Sabbaths  
at discretion.

Mr Stitchell was called upon to inform Presbytery whe-  
ther he accepted the call from the Beaks Congregation.  
Mr Stitchell accordingly informed Presbytery, that he chuses  
to take said call under consideration until the next stated  
Presbytery; and is appointed to supply that Congregation  
until that time at discretion.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the time & place  
which shall be appointed by Synod. Concludes with prayer.

Bethel May 18<sup>th</sup> 1785. The Presbytery met according  
to adjournment. Members present, Messrs Todd, Brown, Graham,  
Scott, Crawford, Smith, Erwin, Hoge, Houston, Carrick & Shannon.  
Ministers. Elders James Henry, Wm McKee, John Tate, James  
Hoghead, William Yool, & Andrew Stillington - Absent Messrs  
Sankey, Waddel, Rice, Cummings, Balch, Irwin, McCannel,  
Doak, Montgomery, Wilson, McCue, Rankin, McCure,

and Mitchell

Presbytery was opened with a discourse from 1. John 2.3 by  
 W. Mahon, a candidate for licensure.

Constituted with prayer

W. Crawford was chosen Moderator & W. Barrick Clerk

Ordered that Balls and Supplications be given in. In consequence  
 of which a Supplication for supplies from upper Hotstein Congre-  
 -gation was given in. Likewise a verbal request for the same from  
 Tinkling Spring - and the like from Syger's valley - and the like  
 from Hat. Creek, Cub-creek, and Concord - and the like from the  
 Peaks - and the like from Patterson's Creek.

Ordered that the minutes of the two first days of last stated  
 Presbytery be read.

Presbytery proceeded to consider W. Mahon's discourse, & unanimously  
 agreed to sustain it as part of Trials.

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow at 9 o'clock. Adjourned with prayer

May 19<sup>th</sup> - Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members  
 present as above. Constituted with prayer. Ordered that the  
 minutes of yesterday be read. W. W. Blue is now come.

Presbytery proceeded to examine W. Mahon on Geography; the  
 consideration of which is deferred till Saturday.

Ordered that the minutes of the third day of last stated Presby  
 be read.

The consideration of the complaint from the Elders of Tinkling  
 Spring, against W. Rankin preferred to last Presbytery, is deferred  
 till Saturday. - The reading of the pastoral letter to the  
 Peaks congregation is likewise deferred till Saturday.

The Committee appointed to consider the Reference from  
 the Session of Hale's meeting House last Presbytery, having  
 omitted to bring their minutes, are directed to bring them to  
 next Presbytery.

Ordered that the Memorial presented by Presbytery to the  
 Assembly at their last Session be read.

Mr. Smith made a Report of the proceedings of the members, who attended with the Memorial upon the Assembly, which Presbytery approved —

Mr. Wilson is now come with his Elder John Campbell.

A Petition was presented to <sup>the</sup> Presbytery from the Session of Augusta Congregation, requesting an Explication of the word Liberal, as used in the Presbytery's Memorial of last Fall; as also the motives & end of the Presbytery in sending it to the Assembly. — Messrs. Hogg & Carrick are appointed a Committee to prepare an answer to the above petition, and report to Presbytery.

On motion, the opinion of Presbytery was taken, "Whether they do approve of any kind of an Assesment by the General Assembly for the support of Religion." Presbytery are unanimously against such a measure —

On motion, the opinion of the Presbytery, and likewise of several members of different Congregations present, was taken, "Whether a General Convention of the presbyterian body was expedient in our present circumstances?" It was unanimously agreed to; and an Invitation was accordingly signed by the Elders & several private members of the presbyterian Church, to the whole Body, to send Representatives to a Convention proposed to be held at Bethel on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of next August. Messrs. Todd, Brown, & Erwin have leave to be absent; Presbytery being satisfied with their Reasons.

Messrs. Graham, Scott, & Smith are appointed a Committee to proceed this Evening in Mr. Mahon's Trials, & report to Presbytery on Saturday.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday at 9 o'clock —

Adjourned with prayer

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Presbytery met according to adjournment. Minutes present as above. Constituted with prayer. Mr. Irwin is now come with his Elder Mack Leak.

