







# The Presbytery of Hannover

The Pres<sup>y</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>

Richard Sankey

John Todd

Archibald W. Roberts

James Waddell

William Erwin

John B. Smith

James Mitchel

John Blair

William Mahon

Drury Lacy

William Moore

The Presbytery of Medstone  
The Mod. Mep.<sup>ry</sup>

James Finley  
John Clark  
Joseph Smith  
James Power  
John Mcmillan  
Shadew Todd  
James Dunlop



# The Presbytery of Lexington

The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup>

- John Brown — — — — — and Deced
- William Graham — — — — — Do
- Archibald Scott — — — — — Do
- Edward Crawford — — — — —
- John Montgomery
- Benjamin Ervin
- William Wilson
- Moses Hoge
- Samuel Carrick — — — — — and
- John McEae
- Samuel Houston
- Samuel Brown
- Benjamin Grigsby
- George Baxter
- Daniel Blair
- Robert Logan.

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The Presbytery of Transylvania.

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The Synod of Virginia constituted May 30<sup>th</sup>  
October the 23<sup>th</sup> - 1700

The Synod of Virginia met at New-providence Church agreeable to a resolve of the late Synod of Philadelphia & New-york when met at Philadelphia on the 21<sup>th</sup> of May 1700 & was opened with a Sermon from Col. IV. 17 by the Rev.<sup>d</sup> John Brown the Senior Member present who Presided untill another Moderator was chosen

The Synod was constituted with Prayer  
The Presbytery of Lexington present. Consisting of the following Members

The Mod.<sup>r</sup> Mess.<sup>rs</sup> John Brown, W<sup>m</sup> Graham, Arch<sup>d</sup> Scott, Edward Crawford, John Montgomery, Benjamin Erwin, W<sup>m</sup> Wilton, Moses Hoge & John McQue — Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Jas Allen, Sam<sup>l</sup> Mutchen, John Walker & Sa<sup>l</sup> McCampbell Elders —

Absent

The Presbytery of Hannover, Newstone & Transylvania  
W<sup>m</sup> Graham was chosen Moderator

— And M<sup>r</sup> Montgomery Clerk with M<sup>r</sup> Hoge an Assistant

Upon Motion made & seconded it was resolved that the Synod adjourn to meet tomorrow at 12 O'clock



adjourned with Prayer

Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October - 1700

The Synod of Virginia met according to adjournment

Members present as above

Constituted with Prayer

Upon Motion made and seconded it was resolved that the Synod adjourn to meet at Lexington in Rockbridge County on the third Wednesday of October next; and that the Clerk give notice of the time & place of the meeting of Synod to the absent Presbyteries

Adjourned with Prayer

John Montgomery <sup>clerk</sup>

Lexington

Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1789

The Synod of Virginia met according to adjournment

The Synod was opened with a Sermon from  
2 Cor. 11. 16 by the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd

Present of  
The Presbytery of Hannover

The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd

Absent of  
The Presbytery of Hannover

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nich<sup>d</sup>

Sanckey, Arch<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Roberts, James Waddell,  
W<sup>m</sup> Ervin, John Blair Smith, Jas Mitchel,  
John Blair, W<sup>m</sup> Mahon, Trury Lacy  
W<sup>m</sup> Moore

Present of  
The Presbytery of Redstone

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jas

Finley & John W. Miller

Absent of  
The Presbytery of Redstone

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup>

John Clark, Joseph Smith, James Powers  
Thaddeus Todd & James Dunlop

Present of

The Presbytery of Lexington

The Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>.  
John Brown, W<sup>m</sup> Graham, Arch. Scott,  
Edward Crawford, John Montgomery,  
Benjamin Erwin, W<sup>m</sup> Wilson, Jas. Carrick

Absent of

The Presbytery of Lexington

M<sup>rs</sup>. Hoge & John W<sup>m</sup> Ewe

The Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>.

Present

M<sup>rs</sup>. Joseph Moore  
John Wilson, James Crochet, James Allen  
Ruling Elders

Absent

The Presbytery of Transylvania

The Synod was constituted with Prayer

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator  
and Clerk whereupon Mr Todd was chosen Mo-  
derator and Mr. W. Millan Clerk

Ordered that the Minutes of the last Synod be  
now read

M<sup>rs</sup>. Todd, Finley and W. Millan's reasons for  
being absent from our last meeting are sustained



The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Brown James Finley John  
Montgomery together with James Allen and John  
Wilson Elders are appointed a committee of over-  
ture to meet this evening at W. Alexander  
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9  
o'clock

Concluded with prayer

Thursday the 22<sup>d</sup> of October the Synod met accord-  
ing to adjournment

Members present as above  
Mr Mitchel and Mr Lacy are now come their  
reasons for not coming sooner are sustained

Ordered to read the Minutes of the last Session  
Mr Mitchel and Mr Lacy's reasons for not attend-  
ing the last meeting of Synod are sustained  
Upon Motion

Resolved that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Finley Graham  
and Lacy together with Mr Allen and Mr Wilson  
Elders be a Committee to prepare a draught  
of a plan for raising a fund to support Mis-  
sionaries to itinerate within the bounds of this  
Synod and to lay it before Synod tomorrow morn-  
ing

The Committee of overtures reported that there  
was a reference from the Presbytery of Redstone  
to the Synod of Virginia in a case which had  
come before them respecting the Rev. J. Sal-  
barr on the one part and the Trustees and  
Session of the Congregation of Pittsburgh on the other

That a number of Charges were exhibited by Mr Barr  
 against the abalce Congregation and against In-  
 dividual in sd Congregation and also a num-  
 ber of Charges were exhibited against Mr Barr  
 by sd Congregation and that the Presbytery  
 had met at Pittsburgh and heard the Evidence  
 produced by both parties and from the  
 best light that could be obtained they pro-  
 ceeded to dismiss the Mr Barr from his pasto-  
 ral relation to that people and to suspend him  
 from the exercise of his office until the judg-  
 ment of Synod could be known and agreed to  
 refer the case as stated before them to the Synod  
 with which Mr Barr concurred as appears from  
 his Letter to the Moderators of the Stone Presbytery  
 Upon Motion

Ordered that the said reference be laid  
 before the Synod for their consideration.  
 Having made some progress in the considera-  
 tion of the reference from the Stone  
 adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening  
 Concluded with Prayer

7 o'clock in the evening the Synod met ac-  
 cording to adjournment opened with prayer  
 The Members present as above  
 The Synod proceeded in the consideration of the re-  
 ference from the Presbytery of the Stone and  
 made some progress  
 adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock  
 Concluded with Prayer

Friday the 23<sup>d</sup> of October the Synod met according to adjournment

The Members present as above

The Synod was constituted by Prayer  
Ordered to read the minutes of yesterday's session  
The Committee appointed to prepare a draught of a report that they have entered upon the business but have not been able to finish and therefore request longer time. which is granted

The Synod resumed the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of the Stone and made some further progress

Adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock this evening

Concluded with prayer

Friday evening the Synod met according to adjournment —

The Members present as above

The Synod was constituted with prayer

The Rev.<sup>d</sup> John Blair Smith a Member of Hannover Presbytery is now come — his reasons for not coming sooner are justified

Ordered to read the the Minutes of the last Session

The Synod resumed the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of the Stone and having heard what evidence could be offered on both sides deferred further deliberation thereupon untill tomorrow

W<sup>r</sup> W. Millan having withdrawn W<sup>r</sup> Laury was



appointed Clerk pro tempore  
The Synod then adjourned untill tomorrow morn-  
ing 7 o'clock Concluded with prayer

Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 1709

The Synod ~~as yesterday~~ met according to adjourn-  
ment - Members present as above  
Constituted with prayer

Ordered that the minutes of the Sessions of  
yesterday be read

The Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of  
a plan for raising a fund to support Missionaries  
to preach the Gospel made their report, which  
was ordered to lie upon the Table for further con-  
sideration

Upon Motion resumed the consideration of Mr  
Barrs affair - and after considerable time spent  
in the discussion came to the following resolution  
viz. The Synod having attended to the remonstrance from  
the Presbytery of the Stone in the case of the Rev. Mr  
Barr & having considered a number of papers which  
Mr Barr produced in word to shew that he was ag-  
grieved by the nature of the proceedings against  
him before the Presbytery and by the Sentence of  
Suspension pronounced against him by the  
said Presbytery - Are of opinion that they

cannot proceed to form any decisive judgment  
in the case for the following reasons —

Because the papers introduced by Mr. Barr appear  
to exhibit new matter which ought to be consid-  
ered before any final decision can be properly made  
because they refer to witnesses who were not called  
upon in his trial before the Presbytery

Because they contain something which appears  
contradictory in the conduct of the Members of  
Pittsburgh Congregation which the Synod at  
their present distance cannot unravel, in im-  
charging Mr. Barr by their representatives with  
certain faults and afterward in declaring his in-  
nocence, by the subscription of the of the individual Mem-  
ber of the said Congregation together with their in-  
tention again to receive Mr. Barr as their Minister

Because there are charges insinuated in those papers  
against the said Presbytery which the Synod  
conceive ought to be made known to them that  
they may have it in their power to confront the  
Witnesses, that no ex parte testimony may be ad-  
mitted in the case —

The Synod therefore agree  
to refer the consideration of the whole affair <sup>deno</sup>  
to the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Powers, Shadew Dobb,  
James Dunlop, Edward Crawford, John Mont-  
gomery, Moses Hoge, & Col. Robert White Elder,  
or any three of the whole number as a com-  
mittee of Synod: — And the Synod recom-  
mend it to the said Committee to be a careful <sup>Some</sup>  
as possible with regard to the nature of their  
which they admit upon the occasion; that no  
appearances of party spirit or prejudice may  
exist in the decision

The Committee is appointed to meet at Pittsburgh on the fourth Sunday of November next Mr Warr is directed to give notice to the parties concerned about Pittsburgh of this Resolutions of the Synod — And Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Millan & Finley are directed to give notice to the parties concerned in the bounds of Medstone Presbytery contiguous to them — And the Witnesses who appeared against Mr Warr before the Presbytery of Medstone are to have notice to specify the times and places of the respective Charges — and Mr Warr is to specify his charges against the Members of the Congregation against whom he complains — This interchange of notice to be at least ten Days before the meeting of the Committee of Synod

The Report of the Committee for preparing a draught of a plan for sending forth Missionaries was returned and agreed upon which is as follows viz.

The Synod taking into serious consideration the state of the vacant congregations within their bounds and seeing with much concern the miserable state of multitudes who have none to break the bread of life amongst <sup>them</sup> and are perishing for lack of knowledge; and being affected with the situation of the youth upon whom the hope of the

Church in future seem to depend; who are likely to be brought up in ignorance and profanity; desirous to remedy these evils as far as practicable in dependance upon the great head of the Church have resolved to adopt the following Plan —

1. That we will take all <sup>possible</sup> care to seek for Men of Knowledge Integrity and Piety who may travel throughout our bounds, as Missionaries to preach the Gospel, to catechise and instruct the youth and to discharge such other parts of Ministerial Duty as they may be authorized to perform —

2. That there shall be a Committee of Synod appointed, consisting of four Ministers and four Elders who shall be called the commission of synod to receive the recommendations of such Men from the respective Presbyteries, to examine into their credentials and fitness for the discharge of such an office and who shall give them such directions and instructions as the exigencies of different places may require that they shall meet annually and oftener if thought necessary; and that any two Ministers and as many Elders of the Commission as shall be convened at the place appointed shall have sufficient power to proceed to business.

3. That it shall be recommended to the different Presbyteries to raise such contributions as they may be able in their respective bounds; which



shall be put into a general fund for the support of such Missionaries  
 It that there shall be a Treasurer appointed in whose hands the money raised by the different Presbyteries shall be deposited, who shall keep a fair book of Accounts, give and take receipts for all money received or paid away by him and shall make a return to the Commission of Synod or to the Synod as often as may be required. And that he pay out such sums upon the order of the Commission to the different Missionaries as may be appropriated to them — and all those collections or donations that may be received by the different Missionaries from the Societies, shall be accounted for by the said Missionaries to the Commission of Synod

The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Graham, Scott, Smith, & Mitchell Ministers and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Charles Allen, Benjamin Rice, John Lyle and John Wilson Elders are appointed to be the Commission of the Synod  
 Mr William Alexander of Lexington is appointed Treasurer of the Synod  
 Upon Motion

Agreed that Mr Graham be stated Clerk of the Synod and that he procure a ~~proper~~ a proper Synod — book have the Minutes fairly transcribed and do the other duties of a Clerk  
 Ordered that the respective Presbyteries pro-

- Due an accurate return of the Churches Ministers  
and Probationers in their respective bounds  
at our next meeting

Adjourned to meet at Winchester the last Wed-  
nesday of September - 1790

concluded with prayer

John Todd Mo.  
John W. Millan C<sup>k</sup>

Winchester September 29<sup>th</sup> - 1790

The Synod of Virginia met according to adjourn-  
ment when a sermon was delivered by the Rev.  
John W. Millan from Col. 2. 19. but there being  
few of the Members present it was agreed  
to defer the Constitution of the Synod till tomor-  
row morning at 9 o'clock

Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> - 90

The Synod met according to appointment  
Present of the Presbytery of Lexington  
The Rev. Messrs Hoge  
of the Presbytery of Newstone

The Rev. Messrs Joseph Smith, John W. Millan,  
Shadew Dood, Robert Finley, Samuel Barr,  
Joseph Saterfen, John W. Pherrin, Samuel Carter

Began with Prayer  
 Visited the whole Presbytery of Hannover  
 of Presbytery of Heston The Mod. M<sup>rs</sup> John  
 Clark, James Finley, James Power, James  
 Dunlap, James Hughes and John Price  
 of the Presbytery of Lexington

The Mod. M<sup>rs</sup> John Brown, William Gra-  
 ham Archibald Scott, Edward Crawford,  
 Benjamin Erwin, John Montgomery, W<sup>m</sup>  
 Wilson, Samuel Houston, Samuel Carrick &  
 John McQue

Visited the Presbytery of Pennsylvania  
 adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this Evening  
 Concluded with Prayer

Two o'clock  
 The Synod met according to ad-  
 journment The Members present as above

Began with Prayer  
 Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session  
 M<sup>r</sup> Smith & M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell of Hannover Presbytery  
 are now come Their Reasons for not coming  
 sooner are sustained  
 The Mod. M<sup>rs</sup> William Graham, John Montgo-  
 mery

William Wilson and Samuel Carriek are now <sup>19</sup>contd  
their reasons for not coming sooner are sustained

Elders  
Samuel McCampbell & William Wamock  
Mr Joseph Smith was chosen Moderator &  
Mr Hoge and Mr Montgomery Clerks

On Motion

Ordered that the minutes of last  
Synod be read  
Mr Vance a Member of the Synod of Philadel-  
phia being present was invited to take a  
seat in Synod as a corresponding Member He  
took a seat accordingly  
Mr Jodds reasons for not attending last Synod  
were sustained as were also Mr Rogers  
Messrs John W. Smith John M. Hillan &  
Hoger Hoge together with Mr Wamock & Mr  
McCampbell were appointed a Committee  
of overtures to meet this evening at Mr  
James Holidays

Ordered that the committee of Synod ap-  
pointed to meet at Pittsburgh the 25<sup>th</sup> of Novem-  
ber last now make report — upon which the  
minutes of the committee were read which  
are as follow & Pittsburgh Wednesday  
November 25<sup>th</sup> 1789  
The committee of the Synod of Virginia having



been prevented from meeting yesterday agreeably to the appointment of Synod because of the badness of the Roads and the inclemency of the weather met this morning at the House of Mr David Watson at 10 o'clock

Present

The Rev Messrs Shadew Dadd, Edward Crawford,  
John Montgomery

Absent

The Rev Messrs James Power James Dunlop  
Messrs Hoge and Robert White Elder

The Committee was constituted by Prayer  
The Rev. Mr Dadd was chosen Chairman and  
Mr Montgomery Clerk. Mr Francis Hindman  
a Preacher of the Gospel from Lewis Presbytery  
occasionally present, was appointed assist-  
ant Clerk.

Upon Motion — Ordered that the Minutes of  
Synod appointing this Committee be read,  
which was read accordingly. — From which  
it appears that a number of Resolves had been  
laid before the Presbytery of Redstone by the  
Rev. Mr War why he should be dismissed  
from his pastoral relation to the United Con-  
gregation of Pittsburgh and Pitts-Township  
Viz. 1 Because he supposes he may preach  
the Gospel elsewhere with more success  
2 Because he has not been able to exercise Church

Discipline having too few to support him in  
that branch of his Duty

3 Because no active measures have been taken  
by the Trustees to comply with their agreement  
but on the contrary have appointed him to col-  
lect his own Salary for the last year, which  
was as much as to say he might hunt after his  
Salary from Door to Door; It was none of his  
business

4 Because Robert Galbreath and John Wilkin  
Eggs Elders of the Church have not supported  
Character becoming their Office; but have  
indulged themselves in drinking and Card-Play  
and women and Mr Wilkin is charged with being idle with  
accounts with him for the period collected by  
him from October 1705 untill April 1707

5 Because William Tuning Elder besides his not  
paying strict attention to his Word has not been  
scrupulous in altering his neighbours land Mark,  
which betray a covetous disposition and unbecom-  
ing one who should be an Example to the  
flock

Lastly. That since his application, he still had more  
reason to continue his resolution, from their  
duplicity of the above named Gentlemen, together  
with George Wallace Egg. to render his labour useless  
both here and elsewhere by circulating false re-  
ports and preventing the Congregation, and  
himself from worshipping God in a peaceable  
manner in the house of worship on the Lords  
Day

And also that a number of Charges had been exhibited by the Session & Trustees of Pittsburgh Congregation against the Revd Samuel Harrin consequence of his application to the Presbytery for a Dismission from the united Congregation of Pittsburgh and Pitts-<sup>burgh</sup> Township and in compliance with a notification from Presbytery to the Session and Trustees of Pittsburgh Congregation to send Commissioners to shew cause, if any they had, why Mr Harrin should not be removed from his Pastoral relation to them — The Charges are these Viz. 1<sup>st</sup> They intend to shew that Mr Harrin had not had any Reason from Pittsburgh Congregation to make any such application for a Dismission —

2 They intend to shew that Mr Harrin has not done his Duty as a Clergyman to the Congregation, by absenting himself from them at sundry times without the consent of Session or Congregation or leave obtained or his business abroad known to them —

3 They intend to shew that Mr Harrin has not done his Duty as a Clergyman, by not visiting the Families of the Congregation at their Houses & in not catechizing & examining them as he ought to have done

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If they intend to shew that Mr Barr has collect-  
ed a considerable Sum of Money in Philadelphia  
& N York for the use of Pittsburgh Congrega-  
tion and has never rendered any account for  
the same, nor paid any part of it into the  
hands of the Trustees or to any other Person for  
the use of sd Congregation —

The Committee proceeded to enquire whether  
the parties had complied with the direction of Synod  
in giving regular notice to each other —  
Mr George Wallie informed the Committee that  
he had regular notice by Mr Barr — Mr John  
Wilkinson being enquired at, delivered to the Com-  
mittee the following notes which he said he had  
from Mr Barr viz. Saturday morning

Sir, Having arrived here a few Days ago  
from the Synod of Virginia, and being desired  
by them to communicate their resolution  
respecting my affair to the Parties concerned  
in my prosecution in Pittsburgh I would be  
much obliged to you to appoint an hour &  
place this forenoon when I shall meet with  
you and the rest who can conveniently meet  
to receive information on the business or if you  
chuse first to meet by ourselves, and converse a  
little of the affair. — your compliance.



2. 24 will much oblige yours &c.

S. Barr

To John Wilkin Esq.

Pittsburgh the 12<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1789

Sir, I am directed by Synod to give notice to the Parties concerned in our late dispute about Pittsburgh, that a Committee of Synod is appointed to meet at Pittsburgh the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tuesday of November to consider the affair de rivo. I am also to inform you that the witnesses who appeared against me at our last meeting are required by Synod to specify the times & places at least ten Days before the meeting of the Committee of Synod. As you gave testimony at that time against me I hope you will comply with this direction of Synod. If you are desirous to see the resolution of Synod you may be satisfied in that respect either by calling on me at my own Room, or by appointing me to meet you at any convenient time and place  
Your compliance Sir will much oblige your friend

S. Barr

To John Wilkin Esq.

