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Hampden Sydney April 25<sup>th</sup> 1796

The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon, on 1 John 4. 19, by the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell. Constituted with prayer.

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> McRobert, James Mitchell, Drury Lacy, James Turner, Archibald Alexander & Matthew Syle; & elds<sup>n</sup> James Eston, Charles Allen & Nath<sup>l</sup> Price Elders.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, W<sup>m</sup> Irwin, & John D. Blair were absent.

The Presbytery were informed by their stated clerk that he had given the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mahon a Dismission agreeably to their Order.

W<sup>m</sup> Samuel Brown formerly a Probationer, under the Care of this presbytery, but for some time past a Missionary under the Direction of the Commission of Synod, produced a Dismission from that Body certifying his good Character & Conduct while he acted as a Missionary. Whereupon he was again received as a Probationer under the Care of this presbytery.

Upon a motion, The Minutes of the last meeting of the presbytery were read.

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The Minutes of an intermediate presbytery held at Buffalo in Feb: 1795, being now produced by the stated Clerk agreeably to an Order at our last Meeting, were read and ordered to be recorded with the other Minutes.

An Inquiry being now made whether the Members had complied with the Appointments assigned at our last Meeting, it appeared that all had complied except Mr. McRobert & Mr. Turner, who gave such Reasons for their non-compliance as were sustained.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Blair, & Mr. Alexander Ministers, & Major James Merton & Mr. Nath: Price Elders as their Commissioners to represent them in the next General Assembly & Mr. Lacy & Mr. Lyle alternate members.

An Inquiry was made whether the Members had been punctual in raising Money to defray the Expenses of their Commissioner to the last General Assembly; when it appeared

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From the report of the Commissioner that he had been fully paid.

It was also enquired whether the Members had complied with the Recommendation of the Presby, respecting the raising of Money for the Education of poor & pious Youth. It appeared that they had not yet done much in that Business. Therefore the former Recommendation was still continued ~

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning at 11 O'clock ~ Concluded with prayer ~

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1796.

The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & constituted with prayer.

Members present as above, except Charles Allen absent, with the addition of, the Rev<sup>d</sup> John D Blair ~

W. Blair being called upon gave his Reasons for not attending several of the last meetings of presby, & for not coming sooner to this meeting, which were sustained.

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A Supplication was laid before presbytery from the Congregations of Providence, N. Fork, & the Bird, to obtain Mr. Samuel Brown to supply them for six Months in Order to prepare the way for his final settlement among them. Mr. Brown being asked whether such an Appointment would be agreeable to him answer'd in the negative, as he had already determin'd to remove out of the Bounds of this presby.

Mr. Brown then requested a Dismission to join the presbytery of Lexington. Whereupon it was resolv'd that Mr. Brown's request be complied with; & the stated Clerk was order'd to give Mr. Brown such a Dismission as he request'd.

The Committee appointed to collect & report a historical Narrative of the State of the Presbyterian Church in the Bounds of Hancock Presbytery, inform'd the presbytery that they

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were ready to report, & accordingly read a Narrative in Order; which being read was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly by the Commissioners, or by any other way that may appear the most expeditious to convey it to the stated Clerk of the Assembly.

Whereas Mr. John Wharton was considered by the presbytery at their meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1795, as liable to be deposed from his Office in the Church, & deprived of his privileges therein, in consequence of his failing in the Opinion of Synod to support a charge of Falschood exhibited by him in several Particulars against the Revd Mr. Irwin; Upon a motion, the presbytery agreed to reconsider that matter, & on mature Deliberation are of Opinion, that they mistook somewhat the Spirit of the Book of Discipline in that Case - that Mr. Wharton does not appear to have been guilty of any Degree of Malignity or Rashness that would warrant the Severity of the Censure.

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inflicted on him - and therefore that he ought to be & hereby is restored to his former standing in the Church & that he be earnestly exhorted as much as in him lies to cultivate peace & Harmony therein -

Adjourned to this place till Tomorrow at 10 o'clock  
Concluded with prayer

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The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer -

Members present as on yesterday -

Mr. William Hill a member from Winchester presbytery being present was invited to take a seat as a Corresponding member -

Mr. Todd being present an Inquiry was made whether he was prepared to produce the parts of Trial assigned him by the presby. It appeared that he had been engaged in preparing the said pieces, but for some Reasons which were mentioned, he had not finished them in such a manner as he wished. Therefore the presbytery directed Mr. Todd to produce them at their next meeting, & also appointed him to deliver at the same time a popular Discourse from Rom. 3. 31. -

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Mr. Todd laid before presbytery a Diploma given at Dickinson College, which was considered as a sufficient Testimony of his literary Qualifications

A Supplication for Supplies from New-Concord Congregation was presented to the presbytery

W. Blair was appointed to administer the Sacraments in Lancaster & to supply in King & Queen. W. McRobert to administer the Sacraments at Providence & to supply in the adjacent Congregations. Mr. Mitchel & Mr. Turner to supply at the Head of Smith's River, Chesnut, Horsepasture, Sandy River, Goodhope, New-Erection, & Old Concord. Mr. Lyle & Mr. Sacy to supply at New-Concord. & Mr. Alexander to supply in Mecklenburg, in case he does not go to the General Assembly

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lyle & Sacy were appointed to supply Mr. Alexander's pulpit; & Mr. McRobert Mr. Blair's in case they should go to the General Assembly

Upon a motion, it was resolved that the Members of the presbytery will exert themselves to raise Money for the support of the Missionaries

The presbytery taking into Consideration the Calamities which at present threaten our sinful Land, Resolved to observe the first Friday in May, as a

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Day of Fasting & Humiliation to deprecate those impending judgments, & to supplicate those Blessings both of a temporal & spiritual Nature which are so much needed.

Upon a motion, Resolved that this presby meet again at Bethel on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, until which Time it stands adjourned —

Concluded with prayer

Archd<sup>o</sup> McRobert Mod<sup>r</sup>

Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander - Clerk

Bethel. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1796

The presbytery being met at the place, & on the Time to which it stood adjourned was opened with a sermon on John 1. 12. by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Lacy

Constituted with prayer

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell, Drury Lacy, James Turner, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander, & Matthew Lyle; & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benjamin Rice, & Robert Rhodes Elders.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Knaddel, William Irwin, Arch<sup>d</sup> McRobert & John D. Blair were absent.

W. Mitchell was chosen Moderator & Mr Lacy Clerk. Agreeable to Order, the Minutes of the last

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Meeting of Presbytery were read.

M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander informed the presby that he had attended the General Assembly last Spring at Philadelphia, that he had delivered to the stated Clerk of the Assembly the historical Narrative agreeably to Order; and gave such other Information with respect to his Diligence & Faithfulness therein as was approved by the presbytery.

An Inquiry was made whether there were any Supplications for supplies to be presented, when several were offered, & ordered to be entered on the Docket.

Upon Inquiry it appeared that M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander had not been paid for his Attendance at the General Assembly last Spring. Therefore upon a motion, it was Ordered that each member endeavour to raise Contributions for the purpose of paying M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander, & forward them to him as soon as possible; and that M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander give an account of the money he shall have received at the next Meeting of the presbytery.

Adjourned to M<sup>r</sup>. Turner's to meet at 7 O'clock this Evening. Concluded with prayer.

M<sup>r</sup>. Turner's 7 O'clock.

The presby met agreeably to adjournment and

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was constituted with prayer. Members present as above, except Mr. Rice & Mr. Rhodes were absent.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Ramsay formerly a Probationer under the Care of Lexington Presbytery, in a letter to Mr. Mitchell forwarded his Dismission from that Presby in order to put himself under the Care of this Presbytery; whereupon Mr. Ramsay was received under our Care as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry.

An Inquiry was made respecting the progress the Members had made in raising money for the purpose of establishing a Fund for the Support of poor and pious youth; when it appeared that some progress had been made therein. Whereupon the former Recommendation was still continued, & the members urged to exert themselves in that Business.

It appeared upon Inquiry that the members had generally complied with the Recommendation to raise money for the Missionary Fund.

Mr. Mitchell & Mr. Turner informed the Presbytery that they had not had it in their power to attend to all the appointments made them at our last;

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& their Reasons for Failure being heard were sustained.

Mr Lyle supplied at New Concord; Mr Lacy's Reasons for Failure were Justained.

Mr. Lacy & Mr Lyle supplied Mr. Alexander's pulpit in his absence while attending the General Assembly, agreeably to order

The General Assembly having recommended to all their Members to appoint special Seasons for prayer for the out-pouring of God's Spirit & a revival of vital piety in the Churches; & the Synod having taken up the Business at their last meeting, & recommended to observe the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in every Quarter of the year for the above purpose; the Presbytery approved the said Recommendation, & resolved to comply with it.

Adjourned to the meeting House Tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock — Concluded with prayer.

Bethel Oct. 15. 1796 —

The presby met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday.

The proceedings of the last Session were read agreeably to Order

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Mr. Benjamin Mc Reynolds formerly a Candidate for the Ministry under our Care, & who at his own request had been dismissed, applied again to be taken under the Care & Direction of the Presbytery. And the presby having attended to Mr. Mc Reynolds's Reasons for such a Request, & being fully satisfied therewith agreed to admit him as a Candidate.

Mr. Mc Reynolds then informed the presby that it was not convenient for him to continue in their Bounds, & that he had an Intention of removing to some of the Western Countries, & requested a Dismission from this, to put himself under the Care of any other Presby where God in his providence might call him.

Therefore upon a motion it was resolved, that Mr. Mc Reynolds's request be granted, and that the stated Clerk give him such a Dismission certifying therein his particular standing, & the progress he has made in preparing himself for the Ministry.

Mr. Mitchell was appointed to administer the Sacraments at Rockfish, & if convenient to supply in the adjacent Congregations. Mr. Mc Robert to supply at Goodhope, Sandy River, & new Erection. Mr. Clay to administer the Sacraments at Providence in

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Louisa. Mr. Syle to administer the Sacraments at New Concord. Mr. Alexander to supply at Bluestone, & to administer the Sacraments if he shall judge it expedient. Mr. Turner to administer the Sacraments at old Concord, & Mr. Blair to supply in Lancaster & King & Queen, between this and our next.

Upon a Motion, it was ordered, that the stated Clerk give Mr. Blair Information of this Appointment as soon as possible.

It being represented to the Presbytery, that the Congregations formerly under the Charge of the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Irwin had not settled their Accounts & paid him up the Arrearages said to be due to him agreeably to a former Order of the Presbytery. Upon a Motion, it was resolved that the stated Clerk write to Mr. Irwin, & also to the Congregations, requiring them to produce their A/c<sup>ts</sup> at the next meeting of the Presby<sup>y</sup>, that some such mode may be adopted for settling that Business as to them may appear expedient.

Mr. Todd not having appeared at the present Meeting, nor sent forward any Information what proficiency he is making in his preparations for preaching the Gospel - Upon a Motion, The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Todd pressing him in

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the most urgent manner to hasten his pieces of Trial  
& not to fail to come to their next meeting if possible.

Mr. Sam. Ramsay was appointed to supply in the  
Vacancies in Amherst & Albemarle at Discretion until  
the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Adjourned to Briery Meeting House in Prince Edward  
County, on the second Thursday in April.

Concluded with prayer.

James Mitchell Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Drury Lacy Clerk

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, &  
was opened with a sermon on 1 Cor. 13. 13 by  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Lacy — Concluded with prayer.

The Members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald  
McRobert, James Mitchell, Drury Lacy, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alex-  
ander, & Matthew Lyle; & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jacob Leitch, Ben-  
Allen, & Obadiah Claybrook Elders. Absent <sup>from</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>meeting</sup>

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

A Motion was made that any Calls or Supplica-  
tions which were to be presented should now be  
laid before the Presbytery; whereupon a Call  
was presented from the Congregation of the



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Grassby Valley (in Tennessee State) For Mr. Samuel Ramsey to undertake the pastoral Charge of them; Another addressed to the same Gen<sup>d</sup> from the Congregation of the Cove for one half of his Labors, & Another from Rockfish for the same proportion of his Labours. Which Calls being read were ordered to lie on the Table until the further Determination of the presbytery

Several petitions were presented for supplies, which being heard were ordered to be entered on the Docket.

On motion the Minutes of the last Presbytery were read.

Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Robert's Excuse for not attending our last Meeting was sustained.

An Inquiry was made of the Members whether they had taken up Collections to pay the Commissioner who attended the General Assembly last Spring when it appeared that some had paid attention to that Business, but still there was a deficiency of £ 4. 19. 5. Whereupon the Members were required to apply to those Congregations where it had not been proposed, & endeavour to forward their Collections to Mr. Alexander as soon as possible.

It appeared that the Appointments made at our last Meeting to supply in vacant Congregations had generally been complied with; and where

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any Failure had happened such Reasons were offered as Excuses as were satisfactory.

Upon Inquiry what progress had been made in collecting Money for establishing a Fund for the Education of poor & pious Youth, it appeared that something considerable had been done, and that flattering prospects were entertained that much more might be accomplished; whereupon the Members were required to use spirited Exertions to raise what Money they could, & to forward them to the Treasurer with all Expedition —

On Motion, Messrs Alexander & Syle were appointed a Committee to Draught a plan of general Regulations for the management & Appropriation of the Fund to be raised for the Education of poor & pious Youth, and ordered to make their report as soon as possible —

The Members in general appeared to have attended to the Recommendation for observing the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in each Quarter of the year as a Time of Special prayer —

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 10 O'clock —  
Concluded with prayer

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1797 —

The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & consisted with prayer — Members present as on yesterday with the Addition of W. Andrew Baker Elder.

The Minutes of the preceding Session were read —

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Mr. Samuel Ramsey not being present yesterday, when the Calls from the Congregations of the Grassy Valley, the Cove & Rockfish were read, but having appeared to Day; On motion, the Calls from the Grassy Valley, & from the Cove were read & presented to Mr. Ramsey, which he desired to take under Consideration for some Time without giving a decisive answer at present. Mr. Ramsey's request was granted; but at the same Time it was required that if he could make up his mind upon the Subject, he should give an Answer during the present Sessions of the presbytery. The Call from Rockfish was read; but it not having been drawn up agreeably to the Discipline of our Church, & requiring things that the presbytery did not consider as proper was not presented. But a petition from the same Congregation for one half of Mr. Ramsey's Time for one year was submitted likewise to his Consideration.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Mitchel & John D. Blair & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Andrew Baker, & Benjamin Allen Sen<sup>rs</sup> Elders, were appointed Commissioners to represent this presbytery in the next General Assembly of the presbyterian Church in North America, to meet at Philadelphia the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May in the present year. And Mr. Lacy & Mr. Lyle were appointed alternate members to attend in case of the Failure of the others

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Messrs Mitchel & Lacy were appointed a Committee to draw up a Report of the State of the Churches under our Charge, & ordered to report Tomorrow morning -

The Presbytery then intermitted for divine Service.

