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Minutes  
of the  
Presbytery  
of  
Hanover

From the year 1786 —  
to the end of the year 1795 —

St. Sydney Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1786

Agreeably to an arrangement of Pres-  
byteries made by the Synod of New-York and  
Philadelphia, at their Sessions in May, and  
according to an appointment then made, the  
Presbytery of Hanover met at Hampden-Sydney,  
and was opened with a Sermon from 2 Cor. 6. 1.  
by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Daniel McCalla

Members present	{ Richard Sankey Daniel McCalla John B. Smith John Morton Esq. Elder	Ministers
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Members absent	{ John Todd James Waddel William Irvine James Stitchel John D. Blair
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Mr. Sankey was chosen Moderator &  
Mr. Smith Clerk

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Constituted by prayer.

The Presbytery thought proper at that first meeting, to ascertain the names of the Churches under their care; which are as follows -

Buffalo, under the charge of Mr. Sankey. The Bird, Providence, & The Fork, under the charge of Mr. Todd. Mountain Plains, North-Garden, Rich-Cove, & D.S. under the charge of Mr. Irvine. Cumberland & Briery, under the charge of Mr. Smith. Peaks of Otter under the charge of Mr. Stitchel. Hanover & Henrico, under the charge of Mr. Blair. Rockfish, Concord, Haterock, Cub-Creek, Fauquier, Lancaster, Bluestone, The head of Smith's River Vacant.

Mr. William Mahon is the only Probationer for the Gospel Ministry under the care of the Presbytery -

The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the plan proposed by the Synod for constituting a General Assembly, & arranging

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four Synods under it; and approved of the same.

Upon a motion, It was agreed that this Presbytery would at their future meetings continue together one Sabbath, celebrate the Lords Supper in the Church at which they may convene; & that at the opening of each meeting some Member should be appointed to preach upon a select subject appointed at the preceding meeting.

As the Synod directed each Presbytery to raise from the Congregations under their charge a Collection for defraying some necessary expenses which it had incurred, & to send it to their next meeting; Ordered, That Mr. Sankey collect from Buffalo Congregation - Mr. Todd from his Congregations - Mr. McCalla from any vacancy he may supply - Mr. Irvine from his Congregations & from Rockfish - Mr. Mitchel from the Peaks of Otter, Hat-creek, & Concord - Mr. Waddel from any vacancy where he may

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supply - Mr Blair from his Congregations -  
& Mr Smith from his Congregations & Cub  
Creek; and that these Collections be forwarded  
to the next meeting of Presbytery subject  
to their direction -

Mr Blair was appointed to open the  
next Presbytery by a discourse upon the na-  
-ture of Faith -

Adjourned to meet at Providence  
meeting House in Louisa the last Friday  
in April. Concluded with prayer -

Rich<sup>d</sup> Lankey Mod<sup>r</sup> -  
John B. Smith Clk -

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Providence April 27<sup>th</sup> 1787 -

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The Presbytery met according to adjourn-  
-ment, and was opened by a sermon on James 2,  
18. by Mr Blair -

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Members present	{	John Todd	} Ministers
		John B. Smith	
		John D. Blair	
		James Mitchel	
		Daniel McCalla	
Members absent	{	William White	} Elders
		William Boyd	
		Richard Sankey	
Members absent	{	James Waddel	
		William Irvine	

Mr. Todd was chosen Moderator & Mr. McCalla Clk. Constituted by prayer - -

The Minutes of the last Presbytery were read. - -

The Presbytery being informed that Mr. Mitchel has under his Consideration a Call from a Congregation called the Peaks Congregation in the County of Bedford, proceeded to inquire of Mr. Mitchel whether he accepted the said Call, who informed the Presbytery that he did accept of it.

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A motion was made that the Presbytery should proceed to take notice of any application that might be made them for supplies, whereupon, a verbal supplication was made for supplies by Mr. Stitchel in behalf of the Congregations of Hat-Creek, Cut-Creek, & the head of Smith's River -

Agreeably to an order of last Presbytery that the Members should collect what money they could within their respective Bounds, (the following sums were delivered to Presbytery) by Mr. Smith. For his Congregations the sum of £ 4. For the Congregation of Buffalo £ 1. For the Congregation of Cut-Creek £ 1. . . . .

The Presbytery was informed that Mr. Lacy a Tutor in the College of Hampden-Sydney attended with a view to come under trials for the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Lacy was then introduced, and upon enquiring into his experiential acquaintance with religion the Presbytery was so well satisfied with the account that they admitted him to further trial. Mr. Lacy then read an Exegesis in Latin

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on the subject of Justification which had been assigned to him by Mr Smith, as a specimen of his abilities, which was received & sustained as a part of Trial -

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow morning at 10 O'clock - Concluded by prayer.

April 28.<sup>th</sup> 1787 -

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer -

Members present as Yesterday.

A Motion was made that the Presbytery should proceed to consider the Draught of a plan of Government & Discipline for the Presbyterian Church in North America, according to a requisition of the Synod of New York & Philadelphia met at Philadelphia May 26<sup>th</sup> 1786, and having proceeded some length in the same, adjourned till 3 O'clock P. M.

3 O'clock. The presbytery met according to adjournment - - -

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1787. Providence.

The Presbytery resumed the Consideration of the Draught &c, & having made various remarks on the same, agreed to defer the further examination of that subject till Monday - Adjournd till Monday 9 O'clock. Concluded by prayer -

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1787.

*The Presby met according to adjournment. Constituted by prayer.*  
 Members present as by roll call.

The Presbytery having gone through their remarks on the Draught &c agreed to the following report to be made to the Synod Viz.

The Presbytery of Hanover met at Providence on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 1787; having taken into Consideration a Draught of a plan of Government & discipline for the Presbyterian Church in North America according to a requisition of <sup>the Synod of</sup> New York & Philadelphia met at Philadelphia the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 1786, do agree to submit the following remarks to the

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Consideration of the Synod. -

Page 6. line 6, after the word children, insert during their Infancy. line 24. instead of which officers, insert, whose peculiar Offices. p. 7. l. 14, After the word with, insert, & to conduct the public worship of God. l. 24. instead of the word termed, insert, Considered as an. p. 8. l. 27. Strike out the word the, & instead of of, insert in. p. 10. l. 25. Strike out the words & blessing the people. p. 12. l. 12. Strike out the words, And marriages. p. 17. l. 27. instead of 6 insert 9. l. 33. Strike out the words any fourteen, and insert a Majority. p. 18. l. 1, strike out the words or more. l. 21. instead of Conscience, insert appeal. p. 19. l. 9. Strike out unworthy, & insert ignorant. p. 20. l. 1. Strike out from the word the to on in the 4<sup>th</sup> line inclusive. l. 18 & 19, strike out the

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words, and a popular Sermon, l. 20 & 21. Strike out the words, to be held at several successive Sessions. p. 21. instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> Question in this page, insert the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quest p 26, striking out in the latter the words renew your acceptance of, and inserting, receive & adopt. p. 29. l. 32. Strike out the words, the Congregation is dismissed, & insert, the Solemnity of instalment. p. 39. l. 24. strike out dissolved & insert adjourned, & instead of dissolve insert adjourn.

General Remarks.

1. It is recommended to Synod to strike out all phrases that are not pure English.
2. To specify the passages of Scripture which authorize the various particulars in the plan.
3. To prescribe a particular mode for the Ordination of ruling Elders & Deacons.
4. Under the head of resigning a pastoral Charge, it is recommended, that the Minister shall be obliged to make it appear to the Presbytery that he has given his Congregation three months notice previous to his

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suing for a Dismissal before the Presbytery,  
& that this shall be considered as a proper  
Citation of the people.

5. The learned qualifications of the Candidates  
for licensure, are too minutely ascertained. It  
is therefore recommended to the Synod, to leave  
that matter intirely to the discretion of the  
various presbyteries, to act as the Circumstan-  
ces of the particular Churches under their  
care may require.

6. However advantageous the Widows fund might  
be to those who live convenient to the place  
of <sup>the</sup> meeting of the Corporation, provided the  
fund was managed properly, yet it is conceiv-  
ed highly improper to bind the Congregation  
or Bishops to engage as adventurers in it.  
We therefore recommend that the Synod shall  
wholly expunge that Article. —

7. It is also conceived by the Presbytery  
that the people in different Churches  
are not admitted to a sufficient share in  
the Government of their particular Societies;

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It is therefore recommended to the Synod to enlarge their privileges in that respect.

The Presbytery received from the Congregation of providence by Mr. Todd £3. 11. 6. From the Congregations of Hungary & Watkins by Mr. Blair £6. 1. 11. The amount of which added to that received by Mr. Smith is £15. 13. 5. which they entrust to the care of Mr. Smith to be conveyed to the Synod, agreeably to its recommendation.

The Congregation of Christ-Church parish in S. Carolina presented a Call to Mr. McCalla which being read was handed to him by the Moderator; and being asked whether he accepted of the Call or not, informed the Presbytery that he accepted the same.

Mr. McCalla then moving for a Dismission, it was granted. And the presbytery recommend him to the Churches to which God in his providence may call him.

Mr. Blair was then appointed Clk

Mr. Lacy was appointed a presbyterial exercise on 1. Tim. 3. 16. A Lecture on the 6<sup>th</sup> Chap. Heb; and a popular Sermon on 1. Tim. 1. 10 to be delivered at our next.

Mr. Smith & Mr. Mitchel were appointed to administer the sacrament of the Lords' Supper at Cub-Creek; & Mr. Mitchel to supply one Sabbath at Hat-Creek.

Mr. Mahon was appointed to supply at the head of Smith's River during the Month of August.

Mr. Waddel was appointed to supply in Fauquier County two sabbaths.

The Presbytery find that the situation of the vacant Congregations renders it impracticable in some instances to comply with the resolution of Synod, which enjoins the Catechizing of them.

Adjourned to meet at Cumberland on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in September. Concluded by Prayer

John Todd Mod<sup>r</sup>  
John D. Blair Clk

Cumb<sup>o</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1787

The Presbytery met according to adjourn-  
-ment, & was opened by a sermon on Eph. 2. 13  
by M<sup>r</sup> Smith. . .

Members	{ Richard Sankey John B. Smith }	Ministers.
Present.		
	{ John D. Blair James Allen John Caldwell }	Elders.

Members	{ John Todd James Waddel }
Absent	
	{ William Irvine James Stitchel }

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Pattillo of Orange Pres-  
-bytery was invited to sit as a Corresponding  
Member, and took his seat accordingly.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald McRobert, for-  
-merly a Minister of the Episcopal Church  
in Virginia, but now a Discenter from that  
Church & a minister of an independent  
Congregation, a Gentleman of good Character  
in the Churches being present, was invited

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to sit as a corresponding member, and took his seat accordingly -

M<sup>r</sup>. Sankey was Chosen Moderator and M<sup>r</sup>. Blair Clerk. - - Constituted by prayer -

The Minutes of the last presbytery were read.

M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy then produced & read a presbyterial exercise on 1 Tim. 3. 10, which was sustained. -  
Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 O'clock.  
Concluded by prayer -

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1787 -

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer -

The Trials of M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy were resumed, & the Presbytery having proceeded some length therein, declined a further examination, till after Sermon -

M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy then delivered a popular discourse on 1 Tim. 4. 10 which was sustained.

M<sup>r</sup>. Smith produced to the Presbytery a receipt for £ 15. 13. 5 signed by Isaac Snowden Treasurer of the Synod, which was the

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Money entrusted to him by the last Pres-  
bytery to be conveyed to the Synod.

It appeared upon inquiry that Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Smith & Mitchel had complied with their  
appointments made at the last Presbytery.

Mr. Mahon offered an excuse for not ful-  
filling his appointments which was Jus-  
tained as reasonable -

Upon a motion, that Mr. M. Robert  
who sat as a corresponding Member should  
be invited to join the Presbytery, the Reso-  
lution was unanimously agreed to; and Mr.  
M. Robert finding his way clear to join  
himself as a Member to ~~the~~ Presbytery,  
received the right hand of Fellowship, the  
Presbytery esteeming him regularly Ordain-  
ed, and took his seat as a stated member.

Mr. M. Robert desiring leave of absence  
& his reasons appearing sufficient, his re-  
quest was granted

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning  
9 O'clock. Concluded by prayer

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer members present as yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

M<sup>r</sup>. Blair was directed to write in the name of the presbytery, to M<sup>r</sup>. Todd, M<sup>r</sup>. Waddel & M<sup>r</sup>. Irvine on the subject of their frequent absence from presbytery and request them to attend at our next.

M<sup>r</sup>. McRobert was appointed to supply at discretion one sabbath at Cub-creek, and one at Lunenburg court-house, between this and our next. — M<sup>r</sup>. Mahon to supply at Hat-creek, Cub-creek, & Concord, one sabbath at each place. — & M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchell to supply one sabbath at Hat-creek.

M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy read as part of Trials a lecture on Heb: 6, which was sustained. Adjourned till after Sermon —

After Sermon, the Presbytery resumed & finished the Trials of M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy, <sup>Law-</sup>  
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examined him upon the Languages, Sci-  
ences & Divinity, all which were sustain-  
ed. The Presbytery therefore agreed to  
license Mr Lacy as a Probationer & Can-  
didate for the Gospel Ministry. He then  
having adopted the Westminster Con-  
fession of Faith, & promised subjec-  
tion to the Presbytery in the Lord,  
after admonition & fatherly advice, ~~was~~<sup>was</sup>  
licensed ~~him~~ to preach the everlasting  
Gospel.

Mr Lacy was appointed to supply  
at Hat-Creek-Concord, & Cub-Creek,  
one Sabbath at each place. . . .

Adjourned to meet at Buffalo  
meeting House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in  
next April. - Mr Mitchel was ap-  
pointed to open the Presbytery on the  
subject of Baptism -  
Concluded by prayer. Richard Santrey Mod<sup>r</sup>  
John D. Blair Clk

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened by a Sermon on Rev 21. 6 by Mr. Todd. Mr. Mitchel who was appointed to open it being absent —

Members Present	{	Richard Sankey	} Ministers
		John Todd	
Present	{	John B. Smith	} Elders —
		Hugh Porter	
		James Morton	

Members absent.	{	James Waddel
		William Irvine
		Arch <sup>d</sup> McRobert
		James Mitchel
		John D. Blain

Mr. Sankey was continued Moderator & Mr. Smith was chosen Clerk —

Constituted by prayer —

The minutes of the last Presbytery were read. . . . —

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Mr. Todd's reasons of absence from our last, were sustained -

A letter was received from Mr. Blair informing the Presbytery of the reasons of his absence, which were sustained provided he shall go to Synod as he proposes; & also that he had written to Messrs. Todd, Waddel, & Irvine, agreeably to the Direction of last presbytery -

It appeared upon inquiry, that Mr. Robert & Mr. Mahon had fulfilled their appointments.

A Copy of the Draught of the Form of Government & Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, as amended by the Synod in May 1787, & sent to this presbytery by their Committee was produced, & ordered to be read for the remarks of this Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to adjourn to the House of Mr. Joseph Parks for that purpose in the Evening at 5 O'clock. Mr. Park's 5 O'clock -

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The presbytery proceeded to consider the Draught &c. & having made some progress in the business agreed to adjourn till Tomorrow morning 10 o'clock to meet at the meeting House.

Concluded by prayer -

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1788 -

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer -

Members present as yesterday with the addition of Mr. McRobert, whose reasons of absence ~~yesterday~~ were sustained.

Mr. Sacy fulfilled his appointments except at Hal-Creek; his reason for failure was sustained. He was then appointed to supply there two Sabbaths between this & our next -

The reading of the Draught &c. was resumed; and the Presbytery having gone thro' the whole, & made several remarks upon it agreed to the following report, to be laid before the Synod. -

Buffalo April 18<sup>th</sup> 1788

The Presbytery of Hanover met at Buffalo April 18<sup>th</sup> 1788, having taken into consideration the Draught of the Form of Government & Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America as amended at the Sessions of Synod in May 1787; do agree to acquiesce in the said plan, as that to which they are willing to conform themselves as members of the Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery are pleased to observe a spirit of liberality, candour & piety diffused through the whole performance. But though the Presbytery approve of the Draught in general, they wish to submit the following remarks to the Consideration of Synod.

1. Under the Article of the Church, after the words Children, insert during their infancy. In the directory p. 87. line 19. before Christians insert visible.
2. Let the <sup>several</sup> ~~several~~ passages of Scripture which

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authorize the various particulars in the plan be specified.

3. It is still our opinion as reported to the Synod in May 1787, that the learned qualifications of the Candidates for Licensure are too minutely ascertained; we therefore wish to have that matter left to the discretion of the various Presbyteries, to act as the Circumstances of the particular Churches under their care may require.

4. Though the duty of the Session in their collective capacity is very properly stated, we do not observe that the duty of Elders as individuals is pointed out, which we wish should be done.

5. In page 18 the bottom line, after Scripture strike out the following words, and a popular Sermon: or other similar exercises to be held at several successive Sessions.

A supplication was presented from Concord Congregation for supplies, and the administration of the Lord's Supper —

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A Small Society in the Neighbourhood of Walkers Church, formerly considered as an independent Church, & under the pastoral care of M<sup>r</sup>. M. Robert, appeared by their Elders at the Presbytery and requested to be taken under its care, and considered as a part of the presbyterian Church in Virginia. They also requested supplies -

Supplications were presented for supplies from Lancaster County in the Northern Neck; from Cub-creek, & from Hat-Creek -

M<sup>r</sup>. M. Robert was appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Concord; one at Walkers Church; two at Hat-Creek, and the rest of his time at discretion till our next.

M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchel was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Cub-creek, and to administer the Lords supper with M<sup>r</sup>. M. Robert at Concord; the time to be at their discretion.

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Mr. Mahon was appointed to supply two Sabbaths at Concord; one at Hat-Creek; & one at Cub-Creek; the rest of his time at Discretion.

Mr. Lacy was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Concord; two at Walker's Church; one at Hat-Creek; and one at Cub-Creek. It is also recommended to him to go to the Northern Neck, if he can possibly make it convenient.

Mr. M. Robert was appointed to open the next Presbytery; & Mr. Etchell to preach upon the subject formerly assigned him.

Adjourned to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in October at Cumberland meeting House.

Concluded by prayer.

Richard Sankey Mod<sup>r</sup>  
John B. Smith clk

Cumber Oct: 10<sup>th</sup> 1788

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened by a Sermon on Ps. 14. 3 by Mr. McRobert.

Members Present	}	William Irvine	} Ministers
		Arch <sup>d</sup> . McRobert	
		John B. Smith	
		James Mitchell	
Members Present	}	John D. Blair	} Elders
		John Merton	
		Robert Mitchell	
		John Parker	
		Mask Leak	
		Robt Franklin	

Members absent.	}	Richard Sankey
		John Todd
		James Waddel

Mr. McRobert was chosen Moderator  
& Mr. Blair clerk

Dr. Robert Smith of New Castle Presbytery being present & invited to sit as a Corresponding Member took a seat.

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Constituted by prayer.

Ordered that the Minutes of last Presbytery be read. The excuses of M<sup>r</sup>. Irvine & M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchell, for not attending the last Presbytery, were sustained. The excuses which were offered by M<sup>r</sup>. McRobert, M<sup>r</sup>. Stitchel, & M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy for failure in some of their appointments were sustained.

A Petition was presented to the Presbytery by the Elders and Members of Cub-creek Congregation, that M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy a Probationer under the care of this Presbytery should be ordained to the whole work of the Ministry, for the general advantage of the Church.

A similar request was presented by the Congregations of Hat-creek, Concord, & Walker's Church for the Ordination of M<sup>r</sup>. Mlathon.

The Presbytery agreed to the requests of the above Congregations, and ordered that M<sup>r</sup>. Mlathon & M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy be Ordained.

M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy then preached a Sermon

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previous to his Ordination, on Feb: 10. 14;  
a subject assigned him by Mr. Smith, which  
appointment was approved by the Presbytery.

The Presbytery being informed that Mr.  
Nash Legrand was desirous of offering him-  
-self as a candidate for the Ministry, he  
was introduced; and having been examined  
as to the dealings of God with his soul,  
his acquaintance with experimental  
Religion, & his motives for desiring to  
enter upon the Ministry, to the satis-  
-faction of the Presbytery, he was admit-  
-ted to Further Trials.

Mr. Clement Read also offered himself as  
a candidate for the Ministry; & the Pres-  
-bytery having heard an Account of his  
Religious Exercises, and examined him re-  
-specting his views in desiring to preach  
the Gospel, admitted him to Further Trials.

Mr. Mahon was appointed to preach  
a trial Sermon Tomorrow. No subject,  
through the apparent necessities of the  
Church, having been given out to him

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by Mr Smith, which for the same reasons,  
was confirmed by the Presbytery —  
Adjourned till Tomorrow 10 O'clock.  
Concluded by prayer —

Octr 11<sup>th</sup> 1788.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment  
& was constituted by prayer.

Members present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Minutes of last Session be  
read. The appointment of Mr. Atchell to preach  
on Baptism was postponed on account of the  
shortness of time, in order to give room for more  
important Business.

Mr. Mahon preached agreeably to appoint-  
ment on 2. Cor. 4, 5. —

Mr. Mahon's & Mr. Lacey's sermons had-  
ing been considered & sustained; and an Or-  
-dination sermon preached by Doc<sup>r</sup> Robert Smith  
who was chosen to preside, on John 21. 15, 16. 17;  
the Presbytery proceeded solemnly to set them a-  
-part by prayer and imposition of hands to the  
whole work of the Ministry; and they were

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admitted to take their seats as Full Members of the Presbytery. —

A Supplication being sent by Mr. Waddel in behalf of a Presbyterian Congregation in Lancaster for supplies; Mr. Blair was appointed to supply one Sabbath in that County between this and our next.

The Presbytery having continued Mr. Legrand & Mr. Read on trials, and the necessities of the Church apparently requiring dispatch; an intermediate Presbytery was appointed to be holden at Buffalo Meeting house on the second Wednesday in January for the purpose of furthering them in their Trials. —

Mr. Read was appointed to exhibit at the intermediate Presbytery an Essay in English on the subject of Justification; & a Presbyterian Exercise on 1. John 5. 14. —

Mr. Legrand was appointed to produce at the same time an Essay on Regeneration, & a Presbyterian Exercise on John 14. 23.

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Mr. Mitchel was appointed to open the intermediate Presbytery on the subject formerly assigned him; & Mr. Smith to open the next stated presbytery with a sermon on the subject of infant Baptism —

Adjourned to meet at Pisgah meeting house the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in next April.

— Concluded by prayer —

Arch<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Robert Mad<sup>n</sup>.

John D. Blair clk

Buffalo January 14<sup>th</sup> 1789

The Presbytery met according to appointment, and was opened by a sermon on Gen. 17. 7. By Mr. Mitchel —

Members Present	{	Richard Sankey	} Ministers.
		Arch <sup>d</sup> . Mr. Robert	
		John B. Smith	
		James Mitchel	
		William Mahon	

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Members Present	{ Drury Lacy Samuel Clayton James Allen Bernard Todd	Minister
		Elders

Members Absent.	{ John Todd James Waddel William Irvine John D. Blair	

Constituted by prayer.

M<sup>r</sup>. Sankey was chosen Moderator &  
M<sup>r</sup>. Smith Clerk - -

M<sup>r</sup>. Segrans read an Essay upon  
Regeneration, which was sustained. -

M<sup>r</sup>. Attitchee obtained leave to return  
home on account of some peculiar  
family circumstances which rendered it  
necessary -

Adjourned on account of the severity  
of the weather to meet at M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph  
Park's at 7 O'clock in the Evening

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Mr. Parks's 7 O'clock

Mr. Read produced & read an Essay upon Justification which was sustained.

Mr. Read did not produce a presbyterial exercise according to order; the reasons for his failure were sustained. He was then appointed to produce a presbyterial Exercise on the subject formerly assigned him, and a lecture on Heb: 4. to be exhibited at our next.

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow morning 9 O'clock. Concluded by prayer

Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1789.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer.

Members present as yesterday.

Mr. Cary Allen, a Graduate from Hampden-Sydney College, and a Member in Full Communion with the presbyterian Church, having signified to the Presbytery

Mr. Park's Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1789-

a desire to put himself under their care in order to preach the Gospel, if they should judge him to be qualified for it; The Presbytery proceeded to inquire into his experimental knowledge of Religion, & a work of grace upon his Soul; and after some time spent in hearing from him a detail of God's dealings with him, and examining into his motives for desiring to preach the Gospel, were so well satisfied with the account which he gave, that they agreed to receive him as a Candidate to further trials.