P.S. Sir, I presume you received mine of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant tho you have not acknowledged there  
coit thereof

Mr Robert Galbreath Esq<sup>r</sup> produced a few lines<sup>2</sup>  
from Mr Warr to the same purport, with those to  
Mr Wilkin —

The former Prosecutor or supporter of the aforesaid  
charges against Mr Warr before the Presbytery of  
Kedstone viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Wilkin, Robert Galbreath  
& George Wallace Esq<sup>s</sup> being called upon collectively  
and severally (being present) intirely declined  
and do decline to have any hand either collid-  
ively or severally now to support these charges  
against Mr Warr —

It was further proclaimed audibly to all pre-  
sent, that if any one would step forth as an  
accuser to support those charges against Mr  
Warr, that the Committee would hear him  
or them — but to this no one answered  
The same Gentlemen aforesaid declared before  
the Committee, that they would never have  
exhibited any charges against Mr Warr had  
they not been afraid, that if Mr Warr left them  
without blame that some a<sup>r</sup>erages due to Mr  
Warr would still continue a burden upon the  
Congregation; or in their own words be  
saddled upon the Congregation. The Commit-  
tee adjourned with prayer, untill tomorrow  
morning at 9 o'clock

Thursday Morning 9 o'clock the Committee  
met according to adjournment — present  
as above — constituted with prayer —

Upon Motion ordered that the Minutes of yesterday be read — which was done accordingly  
 Ordered likewise that Mr Warr now read the paper which he produced before Synod, & offer what further evidence he has to exculpate himself from the charges laid against him —  
 Mr Warr produced and read a number of papers and had a number of evidences present —  
 The Committee deferred hearing part of Mr Warrs papers for the present. — And adjourned with pray untill to morrow morning 9 O'Clock

Friday morning 9 O'Clock

The Committee met accordingly to adjournment — present as above — Constituted with prayer — Ordered that the Minutes of yesterday be read — which was done accordingly  
 Ordered likewise that Mr Warr proceed with his papers and evidences —  
 A remonstrance from the congregation of Pittstownship was laid before the Committee signed unanimously by the congregation consisting of 160 subscribers Members of S<sup>c</sup> Congregation — Also Testimonials from the Session of said Congregation, verified by the Session Clerk & supported before us — Witnessing

that Mr Warr had in all respects acquitted him-  
self to their satisfaction in the Duty of preach-  
ing, catechising, visiting &c & expressing  
their desire that he should return as their Pas-  
tor — A remonstrance from the Congre-  
gation of Pittsburgh was also laid before  
the Committee signed by upwards of 60  
subscriber Members of said Congregation  
and by some who appeared as witness  
against Mr Warr at his former trial before  
the Synod of the Stone Mt. Col. Tannehill  
Gen. Gibson, & Mr Kirkpatrick & was pre-  
sented before us; witnessing that Mr Warr had  
behaved himself well and discharged the  
duties of his office to their satisfaction and  
expressing their desire that Mr Warr should  
return to be their Minister.

Mr Warr informs the Committee of Synod  
that he regularly visited the families, & pub-  
licly catechised in the Congregation of  
Pittsburgh yearly since he became their  
Pastor — That he attempted shortly after  
his settlement to visit the families in the  
Congregation of Pittsburgh, but finding the  
people did not desire it, he resolved to try another  
method which was to catechise the young  
people at Church, which practice he has  
since adhered to as may be more fully  
seen in the remonstrance



Mr David Duncan being solemnly called upon to declare the truth, answered to the following questions

1. Mr Warr asked Mr Duncan at what time he heard Gen. Gibson ask Mr Warr whether he would baptise the children of Episcopalian who were subscribers to the congregation — Mr Duncan answered that he heard either Gen. Gibson or Mr Smith ask the question some time in the summer before Mr Warr settled in Pittsburgh

2 Did you understand from my conversation at that time, that I was to baptise them barely at the recommendation of Committee or if you did not understand me as reserving a power to myself of enquiring into their knowledge and qualifications — Mr Duncan answered that he understood Mr Warr as retaining that power

3 Did not the Committee of Pittsburgh express their desire that I would not connect myself with the Presbytery on this side of the mountains — Mr Duncan answered. It appears to me that it was the wish of the Committee at that time

4 Did you hear any reasons from the Committee for expressing such a Desire?

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Mr Duncan replied. The reason he could not well remember but they looked upon that Presbytery as rather rigid

5. Did Mr Duncan hear me say at that time the Presbytery of the Stone were People of contracted Minds? Answer not that I remember

6. Mr Barr asked Did Mr Duncan at that time hear me say any thing farther than as the people here had entertained an unfavourable opinion of Presbytery, I would not be in a hurry connecting myself with them till I had an opportunity of further acquaintance?

Mr Duncan Answered. I heard him say that he would not be in a hurry connecting himself with them and farther I remember not

7. Mr Barr asked was you present at a meeting of Committee when Gen. Gibson asked my reason for refusing to permit him to present his Child to Baptism — Answered. you

8. Did I not inform Gen. Gibson that it was not a proper time to speak of that Matter but that I would give him my Reasons, if he would call upon me at another time?

Answered. Yes

9. Did you not hear Gen. Gibson frequently say that he would not submit to any retrospective View of his conduct before the establishment of the Church in this Place? Ans.

Yes

- 10 Do you remember of my endeavouring  
to have a rule established by Committee for  
admitting persons to ordinances who had for-  
merly been irregular in their conduct? A. Yes  
11 Was that rule rejected by Committee? A. Yes  
12 Did you previous to my coming to Pitts-  
burgh hear the people belonging to the con-  
gregation of the Rev. Mr. Millan called  
Mr. Millanites? Answered. Yes  
13 Did you ever hear me call them by that  
name? Answered. No

Mr George Wallace Esq. having been called  
upon solemnly to declare the truth Answered  
to the five last preceding questions in  
the affirmative

Cap. Alexander Fowler having been solemn-  
ly called upon to declare the truth answered  
in substance with the answer given by Mr  
Duncan to all the foregoing questions pro-  
posed by Mr Warr except the first

Col. Stephen Myard having been solemnly  
called upon to declare the truth. He concurred  
in substance with the answer given  
by Mr Duncan to all the preceding questions

A Certificate was also produced signed by  
Gen. Gibson and certified by to be Gen.  
Gibson's handwriting by the Oaths of Mr  
Wallace Esq and Mr Duncan which is as fol-  
lows & I do certify that in any dispute or mat-  
ter which may have arisen between the Rev.  
Samuel Warr and me, that I am perfectly  
reconciled and satisfied as will further ap-  
pear by the remonstrance I have signed  
to the Rev. Synod.

Short Pitt. November 18<sup>th</sup> 1789

John Gibson

It appeared from a deposition of Mary Andrews  
taken before Mr Wallace Esq & acknowledged  
by him that the said Mary Andrews declared  
that previous to Mr Warr's coming to settle  
in Pittsburgh she heard the People belong-  
ing to the Rev. Mr Millan's congregation call-  
ed the Mr Millanites: and that they were a  
contracted set of People in respect of their  
religious Principles, and that she never  
heard Mr Warr make use of the appellation

It appeared also from ~~from~~ the deposition of  
Alexander & George Fowler Esqs taken before  
Mr Wallace Esq that some time in the Month  
of November or Dec<sup>r</sup> 1785 these Depositions  
were in the company of the Rev. Sam. Warr



and others who were invited to Supper to the  
 House of Mr George Wully and after the com-  
 pany were collected several of them began to  
 play at Cards and these Deponents heard  
 Mr Warr mention in public his disapproba-  
 tion of card-playing; and wished when the  
 Gentlemen would mett they might spend  
 their time better than in card-playing, by  
 forming themselves into companies for the  
 purpose of improvement in political or re-  
 ligious <sup>Matters</sup> knowledge in place of card play-  
 ing, which, if they followed, they must not  
 expect his company; as such a practice was  
 disagreeable to him; and immediately after  
 supper, he withdrew from the House; and  
 farther say they never saw the aforesaid  
 Samuel Warr, meet in any company where  
 cards were played after <sup>oath</sup>. The above de-  
 positions are affirmed upon to be taken by  
 him according to law

Cap. Alexander Fowler being required to an-  
 swer to the following question upon the  
 Oath he had already taken — Mr Warr ask'd  
 & Did Cap. Fowler hear me express my sen-  
 timents both in Public and private on the  
 Subject of Card-playing? Answer: Yes

2<sup>d</sup> What were those sentiments? Answered. <sup>20</sup>  
He constantly disapproved and lamented the  
practice

3<sup>d</sup> Did Cap. Fowler ever know me to countenance  
Card-playing or night-ravelling? Answered.  
I never did.

Mr Wallace also upon his solemn affirmation,  
declared, that he heard the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Barr  
disapprove of Card-playing & night-ravel-  
ling in public & in private — Mr Barr ask-  
ed him Did Mr Wallace any time since the  
Winter of 1706 see me present at the time of  
Card-playing — Answered. Not to my knowledge

Col. Hayward also being interrogated upon  
the same Subject answered upon oath  
to the following questions —

1<sup>st</sup> Was Col. Hayward present  
at Mr McCullys the evening referred to.  
Answered. Yes — 2<sup>d</sup> Did it appear to Col.  
Hayward that I dropped in by accident, or in conse-  
quence of an invitation to Supper? Answered.

3<sup>d</sup> Was there a number of the Company en-  
gaged in playing Cards? Answered. Yes

4<sup>th</sup> How Did I appear to respect Mr. Notwell?

5<sup>th</sup> Has Col. Hayward heard me afterward com-  
plain, that any one should invite me to

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his Nose and treat me in such a Manner?  
Answ. Yes I have — 6<sup>th</sup> Did not Col.  
Wrayard at that time hear me reason with  
the Company against Card-playing?

Answ. Yes — 7<sup>th</sup> Was I opposed by  
any Person in the Company? Answ. Yes  
I remember the observation of one Gen-  
tleman in particular, who said he would  
not give up <sup>at</sup> what <sup>is</sup> whist for the Company of  
Sir Isaac Newton or the greatest Man of  
the Age — 8<sup>th</sup> Did you know me to en-

courage Card-playing and night revel-  
lings? Answ. No quite the contrary —

9<sup>th</sup> Did I ever permit or encourage Col.  
Wrayard as an Elder to play Cards?

Answ. By no means —

A Certificate relative to this Matter was pro-  
duced with M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Kirkpatrick's Signature  
authenticated by M<sup>r</sup> Wallace saying "I do cer-  
tify that the time and place aluded to in my <sup>testi-</sup>  
<sup>mony</sup> respecting the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Barr was  
at Major M<sup>r</sup> Culley's some time in the Month of  
November or December 1785 when a number of  
Gentlemen were invited to sup and spend the

evening. And I do further certify that it then 32  
appeared to me from the drift of his conversation  
that Mr. Barr's design was not to counte-  
nance or encourage Gambling or Card-play  
but by Degrees to gain upon the affections of  
the Gentlemen, & at last to prevail on them to  
relinquish what they were then & had been long  
attached to —

A. Kirkpatrick

Then Mr. Barr further asked Col. Mayard. & then  
the Elders nominated by me or chosen by the  
People by Ballot. Answer. By the Ballot of the  
People — 2<sup>d</sup> Does Col. Mayard believe I had  
any reason to ask a Dismission from the Con-  
gregation of Pittsburg? Answer. Yes. Mr. Barr  
frequently before informed me of his distrust  
in the Congregation. 3<sup>d</sup> Did I ever consult  
with you as a Member of Session about the  
Spiritual matters of the Congregation? Answer.  
Yes frequently. 4<sup>th</sup> Does Col. Mayard re-  
member of being called to hear any Person  
examined by me, who had applied for the  
priviledges of the Church? Answer. Yes several  
times. — 5<sup>th</sup> Do you remember of any other  
Members of Session being also present upon  
the occasion? Answer. Yes there were. —  
6<sup>th</sup> Was it usual for Persons applying for Pri-  
viledges with whom Mr. Barr was unacquainted  
or had not formerly been admitted to apply



36 to some of the Elders for a recommendation.  
Answ. I always understood it so. 2<sup>th</sup> Did Col.  
Wayard hear me say before my going to Phi-  
ladelphia last Winter that I would leave the  
Congregation of Pittsburgh? Answ. Yes &  
I expressed my concern at your leaving the  
the Congregation —

Cap. Fowler was then interrogated. 4<sup>th</sup> Does  
Cap. Fowler believe I had reason to ask a dis-  
mission from the Congregation of Pittsburgh?  
Answ. I do. — I have you not frequently  
heard me say before I applied for a dismis-  
sion, that I would leave the Congregation?  
Answ. I have often. — 3<sup>d</sup> Have you heard me  
express myself so in the presence of others also?  
Answ. I heard you express <sup>it</sup> in Mr Wilkins  
office in the presence of Mr Wilkins and others  
At what time did I express myself so in Mr  
Wilkins office? Answ. To the best of my knowledge  
some time ~~times~~ in last fall. — 5<sup>th</sup> Did you  
hear me on a late occasion offer to give my  
reasons for my conduct to Gen. Gibson respect-  
ing the baptism of his child? Answ. I did hear  
you offer to give reasons to the Presbytery  
upon your trial. 6<sup>th</sup> Was I admitted to give  
my reasons? Answ. You were not.

7<sup>th</sup> Why was I refused? Answ.<sup>r</sup> Mr Galbreath<sup>37</sup> opposed you and insisted that it was improper. 8<sup>th</sup> Did I still insist notwithstanding that I should give any reason to Presbytery? Answ.<sup>r</sup> Yes very strenuously.

Mr William Amherston being solemnly called upon to declare the truth, fully concurs in the answer given by Cap Fowler to the four last foregoing questions.

Col. Sanchill being solemnly called upon to declare the truth, answered to the following questions. 1<sup>st</sup> What Answ.<sup>r</sup> Does Col. Sanchill know any thing of the Charges that were drawn up against me before the last trial? Answ.<sup>r</sup> I copied the charges. 2<sup>d</sup> Who gave you the charge to copy? Answ.<sup>r</sup> I think it was Mr Galbreath. 3<sup>d</sup> Were you present when it was agreed to exhibit those Charges against me? Answ.<sup>r</sup> Yes

4<sup>th</sup> Do you remember how many Members of the Congregation were present? Answ.<sup>r</sup> Mr Wilkins, Mr Galbreath, Mr Wallace & Mr Dunning.

5<sup>th</sup> Who commissioned those Gentlemen to exhibit those Charges? Answ.<sup>r</sup> They were commissioned by those who were present

6<sup>th</sup> How many of those Gentlemen were appointed to exhibit those Charges?

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+ 4. Ans<sup>d</sup>. Three M<sup>r</sup> Wilkin, M<sup>r</sup> Galbreath  
& M<sup>r</sup> Wallace. 7<sup>th</sup> When the Charges were  
made out and the Gentlemen commissioned  
to exhibit them before Presbytery, was it  
agreed to keep it a secret from M<sup>r</sup> Parr & his  
Friends untill he would be started off to  
Presbytery for his Dismission. Ans<sup>d</sup>. Yes.  
M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Nires being solemnly called upon  
to declare the truth. Saith. That he was em-  
ployed by M<sup>r</sup> John Wilkin to erect a Pulpit  
in the Church in Pittsburgh, which he did  
in April 1787 & that in about two weeks after  
it was completed. M<sup>r</sup> Parr requested him the  
said Nires to make out his Will of costs &  
afterwards at two different times; said Nires  
further saith, that he enquired at M<sup>r</sup> Wilkin  
who was to pay him for the Pulpit whether  
M<sup>r</sup> Wilkin, M<sup>r</sup> Parr, or the Congregation?  
M<sup>r</sup> Wilkin replied that M<sup>r</sup> Parr was to pay  
out of the donation Money collected by him.  
Then M<sup>r</sup> Hayward answered to the follow-  
ing questions proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Parr. Did  
I not commission Col. Hayward to call on  
M<sup>r</sup> Gibbs in Philadelphia with an order to  
receive such part of the donation Money

as he had then collected of the Subscribers  
tions I received for the use of our Church?  
Answ. Yes. 2<sup>d</sup> Did Col. Hayward call on Mr  
Gibbs & receive any part of the Money? An.  
Yes. I received £3. 10s of State money, & two  
cups, which I delivered to Mr Barr upon  
my return; the receipt of which money &  
cups Mr Wilkins acknowledges before this  
Committee. 3<sup>d</sup> Did you know before my  
trial that a Charge was intended to be brought  
against me by Mr Wilkins and others that  
I had collected a considerable sum of Money  
in N. York & Philadelphia and had never  
rendered any account of the same nor  
paid any part to the Trustee nor to any  
Person for the use of the Church? Answ. Yes.  
and I informed you of it previous to the  
Charge being brought. 4<sup>th</sup> Did I at that  
time order you to inform Mr Wilkins that  
I was willing and desirous to settle that ac-  
count and any other pecuniary account  
subsisting between me and the Congregation?  
Answ. Yes. 5<sup>th</sup> And did you inform  
him of this? Answ. Yes.  
Mr Wallis then answered to the follow-  
ing questions proposed by Mr Barr — Do you  
recollect that I ever disappointed the Con-  
gregation



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after they were assembled for public wor-  
ship? Answ<sup>r</sup>? I do not recollect that you ever  
did. — 2<sup>d</sup> Do you know that the Church was  
kept locked one Sabbath last Spring against  
me? Answ<sup>r</sup>? Yes — 3<sup>d</sup> Who were the persons  
that concurred at the time, in keeping the  
door shut? Answ<sup>r</sup>? Mr Wilkins Mr Duncan  
Mr Galbreath & myself. — 4<sup>th</sup> Did you seem  
the same morning at Mr Wilkins & hear me  
warmly solicit the Key? Answ<sup>r</sup>? Yes —  
5<sup>th</sup> Did I not say that if the Key were given  
up I would give any notice from the  
pulpit, that they desired, in order that they  
might be a meeting of the Congregation  
to know if it was their Mind that I should  
not preach any longer to them? Answ<sup>r</sup>?  
It appear to me there was such conversation  
6<sup>th</sup> Was not this given as one reason for de-  
termining the Key, that it would put an ad-  
ditional Expence upon the Congregation  
presuming that my year was then up?  
Answ<sup>r</sup>? Yes — 7<sup>th</sup> Did I not say that I would  
make no charge for the time I preached

till I would go away? Answ. Yes  
 Did you understand that the Key was given  
 up the following Sabbath to the People on their  
 application for it? Answ. Yes  
 9<sup>th</sup> Did the People request the Key for  
 Mr Barr to preach? Answ. Yes  
 10 Were the Congregation consulted before  
 the detention of the Key Answ. No

The Committee, at the request of Mr Barr  
 agreed to insert the following paragraph in  
 their Minutes Viz. Mr Barr requests that  
 the committee of Synod will please to enter  
 on their minutes, that from the face of  
 the judgment of the Stone Presbytery against  
 me, I did not consider myself suspended  
 from the exercise of my office, nor did  
 they inform me what they understood  
 by it.

The Committee then agreed to the follow-  
 ing Determination

This Committee finding, that the mem-  
 bers who composed the Presbytery which  
 formerly sat on Mr Barrs trial did not  
 attend and it not appearing to the Com-  
 mittee whether or not they considered them-  
 selves as having legal notice, and find-  
 ing

51 31 that Mr Barr's former Prosecutors did not  
wish to appear in any form against him  
in the Trial; the Committee then proceeded  
to attend to the paper produced by Mr Barr  
duly attested & a number of personal evidences  
which tended to give light to the sub-  
ject; and having compared these with the  
Minutes of Synod which sat upon his  
former Trial, finding Matters to stand in  
different views; therefore the Committee de-  
termine that the Charges exhibited by the  
Session & Trustees of Pittsburgh Congrega-  
tion against Mr Barr are wholly un-  
supported and that he be considered in  
full and regular standing in the Church

The Synod accepted the Report of the  
Committee as now amended and considered  
Mr Barr in regular standing in the Church

Upon a review of the conduct of Mr Barr  
accused in Pittsburgh the Synod were of opi-  
nion that John Wilkine Robert Galbreath  
and George Wallace Esq<sup>r</sup> having acted in a  
manner unbecoming Men and Christians  
in the Prosecution of Mr Barr as appear

from their own confession of the motives which prevailed with them to prosecute Mr Warr & also in the deception imposed by them upon the Presbytery of the Stone should not enjoy the Privilege of the Church in our communion; untill they testify repentance for their unworthy conduct and receive a public rebuke for the same before the Church by a regular Minister who shall be appointed by the Presbytery of the Stone for that purpose.

The Commission of Synod laid their proceedings before Synod which were approved and the Synod urge it upon their Members to exert themselves in raising contributions to promote so laudible a Design.

Mr Wilson is appointed a member of the Commission of Synod in the Room of Mr Scott. Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock adjourned with Prayer Friday the first of October 1790

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment Members present as above. Constituted with Prayer. ordered that the Minutes of yesterday be read which was done.