After Sermon Mr. Ramsey informed the presbytery that he was altogether undetermined with regard to a final Settlement, & desired to retain the Calls under his Consideration till the next meeting of the presbytery which request was granted.

Mr. Leach then applied in behalf of the Love Congregation that an Ordained Minister be appointed to Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper amongst them in the Course of this Spring or Summer.

It was reported to the presbytery by their stated Clerk, that Balances of money had been left in his Hands at different Times to the amount of £2.9.11 which was subject to their Order. Whereupon it was resolved, that the above sum be given to the stated Clerk for his former Services in procuring proper Books, & for transcribing & keeping the Records of this presbytery.

Mr. McRobert was appointed to Administer the Sacraments at New-Erection, & to supply in the adjacent Congregations at Discretion. Mr. Turner & Mr. Lacy to Administer the Sacrament at the Cove & to supply at Rockfish. Mr. Lacy to supply

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at the Bird & Providence. Mr. Mitchel to supply at Smith's-River & Chestnut. Mr. Alexander to supply at Discretion; And Mr. Lyle to supply at Bluestone between this & our next meeting.

It was represented to the presbytery by Mr. Alexander that he was about to remove out of the Bounds of Cullbreeck Congregation, and that he had given the Congregation Notice that he should apply at this time for a Release from them as their stated pastor, which he now requested might be granted. And no Opposition appearing on the part of the Congregation it was resolved that Mr. Alexander be no longer accounted as the regular pastor of the said Congregation, but that it be considered in future as vacant. Mr. Alexander was then appointed to supply at Cullbreeck at Discretion.

The Committee appointed to Draught a plan for regulating the Fund for the Education of poor & pious Youth, informed the presbytery that they had drawn the out-lines of a plan, which was read in Order; And the Committee having requested until the next meeting of the presbytery to perfect the plan more fully, their request was agreed to, & they were accordingly continued.

Mr. Ramsey was appointed to supply at the Cove & Rockfish three months, & the rest of his Time

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at Discretion until our next meeting —  
 Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning at 10 O'clock —  
 Concluded with prayer.

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The presbytery met according to adjournment and  
 constituted with prayer. The Moderator Mr. McRoberts  
 being absent, Mr. Mitchell was appointed moderator in  
 his place —

The proceedings of the last Session were read.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Report of  
 the state of the Churches under our care presented the  
 following, which being read was approved by the pres-  
 bytery, and ordered to be forwarded by the stated  
 Clerk to the next meeting of the Synod —

The Presbytery of Hanover report, that they  
 consist of nine ordained Ministers, viz. the Rev.  
 Doctor James Waddel without a charge. The Rev.  
 William Irwin without a charge. The rev. Arch. Mc-  
 Robert at present supplying old Concord & Little  
 Concord. The Rev. James Mitchell Collegiate pastor  
 of the Congregation of the Peaks of Otter. The  
 Rev. John D. Blair, pastor of the Congregation of  
 Hanover. The Rev. Drury Lacy, pastor of Cumber-  
 land Congregation. The Rev. James Turner Colleague  
 with Mr. Mitchell. The Rev. Arch. Alexander Colle-  
 giate pastor of Briery Congregation; & the rev.

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Matthew Syle Colleague with W. Alexander in Briery  
& pastor of Buffalo Congregation.

They have received Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Ramsey a Licentiate  
from Lexington presbytery, which is the only pro-  
-bationer for the ministry. They have one candidate  
Mr. John Todd.

They have several vacancies under their charge  
none of which ~~of themselves~~ <sup>alone</sup> are able to support a  
minister, but some of them by being united might  
form comfortable settlements. The Bird, Providence  
& the Fork united would be able. The Cove & Rockfish  
united able. Old Concord and Little Concord (at present  
supplied by Mr. McRobert) united with Walker's  
Church, able. Sub-Creek, Lancaster, Goodie's Meeting  
House, Hat-Creek, Bluestone, New-Erection, Sandy-  
River, Smith's River, Campbell Court House, and  
Chestnut not able.

The presbytery then intermitted till after Sermon.

After Sermon Mr. McRobert came in & took the Chair.

The presbytery taking under Consideration the  
Case of Mr. Todd, thought proper to direct their  
Clerk to give him Information that unless he should  
come forward at the next Meeting, or send some  
Account what progress he is making in his pre-  
-parations for preaching the Gospel, they should

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consider him no longer as a Candidate under their Care.

The presbytery then agreed to hold their next meeting at Pisgah meeting House in Bedford County on the third Thursday in October, until which time it adjourned. Concluded with prayer

Archd. McRobert mod<sup>r</sup>  
Drury Lacy Clk

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & constituted with prayer.

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald McRobert, James Mitchell, Drury Lacy, James Turner Archibald Alexander, & Matthew Lyle; & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benjamin Rice, John Softwich, & W<sup>m</sup> Baldwin Elders.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, William Irwin, & John D. Blair were absent.

W. Mitchell was chosen Moderator & W. Lacy Clk.

Some applications were made for Supplies, and entered on the Docket, when the Presbytery inter-  
-mitted to attend a Sermon, which was preached by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Henderson of Abingdon Pres-  
-bytery on Ps: 40. 2 & 3.

After Sermon W. Henderson was invited to



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a Seat as a corresponding Member which he accepted.

Several other Petitions for Supplies were presented & entered upon the Docket.

On motion the proceedings of the last meeting of the presbytery were read.

Mr. Turner obtained leave of Absence this Evening.

Q W Samuel Ramsey was called on to inform the Presbytery whether he had come to a Determination respecting the Calls committed to his Consideration last Spring: When he acquainted them that he had finally come to a Resolution to accept the Call from the Congregation of the Grassey-Valley in the State of Tennessee.

Mr. Ramsey then requested a Dismission from this in order to join Abingdon Presbytery, to which the presbytery consenting, the Clerk was ordered to give him such a Dismission.

The Presbytery then adjourned till 9 O'clock Tomorrow Morning — Concluded with prayer.

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The Presbytery met according to Adjournment. & was concluded with prayer. Members present as on Yesterday except Messrs Lacy, Turner & Rice. Mr. Lacy being absent, Mr. Lyle was

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appointed Clerk in his Room -

A Letter was received from Mr George A. Baxter formerly a Siccantiate under the care of Lexington Presbytery, containing a Dismission from that presbytery, & expressing his Desire to put himself under our care; which request being agreed to, he was accordingly received as a Probationer under our particular Charge

An Enquiry was made whether Mr. Mitchell one of the Commissioners appointed to attend the last Meeting of the General Assembly had fulfilled that Appointment. He informed the Presby that he had failed to comply with it, and gave such Reasons for his Failure as were sustained -

Applications for Supplies were received from the Head of Smith's-River, the Horse-pasture, Providence, the Bird & Fork Congregations -

Mr. Todd being present was asked whether he was prepared to produce any of the pieces of Trial which had been assigned him, to which he answered in the Negative -

The Presbytery then intermitted for divine Worship -

After Sermon Mr Lacy & Mr Rice having

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come, their Reasons for not coming earlier being heard, were sustained —

It appeared on Inquiry that the appointments to supply in various places made at our last meeting had generally been fulfilled; and where any Failure had taken place, such Reasons were offered as were sustained —

The Committee appointed to prepare a plan for the Regulation of the Charitable Fund for the Education of poor young Men, informed the presbytery that it had occurred to them, that some other important Objects might be embraced by this plan besides the Education of poor Youth, which they now laid before the presbytery for their advice. Whereupon the presbytery continued the Committee & directed them to include any other Objects in the Plan which they judged proper, & to report at the next meeting of Presbytery —

The Synod having continued their Recommendation to observe the Afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in each Quarter of the year as a Time of special prayer, the presbytery approved thereof, & resolved to comply with it —

W. Todd gave his Reasons for not producing his pieces of Trial, assuring the presbytery that

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it was not from any Backwardness to comply with those Appointments, nor Intention to relinquish the Study of Divinity that he had failed, but that a Variety of Circumstances had hitherto prevented him. Whereupon the Presbytery continued his Appointments & required him to produce them at our next Meeting. Adjourned till Tomorrow-Morning at 10 O'clock. Concluded with prayer.

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The Presbytery met agreeably to Adjournment & was constituted with prayer. Members present as on Yesterday.

An Inquiry was made whether the members had raised <sup>any</sup> Contributions for the Missionary Fund, when it appeared that they had generally attended to that Business.

The Subject of the Charitable Fund was taken under Consideration, and after being Discussed a considerable Time, it was Resolved, (1.) That the Members immediately proceed to exert themselves to raise Money - (2.) That the outlines of a plan comprehending the general Objects to which the Money is to be appropriated be prepared, to be annexed to the Subscriptions.

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For the Information of the public: & (3.) That M.  
Alexander be directed to draught the Outlines of  
such a plan, & to report in the afternoon

The Presbytery intermitted for divine (Worship) -  
After Sermon M<sup>r</sup>. Turner gave his Reasons for  
not attending the last Meeting of Presbytery, & for  
his Absence yesterday, which were satisfactory -

It appeared on Inquiry that the Commissioner  
who last attended the general Assembly had not  
been quite paid; whereupon it was enjoined upon  
those Members who had not proposed the Subject  
to their particular Charges to make Application to  
them, & send the money collected to M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander  
with all speed -

M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Robert was appointed to supply at Sandy  
River, New-Erection, & at Logan's Meeting House:  
M<sup>r</sup>. Stitchell at Chesnut, Smith's-River, & Horse-pas-  
-ture: M<sup>r</sup>. Lacey at Rockfish, the Cove, Byrd, Pro-  
-vidence & the Fork Congregations: M<sup>r</sup>. Turner to  
supply at Discretion: M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander at Walker's  
Church, & Cut-Creek: M<sup>r</sup>. Lyle at Bluestone, &  
Hat-Creek: And M<sup>r</sup>. Baxter at Campbell Court-  
-House, New-Glasgow, & Capt Charles Christian's  
between this and our next Meeting -

M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander produced the following Act -

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Lines of a plan for appropriating the proceeds of the Charitable Fund, which being read were approved, & are as followeth.

1. The Objects which are intended to be embraced by this Fund are - the Education of poor and pious youth - the Support of Missionaries, & the Distribution of useful Books amongst the poor.

2. The Monies which may be collected shall be deposited in a Fund, and this Principal shall not be diminished; but the Interest arising from it shall be appropriated to the aforesaid purposes.

3. The Profits of this Fund shall be used for the Education of such Youth as this Presbytery shall judge might be useful in the Church, and who are in such Circumstances as prevent their obtaining an Education without Assistance, until the Annual Profits shall be more than sufficient to support two young Men -

4. Whenever this shall be the Case the surplus shall go to the support of Missionaries, to be employed to preach the Gospel in destitute places.

But if the Interest of this Fund should ever be more than sufficient to educate two young Men, & support two Missionaries, the Balance shall be used to purchase useful Books to be distributed

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amongst the poor

If however it should happen at any Time, that no young Men of the above mentioned Description can be found, the annual profits shall be applied for the support of Missionaries; and in case no Missionaries can be obtained, the Monies designed for their support shall be appropriated to purchase useful Books &c.

The Presbytery may at any future Period if they think proper include other Objects in the management of this Fund than those already specified; provided there be more Money than is needed for the aforesaid purposes.

The Presbytery of Hanover shall have the whole Direction and management of this Fund, & shall deposit the principal in such Hands as will promise the greatest Security and Increase.

All Donations hereafter given shall be added to the principal.

A Register shall be kept by the Presbytery in which the Names of all the Contributors shall be enrolled, & their respective Donations specified.

On motion, the Clerk was Ordered to furnish each of the members with a Copy of the above Plan as soon as possible.

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The presbytery then agreed to hold their next meeting at Hampden Sydney on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1798, to which time it adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

James Mitchell Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Drury Lacy Clerk

Hampden Sydney April 19. 1798

The presbytery having met agreeably to adjournment was opened with a sermon by the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell on John 3. 8.

Constituted with prayer.

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell, John D. Blair, Drury Lacy, Archibald Alexander, & Matthew Syle; and Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Womack, and Andrew Baker Elders.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, William Irwin Archibald M<sup>r</sup> Robert, & James Turner were absent.

W<sup>m</sup> Blair was chosen Moderator and M<sup>r</sup> Lacy Clerk.

On motion the minutes of the last meeting



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of presbytery were read —

— ed the last meetings of presbytery —

A Proclamation was received from the President of the united States of America, recommending Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of next May as a Day of Fasting Humiliation & prayer, which being read; On motion Resolved, that it be recommended, & it is hereby Recommended to all the congregations under the Care of this presbytery to observe that Day agree- ably to the purport of the Proclamation, & for the purposes mentioned therein —

A petition was presented from the above Con- gregation in Albemarle County for leave to pro- secute a call to Mr. James Robinson a Licentiate of Winchester presbytery, whereupon the Presby. resolved, that permission to the said Congrega- tion ought to be granted, & it is hereby granted to it, either alone or in Connection with any other Congregation with which it may unite, to prosecute the said call —

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On motion the Clerk was ordered to furnish the Cove Congregation with an attested copy of the above Resolution

Major James Atton came in & took a seat as an Elder. Some petitions were presented for Supplies, read, & ordered to be entered on the Docket

Upon Inquiry it appeared that Mr Blair had not attended the General Assembly agreeably to former Appointments, but gave such Reasons for the failure as were sustained. It further appeared that his Appointment to supply in King & Queen had been fulfilled; and his Reasons for not administering the Ordinances in Lancaster were satisfactory

Mr Todd produced & read a Homily on Eph: 5. 13. the Consideration of which was postponed

Adjourned until Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock  
Concluded with prayer

April 20. 1798.

The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & constituted with prayer. The members present as above with the addition of the Rev. archibald McRobert, whose Reasons for absence yesterday were

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sustained.

The Minutes of the last Session were read

An Application was made by the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alexander for a Release from the Connexion in which he stood related to Briery Congregation as its Colleague pastor. Therefore on motion it was resolved, that Mr. Matthew Syle be appointed to notify to the Congregation that such Application had been made, & to cite the Congregation to appear at the next Meeting of the Presbytery, to shew Cause why the Connexion between them & Mr. Alexander should not be dissolved.

The Consideration of Mr. Todd's Homily was now entered upon, and the Presbytery agreed to sustain it as a part of Trial. Mr. Todd did not produce the other pieces of Trial which had been assigned to him, & his reasons for failure being heard were sustained.

The Presby then appointed Mr. Todd to write a Lecture on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ps. & requested him to hasten his pieces so as to produce them at our next Meeting.