Mr. Allen was then appointed to exhibit an Essay upon the extent of Christ's redemption; and a presbyterial Exercise upon 1. John. 3. 8 at the next stated presbytery.

Mr. Legrand having been providentially prevented from attending the second session of the Presbytery, the Clerk read

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his presbyterial Exercise which was sustained.

M<sup>r</sup>. Legrand was appointed a Lecture on the 23<sup>d</sup> Psalm, & a popular discourse on Rom: 5. 1, 2. to be exhibited at the next stated presbytery Concluded by prayer.

Richard Sankey M<sup>d</sup>.  
John B. Smith Clerk

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The Presbytery having failed to meet at Pisgah on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in this month, according to the adjournment of last stated Presbytery; the Moderator of the intermediate Presbytery having by letter called a meeting to convene at Buffalo on this day, the Presbytery met accordingly, & was constituted by prayer.

Members { Richard Sankey } Ministers  
Present. { John Todd }

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	} Ministers	Archibald M <sup>r</sup> Robert
		John B. Smith
		William Mahan
Members	} Elders.	Drury Lacy
Present		Charles Allen
		Bernard Todd
		Samuel Grayham
		Stephen Pettus
Members	}	James Waddel
Absent.		William Irvine
		James Stitchel
		John D. Blair

M<sup>r</sup> Todd was chosen Moderator and  
M<sup>r</sup> Lacy clerk. —

M<sup>r</sup> Seagrave opened the Presbytery with  
a popular discourse on Rom. 5. 1. 2. —

The various excuses of the different  
Members for not attending the stated appoint-  
-ment of Presbytery at Pisgah were sustained.

M<sup>r</sup> Todd's excuse for not attending the  
Presbytery last Oct<sup>r</sup> was sustained.

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M<sup>r</sup>. Allen read an Essay upon the extent of Christ's Redemption.

M<sup>r</sup>. Legrand read a Lecture upon the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

The Consideration of the different performances of the Candidates was deferred till Tomorrow.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 O'clock. Concluded by prayer —

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1789 —

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted by prayer.

Members present as yesterday.

The Presbytery having considered M<sup>r</sup>. Legrand's Sermon & Lecture, & M<sup>r</sup>. Allen's Essay agreed to sustain them —

M<sup>r</sup>. Allen read a presbyterial Exercise on 1 John 3. 8, which was sustained.

Adjourned till after Sermon.

After Sermon the Presbytery entered upon the Examination of M<sup>r</sup>. Legrand respecting his

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knowledge in the learned languages & Sciences & in the doctrines of religion: & Mr. Legrand having produced a Diploma from the College of Hampden Sydney, it was considered as sufficient evidence of his learned Qualifications; & his Answers upon Divinity were esteemed a competent proof of his acquaintance with the Doctrines of religion. The Presbytery therefore having received from Mr. Legrand a profession of his accepting the Westminster Confession of Faith as now received by the Presbyterian Churches in America, & of subjection to the Presbytery in the Lord, proceeded to license him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Mr. Allen was appointed a Lecture upon Luke 15. 12 - 32, & a popular Discourse upon Rev: 7. 13, 14, to be exhibited at the next Presbytery ---

Upon a motion, Ordered that the Clerk write to Mr. Lead, a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery to attend the next stated Meeting, to answer to a report

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of his having preached without License  
in connection with the Methodists.

It was recommended to Mr. McRobert  
& Mr. Blair, if they can possibly make  
it convenient to supply in the Northern  
neck, between this & our next.

Adjourned to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
in October at Pisgah meeting House -  
Concluded by prayer -

John Todd Mod<sup>r</sup>

Drury Lany clerk

Pisgah. Bedford, October 16. 1789

The Presby. being likely to fail meeting on the day to which it stood adjourned at the Spring Sessions on account of a great inconvenience to which the members would be thereby subjected in attending the appointed meeting of Synod on Wednesday the 9th. inst. at Lexington in Rockbridge, The Moderator Mr. Todd at the request of two members, appointed a meeting to be held at Pisgah meeting house in Bedford on the 3<sup>d</sup>. Friday in October on which day the Presby. met there according to appointments - Constituted with prayer.

Members Present.	Archibald M. Robert John Blair Smith James Mitchell William Mahon Drury Lacy	} Ministers		
			} Elders	
				Robert Franklin
				Benjamin Allen
			Robert Stichel	

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Members	{	Richard Lankey
		John Todd
Absent.	{	James Waddel
		William Irvine
		John D. Blair

Little Joe Atton, was admitted to a seat as Representative from Cub-Creek a vacant Church as Mr. Smith was too unwell to open the Presby. according to a former appointment (Oct. 1788) Mr. Gay Allen delivered a popular discourse from Rev. 7. 13, 14 at this first Session.

Mr. M. Roberts was chosen Modr.

Mr. Smith was chosen, Clerk.

The Rev. Messrs. William Graham & Samuel Carrick of Lexington Presby. being present, were invited to sit as correspondents.

The consideration of Mr. Allen's discourse was postponed till to-morrow.

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The minutes of last Spring P<sup>ly</sup> were read according to order.

W<sup>r</sup>. Mitchel's reasons for absence from the last meeting of P<sup>ly</sup> were sustained.

W<sup>r</sup>. Clement Read appeared according to citation, to answer for the irregular conduct with which he was charged, respecting his connection with the Methodists -

After considerable time spent in conversing with the said Read upon his religious principles & his attempting to preach once or twice, ~~then~~ with the methodist preachers, the farther consideration of his case was deferred till tomorrow.

W<sup>r</sup>. William Moore formerly a methodist preacher for several years, & of good standing in his society during his connection with them, as appeared from papers laid before the P<sup>ly</sup>, applied for leave to join our Church, & to be ordained as a gospel minister amongst us.

This application was supported by recommendatory letters from the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Pattillo & Lake

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of Orange P<sup>ly</sup> & from seventeen Elders of the  
Presbyterian Church in the Neighbourhood  
of Mr. Moore, requesting the same -

The P<sup>ly</sup>. after considerable time spent in  
discussing this subject & in examining into  
Mr. Moore's motives for desiring to join  
the Presbyterian Church, & to act as a Gos-  
pel minister, agreed to receive him and  
trial for ordination, notwithstanding his  
want of a liberal education -

The grounds on which the P<sup>ly</sup> agreed to  
dispense with a liberal education were  
the following,

1. Because a liberal education is intend-  
ed chiefly to furnish the mind with know-  
ledge & <sup>to</sup> prepare us for usefulness; & in  
the present instance Mr. Moore comes re-  
commended as a man of knowledge &  
usefulness.
2. Because in the present state of religion  
& of our Churches, men of liberal education  
& real piety cannot be obtained in suffi-  
cient

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erent numbers to supply the pressing demand of the people for the word & ordinances. <sup>On these accounts</sup> ~~It is~~ <sup>in</sup> an extraordinary case such as the present, the Presby thought <sup>it</sup> proper to recede from the General rule adopted by our Church, which requires its ministers to possess a classical education. They do, however, declare their approbation of that rule in the general & their intention to preserve a regard to it as extremely useful, & perhaps necessary. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday October 17. 1789. —

The Presby. met according to adjourn't.  
 Ubi post proces sedent qui supra.  
 A supplication was presented to the Presby. from the Congregations of Winchester, Opaken & Cedar creek for supplies & especially for such preachers as are not already settled

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in Churches.

As those Congregations are in the bounds  
of Lexington P<sup>ly</sup>, Mr. Chipley the commissi<sup>o</sup>  
ner informed the Presbytery, that they would  
have regularly applied for leave to make  
their application to this body, but that the  
present meeting being a week before  
that of Lexington P<sup>ly</sup>, the Congregat<sup>o</sup>  
were prevented in their intended appli-  
cation - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Graham & Carrick assu-  
red the P<sup>ly</sup>, that their brethren would  
cheerfully acquiesce in the measures  
that might be adopted on this occasion for supplying the  
said Congregations according to their re-  
quests.

The P<sup>ly</sup> then proceeded to examine  
Mr. Moore upon Divinity & after some  
time spent therein, adjourned to hear  
a popular discourse from him upon  
John 3. 16. a subject recommended to  
him by the Rev. Mr. Pattillo, as a speci-  
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 men of his talents for preaching & of his  
 soundness in the faith.

After Sermon, the <sup>Presby</sup> proceeded to ex-  
 amine Mr. Moore further upon Divinity  
 & upon the whole, agreed to sustain the  
 said examination & his discourse as parts  
 of trial. & to proceed immediately to his  
 Ordination.

Mr. Smith was appointed to preside  
 & give the charge.

Mr. William Moore having then made  
 a public profession of his faith & adherence  
 to the Westminster Confession as received  
 in this Church, & having, moreover, promised  
 subjection to his brethren in the Lord, was  
 solemnly set apart to the whole work of the  
 Gospel ministry by prayer & the imposition  
 of hands, & afterwards was admitted to a  
 seat as a member of this Presbytery.

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The Presbytery afterwards took Mr. Allen's discourse into consideration & agreed to sustain it as a part of trial.

Mr. Read's affair was deferred, till Monday - Mr. Smith obtained leave of absence the remainder of the Session.

Adjourned till Monday at 9 o'clock & concluded with prayer -  
Monday Oct: 19. 1789.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.  
Constituted with prayer.

Members presents, The Rev: Arch: Mr. Roberts, James Mitchell, Drury Lacy, & William Moore, Ministers - Robert Mitchell, Elder.

Mr. Lacy was chosen Clerk.

Mr. Helgrand <sup>was</sup> appointed, <sup>to supply</sup> in the Congregations of Winchester, Openen, & Cedar Creek, during the months of March & April - & the rest of his time at discretion, till our next.

Mr. Mr. Roberts, Smith & Lacy are desired by the Presbytery to supply the above Congregations at discretion.

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The Presbytery resumed the Consideration of Mr. Reads affair, & having spent some time thereon it was finally resolved to suspend his trials until they be better satisfied with the propriety of his conduct & his religious principles.

Mr. Moore obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Adjourned till after Samon - after a sermon preached by Mr. Lacy from Cant. 2. 16. the Presby. proceeded to hear Mr. Allen's lecture on Luke 15. 12-25 inclusive - The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Mr. Stitchels house.

At Mr. Stitchels they took Mr. Allen's lecture into consideration, & agreed to sustain it as a part of trial.

Mr. Blair having by letter requested a dismission from this P<sup>ty</sup> with a view to join the Presbytery of Transylvania, the P<sup>ty</sup> agreed to comply with his request & he is dismissed accordingly.

Mr. William Hill, a graduate from Hampden Sydney College, desiring to enter upon trials

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for the Gospel Ministry, & to put himself under  
the care of this Presbytery, was introduced; &  
after some time spent in conversing with  
him upon the motives which induced him  
to ~~engage~~ offer himself a candidate  
for this ministry, & upon the nature of his  
religious experiences, they <sup>Pl<sup>y</sup></sup> agreed to ~~admit~~  
him to further trials.

M<sup>r</sup> David Wiley a Tutor at Hamp-  
den Academy, & graduate of New Jersey College ha-  
ving expressed a desire to enter upon trials for  
the Gospel-ministry under the care of this Pres-  
bytery, & was introduced; & after some time spent  
in conversing with him upon the motives which  
induced him to offer himself a candidate for  
the ministry & upon the nature of his religious  
experiences, the <sup>Pl<sup>y</sup></sup> agreed to admit him  
to further trials.

M<sup>r</sup> Hill was appointed an Essay upon  
the advantages of revelation above the light  
of nature; to produce piety & good living; & a  
prophetic exercise upon math. 5. 13. to be exhibited  
at our next meeting.

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Pisgah, Bedford. Oct: 19. 1789. Monday.

Mr. Wiley was appointed to write an Essay on Sanctification, & a Presbyterian exercise upon Rom. 9. 31, to be exhibited at our next meeting.

The Presbytery then entered upon the examination of Mr. Allen in Divinity, & after spending considerable time therein, were of opinion, that he is not so well acquainted with that necessary science, as to be sufficiently qualified to teach others at present; they therefore judge that they cannot conscientiously license him to preach the Gospel at this time, but recommend to him a diligent attention to the study of Divinity till the next Session of Presbytery.

The P<sup>y</sup> afterwards adjourned, to meet at Drury meeting-house on the 1.<sup>th</sup> Thursday in May. ... - Concluded with prayer.

Archd: W. Robert, Mod<sup>r</sup>  
 of Drury Lacy Clark

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The Presbytery of Hanover met according to  
app: & was opened by a Sermon from Isai.  
55.1 by the Rev<sup>d</sup> John D. Blair.  
Constituted with prayer.

Members { Archibald c<sup>d</sup> Robert.  
John B. Smith. } Ministers.  
Presents { James c<sup>d</sup>itchel.  
Drumhazy. }

{ Col<sup>o</sup> Charles Allen  
Michael Graham  
Little Joe Morton  
a representative  
from Cub Creek } Elders.

Absents { John Todd, James Waddel,  
William Irvine, William Mahon } Ministers  
William Moore

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Pres<sup>d</sup> Sankley has deceased since our last.  
c<sup>d</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blair who received a dismission from  
this Presb<sup>y</sup>. at our last meeting, having been  
disappointed in his views of going to Kentucky  
& desiring to be received into connection with  
this body again, was accordingly admitted, & took  
his seat as a member -

c<sup>d</sup> W<sup>r</sup> Blair was chosen mod<sup>o</sup>. - W<sup>r</sup> Lary Clark.  
Ordered that the minutes of the last P<sup>y</sup> be read.

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The Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Moore applied by letter for a dismission from this Ch<sup>rch</sup> in order to join the Orange P<sup>ch</sup> which is more convenient - & his request was granted.

M<sup>r</sup>. Smith gave notice, that on Saturday morning he should propose the following questions for the discussion of Presb<sup>y</sup>.

1. Whether the first day of the week ought to be observed as the Christian Sabbath.
2. Whether a child offered for Baptism by profligate parents, & having the rite performed by a minister of the same description ought to be re-baptized or not.

A verbal Supp<sup>n</sup> was presented by M<sup>r</sup>. Smith from Sandy River & the head of Smith's river for supplies -

A call was presented to M<sup>r</sup>. LeGrand from the ~~congregation~~ <sup>people about</sup> of Dan River in

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Virginia, & on Kico. in Caswell county N.  
Carolina -

Another call was presented to M<sup>r</sup>. LeGrand  
from the United Cong<sup>rs</sup> of Winchester,  
Open & Cedar Creek -

M<sup>r</sup>. Smith also, in the name of the Com-  
mission of Synod, urged M<sup>r</sup>. LeGrand to  
accept of their appl<sup>l</sup> of him to be one of  
their Missionaries -

M<sup>r</sup>. LeGrand, took the calls & request under  
consideration, but desired time, before he ret<sup>d</sup>.  
an answer -

M<sup>r</sup>. Hill read an Essay on the advantages  
of Revelation above the light of nature to  
produce piety & morality, which was just

Adjourned till to-morrow morning  
at 8 O'Clock. Concluded with prayer

Friday May 7. 1790

The P<sup>y</sup> met according to adjourn<sup>t</sup>. & was  
constituted by Prayer -

M<sup>r</sup>. James Turner, of Bedford, was

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recommended by Mr. Mitchell as a person who had made some progress in learning & of whose piety he had good hopes, to the notice of this P<sup>ly</sup>, being desirous to receive the advice of the P<sup>ly</sup> respecting what constitutes a proper call to the Gospel ministry -

Mr. Turner's request application for advice was accordingly attended to, & he was urged to prosecute his studies & to prepare himself for the Ministry - after having given some acc<sup>t</sup> of his religious exercises which were very satisfactory - The P<sup>ly</sup> considering him as an object of their attention, & willing to encourage him, tho' not formally entered as a Candidate upon trial, thought proper to assign him subjects to write upon as a specimen of his abilities - The P<sup>ly</sup> therefore recommended to Mr. Turner to write an Essay upon the imputed righteousness of Christ - A discourse upon Heb. 5. 14. & a comment upon Rom. 8. 28. &c.

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downwards -

A question was proposed by Mr. Mitchel whether a private Christian of a good character might be permitted to exhort his fellow Christians in social meetings, and in the affirmative, provided the Society themselves approved of it -

Mr. Hill then read an *Presbyterial* exercise which was sustained as a part of trial -

The *PLY* adjourned till after divine service - Mr. Mr. Robert then preached from *Lev. 24. 16.* & Mr. Mitchel afterwards from *Heb. 13. 8.*

The *PLY* met according to adjourn<sup>t</sup>: after divine service -

The *Rev. Henry Pattillo* of Orange *PLY* being present was invited & took his seat as a correspondent member -

Proposals were then laid before the *PLY* recommended by the general assembly of the *Presbyterian Church*, for raising subscriptions to publish a family Bible -

It <sup>was</sup> therefore appointed that Col. Mr. Morton in Cal. creek congregation Col. Charles Allen in Briery, Capt. James Morton in Cumber. Mr. Joseph Parks and Capt. Mr. Dorn Buffalo. Mr. Joshua Morris in Hat creek - Mr. James M. Reynolds in Concord, Mr. Andrew Wallace in little Concord. Mr. John Dupriest at Campbell Court House. Mr. Saml. Clayton in Pisgah - Mr. Michael Graham in Bethel. Capt. Thomas Pogwood in Salem. Maj. Alexander Reid in Rockfish. The Rev. Wm Irvine in mountain plains. Mr. James Ker in Dee Ck. The Rev. James Waddel in Lusa. Mr. Ellis in Hanson. Mr. Robert M. Vair Henrico. Mr. Philip Poindester

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Good meeting house. Mr. Thomas Smith  
in Sandy River. Mr. Caleb Johnston  
in Blue Stone. Mr. Joseph Thomson  
in Providence. Capt. Jacob Woodson  
at ~~the~~ Walker's Church. Col. Rev.  
Lewis in the Bird. & the Rev. Jno.  
Tidd in the fork congregations take  
in subscriptions for that purpose.

adjourn'd to meet tomorrow  
morning 8 O'clock

Concluded with Prayer

Saturday. May 8<sup>th</sup> 1790.

The Presbytery met according to  
adjournment and was constituted by  
Prayer - The recommendation of  
Synod for raising a sum of money  
for the purpose of sending forth  
and paying missionaries to preach  
the Gospel in vacant Congregations  
and other places where they may

think proper. on a motion resolved -  
that the Clerk write a circular letter  
to the different congregations to promote  
this purpose. and that he furnish a  
Copy thereof to all <sup>the</sup> members of the  
Pres. y. as soon as possible -

Resolv<sup>d</sup>. that Cap. James  
Morton ~~be appointed~~ be appointed - Sub-  
Treasurer accountable to the Pres by y.  
to receive all the money that may be  
raised for this purpose within the  
district of Hanover - That he keep  
a fair book of accounts give and  
take receipts for all money receiv<sup>d</sup>.  
or paid away by him & shall make  
a return thereof to the general treasurer  
whose receipt shall be a sufficient voucher

Resolv<sup>d</sup>. that Col. Wm Morton in  
Cub-creek congregation, Col. Charles  
Allen, in Briery, Capt. James Morton  
in Cumber<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Joseph Parks and  
Capt. Wm Porter in Buffalo. Mr.

Joshua Morris in Hat-creek. Mr. James  
 M<sup>r</sup> Reynolds in Concord. Mr. Andrew Wallace  
 in Little Concord. Mr. J<sup>r</sup>. Dupont at  
 Campbell court house. Mr. Samuel  
 Clayton in Pizah. Mr. Michael Gra-  
 -ham in Bethel, Capt. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Legwood in  
 Salem. M<sup>r</sup> A. Alexander. Died in Rock  
 -fish. the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Irvine in moun-  
 tain plains. Mr. James Kerr, in Dec. Es.  
 the Rev<sup>d</sup>. James Waddel in Lissa. Mr.  
 Wm. Ellis in Hanover. Mr. Rob<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Stain-  
 -bines. Mr. Philip point dexter at  
 Good meeting house. Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Smith  
 Sandy River. Mr. Caleb Johnston in  
 Blue stone. Capt. Jacob. Woodson in  
 at Walker's Church. Mr. Joseph Thom-  
 son in Providence. Col. Robert Lewis in  
 the Bird & the Rev<sup>d</sup>. J<sup>r</sup>. Todd in the  
 Park congregation - he appointed as  
 Collector within the different congregations

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Who shall keep a fair ~~book~~ account of  
the sums rec<sup>d</sup>? together with the names  
of the persons contributing to be given  
with the money to the Sub. Treasurer -  
who shall return the names with an  
account of the sums annexed to the  
Presby. Resol<sup>n</sup>. that the Clerk furnish  
the different congregations with  
a copy of these resolutions.

Agreeably to a resolu-  
tion Thursday Mr. Smith proposed  
the following ~~questions~~ queries for the  
consideration of Presby.

1. Whether the 1. day of the  
week ought to be observ'd as the Christian  
Sabbath
2. Whether a person baptiz'd  
in infancy being offer'd in Baptism by  
professing parents and baptiz'd by a  
minister of the same description, ought

not to be re-baptized -

Upon a motion, Resolv<sup>d</sup> that  
the consideration of them be proposed till  
the afternoon - The Presby<sup>y</sup>. then entered  
upon the Examination of Mr Cary allens  
respecting his knowledge in divinity: and  
after ~~some~~ time spent in its adjourn'd  
till after ~~the~~ sermon. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr.

Pattillo then preach<sup>d</sup> on Luke & <sup>th</sup>. 18. 19.  
after sermon the Presby<sup>y</sup>. met -  
The Presbytery then resumed the exa-  
mination of Mr allen, respecting his  
knowledge in Divinity, & having proceed  
on it to their satisfaction, do agree to sus-  
tain it as a part of Trial -

Mr allen there fore having adopted  
the Westminster confession of faith  
& promised subjection to <sup>his</sup> brethren in the  
was directed to preach the everlasting  
God of our L<sup>d</sup> J. Christ

upon a motion, resolv<sup>d</sup>

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that it be a rule of this Presby<sup>y</sup>. when  
ever a candidate is licensed to take him  
by the hand as a token of ~~friendship~~ <sup>fellowship</sup> -

Agreeably to an order of Thursday  
Mr. LeGrand was called upon to de-  
-termine respecting the calls which  
# was presented him: - where upon he  
# accepted the appointment of the  
Commission of Synod at present &  
in the mean time desired to retain  
the calls for further consideration -

Mr. Smith then propos<sup>d</sup> the follow-  
ing question -

Whether the 1. day of the  
week ought to be observed as the  
Christian Sabbath, which was determin<sup>d</sup>  
in the affirmative, by an Unanimous  
vote of the Presby<sup>y</sup>. for the following  
reasons. 1. Because the 7<sup>th</sup> day is  
expressly repeated in Col. 2. 16.

2. Because of the practice of the apostles who constantly met on the 1. day for the worship of God and the administration of the Sacraments -

3. Because of the Testimony of History which unequivocally informs us that the 1. day was observed by all Christians &c.

4. And from the probable authority of the 118. Ps: 22 23. 24 2.

A second Question was then proposed by Mr. Smith

Whether, <sup>a child</sup> offered in baptism by profligate parents & baptized by a minister of the same description ought not to be re-baptized,

upon a motion resolved that the consideration of this query be referred for Council to the general assembly - a letter was laid before Presby. from Mr. David Wiley joining forth that it was inconvenient

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for him to reside any longer in Virginia  
& requesting a dismission from under  
their charge, which request was granted.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Smith and Lacy  
were appointed commissioners to the  
the ensuing General assembly to be  
held at Philadelphia & Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Benja-  
Allen & Wm. Ellis Clerks -

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Todd & Waddel are  
appointed alternate members to repre-  
sent the Presby<sup>y</sup>. in the Gen<sup>l</sup>. assembly  
in case that Mr. Smith or Mr.  
Lacy be prevented from attending

Mr. Hill was appointed a Lecturer upon  
Luke 11. 21. to 26. inclusive and a  
popular discourse upon Heb. 11. 24. & 6.

Mr. Smith charged Mr. Carn! Reed  
a candidate under the care of this  
Presby<sup>y</sup>. with uttering a falsehood  
publickly respecting <sup>his</sup> having in the

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enced him in his religious  
opinions in an undue manner at a  
publick meeting of the Methodists  
& requested that he be cited to appear  
before the Presby. to answer for his  
conduct - It is therefore ordered  
that the Clerk give him notice  
of this accusation & cite him by  
letter to appear at our next Presby.  
for this purpose -

Mr. Allen was appointed to supply  
at Sandy River & at the head of  
Smith's river in the months of June  
& July. &c. The remainder of his time  
at discretion till the fall Presby. c.