The Synod appointed Messrs Dodd, Montgomery & Porter a Committee to compare the Evidence given respecting Mr Warr by



38<sup>o</sup> Some of the Members of the Congregation  
of Pittsburgh before the Presbytery of New-  
York and the Committee appointed by Synod  
to consider the Charges brought against  
Mr. Harr in order that it may be known  
whether contradictory Testimony was not  
exhibited by some of the Witnesses

Ordered that Reports be made from the Synod  
The Presbytery of Hannover Report, that  
they consist of nine ordained Ministers viz:  
The Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>. John Todd, James Waddle,  
William Erwin, John S. Smith, ~~John~~  
Mr. Robert, James, Mitchell, John D.  
Blair, Drury Lacy and William Mahon  
They also report that the Rev. Richard  
Sankey is deceased since the last meeting  
of Synod & the Rev. Mr. William Moore is  
dismissed to join the Synod of the Carolina  
and that they have three licensed Pro-  
bationers under their Care viz. M<sup>rs</sup>.  
Nash, Legrand, Cary Allen & William  
Hill — The Churches within their bounds  
are as follow. viz. The Third, Providence,  
and the Fork (supplied) Hannover, Henrico

(Jupplied) Mountain Plain, north garden<sup>64</sup>.  
Rich Cove, & See vs (Jupplied) Rockfish,  
Peake of Otter (Jupplied) Concord, Flat creek  
Cub-creek, & Walkers Church (Jupplied) Little  
Concord, & Buffalo (Jupplied) Briary & Cum-  
berland (Jupplied) Sandy-creek Somersham  
Head of Smiths River, Good-mittinghouse,  
Lancaster, & Sauguer (vacant)

The Presbytery of the Stone report  
that they consist of thirteen ordained Minis-  
ters viz. The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Finley, John  
Clark, Joseph Smith, John W. Millan, James  
Sower, Thaddeus Dadd, James Dunlap, Robert  
Finley, Joseph Bateston, James Hugh, John  
Trice, John W. Ferrin, and Samuel Porter  
Mr. Warr formerly a Member was dismissed  
during the present Session of Synod  
They have two licenced probationers under  
their care viz. Mr. Robert Marshall and James W.  
Gready — They have two Candidates viz.  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Hill and John Hanna — The  
Churches within their bounds are as follows  
viz. Charten & Pidgeon (Jupplied) Mount Pleasant  
(Jupplied) Upper Buffalo and Cross Creek (Jup-  
plied) Bethell (Jupplied) The Hoboth and Round  
Hill (Jupplied) Ten-mile (Jupplied) Laurel  
Hill (Jupplied) Raccoon, and Hartness — Run  
(Jupplied)

55 Lower Buffalo & Short Creek (supplied) Iron  
bridges and Wheeling (supplied) Unity & Valm  
(supplied) Congruity and Polk-run (supplied)  
The Vacancies are as follows: viz Bethel &  
Blacklick, Fairfield, Wheatfield, Donnegal Pitts-  
burgh, Pittstonship, North of Kaccoon, Mill-  
Creek, Kings-creek, Kings-creek, Long-run  
Lowckly, Delap-creek, George-creek, Morgan-  
town, Muddy-creek, South fork of Stearns, Glad-  
of Sandy-creek, Crab-Beard, Frankfort, Hum-  
ney and Lebanon

### The Presbytery of Lexington Report

that they consist of eleven ordained Ministers  
viz. The Rev. Messrs John Brown, William  
Graham, Archibald Scott, Edward Crawford,  
John Montgomery, Benjamin Ervin, William  
Wilson, Moses Hoge, Samuel Parick, John Miller  
& Samuel Houston — They have one can-  
didate under their care viz. John Lyle —

The Churches within their bounds are as follows  
Oxford, New-Mount and Lexington (sup-  
plied) Timber-ledge (supplied) New-Provi-  
dence (supplied) Bethel & Browns-meeting-  
house (supplied) Augusta (supplied) Mays-

Creek, Cooks-Creek and Hamisburgh (supplied)  
Hocky-Spring, Windy-Cover, Nahab (sup-  
plied) Wotolout (supplied) Falling-Spring  
(supplied) Greenbriar (supplied)

The Vacancies are as follow  
Tinkling-Spring, Winchester, Speeking, Cedar-  
Creek, Bull-Pasture, Jacksons-River, Hoan-  
oak, Little-Level & Sinks of Greenbriar &c  
No Report from Transylvania

Upon Motion

Resolved, in compliance with the  
Recommendation of the General Assembly and  
from a sense of the necessity of having a full  
representation in that body, that it be recom-  
mended to the respective Presbyteries to be  
presentative in sending their full number of Re-  
presentatives to every Meeting of the General  
Assembly and to have such collections  
from the Congregations under their Care as  
will defray the Expence of the Representatives

Upon Motion

Ordered that Mr Wilson & Mr  
Mitchel be a Committee to review the Presbyter-  
y Book of Redstone — and Mr W Sherrin  
and Mr Binley the Presbytery Book of Ham-  
over —



57 Adjourned to 3 O'clock this afternoon  
concluded with prayer

3 O'clock Synod met according to adjournment — Ordered that the Minutes of the preceding session be read —  
Upon Motion

Ordered that the Clerk make a return to the General Assembly of the number of our Presbyteries their Members, their Licenates, their Candidates, Deaths and removals and the number of vacant congregations in our bounds  
A Petition was presented from the congregation of Freed-Creek in With-county requesting supply and that an ordained Minister may be appointed to baptize their children and to assist them in the regulation of some congregational affairs —

A Petition was presented from the congregation of Pittsburgh requesting supply

The committee appointed to compare the Minutes of the Redstone Presbytery & those of the Committee of Synod to find whether

any contradictory evidence had been given  
by the same Person in the Case respecting  
Mr Barr — Reported that there appeared an  
opposition in the Evidence given before the  
two judicatories by Abraham Kirkpatrick  
In declaring, before the Presbytery, that he heard  
Mr Barr heartily approving of meetings  
in the evening for playing Cards provid-  
ed they did not drink to excess & and all were  
not engaged in it, but that some might con-  
verse on Politics — & his declaration in a cer-  
tificate produced to the Committee of Synod  
bearing his signature and authenticated  
to be his handwriting by Mr Wallace & J.  
saying, I do certify that the time & place call-  
ed to in my evidence respecting the New-  
England Barr was at Major McCullys sometime  
in the Month of Nov. or Dec. 1780, when a  
number of Gentlemen were invited to sup-  
per and spend the evening; and I do farther cer-  
tify that it then appeared to me from the  
drift of his Conversation that Mr Barrs  
design was ~~not~~ not to countenance or en-  
courage Card-playing or Gambling; but  
by degrees to gain upon the Affections of the  
Gentlemen and at last to prevail upon them  
to relinquish what they were then and had  
long been attached to — The Committee are

59 Also of opinion that there is a contradiction in the evidence given by Galbreath Wilson - in declaring before Presbytery that Mr Warr said that he could not baptise his child as he was not a member of the congregation, except he would give him two Dollars - and his own relation of the affair upon oath before the Committee of Synod where he only draws this conclusion from the conversation that passed between him and D. W. Warr -

They Synod are of the opinion that the two Gentlemen shall not be admitted to the privileges of our Church until they give evidence of their repentance and reformation -

A Question was proposed for the Disposition 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 admit the method  
of administering Baptism only at stated  
periods and with a solemnity similar to  
that which is necessary in the Lords Supper

The Synod adjourned to nine o'clock to  
morrow morning. Adjourned with Prayer

Saturday 9 o'clock — Synod met  
agreeably to adjournment

Members present as above  
Constituted with Prayer

Ordered that the Minutes of last Session  
be read — which was done accordingly

A Second Question was proposed for the  
Discussion of Synod viz. What are the  
qualifications of such as are to be admitted  
to the Seal of the Christian Covenant?

The Synod are of the Opinion that Repent-  
ance towards God and Faith in the Lord  
Jesus Christ are necessary to entitle any  
Person to the Sacraments of the New Testa-  
ment, and that the Church ought to  
require probable Evidence of the reality  
of this Faith and Repentance before ad-  
mittance to these Ordinances.

Ordered that all the Minutes of the former  
Presbytery of Hannover be lodged with the  
State Clerk of Synod and retained with the  
other papers of Synod



The Committee appointed to examine the  
 Presbytery Book of Hannover - Report that  
 they approve of the Minutes of said Pby.  
 except two instances - which instances  
 being considered - The Synod approved  
 of the conduct of the Presbytery -  
 Adjourned to 5 o'clock this afternoon  
 Saturday at 5 o'clock - Synod met  
 according to Adjournment -

Members present as above

Mr Graham & Mr Smith are appointed  
 a Committee to draw up such Rules  
 and Regulations for the Government  
 of Synod as they may think proper  
 for that purpose and produce them to  
 the next Synod

The 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Nov<sup>r</sup> next is appointed  
 for a Day of fasting and Prayer, that <sup>God</sup> may  
 pour out of his holy Spirit upon our As-  
 semblies and revive Religion in our  
 Churches - The Supplications from  
 Reed-creek, Pittsburg and Pitts Town-  
 ship are refered to the Commission of Synod  
 The Synod adjourned to meet in Winchester  
 the last Wednesday in Sep<sup>r</sup>

next concluded with prayer

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Joseph Smith Mod.<sup>r</sup>  
John Montgomery Clerk

Winchester September the 28<sup>th</sup> 1841

The Synod met according to adjournment and  
was opened with a sermon from Luke chapter 9. 10.  
by the Rev. Joseph Smith

The Synod constituted with prayer

Members present

Of the Presbytery of Hanover Mess<sup>rs</sup> John  
H. Smith, James Mitchell and Nath. Legrand

Absent

Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Todd, James Waddell, W<sup>m</sup> Drvin,  
John Blair, Archibald W. Roberts, Drury  
Lacy and W<sup>m</sup> Mahon

Present

Of the Presbytery of Redstone Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph  
Smith, John W. Millan, James Hughes, Joseph  
Paterson and John Price

Absent

Messrs James Finley John Clerk James  
Lawson Thaddeus Dod James Dunlop John  
M'pherrin Samuel Porter Robert Finley

Present

Of the Presbytery of Lexington Messrs Wm  
Graham Edward Crawford John Montgo-  
mery Benjamin Ervin Wm Wilson Messrs Hogg  
and Samuel Houston

Absent

Messrs John Brown Archibald Scott and John  
McGee

Absent

The Presbytery of Pennsylvania

Elders Present

Messrs Thomas Marquis James Foster Thomas  
Shanklin John Wilson and John Campbell

The Synod proceeded to choose a Moderator & Clerk  
Mr McMillan was chosen Moderator and Messrs  
Houston and Legrand Clerks

Upon Motion Adjourned to meet at this place  
at 5 o'clock in the afternoon

Concluded with prayer  
Wednesday afternoon 5 o'clock the Synod met  
agrecably to a disjournment

Upon Motion the Members who were absent last year from Synod were called upon to give their reasons of absence

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Crawford Houston Torrie and Hughes were excused for being absent

Upon Motion ordered that the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod in September 1790 be read

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wilson Paterson and Mitchel Ministers and Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Wilson and Thomas Marquis Eldon were appointed a Committee of overtures and ordered to make report as soon as they have business ready for Synod

The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Meir a Member of the Presbytery of Baltimore being present upon request took his seat as a corresponding Member

The Synod proceeded some length in reading the Minutes of September 90 but not having time to finish them the remainder was deferred untill tomorrow morning

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

September 29<sup>th</sup> 9 o'clock Thursday Morning  
The Synod met agreeably to adjournment



63. Members present as above  
Constituted with Prayer

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Shemin being come gave reasons for his  
being absent yesterday which were sustained

M<sup>r</sup> Train's reasons for being absent the last Synod  
were sustained

The Order of last year requiring the Minutes  
of the Presbytery of Hanover before the year  
1706<sup>to</sup> be lodged with the stated Clerk of Synod  
has been complied with

Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last Synod  
were read

Upon Motion, proceeded in reading the Minutes  
of the last Synod and finished them

The Committee appointed last Synod to bring  
in at this time a System of Rules for regu-  
lating and governing the Synod in its delibe-  
rations Made Report

And when the Synod had considered the same  
and made such alterations and additions as  
were judged necessary They were adopted as  
the standing Rules of this Synod  
Which Rules are as follows

1 The Moderator or in his absence the senior  
Member present shall on the Day to which  
the Synod stands adjourned open the Synod

by preaching a sermon and immediately <sup>after</sup> shall call the Members to order and upon their appearance of three Ministers shall open the session with prayer.

2 After a record of the meeting and the names of the Members present and absent is made the Members present shall proceed to elect a new Moderator and Clerk or Clerks.

3 The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other Members rising from his seat for that purpose and shall decide questions of order subject however to an appeal to the Synod but shall not take a share in the usual debates.

4 The Synod at every meeting shall appoint a Committee of overtures to prepare and digest business for the Synod Any person thinking himself aggrieved by this Committee may complain to the Synod.

5 Petition, Resolutions, Appeals and all questions and propositions tending to permanent regulations shall be laid before the Committee of overtures before they are offered to the Synod.

6 A Motion made must be seconded and afterwards repeated by the Moderator or read aloud before it is debated and every Motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any Member require it.

Any Member who shall have made a Motion shall have Liberty to withdraw it before any debate had thereon but not afterward without leave from the Synod

8 On questions of order adjournment postponement commitment or the previous question no Member shall speak more than twice On all other questions no Member shall multiply Speeches

9 When a question is under debate no motion shall be received unless to amend it, to commit for the previous question or to adjourn

10 The previous question shall be in this form & shall the main question be now put and untill it is decided shall preclude all amendments and farther debate of the main question

11 An amendment may be moved on any ~~question~~ Motion and shall be decided before the original Motion

12 If any question under consideration contains several parts any Member may have it divided and a question taken on each part

13 Every Member when speaking shall

a drop himself to the Moderator and shall treat  
his fellow Members with decency and respect  
If a Member acts disorderly it shall be the  
Duty of the Moderator and the Privilege of the  
other Members to call him to order

14 A question shall not be called up or recon-  
sidered at the same session of the Synod at  
which it has been decided

15 Any Member who may think himself  
aggrieved by a decision of the Synod shall  
have his protest or dissent with his reasons  
entered on the records or filed among the  
papers of Synod if given in before the rising  
of Synod

16 A fair copy of these Rules shall lie on the  
Table during the sessions of the Synod for  
the perusal of the Members and the stated  
Clerk shall furnish the said copy

17 The Moderator before he resigns the Chair  
to the newly elected Moderator shall read  
these Rules aloud to the Synod

Agreeably to order the Commission of  
Synod were called upon to make report  
how the Plan for continuing and support-  
ing Missionaries is executed and also its ap-  
parent success

The Commission began their Report and



67 made some progress in the same and  
are to finish the remainder before the rising  
of Synod.

Upon Motion Ordered that the Presbyteries make  
their reports to Synod tomorrow morning.

Upon Enquiry the Synod found that the Pres-  
byteries of Hanover the Stone and Lexington  
had complied with the order of the last Synod  
to be careful to send Commissioners to  
the Gen. Assembly And to make provi-  
sion for discharging their necessary Ex-  
pences.

Concerning the recommendation of the  
last Synod to their respective Presbyteries  
to prevail with their Members to adminis-  
ter baptism at stated periods The Synod  
made enquiry and found that in some Con-  
gregations particularly in the bounds of  
the Presbyteries of Hanover and Lexington  
the said recommendation was adopted and  
that there was a probability in time it  
would be generally acceptable.

Therefore the Synod under a conviction  
of its usefulness renewed said recommen-  
dation in order that it may be carried into  
more general effect.

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The Synod adjourned to 3 o'clock in the after-  
noon

Concluded with prayer

Thursday afternoon 3 o'clock the Synod met  
agreeably to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer

Members present as above

Upon Motion

The Synod ordered the second  
Thursday of next November to be observed by  
the Churches under our care as a Day of so-  
lemn fasting and prayer to supplicate all-  
mighty God to pour out his Spirit upon  
our Assemblies and to revive religion in  
our Churches. Also to return God humble  
thanks for the degree of divine influence  
he has granted to some places in our bounds  
through the course of the last year

The Rev. James Waddle informed the Synod  
by a Letter that Modily infirmities prevent-  
ed his attendance at the former and present  
Sessions of this Synod

Upon Motion

Messrs. Montgomery and Wilson  
were appointed a Committee to examine the  
Book of the Presbytery of Redstone and to  
make

69 Report on Saturday

Upon Motion The Members of this Synod agreed to relate to the Synod the State of Religion in our Churches and the apparent State of it amongst other Denominations in our Bounds. And after making some Progress in their Narratives the Synod deferred hearing the remainder untill to morrow morning.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock  
Concluded with Prayer

Friday morning September 30<sup>th</sup> 9 o'clock  
Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Constituted with Prayer

Members present as above

Agreeably to order The Minutes of the last Session were read

Upon Motion Agreeably to the order of the last evening the Synod proceeded to hear the remainder of the Narratives respecting the State of Religion in our and other Churches. Which Narratives being finished the Synod remarked that although the State of Religion in many Places is lamentable yet in other Places God had graciously visited his Vineyard and made Religion to appear in a hopeful

condition — And farther the Synod could not  
help observing that it was evident where ever God  
had blessed the labour of his servants that it was  
chiefly when in public and private they insisted  
much on the Doctrine of Grace and addressed Per-  
sons and Assemblies in a plain and pathetic manner  
— Also that religious Societies in which the exer-  
cises were mostly Praying Singing and exhorta-  
tion were found to be very beneficial  
Therefore the Synod earnestly desired all their Mem-  
bers to bestir themselves with all their might to  
promote the hopeful appearance and to spread  
them throughout the Churches —

Agreeably to order the Presbytery made their  
reports as follow —

The Presbytery of Hanover report-  
ed that they consisted of ten ordained Ministers  
viz. The Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Todd James Waddle  
William Erwin John Bulsmith Archibald  
M<sup>r</sup> Roberts James Mitchell John L. Blair  
Drury Laey William Mahon and Nath. Legrand  
That they have two Licentiates under their  
care viz. M<sup>r</sup> Carey Allen and M<sup>r</sup> William Hill —  
And that they have four Candidates under  
trial viz. W<sup>m</sup> Cahoon James James Samuel  
Worron and Moses Waddle —

The Churches within their bounds are as fol-  
low The Third Providence and Fork united  
and supplied by M<sup>r</sup> Todd — Hanover and



67) and Hemico united supplied by Mr Blair -  
mountain plains north garden rockfish &  
rich cone supplied by Mr Erwin - Dec - of sup-  
plied by Mr Waddle - Peaks of Otter supplied  
by Mr Mitchell - Concord river Concord &  
Hatt Creek supplied by Mr. Nahon - Cub-  
Creek and Walker Church supplied by Mr  
Lacy - Buffalo by Mr. M. Roberts - Bris-  
sy and Cumberland by Mr. Smith - Sand-  
dy Creek - Tamahawk - Chestnut and gad-  
hope vacant but able to support a Minis-  
ter when united - Head of Smiths - River-  
good Meetinghouse - Jaquie and Lawhy-  
ter are vacant -

The Presbytery of the Stone reported that  
they consist of twelve ordained Ministers viz  
Messrs James Finley John Clark Joseph  
Smith John Mcmillan James Sauer Sha-  
den Dodd James Dunlop Joseph Paterson  
James Hughes John Waice John McThe-  
rin and Samuel Porter - Mr Robert Finley  
formerly an ordained Minister of the Stone  
Presbytery has taken a dismission in order  
to go to Kentucky - Mr Marshall a Licen-  
tiate of the Stone Presbytery is under the care  
and direction of the Commission of signed

— Mo that they have two candidates under  
trial for the Gospel Ministry viz George Hill &  
Mr William Swan — Mr John Hanna formerly a  
candidate is dismissed from trials —

That the Churches within their bounds are  
the both and round Hill supplied by Mr  
Sinley — Bethel by Mr Clark — Cross Creek &  
Buffaloe by Mr Smith — Sister and Ridgeon by  
Mr M. Hillan — Mount Pleasant and Tyrone by  
Mr Powers — Ten Mile by Mr Todd — Laurel Hill  
by Mr Dunlop — Munten-kun and Upper Karoon  
by Mr Saterfon — Short Creek and Lower Buffa-  
loe by Mr Hughes — Three-Ridge and Wheeling  
by Mr Price — Unity and Salem by Mr Sherin  
Congruity and Polk-kun by Mr Foster —

Kings Creek — Mill Creek — Lower Karoon — Le-  
banon — Kings Creek — Mouth of Kings Creek —  
Muddy Creek — Morgan Town — Crab Orchard —  
Sandy Creek — George Creek — Dunlop's Creek —  
Senackly — Low Kun — Pittstownship — Pittsburgh  
Sheneyer — Bethel on Black Lick — Fairfield —  
Donnegal — Wheat-field — Southbark of Semile  
— Frankfort and Humney are vacant

The Presbytery of Lexington made the report  
that they consist of ten ordained Ministers  
viz The Rev. Messrs John Brown Williams  
Graham Archibald Scott Edward Crawford

73 John Montgomery Benjamin Erwin  
William Wilson Moses Hoge John McQuee  
Samuel Houston — That McCarrie has  
removed into the bounds of the Presbytery  
of Abington since the last Synod — That  
they have one licence under their care  
viz. Mr John Lyle — That they have six  
Candidates under trial viz. Messrs Archibald  
Alexander Benjamin Grigsby Matthew Lyle  
Thomas Bange John Campbell and Ma-  
thias Houston — That they have the fol-  
lowing Churches

New Providence supplied by Mr Brown  
Augusta — do — by Mr Wilson

Bethel and Brown — Mr Scott  
Finkling Spring — Mr McQuee

Mosby & Cooks Creek & Harisonburgh Mr Erwin

Knockey Spring Windy Cove Mr Montgomery  
and Nahabi

Botetant and Oxford — Mr Crawford

New-Monmouth & Lexington — Mr Graham

Falling Spring and Highbridge — Mr Houston

Winchester Opecken — Mr Legrand  
and Cedar Creek } Mr Hoge

Shepherdstown — Vacant  
Levels of Greenbriar — Sink of Greenbriar —

Jacksons River - Bull Pasture - Maanook's  
Timber Ridge

No Report from the Presbytery of Pennsylvania

upon Motion ordered that the stated Clerk  
send to the next Gen. Assembly a copy of the above  
reports of the several Presbyteries - Also it  
was ordered that each Presbytery send a Duplicate  
of its above report to the next Gen. Assembly  
by

upon Motion Messrs Joseph Smith

William Graham and John B. Smith were  
appointed a Committee to define the powers  
of the Commission of Synod and to make  
Report tomorrow

Through the Committee of Overtures it  
was proposed that the Synod if it might  
appear expedient should institute and en-  
courage some plan calculated to educate  
Persons designed for the Gospel Ministry in  
that way which may be most suitable to  
fit them for that office

The Synod having approved of the design  
of the Proposition Appointed Messrs Joseph  
Smith William Graham John B. Smith  
John McMillan Joseph Pateron William  
Wilson and Moses Hogue a Committee to  
form a plan for promoting the Education  
of Persons for the Gospel Ministry and to



75<sup>th</sup> make report before the rising of Synod

Through the Committee of overtures the following question was proposed to the Synod viz Who have a right of suffrage in the choice of Ruling Elders in our Churches?

