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*The  
Minutes of the Synod  
of  
Virginia -*

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Winchester Sept<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1778

The Synod of Virginia met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon from Eccl. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> by the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Dunlap after which Synod was constituted with prayer Members present - From the Presby of Redstone The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Dunlap, John W<sup>m</sup> Phelan & Jacob Jennings. Ministers.

The Presby of Ohio - The Rev<sup>d</sup> John W<sup>m</sup> Melan, James Hughes & Tho<sup>s</sup> Marquis Ministers

The Presby of Pennsylvania, The Rev<sup>d</sup> - James Ramper, James Welch & Wm Calhoun

The Presby of Winchester, The Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Hill John Lyle & William Williamson Ministers & Timothy Sewell & Wm Buckels Clerks.

The Presbyteries of Hanover & Lexington wholly absent.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator & Clerks, & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Williamson was chosen Moderator & the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Hughes & James Welch Clerks.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

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The Revd Moses Hoge & Nath LeGrand Ministers & Lewis Stephens an Elder with Mr LeGrand being now come took their seats, their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The reasons of Messrs McMillan McPherrin, Jennings, Hughs Marquis Calhoon Hamper & Welch for absence at former meetings of Synod were sustained.

On Motion Messrs Geo McMillan Geo McPherrin Wm Calhoon, Moses Hoge Ministers & Timothy Small Elder were appointed, a Committee of overtures to prepare business for the Synod at their present meeting. & ordered to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock & afterwards on their own adjournments -

On Motion, The Plys were ordered to bring forward their reports next Friday morning. Upon enquiring it was found that the members had attended to & complied with the recommendation of Synod, setting apart the

afternoon of the first Tuesday in every <sup>3<sup>d</sup></sup>  
quarter of the year for the exercise of prayer.  
On Motion it was agreed to continue the  
said recommendation until the next meet-  
ing of Synod.

On Motion Messrs Marquis & Legrand  
were appointed a Committee to examine the  
records of Redstone Pky - Messrs Jennings  
& Hill to examine the records of Ohio Pky  
& to make report before the rising of Synod.

On Motion the Synod adjourned to  
meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock  
concluded with prayer -

Thursday morning 9 O'clock - The Synod  
met agreeably to adjournment, & was con-  
stituted with prayer. Members present  
as above -

Agreeably to order the minutes of last  
Session were read.

4 The Commission of Synod West of the  
Allegheny made report as follows; That  
N.W. of the Ohio & Allegheny rivers a num-  
ber of settlements are made & societies form-  
ed; that a door appears to be opened for  
preaching the gospel in various places,  
that the Commission have in store some-  
thing considerable for the support of  
Missionaries, but as yet have no Mis-  
sionary; that they have however sent  
frequent supplies by settled ministers to  
the settlements & that there appears to be  
an increasing desire for the Gospel  
among them. The Synod received  
the above report as satisfactory. —

Inquiry being made at the members of  
Synod respecting their attention to raising  
contributions for the support of Mission-  
aries, it appeared that they had generally  
attended thereto.

The stated clerk having failed to comply  
with an order made at the last meeting  
of Synod, to forward certain letters addressed to  
the several B'ys on motion he was again

ordered to forward said letters as soon as convenient. -

The Synod proceeded to consider the question referred from the last meeting and after some deliberation the Synod agreed to dismiss it, as in their opinion it is sufficiently answered in their book of discipline.

A report was made to the Synod of the state of the Seminary in Washington County Pennsylvania. which was satisfactory, & from which it appears that the said Seminary is in a flourishing & promising condition.

A petition was presented to the Synod thro' the Committee of Overtures from the Pby. of Transylvania praying a division of said Pby into three Pbys to be known by the names, <sup>one</sup> of Transylvania bounded on the N. E. by Kentucky River on the N. & N. W. by the Ohio, & southward by comprehending all the settlements & its waters. consisting of the following members.

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The Rev<sup>d</sup> David Rice, Tho<sup>s</sup> Craighead, Terah  
Tampkin. <sup>(Syn. Ad. Study was qualified)</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mahon, Archibald Cameron  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Findley, Matthew Houston, W<sup>m</sup> W<sup>m</sup>  
& John Howe, another to be known by  
the name of the Western Lexington. Bdy-  
bounded by Kentucky River on the south &  
South West. by the Ohio on the N. & N.W.  
& by Main Licking on the W. & N.E. Con-  
sisting of the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Crawford, Samuel  
Shannon, Isaac Tull, Robert Marshall  
James Blythe, Joseph Howe, James Welch  
Samuel Rannels & William Robinson.  
Another to be known by the name of  
Washington Bdy comprehending the re-  
maining part of the State of Kentucky  
lyng N. E. of Main Licking, and the set-  
tlements N. W. of the Ohio. Consisting  
of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Peter Willson, James Hamper,  
John P. Campbell, John Findley, William Spur  
John Dunlavy & Rich<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup>maire. —  
The Synod then adjourned until 3 o'clock  
afternoon. Concluded with prayer.