It appeared upon Inquiry that the Members had generally observed the Recommendation of

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Synod, with respect to observing the afternoon of the first Tuesday in each quarter of the Year as a Time of special prayer, as far as it had been known, & was practicable

Mr Samuel Brown a Member of Lexington Presby came in, & upon being invited took a seat as a corresponding member

Mr Blair & Mr Lyle Ministers, & Major James Estlin & William Womack Elders were nominated as Commissioners to represent this presbytery in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in North America, & Mr Lyle & Mr. Alexander were appointed as alternate Members

On Inquiring what progress the members had made in collecting money towards establishing the charitable Fund, it appeared that general Attention had been paid to that Business, and that (159) one hundred and fifty nine Dollars had been collected which were now on Interest. The members were further urged to exert themselves in raising money for carrying this benevolent Design into Effect

The presbytery then intermitted for divine Worship

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After Sermon the presbytery again assembled

On Inquiry whether the members had raised money to pay Mr. Alexander, it appeared that there was still a deficiency of £ 2. 3. 11 due him, whereupon the former order was renewed

The members had in general fulfilled the appointments made at the last meeting, & where any Failure had taken place, such Reasons were offered as were sustained

The Clerk complied with the order to furnish the members with a copy of the general Regulations respecting the Charitable Fund, except to Doctor Waddel, & Mr. Irwin, & his reasons for that Omission were sustained

Mr. Mr. Robert was appointed to supply at New-Erection, Sandy River, & Logan's meeting House. Mr. Mitchell to supply from New-Erection to the Head of Smith's River as much as he can; Mr. Blair & Mr. Lay to supply at the Pico, Providence, Fork, & Ground-Squirrel Meeting Houses at Discretion, Mr. Lyle to supply at Hat-creek, Cub-creek, & Blue-stone; Mr. Baxter to supply one Sabbath at Hat-creek & the rest of his Time at Discretion, & Mr. Turner at Discretion

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The presbytery then agreed to hold their next Meeting at Cumberland electing House, on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, until which Time it adjourns.

Concluded with prayer

John D. Blair Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Drury Lacy Clerk

Cumberland Nov: 15. 1798

The presbytery having met at Cumberland Meeting House agreeably to adjournment was opened with a Sermon by Mr James Robinson

Constituted with prayer

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell, Drury Lacy, Archibald Alexander & Matthew Syle; & Colo Charles Allen & Nath<sup>l</sup> Rice Elders

Absent the Rev<sup>d</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> James Middel, William Irwin, Archibald de Robert, John D<sup>r</sup> Blair, & James Turner

Mr Mitchell was chosen Moderator & Mr Lacy Clerk

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Some verbal Supplications were presented by Mr Mitchell for supplies, & entered on the Docket.

On motion, the Minutes of the last meeting of the presbytery were read.

Mr Lacy gave his Reasons for not attending the General Assembly which were sustained.

All the Members present complied with the Recommendation of the presbytery to observe the 9<sup>th</sup> of May as a Day of Fasting & Humiliation &c. agreeably to the Proclamation of the President of the united States.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer

Nov<sup>r</sup> 16. 1798

The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer

Members present as on yesterday

An Application having been made by Mr Alexander at the last meeting of the Presbytery to be released from the pastoral Charge of Briery Congregation, & it appearing to the Presbytery that the Congregation had been cited by Mr Syle agreeably to order, & no Opposition appearing on the part of the

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Congregation to the Release taking place, the Presbytery judged that it ought to be granted. Therefore the Connection between Mr Alexander & the said Congregation is hereby dissolved —

An Enquiry was made of the Members respecting the progress they were making in collecting Money for the Charitable Funds; when it appeared that they had been generally attentive to that Business —

As far as appeared to the Presbytery the Order for Supplies had generally been attended to, & for any Failures sufficient Reasons were offered —

W<sup>m</sup> Atchell & W<sup>m</sup> Sacy Ministers & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Michael Graham & Nathl Price Elders were nominated to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to meet at Winchester on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in next May. And Mr Alexander & Mr Turner, together with Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Seftwrick & James Morton were nominated Alternate Members —

Mr James Robinson a Licentiate of Winchester Presbytery presented a Dismission from that Presbytery in order to join himself to this. Whereon it was



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resolved that Mr Robinson be received as a probationer for  
the Ministry under our particular Care -

Mr Robinson's Dismissal was accompanied by two  
Calls, the one from the Cove Congregation in Albemarle  
County, the other from Rockfish Congregation in Am-  
herst County as united with it, which calls being  
read & presented to Mr. Robinson he declared his ac-  
ceptance of them -

On Motion resolved that Mr Robinson be ordained  
at our next meeting - that Mr Syle preach an Ordina-  
tion Sermon on that Occasion - & that Mr Sacy  
preside & give the Charge -

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning at 10 o'clock  
Concluded with prayer -

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The Presbytery met according to appointment &  
was concluded with prayer -

Members present as on yesterday -

The minutes of the preceding Session were read.  
Some petitions for supplies were offered & ordered  
to be entered upon the Docket -

Mr Todd produced & read an Essay upon -

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this Subject, would the human race have been annihilated had not the Mediator been provided? which having been considered was Justained.

Mr Todd did not exhibit his other Pieces of Trial which were continued for the next meeting.

The Presbytery took under Consideration the suffering Condition of many of the Inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia occasioned by the awful Disease which has prevailed amongst them. Wherefore on motion it was Resolved that it be earnestly recommended to all the Congregations under our care to raise Collections for the benevolent purpose of relieving their distresses.

Resolved that these Collections be made as soon as possible & forwarded to Major James Alton the Treasurer of the presbytery, & by him sent forward to Philadelphia, & that he from time to time make reports to presbytery of the sums thus forwarded by him.

Resolved that the stated Clerk furnish the vacant Congregations as soon as possible with a Copy of these Resolutions.

Mr. Mitchell was appointed to supply as much as he can on the South-side of Staunton River.

Mr. Lacy & Mr. Robinson on the North side of

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James River, W. M. Robert, W. Alexander & M. Sykes  
between James River & Roanoke, between this & our  
Spring Meeting.

The presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting  
at the Cove Meeting House in Albemarle County on  
Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of December.

Adjourned and Concluded with prayer

James Stitchell Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Darius Lantz Clk

Note. After adjournment it was unanimously  
recommended to Mr. Robinson to preach previously to  
his Ordination on Isa: 45. 22.

Cove May 9. 1799.

The presbytery having failed to meet agree-  
ably to adjournment on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 1798;  
two Ministers & two Elders of different Congregations  
concurred in an address to the Moderator to call a  
Meeting at the Cove Meeting House on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1799; and he having by a circular  
Letter called a Meeting accordingly, the

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Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer.

Mr. James Robinson preached a Sermon on Isa: 45. 22 agreeably to the Recommendation of the presbytery at their last meeting.

The members present were, the rev<sup>d</sup>. William Irwin, James Mitchel, Davy Sacy, Archibald Alexander, & Matthew Ayle; & Andrew Baker Esq<sup>r</sup> absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Doctor James Waddel, Arch<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Robert, John D. Blair, & James Turner.

Mr. Mitchel was chosen Moderator and Mr. Sacy Clerk.

On Motion the Minutes of the last Sessions of presbytery were read.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. William Calhoun a member of Transylvania, having resided for a considerable Time, in the Bounds of this presbytery expressed a desire to be received as a Member; and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the presbytery, by Information from various Quarters, that a Dismission had been granted to Mr. Calhoun at his request by the said Transylvania presbytery in order to join this, altho' the Dismission by some accident, had not come to hand, the presbytery

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agreed to receive him as a member of their Body, & he took a seat accordingly

Mr. Geo. A. Baxter a probationer under our Care by Letter presented a request to be dismissed from this Presbytery to put himself under the Care of the Presbytery of Lexington; whereupon it was agreed that the request be granted, & the clerk was ordered to forward him such a Dismission as soon as possible

On Motion, ordered that the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Drury Lacy, & Mr. Andrew Baker be a Committee to examine into the State of the charitable funds, draw the Interest now due, & add it to the principal, and that they make report of their proceedings to the presbytery at their next meeting.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 6 O'clock, to meet at Mr. James Robinson's

Concluded with prayer

Mr. Robinson's May 10<sup>th</sup> 1799

The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and concluded with prayer. Members present as on yesterday except Mr. Drivin & Mr. Baker

An Inquiry was made of the members how they had executed the order for supplies. It

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appeared that some had supplied to a considerable extent, others had failed but offered sufficient reasons as an excuse

Mr. Robinson's Sermon was taken under Consideration, & sustained.

The presbytery being fully satisfied with the Qualifications of Mr. James Robinson for the sacred office of preaching the everlasting Gospel did agree to ordain him this day

Adjourned to the meeting House, to meet at 12 O'clock — concluded with prayer

Cove 12 O'clock

The presby met agreeably to adjournment, & concluded with prayer. Mr. Irwin & Mr. Baker came in

Mr. Syle agreeably to appointment, preached an Ordination Sermon, from 2. Tim: 2. 2. After which, Mr. Robinson having solemnly made the professions & engagements required in the discipline of our church, by adopting the Confession of Faith as now received in the Presbyterian Church in America, & promising subjection to his Brethren in the Lord, was solemnly ordained to the whole work of the gospel ministry by prayer & Imposition of Hands; and

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instilled in the congregations of the Cove & Rockfish,  
Mr. Sacy, who presided, then proceeded to deliver a  
serious Charge, & the Solemnity was concluded with  
prayer.

Mr. Robinson then took his Seat as a member  
of presbytery.

Mr. Calhoun obtained leave of absence the Remain-  
der of the Sessions.

Adjourned till 11. O'clock tomorrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

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The presbytery met agreeably to adjournment  
& constituted with prayer. members present as above.

The following Report was read & approved, & the  
Clerk ordered to forward a copy to the General  
Assembly by the Commissioners.

The Presbytery of Danvers report, that they  
consist of eleven ordained ministers, viz.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, without a Charge.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Irwin without a Charge.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald McRobert, at present  
supplying old Concord, Little Concord, & Hat Creek.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchel, Collegiate pastor

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of the congregation of the Peaks of Otter  
The Rev<sup>d</sup> John D. Blair, pastor of the con-  
gregation of Hanover

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Day pastor of Lumberland  
Congregation

The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Turner Colleague with Mr  
Mitchel

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alexander, president of  
Hampden Sydney College, without a charge, the  
presbytery having released him since they last  
reported from Briery Congregation

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Matthew Syle, pastor of Briery  
& Buffalo Congregations

The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Calhoon whom they have  
received from Transylvania presbytery, supply-  
ing Doe-Eps at present

The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson, whom they received  
as a probationer from Winchester presbytery,  
and ordained & installed pastor of the Congre-  
gations of the Cove & Rockfish

They have dismissed Mr. Samuel Ramsey to  
join Abingdon presbytery



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They have received Mr. Geo: & Baxter a Scientist  
from Lexington Presbytery, & have again dispensed  
it to join it

They have a number of Vacancies under their  
Charge, some of which united would be able to  
support a Minister. — The Birds, Providence, &  
Fork united would be able. — New Erection, Sandy  
river, & Chesnut united, able. — Bluestone, Good's  
Mountain Plains, Head of Smith's river, & Cabbrook  
not able

Mr John Todd is the only candidate for the Ministry.

The Presbytery being informed by Mr Mitchell  
that neither he nor Mr. Turner the alternate  
Member who has been appointed to attend the  
General Assembly could go, they appointed &  
commissioned the Rev James Robinson to be  
their Representative in the Assembly

It was recommended to the members to give  
all the Supplies in the Vacancies under our charge  
they could, & to make report of what they had  
done at the next meeting of the Presbytery

On motion, Resolved that the next  
meeting of Presbytery be at Pisgah meeting

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House in Bedford County on Thursday the 24 of  
October. Adjourned & concluded with prayer.

Jas. Mitchell Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Darius Gay Clerk

Pisgah Oct<sup>r</sup> 24. 1799.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and  
was opened with a Sermon on Rom 16. 48 by the Revd  
James Robinson

Constituted with prayer.

The Members present were the Revd James Mitchell  
Darius Lacy, James Turner, & James Robinson; and Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Michael Graham & Benjamin Rice Elders.

The presbytery admitted Mr. Francis Porter an Elder  
from Buffalo Congregation to a seat, as its Representative  
Absent. The Revd Doctor James Waddel, Wm Irvin,  
Arch<sup>d</sup> McRobert, John D. Blair, Archibald Alexander,  
Matthew Syle, & William Calhoun.

Mr Turner was chosen Moderator & Mr Lacy Clerk.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the presbytery  
were read.

Some Petitions for supplies were offered & entered on  
the Docket.

Mr. Turner gave his Reasons for not attending the  
three last Meetings of presby which were sustained.

The Committee appointed to examine the state of  
the Charitable Fund settle the Interest &c,

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Reported, that they found in the Fund £ 86. 13. 10  
deposited at different Times; that the total Interest amount  
ed to £ 6. 5. 8; that there was deposited in Addition  
£ 2. 2. 0; making in the whole £ 95. 1. 6

The Treasurer reported that he had received for the  
poor of Philadelphia £ 78. 7. 1; & that he had sent  
forward to the Mayor of the City £ 79; leaving in his  
Hands a Balance of £ 6. 7. 1

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning at 10 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer

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The presbytery met according to adjournment and  
constituted with prayer. Members present as on  
Yesterday

The Minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Robinson informed the presbytery that he  
& Mr. Alexander the Commissioners last appointed to  
the General Assembly had attended the meeting of  
that Body last spring at Winchester agreeably to  
appointments, & gave such other account of their  
Diligence & Faithfulness therein, as was approved  
by the presbytery.

On motion, Resolved that Mr. Alexander be allowed  
19 Dollars for going to the General Assembly at  
the distance of 180 Miles, & for 8 Days Attendance.

Resolved, that Mr. Robinson be allowed 14 Dollars  
for attending the General Assembly at the distance

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of 120 Miles, & for 8 days attendance —

Resolved that the different Members apply to their respective Congregations, & take up Collections to pray the said Commissioners, and bring or send their Collections to the Presbytery at its next meeting —

The Clerk was ordered to inform the absent members of these Resolutions as soon as possible —

The Presbytery having failed to obtain the Extracts of the proceedings of the last General Assembly, & considering the Importance of getting them regularly, directed the Clerk to write to Mr John McCulloch as soon as possible, giving him Directions to forward those designed for this Presbytery to some Man in Richmond or Petersburg, from which there will be the greatest Probability of soon obtaining them —

The members were called on to make report respecting the Supplies afforded in the Vacancies since our last, when it appeared for various Reasons assigned that but few Vacancies had been supplied —

The Presbytery then intermitted for divine worship. After Sermon. Mr Syle having come, his Reasons for not attending sooner were sustained —

A Letter was received from the Synod of Virginia dated Sept. 26. 1797, expressing their fears that certain Regulations adopted by them in the year 1790 respecting the Admission of Persons to the Ordinances of Christ's Church & for the Administration of Baptism at,

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stated periods had not been observed, & recommending a more strict attention to them in future. This Letter was accompanied by the Extracts from the minutes of the Synod to which it refers. Wherefore On motion Resolved that the said Extracts be entered on our Records, & that the Members continue to conduct themselves agreeably to those Regulations.