The Synod answered that it is their opinion none have this right but those persons who are in full communion and in good standing in our Churches.

It was farther proposed who is eligible to the office of a Ruling Elder in our Churches?

and answered as the former question—

Through the Committee of overtures the following question was proposed "Is it right to hold occasional communion with those of other denominations who differ from us in the essential Doctrines of Christianity and who refuse submission to our Discipline?"

The Synod took up the question and proceeded some length in considering it and then left it unfinished untill next session.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock in the afternoon

concluded with prayer

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Friday afternoon 5 o'clock the Synod met agreeably  
to adjournment

Constituted with prayer  
Members present as above

Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last Session  
were read

Then the Synod resumed the question  
respecting Communion with Persons of other  
Denominations who differ from us in the es-  
sential Doctrines of Christianity and who will  
not submit to the Discipline of our Church  
and unanimously agreed to answer the  
question in the negative

Through the Committee of overtures it was  
proposed - "Ought those who break the Lords  
Day by engaging in secular employments  
or who indulge others therein to receive any  
of the distinguish<sup>ing</sup> Privileges of the Church?  
In answer to the above question the Synod  
unanimously determined that Persons of the  
above description ought by no means to be  
admitted to the Privileges of the Church -  
And as the religious observation of the  
Lords Day is a Matter of essential importance  
to the peace order and happiness of Society  
and of the Church - The Synod do hereby  
recommend it earnestly to all the Presbyteries  
within our bounds to take pains by particular

77 regulations to enforce the religious ob-  
servance of the Lord Day and to enjoin upon  
all Magistrates in our Communion to put the  
Law in this respect strictly into execution  
within their respective Spheres of observation  
And upon all Church Members to restrain their  
Children & domestics from secular business &  
from amusements on that Day

Through the Committee of avertures it  
was proposed — "What are the qualificati-  
ons of those who shall be admitted as Eviden-  
ces against those who are Members of our  
Churches?"

It was answered that all credible persons  
who are admisable in Courts of Justice may  
be admitted as Evidences in our respective  
Judicatories

The Synod adjourned to meet to mor-  
row morning at 9 o'clock  
concluded with prayer

October 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning 9 o'clock  
The Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Constituted with prayer

Members present as above  
Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last  
Session were read

The Committee appointed to examine <sup>70</sup> the  
Presbytery book of the Stone reported that they  
had reviewed the same as far as the 59<sup>th</sup>  
Page and after a few remarks they signed  
agreed to approve of said portion of their book.

The Committee appointed to define the  
Power of the Commission of Synod made report  
and after the Synod had considered the same  
and made such alterations and additions  
as were judged necessary It was agreed to  
define them in the following Manner viz

That those young Men who are employed  
as Missionaries shall be immediately under  
the Power of the Commission to direct instruct  
and reprove that in case any of these young  
Men shall be charged with error in Doctrine  
or immorality in practice which would  
expose them to the Censure of the Church  
upon application to the Commission there  
they shall be given up to the Presbytery by  
which he or they were recommended to  
the Commission for trial and Censure  
agreeably to the Rules of our Church.

The Committee appointed to form a plan  
for promoting the Education of persons



79 for the Ministry of the Gospel made report  
The Synod having considered the same, &  
made such amendments and additions as  
were judged necessary agreed to it as follow-  
eth

The Synod highly approve of the pro-  
position contained in the Overture as they  
are well convinced of the necessity of ex-  
tending the opportunities of acquiring  
Knowledge and especially the Knowledge  
of the Doctrine of Religion to all who in-  
tend to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to  
the World

Taking this measure therefore into je-  
nour consideration the Synod recommends  
that there be two general institutions for  
Learning conducted under the Patronage  
of this body — The one to be established  
in Machbridge County in this State un-  
der the care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Graham  
as the President — The other in Washing-  
ton County in Pennsylvania under the  
care of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John McMillan — The  
principles upon which these instituti-  
ons are to be conducted are to be as follows

4 The learned Languages and the usual <sup>00</sup> circle of the Sciences shall be taught in them to as many as may be sent there for instruction

2 During the course of Academical education and from the first initiation of the students into the Seminary a course of religious instruction shall be entered upon and conscientiously adhered to during their residence there according to the Principles of our Church — Books of a practical and doctrinal nature shall be put into their hands at once Catechetical Lectures shall be established and examinations entered into upon their progress in this kind of knowledge from time to time — The attention to these studies shall be kept up during the whole of their Academical course and suited to the Capacities and progress of the youth

3 The Presbytery of Hanover and Lexington shall be the Trustees of the Seminary in Rockbridge to cherish it by their influence and pointedly to attend the examinations of the students either in a collective capacity or by Committees from their respective Bodies duly appointed — The Presbytery

81 of the Stone shall in like manner super-  
intend the Seminary in Washington  
It is the desire of the Synod that all the youths  
who intend to engage in the Ministry of  
the Gospel within our bounds shall be instruct-  
ed

5 As there are many pious youths of pro-  
mising Geniue in our Country who might  
be very serviceable in preaching the Gospel  
but through want of ability are unable  
to obtain an education it is the intention  
and desire of the Synod that the Ministers  
in the respective Presbyteries shall seek  
out such and that they being examin-  
ed and approved by the Presbytery shall  
be placed in the respective Seminaries at  
the expense of the Presbytery who approve  
of them

6 And in order to obtain the proper sup-  
plies for such indigent Students the  
Presbyteries are exhorted to use their in-  
fluence in their respective bounds with  
the pious and benevolent to raise  
annual contributions for establishing

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• Fund for this purpose - This fund to be placed  
in the hands of a Treasurer appointed by the  
Synod who is to return annual accounts of  
receipts and expenditures - And from it the youths  
upon the foundation are to draw their supplies  
by an order from the respective Presidents  
- And those youths upon obtaining their  
Education at the expiration of one year after  
being settled in some line of public business  
shall begin to refund the expenses of their  
education to the Treasury in such a time &  
manner as the Presbytery may direct

7 The Rules for the Seminares and the  
mode of education therein shall be submit-  
ted by the Presidents to the respective Pres-  
byteries for their approbation -

8 The Synod recommend it to the Presbyte-  
ry of Pennsylvania to institute and patro-  
nize a Seminary within their bounds upon  
principles similar to those herein laid down  
and for similar purposes or to encourage  
either of those that are now recommended  
Ordered that the stated Clerk of Synod trans-  
mit a copy of the above Minutes containing  
the plan for promoting education to <sup>the</sup> Presby-  
tery of Pennsylvania -

Upon Motion the Synod adjourned to



meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

Concluded with Prayer

Saturday afternoon

3 o'clock the Synod met agreeably to ad-  
jourment

Constituted with Prayer

Members present as above

Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last  
Session were read.

M<sup>r</sup> Legrand obtained leave of absence  
this afternoon.

Upon Motion

The approbation of the  
Gen. Assembly respecting the proceed-  
ings of this Synod in their plan for Missi-  
onaries was read and the following  
extract from said approbation ordered  
to be entered on our Minutes viz. That  
the Gen. Assembly were highly pleased with  
our Missionaries considered them useful  
to the Church and heartily approved of  
the zeal and diligence manifested by this  
body in carrying those measures into  
effect moreover they did earnestly re-  
commend to this Synod to persevere in  
carrying on those measures which it appear

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have heretofore been adopted with so much  
Success -

Upon Motion

The letter by the Gen. Assembly  
at their session last Spring addressed to the  
Church under their care was read -

On Motion The Commission of Synod proceeded  
to finish their report and having gone  
through the same - The Synod approved  
the same and declared a hearty desire that  
the Commission may be enabled to proceed  
with their former fidelity and zeal -

Upon Motion The Stated Clerk of Synod was  
paid by the Members present the sum of  
eight Dollars for recording the Minutes  
of Synod for the last year -

Upon Motion

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Montgomery and  
Houston were appointed a Committee to ex-  
amine the Accounts of the Treasurers of  
the Commission of Synod and ordered to  
make report to the next Synod -

Upon Motion

Mr William Alexander of  
Lexington was appointed Treasurer of  
the Seminary instituted in Rockbridge

05. Upon Motion

M<sup>r</sup> McMillan was appointed  
Treasurer of the Seminary instituted in  
Washington.

Upon Motion Michael Graham of Liber-  
ty town was appointed a Member of the  
Commission of Synod in the Room of  
M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Rice.

Agreeably to order the Minutes of the  
Inferior Synod were read - then the  
Synod adjourned to meet at this place  
on the next Wednesday of September next  
concluded with Prayer

John McMillan M.  
Samuel Houston C.

Ingen<sup>t</sup> Assembly  
Carlisle May 22. 1792

Thus far this book is, in general approved

John King Mod<sup>r</sup>

Winchester Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1792

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably  
to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon  
from 2. Cor. 5. 20, by the Rev. John W. Millan

The Synod was constituted by Prayer  
Members present

Of the Presbytery of Hanover, The Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>.  
James Mitchel, Drury Lacy and James Turner  
Dr John Norton Elder

Of the Presbytery of Westmore, The Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>.  
John W. Millan, James Dunlap, Joseph Cateron,  
and John McNeill

Of the Presbytery of Lexington, The Rev. M<sup>rs</sup>.  
William Graham, Edward Crawford, Benja-  
min Ervin, William Wilton, Mose Moge, Samu-  
el Houston, Nath. Legrand, and William Hill

W<sup>o</sup> John Wilton, W<sup>o</sup> John Campbell, W<sup>o</sup> Ar-  
chibald Hopkins, and John Gilkison Elders

Present, of the Presbytery of Hanover  
The Rev. John Todd, Dr James Waddell,  
William Ervin, Archibald McRobert, John  
McClair, and William Mahon

Of the Presbytery of Westmore, The Rev.  
James Finley, John Clark, James Bowen



Thadew Dadd, James Hughes, John Rice,  
and Samuel Porter

Of Lexington Presbytery, The Rev. John  
Brown, Archibald Scott, John Montgomery,  
and John Mcue

The whole Presbytery of Transylvania  
Agreeably to order the Synod proceeded to  
choose a Moderator and Clerk -

Mr Crawford was chosen Moderator, & Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Haupton and Lacy were chosen Clerks -

The Synod then adjourned to meet at  
this place at 4 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with Prayer

4 o'clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjourn-  
ment, and was constituted by Prayer

Col. Charles Allen an Elder in Stony Church of  
Hanover Presbytery, and Mr John Lytle an Elder  
in Timber-ridge Church of Lexington Presbytery,  
were admitted to seats in Synod, as representatives  
of these Churches.

Ordered that the Minutes of the Synod in the year  
-91 be read.

Mr Lacy's reasons for not attending last Synod were  
sustained - Mr Dunlap, was excused for non-attend<sup>ance</sup>

Mr Hoge, Mr Dunlap, and Mr Turner Ministers, and  
Mr Campbell, Mr Martin, and Mr Hopkins Elders were  
appointed a Committee of overtures -

The Presbyteries were ordered to make their Reports tomorrow Morning.

The Synod appointed Mr Ervin, and Mr Hill a Committee to review the Presbytery Book of Hanover— And Mr Mcmillan & Mr McFerrin a Committee to review the Presbytery Book of Lexington, and to make their reports at any of the Sessions, previous to the rising of this Synod.

The Synod then made inquiry of the respective Presbyteries, whether they had been careful to send Commissioners to the general Assembly, and taken measures to defray their expences; when it appeared that the Presbyteries had been careful in this respect, & that Hanover and Lexington Presbyteries had taken order to raise money to pay their Commissioners Expences.

An inquiry was made, whether the Stated Clerk of Synod had sent to the general Assembly a copy of the reports of the several Presbyteries; also whether the Presbyteries had sent up a duplicate of their Reports agreeably to an order of the last Synod; when it appeared that the Stated Clerk & the Presbytery of Hanover had complied with the order, & that the Presbyteries of Mecklenburg and Lexington had not complied.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.  
Concluded with Prayer

September 27<sup>th</sup>

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted with Prayer.

Members present as on yesterday.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, that the Presbyteries in making their Reports, also make an abridgment thereof comprehending the alterations which have taken place since their last report, and that the abridgment only be recorded on our Minutes, and that the full reports be kept amongst the files of this House.

The Presbytery of Hanover reported that, since their last report, they have dismissed two of their Members viz. The Rev. John W. Smith to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Nath. Legrand to join the Presbytery of Lexington, also that they have dismissed Mr. William Hill one of their dissenters to join the Presbytery of Lexington. They have also licensed and ordained Mr. James Turner, and have licensed William Falhoon, and Moses Waddell; and received and licensed William Williamson. They have twenty six congregations within their bounds, fifteen of which are supplied, and ten vacant as appears ~~\*\*\*~~ from their report No. 9.

The Rev. John W. Smith of the Presbytery of Philadelphia being present was invited to sit as a corresponding Member, and took his seat accordingly.

The Presbytery of Preston reported, that since the last Synod, the Rev. Joseph Smith has been removed by Death on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April last, that they have received the Rev. Jacob Jennings from the low Dutch Church, and the Rev. Thomas Cooley from Great Britain, upon trial until the next meeting of the Synod. They have licensed two candidates viz. George Hill and William Swan. They have taken on trial three candidates viz. David Smith, Thomas Marquis, and Boyd Mercer as appears from their report No. 2 -

The Presbytery of Lexington report, that since the last Synod, they have received the Rev. Nath. Segrant from Hanover Presbytery; and Mr William Hill a licentiate from the same Presbytery and ordained him to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry in Charles Town and hope well Church, that they have received Mr Joseph Caldwell, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Carlisle. That that they have licensed to preach the over-lapping Gospel Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Archibald Alexander, Benjamin Grigby, Mathew Lyle, Thomas Poage, John Campbell & Mathew Houston; and have taken on trial as a candidate Mr Adam Freeman. That the Churches of Timberidge and Oxford have formed a collegiate connection with the Church of New-monmouth and Lexington. That by an order of the general Assembly they have added to their care the Churches of Carmel, Martinburgh, Tuscarora, Back creek, Charles



Town & Hope well, as appears from the Report  
of Lexington No. 3

No Report from the Presbytery of ~~Lexington~~ Trans-  
sylvania.

Mr Thomas Cadley having expressed a desire to settle  
in the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery and become a  
Member thereof, his Credentials were by that Presby-  
tery laid before Synod agreeably to a former Rule  
of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia. Upon  
examining these Credentials the Synod were of opi-  
nion, that they were of such a peculiar nature as  
to give some ground to suspect their authenticity,  
and therefore the Synod resolved, that they should  
be laid before the general Assembly at their next  
meeting in order to obtain their judgment  
& Decision in the case

The Synod then adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with Prayer  
3 o'clock

The Synod met agreeably to a adjournment & was  
concluded with Prayer. Members present as above  
Mr John White an Elder from Charles Town Church  
under the pastoral care of the Rev. William Hill took  
his seat as a Member of Synod.

A reference from the Presbytery of Lexington  
respecting the Translation of the Rev. William Gra-  
ham to the Presbytery of Hanover, was laid before  
Synod thro' the Committee of overtures; and the  
Synod having obtained all the information  
they could upon the Subject, referred it for  
further consideration untill tomorrow Morning

upon Motion, ordered, that the Commission of Synod make report respecting the Success of the Plan adopted for the propagation of the Gospel. Agreeably to order the Commission made a report, the substance of which is, that during last Winter they had four Missionaries, two of whom rode in Kentucky, whose labour throughout that Country have been generally much blessed, to awaken the thoughtless and careless, and to stir up Gods People to more zeal and life. That the two Missionaries, who rode on this side the Wilderness, had also considerable success in propagating Religion.

They further reported that last Summer they had six Missionaries, chiefly employed in riding in the bounds of Hanover and Lexington Presbyteries, one of whom by permission travelled in the bounds of Abingdon Presbytery — All these Missionaries appear to have been much blessed in drawing the attention of the People to the means of Grace, and in several places hopeful appearances of Person awakened and fired up to personal concern about their souls, and that in some places churches are likely to be formed. They reported further that lately one of the Missionaries had resigned, but that two others had put themselves under their care and direction —

The Synod heard their report with pleasure, and highly approved the attention, zeal, and fidelity of the Commission, & their Missionaries; and recommended to the Commission to make out a report of such parts of the success of their Missionaries, as they may judge to be edifying, to lay before the next General Assembly.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow Morning at 9 o'clock  
Concluded with Prayer

September 28<sup>th</sup>

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and  
was constituted with Prayer

Members present as on yesterday

The Synod having maturely considered the re-  
ference from Lexington Presbytery respecting the  
translation of Mr Graham from his present charge  
to Prince-Edward, are of the opinion, that the pros-  
pects of usefulness where he is and in Prince-Edward  
are so nearly equal, that they cannot with propri-  
ety decide upon it; and therefore think it most ad-  
visable to refer it to Mr Graham himself to do in  
this affair what shall appear to him most conducive  
to the interests of the Church of Christ, and his own  
comfort and happiness. And require him to make  
a report to the Synod as soon as possible -

Overtured, that the Synod review the censure  
which at a former meeting was appointed to be in-  
flicted on Mr Galbraith and Mr Wilkins.  
Upon Motion,

Resolved, that Mr W. Millan, Mr Hoge  
Mr Smith, Mr Morton & Mr Campbell be a committee to  
which the above Overture be submitted, and that they  
make report thereon when convenient, at any time  
before the rising of the Synod

The Committee appointed last meeting of this  
Synod to examine the books of Accounts of the  
Treasury of the Synod for Supporting Missiona-  
ries, agreeably to order made report, that on the  
8<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept 1792 the following sum from the  
several Presbyteries had entered in said Book

From the Presbytery of Hanover	9 1/2 / 2 1/2
From the Presbytery of the Stone	46.8.9
From the Presbytery of Lexington	54.3.8
The whole amount	60.13.10 1/2
Paid at sundry times from the Fund	161.6.6 1/2
Balance in favour of the Synod	116.10.6
	44.16.0 1/2

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock  
concluded with Prayer

3 O'clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with Prayer

Members present as above

An inquiry was made whether the different Presbyteries had complied with the recommendation of Synod respecting the observation of the Sabbath; when it appeared that the Presbyteries of the Stone and Lexington had complied with said recommendation; and that Hanover Presbytery having some degree taken measures for complying with it.

The Synod request their respective Presbyteries to persevere in observing the recommendation in all points as fully as their circumstances will admit.

Upon Motion, resolved, that it be recommended to the Presbyteries belonging to this Synod to take order to have collections made as heretofore for the Missionaries Fund; and to be particular in calling upon their Members to render an account of their fidelity in this business.

Upon Motion, Messrs Erwin and Houston were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod for the Missionaries Fund



An Inquiry was made whether the respective Presbyteries had attended to the recommendation of Synod to administer Baptism at stated periods. and it appeared that the Presbyteries of Hanover and Lexington had particular attention to it. The Synod therefore thought fit to continue it as a standing recommendation, hoping that in time it may be generally adopted.

Ordered, that the stated clerk write to the Presbytery of Transylvania, informing them that a certain Mr James Moore, said to be on trials for the Ministry under <sup>their</sup> care, naturally belongs to the Presbytery of Lexington and ought to have received a recommendation from them; and that they be ordered to proceed no farther in his trials untill they receive such a recommendation.

Ordered, that the Presbyteries agreeably to an order of the General Assembly, send a report of the state of Religion along with their respective Duplicates

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 o'clock

Concluded with Prayer

Sep<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> — 93 (Mistake for 92)

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted with Prayer

Members present as on yesterday  
Mr Graham being called upon to make report respecting his removal to Prince-Edward as referred to him yesterday, he reported, that he did not conceive it to be his Duty to remove from his present charge, and therefore continued in it.

Upon Inquiry The Synod found that the Presbyteries had observed the second Thursday of November as a day of fasting and prayer agreeably to order

Upon Motion, Ordered that the second Thursday of next November be observed by the Churches under our care, as a Day of solemn fasting and Prayer to supplicate God to pour out his holy Spirit upon our Assemblies, revive religion in our Churches; also to return God thanks for the divine influences he has granted to some Blacwin our Wounds.