The Presby. then adjourned  
to meet at Buffalo in P. C.  
on the 2<sup>d</sup> Friday of July.

Concluded with prayer

J. D. Wilson

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Read & approved of this far  
Winchester Oct. 2. 1790. Joseph Smith Mod.<sup>r</sup>

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Buffalo July 9<sup>th</sup> 1790.

The Presbytery of Hanover met  
according to adjournment, and was consti-  
tuted by Prayer

Members Present	{	Arch <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Robert	} Ministers
		John B. Smith	
		Wm Mahon	
Present	{	Drury Lacy	} Elders
		James Allen	
		Andrew Wallace	
		Stephen Pettus	
	{	Little Joe Norton	}
Absent	{	John Todd	
		James Waddel	
		Wm Irvine	

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Absent { James Mitchel  
John D. Blair

Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert was chosen Moderator & Mr.  
Lucy Clerk. —

The Presbytery was opened with  
a popular sermon by Mr. Wm Hill on Feb. 11.  
24, 25 & 26 which subject was assigned him  
at our last meeting — Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert then  
preached from Jerk: 9. 13 —

Ordered that the minutes of last  
Presbytery be read — The excuse of Mr. Mahon  
for not attending our last meeting was  
sustained — Mr. Benjamin Allen's excuse  
for not attending the General Assembly at  
Philadelphia was sustained —

The Presbytery having considered Mr.  
Hill's Discourse sustained it as part of Trial.

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A supplication was presented from the  
Congregations of Tomahock & Sandy-river  
in Pittsylvania County, praying supplies -

A verbal supplication was presented  
by M<sup>r</sup>. Smith for supplies to be sent  
to the Northern Neck - & another by M<sup>r</sup>.  
Lacey for supplies to be sent to Halifax  
& Franklin: ~

M<sup>r</sup>. Legrand was called upon at the  
request of the Commissioner from the Con-  
gregations of Hico in N. Carolina, to return  
an answer to the Call presented to him  
by those Congregations. But being yet  
undetermined upon that subject, he requested  
still to retain the Call; leaving the said  
Congregations nevertheless at full liberty to  
Call any other whenever they please -

A request was then presented by M<sup>r</sup>.  
Warren the Commissioner from Hico Con-  
gregations for supplies -

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Mr. Hill having produced a Diploma from  
Hampton-Sydney College; the Presbytery con-  
-sidering it as a sufficient Testimonial of  
his Learned Qualifications, entered upon an  
examination of him respecting his know-  
-ledge in Divinity, and having proceeded  
Some length, adjourned to meet Tomorrow  
morning at 9 O'clock - Concluded by prayer

July 10: 1790.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.  
Ubi post preces sederunt quic supra.

The Minutes of last Session was read.

A Letter was received & read from  
the General Assembly of the Presbyterian  
Church in America, urging the necessity  
of punctuality in sending up Commissioners  
to the Assembly annually, & making provis-  
-ion for their support during their absence  
on the business of the Church, as well as

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For supplying their Pulpits during the same  
time — Upon motion, Ordered, that each  
Member of this Presbytery, and also each  
Candidate licensed under our Charge, solicit  
the different Congregations under their care,  
& where they may supply, for annual Con-  
tributions for the purpose of defraying the  
expenses of the Commissioners who shall  
attend the General Assembly — It was  
also resolved that this Presbytery will take  
measures to supply the pulpits of those  
Commissioners during their absence —

A Letter was then laid before the Presbytery  
by Mr. Smith from the General Committee of  
the Baptist Church in Virginia, that their  
Brethren of the Presbyterian Church would  
concur with them in remonstrating & petitioning  
the General Assembly of this State for selling  
the Glebes & opening the Church Doors to all  
Denominations. Whereupon the Presbytery Con-  
-cluded that altho' the object be reasonable

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& just, yet on account of some circumstances they would not wish to engage in it at present ~ upon motion, Resolved that the moderator & Clerk together with Mr. Smith ~~to~~ collect, arrange, correct & transcribe into a proper Book, to be furnished at the expence of this Presby, all the minutes from the Original Institution of this Presbytery, as distinct from that of Lexington, to the present date, for the review of the Synod ~

Mr. Hill then read a Lecture upon Luke 11, 21-26 inclusive - the Consideration of which was postponed till after Sermon.

Mr. Allason preached upon 1 Cor 11. 28 ~

After Sermon the Presbytery having considered Mr. Hill's Lecture agreed to sustain it as a part of Trial. ~ The Presbytery then resumed the examination of Mr. Hill on Divinity, & having proceeded to their Satisfaction agreed to licence him to preach. Mr. Hill then having

adopted the Confession of Faith as received in this Church in America, as the Confession of his Faith, & promises subjection to this Presby was licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ —

The Commissioners to the General Assembly reported, that they laid the Question respecting Baptism, which was referred to that Body for Counsel, before them, upon which the following Answer was returned. —

Resolved - that it is a principle of this Church, that the unworthiness of the Ministers of the Gospel does not invalidate the Ordinances of Religion dispensed by them - It is also a principle, that as long as any Denomination of Christians is acknowledged by us a church of Christ, we ought to hold the Ordinances dispensed by it as valid, notwithstanding the unworthiness of particular Ministers. Yet, inasmuch as no general rule can be made to em-

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- brace all Circumstances, there may be irregu-  
-larities in particular administrations, by men  
not yet divested of their Office either in this or  
in other Churches, which may render them  
null & void - But as these irregularities must  
often result from Circumstances & Situations,  
that cannot be anticipated & pointed out in  
this Rule, they must be left to be judged  
of by the prudence & wisdom of Church  
Sessions, & the higher judicatories to which  
they may be referred. In such cases it may  
be advisable to administer the Ordinance  
of Baptism in a regular manner, where a  
profane exhibition of the Ceremony may  
have been attempted. These cases & Circum-  
stances however are to be enquired into by  
the Church Sessions, and referred to a Presbytery  
before a final decision

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Robt Smith mod<sup>r</sup>  
Ashbel Green clk

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Mr. Clem. Read was called upon to answer ~~to answer~~ to the accusation exhibited against him by Mr. Smith at our last meeting; but not being present several persons were called upon to give information to the Presbytery respecting that matter. Whereupon it appeared that Mr. Read in assigning his reasons for leaving the Presbyterian Church, & uniting with the Methodists, had not a design to charge Mr. Smith with using artifice or undue influence with him to induce him to join the Presbyterian Church; but having made use of the ambiguous term Influence with respect to the Gentleman under whom he studied, a misconstruction had arisen which gave a colour to the charge upon citation, Resolved - that as Mr. Read has associated himself with the Methodists for a considerable time, he

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be no longer considered as a Candidate  
under the Care of this Presbytery.

Mr Hill was appointed to supply in  
the Counties of Halifax, Henry, Franklin, &  
Pittsylvania during the months of August  
& September, and the remainder of his time till  
our next at Discretion -

Mr Blair was appointed to supply in  
the Northern-neck as soon as he can make it  
Convenient - Adjourned to meet at the Pres-  
Meeting House in Goochland County on the  
Second Friday in October

Concluded by prayer.

Archd McRobert modr

Drury Lang Ckr

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Bird meeting - House Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1790

The Presbytery met according to adjournment  
and was opened by a sermon on Math. 1. 21. by  
M<sup>r</sup> Lacy - Constituted by Prayer

Members Present.	{	John Todd	} Ministers
		John B. Smith	
		James Mitchell	
{	Drury Lacy	} Elders	
	Robert Lewis		
	Wm. Womack		

Absent.	{	James Waddel
		William Irvine
		Arch <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Robert
		John D. Blair
		Wm. Mahon

M<sup>r</sup> Todd was chosen Moderator & M<sup>r</sup> Lacy clerk  
A petition was presented from Chesnut Creek  
Congregation in Franklin County for supplies.  
A Commissioner from the Congregations upon  
Hico in N. Carolina & Dan River in Virginia  
appeared requesting an answer from M<sup>r</sup>  
Legrand to the Call which had been presented

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to him. But as Mr. Legrand in consequence of a call from Winchester &c. had agreed to reside there for a term of time, he petitioned for supplies in adjourned to meet at Col. Lewis's at 5 o'clock. Concluded by prayer.

Col. Lewis's 5 o'clock

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Albi post preces sederunt qui supra.

The minutes of last presbytery were read.

The Excuses of Mr. Todd & Mr. Etchell for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery were sustained ~

As it was represented to the Presbytery that that Mr. Legrand has a desire to continue for some time in the Congregations about Winchester with a view of settling there, he was appointed to supply in those Congregations for six Months -

Upon Motion Resolved - that the members of this Presbytery together with the probationers

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under their charge endeavour to raise Collections  
for defraying the expences of the Commissioners  
to the general Assembly, agreeably to a  
Resolution of our Last —

The Committee for collecting arranging &c  
the Minutes of this Presbytery reported that  
they had fulfilled that appointment.

It appeared that Mr Allen & Mr Hill  
had complied with the appointment of Pres-  
bytery in supplying in those Counties  
where they were directed —

A request was presented to the Presbytery  
from the Commission of Synod, that Mr  
Cary Allen & Mr Wm Hill might be resigned  
to their direction, if the Presbytery should  
think fit to recommend them as Mission-  
aries. Whereupon the Presbytery agreeing  
to the request of the Commission, recom-  
mended Mr Allen & Mr Hill to their Care  
and Direction —

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The Synod of Virginia having recommended to the different Presbyteries within their bounds to observe the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November as a day of Fasting & prayer to almighty God, for the outpouring of his Spirit upon the Churches & a general revival of Religion throughout our Country - Resolved - That this Presbytery will attend to that recommendation throughout the Churches under our Charge - and that the Clerks give notice thereof to the members who are absent -

Agreeably to a recommendation of Synod, the Presbytery agreed, that they would attempt the administration of the Ordinance of Baptism in their different Congregations, at stated periods, & with a solemnity similar to that which is necessary in the administration of the Lord's Supper. First, that they may have a greater Opportunity of explaining the nature of the Ordinance, & shewing the

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the solemnity of Covenanking with God therein; Secondly, that Parents & others may be thereby more impressed with a sense of their duty, & not treat it as a trivial matter as it is to be feared too many have done.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Blair Ministers, & Mr. Benjamin Allen & Little Joe Morton Elders were appointed Commissioners to attend the next general Assembly. And Mr. M. Robert & Mr. Lacy were nominated alternate Members in case either of the former was prevented from going.

The Synod having recommended to the different Presbyteries a punctual attendance upon the meetings of that Body - Resolves - That this Presbytery will endeavour to comply with the recommendation, and give a more general attendance upon Synod. and that the Clerk transmit a copy of this Resolution to the absent Members, informing them of the time & place of the next meeting of Synod.

Mr. M. Robert & Mr. Stitchel were

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appointed to supply in the Congregations upon  
Dan & Hico as early as possible, & Mr. Smith  
to supply in Halifax, Pittsylvania, & Franklin  
Counties, which are all the supplies that can  
be furnished at present as our Proctors  
are under the direction of the Commission of  
Synod. Adjourned to meet Tomorrow morning  
at 7 o'clock. Concluded by prayer.

Oct. 9. 1790.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment  
& was constituted by prayer. Members present  
as yesterday — upon motion — Resolved. That  
the first day of January be observed as a day  
of Thanksgiving & praise to God, the bounti-  
ful giver of all blessings, for the plentiful  
Crops with which he has favoured ~~our~~ ~~land~~  
& that the clerk inform the absent members  
thereof as soon as possible —

Capt. James Morton Treasurer of the Presbytery  
presented an acct. of the money rec<sup>d</sup>. by him

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For the support of Missionaries; From which  
it appeared that he had in his hands the  
sum of £ 13. 4. 10. —

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at  
Briery meeting House in Prince-Edward  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in April —

Concluded by prayer

John Todd Mod<sup>r</sup> —

Drury Gay

Briery April 1<sup>st</sup> 1791

The Presbytery met according to adjournment  
it was opened by a sermon on Isa 55. 6 by Mr.  
Robert Marshall one of the Missionaries under the  
charge of the Commission of Synod.

Constituted by prayer.

Members	{	Arch <sup>d</sup> Mr Robert
		John B. Smith
		James Attridge
		Wm. Makon
Present	{	Drury Gay

Ministers

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members { Charles Allen }  
present { Little Joe Atkinson } Ecders  
          { John Caldwell }  
          { Geo. Dooley }

Absent { John Todd }  
          { James Waddel }  
          { Wm Irvine }  
          { John D. Blair }

Mr. Mitchel was chosen Moderator & Mr. Saly Clerk - Mr. William Graham & Mr. William Wilson of Lexington Presbytery being present were invited to sit as corresponding members, and took their seats - The Minutes of last presbytery were ordered to be read which was done accordingly -

Mr. McRoberts' excuse for not attending our last meeting was sustained, and Mr. Makin also.

Upon Motion, Ordered that the Clerk write to the absent members respecting their failing to attend so frequently: and as Mr. Waddel & Irvine have been most negligent in this particular, that he cite them to attend at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Briery April 15<sup>th</sup> 1791

An Application was made to the Presbytery for Supplies from a small Congregation in Lancaster County: Or that their situation might be particularly recommended to the attention of the Commission of Synod. The Presbytery therefore, having no Probationers under their care, requested the Commission to take notice of that application in appointing the different Circuits of their Missionaries. — A verbal supplication for sup-

plies was presented by Mr. Woods from Chesnut Congregation in Franklin County: another from Caswell County N. Carolina by Mr. Black: another by Mr. Weakly from the upper end of Halifax for Mr. Mitchell.

An Inquiry was made of the Members whether they had complied with the recommendation of Synod, in observing the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November as a day of Fasting & prayer for a general revival of Religion; and also, whether they had observed the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January as a day of Thanksgiving, agreeably to a Resolution of last Presbytery, and it

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appeared that they had universally observed those days. ~ An Inquiry was then made whether the Members had complied with the recommendation of Synod, to adopt the mode of administering the Ordinance of Baptism at stated periods; and it appeared that most of them had proposed it to the Congregations under their Charge, & that it had been generally approved.

M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Robert obtained Leave of absence this Evening. The Presby then adjourns to meet at M<sup>r</sup>s Allortons at 7 O'Clock this Evening  
Concluded By prayer -

M<sup>r</sup>s Allortons 7 O'Clock.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.  
Ubi post preces sederunt qui supra.

Upon Inquiry it appeared that M<sup>r</sup>. Stitches had fulfilled his appointment in supplying in the Congregations upon Dan & Hico; and M<sup>r</sup>. Smith in supplying in Halifax & Pennsylvania.

M<sup>r</sup>. William Colhoon recommended as a Young man of good moral Character in Full

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Communion with the Presbyterian Church, & of some literary improvement, offered himself to the Presbytery to be taken on trials for the Gospel Ministry; and the Presbytery having spent some time in hearing a detail of God's dealings with his soul, and of the motives which induce him to preach the Gospel, agreed to admit him to Trials.

The Resolution of the last Presbytery, to endeavour to raise Collections for defraying the expences of the Commissioners to the general Assembly, not having been generally complied with, <sup>it</sup> was again urged upon the members to exert themselves for that purpose.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock to meet at the meeting-House. Concluded by prayer.  
Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1791

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer. Members present as on yesterday. — Mr. Smith & Mr. Blair being appointed Commissioners to attend the General

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Assembly, in order to supply their Pulpits in their absence, Mr. Mason was appointed to preach one Sabbath at Briery, & Mr. Lacy one at Cumberland & Mr. Todd one in Mr. Blairs Congregation.

Mr. M. Robert was appointed to supply one Sabbath in the Northern-neck as soon as possible; & Mr. Smith to supply there one Sabbath between this & our next.

Colo. William Atton, who was appointed Collector in Cut-Creek Congregation to raise money for the payment of the Missionaries, desiring to resign his appointment, the resignation was accepted, & Capt. Richard Gaines appointed Collector in his Room. A Copy of which the Clerk was ordered to transmit to Mr. Gaines.

Mr. James Turner, to whom the Presbytery at their last Spring Sessions has assigned some subjects as a Specimen of his abilities for the Gospel Ministry, appeared and read a discourse upon Heb. 5, 4, with <sup>which</sup> ~~which~~ the Presbytery was so well satisfied, that they admitted him to Trials, & agreed to sustain that discourse as a part. Mr. Turner was then appointed an Exag upon the imputed Righteousness

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of Christ, & a Lecture upon Rom: 8. 28 & downwards, which were the subjects formerly assigned him, to be produced at our next.

From a Representation of the State of the Churches about Winchester, where Mr. Legrand has resided for some time, from the desires of the People, as represented by him, to have him ordained to the whole work of the Ministry, & from his own desire for several reasons to be ordained, as he has a prospect of residing amongst that people for a considerable time, altho' he does not wish to be installed at present to that particular Charge; the Presbytery agreed to ordain him at this meeting and appointed Monday for that Purpose -

Upon motion. Resolved - that Mr. Legrand preach on Monday previous to his Ordination upon any popular subject he may choose, as there has been no opportunity of assigning him a particular subject; and that Mr. Graham preside and give the Charge upon that Occasion -

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Whereas reports have prevailed that many irregularities are tolerated in the Churches under our charge on the North-side of James River, which we conceive to be incompatible with the purity of the Christian Religion - Upon motion, Resolved - That M<sup>r</sup>. Robert & M<sup>r</sup>. Lay be a Committee to make inquiry respecting the Truth of those reports, & give an Account thereof to this Presbytery at their next meeting - Upon a motion. Resolved - That M<sup>r</sup>. Smith prepare a Resolution to be laid before Presbytery respecting the Objects of discipline as necessary to be attended to by us, with particular reference to those reports; and that he produce it on Monday. ~ A Question was proposed, whether Negro Slaves living in the manner of Cohabitation they usually do without marriage being solemnized between them, ought to be admitted to Church privileges - Resolved - That the Consideration of this Quere be postponed till the next meeting of Presbytery. ~

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Adjourned till Monday Morning 8 O'clock  
Concluded by prayer

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment  
& was Constituted by prayer - Mr. M. Robert  
absent. The minutes of the preceding Sessions  
were read. A Question was proposed, whether  
a person who had married his Wifes Sister sh<sup>d</sup>,  
be admitted to Church privileges - Resolved -  
That the Consideration of this Quere be postponed  
to the next meeting of Presbytery -

Mr. Smith produced the following resolution  
which being approved was adopted by Presby -

" The Lord Jesus Christ the great head of  
the Church, having given himself for it that  
he might sanctify & cleanse it, & present it  
to himself a glorious unspotted Church, holy  
& without blemish; hath instituted means  
and Ordinances to effect this gracious de-  
-sign - published his will in Sacred Laws

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by Obedience to which his people are distinguish-  
-ed as his chosen peculiar people, separate from  
the world lying in Wickedness & Zealous of  
good works - Ordained a strict & holy discipline  
to be observed as a check on false professors of  
his name - & appointed Officers to superintend  
the Execution of his gracious plan until he  
come again. This Presbytery therefore impressed  
with an awful sense of their duty, as servants  
accountable to their great master, & with a  
tender concern for the immortal souls commit-  
-ted to their pastoral care, do hereby unani-  
-mously resolve That they will steadily adhere  
to that discipline which the word of God hath  
enjoined & our Church adopted in its native  
strictness & simplicity - That they will neither  
hold Christian nor ministerial Communion  
with those who acknowledge Christ in name  
only whilst in works they deny him. Nor is  
this Resolution intended to operate merely  
against the most atrocious & profligate works  
of Darkness, but also against the equally

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dangerous and ensnaring Wickedness which assumes a more specious form of politeness & liberality of sentiment <sup>that is</sup> against the indulgence of the fashionable follies and amusements of life - against gaming & playing at cards & hazard, that vice of Covetousness which is Idolatry - against Horse-racing & its concomitant dissipation, so contrary to that Redemption of time enjoined upon Christians - against those meetings for worldly pleasures & dancing prohibited under the name of Revelings in the new Testament - & against those levities in equipage, fashionable visitings & dress, which are condemned as the pride of life. upon the whole therefore, as we are commanded not to be conformed to the world consisting in the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eye & the pride of life, but to live soberly, righteously, & godly, & to come out & be separate from the men of this world, & from its opinions, fashions, maxims, follies, & habits. We do hereby solemnly declare it to be our Resolution to exclude from our Communion those graceless Church Officers, and graceless

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Church members who indulge themselves in any of the practices above referred to, or who neglect the sacred observance of the Sabbath, or the duties of Family religion —

upon a citation. Resolved - That a Copy of this Resolution be taken by the different members, & read in their respective Congregations —

M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Robert was appointed to supply in Caswell one Sabbath & more if he can between this & the Fall - & M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchell to supply one Sabbath in Halifax, & one in Chesnut Congregation between this & the Fall. M<sup>r</sup>. Colboon was appointed an Essay on Original Sin, & a presbyterial Exercise upon Rom: 6. 1. 2. to be exhibited at our next meeting —

M<sup>r</sup>. Little Joe Morton who was last Fall appointed one of the Commissioners to the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Assembly, finding it inconvenient for him to go - Capt. William Craighhead was appointed in his ~~stead~~ upon citation. Resolved - That our Commissioners to the General Assembly, be

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directed to propose an amendment to the 191<sup>th</sup> Question of the larger Catechism; and that instead of the words "countenanced & maintained by the civil Magistrate", he inserted, "Countenanced & protected &c." - Mr. Mahon, Mr. Little Joe Morton, Mr. Dooley, & Mr. Caldwell obtained leave of absence. - Mr. Legrand was appointed to be ordained this day. But the Presbytery finding it inconvenient from several circumstances resolved on tomorrow for that business - The Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow 9 o'clock to meet at Hampden Sydney at the College Hall - Concludes by prayer -

Hampden Sydney April 5<sup>th</sup> 1791 -

The Presbytery met according to adjournment & was constituted by prayer - Members present The Rev. Messrs. M. Robert, Smith, Mitchell & Day Ministers, Graham & Wilson Correspondents, & Chas. Allen Elder - Ordered that the minutes of the preceding sessions of this meeting of Presbytery be read, which was done accordingly -



Concord in Campbell County July 29. 1791

The Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened by the Mod<sup>r</sup>. Mr Mitchel by a sermon on 1 Cor. 16. 22. Constituted by prayer.

Members Present	Arch <sup>d</sup> . Mr Robert	John A. Smith	} Ministers	
		James Mitchel		
		W <sup>m</sup> . Mahon		
	}	Drury Lacy		} Elders
		W <sup>m</sup> . Baldwin		
		Charles Allen		
		Robert Mitchel		
		James M. Reynolds		
		Little Joe Norton		

Absent.	}	John Todd
		James Waddel
		W <sup>m</sup> . Irvine
		John D. Blair
		Nash Legrand

Mr Mahon was chosen Moderator & Mr Lacy clerk. The Rev<sup>d</sup>. James Templeton from the Presbytery of S<sup>c</sup>. Carolina being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member & took his seat accordingly.

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The clerk complied with the order of Presbytery appointing him to write to the absent members requesting a more punctual attendance on the meetings of Presbytery, & to cite Mess<sup>rs</sup> Irvine & Waddell to appear at the next State Presbytery.

The members generally complied with the order of Presbytery to attempt to raise Collections for supporting Commissioners at the General Assembly Resolved - That the Members present, will take proper care to attend to this business till where there has been any deficiency, and make report at the next State meeting of Presbytery -

Mr. Smith complied with his appointment to visit Lancaster - Mr. M. Robert not having yet done it, his appointment was renewed

The Members present who were appointed to supply the pulpits of our Commissioners during their absence at the General Assembly fulfilled their appointment. ~

The clerk gave notice to Capt. Gains according to order, of his being appointed Collector in Lub-Creek Congregation to raise money for the payment of the Missionaries, in the Room of Colo. Wm. Horton who resigned &c ~

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Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Robert & Lacy who were appointed to inquire into some irregularities, <sup>which were so to be attended</sup> in the Churches on the North side of James River, reported that they had not personally visited those Churches, but that Mr Lacy had written to their Ministers a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Presbytery at their last meeting respecting irregularities in Church Officers & Church members. The Presbytery therefore sustained the excuse of those Members respecting their failure to attend personally in those Churches; But as no information had been received, they were continued as a Committee to make further inquiry respecting those things, & to make report at the next meeting. — The Commissioners to the General Assembly proposed an amendment to the 19<sup>th</sup> Qu<sup>es</sup>. of the Larger Catechism as directed by the Presbytery; but the Assembly conceived, that from the nature of the Government & Laws established in the United States, its intention would be so generally understood, as to render it unnecessary to be at the expence of an entire new Impression of the Confession of Faith to make

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such an alteration

A Call directed to Mr. Smith was delivered to  
Presbytery, from the third Presbyterian Church in  
the City of Philadelphia generally known by the  
Name of Pine Street. And Mr. Smith being ac-  
quainted with the import of that Call, & the  
papers accompanying it, applied for advice to the  
Presbytery. They having therefore spent a considera-  
ble time in deliberating upon the matter, deferred  
the further Consideration of it till Tomorrow,  
Adjourned to meet Tomorrow morning 9 O'clock

Concluded by prayer —

July 30<sup>th</sup> 1791

The Presbytery met according to adjournment  
& was constituted by prayer. Members present as  
on yesterday except Mr. Smith, who from the  
Circumstances of his Family, & his own Incon-  
-venience was excused. — — —

The Presbytery having seriously weighed the  
Consequences of the Call put into their hands  
by the third Presbyterian Church in the City of  
Philadelphia in order to be presented to Mr. Smith,  
agreed to present the said Call & papers accompa-  
-nying it, to him for his Consideration: But at

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the same time inform Mr Smith, that they do not as yet see their way clear to give their approbation or allowance for him to accept the said call, even in case he should see fit to accept of it at any future time; but that they are induced to put it into his hands for consideration solely on account of that deference & respect which is due to his own request, & the application of the Congregation which has presented their call to him.