"Extracts from the Minutes of Synod done at Winchester September the 29<sup>th</sup> 1790"

"A Question was proposed for the Discussion of Synod, Viz: Are the same Qualifications to be required of Parents in Order to the Admission of their Children to Baptism as are necessary to their own Admission to the Sacrament of the Supper." The Question was answered in the Affirmative. And in order to impress the Minds of the People with a Sense that Baptism is as sacred as the other seal of the Covenant of Grace - resolved that it be recommended to our presbyteries to prevail with their Members to adopt the Method of administering Baptism only at stated periods, and with a Solemnity similar to that which is necessary in the Lords Supper."

"A second Question was proposed for the Discussion of Synod, Viz. What are the Qualifications of such as are to be admitted to the seals of the Christian Covenant? The Synod are of the Opinion, that Repentance towards God, & Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ are necessary to entitle any person to the Sacraments

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"of the new Testament, and that the Church ought to  
 "require probable Evidence of the Reality of this Faith  
 " & Repentance, before Admittance to these Ordinances"

A Letter was received from the Synod of Virginia  
 complaining that the Members of the different Pres-  
 byteries have not been sufficiently careful in attending  
 the annual Meetings of the Synod. Whereupon Resol-  
 ved, that it be recommended to the different Members  
 of this presbytery to be, if possible, more punctual  
 than they have heretofore been, in attending synodical  
 Meetings.

Mr Rice obtained leave of absence this Evening -  
 Adjourned to Mr Michael Graham's, to meet at 7  
 O'clock this Evening - Concluded with prayer.

At 7 O'clock.

The presbytery met according to adjournment, and  
 constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

The Synod having continued their Recommendation  
 to observe the Afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in each  
 Quarter of the year as a Time of special prayer, the  
 Presbytery approved thereof, and resolved to comply  
 therewith.

The Synod being deeply affected with the great  
 loss which the Church has sustained in the Removal  
 of several of the most eminent Ministers in our  
 Communion by Death in the past year, at a Time

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when their Labors seemed more needful than ever; and conceiving that such Dispensations of providence call for Humiliation before God, accompanied with earnest prayer that he would raise up others to supply their place; and having appointed the last Thursday in November as a Day of Fasting & Prayer for the above purpose, the presbytery resolved to comply with the said Appointment.

The Clerk was ordered to give the absent members Notice of this Appointment as early as possible.

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning at 7 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer

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The presbytery met according to adjournment & constituted with prayer. Members present as on Wednesday.

The Following Facts were laid before presbytery by the Session of Rockfish Congregation for their Consideration & Determination.

"August 31<sup>st</sup> 1799. The Elders of Rockfish Congregation being met, at the request of one of the members, in session at Rockfish meeting House, conceived it their duty to state to the Hanover presbytery, to meet at Pagah on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October next, for their consideration and Decision the following facts. Viz

"1. On the last Sabbath of June last, the Rev. Wm. Irwin preached at Rockfish episcopal Church in the

Vicinity of Rockfish Meeting House, & then & there  
baptized a number of Children for persons not in Com-  
munion with this or any other Church, —

" 2. That some of those ~~Persons~~<sup>Persons</sup> have always acknow-  
ledged themselves as belonging to & members of this Con-  
gregation, but who, according to the Rules of our Church  
as established by our Confession, & the Decisions of the  
Synod of Virginia, could not be admitted to that  
privilege

" 3. That two of those persons had actually applied to  
have their Children baptized in our Church, but had  
been kept back from a Conviction that they were dis-  
qualified

" 4. That Mr. Irwin was informed by one of this Session  
previous to his administering the Ordinance, that  
there were persons in the Congregation who it was  
probable would make Application on that occasion for  
Baptism, & who were judged not to be entitled to that  
privilege, & who could not be admitted by this Session.

" 5. That a number of this Session were then present  
& though previously warned that such improper Appli-  
cation would likely be made, & that a departure from  
the Rules of the Church would tend to disturb the  
peace of the Congregation, yet Mr. Irwin proceeded to  
baptize without consulting the Session, or any Member



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of it then present

"6. That in one Instance common order & decency, as well as propriety, were in the judgment of this Session, departed from. One man whose child was baptized remained still in a Pew; and when his wife presented the Child, & its name was required, he from that place gave aloud, the name of the Child.

"7. That the Sabbath preceding the stated pastor of this Congregation had given public notice from the Pulpit, that he was then authorized & ready to administer the Ordinance of Baptism, where the Church judged there was a title to the privilege. So that there was not a shadow of excuse for this departure from Order.

" By these things the pious & informed are grieved, the weak & well-meaning (when they see such Contradictions between the Rules of our Church, & the practice of its ministers) are left in doubt & uncertainty, and those who oppose themselves to strictness of Doctrine & Discipline are strengthened in their Opposition & hardened in their Errors. These Consequences this Session have Reason to believe have followed in a very high degree the Facts above stated.

" They are stated to presbytery for their Decision. The Facts except one are known to those of the Session. The Exception is the Information Mr Irwin received

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from one of the Session, which was given when they were alone.

"The Rev. James Robinson is requested to lay this statement before Presbytery at their next meeting

Signed by Order of the Session

James Robinson Mod<sup>n</sup>

Which being duly considered, the presbytery were of the opinion that they were not fully authorized by these Facts to charge Mr Irwin with a Breach of the known Regulations of our Church - The presbytery highly approved of the Zeal manifested by the Session for the purity of Church Discipline; & that they might be assured of the Determination of presbytery to afford them all possible Encouragement & support in the duties of their Office - Ordered that the stated clerk furnish Mr Irwin & said Session with a copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> rule adopted by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, and revised & published by the General Assembly at their Sessions in the year 1798; also with the Regulations adopted by the Synod of Virginia at their Sessions in the year 1790, respecting the Administration of Baptism, and the subjects to be admitted to the Ordinances of Christ's Church; assuring them respectively that these are the Rules to which the presby are determined in future strictly to adhere

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A Letter was received from Mr. Daniel Blain a  
Licentiate of Lexington presbytery, requesting the  
Indulgence of this presby to continue in their  
Bounds the ensuing Winter; which request was  
granted.

The Presbytery considering the loud Call for  
Thanksgiving to God, the giver of every good and  
perfect gift, for the fruitful Seasons he has been  
pleased to send, & for the plentiful Supplies of  
Food for Man & Beast he has granted, did think  
it proper to appoint in addition to the Call  
of Synod to Fasting & Humiliation, on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday in November, Thanksgiving to God for  
the Favours above specified.

The members were urged to consider the Vacancies  
under our Care & give them what supplies they  
can, & to report at the next meeting.

Adjourned to the next meeting till 3 O'clock  
in the Afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Prize 3 O'clock.

The presbytery met according to adjournment  
& constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The Rev. Messrs Drury Sacy & Archibald Alesan-  
der together with Messrs Michael Graham, and  
Charles Allen Elders were appointed to represent,

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this Presbytery in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to meet at Philadelphia on the third Thursday in May in the year 1800; and Messrs John D. Blair & Matthew Lyle were appointed alternate members, to attend in case of the failure of the others.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting at Hampden Sydney College on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in next May - Adjourned & concluded with prayer.

James Turner Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Drury Lacy Clk

Hampden Sydney May 1. 1800

The Presbytery met according to adjournment & a Sermon was delivered by the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson. - Concluded with prayer.

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> McRobert, Drury Lacy, Archibald Alexander, Matthew Lyle, & James Robinson; & James Allen S<sup>r</sup> Elder.

Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, William Irvin, James Mitchell, John D. Blair, James Turner, & William Leachon.

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W<sup>m</sup> Robert was chosen Moderator & Mr  
Alexander Clerk

The Minutes of the last s<sup>es</sup>sions of presbytery  
were read

Mr Lacy requested & obtained leave of absence  
for the remaining s<sup>es</sup>sions of presbytery

adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow  
morning at 10 o'clock - Concluded with prayer.

May 2<sup>d</sup> 1800

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment  
& constituted with prayer. Members present as  
above.

It appeared upon enquiry that thirty four  
shillings had been collected for the payment of  
our Commissioners to the last general Assembly,  
which sum the Presbytery directed to be divided  
between the Commissioners. Eighteen shillings  
were paid to James Robinson, & sixteen to  
Archd Alexander. Ordered that the Members  
endeavour to collect the Balance as soon as  
possible & transmit it to the Commissioners  
& that they render an account of what they  
have received at our next meeting.

The Members generally had complied with  
the Recommendation of Synod to observe

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the first Tuesday in every Quarter as a day of prayer for a Revival; and also had observed the recommendation of presbytery in keeping the last Thursday in November as a day of fasting, prayer, & Thanksgiving

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 11 O'clock. Concluded with prayer

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1800

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

A Supplication for Supplies from Blue-Stone Congregation was presented to presbytery. Whereupon Mr W. Robert was appointed to supply there one Sabbath. Mr Lyle was directed to supply them one Sabbath, and Mr Alexander to supply Mr Lyle's pulpit in his absence. Mr Mitchell was also appointed to supply at Bluestone one Sabbath

A Verbal Supplication having been received from the vacant congregations in Gochland & Saisa for Supplies. Ordered that Mr Lealham & Mr Robinson supply them one Sabbath each

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The other Members of presbytery are directed to supply as much as possible in the Vacancies which appear to stand in the greatest need of preaching.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next Meeting at the Cove in Allamarle on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1800.

Concluded with prayer Arch<sup>d</sup> Robert Mod  
Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander Clk

Cove Sep<sup>r</sup> 12. 1800

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & a Sermon was preached at its opening, by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Lacy. Constituted with prayer.

The Members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Irwin, Drury Lacy, William Calhoun, & James Robinson; And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Charles Wingfield & Andrew Hart Elders.

Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Maddel, Arch<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Robert, James Mitchell, John D. Blair, James Turner, Archibald Alexander, & Matthew Lyfe.

M<sup>r</sup> Irwin was chosen Moderator & M<sup>r</sup> Lacy Clerk.

The Minutes of the last Sessions of presbytery were read.

M<sup>r</sup> Irwin & M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun gave their Reasons for not attending the last meeting of presbytery, which were sustained.

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Mr Calhoun supplied in Goochland one Sabbath. Mr. Robinson failed to fulfil his appointment, but gave such Reasons for his failure as were sustained —

Mr Lacy informed the presbytery that he had attended the General Assembly last May in Philadelphia agreeably to appointment; and gave such other Information of his diligence & faithfulness therein as was approved by the presbytery —

Mr Calhoun produced two Dollars which he had collected for the payment of the Commissioners who had attended the General Assembly at Winchester in the year 1799. Ordered that Mr Robinson take one, & that the other be forwarded to Mr Alexander.

The Presbytery agreed to allow Mr Lacy 32  $\frac{3}{4}$  \$ towards defraying his Expences in attending the General Assembly last spring. —

Ordered that the Members apply to their respective Congregations & endeavour to take up Collections to pay the same; and also to pay the Balances due to Mr Alexander & Mr Robinson, & make Report at the next meeting of Presbytery —

On motion, ordered, that the stated Clerk transmit a copy of the above order to the absent Members —

Mr Calhoun paid to Mr Lacy 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Dollars towards defraying his Expences —



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Mr Calhoun asked & obtained leave of absence the remaining Sessions of the presbytery

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 10 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment & constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

Mr Todd produced a Discourse on Rom: 3. 21. the subject which had been assigned him for a popular Sermon; but from certain Considerations it was judge advisable for him to read it in presbytery, which being done, & the Presby having taken it under Consideration, agreed to sustain it as a part of the ~~Todd's abilities~~ Trials

Mr Todd did not produce the other pieces of Trial which had been assigned him. But having expressed a Willingness to be licensed at this Time if the presbytery thought proper, it was judged expedient to dispense with them, (1) Because the pieces already exhibited by him are sufficient to enable the presbytery to form a judgment of his abilities, & (2) Because the State of the church seems to require his immediate Licensure. —

The presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Todd on his knowledge of the Doctrines of Divinity, & having gone some length therein intermitted for divine worship

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After Sermon, the presbytery resumed the Examination of Mr Todd, and having obtained Satisfaction with respect to his Acquaintance with the Doctrines of Religion, agreed to license him in the following Form -

At the leave meeting House in Albemarle County, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1800, the Presbytery of Hanover having received sufficient Testimonials in favour of Mr John Todd, of his having gone through a regular Course of Literature; of his good moral Character; & of his being in the Communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of Trial for his Licensure; and he having given Satisfaction as to his Accomplishments in Literature; as to his Experimental acquaintance with Religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity & other Studies; the Presbytery did, & hereby do express their Approbation of all these parts of Trial; and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church; and satisfactorily answered the Questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; The presbytery did, & hereby do license him the said John Todd to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy Ministry; within the Bounds of this

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Presbytery, or where ever he shall be orderly called.  
Messrs M<sup>r</sup> Robert, Stacy, & Alexander & Syle were  
appointed to supply at Bluestone each one Sabbath  
between this and the next meeting of Presby.

M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun was appointed to supply one Sabbath  
at the Bird, & one at Providence before our next meeting.

M<sup>r</sup> Irwin was appointed to supply at Mountain  
plains one Sabbath.

M<sup>r</sup> Todd was appointed to supply one Sabbath  
at Bluestone, two Sabbaths at Ground Squirrel, two  
at Providence, two at the Bird, and two at the Fork  
between this & the next meeting, & the rest of his  
Time at Discretion.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting  
at Hampden Sydney College on the second wednes-  
day in April 1801.

Adjourned, & concluded with prayer.

William Irwin Moderator

Drum Lawrence Clerk

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The Presbytery of Hanover met at Hamp-  
den Sydney agreeably to adjournment, and  
was opened with a Sermon by the Rev<sup>d</sup> William  
Calhoun. Concluded with prayer.

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup>

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Archibald McRobert, Daury Lacy, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander,  
Matthew Lyle, William Calhoun, & James Robinson;  
& Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen Sr., James Allen, & Samuel  
Hammer House

Absent, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, W<sup>m</sup>  
Irwin, James Mitchell, John D. Blair, and James  
Turner.

The Presbytery proceeded to the choice of a  
Moderator & Clerk, when W<sup>m</sup> Lyle was chosen  
Moderator & W<sup>m</sup> Lacy Clerk.