The Committee appointed to investigate the affair stated in the Petition of Robert Galbraith & John Wilkin Esq<sup>rs</sup> beg leave to report.

That the proceedings of the Committee of Synod appointed to meet at Pittsburgh in November 1789 appear to have been irregularly conducted, because contrary to the Rules of just procedure in such cases; that Committee refused to receive & record a protest on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November objecting to the entering into the business at that time for want of timely notice; and afterwards on the 27<sup>th</sup> of the same Month, taking ex parte Testimony, which tended to involve the Petitioner in censure. It therefore appears to your Committee that there is reason to apprehend that the said Committee of Synod may have been misinformed and led into mistakes concerning the Petitioner. In consequence of this apprehension your Committee are of Opinion that the Presbytery of Redstone ought to be directed to inquire into the truth of that Statement in the report of the Committee of Synod, where in the Petitioner are charged with having made a declaration unbecoming his Character as Christian, and on which the censure of Synod is founded and to declare on the part of the Synod that censure removed, provided the innocence of the Petitioner shall be clearly

indicated before them, which Report was received  
 Ordered therefore, that the Presbytery of Redford  
 execute the above resolution, and make report at  
 the next stated meeting of Synod, and to enable  
 them to perform that business properly; that they  
 be furnished with all the papers relative to that  
 Subject

Upon Motion, Messrs. Graham Hoge and Hous-  
 ton Minister & Mr. John Wilson Elder were appointed  
 a Committee to draft a Minute, that may make  
 the plan of Education proposed by the Synod  
 last year coincide with the Act of incorporation  
 instituting the Academy of Liberty-Hall, and to  
 make Report before the rising of Synod.

Adjourned till 3 O'clock P.M. - concluded with Ps.

3 O'clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment and  
 was constituted with prayer.

The Committee appointed to review the Mi-  
 nute Book of Hanover Presbytery, reported that  
 they had reviewed it to the 135<sup>th</sup> page, which was  
 thus far approved.

The Committee appointed to review the Pres-  
 bytery Book of Lexington, reported, that they  
 had reviewed it to the 89<sup>th</sup> page, which was thus  
 far approved.

Mr. Legrand obtained leave of absence this afternoon.

Mr. Smith having removed out of the bounds of  
 this Synod, Mr. Lacy was appointed a Member of  
 the Commission of Synod in his stead.

The Committee appointed to draft a Minute,  
 which may accommodate the plan of education  
 proposed by Synod to the Act of incorporation in-  
 stituting Liberty-Hall, reported, that they exam-  
 ined wherein they do not coincide, and find that  
 the following particulars appear necessary for

Synod to adopt, in order to put it in the power of the Trustees of said Academy to devote their property to the purposes proposed by Synod, agreeably to the proposals said Trustees have made in their petition to Synod -

1<sup>st</sup> That in stead of constituting the Presbyteries of Hanover and Lexington the Trustees of the Academy in Rockbridge; The Synod agree that they shall remain according to the direction of the Act; only that the board is requested to fill up vacancies out of those two Presbyteries; and to agree to the direction of Synod that those two Presbyteries may attend at the examinations of the Students -

2<sup>d</sup> Lastly, that the seventh article in the Synodal plan is wholly provided for in another way in the Act of incorporation, and therefore that the Synod do not desire the Trustees of the Academy of Liberty Hall to comply with it -

The stated clerk was paid the sum of five Dollars and one half for recording the Minutes of Synod last year -

The Synod proceeded to inquire into the state of Religion, at present, in the Churches under their care; and though they lament that in some instances there seems to be a declension with regard to the life and power of Religion in some Churches; yet there is much reason for thankfulness that there seems to be scarcely any Apostates, and that in many instances the Lord appears to be reviving and carrying on his work -

Adjourned to meet at Winchester the last Wednesday in next September.

Concluded with Prayer

Edward Crawford, Mod<sup>r</sup>



Winchester September 25<sup>th</sup> 1793

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon from Cor. 2-3. by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Edward Crawford. —

The Synod was constituted with prayer —

Members present — of the Presbytery of Hanover, The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Makon — of the Presby of Redstone The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Dunlap Joseph Paterson, John McPherson & Sam<sup>l</sup> Porter. of The Presbytery of Lexington The Rev<sup>d</sup> Edward Crawford, Samuel Houston, Nash LeGrand & W<sup>h</sup>ill —

Members absent — of the Presbytery of Hanover The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd Dr James Waddell, Wm Irvine Arch<sup>d</sup> W<sup>h</sup> Roberts James Mitchell. John D. Blair. Drury Lacy & James Turner — of the Presbytery of Redstone The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Finley, John Clark, James Powers Thaddeus Dodd, James Hughes, John Bruce, John W<sup>h</sup> Milson & Jacob Jennings — of The Presbytery of Lexington — The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Brown. William Graham. Arch<sup>d</sup> Scott. John Montgomery

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Moses Hope Wm Wilson. Benj<sup>n</sup> Erwin, & John White  
The whole of Transylvania Presbytery were absent  
The Synod then adjourned to meet at this place  
at 4 o'clock in the afternoon - concluded with ps

4 o'clock -

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment &  
was constituted with prayer & members present  
as above with the addition of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses  
Hope & Mr John White Elder -

Agreeably to order the Synod proceeded to choose  
a moderator & clerks - Mr Mahon was  
chosen Mod<sup>r</sup> & Messrs Houston & Hill Clerks

The Rules being read agreeably to order  
the newly elected Mod<sup>r</sup> took his seat -

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Amos Thompson a member of the  
association of Congregationalists in Litch-  
field County in Connecticut being present  
on invitation took his seat as a corresponding  
member. - On motion the Synod proceeded to  
read the minutes of the meeting in the year 1792

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Messrs Mahon's & Porter's reasons for absence  
last year were sustained —

The minutes of last year being read the Synod  
resolved to appoint a Committee of Pastors  
whereupon Messrs Dunlap, Hoge & LeGrand  
ministers & Mr White Elder, were appointed  
for that purpose, & ordered to make report  
from time to time as they may have busi-  
ness in reading for Synod —

On motion the Presbytery were ordered to  
make their reports on next Friday morning  
Mr Porter obtained leave of absence until tomorrow  
morning —

On motion The Synod adjourned to meet at this  
place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock concluded with  
prayer —

Thursday morning 9 o'clock —

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
& constituted with prayer — Members present  
as above —

agreeably to order the minutes of last  
Session were read — Messrs Graham & Stithell  
attended, this morning, their reasons for not attending

Yesterday were sustained —

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Mr Hugh Weir Elder from the Church of New  
Mormouth attended & took his seat —

The Synod enquired respecting Mr Cooleys credentials, which were ordered last meeting to be laid before the Gen<sup>d</sup> Assembly; whereupon a member who had attended as a Commissioner to the Gen<sup>d</sup> Assembly informed Synod that the said credentials were laid before the Gen<sup>d</sup> Assembly at their last meeting agreeably to order, & that the Gen<sup>d</sup> Assembly had reprobated said credentials as spurious

On Motion Messrs Porter & McPherson were appointed a Committee to examine the minute book of the Presbytery of Lexington — And Messrs Graham & Mitchell to examine that of the Presbytery of Redstone, & to make their reports before the rising of Synod. —

On Motion the Synod enquired respecting their order of last year directing the Presbytery



of Redstone to enquire into the case of Robt Galbraith & John Wilkins Esqrs. - The Presbytery of Redstone informed that they had complied with said order, and read the minutes of their proceedings, from which & some former minutes then appeared so much intricacy as to require some time & duly to compare them for a fair investigation; therefore the Synod appointed Messrs Graham Stitchel, Porter, & Hoop a Committee to make said comparison & report thereon before the rising of Synod.

The Synod enquired if the report respecting the progress of the plan for Missions had been made to the Genl Assly as ordered last year, & were informed that said report had been made & that the Genl Assly were well satisfied therewith. -

The Synod enquired respecting their order last year for collections to be made for the

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Fund for supporting Missionaries; and found  
that the Ply had complied with said order.

on motion therefore it was ordered that each  
Ply belonging to this Synod take order that  
collections for the future as heretofore be  
made for said Fund - and that they be  
particular in calling upon their mem-  
bers to render an account of their fidelity  
in this business -

The Synod enquired respecting the com-  
pliance of the several Plys with the  
standing orders of Synod relative to the ob-  
servance of the Sabbath & the administra-  
tion of Baptism at stated periods, and found  
that with respect to both of them it  
continued as ministered last year -

Upon examination the Synod found that  
their Stated Clerk had written to the Penn-  
sylvania Ply respecting Mr Moore as ordered last  
year

The Synod enquired if the Plys under their care had complied with the order of last year to send to the Gen<sup>d</sup> Assem. an account of the state of religion along with their Duplicates, & found, that the Plys of Hanover & Lexington had complied —

The Synod enquired if the different Plys had complied with the order of last year to observe a day of fasting & prayer, & found that they had complied —

On motion the Synod adjourned to meet again at this place at 3 O'clock concluded with prayer —

3 O'clock The Synod met again equally to adjournment — constituted with prayer. members present as above with the addition of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Montgomery & William Wilson ministers & Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Campbell & William Kunkels Elders — Mr Montgomery was absent for not attending last year & sooner at

This meeting were sustained - Likewise <sup>106</sup>  
Mr Wilsons reasons for not attending ear-  
lier this meeting were sustained -

Though the Committee of Overtures was  
proposed for consideration the following  
question vizt - How far & in what respects  
are persons subjects of Church Discipline  
who have been taken under the care of  
the Christian Church by Baptism in infan-  
cy, & who have not been admitted to the  
Lords Supper. - The Proposition was  
received & the Synod deliberated upon it to  
some length, & then agreed to defer the  
further consideration of it until next  
meeting of the Synod. -

On Motion the Synod adjourned to meet  
at this place to morrow morning at 9 oclk  
Concluded with prayer -



September 27<sup>th</sup>

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment.  
 Constituted with prayer — Members present as above  
 Agreeably to order the minutes of yesterday were  
 read — Agreeably to the order of last wednesday  
 the Presbyteries made their reports, which are as  
 follow.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported that the altera-  
 tions in their Presbytery since they last reported  
 are as follow, Viz. That the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Thaddeus Dod  
 was removed by death the 20<sup>th</sup> of last May —  
 That M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Marshall Licentiate was dismissed  
 to join the Presbytery of Transylvania — That  
 M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Mahan a Candidate from the Presby-  
 tery of Carlisle was taken under their care — That  
 they have licensed M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Marguis, M<sup>r</sup>. Davis  
 Smith and M<sup>r</sup>. Boggs likewise to preach the everlast-  
 ing gospel. And ordained M<sup>r</sup>. George Hill

to the whole work of the gospel ministry and installed<sup>109</sup>  
him in the churches of Dourzal, Fairfield and Wheat  
field. - As appears by their report N<sup>o</sup> 1.

The Presbytery of Hanover reported that since  
their last report the following alterations have  
taken place Viz. - That the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd was  
removed by death the 27<sup>th</sup> of last July - That  
Mr Samuel Brown has been licensed to preach  
the everlasting gospel - That Mr Benjamin M<sup>r</sup>  
Renolds has been taken under trial as a candidate  
for the gospel ministry. - That Mr Irwin was  
dismissed from his charge. And that Mr Moss  
Waddell a Licentiate was dismissed to travel to the  
Southward. - As appears from their report N<sup>o</sup> 2.

The Presbytery of Lexington reported that since  
their last report the following alterations have  
taken place Viz. - That Mr John Campbell has  
been ordained to the whole work of the gospel ministry  
and installed in the collegiat Churches of Timberidge,  
Lexington, New-Monmouth and Bedford. -

That they have heard Mr. Adam Freeman to preach the everlasting gospel and taken under trial Mr. Samuel Rannels a Candidate for the gospel ministry. That the churches of Tuscarora and Falling Waters were by the general Assembly at their last meeting reunited to the churches under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle. — As appears from the reports N<sup>o</sup>. 3.

No report from the Presbytery of Pennsylvania  
 A motion resolved that the Ridge dividing the waters of Monongahalia from the waters of Potomack and Green River shall be considered as the division between the Presbyteries of Piedmont & of Lexington.

On motion Mr. John Campbell who was reported an ordained member of the Presbytery took his seat as a member of this Synod.

On motion the Synod enquired if the Committee, appointed last meeting to report at this time

the state of the accounts of the Missionaries Fund  
were ready to make report, and found that there  
was a necessity before such report should be made  
that some settlements be adjusted with the Commis-  
sion of Synod. Ordered therefore that Messrs. Gour-  
ton and Campbell be a Committee to examine  
the accounts of the Treasurer of the Fund for  
Missionaries and the accounts of the Commission  
of Synod from Sept: 8<sup>th</sup> 1792 and that they  
make report, against the next meeting of this  
Synod, of the said accounts. —

Whereas the Presbytery of Transylvania has  
never sent any report to Synod hitherto; Ordered  
therefore that the stated Clerk write to that Pres-  
bytery to send forward a regular report by our  
next meeting

Through the Committee of Overtures a petition  
was presented from the Trustees of the Academy



111 of Liberty-Hall stating that they had agreed to the conditions on which the Synod proposed last year to patronize S. Academy, and stating that encouraged by this and other favourable considerations they had contracted for buildings to the amount of £900 which are to be finished by the first of next December; and praying the active aid and concurrence of the Synod.

The Synod approved of the vigorous exertions of the Trustees of the Academy, and earnestly recommended it to and enjoined it upon the Presbyteries of Hanover and of Lexington to exert themselves and to use their influence to raise money to aid the Trustees in discharging the contracts already made and to raise the Academy to as great a State of usefulness as possible.

Through the Committee of Directors a petition from the Presbytery of Peristone was presented to the Synod

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praying for a division of that Presbytery into two  
Presbyteries Viz. that the Monongahela River  
shall be the dividing line between them and that  
the one lying West of d. River shall be called the  
Presbytery of Ohio, consisting of the Rev. John Clark,  
John W. Millan, Joseph Paterson, James Houghes  
and John Brice. The Synod agreed to their petition  
appointed the Presbytery of Ohio to hold their  
first meeting at Buffaloe on the fourth tues-  
day of next October; and that the Rev. John  
Clark be Moderator and in case of his absence  
the next member present.

Upon enquiry the Synod found that agreeably  
to an order of Synod made Sept. 1791 the Presbytery  
of Meadons have proceeded a considerable length in  
raising a fund for educating indigent and pious  
youths, and that they have found a number of  
proper objects to educate upon the Fund.

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The Synod therefore highly approved of the diligence and fidelity of that Presbytery, and recommended it to the other Presbyteries to follow their laudable example.

Upon enquiring the Synod found that the Seminary under the care of the Presbytery of Prestons and the patronage of Synod is in a probable way to become eminent and useful as well as the Academy of Liberty-Hall, and therefore the Synod expressed their high satisfaction in the exertions of their respective trustees to promote the interest of these Seminaries.

On motion the Synod adjourned to meet at this place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

Members present as above. —

\* The Synod having spent some time in conversation which concerned the general interest of the church but which did not appear necessary to be recorded.

On Motion adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Members present as above.

Agreeably to order the minutes of yesterday were read.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Lexington, reported that they had complied with their appointment and that they had examined 28 records from page 90 to the 117 which was thus far approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Acostone, reported that they



Had examined s<sup>r</sup> records to the 66 page which was  
thus far approved by the Synod.

On motion the members of the Presbytery of Ohio  
were appointed Trustees in conjunction with the  
members of the Presbytery of Redstone to manage  
the Seminary in their bounds under the pa-  
tronage of Synod.

The Committee appointed to examine into  
the affair of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Galbraith and Wilkins esq<sup>s</sup>  
report, that, having examined the proceedings  
of the Presbytery of Redstone respecting Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Galbraith and Wilkins and although the Testi-  
mony upon which the Presbytery founded their  
judgment does not appear to be as direct as could  
be wished - yet considering the whole state of  
the affair your Committee are of opinion that  
their judgment be received - which report  
the Synod adopted.

On motion agreed to meet at this place at  
3 O'clock in the afternoon— adjourned with prayer

3 O'clock

Synod met agreeably to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Members present as above.

Ordered that the Commission make a report of  
the members and success of the Missionaries.

The commission accordingly reported, that they had  
seven Missionaries the last Winter under their  
direction and six during the <sup>last</sup> Summer, that  
these Missionaries had been very diligent and  
faithful in the execution of their office and  
the success of their ministrations appears as  
great as formerly. That two of these Missionaries  
were in the district of Kentucky, during the  
last year, from whom they had not received an  
official account.

The Synod highly approve of the attention and

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care of the Commission in the conduct of that  
business and exhorted them to continue their  
diligence and zeal.

The Synod proceeded to consider the petitions of the  
Rev. Edward Crawford stating that he approached  
the members of the Committee appointed to con-  
sider the charges exhibited against Mr. Barr  
aggrieved by some remarks upon their proceed-  
ings by a Committee appointed by last Synod  
to examine the merits of Mr. Gallweath's pe-  
tition. Whereupon it was resolved that, although  
it was the opinion of the Committee appoin-  
ted by Synod last year to attend to the merits  
of Mr. Gallweath's petition and to review the me-  
rits of a Committee appointed by a former  
Synod to meet at Fort Pitt to try Mr. Barr de novo  
that the last mentioned Committee had in one or  
two instances acted contrary to the Rules which

sought to be observed in every ecclesiastical  
process of a similar nature, yet the Synod have  
no reason to think that the members of that Comtee  
did not act with great integrity in the whole  
of their difficult process, or that the least  
partiality either to Mr Barr or his opponents  
was intended. —

On Motion the Stated Clerk of Synod was paid  
for recording the minutes of last year the  
sum of twenty one shillings & six pence —

On Motion - The Synod appointed the 2<sup>d</sup> Thurs  
day of next Nov a day of fasting & prayer  
to supplicate the influences of the holy spirit  
to be poured out upon our Churches & to awaken  
& convert sinners, & to quicken the children of  
God in their respective duties —

On Motion, The Synod adjourned to meet at Har  
risoumburg on the last Wednesday of next Sept  
Concluded with prayer —

William Makon Maden



Harrisonburg Sept<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1794

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon from <sup>the</sup> Pa<sup>r</sup>son. 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> by the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mahon the last year's mod<sup>r</sup> - The Synod was constituted with prayer.

Members present - - of the Pky of Hanover -

The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Mahon - of the Pky of Rockton The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Dunlap. of the Pky of Lexington The Rev<sup>d</sup> Edward Crawford; Benj<sup>n</sup> Lewis Moses Hoge, John McCue Sam<sup>l</sup> Hawston, Nath<sup>l</sup> Selgrand & Withill - of the Pky of Ohio The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Hughes & John Brice -

Elders present Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Baster Walter Davies & James Logan. -

Of the Pky of Hanover were absent The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Waddell D. D. Arch<sup>d</sup> McRoberts Jas<sup>l</sup> Mitchell Jas<sup>l</sup> D. Blair - Denny Lay & Jas<sup>l</sup> Turner. -

Of the Pky of Rockton - The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Finley James Pauer John McPherson - Jas<sup>l</sup> Jennings, Samuel Porter and George Hill -

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Of the Pky of Livingston, The Revd John Brown  
Wm Graham Asch<sup>d</sup> Scott John Montgomery Wm  
Wilson & John Campbell. —  
Of the Pky of Ohio - The Revd John Clerk John  
W Millan & Joseph Patterson. —

The Presbytery of Transylvania were wholly  
absent —

The Synod proceeded to choose a Moderator &  
& Clerks - Mr James Dunlap was chosen  
Mod<sup>r</sup> & Messrs Houston & Hughes Clerks —  
Mess<sup>r</sup> Graham Stitchel & Campbell attend  
ed at this time & Mr Joseph Lyle Elder —  
On motion it was ord<sup>r</sup>ed that the several  
pkys present make their respective reports  
tomorrow morning.

On motion Mess<sup>r</sup> Graham Stitchel & Brier Ministers  
& Mess<sup>r</sup> Baxter & Lyle Elders were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup>  
of Cautions, & ord<sup>r</sup>ed to report from time to time as  
often as they have business in readiness.