Mr. Irwin's reasons for non-attendance at the two last stated Presbyteries, & for not sending the minutes as required by a former order, were sustained.

Ordered that the minutes of Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> be read

Ordered that the consideration of the Complaint against Mr Rankin be deferred till Monday -

Mr. Graham produced & read the pastoral letter, which he was directed, at our last stated presbytery, to write in their name to the Church in Bedford, which was received with approbation, & ordered to be preserved amongst our Records.

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Allason reported, that they examined him upon the Latin Greek Languages, Natural Philosophy & Astronomy, and agreed to sustain his answers upon these subjects.

Mr. Graham informed the Presbytery that the Churches of Stoner Ridge & Hall's meeting House in Rockledge, of which he has been for several years the pastor, had come to an agreement with him, that the Relation formerly subsisting between them should be dissolved, and requested the Presbytery to ratify the said agreement: which was unanimously complied with. These Churches were therefore accordingly declared vacant.

Major Mr. Lee requested supplies for these Churches till our next Presbytery, as also the Administration of the Lord's Supper in one of them.

A Letter was received from the Rev. Thomas B. Coaghead directed to the Moderator, and requesting the advice of the Presbytery respecting a Case which came before the Session of Sinking Spring Congregation; in which after stating several particulars, he more especially requested to know, what

attention ought to be paid to a scandalous report concerning one Charles therein mentioned. The Moderator was requested to return for answer, that the Presbytery conceived it impossible to know what degree of attention ought to be paid to it, from any light they yet had.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider Mr. Mahon's answers upon Geography on Thursday, & having also examined him further upon Moral Philosophy & Criticism, agreed to sustain the whole as parts of Trial.

Adjourned till Monday at 8 O'clock. Adjourned with prayer May 23<sup>d</sup>. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above. Constituted with prayer.

Presbytery proceeded to the Examination of Mr. Mahon on Divinity, and having considered his answers thereon, came to the following Resolution.

Mr. William Mahon having passed the usual Course of Trials, & being approved both in them & in <sup>his</sup> moral Character; having likewise accepted the Westminster Confession of Faith for the Confession of his Faith, as received in this Church, and promised Subjection to this Presbytery in this Lord, the Presbytery agree to license him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, where-ever God in his Providence may send him; and do hereby recommend him to the notice & regard of the Churches under our Care.

Upon the Motion of Mr. Crawford, for a dispensation from spreading Spring Congregation, Presbytery defer the Consideration of the Case until next Presbytery, and so hereby call upon that Congregation to send a Commissioner to said Presbytery, to express their Sentiments thereon.

An Information from the Class of New Providence on the Western Waters was read, respecting the Conduct of the Rev.



Miss<sup>n</sup> Balch & Doak; and likewise a Letter from Mr. Balch, requesting a delay of any proceedings therein. Presbytery appointed Miss<sup>n</sup> Smith & Hoge to write to both parties a Letter of Counsel, & preserve a Copy for the Inspection of Presbytery.

A Reference from the Session of Brown's meeting House, respecting Mr. Ball, James Cunningham, and Daniel O'Neil was read. Presbytery judged it premature at this time to consider their Case.

The Committee appointed to prepare an answer to the Petition of the Augusta Church produced an answer, which Presbytery revised, & appointed their Clerk to send to the said Church.

Mr. Graham is appointed to supply three Sabbaths at the Peaks, one at Upper Hotelier, and the rest of his time at dis-  
- cussion until August. — Mr. Hoge is appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Finkling Spring — Mr. McCaw is appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Lyger's Valley — Mr. Allason is appointed to supply discretionary at Hat. Creek, Cub-Creek, & Concord — Mr. Houston is appointed to supply next Sabbath at Hall's meeting house, and to read the Minutes of Presbytery declaring that Church & Timber. Ridge vacant.

Ordered that the Consideration of the Complaint against Mr. Rankin be deferred till next Presbytery.

Mr. Smith is appointed to open next Presbytery with a Discourse.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethel in Augusta on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August next. Concluded with prayer.

N.B. The Minutes of the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1785, and of any other Presbytery before the Spring of 1786, when the Presbytery was divided, are lost.

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