Thursday evening 3 O'clock — 7

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

The Synod proceeded to consider the Petition of the Pby of Transylvania, and agreed to grant their prayer. And appointed the Pby of Transylvania to hold their first meeting at Cam Run the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of April next at 11 O'clock A. M. when the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Rice or in case of his absence the Senior Member present shall open Pby with a Sermon & preside untill a Moderator be chosen.

The Western Lexington Pby to hold their first meeting <sup>at Lexington</sup> on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April at 11 O'clock A. M. when the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Crawford, or in case of his absence the Senior Member present shall open Pby with a Sermon, & Preside untill a Mod<sup>r</sup> be chosen.

The Washington Pby to hold their first

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Meeting at Johnsons Fork Meeting  
House on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of April next  
at 11 o'clock A.M. when the Revd Peter  
Willson or in case of his absence the  
Senior member present shall open by  
with a Sermon, & preside untill a  
Mod<sup>r</sup> shall be chosen.

Mr Hamper having requested leave of  
Absence it was granted.

Thro' the Committee of overtures was  
laid before Synod the following question  
Viz. How far & in what sense are persons  
who have been regularly Baptized in in-  
fancy & have not partaken of the sacra-  
ment of the Supper, subject to the disci-  
pline of the Church. The Synod after  
some deliberation on the subject, agreed  
to refer the above question to the next Genl  
Assembly for their Judgment in the case  
On motion the Synod adjourned to meet  
tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, conclud-  
ed with prayer

Friday Morning 9 O'Clock —

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

Agreeably to order the Synod called for the reports of the P-bys.

The P-by of Redstone reported that they consist of eight ordained ministers all of whom have charges. Viz - The Rev James Duncanson pastor of Mount Pleasant. James Dunlap Laurel Hill. Jacob Jennings, Demlaps creek. John McPherson - Unity & Salem. Samuel Porter Conquitty - Geo. Hill, Fairfield & Dougall. Wm Swan, Long Run & Sawickly, & David Smith Redbooth & Round Hill. That they have one Licentiate Viz - Mr James Adams, & one Candidate for the Gospel ministry Viz - Mr Andrew Guin. That they have the following vacancies under their care Viz - Pittsburg, Pitts township, Pucketty, Popo Run Iron & Quamaking, Somerset, Turkey Foot Union, Georges creek, Sandy creek, Crab Orchard Crofton Morgan Landon Blackburg Logans vally Glade Run Hards tent, Bear creek, Sulphur Run, & Little Redstone.

The P-ly of Ohio reported that they consist of ten ordained Ministers Wyt. The Revd John Wmilian pastor of Chartiers Congregation. James Hughs, Lower Buffalo & Short creek, John Brim, Three ridges & Wheelin. Tho<sup>s</sup> Marquis Crops creek. Tho<sup>s</sup> Moore, Ten mile. Boyd Manor. Region creek & pike river. Sam<sup>l</sup> & Realstone Mingo creek & Horse shoe Bottom. Wm Woods Bethel & Lebanon. & John Kennedy without a charge.

The Revd John Clark was removed by death on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1797. Messrs Realstone & Woods have been received from the P-ly of Redstone & ordained & installed in their respective congregations & Mr Kennedy has been received from the P-ly of New Castle since they last reported.

They have the following Vacancies under their care Wyt. Buffalo able to support a minister Washington, able, Mill creek & flatts able Crops roads & Campbells meeting house able the following Vacancies not able Mouth of Raccoon, Muddy creek, South Ten mile Indian Short creek, Indian Wheelin, New Salem, Mount Pleasant, the forks of the range & W Intock.

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They have one Licentiate viz Mr Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Donald. They have five candidates  
for the Gospel ministry viz Messrs Jas  
Watson, Thomas Hughs, Joseph Anderson  
Smilie Hughs & James Snodgrass. —

The P. C. of Winchester report that  
they consist of five ordained Ministers viz  
The Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hoge pastor of Shepherds Town  
Nash Leonard, Cedar creek & Opakee  
Wm Hill, Charles Town & Hope well, John  
Lyle, Frankfort Runny & Springfield.  
& Wm Williamson, South River & Fleets run  
That since they last reported they have re-  
ceived Mr James Robinson from under the  
care of the Commission of Synod & dismissed  
him to join Hanover P. C. They have  
also licensed Messrs James Vance Joseph Goff  
& John Minus to preach the Gospel of Christ  
They have the following vacancies under  
their care viz Concrete able to support  
a minister Winchester able. Middle Town  
& Back Creek able Lancaster not able  
No reports from the P. C. of Hanover Lexington & Transylvania

12 The Synod received no report from the Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to settle with the Treasurer of the Commission of Synod. The same Committee were continued & ordered to report at the next meeting of Synod.