On motion the minutes of the last meeting of this Synod were read —

The Synod enquired if the Presby of Lexington & Hanover had complied with the recommendation & injunction of the Synod last year, to exert themselves in aiding the Trustees of the academy of Liberty Hall, to raise money to discharge the expences of their buildings &c. — and found that the Presby. of Lexington had — But that perfect information could not yet be obtained from the Presby. of Hanover. —

The reasons of Messrs Hugh Brain Erwin & McLean for not attending the last meeting of this Synod were sustained —

On motion the Synod adjourned to meet at this place to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock.  
Concluded with prayer. —

Thursday <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup> morning 9 o'Clock — The Synod met agreeably to adjournment members present as above Constituted with prayer  
Agreeably to order the minutes of yesterday were read —

Agreeably to <sup>the</sup> order of yesterday, the P<sup>ly</sup> were  
called upon to make their reports — which  
was accordingly done — as follows —

The P<sup>ly</sup> of Hanover reported that since the  
last meeting of Synod the following alter-  
ations had taken place Viz: That Mr Sand  
Brown had been dismissed from under their  
care, to join the Commission of Synod as  
a missionary. That Mr William Irvine  
has been suspended from the Gospel ministry.  
That they have ordained Mr Williamson to  
the Gospel ministry, and dismissed him to  
join any P<sup>ly</sup> where providence may direct —  
That Mr Archibald Alexander formerly a  
probationer of the P<sup>ly</sup> of Livingston has been  
taken under their care, & ordained to the Gospel  
ministry, that they have dismissed from their  
care Messrs. Allen & Calhoun to join the Trans-  
sylvania P<sup>ly</sup>. — The P<sup>ly</sup> referred Synod to their  
general report of last year N<sup>o</sup> 4. —



The Pky of Kepton reported that the following alterations have taken place since they last reported viz<sup>t</sup> that they have ordained to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Swan & David Smith and installed Mr Swan in the united Congregations of Samwickly & Longreen, & Mr Smith in the united Cong<sup>s</sup> of George's Creek & Union. - That Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Moore a Licentiate from the Association of Connecticut had been taken under their care that they have dismissed Mrs Moore & Marquis to join the Pky of Ohio - And that Mr Nelson was dismissed to join the Pky of Carlisle - They refered the Synod to their general report of last year No 1 -

The Pky of Lexington reported that since their last years report the following alterations have taken place viz<sup>t</sup> That Mr John Lyfe has been ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry & installed in the Cong<sup>s</sup> of Springfield Frankfort & Rumney - That Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Remond has been licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel & that he is now under the direction of the Commission of Synod - That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Matthew Lyfe & Benjamin Giggley <sup>have</sup> received back again from the Commission of Synod & taken under the care of the Pky -

That Mr. Ant. Alexander has been dismissed <sup>1824</sup> to put  
himself under the care of Hanover Pby. That Mr  
Messrs Robert Stewart & Sam<sup>r</sup> Ramsey have been  
taken under the care of Pby as candidates for  
the Gospel Ministry - That Mr Thos Poage one  
our Licentiates departed this life the 1st of Oct.  
And for the general report, the Pby referred the  
Synod to the general report given in last year  
and filed amongst the papers No 3 -

The Pby of this reported, that since their  
Institution, at the Last meeting of Synod the  
following alterations have taken place Vizt  
That the Rev John Clark being supernumerary  
on his application was dismissed from his  
charge - That Messrs Marquis & Moore  
formerly Licentiates under the care of Old  
Stone Pby have been received & ordained  
to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry  
& that they have installed Mr Marquis in the  
Cong<sup>n</sup> of Cross Creek - & Mr Moore in the  
Cong<sup>n</sup> of Ten Miles - And for a general report  
the Pby referred the Synod to the record of their Institution

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Mr David Smith being reported as a member  
of Red Bank P<sup>ly</sup> ~~Church~~ Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Marquis of the  
P<sup>ly</sup> of Ohio, and Mr John Lyle of the P<sup>ly</sup> of Lexington  
& being all present on invitation took their  
seats as members of this Synod.

In Motion The Rules of order for proceeding in be-  
sines not being present at our first session were  
now read.

Mr William Marquis Elder attended at this  
time & took his seat, his reasons for not  
attending yesterday were heard & sustained.  
Agreeably to order, the Committee of over-  
seers reported the following overture, Vizt:  
That the Synod of Virginia prepare an address  
to the people under their care, & inculcate  
upon them the duty of obedience to the  
Laws of their Country. After the  
Synod had deliberated upon the subject the  
question was put, "Shall the Synod agree  
to an address - or not in the form recom-  
mended in the overture?" It was determined  
in the negative. But the Synod, taking into

consideration the calamitous situation of our  
 Country from the reasons referred to in that  
 overture, as well as other important reasons,  
 unanimously agreed to appoint a fast to  
 be observed by all the Churches under their  
 care as early as possible & to forward an ad-  
 dress to the P<sup>by</sup> composing this Synod stating  
 the reasons for such fast - And appointed  
 the Rev<sup>d</sup> ~~Messrs~~ <sup>Messrs</sup> Graham, Mont gomery, Hoge &  
 Marquis, a Committee to prepare the address  
 The Synod further judged it expedient for  
 the interests of Religion, & for the Church that  
 this appointment & address be published in  
 the Winchester Gazette -

As the P<sup>by</sup> of Transylvania has never yet made  
 any reports the Stated Clerk of Synod was there-  
 fore ordered to write to that P<sup>by</sup> in due time  
 to make a full report at our next meeting  
 On motion the Synod enquired of the several  
 P<sup>by</sup>s if they had complied with the standing order



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respecting the observance of the Sab. day.  
and found that the Ply had complied with  
the order in laying it before their members  
& enjoining it upon them respectfully. —

It was also enquired if the Ply had complied  
with the standing order respecting administer-  
ing Baptism at appointed periods; And it  
was found that this affair stands in the  
same state in which it was reported last year.

Agreeably to order the Synod enquired if  
the Ply had complied with the recommenda-  
tion of Synod last year to raise contributions  
for the fund to educate indigent & pious  
youths — And was answered by the Ply of  
Harrover that they were disposed to exert  
themselves in this way whenever any object  
might appear to need such contributions.

Also that the Ply of Redstone & Ohio had  
complied with it as far as there were any  
demands for the objects under their care;

and that the Ply of Lexington were disposed

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to comply with it as soon as they had ob-  
jects requiring it. —

Agreeably to order the Synod enquired if  
~~the~~ <sup>its</sup> members had complied with the order  
of last year to observe a fast in our bounds  
& was answered in the affirmative —

On motion the Synod adjourned to meet  
again at this place at 3 o'clock. concluded  
with prayer — — —

Thursday afternoon 3 o'clock —

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
constituted with prayer — Members pre-  
sent as above — with the addition of  
Mr Archd Alexander who took his seat  
with his Son Col. William Morton — — Mr  
William Wilson attended also at this time  
& Mr John Campbell an Elder with him, &  
took their seats, their reasons for not  
attending sooner were heard & sustained.

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On motion Messrs John Campbell & Tho<sup>s</sup> Manquin  
were appointed a Committee to examine the  
Records of the P<sup>ly</sup> of Hanover, & make report of  
the condition of the same before the rising  
of Synod —

Agreably to order the Synod enquired  
if the P<sup>ly</sup> had complied with the recom-  
mendation of Synod to raise annual con-  
tributions to the fund for supporting  
Missionaries, & it was replied by the  
respective P<sup>ly</sup> that they had attended  
to the recommendation, & that their mem-  
bers had generally been attentive to it.

Mr Montgomery attended at this time & took his seat  
his reasons for not attending sooner at this  
meeting were heard & sustained —

The Synod agreably to order took up & consider-  
ed the question deferred last year until this meeting  
Vizt How far & in what respects are persons  
subjects of Church discipline who have been  
taken under the care of the Church by Baptism

in infancy & who have not been admitted<sup>130</sup>  
to the Lord's Supper. -

On Motion Mess<sup>rs</sup> Graham Kaye Hill & Alexander were appointed a Comtee to draught  
an answer to the above question & to  
make report before the rising of Synod.

The minutes of the Ply of Hanover having  
arrived it appeared that said Ply had taken  
order to raise collections, to assist the  
Trustees of Liberty Hall in discharging  
the expences of their buildings, a greatly  
to the injunction of Synod last year.

Upon enquiring into the state of the Academy under the care of the Ply of Redstone  
& Ohio it was found that it was in a  
prosperous condition, & likely to raise a  
number of useful men for the Church.

The Synod expressed their high satisfaction  
in the laudable exertions of sd Ply to pro-  
mote the interest of that Seminary -



The<sup>131</sup> Synod also enquired into the state of the Academy of Liberty Hall & were informed that it has been for the chief part of the time since the last report, in a prosperous condition, & that the Trustees are exerting themselves with the hopes of success to discharge the contracts into which they entered with workmen for bindings. But that a considerable sum is not yet discharged, neither is there ground to conclude that the subscriptions sufficient taken to raise it. - The Synod were well satisfied with the account of the flourishing condition of the Academy of Liberty Hall & of the exertions of the Trustees to promote its interests & wished that they might persevere in their laudable endeavours in that business. -

On Motion Messrs Hope Montgomery Campbell & Graham were appointed a Committee to draft an address to the King of Hanover stating the

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true design of the Seminary of Liberty Hall  
under the Patronage of Synod.

On Motion the Synod adjourned to meet at  
this place tomorrow morning 9 o'clock -  
Concluded with prayer -

Friday morning 9 o'clock - 26<sup>th</sup>

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment and  
was constituted with prayer - Members pre-  
sent as above.

The Committee of Cautions reported; That  
there was a remonstrance from a certain  
James Moore put into their hands accompa-  
nied with a number of papers intended as  
Testimonies to confirm the allegations contain-  
ed in said remonstrance complaining of the  
Oby of Transylvania for disorderly proceed-  
ings; & praying redress; - Your Comtee  
were in doubt whether said remonstrance came  
regularly before Synod, agreed therefore to sub-  
mit it to the judgment of Synod. After

Some deliberation on the point the question was put "Do the Synod judge that the remonstrance comes orderly before them? And it was determined in the affirmative.

Then upon motion the Synod agreed to hear the said papers read, which being done, the Synod unanimously agreed to take up the business & directed the stated Clerk to write to the Pres of Transylvania a statement of the business as now entered upon & requesting them to appear with their minutes at our next meeting, that the Synod may proceed in & if possible finish the above business. — Also that he write to Mr Moore informing him what Synod had done in his case. The Clerk was also directed to retain copies of the letters respecting the business which he may send to the Pres of Transylvania & to Mr Moore & that he shall lay them before Synod at their next meeting.

On motion, it was proposed that the Synod should divide the Pky of Lexington & constitute another Presbytery of a portion of its members, - The proposition was agreed to, & is as follows. VIZ - That the dividing line shall begin, on that part of the boundary line between the Pky of Lexington & Redstone, on the Allegany mountains, where Hardy County is divided from Pendleton running thence with the line dividing the Counties until the same reaches the corner of Rockingham County, from thence a direct course to the place where the great road thro' Pringle Town to Winchester crosses the River Sta mandah, from thence, to swift run gap on the blue Ridge, which reaches to the boundary of the Pky of Hanover - The members lying North East of said division shall be constituted a Presbytery & be known by the name of the Presbytery of Winchester consisting of the Rev Messrs Hays Nash Liguand W. Hill & John Lyle, & they shall hold their first meeting in the Town of Winchester



on the first Thursday of next December  
Mr Hoge as in his absence the Senior man  
he shall preach a sermon on the occasion  
& preside until a new Moderator is chosen.

On Motion, it was proposed that Mr William  
son being present, who has been reported as  
an ordained Minister should be invited  
to take his seat as a corresponding member  
and being invited he took his seat.

The Comtee appointed last year to examine  
the accounts of the Treasurer of the Fund for  
supporting Missionaries; as well as the  
accounts of the Commission of Synod Report  
ed that they had attended to the business of  
their appointment, & that there was in the  
Fund the sum of £ 28 - 3 - 14 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> - Also that  
the Commission had made regular state-  
ments with their Missionaries down till  
the present time - & had discharged all due  
from them except £ 40 - 8 - 5 - Therefore it  
appeared that said Fund was incompetent

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to make full discharges until there were  
some more money paid into it. Vizt the  
sum of £ 12 - 5 <sup>10</sup>/<sub>4</sub> —

On motion the above report was received  
& Messrs Houston & Campbell were ordered to  
continue a Comtee for the same purpose  
the ensuing year, & to make a full report  
of all accounts from this time

On account of sundry difficulties lying in the  
way of Messrs Wilson & Lacy's attending the Com-  
mission of Synod, also of Mr John Lyle Elder  
at their request, it was agreed to receive  
their resignations — and appointed in  
their room Messrs James Turner & John  
Campbell ministers, & Mr Archd Campbell  
Elder of the congregation of Linaburidge

On motion Synod granted Col. Morton  
leave of absence after tomorrow morning

Agreeably to order the Commission of Synod reported  
that they have had since they last reported under

their direction some part of the time six Missionaries, & the rest of the time only four. That their Missionaries have been very faithful in their labours, & that there have been some ground to hope God smiles upon the means administered by them.

The Synod were well pleased with the account given, respecting the faithfulness of their Missionaries, & of the faithfulness of the Commission & wished them to proceed in their laudable exertions.

The Comtee appointed to draft an address to the Presbyteries assigning reasons for a fast day informed that they had complied with their appointment, & were ready to report, whereupon they reported. The Synod upon hearing & maturely considering the report & having made such alterations as they thought necessary agreed that the following should be an address directed to the several Pkys composing this Synod -

" Dear Brethren - This is a day of rebuke, &

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deep affliction, & calls for fasting & deep humili-  
ation under the afflicting hand of incensed  
heaven. Vice & wickedness in some of their  
most insulting & infamous forms abound in  
our Country, & the judgements of God are abroad  
in our Land. Our Sons our Brothers & our friends  
are called from among us to the field of bat-  
tle. and what aggravates our affliction ex-  
ceedingly, is, that it is not against the  
Savages of the Wilderness only that our troops  
are led forth in arms. No! Brother is under  
the unhappy necessity of rising up in arms  
against Brother; & Father, (if Heaven in  
mercy prevent not) may too probably have  
to shed the blood of his son, & the son the  
blood of his Father. Surely we ought to  
enquire why it is, that the sword of the Lord  
is unsheathed, & suspended over our  
happy Country. We ought by no means  
to confine our views to the immediate causes



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of our distress. They are the sword, the hand  
is thine! Yes we with our Fathers have  
sinned. In how many instances is the stand  
aid of revolt lifted up against the Throne  
of God himself? How many imprecations are  
every day aimed at the life & soul of our  
Fellow-Creatures? How is the day of Holy rest  
profaned by guilty amusements & secu-  
lar employments? Because of swearing, curs-  
ing, lying, & Sabbath breaking & other crimes  
innumerable the Lord mourns. Surely then  
we ought to confess our sins, & mourn also.  
Yes! we & our people ought to mourn over our  
transgressions, amend our ways, & turn to  
the Lord with our whole heart. We recom-  
mend it to you Dear Brethren, to exhort the  
people under your care in the great & endur-  
ing name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to observe  
with religious attention this important duty  
exhort the Magistrates to put the Laws in ex-

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section against Sabbath breakers & other vice  
cognizable by them, as far as their office, & in-  
fluence may extend; & agreeably to the express  
command of God, exhort the people to be  
subject to the powers that be, & to manifest  
the zeal of good citizens by using their  
influence to suppress all disorders which  
may have arisen to undermine the founda-  
tion of our happy Government & disturb  
the peace of Civil Society. Who knows but  
the Lord will be intreated on our behalf  
& in behalf of our bleeding Country, turn  
from us his just displeasure, remove  
his chastising hand - avert the calami-  
ties of civil war, & bless our confederate  
States with peace" -

On Motion it was agreed that the second  
Thursday of next Nov<sup>r</sup> shall be observed as  
a day of public fasting, & prayer for the  
above reasons -

On Motion, The Synod adjourned to meet at the  
place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock -  
Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock. The Synod met  
agreeably to adjournment; Constituted with prayer  
Members present as above -

On Motion the minutes of yesterday were read  
The Pky. of Lexington informed Synod that since  
they made their report Mr William Williamson  
has joined them, they therefore reported him  
as one of their members & he took his seat  
as a member of this Synod -

On Motion Mr Williamson was added to the  
number mentioned in the above minutes con-  
stituting the Pky of Winchester. -

On Motion, It was agreed that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mahon  
& Abbe be at liberty to return home this  
afternoon.

On Motion the stated Clerk of Synod was  
ordered to transmit to the Genl Assembly at  
their next meeting an account of the collections

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& disbursements of money for the Missions  
sent to the frontier & also of their number an-  
nually to an order of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly at  
their last meeting

The Committee appointed to draft an answer to  
the Question "How far & in what respects are per-  
sons subjects of Church discipline, who have been  
taken under the care of the Christian Church by  
Baptism in infancy, & who have not been admit-  
ed to the Lords Supper?" Reported that they were  
not ready to make report at this time, nor  
could they during this meeting, bring in such  
an answer as they thought necessary. On  
motion therefore ordered the same Com<sup>tee</sup> viz<sup>t</sup>  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Graham, Bay Hill & Alexander be  
continued a Com<sup>tee</sup> to report an answer  
to our next meeting -

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to examine the Minutes of  
the Ch<sup>h</sup> of Hanover reported that they had examin-  
ed said Minutes as far as recorded - After a few re-  
marks were made, the Syn<sup>d</sup> approved them -



In consequence of a request from Col. Harrison that a copy might be given him of the proceedings of this Synod, on the overture that the Synod should prepare an address to the people under their care, & inculcate upon them the duty of obedience to the laws of their Country. resolved that his request be complied with, & that together with a copy the reasons which induced the majority in Synod to negative the overture, & equally to the above resolution the copy was made out & subscribed in order to be transmitted to Col. Harrison — —

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to draft an address to the Phy of Honour stating the true design of the Academy of Liberty Hall, reported their draft; after Synod had heard & considered the same they agreed to receive it, & resolved that it should be subscribed by the Mod<sup>r</sup> & sent to the said Phy. which was accordingly done — —

On motion, The Synod adjourned to meet at Winchester on the last Wednesday in next September — Concluded with prayer  
 Jas Dunlap Mod<sup>r</sup>

Harrisonburg - Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - 1794 -

In consequence of some things extraordinary occurring before the members of Synod dispersed the Moderator with the advice of the members called a Synod - pro re nata. -

Members present, of the Pby of Hanover - The Revd Arch Alexander - Of Redstone Mr Dunlop & Mr Smith, Of Ohio - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hugh Brim & Marquis of the Pby of Lexington - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Graham Crawford Irvine Wilson Hoge Houston LeGrand Hill Lyle & Williamson, & Elders M<sup>rs</sup> G. Baxter

The Synod was constituted with prayer - On Motion it was agreed that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Graham Irvine Houston Campbell Hoge Hill & LeGrand or a majority of them be a Committee to wait upon Col. Harrison, & to present the papers directed to be given him by the Synod at their last meeting, & to request of him an answer to the said papers - Also that the

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said Com<sup>tee</sup> shall have it in their power to  
print or not as they may judge best the pro-  
ceedings had on the affair by Synod & any  
thing else which may appear necessary to  
vindicate the Character of Synod - And to  
make report to Synod at their next meeting.

On Motion Mr Williamson was appointed  
to act in the room of Mr LeGrand on the  
above Com<sup>tee</sup> in case of his absence -

On Motion Synod instructed the said Com<sup>tee</sup>  
to request the names of the authors of the re-  
ports, together with a statement of said reports,  
causing Cal. Harrison to make his request  
& in case any of the authors were members of  
the Synod to preserve the same in order to  
lay them before Synod at their next meeting.

The Synod adjourned to meet again at the  
the adjournment of last Stated meeting  
concluded with prayer

James Dunlop Mod<sup>r</sup>

Winchester Sept<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1795 -

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment & was open'd by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jas Dunlap the former moderator with a sermon from Rom. 1:16

Constituted with prayer -

Members present - of Hanover P<sup>ly</sup> <sup>The Rev<sup>d</sup></sup> Archibald Alexander - Absent of the same P<sup>ly</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> James Waddell Arch<sup>d</sup> W Roberts Drury Lacy Jas Mitchell Wm Mahon Ind D Blair & Matt. Lyle. -

of Redstone P<sup>ly</sup> present <sup>The Rev<sup>d</sup></sup> Jas Dunlap Absent <sup>The Rev<sup>d</sup></sup> John Bever Jacob Jennings Sam<sup>l</sup> Foster Wm Swan Geo. Hill & David Smith -

Lexington P<sup>ly</sup> totally absent -

Ohio P<sup>ly</sup> present - The Rev<sup>d</sup> Jas Hughes Ind Brice Tho<sup>s</sup> Maniquis & Boyd Mercer - Absent The Rev<sup>d</sup> Ind Black, Ind W Millan Joseph Patterson & Tho<sup>s</sup> Moore

Winchester P<sup>ly</sup> Present The Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Rye Nash Legrand W Hill Ind Lyle Wm Williamson -

Transylvania Preslytery wholly absent  
 & one present Peter Martin Hugh Newell & Jas Simons



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The Synod proceeded to the choice Moderator & Clerks  
whereupon it appeared the The Revd John McPherson  
was chosen Mod<sup>r</sup> & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Archd Alexander & Jas<sup>s</sup> Hugh Clarke  
On Motion Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander Dunlap Bayce & Hay  
Ministers & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Newell & Martin & Co<sup>rs</sup> were  
appointed a Comtee of Bounties. —

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Williamson & Mercer were appointed as  
Comtee to review the minutes of Hanover Pky.  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lyle & Marquis to review the minutes  
of Redstone Pky. & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hoge & Legend to re-  
view the minutes of Ohio Pky & to make their  
reports before the rising of Synod. —

The Synod adjourned to meet at this place  
tomorrow morning at Ten o'clock  
Concluded with prayer —

Thursday morning 10 o'clock —

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was  
constituted with prayer. Members present as  
on yesterday with the addition of the Revd  
Jas Mitchell of Hanover Pky, & The Revd Saml<sup>l</sup>  
Houston of Lexington Pky. whose reasons for not  
attending sooner were distained. —

Agreeably to order the minutes of yesterdays meeting were read.  
On Motion the minutes of the last years meeting of Synod were read.