A Call was presented to the presbytery,  
addressed to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alexander from  
the Congregation of Briery, praying him to  
undertake the pastoral Office over them one half  
of his Time. Which Call being read & presented  
to W<sup>m</sup> Alexander, he enquired, whether the Congre-  
gation required an immediate answer; but  
being informed that the Congregation would not  
be against his taking it under Consideration  
for a Time, it was committed to him, with a  
request from the presbytery, that as soon as he  
should come to a determination respecting it  
in his own mind, he would make it known.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery  
were read.

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Mess<sup>rs</sup> McRobert & Sacy fulfilled their appointments; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander, Syle, & Balhoon did not, but gave satisfactory reasons for their Failure. Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 O'clock; Concluded with prayer.

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment, & constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

Mr Blair came in & took his seat. His Reasons for not attending sooner, and also for his absence at former meetings of Presbytery were heard and sustained.

A Reference was made to Presbytery by the Session of the Cove Congregation respecting Mr William Norvell, who had been charged with the crime of Intoxication, with all the proceedings had by the Session in his case, for their advice. The Presbytery upon reviewing the whole of the proceedings of the Session, together with the Certificates produced by Mr. Norvell to the said Session - Resolved, That the Presbytery do approve of the proceedings of that Session in the case before them as proper & orderly, as the sentence in their Opinion was founded upon sufficient Testimony. At the same time leaving it to the Session to restore the said Norvell to the privileges of the Church, When  
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- ever it shall judge proper so to do.

A Representation was made by the Elders of the Cove Congregation, that there was a disconformity between the practice of their Pastor the Rev. James Robinson, & the Rev. William Irwin in the Administration of Baptism. That while the former baptizes the Children of none, but such as give probable Evidence of Repentance towards God, & Faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ; the latter, as they understand, makes no such discrimination. The Presbytery after fully discussing the subject of this Information. Resolved, That Mr Irwin be invited particularly to attend the next meeting of Presbytery for the purpose of conferring with them on the subject of discipline; And Mr Sacy the stated Clerk was directed to give Mr Irwin Information of this Resolution, either by personally waiting on him or by Letters.

The Presbytery took into consideration the Recommendation of the General Assembly relative to an Alteration in the 6<sup>th</sup> Section of the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of our Book of Discipline; and after Deliberation it was unanimously agreed, that the words Constitutional Rules, should be substituted for the words Standing Rules in the said Article.

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Ordered, that the stated Clerk forward a copy of this minute to the next General Assembly.

It was inquired what Collections had been made for the purpose of paying the Commissioners who had attended the General Assembly, when £11. 6. 3 were produced. Ordered - That 3 to be paid to Mr. Robinson, the Balance due to him - That £3. 8. 0 be paid to Mr. Alexander, the balance of his Account, he having received £1. 4. 0 since our last meeting; - and that the Residue of £4. 18. 3 be paid to Mr. Sacy, there being still due to him £4. 10. 3.

Ordered that those members who have not made & forwarded their Collections do it immediately, and send the money to Mr. Sacy; & that he as stated Clerk, give them notice of this Order.

Mr. Hamner obtained leave of absence the Remainder of the Session.

A motion was made <sup>and agreed</sup> that in order to defray the Expenses of our Commissioners to the General Assembly, the Congregations under our care shall be required to raise the Sums respectively annexed to their names, Viz, Briery & Buffalo 15 Dollars; Hanover 10; Cumberland 10; Cove & Rockfish 10; Doe Es 5; Peaks 10; Old Concord 5; Little Concord 2; Hat Creek 2; Bluestone 3;

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Providence & Bird 5; & Cub-Creek 2 Dollars.  
 And it was moreover ordered, that each minister  
 who has the pastoral Charge of any of the  
 above congregations, shall be answerable for  
 the sums respectively required of them; and that  
 the monies thus collected shall be deposited in the  
 Hands of the Treasurer of this Presbytery, & paid  
 to the Commissioners agreeably to their order.

Ordered that the stated Clerk communicate  
 this minute to all our congregations —

Mr. Conrad Speece, formerly a Candidate for  
 the ministry in the Seaxington Presbytery, but  
 since a Preacher in the Baptist Church, offered  
 himself a Candidate for the Gospel ministry to  
 this Presbytery. A Certificate was produced  
 from that presbytery, testifying that Mr. Speece  
 had passed through the usual parts of Trial  
 with approbation, and that his Licensure  
 was deferred on no other account, but because  
 of his scruples respecting infant Baptism.  
 And information was also received that his  
 name as a Candidate was erased from the  
 Minutes of the Seaxington Presbytery: and it  
 appearing that he properly belonged to this  
 presbytery, inasmuch as his principal



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Residence has been within its Bounds, the Pres-  
-bytery resolved to admit him. Whereupon Mr  
Spence was introduced, & read a discourse upon  
the subject of Infant-Baptism; which, together  
with the above mentioned certificate, was deemed  
a sufficient Evidence of his Qualifications for  
the Ministry. Therefore the Presbytery resolved  
to License him, which was accordingly done  
agreeably to the Form prescribed in the Book  
of Discipline —

The Treasurer reported that he had received no  
Monies for the use of the presbytery since his last  
report; but that he had forwarded to the Mayor of  
Philadelphia for the poor of that City, such charitable  
contributions as were deposited in his Hands for that  
purpose, except one Dollar —

Messrs? Alexander & Calhoun were appointed Com-  
-missioners to represent this presbytery in the next  
General Assembly; and in case of their inability to  
attend, Messrs? Lyle & Lacy were appointed the alternate  
members to supply their places. —

Major James Morton, & Mr. Benjamin Allen Sr  
Elders were also appointed to represent this presby-  
-tery in the next Assembly, & in case of their Non-  
-attendance, Mr James Allen & Mr Samuel Hammer  
were appointed their substitutes —

Mr. Blair requested leave of absence for the

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remaining Sessions of Presbytery on account of  
Indisposition, which request was granted upon  
Conditions that his Indisposition continued —  
Adjourned till 9 O'clock Tomorrow Morning —  
Concluded with prayer —

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment and  
constituted with prayer.

The Moderator Mr Syle being absent, Mr. Robinson  
was appointed to supply his place pro tempore —

The other Members attended as above —

The minutes of the last Session were read —

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Amos Thompson, a member of Win-  
chester presbytery being present was invited to a  
seat as a Corresponding Member —

Mr. Syle came in and took his seat as Mod<sup>r</sup> —

Mr. Alexander requested a Certificate of his  
Ordination & of his standing in this presbytery,  
as he had it in prospect to travel into distant  
parts of this Country. The stated Clerk was  
therefore ordered to furnish him with such a  
Certificate duly attested —

Mr. Todd fulfilled his appointments except  
at Bluestone, but gave such reasons for this  
failure as were sustained —

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 O'clock,  
Concluded with prayer —

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

The Presbytery having taken into Consideration the Resolutions of the General Assembly of the year 1799, enjoining it upon all the Presbyteries to use certain means for advancing the progress of Religion, were of Opinion, that the Objects contemplated in the said Resolutions were highly important, & determined to carry them into effect as far as possible.

Therefore it was ordered, that every Congregation under our Care shall send up annually to Presbytery a Schedule containing the number of Communicants in each Church, and the number of persons yearly baptized whether in Infancy or at adult age. And it was moreover ordered, that all Congregations supplied with stated pastors, shall also transmit annually to Presbytery a statement of their Acts with their Ministers.

Ordered, that the Ministers in their respective Congregations, or where they supply, use their endeavours to induce the people to make liberal Contributions for the support of missionaries, & for providing the means of circulating religious knowledge amongst the poor and ignorant, by the distribution of useful Books.

Ordered, that the Ministers be diligent in the

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performance of all parochial duties in their respective Congregations; and resolved, that at each meeting of Presbytery, one session at least shall be employed, in hearing a narrative from each minister of the state of religion in his charge, of the success of means used for its promotion, & particularly of an account of the manner in which he performs the above mentioned duties to his flock. And when the presbytery shall be of opinion, that there has been any failure either on the part of the minister or people in the performance of their reciprocal duties, they will in a friendly manner, advise, counsel, & exhort the delinquents to a more faithful discharge of their incumbent duty.

Ordered, that the stated clerk collect & bind into a Book for the use of Presbytery, all the Extracts of the proceedings of the General Assembly, that have been or may hereafter be published, and that he constantly bring the same to every Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery are of opinion that it would be very beneficial to establish Libraries in our Congregations for the use of the minister and people composed of Books properly chosen, & they accordingly recommend it to such Congre-

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gations as have it in their power to form Societies  
for this purpose.

In addition to these Resolutions, the Presbytery  
Resolved, that it be enjoined on each Session, to pay  
attention to that Rule of our Discipline, which  
requires them to keep a regular Record of their  
proceedings, & they are moreover required to send up  
their Session Book for the Inspection of Presbytery  
at least once in the year.

Ordered that the stated Clerk furnish all the  
Congregations under our Care with an attested  
Copy of the <sup>above</sup> Resolutions.

W. Say & W. James Allen were appointed  
a Committee to settle the Interest on the Money  
in the Charitable fund, to collect the same, &  
add it to the principal; & to make report at  
the next meeting.

On motion Resolved, that it be a standing  
rule of this presbytery for each Member to pay  
the stated Clerk one Dollar annually for his  
services; and that it shall be the duty of the  
said Clerk, to furnish all the Books necessary for  
recording the proceedings of this Presbytery.

W. Todd was appointed to supply the Pind of  
Providence Congregation & other places where  
he shall judge it will be profitable to preach.

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as much as he can, between this and the next meeting of Presbytery —

Mr. Lacy was appointed to administer the Sacraments at the Bird, & W. Robinson at pro-  
-vidence before our next meeting —

Mr. Lyle was appointed to supply Bluestone & Cuckbrook each one Sabbath. Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Robert was also appointed to supply Bluestone one Sabbath between this & our next meeting —

Mr. Speer was directed to supply at discretion. The presbytery agreed to hold their next meet-  
-ing at Briery on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in September next — Adjourned & concluded with prayer

Matthew Lyle Moderator  
Drury Lacy Clerk

Briery Sep<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1801

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and a Sermon was preached by the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell. Constituted with prayer

The Members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Robert, James Mitchell, Drury Lacy, Matthew Lyle, & James Robinson; & Capt Benjamin Allen, & Nath<sup>l</sup> Price Elders. Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, William Irwin, John D<sup>r</sup> Blair, James Turner, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander & William Galchoon —

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Mr. Mitchell was chosen Moderator & Mr. Lacy Clerk,  
A Call was presented from the Congregation of  
Providence addressed to Mr. John Todd for a third part  
of his Time, which Call being read, Mr. Todd was asked  
whether he accepted the same. But he having requested  
some time to deliberate upon the subject, the Call  
was put into his Hands, with a request from the  
Presbytery to give an answer as soon as possible.

A Call was presented from the said Congregation  
addressed to Mr. John Todd, which was read. After De-  
liberation the Presbytery resolved, that the said Call  
ought not to be presented to Mr. Todd, as it differs ma-  
terially from the Form prescribed in our Book of Discipline.  
Resolved, that the stated Clerk furnish the said Con-  
gregation with an attested copy of the above Resolution.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Presby were read.

Messrs. McRobert, Lacy, Robinson, & Todd fulfilled  
their appointments. Mr. Syle failed to supply at Blue-  
stone, but gave a satisfactory Reason for the Failure.

On motion, Resolved that the narrative from each  
Minister of the State of Religion in his Charge &c.  
be on Saturday Morning.

The Committee appointed to settle the Interest on  
the money in the charitable Fund &c. made report,

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That they found in the Fund £95. 1. 6; that the Interest for 1 year & 11 Months amounted to £10. 18. 8; which added to the principal makes £106. 0. 2.

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

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1801

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday, with the addition of the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Irwin, whose reasons for not attending sooner, and also for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

Mr. John Chavis produced a Dismission from Seaxington Presbytery in which he was recommended to the Care of this Presbytery as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry, and as a person in good Standing. But as Mr. Chavis is now riding as a Missionary under the Direction of the General Assembly, the Presbytery did not see their way clear to receive him at present, under their Care as they could exercise no controul over him. However at the Request of Mr. Chavis, it was ordered that the said Dismission be deposited in the Hands of the stated Clerk, until the Time expires for which he is engaged, or until he shall resign

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the Commission he now holds under the General Assembly.  
An Inquiry was made whether the Congregations  
had raised the money required of them for paying the  
Commissioners to the General Assembly. When the Congre-  
gations of the Cove & Rockfish produced 10 Dollars;  
Cumberland 10; Bird & Providence 5; Bluestone 3; Hat  
Creek 2; Concord 5, & Little Concord 2; making in the  
whole 37 Dollars - ordered that the said money be  
forwarded to the Treasurer by the stated clerk.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay to Mr Lacy £ 4. 10. 3  
the Balance due to him for his services for attending  
the General Assembly in the year 1800.

Mr Robinson & Mr Price were appointed a Committee  
to review the Session book of Cumberlands Congregation,  
& to make report thereon as soon as possible.

Mr Lyle & Capt. Benja<sup>n</sup> Allen were appointed a Committee  
to review the Session Books of the Cove & Rockfish Con-  
gregations & to make report as soon as possible.

Mr Benjamin Rice an Elder from the Peaks Con-  
gregation came in & took his seat.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Calhoun came in & took his seat.  
His Reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lacy, Alexander & Lyle were appointed a  
Committee to prepare a Report agreeably to the  
Injunctions of the General Assembly contained in

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The Extracts of their minutes for the year 1801 page 16, and to lay it before the next presbytery, and it was further ordered, that each Member of this Presbytery furnish the Committee with such materials as may enable them to form the Report in such a manner as may meet the Expectations of the Assembly respecting the Information they wish to obtain.

Supplications for supplies were presented from Blue-stone, Grassy Creek, & Nuttbrush Congregations, with a particular request that Mr Calhoun might be appointed to preach among them, as they have some hope of obtaining him as their stated Pastor. Whereupon, the presbytery presuming upon the friendly Concurrence of the Presby of Orange with the Congregations of Grassy Creek and Nuttbrush in their Supplication, appointed Mr Calhoun to preach at least one Sermon to each of these Congregations.

Mr Calhoun produced from the Congregation of D.S. 5 Dollars which were required of it; and 2 others which he had also collected for the purpose of paying the Commissioners, which were ordered to be forwarded to the Treasurer as above, making in the whole 44 Dollars.

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Intermitted for divine worship.

After Sermon the Presbytery met in Session. —

The Presby had a friendly Conference with Mr. Irwin respecting the Subject of Discipline, in which Mr. Irwin declared that he fully received, and had always acted agreeably to the Regulations adopted by our Church, according to the best of his Judgment. Therefore the Presby judged that the Reference made by the Elders of the Cove Congregation at our last Meeting, respecting a Disconformity between Mr. Irwin & Mr. Robinson in the Administration of Baptism was founded upon a mistake.