No report has been received from the Commission East of the Alleghany. On motion the Synod adjourned until 3 o'clock afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Friday 3 o'clock Afternoon.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer, members present as above.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the different P. b. ys brought in their reports which were received - on motion The Synod adjourned to meet at Shepherd's Tavern on the last Wednesday of Sept<sup>r</sup> next. Concluded with prayer.

Wm Williamson Mod<sup>r</sup>

James Hughes }  
James Welch } Clerks.

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# Shepherds Town

Sept<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> - 1799

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment & was opened by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Williamson with a sermon on Rom. 1<sup>st</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

Members present - of the P<sup>ch</sup> of Redstone

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Ino W<sup>h</sup> Pherrin -

of Ohio P<sup>ch</sup> - Rev<sup>d</sup> James Hughes.

Winchester P<sup>ch</sup> - Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hoge. Wm Hill. John Lyle. Wm Williamson, & Col In<sup>o</sup> Morrow Elder.

The P<sup>chs</sup> of Hanover Lexington Transylvania

Western Lexington & Washington were wholly absent

The Rev<sup>d</sup> John W<sup>h</sup> Pherrin was chosen Moderator

& the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Hughes & Robert Wilson Clerks

On motion it was ordered that the reports of the P<sup>chs</sup> be brought in this afternoon.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Ino Anderson a member of Orange P<sup>ch</sup> & The Rev<sup>d</sup> Adam Trauman of Baltimore P<sup>ch</sup> being present & invited took seats as corresponding members.

On motion. The Synod adjourns to meet again  
at four o'clock P.M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock P.M.

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

The Rev James Mitchell of Hanover P. C. & Y. &  
the Rev Sam Houston of Lexington P. C. & Y. and  
the Rev Nash Selgrand of Manchester P. C. & Y.  
came at this time - their reasons for not at-  
tending sooner were sustained.

The P. C. & Y. of Ohio reported that they consist of  
twelve ordained ministers. Viz - The Rev -  
Jno W. Mithun - Pastor of Chartiers. Joseph Postum  
Racoon. James Hughes Lower Buffalo & short creek  
Jno Brice - Three Ridges & Whelen. Tho<sup>s</sup> Marquis  
Cross creek. Tho<sup>s</sup> Moore Ten mile. Bay's meen  
without a charge. Sam<sup>l</sup> Ralstone Mingo  
creek & Horse shoe Bottom. W<sup>m</sup> Woods, Bethel  
& Lebanon. George Scott Mill creek & the Flats.  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Hughes New Salem & Mr Pleasant. & Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Donnell without a charge. That they  
have ordained Major Tho<sup>s</sup> Hughes & Sam<sup>l</sup> Donnell  
& received The Rev Geo Scott from the P. C. & Y. of  
New Brunswick & installed him & Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Hughes



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in their respective congregations since they last reported. That they have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Mr Mercer & the congregations of Pigeon creek & Pike run. & also between Mr Patterson & the congregation of Monticure. — That they have eight

Leuitiates vizt John Watson, Joseph Anderson, Smilie Hughes, James Snodgrass, Elisha Mcurdy, Joseph Stockton, John Wdair & Wm Wick — They have one candidate for the Gospel Ministry vizt John Findley. — That they

have the following vacant congregations vizt — Upper Buffalo. able to support a minister Washington able. Pigeon creek & Pike run able. Cross roads & Campbells Meeting House able. Monticure & Mouth of Racoon able.

Forks of Beaver & Neshanock able. Indian Whelan & Short creek. Sandy & Pymatuning Caniste Lake & Cotts Station. Presque Isle & Fair View & Meadville may shortly be able.

Cool Spring & Walkers settlement. Wolf creek Franklin Caniste creek, Lexington Fair ground Ruds Tent Waterford Charles Town, Stubenville

Island Creek Beaver Town Union Congregational  
 Cannons Settlement Noraf's Tent Captain  
 Granite Creek Jefferson & Wagner being not  
 able. — The P. b. y. of Winchester <sup>Ino Milligan Mod</sup> reported that they  
 consist of six ordained ministers vizt — The Revd

Amos Thomson no charge Moses Hoge Shepherdson  
 Wm Hill Hopewell Nash LeGrand Speckon & Biden  
 Creek — Wm Williamson South River & Flint River  
 & Ino Lyle Spring Field Rummey & Frankfort —

That they have ~~been~~ two L. c. Ministers vizt —

Mr Joseph Glass & Ino Mines — That since they  
 last reported they have dismissed Mr James Kane  
 to put himself under the care of Transylvania  
 P. b. y. released Mr Hill from the pastoral  
 charge of Charles Town congregation and  
 received the Revd Amos Thomson formerly  
 a member of Donegal P. b. y. & afterwards  
 of Litchfield Association as a member of  
 P. b. y. —

That their vacancies are as  
 follows Concord able to support a minister  
 Winchester able. Middle Town & Back Creek able  
 Lancaster able Charles Town not able —

attested by

Ino Lyle Mod  
 Wm Hill Clk.