On Motion The Rules of order for proceeding in <sup>148</sup> being  
not being present at the first Session were now read.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wilson & Campbell with John  
Campbell Esq<sup>r</sup> now came, their reasons for not  
coming sooner were sustained -

On Motion, an enquiry was made respecting  
the recommendation of Synod that Baptism should  
be administered at stated periods, whether it was  
complied with, & it appeared that the matter  
stood nearly in the same state as at the last  
meeting of Synod. -

On Motion an enquiry was made at ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> members  
of Synod respecting their raising contributions for  
the support of Missionaries & it appeared that  
the matter had not been attended to as well  
as formerly -

On enquiry it was found that the stated Ch<sup>h</sup>  
had complied with the direction of Synod in  
writing to the Phy of Transylvania & W<sup>m</sup> Moore  
respecting the remonstrance of S<sup>r</sup> Moore which  
was laid before Synod at their last meeting. -

The further consideration of this matter was  
deferred to another occasion. -

On Motion enquiry was made at the members of Synod whether they had complied with the recommendation of Synod made at their last meeting in observing a fast day, & it was found that they generally had complied.

On Enquiry it was found that the Comtee appointed to draft an answer to the question "How far & in what respects are persons subjects of Church discipline who have been taken under the care of the Church by Baptism in infancy & who have not been admitted to the Lords Supper?" were ~~not~~ prepared to report, & on motion being made this question was put "Shall said Comtee be continued, which was carried in the negative & the question dismissed.

On Motion the Synod adjourned to meet at this place at 3 O'Clock concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon 3 O'Clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. members present as above with the addition of the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>h</sup> Hill whose reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

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agreeably to order the minutes of last Session were read.

The Synod heard the report of a Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed by a pro rata meeting of Synod last fall to attend to business with Col Harrison & were of opinion that the s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> had completely executed the business with which they were entrusted, & that nothing further was necessary in the affair.

On Motion It was ordered that the P<sup>ly</sup>s make their reports tomorrow morning.

Thro. the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Overtures was laid before the Synod a reference from the P<sup>ly</sup> of Hanover relative to the trial of Mr W<sup>m</sup> Irvine. After some deliberation the Synod agreed to take up & consider s<sup>d</sup> reference. And the minutes of s<sup>d</sup> P<sup>ly</sup> on the business, together with part of a memorial of Mr Irvine relative thereto having been read, the Synod deferred the further consideration of the subject until tomorrow morning.

On Motion The Synod adjourned to meet again tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.



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Friday morning 9 o'clock.

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

Agreeably to order the minutes of last session were read.

On motion the Synod called upon the Plys. to make their reports. — — — — — Whereupon

The Ply of Hanover. reported that since the last meeting of Synod the following orders have taken place Viz. That Mr Matthew Lyle after having been regularly dismissed from the Ply of Lexington & received under their care, has accepted a call from the united congregations of Briery & Buffalo, & has been ordained to the whole work of the Gospel ministry in those congregations. That Mr. J. Todd has been received under their care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. & for a general report the Ply referred Synod to the general report of 1793 & 1802.

The Ply of Rochester reported that they consisted of eight members Viz.

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The Rev. James Bower pastor of the Congregation of Mount Pleasant. James Dunlap. Laurel Hill. Jacob Jennings Delaps creek. & Muddy creek. John & W. Phinix. Unity and Salem. Samuel Porter - Congruity & Polke run. George Hill - Donegal Fairfield & Wheatfield. Wm Swan Long run & Sawickley. & David Smith - Georges creek & Union -

The Rev James Finley departed this life Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1795. Mr Boyd <sup>a Unitarian</sup> Mercer has been dismissed to join the Ohio Presb. and that they have Mr James Adams a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry under their care -

They have likewise the following vacancies under their care Viz. Rehoboth & Round Hill united able to support a minister - Pittsburgh able - Pitts Township & Picketty able - Ebenezer & Bethel able - Tyone, Sandy creek, Crab orchard, Morgan Town, Blacksburg, Middle Town & Tyone vally not able to support a minister -

The Presb of Lexington reported that the alterations which have taken place since the last Session of Synod are as follow. Viz. That they have taken Mr Robert Davies under their care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry - That

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they have Licensed Messrs Sam<sup>e</sup> Ramsey & Rot-  
Stewart to preach the Gospel, & recommended them  
to the Commission of Synod as Missionaries -  
That they have received Mr Adam Frauman  
from under the care of the Commission of  
Synod, & dismissed him with calls in his hands  
to join the Baltimore P<sup>ly</sup> - That they have  
dismissed the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Brown from his pas-  
toral charge & also from this P<sup>ly</sup> to remove  
out of its bounds where providence may di-  
rect him. - That they have dismissed the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Bro P. Campbell from his pastoral charge  
& also from this P<sup>ly</sup> to join the P<sup>ly</sup> of Pennsylvania  
That they have ordained Mr Benj<sup>l</sup> Griggs by to  
the whole work of the Gospel ministry, &  
installed him in the congregations of Concord  
& Lewisburg - That they have dismissed the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Edward Bradford to join the P<sup>ly</sup> of Abbeingdon  
& that they have dismissed Mr Matthew Lyle  
to put himself under the care of Annona P<sup>ly</sup>  
For the general report the P<sup>ly</sup> refer the Synod  
to the general report of 1793 filed among  
the papers of Synod No 3

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The Pky of this reported that they consisted of eight members Viz - The Rev. John Black having no charge - John W. Millan - Charters. Joseph Patterson - Monticours run & Racoon. James Hughes - Lower Buffalo & Short creek. John Brice - Three Ridges & Whelien. Tho<sup>s</sup> Mangum Cross creek. - Tho<sup>s</sup> Moore - Ten mile. - That they have received Mr Bayd Mercer a Licentiate from Redstone Pky under their care & ordained him to the whole work of the Gospel ministry & installed him in the congregations of Pigeon creek & Pike run. - That they have ten vacant congregations under their care Viz - Washington & Upper Buffalo, each able to support a Minister. Mingo creek & Horse shoe Bottom in conjunction able - - Bethel & Lebanon, united able. Mill creek & Pigeon creek able - White oak Flats & Campbells Fort not able - -

They have no pro bationers nor candidates under their care -

The Pky of Winchester reported that the order of Synod respecting their first meeting had been



practically attended to & that they consist  
of five members Vizt - The Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hoge,  
pastor of Carmel congregation - Wash  
L'grand - Winchester - Opedia & Cedar creek  
W<sup>m</sup> Hill - Charles Town & Hopewell. Wilson  
Williamson, - South River & Flint run. -  
& John Lyle - Frankfort Rummey & Springfield.

They have the following vacancies Vizt.  
Middle Town & Back creek united able to  
support a minister. Concrete - able.  
Pawels Fort & Lost river not able -

Mr Matthew Lyle who was reported  
by the Ply of Hanover as an ordained mem-  
ber of that Ply being present, on invita-  
tion took his seat as a member of Synod.

The Synod resumed the reference from  
the Ply of Hanover & having made some  
progress - adjourned to meet again at  
this place at 3 O'Clock -

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Afternoon 3 o'clock

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The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above — Agreeably to order the minutes of last session were read. —

The Synod having again resumed the hearing of the reference from Hanover Pby & it appearing from the records of that Pby that Mr Irwin has been suspended on the account of a charge of falsehood exhibited against him by Wharton as stated in two particulars 1<sup>st</sup> with respect to his reading Mrs Irwin's deposition at Mr Harts as taken before Capt Murrel. — 2<sup>nd</sup> with respect to Curry's deposition as read before Pby in July last, which he John Wharton asserted was not the actual deposition. The Synod having maturely considered the statement of the whole affair on the records of Hanover Pby & having also heard Mr Irwin's elucidations on the subject

were of opinion that the charge of falsehood was not supported in either case. And therefore resolved that Mr Irwin's suspension be removed, & it is hereby removed accordingly & he restored to the full exercise of his ministerial office -

On motion The Synod adjourned to meet again tomorrow morning 9 o'clock -  
Concluded with prayer -

Saturday morning 9 o'clock -

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment The moderator being absent Mr Houston was chosen Mod. pro tempore - the Synod was constituted with prayer - Members present as above except Mr Wetherill.

agreeably to order the minutes of last session were read.

Mr Irwin being freed from the suspension he was under took his seat as a member of Synod

The Synod again resumed the business of Mr  
 Moore remonstrance which was deferred at  
 the first session of this Synod. Upon arguing  
 it appeared that Mr Moore was not present to  
 support his complaint nor the Pky of Trans  
 sylvania, nor their records to vindicate their  
 proceedings, the Synod judged it improper  
 to proceed further in the business at  
 present; but ordered their stated Clerk to  
 write to the Pky of Transylvania to bring  
 forward their records against the next  
 meeting of Synod in order that the busi  
 ness may be issued.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to examine the records  
 of Western Pky being called upon to make their  
 report, informed Synod, that an account of  
 suggestions from one of the members of  
 that Pky, that the minutes were not now  
 in that regular form in which they desired to  
 have them before a review, they had not reviewed  
 them, & their reasons for so doing were sustained



The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to examine the records of Redstone Pky reported that they had complied with their appointment, & their report being heard was ~~sustained~~ approved.

Thus the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Overtures was laid before Synod a reference from the Pky of Redstone respecting a certain Charles Mitchell who had married his wife's half brothers daughter, which they agreed to take up & consider.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Afternoon 3 o'clock —

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above. —

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to examine the records of this Pky reported that they had complied with their appointment, & their report being heard was approved.

The Synod proceeded to consider the reference from Redstone Pky and after some deliberation

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on the affair, they unanimously agreed to refer  
the matter to the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly —

On Motion, Mr Houston was appointed a mem-  
ber of the Commission of Synod in stead of Mr  
Campbell resigned —

On Motion Capt Wm Lyle was appointed  
Treasurer of the fund for supporting missionaries  
in stead of Mr Alexander.

This the Com<sup>tee</sup> of overtures was laid before by  
and a complaint of Mr Swin against a mi-  
nute in the records of Honour<sup>ble</sup> P<sup>ty</sup> respecting  
some extracts which he considered as bearing  
hard against his character; which the Synod  
agreed to receive, & after some deliberation  
thence the Synod agreed to recommend it  
to the S<sup>d</sup> P<sup>ty</sup> to review S<sup>d</sup> minute, & give  
Mr Swin such relief in the case as may be  
in their power

On enquiry it was found that the Seminars  
of Liberty Hall & Washington under the patronage of  
Synod were in a prosperous condition - nearly in the same  
state as reported at the last meeting of Synod.

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On motion the Synod adjourned it upon  
the several Plys to take order to raise contribu-  
tions for the support of missionaries.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed last year to examine  
the accounts of the Commission of Synod &  
of the treasury for supporting missionaries, re-  
ported that the Ply of Answer had paid  
to the Treasurer or to the Commission of  
Synod since the last years report the sum of

The Ply of Lexington Ditto	11-1-8
The Ply of Red Stone - D.	16-1-9 $\frac{1}{2}$
The Ply of Ohio - Do	1-5-10
The Ply of Winchester Do	12-10-0
The Ply of Pennsylvania - none	2-5-2
The sum before in Treasury -	43-4-5 $\frac{1}{4}$
	28-3-4 $\frac{3}{4}$

amounts to  
The disbursements since last years  
report & money due missionaries -

That the balance now in the funds is 9-12-1  $\frac{1}{4}$

This Synod approved said report -  
On motion the Synod adjourned to meet at Winchester  
on the last Wednesday in Sept next: concluded with prayer  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Houston Mod<sup>o</sup> in pres<sup>o</sup> ten.

Winchester Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> 1796. 162

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Rev John W. Pherrin the last year Mod<sup>r</sup> from 1 Cor. 9-16. Immediately after sermon the Synod was called to order & constituted with prayer.

\* The members present were of the Hanover Pky The Rev Drury Lacy - Of Ridston - The Rev James Dunlap, Jno W. Pherrin & David Smith. Of Ohio Pky the Rev Jno Miller, J. Hays & Tho<sup>s</sup> Marquis, ministers, & Joseph Vance & Wm W. Winley Elders. - Of Winchester Pky - The Rev Moses Hoge William Williamson Nash Legrand Whitehill & Jno Lyle Ministers & Isaac Johnston & Robt White Elders.

The members absent were of Hanover Pky The Rev Dr James Waddel, Wm Irvine, Jno Mitchell, Jno & Blair, Tho<sup>s</sup> Turner, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander & Matt. Lyle. Of Ridston Pky The Rev James Vance Jacob Innings, Sam<sup>l</sup> Porter, Geo. Hill & Wm Swan. of Ohio Pky the Rev Jno Clark Joseph Patterson, Jno Brice, Tho<sup>s</sup> Moore & Boyd Mercer. - & Lexington & Transylvania Presbyteries -

The Synod proceeded to vote for a Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clks, when it appeared that Mr John Lyle was elected Mod<sup>r</sup> & Messrs Williamson & Lacy Clerks -

The Synod then adjourned till 4 O'Clock, concluded with prayer

4 O'Clock The Synod met agreeably

to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above with the addition of the Rev Sam<sup>l</sup> Houston, & Benjamin Giggoley of Lexington Pky - The minutes of last session were read.



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On Motion the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hoge Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanston John  
W<sup>m</sup> Millan Tracy Lay & John W<sup>m</sup> Phipps Ministers & Rev<sup>d</sup>  
white & Wm McKim by Elders were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> of Synod  
to prepare, arrange & bring forward business respectively  
& it was orderd that they met tomorrow morning at the  
place at 7 o'clock - & afterwards from time to time on  
their sever adjournments. -

On Motion the minutes of the last meeting of Synod  
were read. - The reasons of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lay & Smith &  
W<sup>m</sup> Millan & Griggely for not attending the last meeting  
of Synod were sustained.

The Synod then adjourned till 9 o'clock tomor-  
row morning. - Concluded with prayer

Thursday morning Sept<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>  
The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was con-  
sulted with prayer. - Members present as above.

The minutes of the last Session were read.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Adam Truman of Baltimore Pky  
being present was invited to sit as a corresponding  
member & took a seat.

On Motion Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hoge & Smith were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup>  
to review the records of Hanover Pky - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hill and  
Griggely those of Ohio Pky & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Phipps & Ligon  
those of Livingston Pky and report on Sat. Morning.

On Motion it was orderd that the different Pkys  
make their reports this afternoon.

Mr John Galewood an Elder with Mr Williamson  
having now come took his seat.

On Motion Synod proceeded to enquire into the attention

of the Plys under their care to their recommendations respecting the administration of Baptism at stated periods, & it appeared that the recommendation had been more generally observed than previous to their last meeting.

On Enquiry it was found that the injunction of Synod to the different Plys to take order to raise contributions for the support of Missionaries had been generally attended to.

On Enquiry it was found that the reference to the General Assembly in a case referred to Synod from Redstone Ply had not been forwarded to that body. Upon Motion the question being put "Shall the reference be continued or the case be reconsidered by the Synod at this meeting?" It was resolved that the reference be continued.

The Synod then adjourned till 3 O'Clock  
Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon 3 O'Clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment; & was constituted with prayer - Members present as above.

Agreeably to order the reports from the several Plys were brought in & are as follow -

The Ply of Hanover reported that they consist of nine ordained Ministers vizt. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr James Waddel without a charge - Wm Irvine without a charge - Arch<sup>d</sup> W. Hobbs without a charge. James Mitchel pastor of Bethel, Salem & Spingah. James Turner Colerager with W<sup>m</sup> Mitchel.

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John D Blair - Hancock & Henric. Dairy Land - Cum  
beeland. Arch Alexander Biny & Caberick & Matt  
Lyle - Buffalo & Biny in conjunction with Mr Oly,  
ander. They have have candidate for the ministry  
Wiz. Mr John Todd. They have dismissed the Rev Wm  
Mahon to join Transylvania Pky. & Mr Sam Brown  
& Licentiate to join Lexington Pky. They have  
several small vacancies none of which if they  
select are sufficient to support a pastor, but  
some of them being contiguous being united will  
be sufficiently able. Viz. North Fork, Providen-  
dence, & the River united able. Mountain plains  
the River & Rockfish united able. Old Concord & New  
Concord united able. Sandy river Tomahawk Run  
Erection - Good hope, Smiths River, Goods Meeting  
House, Blue Stone & Lancaster not able. -

The Pky of Redstone reported that they consist of  
the following ordained ministers Viz. The Rev Sam  
Pruer - Mount pleasant. Jas Dunlap - Laurel Hill.  
Jacob Jennings - Delap creek & Muddy creek. John  
W Phenix - Unity & Salem. Sam Porter - Congruity  
& Fork run. Geo. Hill - Donagel, Fairfield & Whitford  
Willm Swann - Long run & Sawickley. David Smith  
Georges creek & Union. - They have received under  
their care Mr Saml Ralstone a Licentiate former-  
ly under the care of New Castle Pky. And have

one Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, Mr James  
Adams. They have under their care the following  
vacancies able to support a minister, Rehoboth  
& Round Hill able in connection. Pottobung able  
Pott's Township & Pucketty united able. Ebenezer &  
Bethel united able. Sandy creek & Crab Orchard also  
those not able are Exton, Morgan Town, Clark's  
Middle Town Tigger's valley & Glade run.

The Pch<sup>y</sup> of Lexington reported, that they consist  
of nine ordained ministers, seven of whom have charge  
viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Scott - Bethel & Brown's meeting house  
In<sup>d</sup> Montgomery - windy Cove, Walkups, & Rocky  
Spring - Wm Wilson - Stone Church. In<sup>d</sup> Wm Hester  
ton & Tinkling Spring. Sam<sup>l</sup> Houston - Falling Spring  
& High Bridge. Sam<sup>l</sup> Grigg's by - Concord & Lewisburg  
& Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Brown whom they received from the Pch<sup>y</sup>  
of Hanover a Licentiate since the last meeting of said  
& ordained to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry  
& installed in the Congregation of New Providence  
& thus without charge viz. Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Graham  
whom they dismissed from his pastoral charge  
in Lexington & New Monmouth; also Ben<sup>y</sup> Lewis  
whom they dismissed from his charge of Mosey creek  
& Harrisonburg & New Erection since the last report.  
They have the following vacant Congregations  
viz. Mosey creek Harrisonburg & New Erection



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able to support a pastor. New Monmouth &  
Lexington able. Timberidge & Oxford - able -  
Those not able are - Sinking Spring, Roan Oak  
Craigs creek, Least Station, Pine Grove, Jacksons  
river, Loan & Bull pastures, Knaps creek, Little Falls  
Spring creek & Muddy creek. They also report  
that they have received Mr Saml Ramsay from  
under the care of the Commission of Synod & dis-  
missed him to put himself under the care of  
Samuel Pley as a Licentiate. They have Li-  
censed Mr Robert Davis to preach the Gospel  
& taken under trials as candidates for the Gospel  
Ministry Messrs. Baxter Wm Chipley, Rott  
Wilson, John Lyle & Conrad Sprue since they  
last reported.

The Pley of Ohio reported that they consist of eight or-  
dained ministers viz. the Rev Bro Black no charge  
John W. Willan - Chaetier. Joseph Patterson - Aaron  
& Mantisum run. James Hughes - Lawer Buffalo and  
short creek. John Price - Three ridges & Wheelin.  
Thomas Marquis - Cross creek. Thomas moon -  
Ten miles. and Bayl Merce - Pigeon creek & Pike run.

They have eleven vacancies viz. Washington  
able to support a Minister. Buffalo able. Mill  
creek & Riggs creek united able. Bethel & Lebanon  
able. Mango creek & Horse shoe Bottom able. The Flat  
Cryppell Tent & mouth of Raccoon not able.

The Pby of Winchester reported that they consist <sup>168</sup> of five  
Members Viz. The Rev. Moses Key Bramel, Wash  
LeGrand - Winchester, Spakin & Cedar creek. W<sup>m</sup> Hill  
Charles Lawen & Hopewell. W<sup>m</sup> Williamson South  
river Leds Manor & Flint run & John Lyle -  
Romney Frankfort & Springfield. They have  
taken under their care as a candidate for the  
Gospel Ministry Mr James Robinson. They have  
the following Vacancies under their care Viz -  
Concrete able to support a minister Middle  
Lawen & Bark creek able - Pawels Fort & Lost  
river not able.

It was found on inquiry that the Pby of Hanes  
had in compliance with the recommendation of  
Synod attended to the case of Mr Irvin.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Brown reported by Lexington  
Pby as an ordained minister being present &  
with him James Bauston & Doc took their seats.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Grahams letter resigning  
the several trusts reposed in him by Synod was  
considered & his resignation was received.

On Motion the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hill was elected stated  
Clerk of Synod in the room of Mr Graham resigned  
on motion The Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Brown was appointed  
one of the Comissaries of Synod in the room of  
Mr Graham resigned.