On motion resolved, that it be recommended to the Elders of the Cove Congregation to be cautious in future, in admitting or circulating any vague Reports, which may be prejudicial to a Gospel Minister.

An Inquiry was made, whether the Congregations had collected the number of members in each Society agreeably to an order at our last meeting. When Briery Congregation reported that it contained 72 Members; Buffalo that it contained 52 Members; Rockfish that it contained 56 Members; The Cove that it contained 56 Members; Cumberland that it contained 79 Members, & Bluestone that it

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contained 16 members. The other Congregations did not report.

Mr Irwin obtained leave of absence the Remainder of the Session.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock,  
Concludes with prayer.

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Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

The Presbytery proceeded agreeably to the order of the Day to hear a Narrative from each of the members respecting the state of Religion in his charge, & of the manner in which he performed the pastoral duties to his Flock. It appeared to the Presbytery that the Members had been generally attentive to the duties of their office, but have great cause to lament the low state of vital piety in its bounds, & particularly within the Societies under our Charges respectively. But from some few Instances of persons having hopefully embraced Religion, & from Accounts that more people have attended public worship in the Course of the last Summer than had for some years past, the Presbytery were led to hope that the Lord was about to make the

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preaching of the Gospel more successful, and that there was encouragement to supplicate the Throne of Grace for an out-pouring of the Spirit. — Therefore —

On motion resolved, that it be recommended to all the Congregations under our care to observe the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in November as a day of Fasting & prayer for an out-pouring of God's Spirit & a revival of his work amongst us. —

The Peaks Congregation paid 10 Dollars part of the money required of it for the payment of the Commissioners to the General Assembly which added to the former make \$4 Dollars. —

The Committee appointed to review the Session Books of the Cove & Rockfish Congregations reported, that they had reviewed said Books from the Beginning to the present date, & found no alteration necessary in said Records —

The Committee appointed to review the Session Book of Cumberland Congregation reported, that they had reviewed said Book from the Beginning to the present date, & found that the Proceedings of that Session in general (in the Opinion of the Committee) have been regular, & conformable to the Rules of our Discipline.

Mr. M. Robert obtained leave of absence the Remainder of the Session —

Agreeably to the request of certain Congregations

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to point out a Catalogue of Books proper to form a congregational Library, such a Catalogue was produced read & recommended.

Intermitted for divine worship.

Presbytery met in Session after dinner.

Whereas the Presbytery have certain monies in their Hands collected for Charitable purposes, and wholly subject to their Direction, but too inconsiderable to effect any valuable purposes, without having any prospect of getting a sufficient augmentation; and whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has obtained an Act, of Incorporation from the State of Pennsylvania investing certain Trustees with power to hold property, who are already possessed of considerable Funds embracing the same objects that this Presbytery had in contemplation when they raised the money - On motion resolved, that application be made to the Contributors to the said Charitable Fund for leave to give the money which has been collected into the Hands of the Trustees of the General Assembly to be joined with the Funds under their Management.

It appeared from the Session Books of the Lord Rockfish & Cumberland Congregations, & by the Acknowledgements of Mr Robinson & Mr Sacy, that those Sessions had settled their Accounts up to the

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Commencement of the present year

It was recommended to the Members & to the Scientias in general to supply the Vacancies under our Care as much as they can between this and our next meeting

The Presbytery agreed that the next meeting should be holden at Bethel Meeting House in Bedford County on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in April 1802.

Adjourned & concluded with prayer.

James Stitchell Modn  
Darius Lacy Eldr

Bethel Meeting House. Thursday April 15. 1802.

The Presbytery having failed to meet Yesterday, the time to which it had been adjourned, on account of the distance at which the members lived, and the heavy rains which had prevented them from travelling, met this day, and after divine worship in the Congregation, constituted with prayer

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Stitchell, Darius Lacy, James Turner, & Matthew Lyle; and Jabez Leflitch, Robert Rhodes, and William Womack Elders.

Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddell, Miller

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Irvine, Archibald & Robert, John D. Blair, Arch.  
Alexander, James Robinson, & William Calhoun, -

Mr. Turner was chosen Moderator & Mr. Lay Clerk

The minutes of the last meeting of the Pres-  
-bytery were read.

Mr. Turner's Excuses for absence from several  
meetings of the presbytery were heard & sustained.

A Call was presented & read from the Byrd  
Congregation in Spocchland County, addressed to  
Mr. John Todd for one third part of his Time.  
But Mr. Todd not being present, it was ordered  
that the said Call be lodged in the Hands of the  
Clerk; and that he write to Mr. Todd informing  
him of its contents, and requesting him to attend  
at the next meeting of presbytery, that they  
may know his Answer.

A Call was presented from Cumberland Congre-  
-gation directed to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald & Alexander  
for one half of his Time. A Letter was <sup>at the same</sup> ~~sent~~ receiv-  
-ed by Presbytery from Mr. Alexander, stating that  
he expected such a Call would be presented, and  
declaring his Acceptance of it; and also, that he  
accepted the one formerly committed to his



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Consideration from the congregation of Briery —

Mr. Syle reported, that his salary had been paid by Briery Congregation to the Commencement of the present year —

The Session of Cumberland reported, that Mr. Sacy had been paid his salary to the beginning of the present year —

Mr. Alexander informed the presbytery by Letter, that he attended the meeting of the General Assembly last May agreeably to appointment, and that he had received in part of payment fifteen Dollars from Briery & Buffalos Congregations; and that there was a balance due to him of £5. 14. 0,

An Order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Alexander for £5. 14. 0 the balance due to him as a Commissioner to the General Assembly —

Whereas an order was made at the last meeting of presbytery to consult the Contributors to the charitable fund, whether they were willing that the money they had paid should be committed to the management of the Trustees of the General Assembly; and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the presbytery that some of the principal Contributors were opposed to the measure; and the presbytery also having

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some prospects at present of increasing their Funds,  
it was resolved that the said order be rescinded.

On Motion resolved that the Members of this  
presbytery exert themselves in their respective Con-  
gregations & in the vacancies which they may supply,  
to raise Contributions to pay the Missionaries; that  
the Clerk write to all the absent Members urging  
them to be attentive to this Business, and that  
they forward their Collections to the Synod at  
their next meeting.

It appeared to the Satisfaction of the presby  
that Mr. Balkoon fulfilled the appointment made  
him at our last meeting.

The members it appeared had supplied in many  
places, and in some of the vacancies.

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning at 7 O'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment, and  
constituted with prayer.

Members present as above. The minutes of,  
the last Session were read.

It appeared that the day appointed for fasting  
and prayer had been generally observed by the

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Members present.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Report to the General Assembly agreeably to their order, read the following Report which was received.

1. Respecting Indian Tribes, there are none adjacent to our bounds.
2. Nor have we any Frontier Settlements of white people.
3. Respecting the Interior parts of our Country we report, that our bounds extend over a Tract of Country nearly three hundred miles long, and two hundred miles broad. In this extensive Tract we have but eleven ordained Ministers & two Licentiate. These generally officiate in Congregations adjacent to each other, and of course there are multitudes within the limits of presbytery who probably have never heard a presbyterian preach the Gospel. Missionsaries have laboured with success in some places, and there is a loud Call for preaching in many parts, that cannot be conveniently supplied but by Missionsaries.
4. Respecting the black people, they are very numerous, and lamentably Ignorant. Some of them however have been taught to read, and others discover some anxiety to learn. The manner

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in which it would be most advisable to attempt, their Instruction, it appears to us, would be to have a number of New Testaments & Hymn Books printed and circulated amongst them. Should the General Assembly concur with us in this Opinion, we would recommend that the Books be sent to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alexander at Hampden-Sydney College from whom they may be easily obtained, and circulate by the different Members of the Presbytery.

Ordered that the Clerk forward an attested Copy of the above report to the next General Assembly.

The presbytery appointed the Rev<sup>d</sup> John D. Blair & Dury Lacy; and Jacob Lovvick & Michael Graham Elders to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to meet in Philadelphia on the twentieth day of May ensuing; and the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Atthall & James Turner, & W<sup>m</sup> Wornack & Benjamin Allen Elders, the alternate members.

On motion Resolved, that Mr. Lacy & Mr. Alexander be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle the Interest due from the charitable Fund in the hands of Major James Atthall, that the Interest be appropriated to the payment of the Missionaries, & that it be forwarded for this purpose to the

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Synod at their next meeting.

Moses Syle & Wornack each paid the Clerk one Dollar agreeably to an order of April 11. 1801.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock  
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Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment and constituted with prayers. Members present as above:

The minutes of the last Session were read.

The Treasur paid the Clerk 1 D for his services.

The presbytery having heard a narrative from each of the members present, of the state of Religion in his particular Charge, and of the manner in which he performed his duty to his flock, have abundant reason for expressing their Gratitude to almighty God, for the great Mercies he has graciously bestowed on some Congregations within our bounds, since our last meeting. In some places God has been pleased to revive his work, to the visible increase of practical Godliness, and calling to himself, as we charitably hope, a number of sinners by saving conversion. In other places the attention of people to the importance of Religion seems to be increasing, whilst the hopes of the few remaining sinners are considerably revived. These favorable appearances, which the presbytery

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would record with Thankfulness, seem to afford encouragement for all the lovers of Jesus, and especially for the ministers of the Gospel, to be importunate at the Throne of Grace for an outpouring of the Spirit, and a Revival of his work in a more extensive degree. And it is hoped that all the Ministers will remember their obligations, and endeavour to abound more and more in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know, that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Mr Todd being present was called upon to inform the presbytery whether he was now ready to give an answer respecting the call from Providence Congregation which had been committed to his Consideration at our last meeting; and also whether he accepted the call presented from the Byrd Congregation. Mr Todd having declared his acceptance of the said calls - On motion, resolved, That Mr Todd be ordained at the next meeting of presbytery; that he preach previously to his ordination on Eph 1. 7; that Mr Alexander preach the Ordination Sermon; and that Mr Sacy preside & give the Charge.

On motion resolved, That these Congregations

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which have failed to send up to Presbytery an account of the number of their Communicants & Baptisms; and also a statement of their accounts with their ministers agreeably to an order of the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1801, be required to be particularly attentive to that Business, and without fail to transmit those accounts to the presbytery at their next meeting: and the Clerk was ordered to forward this Order to those Congregations which have been delinquent in the above particulars.

It was enjoined on all the members to be attentive to the Vacancies under our care, and to afford them all the supplies in their power between this and our next meeting; and then to make report of what they shall have done.

Mr Lacy and Mr Alexander were appointed a Committee to draw up our presbyterial report to be laid before Synod; and they are moreover required to lay the same before the presbytery at their next meeting.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting at the Byrd meeting House in Goochland County on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in October. Adjourned & Concluded with prayer James Turner Mod.

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Lexington Octo: 2<sup>nd</sup> 1802.

This Book was reviewed by the Synod  
and approved in general thus far

Benjamin Irwin,  
Mod.

Our meeting House Octo 21<sup>st</sup> 1802

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and a sermon  
was preached at the opening of it, by the Rev<sup>d</sup> James  
Robinson, from Luke 13. 6. - *constituted with prayer.*

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Sacy, Mod.  
Alexander, William Calhoun, & James Robinson; and  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Ker, and William Leak Elders.

Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, William Irwin,  
Archibald McRobert, James Mitchell, John D. Blair, Matthew  
Lyle, and James Turner.

Mr. Alexander was chosen Moderator & Mr. Sacy Clerk.

On Motion, The minutes of the last presbytery were read.

The Excuses of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander, Calhoun, & Robinson  
for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery were  
sustained.

Mr. Sacy and Mr. Calhoun were appointed to review the  
Session Books of the Cove and Rockfish, and to report  
thereon as soon as convenient.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Concluded with prayer



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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & constituted with prayer. Members present as above with the addition of Cole Robert Lewis an Elder of the Bird Congregation.

The Love Congregation reported, that since their last report, they had admitted 38 Members to Communion, and that they had dismissed 4, leaving in the whole 90 Communicants. Also that they had admitted 3 Adults & 9 Infants to the Ordinance of Baptism.

A report was received from Rockfish Congregation, that they had admitted to Communion since they last reported 12 persons, that one had been dismissed & one had died leaving their total number 66 members in full communion - that they had admitted to Baptism one adult & 6 Children - also that they owed Mr Robinson their pastor \$ 41. 17.

The Bird Congregation reported that their number of Communicants was 42. Also that no one had been baptized during the last year.

A Report from D<sup>s</sup> Congregation stated that they consisted of 31 Communicants; that 7 Infants had been baptized, and that there was due to Mr Calhoun their pastor 13 Dollars.

Providence Congregation reported that the number of their Communicants was 29, of which 22 were whites and 7 blacks.

Whereas some Irregularities, and great Negligence have appeared in many of the Congregations under

our care, respecting forwarding their Session Books for the review of Presbytery, reporting the number of Communicants & Baptisms, and of forwarding the sums required for paying Commissioners to the General Assembly specified in a former Order: On motion, Resolved that it be enjoined on all the Sessions and Congregations, to send their Session Books, make their Reports, & forward their Contributions annually to the presbytery at their fall meeting - and that the state clerk inform the Congregations respecting this Order.

It appeared upon Inquiry, that Briery Congregation had paid into the hands of the Treasurer for the purpose of paying the Commissioners to the General Assembly 10 Dollars; Cove & Rockfish 6, dew 4; D.S. 5; Peates 10; No account was received from the other Congregations.

Mr Sacy reported, that he attended the General Assembly last Spring in Philadelphia agreeably to appointment, and gave such other Information respecting his diligence and faithfulness therein as was satisfactory. And whereas Mr Sacy informed the Presbytery, that he was under the necessity of travelling by the Stage to Philadelphia, which had incurred an Expence of 51 \$ 96 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cents, the Presby

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judged the account reasonable, and passed an order on the Treasurer to pay the same out of the monies in his hands collected for that purpose.

The Presbytery heard a narrative from each minister present of the state of Religion in his particular charge, and of the manner in which he performed his duty. It appeared that there was no very visible alteration in the state of Society since our last meeting. The Presby have reason to rejoice that practical piety is visibly increasing in some of our Congregations; and upon the whole they hope that Religion is gaining ground within our bounds.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Waddel, Alexander & Calhoun each paid the Clerk one Dollar for his Services. The Clerk also acknowledged the receipt of one Dollar each from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell & Robinson since our last meeting.

An Inquiry was made whether the Members had attended to an order of the last presbytery to raise money for paying the Missionaries, when it appeared that those present had generally complied with it, and where there had been any failure satisfactory reasons were assigned for it.

Mr Todd preached a Sermon on Eph: 1. 7, the subject assigned him for a discourse by the last presbytery.

After divine worship the presbytery adjourned, & agreed to meet again at Cole Robert Lewis's at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & concluded with prayer. Members present as above except ~~eldest~~ her & Leak who were absent.