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The Presby of Hanover reported that they consist  
of Elders ordained ministers viz. the Rev. D. J. J.  
Waddell without a charge, Wm. Ewin without a charge  
Archibald Mc Roberts without a charge, Jas. Mitchell  
having the pastoral charge of Bethel, Salem and  
Piney, Jas. Turner colleague with W. Mitchell,  
John D. Blair having the pastoral charge of Hanover  
& Henrico, Drury Lay, of Cumberland, Matthew  
Lyle of Buffalo & Briery - The pastoral relation  
between W. Alexander & Briery has been dissol-  
ved - They have received W. J. Robinson a pro-  
bationer from Winchester Presb'y, and ordained  
and installed him to the Pastoral charge of the  
Cove & Rockfish cong<sup>n</sup> - They have received the  
Rev. W. Calhoun from Pennsylvania Presb'y  
who is now supplying D. S. congregation, the  
Rev. John McCue of Lexington Presb'y, they  
are informed is at present supplying Mountain  
Plain cong<sup>n</sup> - They have one candidate for  
viz. W. John Todd - they have dismissed W.  
Samuel Ramsey to put himself under the  
care of Abingdon Presb'y, they have received

W. George Baxter a probationer from Lexington Presby & again dismissed him to put himself under the care of the same

They have several small vacancies, none of which are of themselves able to support a minister: but some of them united are able, viz, the Fork, Providence & Baird united are able - Old & new Concord united are able - Sandy river, Chesnut & new creation are able - Goodhope, Smiths River, Good meeting house, Blue Stone & Cub Creek not able -

The P-by of Lexington reported that they consist of eight ordained members, two of whom are without a charge viz. the Rev John Montgomery & Benj<sup>n</sup> Erwin & the other six have pastored charge as follows.

The Rev Wm Wilson - Augusta church. Bro McEwen Tinkling Spring. Saml Houston Falling Spring & High bridge - Benjamin Grigg by Lees isburg & Concord. Saml Brown New Providence and Robert Wilson who was ordained last

May in the Windy Cove Little River & 19  
Rocky Spring Congregation. That they  
have since they last reported received back  
from the Commissioner of Synod Mr Robert  
Stewart & dismissed him to put himself  
under the care of the P. by of Transylvania  
That they have received back from the  
P. by of Harcour Mr Geo Baxter & settled  
him by a call in the congregations of  
Lexington & New Monmouth. That Mr  
Robert Davis & Mr Wm Chipley continue  
Licentiate under their Jurisdiction.  
That they have Licensed Mr Daniel Blain  
& dismissed him to put himself under the  
care of Harcour P. by. Also Mr Robert  
Ligon, & dismissed him to serve as a  
Missionary under the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly  
That the Revd Archibald Scott departed  
in this life the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of last March &  
the Revd Wm Graham the 6<sup>th</sup> of last June  
That they have one Candidate Mr Conrad  
Spicer. That their Vacancies are as follow-

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Lumber ridge & Oxford in union able to  
support a Minister Brown's Meeting House  
& Bethel Ditto. Harrisonburg New Union  
& Mosey Creek Ditto - Sinking Spring, Fincastle  
& Davidson's Ditto. Spring Creek, Little  
Levels & Head of Greenbrier Ditto. Pine  
Grove Head of Jacksons river. Bull pasture  
Pinaps Creek & Staunton not able - -

The P-b-y of Redstone reported that  
they consist of nine ordained ministers viz  
The Rev James Pauer Pastor of Mount Pleasant Cong  
James Dunlap of Laurel Hill, Joseph Henderson  
Bethel & Bethel. Jacob Jennings Delaple creek  
& Redstone. John W Pherrin, Unity & Salem  
Samuel Porter, Congruity. George Hill  
Fairfield & Danegal. Wm Swan Long run  
& Samickly & David Smith Round Hill & Puttock.  
That they have two Licentiates viz - Mr James  
Adams who has accepted a call from the united  
congregations of Union Georges creek & Muddy creek  
and Andrew Guin. That they have received  
the Rev Joseph Henderson, formerly a member

of the Presbytery of Carlisle who has accepted  
 a call from the United Congregations of Seneca  
 & Pittsbl - They have one candidate for  
 the Gospel Ministry viz Mr William Moorhead  
 They have the following vacant congregations  
 under their care. viz - Pittsburg able to support  
 a minister - Pitts Township able. Poke run  
 & Plumcreek in connection able. The mouth  
 of Buffalo & Glade run able. Bull Creek  
 Union on Conaquesuping Thorns Tent, Concord  
 Bear Creek, scrubgrass, Slippery rock, Seneca  
 Meadville, Wheatville Quemahoning, Somerset  
 Turkey foot, Sandy Creek, Crab Orchard, Croppings  
 Morgan town, Clarksburg, Eggerts vally &  
 Tyrone not able - In Mr Phelan Elder