Mr. Turner read an Essay upon imputed Righteousness - After which Mr. Cohoon read an Essay upon Original Sin. The Consideration of which was postponed till after Sermon - The Presbytery then intermitted till after Sermon -

After Sermon Mr. Turner read a Lecture upon Rom. 8. 28 & downwards. Then Mr. Cohoon read a Presbyterial exercise upon Rom 6. 1 & 2 V.

The Presbytery having considered the four Productions of Mr. Turner & Mr. Cohoon, agreed to sustain them as parts of Trial -

Upon motion - Resolved - That the members of this Presbytery will write to Mr. Smith giving their advice, agreeably to his request,

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respecting the Call from the Congregation in Philadelphia - Mr Turner was appointed a popular Sermon upon Rom 5. 10<sup>th</sup> to be exhibited at the next meeting of Presbytery. Adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 8 O'clock. Concluded by prayer

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment & was constituted by prayer. Members present as above - Ordered that the minutes of the preceding Sessions be read which was done accordingly

Mr John Syle, recommended to Presbytery as a young man of Good moral Character, prosecuting his Studies, & desirous of putting himself under their care. not as a Candidate at present, but for their patronage & direction, was introduced, and the Presbytery having heard an account of his religious exercises, thought proper to encourage him; & most earnestly recommended to him a diligent prosecution of his literary Studies, & appointed him an Essay upon Sanctification to be exhibited at any Session of Presbytery when he shall find it convenient -

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M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Brown was also recommended as a young man in nearly the same circumstances, & wishing to be taken under the direction of Presbytery in the same manner. But the Presbytery having heard a detail of God's dealings with his soul, & of his motives to engage in the Ministry of the Gospel, and considering the progress that he has already made in acquiring an Education, thought proper to admit him as a Candidate upon Trials, & assign him some subjects as a specimen of his abilities, under this limitation, that he be at liberty to produce them to Presbytery at any of their Sessions when it shall be convenient to himself. The Presbytery therefore appointed him an Essay upon "The extent of Christ's Satisfaction."

M<sup>r</sup>. Moses Wadell a Student at Hampden Sydney College having made a considerable progress in acquiring an Education desired to be taken under the care of the Presbytery for the Ministry - The Presbytery therefore having heard an account of his experimental Exercises agreed to admit him as a Candidate on Trials, and appointed him an

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Essay upon the Freedom of the Human Will,  
to be exhibited at the next meeting of Presby  
and a Presbyterian Exercise upon Phil: 2, 12, 13  
to be produced if convenient.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Cohoon a Lecture  
upon the 110<sup>th</sup> Ps., & a popular discourse upon  
John 6. 37 to be exhibited at our next.

*Copy*  
A Resolution of Presbytery made Sep<sup>r</sup> 18. 1786,  
that some Member should open each Presbytery by  
a Sermon on a select subject, being superseded  
by the discipline of our Church; it was agreed that  
it should no longer exist as a standing Rule -

The Question was then proposed, "Whether Negroes  
living in the manner of Cohabitation they usually  
do without marriage being solemnized between them  
ought to be admitted to Church privileges?"

The Presbytery having considered this Question  
Resolved - That as it is the mutual consent of  
the Parties which constitutes marriage in the  
sight of God, and as this consent is usually declared  
before a sufficient number of Witnesses to make it  
generally known that such persons acknowledge each  
other as man & Wife, they ought during their  
continuing in such a connexion, & behaving

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in other respects as becometh Christians, to be intitled to the privileges of the Church. And in Cases where either of the parties may have had a former Companion, and sold or removed by his or her Master at such a distance as to prevent all intercourse between them, the Connexion being thereby as much dissolved to either of them, as if the other was dead, they ought not to be deprived of Church privileges, even in case he or she should take another Companion -

A second Question was proposed, whether a person who had married his Wife's Sister should be admitted to Ordinances? The Presby having considered the Question determined - That, as such a marriage is contrary to the Civil Laws under which we live, & as it is the duty of every Christian to submit <sup>himself</sup>, to every Ordinance of Man for the Lord's sake, where the rights of Conscience are not infringed, such persons ought not to be so much encouraged by any Church as to be admitted to privileges.

Ordered - That the proceedings of the last General Assembly be read, which was done Accordingly.

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Upon motion, Resolved - That each Member of this Presbytery give in at their next meeting an list of the Churches in which they officiate, and of the vacant Congregations within their knowledge

Upon motion - Resolved - That This Presbytery will concur with the Baptist Church in a Remonstrance & petition to the general Assembly of this State to sell the Globes, & open the Church doors - & that Messrs. M. Robins, Smith, Lacy & Allen or any two of them be a Committee to attend particularly to that business -

Upon motion, Resolved - That Mr. Smith, Mr. Lacy, & Col. Allen be a Committee to prepare and lay before the next Presbytery, a Remonstrance against the partial Emancipation of Slaves according to the present mode, with a Petition for the gradual abolition of Slavery, in order to lay that important matter before the General Assembly of this State -

A Question was proposed, whether we can consistent with the Rules of Christ's Church admit to our Communion Magistrates who wilfully neglect the Execution of the penal Laws when in their power, or Citizens who

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fail to aid and assist the magistrate in the Execution of his office - The Consideration of which was deferred to the next meeting of Presbytery - Another Question was proposed, What kind of Evidence ought to be taken for or against a Church Member? This was postponed to be considered at the next meeting of Presbytery -

M<sup>r</sup>. Littlehills appointments to supply in Halifax one Sabbath, & one in Chesnut Congregation; & M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Roberts' to supply one in Caswell between this and our next were continued -

Ordered that the Clerk cite the absent members to attend at the next stated meeting of Presbytery -

Adjourned till Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of Octo. to meet at Lubbock meeting. House concluded by prayer

W<sup>m</sup> Mahon Mod<sup>r</sup>

D<sup>n</sup>ury Lang<sup>r</sup> Clk

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It having been conceived necessary that there should be a meeting of Presbytery before the time to which the stated Presbytery stood adjourned; two Ministers and two Elders having concurred in an address to the Moderator, he had by a Circular Letter sent to the different Members, called a meeting to convene at this place. The Presbytery therefore met agreeably to the Call & was constituted by prayer —

Members Present	}	Arch <sup>d</sup> . M <sup>r</sup> Robert	} Ministers
		John B. Smith	
		James Stitchel	
		John D. Blair	
		W <sup>m</sup> Mahon	
		Drury Lacy	
	}	James Allen	} Elders
		Little Joe Morton	
		Robert Franklin	
		Hugh Porter	

M<sup>r</sup>. Mahon Moderator & M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy Clerk

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A motion was made for reviewing the Minute of last Presbytery respecting the call put into Mr. Smith's hands from Pine-Street Church, as he complained that the limitation in the Body of that Minute, prevented him from determining in what manner to proceed. The Presbytery therefore upon a review of the subject, agreed to dissolve the Limitation, & to commit the call to his Consideration without any Restriction.

The Presbytery then appointed Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert to attend at Briery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in October to cite Mr. Smith, & that congregation to appear before the Presby. at their next meeting, to shew the reasons for or against his accepting the Call from Pine-Street Congregation. And Mr. Lacy was appointed to attend at Cumberland on the same day, to cite that Congregation & Mr. Smith for the purposes specified above.

The Presbytery agreed to exert themselves in endeavouring to raise annual Contributions to support the Missionaries under the

Direction of the Commission of Synod

A motion was made to prepare an exact State of the Churches under the care of this Presbytery, that it may be duly reported to Synod, & a duplicate thereof regularly transmitted to the General Assembly - whereupon the following report was made out, & agreed to - *W<sup>y</sup>* -

The Presbytery consists of Ten ordained Ministers, Two Licentiates, & four on Trials for Licensure. They have the following Churches under their care viz. Providence, Bird, & The Fork Congregations under the pastoral charge of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd. Dec-Is, under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Waddell. Mountain Plains, North Garden, & Rockfish under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Irvine. Buffalo under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> McRobert. Cumberland & Briery under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John B. Smith. Peaks of Otter, under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell. Hanover & Henrico under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John D. Blair. Hat-Creek, Old Concord, & New Concord under the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Allahan. Cut-Creek, & Walker's Church under the care of

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the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Drury Lacy, Lancaster, <sup>Good-hope,</sup>  
Sandy-River, Tomahawk ~~&~~ <sup>Blue-stone, & Good's mill,</sup> Chesnut, <sup>Vacant.</sup>  
ing. <sup>North</sup> The Rev.<sup>d</sup> W.<sup>m</sup> LeGrand supplying at present

in the Bounds of Lexington Presbytery. M<sup>r</sup>. Cary  
Allen & M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Hill are the licensed Probationers.

Upon settling the accounts of the Com-  
-missioners to the general Assembly, it appeared  
that the Rev.<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Smith had received from his  
Congregations £ 11. & 20<sup>s</sup>. from Buffalo Congre-  
-gation. That M<sup>r</sup>. Blair had rec<sup>d</sup>. £ 2. 17<sup>s</sup>. from  
his Congregations - M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchell had collected  
£ 2. 11<sup>s</sup>. from his Congregations, & M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy  
£ 3. from SubCreek, & 6<sup>s</sup> from Walker's  
Church - amounting in the whole to £ 20. 14<sup>s</sup>.

Resolved - That the Commissioners be  
allowed 10<sup>s</sup>. for every 40 Miles in travelling  
to & returning from the General Assembly, &  
3<sup>s</sup>. per day while detained on the business of that  
Body. Wherefore M<sup>r</sup>. Blair was allowed £ 8. 4<sup>s</sup>.  
for travelling 280 Miles in going, & the same  
distance in returning and 8 days attendance.  
& M<sup>r</sup>. Smith & M<sup>r</sup>. Craighead for going and

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returning 320 miles ~~and~~ 8 days attendance were each allowed £ 9. 4. —

Ordered that Mr. Mitchel pay to Mr. Blair the £ 2. 11/ in his hands, and that Mr. Lucy pay him £ 2. 16/ of the money in his hands — Also that Mr. Smith pay to Capt. Craighhead £ 2. 16/ the balance in his hands after paying himself —

On motion — It was resolved that each member of this Presbytery attend to the order of the Genl. Assembly to Presbyteries respecting the Collection of materials for forming a History of the Presbyterian Church in America, and make a return to the Spring Presbytery —

Upon Motion — Ordered, that Mr. Blair apply to the Executive for leave to inspect the public Records, as far as they concern the Introduction & Establishment of Presbyterians in this part of the Country —

Concluded the prayer.

Wm. Mahon Mod:

Deane Lucy Clerk

Creek Meeting House Oct. 28. 1791

The Presbytery of Hanover met according to adjournment, & was opened by a Sermon on Rom. 5. 10 by Mr. James Turner. Concluded by prayer.

Members Present	}	William Irvine	} Ministers
		Arch <sup>d</sup> McRobert	
		Mr. B. Smith	
		James Mitchell	
		Wm. Manton	
		Drury Lacy	
}	} Elders	Wm. Manton	
		Joseph Parks	
		Nash Lake	
		John Irvine	
		Benj <sup>a</sup> & Allen Sen <sup>r</sup>	

Absent.	}	John Todd
		James Waddel
		Inc. D. Blair
		Nash Legrand

Mr. Mitchell was chosen mod<sup>r</sup>. & Mr. Lacy Clk

Mr. Turner's Sermon was sustained.

A. Call was laid before Presbytery from Tomi-  
hawk Congregation in Pittsylvania County

for a fourth part of Mr. Wm. Hill's time; another call from Sandy River Congregation in the same County for the same proportion of his Time. But as Mr. Hill was not present, being detained by Sickness, Ordered, That the Clerk deliver these calls with the papers accompanying them to him for his consideration.

A Supplication was presented from Chesnut Congregation in Franklin County for Supplies.

A Supplication was presented from the Head of Smith's River for Supplies.

Mr. Irvin's excuses for not attending former Presbyteries since the year 1788 were sustained.

Ordered, that the minutes of last stated Presbytery be read; also that the minutes of a called presbytery which met at Hampden Sydney on the 14<sup>th</sup> of last Sep<sup>r</sup> be read - which were read accordingly.

Mr. Mitchell substantially complied with his appointments to supply in Halifax, & in Chesnut Congregation in Franklin.

Mr. McRobert not having complied with his appointment to supply in Caswell, his reasons for failing were sustained.

Cut-Creek, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1791

Adjourned to meet this Evening at 7 O'clock  
at Mr. Little Joe Attonson's. - Concluded by prayer.

Mr. Attonson's 7 O'clock

The Presbytery met according to adjournment  
and was constituted by prayer. Members present  
as above, except Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert who on account  
of his indisposition was excused -

The minutes of the last Session were read.

An Inquiring was made whether the members  
had endeavoured to raise money for the pay-  
ment of the Commissioners to the General  
Assembly agreeably to order. It appeared that  
they had generally made the attempt, but  
with very little success. Mr. Mitchell paid  
into the hands of the Clerk 5/10 in addition  
to what he formerly paid -

Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert, had visited Lancaster according  
to appointment -

Mr. Waddel read an Essay  
upon the Freedom of the Human Will, which  
was sustained as part of Trial. His excuses for  
not producing an Exercise were sustained -

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M<sup>r</sup> Colson read a Lecture upon Ps. 110 which was sustained. After which the Presby examined him on his knowledge of the Greek language in the Testament, & of his knowledge in Moral Philosophy, which were sustained as parts of Trial. His reasons for not producing the Sermon appointed were sustained; and he was ordered to produce it at the next Stated meeting of Presbytery - adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 O'clock to meet at the Meeting House -

Concluded by prayer -

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The Presby met according to adjournment & was constituted by prayer. Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last session were read.

An Inquiring was made whether M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Robert & M<sup>r</sup> Lacy had visited the Churches on the North side of James River. M<sup>r</sup> Lacy informed the Presbytery that he had not visited those Churches, but that he had received some information respecting the State of the Church under M<sup>r</sup> Waddell's care by a Letter, which he produced & read. His reasons for failing to go & visit those Churches were sustained -

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Ordered, That Mr. Smith & Mr. Lacy be a Committee to answer Mr. Waddell's Letter; and that they particularly insist upon his attending to the Objects expressed in the Resolution of Presbytery transmitted to him by the Clerk.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert & Mr. Lacy be continued a Committee to make Inquiry respecting the Churches on the N. Side of James River; & that Mr. Clarkson & Mr. Benj<sup>n</sup> Allen Senr. be joined to them, & make their report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Petition & Remonstrance to the General Assembly of the State, to concur with the Baptist Church in a Petition to sell the Glebe Lands, & open the Church doors to all Denominations of Christians, not having complied with their appointment, their Excuses were sustained. — Ordered, that the

Same Committee be continued & that they immediately prepare such a Petition to the present Session of the General Assembly now sitting — Mr. W. Irvine dissented from the above order.

The Committee, for preparing a

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Remonstrance against the partial Emancipation of Slaves according to the present mode, with a Petition for the gradual abolition of Slavery, not having complied with the order, was continued, and ordered to prepare such a Remonstrance as soon as possible, that it may be presented to the Legislature, at their next Session -

A Question was then proposed - Whether we can consistently with the rules of Christ's Church admit to our Communion Magistrates who wilfully neglect the execution of the penal Laws when in their power; or Citizens who fail to aid & assist the Magistrate in the Execution of his Office. upon which, the Presbytery unanimously agreed that Magistrates so negligent & Citizens so failing to assist in the Execution of the Laws ought to be censured for their conduct.

Upon motion. Ordered that Mr. Stittell, Mr. James Turner, Mr. Mich<sup>l</sup>. Graham & Mr. Pen Rice be a Committee to prepare a Resolution to be laid before the next Presby upon the above subject.

A second Question was proposed, "what kind of Evidence ought to be taken for or against Members of our Church" -

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Upon which it was Resolved, that any person who is admissible in Courts of Justice to give Testimony, ought to be admitted as Witnesses in Church Judicatories. —

The Clerk complied with the order of Presbytery to cite the absent members. —

An Inquiry was made whether the members had complied with the order of Presbytery in endeavouring to raise money for the payment of the Missionaries, & it appeared that they had generally complied with it. —

Orders, That the Clerk write to those who were appointed Collectors in the different Congregations to raise money for the above purpose, but have failed to comply with their appointment, urging a punctual attention to that Important Business. —

Capt. John Irvine was appointed Collector in Hat-Creek Congregation in the Room of Joshua Morris Deed. —

Mr. M. Robert & Mr. Lacy complied with their Appointments to cite Mr. Smith & his Congregation to appear ~~at~~ this present meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Legrand came in, whose reasons for absence were sustained. —

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Mr. Smith & his Congregation, after every step had been regularly taken, appeared before Presbytery; & the call from Pine-Street Congregation, which had been put into Mr. Smith's hands for consideration being read, he declared his acceptance of the same. Whereupon the Presbytery having heard the Parties agreed that he be translated.

An application was made to Presby from Cumberland, Briery, & Cub-Creek Congregations, by their representatives for leave to prosecute a call for the Rev. William Graham of Lexington Presbytery in the County of Rockbridge, which was granted —

Ordered, That Mr. M. Robert & Mr. Legrand be a committee to write to the Rev. W. Graham to point out to him the importance of his accepting the call, intended to be presented to him by the Congregations of Cumberland, Briery & Cub-Creek.

Mr. Smith, Col. W. Mottson, & Mr. Benja Allen were appointed a committee to <sup>determine</sup> regulate the bounds between Cumberland & Briery Congregations also between Briery & Cub-Creek Congregations & to make report this Evening —

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Ordered - That a duplicate of the Report of this Presbytery, respecting the State of the Churches under their Charge, which was laid before the Synod be sent up by the Clerk to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery then entered upon the Examination of Mr. Turner respecting his Knowledge in Divinity, and after proceeding to some considerable length in that Examination, agreed to sustain it as a part of Trial. Adjourned to meet at Col: Wm. Mortons at 7 O'clock this Evening - Concluded by prayer

Col: Mortons 7 O'clock

The Presby met according to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer. Members present as above

Upon Inquiry it appeared, that the members Ordered to pay money in their hands to Mr. Blair & Mr. Craighead had complied with that order.

The Committee appointed to determine the Boundaries between Cumberland & Briery Congregations; also between Briery & Cub-Creek, made the following report, which was approved

That the Boundary between Cumberland & Briery Congregations, begin at the mouth of Hamlets branch on Briery, & up that

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Branch to the head, from thence a West course to Buffalo River, & from the mouth of s<sup>d</sup> Branch down Briery to Petersburg Road as far as Sandy River Church - That the Boundary between Briery & Cub-Creek be, from Jennings's mill on Ward's Fork, the Road that leads by Charlotte Court-House to Bolling's Store -

The Presbytery then proceeded to License Mr. Turner, and having received of him a profession of his Faith, and he having adopted the Confession of the Faith of the Presbyterian Church in America, & promised subjection to his Brethren in the Lord, was licensed to preach the Everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ -

Mr. William Williamson recommended to be a young man of good moral Character, & in full Communion with the Presbyterian Church, being desirous to put himself under the care of the Presbytery for the Ministry, was introduced; & the Presbytery having heard an account of his religious Exercises, and his motives to preach the Gospel, were so well satisfied that they agreed to sustain them, & to admit him on Trials

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The Presbytery then appointed Mr. Williamson an Essay upon the Eternity of future punishments, & a Presbyterial Exercise upon 2. Cor. 5. 21 to be exhibited at our next.

Mr. Waddel was appointed a Lecture upon 1 Pet: 4, 1-7 inclusive to be produced at our next, with the Presbyterial Exercise formerly assigned him.

Mr. Mitchell & Mr. Turner were appointed to supply at the Head of Smith's River, & in Sandy River Congregation, & to administer the Lord's Supper at each of those places between this and the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Turner was appointed to supply one Sabbath in each of the Congregations of Brierly & Cumberland - Mr. Robert one Sabbath also at each of those places - Mr. Mahon one Sabbath at each of the same places - Mr. Mitchell also one Sabbath if he can, & Mr. Lacy as much as possible, between this & our next.

Mr. Smith then applied for a Dismission from this Presbytery in order to join the presbytery of Philadelphia, which was granted.

Mr. Legrand also applied for a Dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Seabright - which was granted. Ordered that the Clerk furnish the above Members with Testimonials of their release - - -

Agreeably to a recommendation of Synod to observe the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in November as a day of Fasting & prayer to almighty God for the out-pouring of his Spirit, and a general revival of Religion in the Churches; and also as a day of Thanksgiving for what we have already received of such Blessings, it was Ordered that the Members pay a particular attention to that Recommendation -

Mr. Turner was directed to supply at Chesnut in Franklin at Discretion

A Call was directed to Mr. James Turner from the Peaks Congregation in Bedford, to accept of the Pastoral Office as Colleague with the Rev. Mr. Atchekel, which Call being read & presented to him, he desired to take under Consideration until the next Presbytery -

Mr. Atchekel & Mr. Mahon Ministers, & Mr. Michael Graham & James Dinwiddie Elders were appointed Commissioners to

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to the next General Assembly to meet at  
Carlisle the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in May - and  
Mr Todd & Mr Lacy were appointed alternate  
members - Adjourned to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs-  
day in May at Dec-Is meeting House in  
Albemarle - Concluded by prayer -

James Attichel Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Darius Lacy Clk

Dec-Is Meeting House May 10. 1792.

The Presbytery of Hanover met according to  
adjournment, and was constituted by prayer.

Members present.	}	John Todd	} Ministers
		James Waddel	
		William Irwin	
		Arch <sup>d</sup> McRobert	
		James Attichel	
	}	W <sup>m</sup> Blakow	} Elders.
		Darius Lacy	
		Mask Lake	
		James Allen jr.	
		Geo. Dooly	

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The Rev<sup>d</sup> John D. Blair was absent.

Mr. Todd was chosen Moderator & Mr. Irvin <sup>clerk</sup>  
& The Presbytery was opened by Mr. William Calhoun  
with a popular Discourse on John 6. 37.

Ordered to read the minutes of last Presbytery.

A Petition was received from Chesnut & Smiths-  
River Congregations for supplies.

A verbal Petition for supplies was made from  
Tomahawk & Good-hope Congregations in Pennsylvania.

A Petition for supplies was presented from  
Cub-creek Congregation.

A Petition from the Congregations of the Cove  
Garden, & Mountain plains was presented for  
supplies.

Mr. Lacy as clerk delivered to Mr. Hill the  
Calls from Tomahawk & Sandy River Congregations  
together with the papers accompanying them agreeable  
to order.

The Committee appointed to answer Mr. Waddell's  
Letter fulfilled their appointment.

The Clerk wrote to the Collectors in the  
different Congregations respecting the raising of  
money for the payment of the Missionaries.

The members of the Presbytery appoint-  
ed to supply in different places generally

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complied with these Orders

The Recommendation of Synod to observe the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in November as a day of Fasting &c. was generally attended to.

A Letter was received and read from Mr. James Finner declaring his Acceptance of the Call from the Peaks Congregation.

Mr. Moses Waddel read a Presbyterial Exercise on Phil. 2. 12 & 13. After which he read a Lecture on 1 Pet. 4, 1-7 inclusive - The consideration of which was postponed.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup>. Madison & Drury Lacy were commissioned to represent this Presbytery in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Adjourned to meet at this place Tomorrow Morning at 10 O'clock - Concluded (by prayer)

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1792 -

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer. Members present as above except Mr. Mahon & Mr. Lacy who were gone as Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Mr. James Kerr <sup>an Elder from</sup> ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ S. S. Congregation took his seat as a Member of Presbytery.