A Letter was received from the Rev. John D. Blain stating his reasons for not attending the present meeting of Presbytery which were judged satisfactory; also informing Presby that no arrearages were due from the Congregations to him at this time.

The Sermon of Mr Todd was taken under consideration & sustained, and the presbytery resolved that he be ordained tomorrow.

An Inquiry was made of the members what they had done towards supplying the vacancies, when it appeared that the members present had been diligent in preaching in various places, as well as in their own particular congregations.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to draw up our presbyterial report to be laid before Synod, and to lay the same before the Presbytery at the present meeting, complied with their appointment, & produced the following report: viz.

The Presbytery of Stanover reported, that they consist of the following Ministers, Licentiates & Congregations. viz. - The Rev. Doctor James Waddel Pastor of Bell-Grove; the Rev. William Irwin without a Charge - the Rev. Archibald de Robert,

pastor of Old Concord & Hat Creek; the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell  
 pastor of the Peake; the Rev<sup>d</sup> John D. Blair of Richmond  
 & Hanover; the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Lacy associated with Mr.  
 Alexander in Cumberland; the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Turner  
 Colleague with Mr Mitchell; the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alex-  
 -ander pastor of Cumberland & Colleague with Mr  
 Syle in Briery; the Rev<sup>d</sup> Matthew Syle pastor of  
 Buffalo & Colleague with Mr Alexander in Briery;  
 the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Calhoun pastor of D. S.; & the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
 James Robinson of the Cove and Rockfish —

They have two Licentiates, Mr John Todd, and Mr  
 Conrad Speece — They have the following vacant  
 Congregations under their Care. — The Bird in Goose-  
 land County; Providence in Louisa; Bleckstone in  
 Mecklenburg; Chesnut in Franklin; Sandy River  
 & New Erection in Pittsylvania; Cub Creek in  
 Charlotte; Smith's River in Patrick County; and  
 Norfolk. —

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Waddel, Alexander & Calhoun were appointed a  
 Committee to draw up the History of the presbytery of  
 Hanover agreeably to the requisition of the General Assembly  
 and to lay the same before Presbytery at their next meeting.

The Presbytery having taken into Consideration the  
 Recommendation of the Synod, "to divide their bounds into  
 half as many districts as there are members, and to  
 require each member to itinerate as a Missionary in one  
 of the districts a month in each year;" were of Opinion

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that considering the situation of their Members, and the extent of their bounds, it would be inexpedient to adopt the same

Mr. Robinson was appointed to itinerate on the North side of James River within our bounds for one month, in such places as may in his judgment promise the greatest usefulness, and where the fairest prospects open of forming Congregations; and make report of his performances at the next meeting of Presbytery

Mr. Mitchell was appointed to itinerate one month on the South side of James River in the bounds of this presbytery, where he may think the greatest prospects of usefulness offer themselves, & make report at the next meeting of Presbytery

The other members of Presbytery were appointed to supply all in their power between this and our next meeting

Mr. Conrad Speer was appointed to supply at discretion till our next meeting

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 7 O'clock

Concluded with prayer

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The minutes of our proceedings yesterday were read

The Bird congregation paid 3 Dollars for defraying the expences of the Commissioners to the General Assembly, which were ordered to be forwarded to the Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to review the Session Books

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of the Cove and Rockfish reported, & the Books generally approved

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander and Balhoon, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Anderson Hart, & Richard Gordon Elders were appointed to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to meet at Philadelphia on the third Thursday in May 1803; and Mr. Lacy was appointed an alternate to Mr. Alexander; and Mr. Syle to Mr. Balhoon; and Samuel Murrel was appointed an alternate to Mr. Hart, & James Morton to Mr. Gordon

The presbytery then adjourned, having agreed to meet at the Bird meeting House at 11 o'clock this day  
Concluded with prayer

Bird meeting House 11 o'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday

Mr. Alexander agreeably to order preached a Sermon previous to Mr. Todd's Ordination from 2 Tim: 2. 15. After which Mr. Todd having made the engagements required in our Directory, was solemnly set apart to the whole work of the Gospel ministry by prayer and imposition of Hands, and installed to the pastoral charge of the Bird & providence Congregations; and the Solemnity concluded with a Charge, delivered on the occasion, by Mr. Lacy. Mr. Todd then received the right hand of Fellowship

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and took his seat as a member of presbytery  
 On motion, resolved that the presbytery hold their  
 next meeting at Hanover meeting House on the  
 first Thursday in April 1803. Adjourned & concluded  
 with prayer

Arch<sup>r</sup> Alexander Mod<sup>r</sup>  
 B. H. J. G. Clerk

Bethel Meeting House. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1803

The Presbytery met agreeably to the Appointment  
 of the Moderator of the last Presbytery in conformity to  
 the discipline of our Church, to take into consideration  
 the case of Mr James Tomkins formerly a Baptist  
 preacher, but who now professes himself convinced of  
 the right of the seed of Believers to Baptism, & of the  
 validity of affusion as the mode, and wishes to place  
 himself under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for  
 the gospel Ministry

Members present, the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell, James Turner  
 & James Robinson, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Michael Graham, Benjamin  
 Rice, and William Wright Elders.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr Mitchell was chosen Moderator, & Mr Robinson Clk.  
 Adjourned to meet at this place Tomorrow at 2 o'clock  
 Concluded with prayer.

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Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Members  
 present as on Yesterday. Constituted with prayer.



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Mr Robert Logan of Lexington Presbytery being present took his seat as a corresponding member.

The Presby agreed to retire to Mr. Turner's, where they took under consideration the case of Mr James Tomkins, and after mature Deliberation, On motion Resolved, (as this case involved subjects of great Importance to the Interests of Religion, and there being but few members of Presby present, that the further consideration of it be referred to the said Presby to meet at Hanover meeting House the first Thursday in April next — concluded with prayer —

James Mitchell Modr  
James Robinson Clk

Hanover April 7<sup>th</sup> 1803

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and a Sermon was preached at the opening of it by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Drury Lacy — constituted with prayer.

The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> John D. Blair, Drury Lacy, & James Robinson; and Miss<sup>rs</sup> John Parker, & Andrew Hart Elders

Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, Wm Irvin, Archibald McRobert, James Mitchell, James Turner, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander, Matthew Lyle, William Calhoun, & John Todd,

Mr Blair was chosen Moderator, & Mr Lacy Clerk — On Motion, The Minutes of the last Presbytery at the Bird meeting House were read —

The Minutes of a Presbytery called by the Moderator to meet at Bethel meeting House in Bedford County, on

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the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1803 were produced and read

Mr. Blair paid into the hands of the clerk, for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of the Commissioners to the General Assembly 10 Dollars which were ordered to be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Mr Blair paid the clerk two Dollars for his Services until the present date. Mr Robinson also paid the clerk one Dollar.

A Letter was received from Mr Conrad Speece requesting a Dismissal in general without directing him to the care of any particular presbytery. The Presby having considered the request, was of Opinion that there would be an impropriety in granting it in that form; and as they could not foresee any inconvenience that Mr Speece would sustain by with-holding a Dismissal for the present, they directed their clerk to inform him of their proceeding thereon.

The following request was presented from Rockfish Congregation in Amherst County, VA

"At a meeting of Session at Rockfish Meeting House  
 " the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1803. The Session took under Con-  
 " sideration the State of Religion in that Congregation,  
 " and after matured deliberation were of Opinion, that  
 " it would be more for the advantage of Religion in their  
 " Bounds, if the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson were at liberty to  
 " dispose of a part of his labors in a distant Quarter of  
 " this Congregation. And in order to effect this,

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"On motion resolved unanimously, that the Presbytery of Hanover be requested to dissolve the pastoral Relation between this Congregation and the Revd James Robinson & the Clerk was ordered to transmit to Presbytery a Copy of this minute." "Alec<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Clk<sup>r</sup>"

Whereupon, M<sup>r</sup> Robinson being present, and expressing to Presbytery his entire Approbation, Resolved, that the request be granted.

The Presby adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 10 O'clock ————— Concluded with prayer

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1803

Presbytery met according to adjournment & constituted with prayer. Members present as above

The Minutes of the last Session were read  
M<sup>r</sup> Polair & M<sup>r</sup> Tracy gave their Reasons for not attending the Presbytery called by the Moderator to meet in Bedford in last February, which were sustained

Commissions not having been signed at the Presbytery last Fall when Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly, were ordered to be signed by the present Moderator and Clerk

M<sup>r</sup> Robinson gave a narrative of what he had done under an appointment of last presbytery directing him to itinerate one month on the North side of James River, by which it appeared that he had substantially complied with that appointment

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 11 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer

Hanover April 9<sup>th</sup> 1803

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

No Report was received from the Committee appointed at our last Meeting to draw up the history of this Presby. Therefore on motion, the Committee was continued, & ordered to report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Members present gave such Information with respect to supplying in different parts, as was satisfactory.

The Presbytery heard a narrative from each of the members present, of the manner in which he performed his duty to his flock, of the state of Religion in his charge (in the Bounds of his Reservation); and altho' they have to lament the want of Zeal and Engagedness in a more general and extensive degree than they find among the people, yet the Lord preserves their hopes, and makes them still willing to labor in his service. Professors of Religion, they humbly trust, are still persevering in the path of duty; and from the Additions, altho' small, that are from time to time made to the Congregations, they entertain hopes that the Lord will preserve a seed to serve him in generations yet to come. In some parts of our Bounds, prospects have been and continued to be encouraging. They therefore think that there is Encouragement to be instant in ~~study~~ and they would sollicit all God's people, who feel concerned for the Interests of Zion to aid them with their prayers.

The Members were recommended in general to consider how many precious souls are perishing for lack of

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knowledge, and the Importance & necessity of spreading the knowledge of Religion as extensively as they have it in their power. It was therefore particularly ordered that each member should supply as much as he can both in our Vacancies, & in other parts where there may be a prospect of usefulness by preaching the Gospel.

Whereas it was represented by one of the members present, that Mr John H. Rice a Tutor in Hampden-Sydney College was desirous of coming under the care of this Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry, and that subjects had been assigned him by Mr Alexander as pieces of Trial, which he had intended to have produced at this Time, but was prevented by sickness - On Motion Resolved, That Messrs. Mr Robert, Lacy, Alexander & Lyle; also Messrs. James Allen, Nathl. Rice, & James Norton Elders, and any other members of Presbytery who may find it convenient to attend, be a Committee to receive Mr Rice as a Candidate if they judge it advisable, and to examine such pieces of Trial as he may produce. And also to take into Consideration the Reference made by the Presby which was called to meet in Bedford in February last, & decide thereon; and to report their proceedings to Presby at their next meeting - Mr Calhoun was appointed to supply at Volunteer meeting House & at Clarke's meeting house in Albemarle County, as often as he can make it convenient between this and the next meeting of Presby.

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On Motion resolved, that the next Presbytery be held at the Cove meeting house in Allemarle County on the second Thursday is September - Adjourned & Concluded -  
 with prayer -

John D. Blair modr

Darius Lambler

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The Synod met according to adjournment, and a sermon was preached by Mr James Tomkins. Constituted with prayer.

The members present, were the Rev? William Irwin, Darius Lucy, James Robinson, and John Todd. The Elders representing Congregations were William Wright from Rockfish, John H. Rice from Cumberland, & Robert Charles from the Cyd.

The Rev? Doctor James Waddel, Archibald M. Robert, James Mitchell, John D. Blair, Arch? Alexander, Matthew Lyle, James Turner, and William Calhoun were absent.

Mr. Robinson was chosen Moderator & Mr Lucy Clerk.

On Motion, the minutes of the last Presbytery were read.

Mr Irwin's & Mr. Todd's reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery were sustained.

Mr Conrad Speece in a Letter addressed to Mr James Robinson requested to be dismissed from under the care of this Presbytery in order to join himself to Baltimore Presbytery in the bounds of which he has a prospect of settling. The request being considered, it was agreed that it should be granted; & the clerk was ordered to forward such a Dismission to Mr Speece properly attested.

A Letter was received from Mr Arch? Alexander stating his Reasons for not attending the present meeting, which

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were sustained; also giving the Presbytery Information of the manner in which he had executed the Trust reposed in him as a Representative to the General Assembly last May, with an Account of the expenses incurred by that journey, and whereas it appeared that Mr Alexander was obliged to travel by the Stage to Philadelphia by which he had expended the sum of 51. 86 $\frac{1}{2}$  D, it was ordered, that the Treasurer pay the same, and a draught was drawn on him for that amount duly signed.

The Presbytery heard the report of the Committee appointed last Spring for the purposes of receiving Mr John S. Rice as a Candidate for the Ministry if they judged it advisable or; and also to take into Consideration the reference respecting Mr James Tomkins; and resolved to take the same under Consideration Tomorrow Morning.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer

September 9<sup>th</sup> 1803.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

The Presbytery took under consideration the report of the Committee which was heard yesterday; and after full deliberation unanimously agreed to receive the same.

Ordered that the report be entered on our Minutes which was as follows

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"The Committee appointed by the Presbytery at their meeting at Hanover meeting house on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 1803, to receive Mr John H. Rice as a Candidate for the Ministry, if they judged it advisable &c; also to take into Consideration the Reference made by the Presbytery, which was called to meet in Bedford in February last respecting Mr James Tomkins & decide thereon - Report<sup>d</sup>

"That your Committee supposing the most accurate Information might be obtained in the case of Mr Tomkins by making their Inquiries in the Neighbourhood where he lived, appointed a meeting at Canister Academy in Pittsylvania County on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. For various reasons none of the Committee attended, except Mess<sup>rs</sup> Syles, Morton & Allen. However they proceeded to collect such Information as they could obtain, and procured a copy of the proceedings of the Baptist Church, containing the Charges which had been brought against his Religious Character, with various other Documents tending to prove his Innocence. The Committee then adjourned to Hampden Sydney to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July.

"At this last meeting Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mr Robert Lacy, Alexander Syle, Morton & Allen attended. Your Committee received from Mr Tomkins some other Certificates in addition to those which were already in their possession, which he had collected in justification of his moral Character. Your Committee having collected all the Information in the Case they could obtain, having also carefully considered the Charges & Reports which have been



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circulated respecting Mr Tomkins prejudicial to his Character, and the proceedings of the Baptist Church relative to those Reports, after full Deliberation were unanimously of the Opinion that the Reports were wholly unfounded; and therefore determined, that nothing appeared against the religious and moral Character of James Tomkins at present as a sufficient bar to prevent us from receiving him as a Minister of the Gospel."

"Your Committee was further of Opinion upon a careful Consideration of all Circumstances connected with the Case, that it would promote the Interest of the Churches within our Bounds to receive Mr Tomkins as a Minister of the Gospel into our Communion; and we do therefore recommend it to the presbytery to receive him, if no obstacle should there be in the way of his admission, other than now appears to us to exist."