The Rev Sam<sup>l</sup> Donnell having been report  
 ed as a member of Ohio P. by & the Rev Amos Thom  
 son a member of W. Chester & being present  
 took their seats.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Mitchell, Hoze, Fleiston, Donnell  
 ministers & Mr Morrow Elder were appointed a  
 Committee of sentences to prepare business  
 for the Synod at the present meeting, & were

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Decided to meet at this place to morrow morning at 10 o'clock & afterward on their own adjournments.

~~The~~ Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock  
concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning Sept 26 - 9 o'clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer —

Members present as above.

The Rev James Robinson having been report  
ed a member of Hancock P. b. y. & the Rev <sup>Wm. H. Jones</sup> a  
member of Lexington P. b. y. & being present  
took their seats

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mitchel & Williamson were appointed a committee to examine the records of Redstone P. b. y.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hill & Robinson a committee to examine the records of Lexington P. b. y.

And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fleuster & Hughes a committee to examine the records of Winchester P. b. y.

a petition from the congregation of New Providence of Green County in Pennsylvania praying



that said Cong<sup>n</sup> may be annexed to the  
 P. C. Y. of Riston was thro' the Committee of  
 overtures laid before Synod which being consider-  
 ed the Synod agreed to grant their request  
 Upon enquiry it appeared that the recom-  
 mendation of Synod to set apart the afternoon of  
 the first Tuesday in every quarter of the year  
 for the exercise of prayer had been attended to  
 by most of the Members staidly, some thro'  
 want of information of the recommendati-  
 on being renewed at the last meeting of the  
 Synod had not attended to it the last year.

On Motion, It was agreed that said recom-  
 mendation be continued until the next meet-  
 ing of Synod.

On Motion, The Synod entered upon an enquiry  
 into the state of religion in their churches  
 thro' their parsons, & such information being  
 received as the members had to communicate  
 It appeared that altho' the state of religion  
 in many places is lamentable & even where  
 some time since it flourished, & that vice

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immorality do much abound, yet in other  
places God hath graciously visited his vine  
yard, & poured forth on Thion thirsty Hill the  
refreshing showers of his grace. And it was  
particularly remarked that in those places  
where particular attention had been paid  
to the exercise of social prayer, especially on  
the stated seasons recommended by the Synod  
then the cause of Christ & true religion had  
most remarkably flourished.

On Motion Synod adjourned to meet at 3  
O'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'clock P. M.

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

The Stated Clerk having failed to comply with  
an order renewed at the last meeting of Synod  
to forward certain letters addressed to the respective  
P. b. ys, ~~and~~ his reasons for not complying with  
said order being heard he was excused and on  
Motion he was again ordered to forward the  
said letters as soon as possible.

Reports were made to the Synod respecting the state of the Seminaries under their care which reports were satisfactory & the Synod were well pleased with the conduct & attention of their Trustees & the promising state of said Seminaries.

On Enquiry it appeared that the following question. How far & in what sense are persons who have been regularly baptized in infancy & have not partaken of the sacrament of the supper subject to the discipline of the Church. had been agreeably to the order of Synod at their last meeting laid before the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly & that the Assembly were decidedly of the opinion that the said question is sufficiently answered in our book of discipline.

The Synod having observed an irregularity & inconsistency in the reports of the Ohio & Redstone P. Chs, the same vacancies being in several instances included in the report from each P. Ch, owing it is presumed to the want of a complete division line. In order

to prevent in future all such inconsistencies  
the Synod appointed the Rev Messrs John McMillan  
Thos Marquis, John McPherson & David Smith a  
Committee to fix upon & complete a line of  
separation between said P. C. Y. & to make report  
at the next meeting of Synod. —

On motion the Synod adjourned to meet  
at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1799 Friday morning 9 o'clock

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

Members present as above.