Ordered to read the Minutes of Last Session.

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M<sup>r</sup>. William Williamson a Candidate was introduced to deliver the parts of Trial assigned him at the last Meeting of Presbytery. Viz. An Essay on Future punishment, & a Sermon on 2 Cor. 5: 21. which being read, the Consideration of them was deferred.

M<sup>r</sup>. Moses Waddel, a Candidate took his seat as an Elder for Cumberland Congregation -

M<sup>r</sup>. Calhoun's Sermon was taken into Consideration & sustained as part of Trial. M<sup>r</sup>. Waddel's pieces were considered & sustained - M<sup>r</sup>. Williamson's Discourses were considered & sustained as parts of Trial.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine the Candidates Viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Calhoun, Waddel, & Williamson on Divinity, and their answers were satisfactory.

Adjourns till Tomorrow Morning 10 O'clock to meet at this place. Concluded by prayer.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1792.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted by prayer. Members present as above.

The Presbytery resumed the Examination of the Candidates before them on the remaining parts of their Trials, Viz. On the Languages & Sciences, & having received Competent

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Satisfaction on these points, proceeded to license them the 5<sup>th</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses Waddel, William Calhoun, and William Williamson; and they having adopted the Confession of the Faith of the Presbyterian Church in America, & promised Subjection to their Brethren in the Lord were accordingly licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Reverend Mr. Todd the Moderator having taken Occasion to absent himself, for Reasons not as yet known to us, The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Waddel was Chosen Moderator in his Room.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Petition to the House of Delegates for this State for the Sale of the Globes, & sitting open the Church Doors to all Christian Denominations in this State having failed to execute the Business, were continued, & ordered to make Report at our next meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Remonstrance against the partial Emansipation of Slaves was continued, & ordered to make report at our next Meeting.

The Comtee appointed to prepare a Resolution respecting Magistrates &c was continued, & Ordered to make report at our next meeting.

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Mr. William Hill, a Probationer ~~settled~~ <sup>under</sup> the  
Care of this Presby, having applied for leave to  
join himself to the Presby of Lexington, We do  
at his Request dismiss him accordingly, and warm-  
ly recommend him to the Friendship of that  
Presby as a person of good Standing, & to the  
care of indulgent Heaven —

Mr. William Calhoun was appointed to  
supply at Chesnut & Smith's River four Sabbaths  
betwixt this & our next, & the rest of his Time  
at Discretion.

Mr. Stitchell & Mr. Turner were ap-  
-pointed to administer the Sacrament of  
the Supper in the Congregation of Chesnut  
& Smith's River, at any time most conve-  
-nient to them, betwixt this & our next stated  
Meeting —

Mr. Moses Waddel was appointed to  
preach four Sabbaths at Sub-Creek, & four  
at Briery, & the rest of his time at Dis-  
-cretion —

Mr. William Williamson was appoint-

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- ed to supply at Mountain plain, the Cove, South  
- Garden, & Rockfish, as much as he conveniently can  
betwixt this and our next meeting -

Adjourns to meet in Bedford at Bethel  
Meeting-House the last Friday in July. Con-  
- cluded by prayer

James Waddel Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Wm Irvin Clerk

Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1792.

The Presbytery of Hanover met according to adjourn-  
- ment at Bethel Meeting House in Bedford, and was  
constituted by prayer.

Members present	}	James Stittchel	} Ministers
		Wm Makon	
		Drury Lacy	
}	} Elders	Robert Stittchel	
		Bery <sup>a</sup> Allen Jun <sup>r</sup>	
		James Dinwardie	

Members Absent.	}	John Todd
		James Waddel
		William Irvine
		Arch <sup>d</sup> McRobert
		John D. Blair.

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The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Stitches was chosen Moderator & Mr. Lacy Clerk. The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Graham of Lexington Presby was invited to sit as a corresponding member & took his Seat.

Ordered to read the Minutes of last

Presbytery.

It appeared from reading the Minutes <sup>that an Order</sup> of last Presbytery respecting the Ordination of Mr. Turner had not been recorded, on account of its having been crossed with a Pen through the inadvertency of the former Clerk as if designed to be blotted out. But as Mr. Stitches & Mr. Lacy could well remember the purport of it, it was thought proper to insert the substance of it here, which was as follows. "Upon Motion. Ordered that Mr. Turner be ordained at the next Meeting of Presbytery, and that he preach a Sermon previous to his Ordination on Isa 45. 22, that all Elders preach the Ordination Sermon, & that Mr. Lacy preside & give the Charge."

upon motion, It was agreed to request Mr. Graham to preach the Ordination Sermon; & agreeably to the appointment of last Presbytery Mr. Lacy was to preside & give the Charge. — Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Brown read an Essay upon the Extent of Christ's Satisfaction, the Consideration of which was postponed. Mr. Stitches & Mr. Lacy attended the General Assembly at the distance of 280 Miles, for which together with five days attendance they were allowed the sum of 7 £ 15<sup>s</sup>. each.

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It appeared that Mr. Manton had received from his  
Congregations the sum of £2. 2. 6: and Mr. Lacy from  
the Congregations of Briery & Lumberland £2. 1. 6

Upon Motion, Ordered that the members apply to  
their respective Congregations to raise money for the  
purpose of paying the Commissioners to the last  
General Assembly, & that the Clerk write to the absent  
members upon this Subject, and that they bring what  
they can collect to the next meeting of Presbytery, if they  
cannot convey it to the Clerk sooner.

Upon Motion, Resolved, that this Presbytery will re-  
-commence Mr. William Southon to the Commission of Synod  
to be taken under their care. — adjourns to meet at this  
place Tomorrow morning 9 O'clock. Concluded & approved.  
July 28.<sup>th</sup>

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, &  
was constituted by prayer. members present as above  
except Mr. Ben. Allen. A verbal request was made by the  
Moderator in behalf of the Congregations of Good Hope,  
Tomahawk, & Sandy River, that Supplies might be sent  
them. — The Committee appointed to prepare a petition  
to the General Assembly of this State for selling the  
Glebes, & opening the Church Doors to ministers of all  
Denominations, produced & read a Petition, which being  
read & amended was approved.

Mr. Turner then preached a Sermon on the Subject,

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assigned him by last Presbytery previously to his Ordination; which being sustained, Mr. Graham proceeded to preach an Ordination Sermon on John 21. 15. 16. 17. The Presbytery then solemnly ordained & set apart Mr. Turner to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry as a Colleague with Mr. Mitchell by fasting, prayer, & Imposition of Hands, & installed him in the Congregation of the Peaks of Otter.

Mr. Turner then took his seat as a member of Presbytery, & Mr. Mitchell Graham took his seat as an Elder. A Petition was presented for supplies from the Cove & Garden Congregations in Albemarle County.

Mr. Malhon obtained leave of absence. Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 O'clock.

Concluded by prayer.

July 30<sup>th</sup>

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer. Members present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of last Session.

Mr. Benj<sup>o</sup> Allen's excuse for not attending on Saturday was sustained. Upon Motion, The Presbytery resumed the Consideration of the Petition to the General Assembly of this State for selling the Glebe Lands &c. and after deliberating fully upon the Subject, agreed to dismiss it.

Upon Motion, Ordered that the Clerk cite the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Todd who was the Moderator of our last Presby to attend our next meeting, to give an Account for,

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his conduct in absenting himself from the Chair and leaving the Presby, without assigning any reason, or obtaining leave of absence.

A Petition from the head of Smith's River was presented praying for supplies to be sent them; especially that Mr. William Calhoun might be of the appointments. The Committee appointed to prepare a Remonstrance against the partial Emancipation of Slaves according to the present mode, & a petition for the gradual abolition of Slavery, did not report; but the Presbytery having taken up the matter, and considered it for some time, agreed to postpone it sine die.

Mr. Lyle read an Essay on Sanctification, upon which the Presbytery made their remarks; & then appointed him another Essay on this Question, "Are the Laws of God abated or repealed by Christ?" which he was directed to exhibit whenever it should be convenient at any future meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Resolution respecting magistrates &c. made their report; & the matter having been debated for some time the Comm<sup>tee</sup> was continued. — Mr. Brown's Essay being considered & sustained. He was appointed an Essay upon this Question, "How do men become depraved, & wherein does that Depravity consist?" & a Presbyterial exercise Upon Rom: 1. 18. —

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Mr. Calhoun was appointed to supply in the Congregations of Good hope, Tomahawk, Sandy river, & the head of Smith's River between this & our next.

Mr. Mitchell paid Mr. Lacy 35<sup>l</sup>. collected from his Congregation for his service as a Commissioner to the Gen. Assembly — Mr. Mr. Robert was appointed to supply in the Cove & Garden Congregations two Sabbaths between this & our next — The Committee to report respecting the Churches on the N. Side of James River was continued & ordered to report at our next meeting —

Upon Motion, Resolved that Mr. Mitchell write to the Transylvania Presbytery & inform them that Mr. James Moline has offered himself to the Presbytery of Hanover as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry; and that some doubt had arisen from a standing Rule of the Presbyterian Church, whether the Presbytery of Transylvania has a Right to take him upon Trials without a Certificate from the Presbytery of Hanover; and request that they would proceed no farther in his Trials until the Judgment of the ensuing Synod of Virginia be obtained in his Case.

Adjourned to meet at Providence meeting House in <sup>Loisville</sup> ~~Lexington~~ on the first Friday in October  
Concluded by prayer.

James Mitchell Mody  
D. Mery Lacy

Read and approved thus far  
 Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1792. Edward Crawford Mod.  
 Winchester

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The Presbytery of Hanover met according to  
 adjournment, & was opened with a Sermon on Eccles.  
 8. 12. 13 by Mr. William Calhoun. Constituted with  
 Prayer.

Members present	John Todd	} Ministers
	William Irvine	
	Arch. M. Robert	
	James Mitchell	
	Wm. Mahon	
	Drury Lacy	} Elders.
	James Turner	
	Tho. Shelton	
	Abash Lake	
	Isabey Leftwich	
John Richardson		
Benjamin Allen		
William Owen		

Absent. Doctor James Waddel, & John D.  
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W. Allaton was chosen Moderator & W. Lacy  
Clerk. — Ordered to read the minutes of last  
Meeting of Presbytery. —

W. Todd having appeared according to Cita-  
tion, and the Reasons for his having absented him-  
-self from the Chair at the Spring Sessions being  
heard, they were considered as insufficient to excu-  
-se him from blame. The Presbytery therefore adjudged  
him justly censurable for his Conduct.

An Inquiry was made whether the  
Members had collected any money for the pay-  
-ment of the Commissioners to the general Assembly,  
when W. Swin produced from the Cove Congregation  
7/6, W. Lacy from Cumberland Congregation,  
£1. 3. 6; from Buffalo £1. 18. 2; from Briery  
£2. 11. 3; & from Cut-Creek £2. 3. 4; & W. Allaton  
2/6, which amounted in the whole to £18. 5. 9;  
of which W. Lacy was ordered to pay W. Allaton  
£4. 16. 9 the surplus in his hands after paying  
himself —

A Petition was presented from the Moun-  
tain Plains Congregation, praying a Dissolution of  
the Connexion between them as a Congregation, &

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Mr. William Irwin as a Minister which is as follows. . . . To the Rev<sup>d</sup> the Presbytery of Hanover sitting at Providence Meeting-House, Goochland, the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1792.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Gentlemen, we beg leave just to observe to you, that the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Irwin has been our Minister in & about the Space of Twenty Years, during which time he has acquitted himself as a faithful & judicious Minister of the Gospel, in our Opinion, and whereas we do now apply for another, we take the Opportunity to declare, it is not from any Objections that we have to Mr. Irwin's Doctrine, or Diligence, or to his Moral or religious Character, but solely & entirely because that through Godly Indisposition he is rendered incapable of the Discharge of the Duties of his Office to the usual Extent. This we certify: And further we desire that this may be entered on the records of Presbytery to prevent misconstructions in future. We are Gentlemen your humble Servants of Mountain-Plains Congregation. Albemarle County.

Sam <sup>r</sup> Black	John Black
Rich <sup>d</sup> Woods	Josiah Wallace
William Wallace	William Rogers
Wm Woods	James Woods
	Wm Black. (N)

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to which request, Mr. Irwin being present & consenting, it was resolved that the said Congregation be in future considered as vacant.

The Cove Congregation by their Commissioners Mr. Mose Lake, & Mr. Moses Gentry, applied to Presbytery for a Dissolution of the Connection between them & Mr. William Irwin their minister to which Mr. Irwin consenting, it was resolved that the said Congregation be considered in future as vacant.

Upon motion, Resolved, that it be recommended to the Congregations from which Mr. Irwin has been released, to pay up the arrears which are due to him; and that the Clerk transmit a Copy of this Resolution to the said Congregations.

The following Report was made out by the members at the last Synod, which being approved by Presbytery was ordered to be recorded.

The Presbytery of Hanover reported, that they consist of nine ordained ministers, viz. the Rev. John Todd, Dr. James Waddell, the Rev. William Irwin Arch. Mr. Robert, James Mitchell, John D. Blair, William Manton, Drury Lacy, & James Turner - that they have four Licentiate's under their

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Care, to wit, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cary Allen, Moses Waddel, W<sup>m</sup> Williamson, & William Calhoon; two of whom Mr Allen & Mr Calhoon are under the Direction of the Commission of Synod - that Mr Samuel Brown is the only Candidat for the Ministry - that they have dismissed two of their members, viz, the Rev<sup>d</sup> John B. Smith & to join the Philadelphia Presbytery, & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Wash Legrand to join the Lexington Presbytery; they have also dismissed Mr William Hill one of their Licentiate to join the Lexington Presbytery - They have twenty six Congregations within their Bounds, viz, Providence, the Bird, & the Fork, under the pastoral care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd. Dee-Eps under the care of Doct<sup>r</sup> James Waddel. Mountain. plain, North Garden, & Rockfish, under the care of Mr Irwin. Buffalo, Cumberland, & Briery under the care of Mr Lacy. Peaks of Otter under the care of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell & Turner as Colleagues. Hanover & Henrico under the care of Mr Blair. Hat Creek, Old Concord, & New Concord under the care of Mr. Matson. Cub-Creek, Walker's Church, Lancaster, Goodhope, Sandy River, Tomahawk, Chesnut, Blue-Stone, Good's Meeting-House, & Head of Smith's River, Vacant; none of which of themselves are sufficiently able to support a Minister, but by being United might make two or three good Settlements.

(17) Ordered, that the Clerk cite Mr Williamson

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to appear at our next meeting to give an account for his not complying with the appointment of Pres-  
-bytery to supply in those churches to which he was  
ordered last Spring —

W. Brown was appointed a popular Discourse on  
Rom: 5. 1, in addition to his other parts of Trial to  
be produced at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow Morning at 10  
O'clock. Concluded with prayer.

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment &  
was constituted with prayer. Members present as  
above — Ordered to read the minutes of last Session.

The Committee to draught a Resolution respecting  
Magistrates &c. was continued, and ordered to report at  
the next meeting of Presbytery.

W. Moses Waddel fulfilled his appointment to sup-  
-ply at Cub Creek & Briery. He then applied for a Dis-  
-mission which was granted; and the Clerk ordered to  
make out a Dismission for him, to join any Presbytery  
where God in his Providence may call him.

The Committee appointed to make Inquiry respecting  
the Churches on the N. Side of James River was con-  
-tinued, & ordered to make report in Writing at the  
next meeting of Presbytery.

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The Presbytery last Spring having failed to attend to the order of the General Assembly respecting the Collection of materials for forming a History of the Presbyterian Church; An Inquiry was made respecting the matter, when it appeared that some measures had been taken by the members to comply with the said Order. Whereupon it was resolved that every member will furnish what materials he can by the Spring Session.

Upon motion, Resolved, that every member bring or send to the next Presbytery an account of the time of his Ordination.

all. Todd paid for defraying the expences of the Commissioners to the general Assembly £ 2. 13. 2 collected from his Congregations. Of which the Clerk was ordered to pay to Mr. Mahon 13/9, and to keep the balance of £ 1. 19. 5 in his hands till farther Orders.

Upon motion, Ordered that each member bring or send to the next meeting of Presbytery an Act of the Situation of the Presbyterian Church under his jurisdiction with respect to the state of Religion, the State of Religious Denominations amongst them, & the most probable expedients for reviving & promoting the essential Interests of Christ's Kingdom in the World, agreeably to the recommendation of the General Assembly. The Recommendation of the General

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Assembly, whether young men ought to apply to the study of Divinity three years, <sup>at least</sup> before they be taken on Trials, being considered; it was agreed that no such rule ought to be adopted in the present state of the Church.

Upon motion, Resolved that the several members pay attention to raise money for the payment of the missionaries within their respective bounds.

The second Thursday in November was appointed to be observed as a day of Fasting & prayer to almighty God for a revival of Religion in the Churches; also as a Day of Thanksgiving for the merciful visitations of his Spirit, which he has granted in many places, agreeably to the recommendation of the Synod.

M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchell & M<sup>r</sup>. Lacy; & M<sup>r</sup>. Michael Graham & John Norton, <sup>Seni</sup> were nominated Commissioners to the next General Assembly. And M<sup>r</sup>. Robert & M<sup>r</sup>. Blair were nominated alternate members.

M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Robert fulfilled his appointment to supply in M<sup>r</sup>. Irwin's bounds. He was then appointed to supply in Rockfish Congregation one sabbath between this & our next meeting; also to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at South Garden.

M<sup>r</sup>. Mitchel's & M<sup>r</sup>. Turner's appointment to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the Congregations of Chesnut & Smith's River was Continued.

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Adjourned to meet at Briery Meeting House  
in Pt. Edward the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in April.

Concluded with prayer

W<sup>m</sup> Mottson Mod<sup>r</sup>

Drury Lacy Clk

Briery April 5<sup>th</sup> 1793.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment,  
at Briery Meeting House in Prince Edward County  
& was constituted with prayer. It was then opened  
by a Sermon on Rom 5. 1. by Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Brown, being  
the subject assigned him for a popular Discourse  
at <sup>a fortnight</sup> ~~the~~ Meeting.

Members Present	}	Arch <sup>d</sup> Mr. Robert	} Ministers
		James Mitchell	
		William Mottson	
		Drury Lacy	
		James Turner	
		Michael Graham	
	}	James Venable	} Elders
		John Hughes	

Absent. Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd, Doc<sup>r</sup> James Waddel,  
William Irwin, & John D. Blair

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Mr. Mahon was re-elected Mod<sup>r</sup>, & Mr. Lacy Clerk.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Pattillo of Orange Presbytery; the Rev<sup>d</sup> Deverea Jarratt of the Episcopal Church; & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jacob Cram of the Congregational Church were invited to sit as corresponding members & took their Seats.

Ordered to read the minutes of last Presbytery.

A Call was presented to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Lacy from Cumberland Congregation, another from Briery Congregation, another from Buffalo Congregation, & another from Cut-Creek Congregation, praying him to undertake the pastoral Charge of the said Congregations as a Colleague with Mr. Archibald Alexander; which being read, it was inquired of Mr. Lacy, whether he accepted the s<sup>d</sup> Calls: To which Mr. Lacy declined to give a decisive Answer, from the uncertainty of obtaining Mr. Alexander as a Colleague. But gave the Congregations Assurance, that if they should obtain Mr. Alexander as their Minister, or any other, with whom he would consent to be a Colleague, that he would then accept their Calls.

The United Congregations of Cumberland, Briery, Buffalo, & Cut-Creek petitioned for leave to prosecute a Call to Mr. Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander, who is now under the Direction of the Commission of Synod, before the Lexington Presbytery, of which Presby

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he is properly a Licentiate, which was granted.

Assurance was given to Presbytery that punctual payment should be made to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury lay for preaching at College one sixth part of his time which Paper was ordered to be kept among the Papers of Presbytery. —

Supplications were presented from Sandy River & Lomahawk Congregations, by their Commissioners W. Tho. Smith & William Dwin for the Ordinances of the Gospel to be administered amongst them. —

A Petition was sent from Chesnut Congregation in Franklin County for Supplies to be sent them.

W. Melvyn Williamson appeared according to Citation, & his Excuses being heard for not complying with the Order of a Former Presbytery & for not attending our last Meeting were sustained. —

In Inquiry was made of the members whether they had collected any materials for forming a History of the Church; when it appeared that they had paid attention to the Business. But as they were only the young members who were present, nothing of much consequence could be obtained. —

Agreeably to an Order of the General Assembly, the members were required to give an account of the Time of their Ordination, which was as follows

\* Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd,  
\* Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph

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Doctor James Waddel

William Irwin

Arch<sup>d</sup> Mr Robert February 4<sup>th</sup> 1761

James Mitchell, August 1784

John D. Blair

Wm. Mathon. October 11. 1788

Drury Lacy. Oct. 11. 1788.

James Turner. July 28. 1792.

The members generally observed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in November as a Day of Fasting prayer &c. agreeably to Order. adjourned till Tomorrow 9 O'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer. Members present as above.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs William Graham, Nath Logan, & Wm Hill of Lexington Presbytery were invited to sit as corresponding members and took their Seats.

An Inquiry was made of the members whether they had taken measures to raise money for the payment of the Missionaries, when it appeared that some had done it; & Others having neglected it through forgetfulness promised to be more attentive in future to that Business.

The members were called upon to give an Acct of the State of Religion, in their respective Charges, & of the State of religious Denominations.

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amongst them; when it appeared that <sup>with</sup> there is in general great Cause to lament the want of Engagement & of the Life & power of Godliness amongst us, yet we have reason to thank God that his presence is not wholly withdrawn from his Church, but in some places there are hopeful Appearances, & in some Instances the Word appears attended with energy & power to the Souls of the Hearers.

W. Mitchell & W. Turner complied with their Appointment to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper in Chestnut Congregation, & at the Head of Smiths River.

The Committee appointed to draught a Resolution respecting the Observation of the Sabbath Day by Magistrates & Others, produces the following Resolution which being read & amended, was approved by Presbytery and is as follows -

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy, being a command of the great head of the Church, and an unreserved Obedience to his Authority being a distinguishing Mark of our Love & Attachment to him; We therefore impressed with a Sense of our duty, & pursuant to a Recommendation of <sup>the</sup> Synod of Virginia, do solemnly resolve to exclude from our Communion all Ranks & Characters of Men who do not pay a religious regard to the Sacred Hours of the Sabbath. More especially ~~is~~ is this Resolution intended to operate against

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Parents & Masters &c. who do not exert their Influence to  
restrain their Domestic from profaning the Lord's Day;  
& all Magistrates who fail, when proper information is  
given, to execute the Penal Laws for the Suppression  
of Vice; & all Professors who will not countenance &  
assist the Magistrate in the Execution of his Office.

The Presbytery adjourns to meet at Mr. Morton's  
at 7 o'clock this Evening - Concluded by prayer.

Mr. Morton of Delock.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, &  
was concluded with prayer. Mr. Robert & Mr.  
Venable absent. - Mr. Brown's popular Sermon  
being taken under consideration was sustained.

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr.  
Brown with respect to his knowledge in the Doctrines  
of Divinity, and his answers being Satisfactory, it  
was agreed to license him to preach the Gospel;  
and Mr. Brown having adopted the Confession of  
Faith as received in the Presbyterian Church in  
America, & promised subjection to his Brethren in  
the Lord, was accordingly licensed to preach the  
everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, & recommended  
to all the Churches where God in his providence  
may call him.

W<sup>o</sup> Atterton's April 6. 1793.

The Committee to examine into the State of the Churches in the N. Side of James River & to make their Report in writing complied with the Order. And the Presbytery having considered the Substance of those Reports - Resolved

Resolved - That the Clerk cite the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd Doct<sup>r</sup> James Waddel, Mr Irwin & Mr Blain to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery to answer to those Reports - And it is further ordered, that the Clerk keep the Reports among the Papers of Presby & have them at our next Meeting.

Whereas a Report has prevailed against the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Irwin prejudicial to his Character & injurious to the Interests of Religion, upon Motion Resolved that the Clerk inform Mr Irwin of the Contents of the Report, & cite him to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery, in order that the Matter may be fairly investigated.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stittell & Turner were ordered to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the new meeting House on the Head of Banister between this & the Fall - And also to preach on their way at Chestnut meeting House in Franklin -

Mr Mr Robert was appointed to supply one Sabbath in each of the Congregations of the

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Cove, South-Garden, & Rockfish in the County of  
Albemarle between this & the Fall

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Blair & Lacy were commissioned to repre-  
-sent this Presbytery to the next General Assembly  
of the Presbyterian Church in America, to meet at  
Philadelphia on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the present  
Year — Mr. William Williamson was appointed to supply  
one Sabbath in Lancaster, one Sabbath at the D. S.  
& to spend a Week in the Congregations of the Cove  
Garden or Congregations in Albemarle County between  
this & the Fall meeting.