The Synod then adjourned till tomorrow morn  
ing 9 o'clock - Concluded with prayer.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1796

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer — Members present as above — The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

Mr. Swins letter to Synod was taken under consideration, and upon motion it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine into the merits of that letter, and report what may be proper to be done in the case; and that Messrs. Hoze, Marquis & Brown be a Committee for that purpose, and bring in their report tomorrow morning. — An Overture was made thro' the Committee of Overtures to reconsider the 1<sup>st</sup> Rule of the System of Rules for regulating & governing the Synod in its deliberations, which specifies that upon the appearance of three Ministers the Moderator shall open the Session with prayer". And after some time spent in deliberating thereon, upon motion, It was resolved, that the rule ought to be altered; and instead thereof the Rule shall be, "Upon the appearance of six Ministers, provided they do not all belong to one Parish, and as many Elders as may be present, the Moderator shall constitute the Session with prayer" — The Synod then adjourned till 3 o'clock

Concluded with prayer. B. Belock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. — Members present as above.

The Minutes of last Session were read. The Rev. Mr. John Boyd 170  
a Member of Carlisle Syn. being present was invited to sit as  
a corresponding Member & took a seat. — The Commission  
of Synod according to order made a report, That from Sept. 1795  
until April 1796 they had under their care three Missionaries Viz.  
Mr. Samuel Benson, Samuel Ramsey, & Robert Stewart; Two of  
whom officiated during said Term; the other only ten weeks. From  
April 1796 until Sept. 1796 they have had under their direction only  
two Missionaries, Viz. Mr. Ramsey & Mr. Stewart, of whom the  
latter was unable to officiate thro' Indisposition. At present they  
have only Mr. Stewart who still continues unable to officiate.

The reports of these Missionaries were upon the whole encouraging  
especially in Lancaster, King & Queen & Albemarle, particularly in the  
last place mentioned, where about thirty members have been ad-  
ded to the Church during the last summer, and many more now  
under serious impressions — Altho' Iniquity abounds in many  
parts and the attention of the people not as great as it has been,  
yet the calls for Missionaries are numerous & urgent. Which  
Report met with general approbation. — The Synod desired  
their Commission or any two of them to settle with the late  
Treasurer of Synod, to receive from him the Treasury books  
& to deliver it to the Treasurer now in office. Also that they  
report at our next meeting a full & accurate statement  
of the monies received by the Treasurer & by the Commission  
also of all disbursements paid by either since Sept. 1795.  
The Synod finding that their Commission is considerably indebted,  
earnestly recommends it to the Syn. under their care to take ef-  
fectual measures for having generous contributions raised for  
the discharge of that debt & the support of Missionaries.



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\* mission be instituted on the West of the Alleghany Mountains for  
the purpose of employing, sending out & supporting Missionaries  
to preach the gospel wherever providence may direct. The Synod  
after mature deliberation, being of opinion that the existing  
Commission is inadequate to the trust reposed in them; Upon  
motion it was resolved, That the Ordinance be carried into Effect,  
and that the Commission to be instituted on the West of the Alle-  
ghany act as much as possible in concert with the one already  
instituted. — Whereupon the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Allsherman & Smith  
Ministers & Messrs. John Beard & John Wright Elders, of the Pky. of Red  
stone & the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Messrs. McMillan & Marquis Ministers & Messrs.  
James Edgar & James Allison Elders, of this Pky. were appointed  
to be a Commission to direct such a Mission as may to them  
appear expedient for the general Interests of the Church, and  
from time to time to Report to Synod. It was further ordered  
that any two of the Ministers with an Elder shall be a quorum  
competent to proceed to Business, which shall be conducted  
agreeably to the plan for the Regulation of the Commission  
already existing; and that they meet at Round Hill on the  
first Tuesday in next November, and afterwards from time  
to time on their own adjournments. — Upon motion  
the Synod adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.  
concluded with prayer.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1796 —

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted  
with prayer. Members present as on Yesterday. — The pro-  
ceedings of last Session were read. — Agreeably to Order  
the Committee appointed to review Hanover Presbytery

Book, were called upon to make report, which being read, 72  
it was resolved that the book be approved to the 224<sup>th</sup> page except  
the minute respecting the fund for poor & pious youth; the  
consideration of which was deferred till next meeting of Synod.

The Committee appointed to review Lexington Presbytery Book  
made report, which being heard, was approved. — The Committee  
appointed to review Ohio Phy. Book made report which being heard  
was approved — Agreeably to order the Committee appointed  
to consider the Letter addressed to the Synod by Mr. Irwin,  
reported that they were of opinion, that an attested Copy of their  
Decision of last Synod in his case transmitted to him will  
meet all the objects of his letter which merit their attention —  
which report being approved — Upon motion it was ordered, that  
the stated Clerk furnish Mr. Irwin with said minute as early  
as possible — Upon motion, resolved to adjourn till 3 o'clock  
Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer.  
Members present as above; except Mr. Duclap absent —

On enquiring whether the stated Clerk had agreeably to an order of  
Synod at their last meeting, written to the Transylvania Phy.  
and no information being obtained on that head — on motion  
it was again ordered, that the stated Clerk write to the Phy. of  
Transylvania, directing them to bring forward their records  
against the next meeting of Synod, that the matter of Mr. Wilcox's  
complaint may be fully examined, and a determination  
had thereon. — Reports were read of the state of the Se-  
minaries under the care of the Synod, and the Synod being

17<sup>3</sup> satisfied with these reports. On motion, it was agreed to receive them — agreeably to the recommendation of the General Assembly, to their members to set apart such times as they shall judge proper for the important purpose of praying for the revival of religion in our Land, the Synod recommended it to their members to observe the afternoon of the first Tuesday in every quarter of the year for that solemn exercise, until our next. — Upon motion Resolved to meet at Winchester the last Wednesday of September next, until which time the Synod stands adjourned.

Concluded with the prayer

John Lyle Mod.  
William Williamson, Clk.  
Denny Lacy Eldr.

Winchester Wednesday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1797

The Synod of Virginia met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. John Lyle from Sard. 11<sup>th</sup> 32. & constituted with prayer.

Members present, of Hanover Pky. James Mitchell, of Piedmont James Tompkins, of Lexington Samuel Houston & Samuel Brown, of Winchester Nath. Lyons, Wm Hill, John Lyle & Wm Williamson Ministers and Michael Finley Alex<sup>r</sup>. Farley & John Gatewood Elders — Members absent of Hanover The Rev. G. J. Waddell, Wm Irwin, John D. Blair, James Turner, Arch. McRobert, Denny Lacy, Arch. Alexander & Matthew Lyle — of Piedmont Pky.

The Rev<sup>s</sup> Jos<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Phinix, David Smith, Jas<sup>l</sup> Powers, Jacob Jennings  
& Samuel Peter & William Swan. — The whole of Ohio & Penn-  
sylvania Presbyteries, — of Lexington The Rev<sup>s</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Graham  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Scott, Jr<sup>s</sup> Montgomery, John McBurn<sup>e</sup> & Benjamin  
Gigoby — of Winchester Presby<sup>tery</sup> The Rev<sup>s</sup> Moses Hoop.

The Synod proceeded to choose a moderator & Clerks — and  
the Rev<sup>s</sup> James Dunlap was appointed Moderator & Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Kell & Williamson Clerks. — Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunlap, Mitchell,  
Beaver & Lyle Ministers & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Finley & Gatewood Elders  
were appointed a committee of Bills of Overtures to prepare busi-  
ness for the Synod at the present meeting. — The Synod  
adjourned to meet at this place this evening at 4 o'clock.  
Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Evening 4 o'clock. The Synod met accor-  
ding to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. Members  
present as above. — The minutes of the last meeting of Synod  
were read — On enquiry it was found that the order of Synod  
respecting a reference from Redstone Pky, which reference was  
ordered to be laid before the general Assembly, was complied  
with. — The Synod agreed to receive the reports of Pres-  
byteries in their usual manner, but enjoin it upon the  
Presbyteries to pay particular attention to send forward  
their reports to this body, for the future properly attested.

Resolved that these reports be brought forward tomorrow morning  
The Synod adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning  
9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock. The Synod met according  
to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as above.



175 The Minutes of our last Session were read. The System of Rules for regulating & governing the Synod in their deliberations, not being had within the Synod met, & now being brought forward, was, on motion, read. — The Synod were of ill success when they appointed, at their Synod meeting, a committee of three persons to draw out a series of the Synod's & persons meeting which has been ordered, & also to be considered with their own. The Synod then reported that he had complied with the same, & had prepared the report, which he brought forward & read to the Synod.

The Synod then enquired of their stated Clerk whether he had complied with the order at their last meeting, enjoining enjoining it upon him to write to the Transylvania Pky directing them to bring forward their records, and was informed that he had given every necessary information to the said Pky, but not in writing.

The Synod called upon the Pky. to report & upon being informed that they were not ready, ordered them to report the doings. The Synod then enquired of its members whether they had complied with the recommendation at their last meeting to observe the afternoon of the first Sunday in every quarter of the year, as a time of prayer; when it appeared that this recommendation was generally attended to. — The Synod called upon their Commissioners to make report. The Commission East of the Alleghany reported as follows — That they had, since they last reported, only two missionaries send their care Viz. Mr. Robert Stewart who still continues an invalid & therefore demands no Salary, and Mr.

James Robinson who has officiated since last June chiefly 176  
labouring in the Counties of Rockbridge, Amherst, Albemarle  
& Goshaland. — The Necessity for Encouragement to Mis-  
sionaries appears great in many places, & some hopeful  
prospects of a blessing attending Mr. Robinson's preaching  
in Albemarle & Amherst has appeared. No report from the  
Commission West of the Alleghany. — The Synod enquired  
of its members whether they had taken care to raise contri-  
butions for the support of Missionaries, and was informed that  
they had generally attended to this business. — The Synod  
adjourned to meet at this place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.  
Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon. 3 o'clock, The Synod met according to adjourn-  
ment & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

Third the Committee of Overseers was laid before the Synod  
the following Ordinance Viz. May the Children of any be baptised  
but those whose parents are admissible to full communion in  
the church. — The Synod determined that this Ordinance had already  
been answered in the negative at a former meeting of Synod.  
And as there is too much reason to fear that this decision of  
Synod was not attended to in many parts of the church,  
the Synod Resolved to address the Presb. under their care upon  
that subject, and accordingly appointed Messrs. Ligonier, Hill,  
Williamson & Brown a committee to draw up an address  
suitable to the occasion. — The Synod again called  
upon the Presb. to make their reports. — The Presb. of Rowan  
reported as follows Viz. that they consisted of nine ordained  
ministers Viz. The Rev. S. J. Waddell without a charge

177 Wm Irwin without a charge, Arch<sup>d</sup> W Roberts without a charge, Jas<sup>d</sup> Mitchell having the Pastoral charge of Bethel Salem & Pisgah, James Turner Colleague with W Mitchell - Jos<sup>d</sup> S. Blair having the Pastoral charge of Hanover & Demuc, Query Lory of that of Cumberland, Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander of Berury & Matthews Lyle of Buffalo & Berury in conjunction with W Alexander. - They have one Candidate for the gospel ministry Viz. John Todd - They have received W<sup>r</sup> Samuel Ramsey a probationer from the Lexington Presbytery under their care - They have several small vacancies, none of which are of themselves able to support a Pastor - But some of them that are contiguous being united are sufficiently able - Viz. North Fork, Providence & the Pied united would be able - Mountain Plains, the Goose & Rockfish united are able - Old Concord & New Concord united are able - Sandy River, Tomchawk & New Creation united are able - God Hope, Smiths River, Gods meeting house, Blue stone, Lancaster Cub-Creek & The D, S, not able -

The Pres<sup>y</sup> of Lexington reports that they consisted of nine ordained Ministers. Viz. The Rev Wm Graham without a charge - Benj<sup>d</sup> Irwin D<sup>r</sup> John Montgomery D<sup>r</sup> - Act Scott, Bethel & Beacon Meeting Wm W Wilson Augusta Church - Jas W<sup>r</sup> Blair Hanover & Tinkling Spring - Sam<sup>d</sup> Houston Falling Water &

High Ridge - Benj Grigglesley Lewisburg & Concord 178  
I Saml Brown New Providence. - Varancius -

Timber ridge & Oxford united able to support a Minister  
Lexington & New Mornmouth - able. Spring Creek, Little  
Leavel & Head of Green Brian able. Sinking Spring  
Acorn oak, Craigs creek, Lowest Bottom, Pine Grove  
Jacksons River, Cow & Bull Pastures & Knaps creek not  
able -

They have ~~four~~ Licensed ~~four~~ proba-  
tioners for the Gospel Ministry viz Messrs Geo Baxter  
Jas Lyle, Robt Wilson & Wm Chipley since they last re-  
ported - They have three Candidates for the Gospel  
Ministry still on trial Messrs Conrad Spurr, Dan  
Blain & Robt Logan. - Mr Geo Baxter has been  
dismissed to join Honsau Pky & Mr John Lyle has  
been dismissed to put himself under the direction  
of the Commission of Synod

The Pky of Weston reported that they consisted of the  
following ordained Ministers viz - The Rev James Pomer  
of Mount Pleasant, James Dunlap Laurel Hill, Jacob  
Lennings Delaps creek & muddy creek, Jas W Plessin  
Unity & Salem, Saml Porter, Congruity & Pahr run  
Gos. Hill of Dougal, Fairfield & Wheat field, Wm Saml  
Longreen & Sawmbley, & David Smith Georges creek  
& Union. -

That they have dismissed Mr Saml  
Ratston a Licentiate to join this Pky & Licensed one  
Candidate for the Gospel Ministry i.e. Mr James Adams  
since they last report - They have the following



179 Vacancies under their care. Ashbath & Rowin's  
Hill in connection able to support a minister.  
Pittsburg - able. Peter Lawn ship & Pucketty able, Ebenezer  
& Bethel able - Sandy creek & Crab Orchard - able. From  
Morgan Town, Blacksburg, Middle Town, Tycers valley  
& Glade run not able.

The Ply of Winchester reported that they con-  
sisted of five ordained Ministers N<sup>o</sup>W. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hays  
pastor of Shepherds Town. Nath LeGrand of Cedar creek  
& speaker. Wm Hill, Charles Town & Hopewell; Wm  
Williamson South river & Flint run, & John Lyle  
of Romney Frankfort & Springfield. They have  
dismissed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Nath LeGrand from the pastoral  
charge of Winchester since they last reported. They  
have the following vacancies under their care  
N<sup>o</sup>W. Winchester able to support a minister.  
Middle Town & Back creek able. Concrete able  
Pawls Fort, Lost river & Pattersons creek not able  
since they last reported they have licensed Mr  
James Robinson to preach the Everlasting Gospel  
& dismissed him, to put himself under the direc-  
tion of the Commission of Synod. And that they  
have received on trials Messrs Joseph Glass, Jas  
Warr & Jas Minis as candidates for the Gospel mi-  
nistry. No reports were received from Ohio  
and Transylvania Presbyteries -

Thos. the Committee of Parteries was laid before the Synod  
the following Query - "Would it not be proper from pre-  
sent appearances for Synod to write to the Presby. under  
their care to be more punctual in their attendance  
upon Synod for the future. The Synod agreed to take  
up this subject & judged it to be highly necessary  
& appointed Messrs. Houston, Legrand & Lyle a Comtee to  
draft a letter suitable to the occasion.

Thos the Comtee of Parteries was brought forward  
a proposition to enlarge the bounds of the Winchester  
Presby. by the addition of the remainder of  
the northern neck which belonged to the Presby. of Han-  
over, & the following is established as its South-  
ern line. Beginning at Swift run gap, then  
a straight line to the head source of the Rapid-  
Ann River, thence down the said River to its confluence with  
the said River to its confluence with the Rappahannock, thence  
down the said River to the Chesapeake Bay, which proposition  
was taken up by the Synod & agreed to - By the same Commit-  
tee was also presented as follows - Shall those persons who have  
been regularly baptized in infancy, but after having arrived  
at maturity have conducted themselves in a manner censurable  
by our church, be admitted to the ordinance of the Supper upon  
their profession of faith & repentance without making satisfaction  
for such conduct? The Synod agreed to discuss this subject; but  
the members of Synod not finding themselves prepared for the  
discussion of this subject at present; it was agreed to defer  
the further consideration of it till the next meeting of Synod;  
and the Synod enjoins it upon the Presbyteries under their

181 can to pay particular attention to this subject between this and our next meeting, that they might come up prepared for the discussion. — The Synod having received no records nor accounts from the Pennsylvania Pky. ordered their stated clerk once more to write to that Pky. to send forward their records for the inspection of Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. — Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning 9 o'clock. The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above, with the addition of Mr. Hoge whose reasons for not attending earlier on this occasion were sustained. Col. John Moraw an Elder with Mr. Hoge also appeared and took his seat. — The Synod enquired of their Commission, whom they ordered at their last meeting to settle the accounts of their Treasury & make report at the present meeting, whether they had complied with their order, and were informed that in consequence of some of the Commission not fully understanding the wish of Synod, they were not ready to report. — On Motion Messrs. Banston & Beaman were appointed a Committee to attend to this business & make report at the next meeting. — The Committee appointed to draught a letter to the Presbyteries, enjoining upon them an attention to a former decision of Synod, reported, which is as follows Viz.

Dear Brethren, The Synod of Virginia having at a former meeting declared their sentiments respecting the qualifications of those who are admissible to the Seals of

the Covenant of Grace & whom children ought to be Baptiz'd <sup>1792</sup>  
(a copy of which is hereto annex'd) and having then earnestly re-  
commended to their Members a due attention to that important  
point - we are sorry to find that there is still reason to fear  
this has not been duly regarded, and hence have arisen not  
only scandals against the Church, but very considerable dif-  
ficulties to those who wish to act agreeably to that deter-  
mination. And being still unanimously of opinion that the  
decision referred to is consonant to the word of God and calcu-  
lates to be productive of very beneficial consequences to his  
Church; we again earnestly entreat your attention to this  
very important matter. Consider the propriety, not to say  
the absolute necessity, that the Stewards of Christ's House  
should act agreeably to his instructions. Consider the vast ad-  
vantage which would arise from a strict uniformity as well  
in practice as sentiment amongst ourselves in every doctrine  
& in every article of discipline. How by the hands of Mem-  
bers would be much strengthened, Christ's Body edified, and  
we doubt not but a witness of the reality, necessity and ex-  
cellence of religion left in the hearts of many that are  
without by the faithfulness of the Stewards of the Mystery  
of God. That the Purity of his Religion may be maintained;  
That the glory of God in the salvation of sinners may be  
illustriously displayed & the Kingdom of the Redeemer  
mightly advanced is the fervent prayer of your Brethren  
in the Lord. — The Synod agreed to receive  
and adopt the above address.

The Synod received information from Mr. James



1833. Kummer that he wished to resign his office as a Member of the Commission of Synod, and agreed to receive his resignation & appointed Mr. Alexander in his stead.

On motion the Synod agreed to continue their recommendation for observing the afternoon of the first Tuesday in every quarter of the year as a time of prayer & supplication for a revival of religion, until our next meeting. The Synod agreed to have a camp till after Sermon—

Messrs. Mitchell, Houston & Brown informed the Synod that they had business of a very urgent nature to attend to as Trustees of Liberty Hall Academy and requested leave of absence for the rest of this meeting—Which request was granted—

The Synod adjourned to meet at this place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.— Concluded with prayer.—

Friday afternoon 3 o'clock The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The Committee appointed to draw up a letter to the Presbyteries enjoining upon them a more punctual attendance upon Synod for the future, brought in the following letter which was read & approved of by

To the Mod<sup>o</sup> of the Presbytery of  
Sir, The great neglect of members to attend at this

meeting of Synod, presents to us such an alarming 1844  
prospect that we judge it our duty to urge the  
Chy, composing this body to press upon their members  
to be more careful in attending our meetings than  
they have been heretofore.

We cannot suppose they have concluded to let the  
authority of Jesus Christ as King in his Church fall  
to the ground. Yet if the members of each Chy should  
become a little more careless, we will cease to  
have Synodical meetings. — Already the  
reduced state of our body occasioned by the delin-  
quency of its members, sinks our dignity; weakens  
our influence, & greatly discourages the hearts  
of such as attend.

If it is a duty to attend & every member has so  
solemnly avowed this in his ordination it must be  
an important duty; therefore we cannot think  
the King & head of the Church will for small in-  
conveniences of members & for difficulties that may  
be got over, look upon those men guiltless who do  
not attend. He has commanded his servants to  
be faithful in following him even until death.  
How can there be judged such who seldom appear  
with their fellow-servants in the vineyard to do the

185 the lewisings which every one is bound to do as much as his neighbour. At this meeting two whole Plys are absent & of two more only a number from each have attended. We therefore enjoin it upon our Plys to take such measures with their members as may if possible for the future prevent such a delinquency of Members in attending Synod. That the Lord of the Church may bless all his servants & make them duly faithful is our earnest prayer.

The Synod ordered their Stated Clerks to furnish each Ply with a copy of this letter & also a copy of the address urging a uniformity of sentiment & practice respecting the admission of persons to privileges in the Church.

The Synod adjourned to meet at Westminster the last Wednesday in September 1798 concluded with prayer -

Thus far examined & generally approved by the Gen Assembly  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 1799  
James Smith, Mod<sup>r</sup>

James Dunlap Mod<sup>r</sup>  
Wm. L. L. L.  
Wm. Williamson

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