The Commissioner of Synod East of the Allegha-  
ny reported that since their last report they  
have had only three Missionaries under their  
care Vizt Mr Robert Stewart, James Robinson  
& John Lyle. — Mr Stewart was the chief of  
his time an invalid & therefore could not  
fulfil many appointments, & has been  
dismissed to return to Lexington P. C. Y.  
Mr Lyle only officiated about one term  
and was dismissed to return to Lexington P. C. Y.  
From every place where Missionaries went

except Alburne & Amhurst they reported<sup>27</sup>  
that the appearances were less encouraging  
than formerly, yet still there appeared  
some encouragement to continue Missionar-  
ies & that generally the people requested they  
might return or that others might be sent  
Mr Robinson served under the Commission  
about six months chiefly in Alburne  
where the hopeful appearances of a good  
work induced ~~him to~~ ~~to~~ ~~think~~  
his labours might be most useful in the  
pounds of a few churches & circumad-  
jacent places. Mr Robinson was dismis-  
sed to return to the Winchester P. C. by

The Synod having received no report from  
the committee continued at the last meeting  
of Synod to settle with the Treasurer of the  
Commission of Synod - On Motion the  
Commission<sup>ers</sup> were again continued and  
ordered to report at the next meeting of Synod.  
On motion the Synod adjourned to meet again  
at 3 o'clock - P. M.

Concluded with prayer

Friday 3 o'clock P M

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
 & was constituted with prayer

Members present as above.

By way of reference the Credentials of  
 a Mr Robert Steel lately from Ireland  
 were by the P. C. of Redstone laid before  
 Synod. After a particular attention to  
 the nature of those Credentials the Synod  
 agreed to refer them to the Gen<sup>d</sup> Ass<sup>y</sup>—  
 for their decision. — And whereas it  
 appeared that the said P. C. had not  
 in this case acted agreeably to the res-  
 olutions adopted by the Gen<sup>d</sup> Assembly  
 of 1798, owing to their not having been  
 in possession of the printed extracts of that  
 year, It was ordered that the stated  
 Clerk transmit to the P. C. a copy  
 of those extracts.

Enquiry having been made at the meet-  
 ings of Synod respecting their attention

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to raising contributions for the support  
of Missionaries, it appeared that they  
had generally attended thereto.

On Motion Synod adjourned to meet  
at 8 o'clock to morrow morning -

Concluded with prayer

Sept<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning 8 o'clock -

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
& was constituted with prayer

Members present as above

Deeply impressed with the vast importance  
of bringing up the youth under our care in  
the nurture & admonition of the Lord. The  
Synod appointed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hays Wm  
Hill & Wm Williamson a Committee to  
prepare a plan for that purpose with  
a corresponding address to be laid before  
Synod at their next meeting.

On Motion the Synod ordered the stated  
Clerk to record at length the reports of the  
several P. Ch<sup>rs</sup> once in three years, & at  
other times only the alterations which may  
take place.

Mr Houston was ordered to endeavour to procure & forward to the State Clerk of Synod the Records of <sup>the late</sup> Hanover P. C. by ~~means~~ ~~to the Board of the Society~~ agreeably to a former order of Synod

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the different P. C.'s brought in the respective reports which were received

On Motion Mr Hoge was appointed to correspond with the other Committees of Missionary Societies, & to draft a plan to cooperate with said Societies in their laudable undertaking & lay it before Synod at their next meeting.

Deeply afflicted with the great loss the Church has sustained of late, by the removal of so many eminent Ministers of the Gospel in our Communion by death, at a time when we seem to need their assistance more than ever to stem the torrent of profligacy & vice; & anxiously so



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licitious lest this mournful went should  
provoke a still more awful denudation  
of our Zion; The Synod appointed the  
last Thursday in November next to be  
observed as a day of fasting & prayer  
by way of improvement of the awful  
dispensation, & do most earnestly recom-  
mend & recommend it to the people under  
their care to humble themselves on that  
day under the mighty hand of God, to bewail  
their numerous & aggravated crimes, and  
to offer up their fervent supplications  
to Almighty God that he would be pleased  
to arrest the progress of iniquity in our  
land, that he would revive his work in  
the midst of these years of deep declensi-  
on, that he would send forth other labour-  
ers in the vineyard of his Son, & raise up  
other Springers & Wilsons & Sutherlands &  
Scotts & Grahams & Smiths to preach the  
Gospel until the glory of the Lord shall  
fill the earth as the waters cover the

side, & all the Kingdoms & State upon earth  
shall become the Kingdoms of God & of his  
Christ —

On motion the Synod adjourned to meet  
at Washington Pa on the last Wednesday  
in Sept next. Concluded with prayer.

John McPherson Mod:

Jas Hughes } Clks  
 Robt Wilson }

Washington Sep<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> - 1800.