Adjourns to meet at the Cove meeting  
House in Albemarle County on Wednesday the  
24 of July — Concluded with prayer —

Wm. Mahon Mod<sup>r</sup>

Darius Lacy Clk

Cove meeting House July 24<sup>th</sup> 1793.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment  
at the Cove meeting House in Albemarle County, and  
was constituted with prayer. —

Mr. Turner opened the Presbytery by a Sermon  
on Rom: 8, 5 —

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Members

Present

John Todd  
 William Irwin  
 James Mitchell  
 John D. Blair  
 Wm. Malton  
 James Turner  
 Josiah Lake  
 John Leplawich  
 Robert Dodds

Ministers

Elders

Absent. Doct. Waddel, Archd. Robert & Drumplary.  
 Wm. Malton was re-elected Moderator & W. Blair was  
 chosen Clerk. - Ordered to read the minutes of our  
 last Presbytery. - W. Todd, W. Irwin & W. Blair  
 were called upon to assign reasons for their absence  
 from last Presbytery, whose reasons being heard were  
 sustained. - On motion, Ordered, that the Ministers

of Presbytery be directed, & they are hereby directed  
 to read to their respective Congregations the minute  
 of last Presbytery, respecting the religious observance  
 of the Sabbath Day, agreeably to a resolution of Synod.

A Letter from Doct Waddel to Presbytery was read.

Upon motion Resolved, to recommend W. Saml. Brown

~~to~~ a licensed probationer to the Commission of Synod.

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Mr Blair answered <sup>before</sup> to the Presbytery to the Allegations exhibited in the report of Mr Benjamin Allen; & upon Examination of the whole matter, the Presbytery are of Opinion, that Mr Blair, tho' guilty of some inattention in matters of Discipline through Delicacy or Error in Judgment, has not been guilty of any thing Worthy of judicial process, or judicial Censure.

Adjourns till Tomorrow morning 8 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer.

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was constituted with prayer. — Members present as above — Mr Benjamin Mr Reynolds, recommended as a young man of good moral Character & in full Communion with the presbyterian Church being desirous of putting himself under the Care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the ministry, was introduced; & the Presbytery having heard from him an Account of his religious Exercises, & of his motives to preach the Gospel, were so well satisfied with it, that they agreed to receive him on Trials —  
Mr Mr Reynolds was appointed an Essay

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on the following Question, Did Christ die equally  
& alike for all? Also a Presbyterial Exercise on Acts  
10. 38 to be exhibited as soon as convenient.

The Presbytery proceeded to take under Con-  
sideration the Reports which prevailed against Mr.  
Irwin, with respect to some criminal Intercourse  
with his Sister in Law Miss Nancy Holt, and heard  
from Mr. Irwin an accurate detail of the Circum-  
stances which gave rise to such reports. Then  
calling for all the Testimony which could be adduced  
the following persons appeared as Witnesses and were  
sworn by the Moderator, Viz, Mary Dillon, Samuel  
Hammer, Robert Garland, Samuel Ellwood, James  
Hew, William Harris, & the Elders of the Congrega-  
tion in the Cove, Viz, Moses Gentry, Bezaleel Max-  
well, Elphaz Lake, and Richard Farrow: and upon  
mature Consideration of the whole matter, the  
Presbytery resolved, that the reports are malicious  
& wholly destitute of Truth, and that Mr. Irwin  
be, and hereby is most honourably acquitted.

The Testimony of Mary Dillon upon Oath.  
That she saw Mr. Irwin shaking Hands with Miss  
Holt - that she heard Mr. Irwin & Miss Holt in a dark  
Room on a Bed, & he said, O my dear I want to

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indulge myself - that she went out to milk the cows, & Mr. Irwin watched her as she thought, & that she saw Mr. Irwin playing with Nancy Holt who was in bed - that she never said any thing about going to the Barn. She said upon further Inquiry, that Mr Irwin went to the Bed, or was going that way or thereabouts - that when she saw them on the Bed the first Time she had no suspicion. Q. By Mr. Irwin. Did you see any Criminality, or any thing worse than you have mentioned? A. I am not a proper Judge, but I did not see any thing worse. Q. Are you sure that Mr. Irwin and Miss Holt were in Bed in the dark Room? A. I am not sure that they were in Bed; but I thought they were by their voices. Q. How long ago was this? A. At different periods of Time. (Memory, one time 10 Years, and the other Time 16 years ago) —

The Deposition of Samuel Hamner. I have been acquainted with the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Irwin for fifteen or sixteen years, and upwards and also with Miss Mary Dillon for the same term of years, I never heard Mary Dillon speak a disrespectful word of Mr. Irwin until some few months ago, but always much to his praise.

About four or five years ago my Waggon went to Carolina, & some of my Neighbours

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availed themselves of the Opportunity of sending by her for Cotton: Some of them limited me as to the price: Others did not: of those who limited me Mr Irwin was One: As the Cotton sold higher than was expected, there was of Course none for those who fixed the price, because it was lower than the price of the Cotton in Carolina. When my waggon returned, and Miss Mary Dillon saw that there was no Cotton brought for Mr Irwin, but that there was some brought for such an One whom she did not like, she broke out upon me & chid me very severely, saying that I had brought Cotton for such an One, a good for nothing drunken sot, and there was Mr Irwin that good man with his poor Family of small Children that must go without, and added that she would mark me for a black-sheep in future. A certain person being present soon that if Mr Dillon had served him so, he would have kicked her out of the house - I replied that I looked upon her to be a person of so little Reason, that I did not think her worth my notice.

I would further Observe that in the month of September last, Mr Burgy had an Appointment to preach at my House. Mr Irwin was present and made an address to the people afterwards. Mr Dillon's reply or remarks was - it seemed to

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do her good to hear him, his voice appeared so natural.  
Also about the same time there was a Subscription set  
among the Congregation for Mr. Mr. Robert. Mary Dillon  
said she by no means wished Mr. Irwin to quit preach-  
ing, and observed that the People were able to support  
two preachers very well. Q. If Mr. Irwin was the good  
Man then, so lately in Mary Dillon's Esteem, why not so  
full? Has any thing turn'd up since, that should repre-  
-sent him in a different point of Light? — A. to Mr.  
Hammer. Do you think Mary Dillon capable of giving  
in any Testimony? A. My report is an answer. Mr.  
Hammer says Mary Dillon did report some things about  
Mr. Irwin's going to the Stable. That he asked Mary  
Dillon if she saw any thing criminal in Mr. Irwin? and  
that she said she did not.

Deposition of Robert Garland. I have had  
an Opportunity of a particular acquaintance with  
Mr. Irwin, having been his pupil, & having lived in his  
Family a twelve. month or more — that he always  
appeared an Amiable & benevolent Man, unexceptionable  
in his moral Character — that Mary Dillon always  
appeared much attached to Mr. Irwin, and that very  
lately a change has taken place, if she acts a  
Criminal part now, from what appeared to be

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the Case when I lived in Mr. Irwin's Family.

Testimony of James Kern. Q. Are you acquainted with the Character of Mary Dillon? A. Lately, and never till lately I have heard, that Mary Dillon was subject at Times to be disordered in her mind. Q. What is the Character of Miss N. Holt? A. I never heard of the least thing amiss in her until the report about her and Mr. Irwin. That I believe Miss Nancy has been for years a reputable Professor of Religion.

Deposition of Samuel Murrel. I have been long acquainted with Mary Dillon & have had a good Opinion of her. She is disposed at Times to be peevish, liable to prejudice & Suspicion. I have always conceived that the Woman was party spirited, that if she liked a person she thought she could not do enough, & if she disliked, she could not do enough.

Deposition of William Harris. I told the Elders of the Cove<sup>e</sup> meeting House that if any man in Albemarle would swear that Mr. Irwin was guilty I could not believe it, and the Elders generally said they did not believe it either. Capt. Lake present.

Deposition of Moses Gentry Jr. Elder. I never wished to believe, I never did believe Mr. Irwin was guilty.

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Deposition of Bezael Maxwell. I never did believe Mr. Irwin was guilty with respect to the Charge laid to him and his Sister-in-Law.

Deposition of Mack Lake. I do believe from the Information which Mary Dillon gave me, and from other Circumstances that Mr. Irwin was guilty. 2. Does any thing you ever saw in the Conduct or Conversation of Mr. Irwin give you any Room to suspect Mr. Irwin was guilty. A. No.

Deposition of Richard Farrow. I was acquainted with Mr. Irwin when he went to School to Mr. Todd, &c. in Twenty years acquaintance. I never saw any thing in the Conduct or Conversation of Mr. Irwin, nor ever heard of any thing that could afford the smallest suspicion that Mr. Irwin could be guilty of the Charge exhibited against him, this foolish Rumour excepted, which I never believed.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 8 O'Clock.

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The Presbytery upon motion resolved, That as they are of Opinion that they should consider themselves as Guardians of the Innocence of their Brethren, both in a private & Official Capacity, & especially of a minister of the Gospel, that as many Copies as possible of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Irwin's Acquittal be published within the bounds of our Church in Virginia, and where ever else it may appear that the Report has gone.

And whereas the Presbytery are afraid that Capt. Mase's has been too credulous in giving ear to the reports against Mr. Irwin, it is the Opinion of the Presbytery that it is the Duty of Capt. Mase to make overtures of reconciliation with Mr. Irwin, & give assurances of his future Friendship.

It is further the Opinion of the Presbytery upon this matter, that after the fair & Open Trial which has been had in the case of Mr. Irwin, no person can give the smallest Infimation to the Prejudice of Mr. Irwin on the Score of the Reports in Question, without being chargeable as a Slanderer of the Brethren.

Mr. Todd answered to charges exhibited in a Report from Mr. Lacy, and as to the Charge of admitting a Gambler & other improper persons to the Sacrament, it appeared on the detail of Mr. Todd, that if such things had happened at all, they

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happened without his permission, knowledge, or belief & therefore not chargeable on him. As to the charge about Dancing, the Presbytery determined after mature Deliberation, to refer the whole matter to the Synod for their Instruction & advice. The same thing also determined as to the same charge against Doct. Waddel, together with his Letter to this Presbytery, Mr. Todd & Doct. Waddel not being convinced from scripture of its Immorality.

The following Question was proposed by a member to the Presbytery, viz. Does simple Dancing for the Improvement & Cultivation of the manners of Youth, or upon some Occasions when young Persons are met at a Friends House meet with the Approbation of this Presbytery. And the Presbytery after mature Consideration determined in the negative.

Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Robert was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Rock Fish, & one at the Cove meeting House between this & our next.

Adjourned to meet at Cumberland on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September next. Concluded with prayer.

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John D. Blair Clk

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment  
& was opened by a sermon from Heb. 2, 3 by Mr  
William Williamson & constituted by prayer

Members present	}	William Irwin	} Ministers
		James Mitchell	
		Wm Mahon	
		Drury Lacy	
		James Turner	
	}	John Hughes	} Elders
		Andrew Wallace	
		And <sup>w</sup> Baker	
		Jonas Erwin	

Absent - Doctor James Widdel, Arch<sup>d</sup>ell Robert & John  
D. Blair. - Mr Todd has deceased since our  
last meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1793 -

Mr Mahon was re-elected Moderator & Mr Lacy Clerk

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were  
read - A Petition was presented from the  
Congregations of the Mountain-plains, Cove, & Rock  
- fish for some minister to supply them for 6 months  
with Assurance to pay him 30 pounds -

A Petition was presented from the united Con-  
gregations of Providence, the Bird & the Fork

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setting forth their forlorn Situation in consequence  
of the Death of Mr. Todd, & praying for Supplies -  
An Address was presented to Presby from a  
Number of the Inhabitants of Hanover & Hermito,  
requesting Mr. John James to be recognized by Presbytery  
as a Member of their Body. Whereupon Mr. James  
produced his Credentials and other Documents to Pres-  
bytery which being read, it was agreed to postpone the  
Consideration of them till Tomorrow -

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock.

Concluded by prayer

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1793 -

The Presbytery met according to adjournment &  
was constituted by prayer. Members as on yesterday  
Ordered to read the Minutes of last Session

Mr. Lacy's excuse for not attending the last meet-  
ing of Presbytery was sustained. - A verbal  
Supplication was presented by Mr. Mitchell for Supplies  
to be sent to Chesnut in Pittsylvania -

Upon motion Resolved - that the Presbytery for  
Reasons offered by Mr. Williamson will ordain him  
at the present meeting, & do therefore appoint  
Monday for that Business. Mr. Mahon was then

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appointed to preach an Ordination Sermon, & Mr Lacy to preside and give the Charge. — Ordered that Mr Williamson preach on Monday previous to his Ordination on any subject he may Chuse. —

Mr Lacy Allen & Mr Williams Calhoun who have been under the Direction of the Commission of Synod, producing their Dismissals from that Body, with Recommendations to the Presbytery, were again received & recorded as Probationers under their Charge. —

Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert came in, whose Reasons for Absence at our last Meeting, & also on yesterday were sustained.

Withill of Lexington Presbytery was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member & took his seat. —

The Case of Mr. James was resumed by Presbytery, & upon mature Consideration of the whole matter, it appeared that his Credentials, however sufficient in the place from whence he came, did not appear so satisfactory to Presbytery as to authorize them to receive & recognize him at this Time as a member of their Body, upon his present Ordination. But as he informed the Presbytery that he has other Papers which would give further Information respecting his Ordination, it was agreed to postpone the matter to the next Meeting of Presbytery. —

A Dismissal of Mr. Archibald Alexander from

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the Presbytery of Lexington in order to join this, was presented, whereupon it was ordered that Mr. Alexander be received & recorded as a <sup>Protestant</sup> ~~candidate~~ under our particular Charge — Mr. Samuel Brown, having given to Presbytery sufficient Evidence of his Abilities to preach the Gospel, & <sup>received a</sup> ~~been~~ recommendation to the Commission of Synod to be taken under their Direction, and having been received & commissioned by them to ride as a missionary, the Essay & presbyterial Exercise which he was appointed to produce by an Order of July 30<sup>th</sup> 1792 were judged unnecessary to be produced in future. — Capt. Jacob Woodson petitioned for Supplies to be sent to Walker's Church — Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock. —  
Concluded by Prayer.

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer. Members as on yesterday. <sup>The Proceedings of the last Session were read.</sup>  
Upon Motion, Ordered that the Congregation of the low make a Settlement with Mr. Irvin, & pay up his Arrearages, & that Mr. Mark Lake & Geo. Blane, who have obligated themselves in the Call to Mr. Irvin, see them paid. —  
A Supplication was presented by Mr. James Snoddy for a Supply to be sent to Buckingham Church.  
A Verbal request was presented by Mr. Garner

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For an Ordained Minister to be sent to Little River.

W. M. Reynolds read a presbyterial Exercise on Dec: 10, 38, which was sustained as part of Trial.

Calls having been put into the Hands of Mr. Alexander through Lexington Presbytery from the united Congregations of Cumberland, Briery, Buffalo, & Sub-Creek to engage in the pastoral Care of the said Congregations as a Colleague with Mr. Lacy; and Mr. Alexander having obtained a Dismission from Lexington, & come under the Care of this Presbytery, the Moderator called upon him to know whether he accepted the said Calls: But he having desired longer time to consider of the matter the Presbytery granted it.

Upon motion, Resolved, that Mr. Alexander supply in the said Congregations in the same manner as if he had accepted the Calls.

Upon motion, adjourned till 4 o'clock P. M. to meet at Mr. Benjamin Allen's - Concluded by prayer  
at Mr. Benjamin Allen's.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted by prayer.

An Inquiry was made whether the members had taken Measures to raise Collections for the support of the Missions, when it appeared that those

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who were present had generally paid attention to that  
Business upon motion, Resolved that agreeably to a Recom-  
-mendation of last Synod, the members will continue  
their attention in countenancing & assisting to raise  
Alms for the benevolent purpose of supporting the  
Missionaries - and that the clerk write to the absent  
Members to exert themselves in that Business.

Agreeably to a recommendation of Synod, it was ordered  
that each Member take a Subscription Paper and apply to the  
Charitable & benevolent to raise money for the purpose of  
establishing a Fund for the Education & support of pious &  
poor youth whose Talents & Genius promise utility to the  
Church. ~ The Synod having recommended to Presbytery  
the raising of Alms to assist in defraying the Expenses  
incident to the Erection of Rock-bridge Academy, it was  
agreed by the members to endeavour to do what they  
could for this purpose. ~ Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November  
being appointed by Synod as a Day of Fasting & prayer  
for the out-pouring of God's Spirit upon the Churches -  
It was ordered to be attended to by the members. ~

Agreeably to an Order of the general Assembly the  
Members of Presbytery were again directed to attend to  
the Business of collecting materials for forming

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a History of the Presbyterian Church.

Upon motion - Resolved that the former Order respecting making out a List of the Ministers according to Seniority be attended unto -

Whereas a complaint has been made by Mr. William Irwin, of ungenerous Treatment of his Character by Capt. John Wharton of the Cove Congregation in Albemarle County touching a Piece of Carpenter's Work namely the covering of a Barn, & requests that the matter may be inquired into by the Presbytery - Resolved that the Presbytery will attend to this Business, & investigate the ground of this Complaint at their next meeting

Mr. Cary Allen was appointed to supply in Albemarle, Madison, Louisa, Goochland & Buckingham; and Mr. William Calhoun was ordered to supply in Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Nottoway, & Amelia between this and the Spring -

Mr. Mitchell was appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Chesnut - Mr. Turner at Little-River, & Mr. Lay at Providence between now & our meeting in the Spring -

Mr. Mathew was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Walker's Church, & Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Robert one Sabbath at Hat-creek by the Spring -

On motion resolved, that the congregations of Morven  
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tain Plains & Rockfish be recommended to consider & relieve the wants of their former minister the Rev. William Joiner by paying up all arrears: & that the clerk give them information of this Order.

A Query was proposed, whether the Infants of Slaves under the Jurisdiction of Christian Masters, ought to be offered up in Baptism by those Masters. The consideration of which was deferred till the Spring Session of Presby. adjourned till Monday 10 O'clock to meet at the Meeting House. & concluded by Prayer.

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted by prayer. Members present as on Saturday, except Messrs Mitchell & Turner who were absent with leave.

John Morton Eder took his seat ~~in an~~ <sup>in</sup> room of Andrew Baker. — Ordered to read the proceedings of last Session.

Application was made to Presbytery by the Commissioners of Cumberland, Biery, Buffalo & Hubbard Congregations for Permission to prosecute a call to the Rev. John B. Smith of Philadelphia Presbytery if they should judge it expedient; which request was granted. — (Whereas) Complaint has been made

by Mr. Mr. Robert, that O. Claybrook an Elder of Priry  
 Congregation within these twelve Months past has on  
 divers Occasions uttered & said things prejudicial to his  
 Character, tending to infuse prejudices into the minds of  
 People against him, & to hinder his Usefulness as a Minister,  
 & prays the Interference of this Presbytery —

Upon motion - Resolved, that the Moderator together  
 with Andrew Wallace & Little Joe Morton Elders be a  
 Committee to wait on the said Claybrook, to converse  
 in a private Manner concerning the above Charge, & to  
 endeavour to have the Matter reconciled in an amicable  
 Manner, & to make report to the next Presbytery.

Agreeably to the Order of the 8<sup>th</sup> respecting the  
 Ordination of Mr. Williamson, after the Congregation  
 was assembled Mr. Williamson preached a Sermon pre-  
 vious to his Ordination on 2. Cor. 5. 20; which being  
 sustained, Mr. Mahon proceeded to preach an Ordina-  
 tion Sermon from Gal. 1. 9; after which Mr. Williamson  
 having adopted the Confession of Faith as received in  
 the Presbyterian Church in America, & promised subjec-  
 tion to his Brethren in the Lord, was solemnly set  
 apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry by  
 fasting Prayer & Imposition of Hands, and took his  
 seat as a member of Presbytery —

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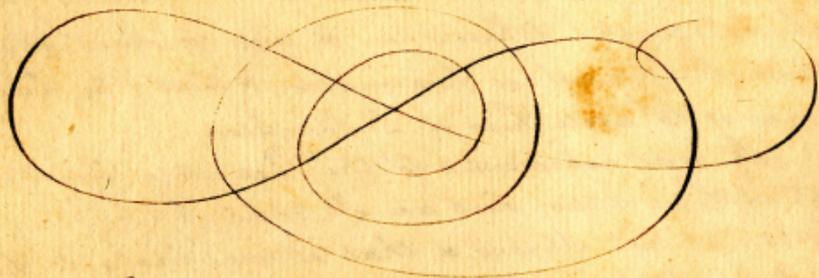
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Upon motion, adjourned to the Cove meeting  
House in Albemarle County, to meet on the  
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Concluded by prayer.

William Mlaxon mod<sup>r</sup>

Darius Lacy cler.



Cove-meeting House Dec: 25<sup>th</sup> 1793 —

The Presbytery met at the Cove-meeting House  
agreeably to adjournment, & was opened by a sermon  
on Luke 18. 35 &c. by M. Lacy.

Constituted of Prayer

Members present { William Irvin }  
William Mlaxon } Ministers  
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Members pres. } William Williamson. Minister  
 Francis Thornton - Elder.

Absent, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Waddel, McRobert, Alt-  
 -chil, Blain, & Turner. —

W. Mahon was re-elected Moderator & W. Cary Clerk  
 The Minutes of last Presbytery were read.

A Letter was received from W. William Calhoun  
 requesting a Dismission from this in order to join  
 Transylvania Presbytery, & stating his reasons for  
 such a request — Where upon it was resolved that  
 Mr. Calhoun's request is reasonable, & that the Clerk  
 be ordered to write him a Dismission.

It was represented to the Presbytery by W. Cary  
 that W. Cary Allen had an Intention of removing to  
 Kentucky next Spring, & that it was probable he  
 would wish to go before their next meeting. It was  
 therefore Ordered that the Clerk write him a Dismission  
 to join Transylvania Presbytery should application  
 be made by W. Allen to that Effect.

W. Mahon reported, that agreeably to an Order  
 of our last, he had waited on W. Claybrook against  
 whom W. McRobert had instituted a Complaint, &  
 that the matter was amicably settled between them.

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November was attended to as far as it was practicable.  
Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 o'Clock -  
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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment  
& was constituted by prayer. Members present as  
on yesterday. The proceedings of last Session were  
read. — Mr. Irwin complained, that notwithstanding  
the Resolution of Presbytery of the 26. of July 1793,  
stating, "That after the fair & open Trial which had  
been had in the case of Mr. Irwin, no person can give  
the smallest insinuation to the prejudice of Mr. Irwin  
on the score of the Reports in Question, without  
being chargeable as a Slanderer of the Brethren",  
Capt. Mask Lake had actually declared to Mr. James  
Suddarth & to Mr. Ellichael Woods that he still  
believed it, with an apparent Intention to improve  
the minds of the credulous with a belief of  
the matter, which he judged contrary to Justice  
& Generosity — Upon motion, Resolved, That  
Mask Lake be informed by the Clerk of this  
Complaint, & that he be allowed Liberty to chuse  
during the present Sessions of Presbytery whe-  
-ther he will have it tried at this meeting

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or deferred. Mr. Irwin's Complaint against Capt. John Wharton was entered upon, & the Presbytery called upon Mr. Irwin to state the particular Facts or Expressions with which he had to charge Mr. Wharton. When Mr. Irwin stated (1.) That Mr. Wharton had asserted, that when the Determination of the Value of covering a Barn was left to one person, viz, to Mr. Samuel Anderson, Mr. Irwin contrary to agreement had gone privately to another, viz, to Mr. Samuel Guy without his knowledge & had a Determination made in an unfair Manner; & that he & Mr. Irwin had settled all the work save a small part. (2.) That Mr. Wharton had asserted that he got nothing for his work for covering the Barn, and that he never undertook the Work, contrary to what Mr. Irwin declared. & (3.) That Mr. Wharton confessed at the Clerk's Table & in the presence of the Presbytery, that he had said Mr. Irwin had told Lies & he could prove them.

In support of the first Charge, Mr. Samuel Guy of lawful Age was called upon, & being first solemnly sworn by the Moderator, deposed & said, That in Conversation with Mr. Wharton, Mr. Wharton said that he had never left the Valuation of the Covering of the Barn to him the Deponent at all, but that Mr. Irwin & himself had settled all the Work except a small part,

& that that part had been agreed upon to be left to Mr Samuel Anderson to settle. And Mr Wharton said further that Mr Irwin had taken an advantage of him by applying to him the said Deponent in a private manner. And further the Deponent said not.