"Your Committee further report, that they examined Mr John H. Rice on his experimental acquaintance with Religion, & respecting his desires for desiring to preach the Gospel, on which they received competent Satisfaction. That Mr Rice then proceeded to read an Essay on this Question, "Are the Miracles of Christ of themselves sufficient to prove the Truth of the Christian Religion," and also a Lecture on Rom. 8. 1-4 inclusive which pieces of Trial were sustained by your Committee. Lastly, they report, that they appointed him to write a Discourse on Acts 10. 34, 35; and also John 5. 40 as

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the subject of a popular Sermon, to be produced as soon as shall be convenient." — "All which is submitted by your Committee".

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| Signed Arch <sup>d</sup> Ch <sup>r</sup> Robert Ch <sup>r</sup> | } James Morton<br>James Allen<br>Nath <sup>l</sup> Price " |
| Bruno Jany Clerk  |  |
| Arch <sup>d</sup> Alexander.                                    |  |
| Matthew Lyle  |  |

On Motion resolved, that Mr James Tomkins who was heretofore a preacher of the Gospel in Connection with the Baptist Church, and who has applied to the Presbytery to be taken under their care as a candidate, be agreeably to the Spirit of the Recommendation of the Committee appointed to consider his case and decide thereon, received under the care of this presbytery as a preacher of the Gospel; and that exercises of Trial be appointed unto him.

And as this is a new and important case resolved farther, that the following Question be brought before Synod at their next meeting by way of Overture. "A regularly ordained Minister of the Baptist Church applies to a presbytery to be received as a minister of the Gospel in Connection with them, is his Ordination to be considered as valid?" — The Clerk was ordered to bring this Overture before the Synod at their next meeting.

Mr John H. Rice preached a Sermon on John 5. 40 the subject which had been appointed by the Committee, which having been considered was sustained.

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All Rice then read an Exercise on Acts 10. 34, 35 which had also been appointed by the Committee, which was sustained as a part of Trial.

All Sary and major Quarles were appointed a Committee to review the Sessior Books of the Cove and Rockfish Congregations, and to report thereon as soon as convenient.

The Sessior of Rockfish reported, that the whole number of Communicants in that congregation consisted at present of 97 members.

The Sessior of the Cove Congregation reported that they consisted at present of 96 members.

The Bird Congregation reported, that their total number at present was 44; and that 6 Children had been baptized since they last reported.

Providence Congregation reported, that the number of their Communicants was 29; & that 1 Infant had been baptized.

All Robinson informed the Presbytery that the Cove Congregation had paid up his Salary to the Commencement of the present year; but that Rockfish Congregation was in arrears to him.

All Sary informed Presbytery, that Cumberland Congregation had paid up his Salary to the beginning of the present year.

The Presbytery adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 10 O'clock - Concluded with prayer

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The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

The Committee appointed to review the Session Books of the Cove and Rockfish Congregations reported, that they had performed that duty, and that it was their opinion that the Books were regularly kept, and ought to be approved, which report was received.

Whereas the Congregations & Sessions appear unreasonably negligent in complying with the existing orders of the presbytery, and the Injunctions of the Synod, requiring them to send up their Session Books for the review of Presbytery, to report the number of their Communicants and Baptisms, to forward their annual Contributions for the payment of Commissioners to the General Assembly, and to send a Statement of their Accounts with their Ministers - On motion, ordered that the stated Clerk write to each of the delinquent Congregations & Sessions under our care, to be punctual in forwarding those Reports to the Presbytery at their next fall meeting by their representatives; and that in case of negligence, the Presbytery will be under the disagreeable necessity of citing them to appear & render an account of such Failure.

Rockfish Congregation paid into the hands of the Clerk for defraying the Expences of Commissioners to the General Assembly 4 1/4 D leaving a balance due of 4 3/4 D, The Cove

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Congregation paid for the same purpose 5 B; And Providence & the Bird paid 7 B; which were ordered to be forwarded to the Treasurer. —

The Clerk acknowledged the receipt of 2 B from W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Robert, 1 B from W<sup>m</sup> Alexander, 1 B from W<sup>m</sup> Lyle, & 1 B from W<sup>m</sup> Todd, which had been paid to him for his Services since our last meeting —

W<sup>m</sup> Irwin paid the Clerk 1 B for his Services.

It appeared on Inquiry that the members present had generally complied with the Order made at our last meeting respecting Supplies, by preaching as extensively as opportunity & circumstances would allow. —

W<sup>m</sup> John Cox a Minister in the Methodist Church was invited and took his seat as a Correspondent.

Major Quarles obtained leave of absence the Remainder of the Session —

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 O'clock  
Concluded with prayer. —

September 12<sup>th</sup> 1803.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer. Members present as above, except W<sup>m</sup> Irwin, who was absent —

The Minutes of the last Session were read —

The Presbytery having authentic Testimonials with regard to W<sup>m</sup> John H<sup>o</sup> Rice of his having gone thro' a regular Course of Learning, and of his having had the Degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred on

him by the College of Hampden Sydney, entered upon an Examination of him respecting his knowledge in Theology natural and revealed, & other subjects required in our form of Government. And having received Satisfaction thereon, agreed to license him to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer under our care.

Mr Rice then having taken on him the Engagements required of Candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery proceeded to license him to preach the Gospel in our bounds, and wherever he shall be orderly called, agreeably to the Rules prescribed in the Discipline of our Church.

A Narrative was heard from each of the Ministers present of the State of Religion in his charge & the prospects, as far as our Information extends, do not appear to have changed materially since our last meeting. From the additions that are made from time to time in some places, we are encouraged to hope that our Labours are not altogether in vain in the Lord, but from the inattention of vast multitudes to the great Fruits of Religion, we have much cause for humiliation before God, and for greater exertions in his glorious Cause.

Mr Tomkins was appointed to write an Essay on the Following Question, "Wherein consisted the punishment of Adam's Transgression, and in what manner was it inflicted?" Also to write a discourse on 1. John 2. 2, to be produced at our next meeting.

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History of Hanover Presbytery made no report, it was therefore continued, & ordered to make their report to the next Presbytery at farthest.

Mr. Rice was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Walker's Church, one Sabbath at Cut-Creek, and one Sabbath at Rough-Creek between this and our next meeting, and the rest of his time at discretion.

The members were ordered generally to afford such supplies to the vacancies in our bounds as their circumstances and opportunities permit.

Ordered, that the Clerk lay the following report before the Synod at their next meeting.

The Presbytery of Hanover reported, that they consist of the following Ministers, Licentiates, and Congregations, viz, The Rev. Doctor James Waddel pastor of Bell-Creek; The Rev. William Shown without a charge; The Rev. Archibald & Robert pastor of old Concord, & Hat-Creek; The Rev. James Mitchell pastor of the Peaks Congregation; The Rev. John D. Blair pastor of Richmond & Hanovers; The Rev. Drury Lacy of associated with Mr. Alexander in Cumberland; The Rev. James Turned Colleague with Mr. Mitchell; The Rev. Archibald Alexander pastor of Cumberland & Colleague with Mr. Lyle in Briery; The Rev. Matthew Lyle pastor of Buffalo and Colleague with Mr. Alexander in Briery; The Rev. William Cochran pastor of D.S.; The Rev. James Robinson pastor of the Cove, & who staidly supplies Hookfish; and the Rev. John Todd

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whom they have ordained & installed as pastor of the  
Bird & Providence Congregations

They have dissolved the pastoral Relation between the  
Rev James Robinson & Rockfish Congregation— have  
dignified old Conrad Speece to join Baltimore Presbytery,  
& have licensed old John St. Rice to preach the Gospel.  
They have also received under their care as a preacher  
of the Gospel,  
old James Tomkins formerly a minister of the Baptist  
Church, & have appointed him piece of Trial

They have the following vacant Congregations under  
their care. (Steetstone) in Allecklenburg, supplied at present  
by the Rev John Matthews of Orange Presbytery, Chesnut  
in Franklin, Sandy River & New Erection in Pittsylvania  
Cub Creek and Little Concord in Charlotte, Smiths River  
in Patrick County, and Norfolk

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting at  
Hampden Sydney College on the first Thursday in  
April next. Adjourned, & concluded with prayer.

James Robinson Mod.  
Dennis Lang Secy

Thus far examined and approved by  
the Synod. Samuel Houston Mod.

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The members present were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald McRobert, Drury Lacy, Matthew Lyle, William Calhoun, and James Robinson. The Elders representing Congregations were Mr James Allen from Drury, Mr. Nathl Rice from Buffalo, & Mr Randolph Lewis from Clarke's Congregation, which has been organized by Mr Calhoun since our last Report.

Absent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel, Wm Irwin, James Stickle, John D Blair, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander, James Turner, and John Todd.

Mr. McRobert was chosen Moderator and Mr Lyle Clerk

The Minutes of the last presbytery were read.

The Reasons of Messrs McRobert, Lyle & Calhoun for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery were sustained.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs John Robinson & Clement Read Ministers of the Republican Methodist Church were invited to take a seat, and be present during the sessions of May. Messrs McRobert, Lyle and Robinson each paid the clerk 1 B, and Mr Calhoun 2 B for his services.

Mr Rice informed the presbytery that he had fulfilled the appointments made at our last meeting.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock  
Concluded with prayer

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Presbytery met according to adjournment, & concluded with prayer. Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

An Inquiring was made of the members respecting what they had done in supplying vacant places and Congregations, when it appeared that they had generally been attentive to that object, and had supplied as much as could be expected in present circumstances.

A Call from Sub-creek Congregation, a decessed to Mr. John St. Rice for three fourths of his time, was read and presented to him. But Mr. Rice informed the presbytery that he did not wish to give a decision answer to the Call at present, but was willing to take it under consideration. Wherefore the Call was put into his hands, and he was requested to give a final answer to it as soon as convenient.

The Presbytery were informed by Messrs John Robinson & Clement Read that they had been appointed by the Republican Methodist Church, a Committee to confer with this presbytery on the subject of a Union, which it appeared, their constituents unanimously desired to form with the presbyterian Church. Whereupon Messrs Sany, Alexander and Lyle were appointed a Committee on the part of presbytery to meet and confer with the said Church, or any Committee which they may appoint, and to adopt such measures respecting the Union

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contemplated, as to them may appear eligible, and to make their report to presbytery at their next meeting.

Col. Charles Allen an Elder from Cumberland Congregation took a seat.

The Treasurer presented his Account from which it appeared that there was a Balance due in favor of Presbytery amounting to £ 241. 18. 9.

A Donation was made to the Charitable Fund by Mr. Andrew Baker Sen: on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 1804 of £ 133. 6. 8; the Interest arising from ~~this~~ which sum is to be appropriated to the Education of Andrew Davidson, a nephew of the said Baker's, who is now engaged in obtaining a liberal Education at Washington Academy until his Education be completed or he relinquish that object; and that for ever after the Interest of the above sum of money is to be exclusively applied to the purpose of educating poor and pious youth.

An Motion resolved, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lay & Alexander be a standing Committee to settle the presbytery's Account with the Treasurer annually, to draw the Interest & to apply the same as the presbytery shall from time to time direct, and to make their report every Year at our Hall-meeting.

It was represented to the presbytery that Mr James Thompson a member of the Cove Congregation & of promising Talents, was engaged in acquiring a liberal

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Education, and needed pecuniary aid to enable him to prosecute his Studies. Whereupon it was ordered that the standing Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts &c. apply the Interest now due on the Charitable Fund, or so much thereof as they shall judge proper for the Benefit of the said Thompson, and that they endeavour to obtain accurate Information respecting his Circumstances, Talents and progress in Learning.

Mr John S. Rice declared his acceptance of the Call presented to him to day from Cuddebeck Congregation.

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock,  
Concluded with prayer.

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Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, & concluded with prayer. Members present as above, with the addition of the Rev. & Trusd. Alexander, whose reasons for not attending sooner were sustained; and also Mr. Elliot Woods an Elder from Rockfish Congregation.

A Call from Rockfish Congregation was brought forward, directed to the Rev. James Robinson requesting him to undertake the pastoral care of that Congregation one half of his time. Which Call being read and presented to Mr Robinson, he declared his acceptance of it.

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of this presbytery agreeably to the order of the General Assembly, informed the presbytery, that they had not yet completed that Business. Whereupon the Committee was continued, and required to finish it as soon as possible, and send it on by the first Opportunity to Philadelphia, that it may be laid before the ensuing Assembly.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs John D. Blair & Matthew Syle, and Messrs James Allen and Michael Woods Elders, were appointed to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to meet at Philadelphia on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May next; and the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd was appointed an alternate to Mr Blair, and the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Calhoun an alternate to Mr Syle.

The Presbytery having received Information that the minutes of the old Hanover presbytery were recovered, and were in the possession of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alexander; Ordered that they be deposited in the hands of the stated clerk for safe-keeping, and that he transcribe or procure to be transcribed such parts of them as need it, in order to their preservation, and present his account for this service to the Presbytery when it is completed.

The Presbytery took into Consideration the Recommendation of the Assembly respecting the Support of Commissioners, and resolved that

...the left point of which will be to Case of ... for the future, for the continuation of was killed. ... the way, no pecuniary contributions of any ... and what else ... order back ... ed a year ... In them, since the fortune of the war in which we have been involved, stands in to keep the United Com<sup>rs</sup> in our power, and that it would be ...

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the following report be made to the assembly agreeably to order. *Viz*, The Presbytery of Hanover have made provision for defraying the Expenses of their own Commissioners, and they are not able to devise any general plan more eligible than for each presbytery to support its own Commissioners as hitherto.

The members were ordered to supply in vacant places & Congregations as much as their Circumstances will permit until the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery for sundry Reasons agreed to dispense with a Narrative respecting the state of Religion at the present Session.

Mr Rice was directed to supply at discretion.

Ordered. That all the Members belonging to this Presbytery be required, & they are hereby required to endeavour to take up Collections in their particular Congregations, & in the vacancies they may supply, for the purpose of supporting the Missionaries employed by the Synod of Virginia; and that they forward such Collections to Major James Horton the Treasurer, or bring them to presbytery at their next meeting, or carry them to synod, as may be most convenient; and that the stated Clerk give the absent members notice of this Order.

Whereas Mr John H. Rice has accepted a Call from Cub Creek Congregation, & it appears proper that he should be ordained at our next meeting,

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Gen. B. A. was appointed him as the subject of a trial  
Sermon; and in case no obstacle should then exist  
against his being Ordained, Mr. Alexander was  
appointed to preach an Ordination Sermon, and Mr.  
Lay to preside and give the charge.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting  
at Cuddebeck Meeting House on the last Friday  
in September next. — Adjourned & concluded  
with prayer

Arch<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Robert M<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>r</sup>.

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