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment & was opened by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jas McPherson the last years Moderator with a Sermon from Ps. 71 - 16 and was constituted with prayer - Members present

of Hanover Presbytery The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson  
of Redstone ----- The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Power

James Dunlap

Jacob Jennings

John McPherson

Saml Porter

George Hill

Wm Swan

David Smith

of Ohio P. C. Y. - - - - - Rev<sup>d</sup> Jas W. Millan

Jas Patterson

Jas Hughes

Jas Brice

Thos Marquis

Thomas Moore  
 Boyd Mercer  
 Sam<sup>r</sup> Ralstone  
 William Woods  
 George Scott  
 Samuel Donnell

Of Winkster P. C. y Red Moses Hoge  
 Wm Hill

Elders — Joseph Morrison  
 Joseph Byden  
 John Brewer  
 James Caldwell  
 Josiah Scott  
 Wm Brown  
 George Lee  
 James Egan  
 Abel W<sup>r</sup> Pheland  
 James Riley.

Absent of Hanover Presby all except Mr Robinson  
 of Redstone P. C. y. Red Joseph Henderson and  
 James Adams  
 Of Ohio P. C. y. Thomas Hughes

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of Winchester P. by Rev Nash Leland Wm Will-  
iamson In Lyle & Joseph Glap & Amos Thomson.

The P. bys of Lexington Transylvania, Western  
Lexington & Washington wholly absent -

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Mod-  
& Clerks, when Mr Wm Hill was chosen Mod  
& Messrs Jas Hughs & David Smith Clerks.

On Motion Synod adjourned until 4 O'clock  
concluded with prayer.

Wednesday 4 O'clock P M Synod met  
agreeably to adjournment & was constituted  
with prayer. Members present as above.

The minutes of last Session were read.

The Rev Messrs Robinson Hays W. Pherrin & Mar-  
quis, with Messrs Ogden Catmull & Riley Ebers  
were appointed a committee of quarters, &  
were appointed to meet tomorrow morning at  
7 O'clock & afterwards on their own adjourn-  
ments.

Major Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, Ine. W. Blain, Elisha W. Bury & Wm Wick being reported and aided members of Ohio P. C. Y took their seats with their Elders, Patrick W. Bullock, Rott W. Bullock & Philip Jackson.

The Rev. Ine Anderson a member of the Carolina Synod being present & invited took a seat as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Rott Wilson a member of Lexington P. C. Y came at this time.

Synod heard the reasons given by a number of members who had been absent at former meetings of Synod for their non attendance, & sustained them generally & recommended that members be punctual in their attendance in time to come.

The P. C. Ys of ~~Ohio & Winchester~~ made their respective reports which were received and are as follow -

The P. b. y of Hanover reported that they consist  
of eleven ordained ministers viz.

The Rev James Waddle, <sup>S. D.</sup> without a charge  
Wm Irvine Do

Asa W Roberts Do

James Mitchel - Pastor of Bethel Salem  
& parish

James Turner Colleague with <sup>Mr Mitchel</sup>

Isa D Blair Hanover & Henrico

Drury Lacy Cumberland

Mathew Lyle Buffalo & Briony

Arch Alexander without a charge

James Robinson - Rockfish & Cove

Wm Calhoun without a charge

That they have one Licentiate viz Mr Isa  
Todd, they have several small parishes  
viz. The Fork Providence & the Bird united  
able to support a minister.

Old & new Concord Do

Sandy River New Direction & Chesnut D.

38<sup>o</sup> Good Hope, Smiths River, Goods Meeting H.  
Blue Stone, Cub Creek & Mountain Plains  
not able —

The P. b. y of Lexington reported that they  
consist of ten ordained members vizt. The Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Ind Montgomery — without a charge  
Benjamin Irwin Do

William Wilson pastor of Augusta Church

John McEue Tinkling Spring

Samuel Houston Falling Spring & High bridge

Benjamin Gygley - Lewisburg & Concord

Samuel Braud - New Providence

Robert Wilson Windy Cove Little Spring & Rocky Spring

George Baxter New Monmouth & Lexington

& Robert Logan without a charge.

Since they last reported they ordained to the  
whole work of the Gospel ministry Messrs Geo.

Baxter & Rob<sup>t</sup> Logan, & have received back  
from Hanover P. b. y Mr David Blair who  
has a call under consideration from Oxford & Tin  
berly



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Mr Wm Chipley continues to be a Licentiate  
under their care - They have also received The  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr John Gleddie an ordained minister from  
the Kingdom of Ireland as a probationer -  
agreeably to an act of the Genl Assembly  
who has preached Statedly for some time  
at Staunton, Bethel & Browns Meeting House  
They have under their care two candidates  
for the Gospel Ministry Viz Messrs Wm  
McPheters & Ino Chavis - Vacancies the same  
as when they last reported

The P. b. y of Redstone reported that they  
consist of two members Viz -

The Rev James Bruce pastor of Mount Pleasant  
James Dunlap - Laurel Hill  
Jos Henderson - Ebenezer & Bethel  
Jacob Sunnys - Dunlaps Creek & Redstone  
Ino McPherrin - Salem  
Saml Porter - Congruity  
George Hill - Fairfield & Donegal