With respect to the second & third particulars of Mr Irwin's Charge, Mr Wharton confessed them.

The Presbytery upon mature Consideration of the above charges, & of the Evidence adduced in support thereof, together with Mr Wharton's Confession, were of Opinion that Mr Wharton, in having propagated these things without having ever mentioned them to Mr Irwin agreeably to the rules of Christ's Church, & of the rules laid down in the Forms of Process of our Discipline Chap. 1. Sect. 3, had subjected himself to the Censure of this Church, as an uncharitable Slanderer of his Brother. Whereupon it was resolved, that the said Wharton be suspended from the Office of his Eldership, & excluded from the privileges of the Church, until he become sensible of his Fault & give Evidence of Repentance to this Presbytery. Notwithstanding, as Mr Wharton offered to bring in & support Charges of an immoral kind against Mr Irwin, the Presbytery did think it a matter of expediency to the Interests of Religion to proceed to investigate such Charges (1.) From the highly immoral Nature of the Charges in themselves.

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& (2.) From the apparent wil Effects that such Dis-  
 -agreements among Professing Christians had already  
 produced, & if not immediately remedied would in all  
 probability continue to produce, such as hardening &  
 enraging the guilty, grieving the Godly, & dishonouring  
 Religion. — And Mr Wharton being called upon to  
 exhibit his Charges against Mr Irvin, asserted (1.)  
 That Mr Irvin had been guilty of Falshood in the  
 Business respecting the Barn, in that he had asserted,  
 that he had never settled any part of the work with  
 him. (2.) With respect to his reading Mr Irvin's  
 Deposition as taken before Capt: Samuel Marvill at  
 W. Harts. (3.) With respect to Cury's Deposition  
 as read before the Presbytery in July last, which he  
 asserted was not the actual Deposition. (4.) With respect  
 to what he said last July in Presbytery, in denying  
 that Capt: Mark Leask had ever given him any advice  
 with respect to, <sup>his</sup> sending Miss Nancy Stott to her  
 Father's

Upon Motion — The Clerk was ordered to give  
 Mr Irvin a Copy of this Charge — Adjourned till  
 Tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock. Concluded by prayer.

Dec: 27. 1793.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment &  
 was constituted by prayer. Members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of last Session were read.

Mr. Leak was called upon to inform the Presbytery whether he would consent to have the Complaint lodged against him by Mr. Irvin tried at the present meeting; But he having declined it, the Clerk was ordered to furnish Mr. Leak with a Copy of Mr. Irvin's Accusation, & to cite him to appear at the next Meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Mitchel & Mr. Blair were nominated Commissioners to the next General Assembly; & Mr. Sayer & Mr. Mathon the alternate members. Col. Charles Allen & Messrs. Andrew Wallace, Elders were also nominated as Commissioners.

Mr. Irvin being called upon to say, whether he was willing that the Business of Wharton's Accusation against him should be now tried, consented that it should. Whereupon Bezaleel Maxwell, Messrs. Leak & Thomas Pemberton were called upon to give Testimony to the 1<sup>st</sup> particular, in which Mr. Wharton had accused Mr. Irvin of being guilty of Falshood, in that he had asserted that he had never settled any part of the Work respecting the covering of a Barn - And being first solemnly sworn by the Moderator -

Bezaleel Maxwell deposed & said, that he had been called upon in company with Mr. James Anderson & a Mr. Bell by Mr. Irvin to settle

the Price of the Work, & that he and the said Bell with the consent of parties had settled the whole work. And that he did not know of his own knowledge of any Settlement that had taken place between Mr Irwin & Mr Wharton, either in whole or in part; but that he had heard by Mr Wharton of a partial Settlement.

Mr Mask Leak was then called upon who deposed & said, that Mr Wharton called at his House & showed him a Letter that he had received from Mr Irwin, requesting him to come and do something with respect to the Barn. That he went with Wharton to Mr Irwin's. That they all went to the Barn together, and that Mr Wharton & Irwin agreed upon the manner of ascertaining the number of Shingles. That they both agreed they did not understand the Value of the Work; but Mr Irwin observed that a Mr Anderson said the getting and mailing on of the Shingles was worth so much ff Hundred; and he heard them mention how much the work would come at that Price, & he understood it to be settled. Also that Mr Wharton charged 15<sup>s</sup> for laying a Floor, which after some exceptions by Mr Irwin as to the Price he also understood was agreed to. But being Questioned by Mr Irwin whether he had heard him say in express Terms that he agreed to these things,

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he said that he did not.

Thomas Pemberton was called upon who deposed & said, that he was at Mr Irwin's, & that Mr Irwin ~~had~~ asked him to go with him to the Barn to cull over a parcel of Shingles which Mr Wharton's people had gotten, that he might only pay for those that were good. That he understood, <sup>an in Impudence.</sup> from this request that part of the work had been settled for; but he did not hear Mr Irwin positively say so.

In respect to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Particular, "That Mr Irwin had read at Mr Hart's a Deposition of Mrs Irwin's taken before Samuel Murril, tho' no such Deposition had been taken: Elash Leak, Bezaluel Maxwell, Moses Gentry & Samuel Murril were called upon, & being first solemnly sworn by the Moderator;

Mr Gentry deposed & said, that he was <sup>at Mr Hart's</sup> in Company with Mr Irwin & the Elders of the Cove Congregation, & that Mr Irwin read a Deposition of Mrs Irwin's with all the Formalities requisite in such a matter as taken by Capt Murril.

Mr Maxwell deposed & said, That he was in Company with Mr Irwin at Mr Hart's that a Majority of the Elders of the Cove Congregation was also present, and that Mr Irwin read a Deposition of Mrs Irwin's as taken by Capt Murril with all

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its Formalities. Being Questioned by Mr. Irwin whether he saw Mr. Murriel's Signature, or heard himself assert in express Terms that it was a Deposition taken in Mode & Form, he said that he did not.

Mr. Murriel deposed and said, that he was in Company with Mr. Irwin & the Elders of the Love Congregation at Mr. Harts, and that Mr. Irwin after he had read a Deposition of a Mr. Curry's, took another Paper & said "Here is Mr. Irwin's Deposition also taken before Capt. Murriel & read it with all its Formalities; but that he did not see Capt. Murriel's Signature.

Mr. Murriel was called upon; but Mr. Irwin having confessed that there never was a Deposition of Mr. Irwin's taken before Capt. Murriel, this rendered any Question to Mr. Murriel unnecessary.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> particular was investigated, viz. That the Deposition of a Mr. Curry read by Mr. Irwin in the Presbytery last July was not the actual Deposition.

Mr. Murriel was called upon who deposed & said - That when Mr. Irwin read a Deposition of Mr. Curry's in Presbytery as taken before him, he had the real Deposition of Curry executed by himself in his own possession.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Particular was called up, viz. "That Mr. Irwin by denying in Presbytery that Capt. Leake

had ever given him advice to send Miss Nancy Holt to her Father's, was in like manner guilty of telling a Falshood. ~

Mr. Samuel Anderson being called upon & first solemnly sworn by the Moderator deposed & said, That he was at Mr. Hart's in company with Mr. Irwin & Mr. Leak or, and heard Mr. Irwin & Leak in Conversation respecting the advice said to be given by Mr. Leak to Mr. Irwin, about sending Miss Nancy Holt to her Father's; That he heard Mr. Leak say that he had advised Mr. Irwin to take such a measure, but that he could not positively recollect that Mr. Irwin agreed that he had recd. such advice; but that something was said by him that to the best of his judgment was to that amount. ~

Mr. Moses Gentry being introduced deposed & said - That he was at Mr. Hart's in company with Mr. Irwin & the Elders, and that he heard Mr. Irwin & Mr. Leak in Conversation respecting Mr. Leak's advising Mr. Irwin to send Miss Nancy Holt to her Father's House; and that Mr. Leak said he had advised Mr. Irwin to this measure on the road as they were going to a Presbytery, and that Mr. Irwin replied "Stop I must  
straighten

straighten you there, it was I that said she had a Father's House, and that it would be the best place for her."

Mr. Bez: Maxwell was called upon who deposed & said, That he was in Company with Mr. Irwin & the Elders at Mr. Hart's, and that he heard Mr. Irwin & Mr. Leak in Conversation upon the subject of Mr. Leak's advising Mr. Irwin to send Miss Nancy Holt to her Father's - and that when Mr. Leak asserted that he had advised Mr. Irwin to such a measure, Mr. Irwin interrupted him, & to the best of his recollection said, "I must put you right, it was I who said her Father's house was the best place for her." But that it was very clear to him that when Mr. Irwin had mentioned it, Mr. Leak did join in the same Opinion as most proper.

Mr. Samuel Hamner was called upon, & being first sworn in a solemn manner by the Moderator, deposed and said, That in Conversation with Mr. Irwin at his own House (to wit Hamner's) Mr. Irwin told him that when Mr. Leak in going to a Presbytery informed him of a Report about him ~~and~~ & Miss Nancy Holt, that he had asked Mr. Leak whether he thought it would not be

most proper for him to send her to her Father's. On which Occasion Capt. Leak told him not to mind it, he himself had once suffered in the same way. Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 O'clock.

Concluded by prayer

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday.

Mr. Irwin was called upon to make his defence by invalidating any part of the Testimony which had been adduced if in his power. The Presbytery heard him at Large; and in the Course of his Narrative in Answer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> particular of the Charge, he produced a Paper which he said was read in Presbytery in July & no other, and that it contained the Substance of Curry's Deposition which was the Reason of its having been mistaken for a Deposition executed in due Form. Which not being sufficiently elucidated by the Questions already put to Capt. Murrell in his Testimony yesterday, the Presbytery thought proper again to call upon said Murrell to make further inquiry, and he being first solemnly sworn - it was asked if there had been any other Paper read in the Presbytery in July <sup>containing</sup> ~~containing~~ Curry's Testimony besides the one in Question which Mr. Irwin had

produced; and he declared that there had been another read with all the Formalities of a Deposition as executed by himself ~~~~

And Capt. Murriel having informed the Presbytery that other Witnesses could be adduced in support of his Testimony the Presbytery thought proper to admit them. Whereupon Moses Gentry, Bez: Maxwell & Walter Leak were introduced & being first solemnly sworn by the Moderator, -

Mr. Maxwell deposed & said, That he was present at the Presbytery in July, that another Paper was read in the Course of Mr. Irwin's Narrative different from the one in Question, and that it contained a Deposition in Form, as given to before Saml. Murriel by William Curry ~~~~

Mr. Gentry deposes & said - That he was present at the Presbytery in July, and that there was in the Course of Mr. Irwin's Narrative, a Deposition of a Wm. Curry read with all its Formalities as executed by Samuel Murriel; but that he could not be positive that it was a different Paper from the one in Question ~~~~

Mr. Walter Leak deposed & said, That he was present at the Presbytery in July; that there was a Deposition of Wm. Curry's in mode & Form read as executed by Samuel Murriel - and that he firmly

believed it was read at a different Time from the reading of the Paper in Question, but how long he could not ascertain.

Mr. Wharton having replied to Mr. Irwin's Defence, and the Presbytery conceiving the Business ripe to be brought to Issue, demanded an Interlocutory, and after mature Consideration of the whole Business, it appeared to them that Mr. Irwin's Conduct had been highly reprehensible. Whereupon it was resolved, that as the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Particulars of Mr. Wharton's Charge stating Crimes in their view of a very flagrant nature have been sufficiently established, that Mr. Irwin be forthwith suspended from the Exercise of his ministerial Office. But inasmuch as the present Presbytery were but few in Number, unexperienced in judicial Processes, & unwilling finally to Issue and determine upon a matter of such magnitude, they did therefore agree to defer the matter to the Synod for their Direction & advice respecting the Continuance of such Suspension or Deposition. And Furthermore as it did not appear to the Presbytery, that the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> particulars of Mr. Wharton's Charge had been supported by Testimony, tho' industriously spread by him as Facts, it was also agreed that the advice of the Synod be taken respecting the proper Censure

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to be inflicted upon Mr. Wharton on the Issue of the  
Business; resolving that the Censure under which  
Mr. Wharton presently lies shall not be revoked, Not-  
withstanding any Profession of Repentance, until  
such Advice can be obtained

Adjourned to Bell-Grove meeting House in  
Orange County till the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in next May.

Concluded by prayer

William Mclahon Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Drury Lacy Clerk

Bell-Grove meeting House May 1<sup>st</sup> 1794.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment,  
& was opened with a Sermon by Mr. Samuel Brown on  
Luke 13. 3<sup>rd</sup> Verse. Constituted by Prayer.

Members present	}	Doct <sup>r</sup> James Maddel	}	Ministers
		James Mitchell		
		Drury Lacy		
		James Turner		
		W <sup>m</sup> Williamson		
}	}	Thos <sup>s</sup> Holt	}	Elders
		Michael Graham		

Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mr. Robert Blair & Mclahon.

Mr. Mitchel was chosen Moderator & Mr. Lacy Clerk.

The Proceedings of last Presby were read.

The Excuses of the members for their absence from our last meeting were Justained.

The following request was presented to the Presbytery  
By Mr. Irwin.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Presbytery of Hanover.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> - A consciousness of perfect Innocency  
& an apprehension founded on that Circumstance that  
nothing could be exhibited against myself by way  
of Charge but what I could easily elucidate, disposed  
me to suffer a Prosecution sooner than I had any right  
to have suffered it, & indeed sooner than I was in  
readiness to make my defence. I therefore request  
that I may have the privilege of a second Hearing,  
especially as some Circumstances have turned up since  
the Presbytery of Dec<sup>r</sup> last, whereby I hope easily to  
exculpate myself from that degree of Guilt which  
was apprehended by that Presbytery, & to reflect further  
Light on the subject that was then left in obscurity:  
altho I shall be under the necessity of making some  
Concessions respecting my Forgetfulness, & the probable  
Misapplication of Capt Murrills Signature to Mr  
Irwin's Deposition at Mr. Hart's. This request I can  
By no means suppose any one would even think

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of refusing, when I take it for granted that every mem-  
ber of this Rev<sup>d</sup> Body will consider it to be his  
indispensible Duty to defend the Innocency of an injured  
Brother. I am Rev<sup>d</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>. y<sup>r</sup>. very hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
William Irvin.

upon citation, Resolved that the prayer of the Petition  
be granted upon the reasons assigned therein.

Agreeably to the above Resolution, the Presbytery,  
proceeded to hear Mr. Irvin's Memorial, & the other Evi-  
dences he could produce, and having spent some time  
therein; adjourned to Doct<sup>r</sup>. Waddell's till 7 O'clock  
Tomorrow Morning. Concluded w<sup>th</sup> Prayer.

Doct<sup>r</sup>. Waddell's May 2. 1794.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was  
constituted w<sup>th</sup> Prayer. Members present as above.

Mr. Mr. Reynolds read an Essay on the subject formerly  
assigned him, which was sustained as a part of Trial.  
An Exercise was then appointed him on 1. Tim 1. 19.  
& a Lecture on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Psalm to be produced whenever  
he should find it convenient.

It was represented to the Presbytery, that from  
Mr. Alexander's Connection with the Congregations where  
he had for some time resided, it was expedient for him  
to be ordained. This the Presby thought reasonable, at this

he had not formally accepted the calls which he had under consideration. Wherefore upon motion it was resolved, That a Presby be appointed at Briery on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June for the purpose of all Alexander's Ordination. Mr. Lacy was accordingly appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon, Mr. Mathon to preside & Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert to give the Charge. Mr. Alexander was left at Liberty to preach on whatever subject he should Chuse previously to his Ordination.

Upon Motion, Resolved, That the further Consideration of Mr. Irwin's Business be postponed until Monday; when the Presbytery agreed to meet at the Cove Meeting House for the more full & General Investigation of the Subject; Mr. Irwin & Mr. Wharton the parties in the Prosecution after being asked, having consented thereto.

Adjourned to the Meeting House till 2 O'clock.

Concluded by prayer.

2. O'clock.

The Presby met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted by Prayer. Members present as above.

The Proceedings of last Session were read.

An Inquiry was made of the members whether they had taken Subscriptions to raise money for the purposes of establishing a Fund for the Education & support of pious & poor youth; when it appeared that no Attention had been paid to that Business.

Whereupon the Recommendation was continued & the Members required to be more attentive to it in future.

An Inquiry was made whether the Members had engaged in raising money for defraying the expences for erecting Rockledge Academy; when it appeared that some of the Presbytery had paid attention to it, and also that the Missionaries had collected something considerable in the Bounds of this Presbytery.

The Members were inquired at respecting the Collections they had made for forming a Society of the Presbyterian Church in America, when it appeared that no Information of Importance could be communicated.

The Query respecting the Redemption of the Infants of Slaves under the jurisdiction of Christian Masters was postponed for further Consideration.

W. Mitchell & M<sup>r</sup>. Turner were appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at the Head of Smiths River, to supply at their discretion at Chesnut, & also to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at New-Erection between this & the Fall. W. Mitchell was also appointed to supply one Sabbath at Hat-Creek.

adjourned till 7 O'clock this Evening to Doctor Waddels - Concluded by prayer -

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted by prayer. Members present as above. The proceedings of last Session were read.

The Presbytery had an Interview with Doct. Waddell & a conversation of a Considerable length took place upon the subject of the Charge against him, & the Letter to this Presbytery, which by a Resolution of July 26. 1793 had been referred for advice to Synod. And having heard a detail of his Conduct, & the Motives for such Conduct, the Presbytery was of Opinion that there was no ground for farther process against him - and that the minute making the reference be hereby revoked.

Adjourned to the Cove Meeting House till Monday Morning 8 O'clock.

Concluded by prayer.

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted by Prayer. Members present as above except Doct. Waddell.

The Presbytery entered upon the Business respecting Mr. Irwin & heard with attention all the Elucidations he could produce in Favour of his Cause. In the Course of which he produced a Copy of Mr. Curry's Deposition which he said he had forgotten at the Doct. Presbytery, but which he had afterwards found, & then recollect

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that it had been read in July - Mr. Wharton was admitted to reply to Mr. Irwin's Excitations in which reply he observed, that if he was permitted to ask Mr. Samuel Murrell a few Questions he could bring forward considerable light upon the subject of that Deposition. Mr. Murrell was then introduced, & being first solemnly sworn by the Moderator, He was asked, Q. Where is the Actual Deposition of William Curry which you had executed? A. I committed it to the Flames after July Presbytery, because I conceived that the Business upon which that Deposition had been taken was finished, & I never expected it would be called for again. Q. Was there a material Difference between the Actual Deposition, & the one read in Presby in July? A. I did conceive there was a difference at the Time when I heard it read. And going out immediately I had recourse to the Actual Deposition which was in my Possession & saw more clearly wherein the difference consisted. Q. In what particular did that Difference consist? A. In one Sentence wherein Capt. Musk Seal was mentioned by name, as being inquisitive of him the s<sup>r</sup> Curry about the Order of Mr. Irwin's Family, or words to that Effect. Q. Was Curry Present when the paper was read? A. Yes. Q. Did he make any Objections to you with respect to the Contents of the Paper that was read? A. He did. He came & touched me

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By the Arm, and said, "Lord, Sir, I never swore to  
Call that which was read in the House." I replied,  
"Give yourself no uneasiness, Billy, about it. It was  
not your Deposition. I have got your Deposition".  
Q. Was any person privy to your burning the actual  
Deposition? A. There was. Mr. James Blane was  
present, whom I called upon to take notice that I  
would destroy the Deposition. . . .

The Presbytery thought proper to admit Mr. Blane  
to give his Testimony, & having been first solemnly sworn  
by the Moderator, he deposed & said; - That he had seen  
the Oath taken by William Curry & the one to which  
Mr. Irwin desired to have Mr. Curry qualified & that  
there was a material difference between them. He  
said further that Mr. Murrell had informed him, that  
Mr. Irwin had said, if Curry would not swear to the  
latter he did not want the other, and asked him  
what he had better do with it. His reply was,  
that if he was in his place he would burn it, &  
that Murrell did actually burn it in his presence.

William Curry was introduced & sworn,  
but it appearing to the Presbytery & others  
acquainted with him that he had been  
drinking to Intoxication, he was dismissed, &  
no Information obtained from his Testimony -

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The Presbytery demanded an Interlocutory, & having spent some time in deliberating upon the Subject postponed the farther Consideration of it till Tomorrow - adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 7 o'clock. Concluded by prayer.

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted by Prayer. Members present as on Yesterday. - The Presbytery resumed the Consideration of Mr. Irvin's Case; but Mr. Irvin having apprehended that there was an Original Idea advanced tending to prejudice his Character in the Testimony of Mr. Muril yesterday, & that the Presby. was proceeding on Original Ground: Altho the Presby. did determine otherwise, yet as Mr. Irvin was desirous of availing himself of Mr. Blair's Testimony, they agreed to postpone coming to any Decision upon the Subject at present & to put it off till the next Presbytery.

But in the mean Time it was judged advisable to gain all the Light upon the Business that could be obtained; for which purpose Mr. Walter Leak was introduced & being first solemnly sworn by the Moderator deposed & said - "That when he heard the Deposition of William Curry read in

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the Presbytery of July 1793, he did not recollect positively to have heard his Father's name mentioned therein. But that it appeared to contain some things which he conceived to be reflections against his Father's Character, altho' these thoughts might have arisen from knowing that his Father was in some measure interested in the Business.

Upon motion, Resolved, that as the Presbytery have deferred the case of Mr. Irwin to their next Sessions, the Order of Decr 28<sup>th</sup> 1793, referring his Case & also the Case of Mr. Wharton to the Synod for advice, be revoked.

Mr. Irwin's prosecution against Mr. Leak was entered upon, & Messrs James Suddarths & Michael Woods were called on as Witnesses, & being first solemnly sworn by the Mod<sup>r</sup> - Mr. Suddarths deposed & said - That Mr. Leak was at his House one Evening some time last Fall, & that he began a Conversation with him the Deponent about the various Rumours respecting Mr. Irwin. That Mr. Leak said he had entertained a high Opinion of Mr. Irwin - that when he the Deponent said he did not believe any thing that had been said about Mr. Irwin, Mr. Leak replied "He did believe the Reports"; But that he has

heard Mr Leak observe on that or some other occasion that his belief ought not to confirm the belief of any other person —

Mr Woods deposed & said - That he heard Mr. Allbee & Capt Leak in Conversation about the Subject matter of Inquiry at the Presbytery at the Cove in July 1793, and when Mr. Allbee said, he was sorry that ever such a thing had been mentioned or believed, as was alledged against Mr. Irwin, Mr Leak replied, "I cannot help what I have believed or do believe". From which Expression a doubt was left in his mind whether Mr Leak himself believed it or not.

The Presbytery heard Mr Leak's Defence, & supposing the Subject fully prepared for Decision required an Interlocutory, & having deliberated upon the matter, determined that Mr Irwin's Charge against Mr Leak had not been fully supported by the Testimony of the Witnesses. But however the Presbytery thought Mr Leak's Conduct had been exceptionable, & having called him in he acknowledged that he had done wrong, & promised by the Assistance of divine Grace to avoid a similar Conduct in future, upon which the Presby. acquitted him from any farther Censure.

Mr. William <sup>Don</sup> informing the Presbytery that

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he had removed within the Bounds of Lexington  
Presbytery applied for a Dismission, which was  
granted; and the Clerk was ordered to Write him  
a Dismission to ~~any~~ Presbytery where God in his  
Providence might call him.

The Presbytery then adjourned till the  
5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in October to meet at this Place

Concluded by prayer

James Mitchell Mody

Drury Jay Clerk

Thus far this Book has been reviewed &  
approved — —

James Dunlap Mody

Briery June 7. 1794

According to an Order of Presbytery dated  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1794, appointing a Presbytery to meet  
at Briery meeting House on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
June for the purpose of Ordaining Mr. Archd.  
Alexander, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mr. Robert, Mahon  
& Lacy, together with John Boston Esq. Elders  
met in Presby & was constituted with prayer.

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acted as

W. M'Mahon presided as Moderator & W. Lacy  
Clerk - The Order for Mr. Alexander's Ordina-  
tion was read.

The Presbytery then proceeded to hear the  
Sermon which Mr. Alexander preached previously  
to his Ordination from John 17. 14. This was  
considered as a sufficient Specimen of Mr.  
Alexander's Ability to preach the Gospel, and  
sustained by the Presbytery. Mr. Lacy then  
preached an Ordination Sermon from Col. 4.  
17. - After which Mr. Alexander having declared  
his Acceptance of the Confession of Faith as  
read by the Presbyterian Church in America, &  
promised Subjection to his Brethren in the  
Lord was solemnly set apart to the whole  
work of the Gospel Ministry by Praying, prayer  
& imposition of Hands. A solemn Charge was  
then delivered by Mr. McRobert, & Mr. Alexander  
took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned & concluded  
with prayer.

Wm M'Mahon Mod<sup>r</sup>

Drury Lacy Clerk

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The Presbytery agreeably to adjournment, met, and after Sermon by Mr Mitchell upon Rev. 21. 6, was constituted with prayer.

Members present.	James Mitchell	} Ministers
	Wm. Mahon	
	Drury Lacy	
	James Turner	
	Arch <sup>d</sup> . Alexander	
}	Jabez Leffewich	} Elders
	John W. Coluister	
	Rich <sup>d</sup> . Gaines	
	John Pottrich	

\* The minutes of last Presby  
(were) read.

• Absent. Doctor James Middel, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Robert & M<sup>r</sup> Blair.  
 Mr Mahon was chosen Mod<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Lacy Clerk. —  
 The Rev<sup>d</sup> John M<sup>r</sup> Cue a Member of Lexington  
 Presbytery being present, on invitation took his seat  
 as a Correspondent Member. \* M<sup>r</sup> Mahon's  
 excuse for not attending our last meeting was justified.  
 Two Addresses were rec<sup>d</sup> from the Synod of Virginia  
 read, and ordered to be filed among the Papers of  
 Presbytery.

A Call was presented from the united Con-  
 gregations of Drury & Subbrook for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup>.  
 Alexander to take the pastoral Charge of said  
 Congregations. Which Call being read & presented

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to him by the Moderator was accepted.

Mr. Matthias Lyle presented a Dismission from Lexington Presbytery; and having expressed a Desire to put himself under the Care of this Presbytery as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry, was accordingly received under our particular Charge.

A Call was presented from the united Congregations of Brevort & Buffalo praying Mr. Lyle to accept the Charge of said Congregations as their Pastor. Which Call being read & presented to Mr. Lyle by the Moderator was accepted.

The Synod upon a review of this Presbytery Books judged that the Censure passed upon Mr. Mask Leak at the Cove July 26. 1793 for Credulity was improper. Therefore this Presbytery in Compliance with the Order of Synod do now remove the said Censure, & do in consequence of this revoke the Order of Presbytery enjoining it upon Mr. Mask Leak to make Overtures of reconciliation to Mr. Irwin &c.

Agreeably to an Order of Synod the Presbytery proceeded to make an Inquiry respecting certain Extracts of their Minutes which were reported to be interpolated or published in a Spurious Form. Three papers were produced which had been addressed to private Gentlemen signed by the Moderator & Clerk

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of the Presbytery of July 1793, which contained a Copy of some of the Minutes of Presbytery, together with some other things in the Introduction which were different from any thing in the records of Presbytery & from any of their Transactions. As there was no other Signature but that of the Moderator & Clerk, the Presbytery judged that they were answerable for all the writings which was contained in the papers, & were about to proceed to call them to answer for such Publications. But Mr. Irwin came into Presbytery and acknowledged that he was the Author of those Papers, and said that the names of the Mod: & Clk only belonged to the minutes. It being at the same Time suggested to the Presbytery that there was a paper containing interpolated Minutes in Circulation different from either of these, the Presbytery agreed to defer coming to a final Decision of the Business. And upon motion it was Ordered, that Mr. Mitchel be appointed to make Inquiry concerning all such Papers, & to make report to the next stated Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned till 8 O'clock Tomorrow Morning. Concluded with prayer.

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was concluded with prayer.

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Members present as above.

Mr Irwin's Case was then taken under Consideration, & agreeably to the proceedings of <sup>the</sup> last Presbytery, which conceived themselves inadequate to judge of the Determination of a preceding Presbytery, all new Evidence was required which would serve to elucidate the Business. Whereupon Mr Irwin produced a Deposition from Mr. Blair sworn to before Andrew Dunscomb in the following words.

City of Richmond &c

This Day came before me one of the magistrates for the City aforesaid, the Revd John D. Blair of said City, who being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposed & said, that he was fully persuaded that the within Deposition of M<sup>r</sup> Curry is the same Deposition that was produced by the Revd Mr Irwin to Presbytery at the Core in July last without Addition or Diminution. and further this Deponent saith not, Given under my Hand this 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1794

Andrew Dunscomb

Mrs Nowell was then called upon, who being first solemnly sworn by the Moderator, deposed & said, "That she was sitting near Mr Blair at the July Presbytery of 1793, & that when Mr Irwin gave him a Paper called Curry's Deposition, after

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he had read a sentence or two he leaned towards Mr Irwin & said this is a Copy.

Mr. Mitchell deposed & said, That to the best of his recollection, when all Irwin <sup>handed</sup> gave to Mr Blair the Paper called Curry's Deposition, Mr. Blair observed that it was a Copy, to which Mr. Irwin replied, "Yes, but it is Curry's Oath."

Some other Depositions were taken, but the Presby judging that they were not pertinent to illustrate the point before them, it was thought not proper to record them. But they were ordered to be filed among the Papers of Presbytery & Copies of them to be sent up to Synod.

The Presbytery having heard all Irwin's Excitations, demanded an Interlocutory, and upon mature Deliberation were of Opinion, That the New proofs now adduced were not sufficient to enable them to form a different judgment from the December Presbytery. Nevertheless from a view of the whole case as it now appears, The Presbytery were by no means clear to confirm the Censure inflicted by the December Presbytery upon Mr Irwin. And as it did not belong to them to judge of the proceedings of a former Presbytery they agreed unanimously to refer the whole

Cove Oct. 28. 1794.

Matter to the Synod for their Decision —

The Presbytery then intormilled and after a while met again at Major Sam<sup>l</sup>. Murrills. Mr Ma-  
hon absent & Mr. Mitchell in the Chair.

Mr. Reynolds read an Exercise on 1 Tim: 1, 19,  
and a Lecture on the 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm agreeably to Order; which  
being considered were Justained. The Presbytery then  
appointed him to write Discourses on 1 Cor: 10. 19,  
& on Ps: 34. 19 to be produced at our next meet-  
ing —

It was inquired whether the members had  
taken any Measures to raise Money for establishing  
a Fund for the Education of poor & pious Youth, &  
it appeared they had not from the want of proper  
Subscription Papers. Whereupon <sup>Mr. Alexander</sup> ~~it~~ was ordered to  
draught a copy of a Subscription & produce it to  
the next Presbytery. —

Mr. Mitchels' reasons for not attending the  
general Assembly last May were Justained.

Miss<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell & Turner fulfilled the  
Appointment of Presbytery to administer the  
Sacrament of the Lords Supper at the Head of  
Smiths river and also at New-Erection.

Agreeably to an Appointment of Synod  
the members of Presbytery were Ordered to  
Observe the third Thursday in November as a  
Day of Fasting.

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Fasting, Prayer, & Humiliation before Almighty God.

Messrs. Mr. Robert & Mahon were appointed to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in Rockfish & the Cove Congregations between this & our next stated meeting.

Mr. Mahon & Mr. Lacy were nominated members to the next General Assembly to meet at Carlisle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in May next, and Mr. Blair & Mr. Alexander alternate members. Also Major James Morril & Mr. Wm Baldwin were nominated the Elders.

Agreeably to the Injunction of the General Assembly requiring the different Presbyteries to collect & compile the materials for forming a History of the Church, it was ordered that the different members give particular attention to that Business, & bring their narratives to the next stated Presbytery.

The General Assembly having recommended a plan to the Presbyteries for making provision for the Support of invalid Ministers, the Presbytery ordered Mr. Alexander to draught a Copy of a Letter to the Assembly upon that subject, and report the same to the Presbytery at their next stated Meeting. The Presbytery taking under Consideration the Letter of Synod respecting the Raising of Money to defray the expenses of

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erecting Buildings for the Accommodation of Students in the Academy of Liberty-Hall - the Seminary under the Patronage of Synod. recommended it to those Members who can do any thing more in this Business, to exert themselves to raise money for the above purpose.

On Motion, Ordered that an intermediate Presbytery meet at Buffalo on the second Friday in ~~October~~<sup>February</sup> 1795 for the purpose of Ordaining Mr Lyle. Mr. Alexander was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon, & Mr Lacy to preside & give the Charge.

Adjourned to Buffalo Meeting House the Second Friday in ~~February~~<sup>February</sup> 1795.

Concluded with prayer

James Atchell Mod<sup>r</sup>

Danny Lacy Clk

Buffalo. Feby 13. 1795

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. The members present were Archibald McRobert; William Atchison; Danny Lacy, & Archibald & Alexander Ministers; & John Atchison & William Womack Elders.

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The absent Members were Doct James Waddel, James Mitchell, John D. Blair & James Turney.

The Presbytery being constituted Mr Matthew Lyle delivered a Sermon from 2. Cor. 4. 13, which was unanimously sustained. The Presbytery then proceeded to ordain Mr Lyle. Mr Alexander preached the Ordination sermon from Titus 2. 13. Mr Lacy presided & gave the Charge. And the Presbytery agreeably to the Discipline of our Church, set Mr Lyle apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry, by fasting, prayer & the Imposition of Hands.

Adjourned till 10 O'clock Tomorrow. Concluded with prayer. Feb. 14. 1795.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above. Capt Smith presented a Verbal Supplication from the Congregation of Sandy-River for supplies of preaching, & also for an Ordained Minister to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. The Presby taking into Consideration the above Supplication, appointed Mr. M. Robert to supply in that place as many Sabbaths as he can conveniently & also to administer the Sacraments if the People desire it.

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Mr. M. Robert was also appointed to supply at New-Erection one or more Sabbaths in the course of the ensuing Summer. Mr. Sacy & Mr. Mahon Ministers & Col. Charles Allen, & Maj. James Norton Elders were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly for this year. Mr. Blair & Mr. Alexander were nominated alternate Members. The Presbytery enjoined it upon their Members, to endeavour to raise Contributions as speedily as possible to defray the Expences of their Commissioners to the General Assembly.

The Appointment of Supplies in the Congregations of the Commissioners to the general Assembly was deferred until our next Meeting.

The stated Clerk of Presbytery having failed to produce the Presbytery Book, the reasons of this Failure being demanded, he informed the Presby that he had given up the Book to a certain person for his perusal, who had carried it away without his knowledge. The Presbytery judged that their Clerk had not acted consistently with his Office in permitting the Book to go out of his Hands, & enjoined it upon him to take the most

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effectual Steps to recover it, & produce it at  
our next meeting.

Major James Morton Treasurer of Presbytery  
brought in his Accts, which were examined by  
Worshy, when it appeared that he had paid out  
all the Monies which he as Treasurer had received  
& that his Accounts were balanced.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next  
Meeting at Bethel in Bedford, to which place  
they adjourned till the second Thursday in  
April. Concluded with prayer —

Drury Lacy Mod<sup>r</sup> —

Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander M<sup>o</sup> pro. Sen.

Bethel meeting House April 9. 1795 —

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, &  
was constituted with prayer —

The members present were James Mitchell, James  
Turner, & Archibald Alexander Ministers; & Benjamin  
Rice & Michael Graham Elders. — Doct James  
Waddel, & Archibald McRobert, John D Blair, W<sup>m</sup>  
Mahon, Drury Lacy & Matthew Lyle were  
absent

Bethel April 9. 1795

James Turner was chosen Moderator & Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander Clerk - The Moderator enquired whether there were any Calls or Supplications to be presented to presbytery. Upon which a verbal Supplication was offered for supplies of preaching to the Congregations of Chesnut & Smith's River.

A Motion was now made to have the Minutes of last Meeting read, when it appeared that they were not present by reason of the Absence of the stated Clerk. It appeared also that the presbytery Book which was missing at the last Meeting of Presbytery was not come to hand.

Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander brought in a Letter to the General Assembly agreeable to the Order of the last stated presbytery, respecting a recommendation received from that Body to establish a fund for invalid Ministers &c, which was approved by presby as containing their Sentiments upon the proposed plan, & was ordered to be forwarded to the next Assembly by our Commissioners. Presbytery gave Order that their stated Clerk should give out Commissions to the persons appointed to the General Assembly as soon as they should apply.

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The Presbytery then adjourned till 10 O'clock  
Tomorrow Morning. Concluded with prayer —  
April 10. 1795.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, &  
was constituted with prayer. Members present as  
above. A Commissioner appeared from the Lower  
Congregation with a Supplication for supplies.

Presbytery ordered their Clerk to write a Letter  
to Mr. Lacy their stated Clerk enjoining it upon him  
in the most pressing manner to procure the Presby  
Book, if he has not already obtained it, & that  
the Clerk bring in the said Letter Tomorrow, —  
Adjourned till Tomorrow 10 O'clock, to meet,  
at this place. Concluded with prayer —  
April 11. 1795.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, &  
was constituted with prayer. Members present as  
above. Mr. M. Reynolds a Candidate under the Care  
of this presbytery, not having appeared at this  
nor our last meeting, nor having given us  
any Information what proficiency he is making  
in his presbyterial Exercises, The Presbytery did

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appoint Mr. Mitchel or Mr. Turner to make an In-  
-quiry into the progress which Mr. McReynolds is  
making in his studies, & into the Reasons of his  
not attending Ministry, & to report at our next  
meeting.

A Verbal Supplication was received  
from the Congregations in Goshland & Louisa by  
Mr. John Todd, to have the Sacrament of the Lord's  
Supper administered at Providence Meeting House.

Mr. Mr. Robert and Mr. Turner were appointed to  
supply Mr. Mahon's Pulpit, each one Sabbath in case  
he goes to the General Assembly. Mr. Lyle & Mr. Alex-  
-ander were appointed to supply Mr. Lacy's pulpit  
each one Sabbath in case he goes to the General  
Assembly. Mr. Mitchel & Mr. Turner were appointed  
to supply at Cheanut & Smith's River between this  
and our next meeting.

Mr. Lyle was appointed  
to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
in the Congregation of the Cove before our next meet-  
-ing.

Mr. Lacy was appointed to administer  
the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Providence  
Congregation between this & our next meeting.

Mr. Alexander or Mr. Mitchel was appointed

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to administer the sacrament in the Congregation of  
blue-Flower between this & our next meeting.

W. M. Robert was appointed to supply in Lunenburg as often as he can make it convenient between this & our next meeting. — The Presbytery adjourned till Monday Morning 9 O'clock. Concluded with prayer — April 13. 1795

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above, except Jabez Leffewick Elder in the place of Benjamin Rice —

The Presbytery were informed that Mr John Todd, a person of good moral Character, in regular Communion with our Church & possessed of a liberal Education, desired to converse privately with them in order to obtain their advice, relative to his engaging in the work of the ministry. The Presby having admitted Mr Todd to a private Conference & having heard a narrative of his experimental Acquaintance with Religion, & of the motives which induced him to desire the ministerial Office, thought proper to advise him to proceed —

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in his preparations for the Ministry without delay, and appointed him the following Themes to write upon as a Specimen of his knowledge & abilities; to be produced at our next meeting. — 1. An Essay upon this Subject, Whether the human Race would have been Extinct had not a mediator been provided. 2. A Homily on Eph. 5. 13. "For whatsoever doth make manifest is light." —

A request was made by old Brown in behalf of the Congregation in Lancaster to have the Sacrament administered there. Wherefore the Presbytery appointed Mr Alexander to administer the Lords Supper in Lancaster in the Course of this Spring or Summer — The Presbytery then adjourned to Briery Meeting House on the last Friday in October. Concluded with prayer. James Turner Mod.

Archd Alexander C. pro Tem.

Briery Oct. 30. 1795 -

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & was opened w<sup>th</sup> a sermon from Ps: 80. 19. by James Turner. The members present were James Atchard, William Mlakhon, Drury Lacy, James Turner, Archd Alexander & Atchew Lyle Ministers; & John

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Morton, William Wornack, Charles Allen, & Ellichael  
Graham Elders. — Members absent. Doct<sup>r</sup> James  
Waddel, Arch<sup>d</sup>all Robert, & John D. Blair.

<sup>Constituted with prayer.</sup>  
The presbytery proceeded to elect a moderator &  
Clerk, upon which William Mahon was chosen  
Moderator & Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander Clerk. —

It was now enquired whether there were any  
Calls or Supplications to be laid before Presbytery,  
when several Verbal Supplications were made  
from vacant Congregations for supplies —

The minutes of last presbytery were now read.  
W Mahon, W Lacy, & Ellichael gave their excuses  
for not attending our last meeting which were  
sustained. The Stated Clerk informed Presbytery  
that he had complied with their Order commu-  
nicated to him by a Letter, & had obtained the  
Presbytery Book. Therefore the Clerk proceeded to  
read the minutes of the presby held at the Cove  
in October 1794. — But the minutes of an interme-  
diate Presbytery not being present, the stated Clerk  
having forgotten to bring them, ordered that the stated  
Clerk produce the said minutes at our next meeting.  
Upon Inquiry it appeared that the members had

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generally complied with the Appointments assigned them at our last meeting. On motion, Mr Todd being present was asked, whether he was ready to produce the pieces of trial which had been assigned him by Presbytery. Mr Todd informed them that he had not yet complied with those appointments, & offered such Reasons as were satisfactory. The Presbytery ordered that Mr Todd should bring in those pieces assigned him at our last, at our next meeting. — Mr Mitchell produced a letter from Benjamin M Reynolds wherein he requested a Dismission from this presbytery. Resolved therefore that he is no longer to be considered as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry under our Care. —

An Inquiry was made whether the members had complied with the Injunctions of the general Assembly, relative to the Collection of Materials for the History of the Presbyterian Church in America; when it appeared that they had not yet fully complied, but that something had been done. Therefore to facilitate the Business, Mr Lacy, Mr Alexander, & Mr Syle were appointed a Committee, to which the members should send all the Materials which they could collect against the first of February next, to be formed into a

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Narrative by the said Committee & produced at our next Meeting, in order that it may be sent up to the General Assembly in the Spring.

The Presby adjourned to this place Tomorrow at 9 O'clock. — Concluded with prayer —  
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Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Concluded with prayer. Members present as above, except the Moderator, who yesterday obtained leave of Absence. Mr Mitchel was appointed Moderator in his stead.

Mr. Mathon having yesterday requested that the stated Clerk should be ordered to write him a Dismission to join any presbytery where God in providence may call him, in case he should desire to leave the Bounds of this presbytery before our next stated Meeting — Resolved, that Mr Mathon's request be complied with, and the stated Clerk was ordered to give Mr. Mathon such a Dismission whenever he shall apply —

Mr. Mr. Robert having now come took his Seat, & on being asked, gave such Reasons of his Absence last Meeting, & of his not coming sooner this, as were justified.

The Presby enquired at the Commissioner

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who attended the General Assembly, how he had executed the Trust reposed in him, who gave such an effect of his Conduct in this Business, as satisfied them that he had discharged his Trust, with Fidelity. The members of Disciplinary were asked whether they had been careful to collect Money to defray the Expenses of their Commissioner, when it appeared that some of the members had, but that generally it had not been attended to. Therefore it was strictly enjoined upon all the members to pay immediate Attention to this Business, & send forward their Collections to Drury as soon as possible. — Mr. Mitchell was appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Head of Smith's river & Chesnut; Mr. Turner at New-Erection; Mr. & Robert at Sandy river & to supply at Good-hope; Mr. Syle to administer the Lord's Supper at Providence; & Mr. Alexander at Bluestone, between this & our next Meeting. Mr. Irwin having produced the minute of Synod relative to the removal of his Suspension, On motion it was agreed that the said minute be entered on the records of this

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Presbytery which is as follows.

The Synod having again resumed the Business of the Reference from the Hanover Presbytery, & it appearing from the records of that Presbytery that Mr Irwin has been suspended on the account of a Charge of falsehood exhibited against him by Wharton as stated in two particulars, 1. <sup>st</sup> with respect to his reading Mr Irwin's Deposition at Mr Hart's as taken before Capt. Murrell - the 2<sup>d</sup> with respect to Cowy's deposition as read before the Presbytery in July last which he, John Wharton, asserted was not the actual Deposition. The Synod having maturely considered the Statement of the whole affair, as given in the Hanover Presbytery Book, & having also heard Mr Irwin's Illucidations on the Subject, were of Opinion that the Charge of Falsehood was not supported in either Case. And therefore resolved, that Mr Irwin's Suspension be removed, & it is hereby removed accordingly, & he restored to the full Exercise of his ministerial office

(A Copy) — James Hughes Clerk

Mr Irwin now took his Seat as a member of this Presbytery —

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The Presbytery now resumed the Consideration of Certain papers which had been laid before them at their Meeting in October 1794, the farther Consideration of which had been then deferred; And as Mr. Mitchel was then appointed to make Inquiry for other such papers which were said to be in Circulation, he was now called upon to report, whereupon he produced One which had been addressed to Mr. Lyle which was not materially different from those which had been before produced; containing a Copy of some of the Minutes which were not interpolated, together with an Introduction & post-Script containing some things relative to Mr. Leak's Character which were not drawn from the Records of presbytery. The Presbytery having considered the Business as it now appeared before them, this Question was put, whether it was necessary to proceed any farther in our Inquiries respecting the above papers. After mature Deliberation the presbytery came to the following Resolutions. 1. That they had fully complied with the Injunction of Synod in making Inquiry concerning those Papers. 2. That the Minutes contained in these papers were

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not interpolated. 13. That as Mr Irwin had acknow-  
-ledged himself to be the anonymous author of  
the Introduction & post-Script, the presbytery  
were exculpated from any blame that might  
arise from the Reflexions there cast on Mr  
Leak's Character. 14. Therefore they determined  
to dismiss all farther Inquiry respecting those  
Papers, by observing, that the mode there pursued  
in representing the proceedings of Presbytery is  
very improper, as having a tendency to lead persons  
to take those things for the Acts of Presbytery which  
are not such. Especially we conceive that there  
is an impropriety in Omitting the Reasons why  
Mr Leak should make overtures of Reconcili-  
-tion to Mr Irwin &c in transcribing the minutes  
contained in these papers; As the form in which  
they now stand would too easily lead people to  
suppose, that what is mentioned in the Intro-  
-duction & post-Script of those papers were the  
Reasons why the Presbytery enjoined the abso-  
-lute Duty on Mr Leak.

And whereas the Synod have recommended  
it to this presbytery to give Mr Irwin every  
redress which they can from the Injury which

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he conceives his Character sustains from a certain Allinute in our presbytery Book, page 201. Resolved that nothing in that Allinute shall be interpreted as charging all Irvin with interpolating our Minutes.

Capt. Wharton having been suspended from his Office, & from the Communion of the Church by a former presbytery until he should make Confession of his Fault, & give Signs of Repentance, came this Day before Presbytery, & made such acknowledgments as gave them Satisfaction. But as Capt. Wharton had not supported the Charges which he had laid in against all Irvin; according to the Discipline of our Church, he is liable to the Censure which would have fallen upon all Irvin had he supported them. Therefore Capt. Wharton still stands suspended from his Eldership & the Communion of this Church. He being present the Moderator enquired, whether he was now ready to make acknowledgments of his Repentance, he answered in the Negative. The Presby then adjourned to all<sup>rs</sup> Morton's on Monday 7 O'clock A. M. Concluded with Prayer.

all<sup>rs</sup> Morton's Nov. 2. 1795.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment,

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& was constituted with prayer.

Members present as above except Mr. M. Robert, Minister, & John Morton & Ch<sup>s</sup> Allen Elders.

The Question respecting the Baptism of the Infants of Slaves which had been deferred was now taken up. And after some Conversation had upon the Subject, it was the Opinion of Presbytery that no general Rules respecting this could now be fixed upon, but that Christian Masters must act in this Case according to the light of their own minds, & the Circumstances in which God had placed them. The Question was upon this dismissed.

The Presbytery now took under Consideration the Recommendation of Synod respecting the raising<sup>g</sup> a fund for the Education of poor & pious youth. After deliberating upon the subject, they were of Opinion that the plan of Synod would not answer so well in this presbytery as another. They therefore agreed that every Member should endeavour to raise Money for the above

purpose, to be applied as this presbytery shall think proper. And Major James Morton was appointed Treasurer in whose hands the Money Collected shall be deposited; who shall keep a regular Account of any Money put into his Hand, & give & take receipts for all Monies received & paid out.

Resolved. That this Presbytery will meet again at the College Hall on the third Thursday in next April, until which time it stands adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Signed

James Hitchcock Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Archd Alexander Clk

Approved thus far except the Minute ~~about~~ about the Fund for indigent Students which was refered until next meeting of Synod to be considered.

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