Wm Swan - pastor of Long run & Sawickley  
 David Smith - Round Hill & Rehoboth  
 and James Adams - Union Georges Creek & Muddy Creek  
 That they have two Licentiated Viz. Mr Wm  
 Moorhead whom they licensed last Spring and  
 Mr Francis Laird from Carlisle P. C. Y who  
 has accepted a call from the united Congrs  
 of Poke run & Pritchett - They have one Pro-  
 vocation for the Gospel Ministry Mr Ino Boyd  
 They have the following vacant cong<sup>rs</sup> under  
 their care Viz. Pittsburg able to support  
 a minister, Pitts Township Do. Morgan Town  
 & Pritchett Do. Bull Creek & Middlesex Do  
 Thorns Tent & W. Blues Do. Union & Fairfield Do  
 Concord & Wallaces Do Sandy Creek Do La Boeuf  
 Do Scrub Grass Do.

The Following cong<sup>rs</sup> are not able Wheatfield  
 Tyrone Sandy Creek Somerset Turkey foot  
 Stony Creek, Crab Orchard, Crossings, Middle  
 Town and Tygers valley -

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They have dissolved the pastoral relation between  
Mr W. Herin & unity congregation -

The P. b. y of Ohio reported that they consist  
of eighteen ordained ministers viz - The Rev Messrs

John W. Millan pastor of Charters

Joseph Patterson - - Racoon

James Hughes - Lower Buffalo & Short Creek

John Brice - Three Ridges & Wheelers

Thos Marquis - Cross Creek

Thos Moore - Ten Mile

Boyd Mercer - without a charge

Sam<sup>l</sup> Ralston - Wings Creek & Horse shoe bottom

Wm Woods - Bethel & Lebanon

Geo. Scott - Mill Creek & the Flatts

Thos Hughes - New Salem & Mount Pleasant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Dannel - Without a charge

Andrew Gwyn - Pigeon Creek & Pike run

Ind Watson - Millers run

Lo Anderson - Richland, Short Creek & Cross roads

Ind McClain - Monticure

Elisha Wburdy pastor of Crooked & Three Springs  
and Wm Wick - Hope well & Ashanock —

That they have ordained Messrs Andrew Gwynn Esq  
Watson, Joseph Anderson, John McClain, Elisha  
Wburdy & Wm Wick & installed them in  
their respective congregations since they  
last reported - They have six Licentiated  
vizt - Messrs Es Stockton, Smilie Bieghs, James Snod  
grass Abraham Boyd, Saml Tate & James Satterfield  
They have two candidates for the Gospel Mi  
nistry vizt Messrs Robt Lee & Robert Patterson.

Mr John Lindley was removed by death on the  
24th of April last — They have 24 Vacant Cong<sup>s</sup>  
vizt Washington able to support a minister...  
Upper Buffalo Do. Plain Grove & Red Tent Do  
Cold Spring & Moorfields Do. Upper Salem & Py =  
matenny Do. Little Canyatte & Catts Station Do.  
Big Canyatte & Lexington - Do. Yellow creek & Long  
run Do. Island Creek & Steubenville Do.

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The following Vacancies are not able to support  
a Minister W<sup>ch</sup> Highland - Union - Perquimans  
Jefferson, Waynesborough, Charles Town, Green  
Creek & Beavers Town -

The P<sup>l</sup>y of Winchester reported that they can  
sist of seven W<sup>ch</sup> The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs  
Amos Thomson without a charge  
Moses Hoge pastor of Shepherds Town  
Nash Lybrand - Spokon & Cedar creek  
W<sup>h</sup> Hill - Hopewell

Wm Williamson South river & Fleet run

John Lyle - Rumney Springfield & Frankfurt  
and Joseph Glap whom they have since they  
last reported ordained to the whole work  
of the Gospel ministry & installed him  
pastor of Middle Town & Back Creek -

They have one Licentiate Mr John Minus  
This Vacancies are Winchester able to sup  
port a Minister, Concrete able - Last river  
Capon Lancaster Charles Town not able

The Synod adjourned to meet at this place to-morrow morning 9 o'clock concluded with prayer

Sept-25<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning 9 o'clock Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read, ~~and also~~ and also the minutes of the last meeting of Synod.

The Rev Messrs James Power & Robert Wilson were appointed a committee to examine the records of Ohio P. C. & make report before the rising of Synod.

Mr Aaron Williams an Elder from Mr Ralston's charge <sup>is</sup> now come.

A motion was made & seconded that there should be an alteration of the Phraseology in a minute made at the last meeting of Synod. The above motion was opposed upon the ground that the Synod has not power at one meeting to alter the minutes

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of a former meeting of Synod - after deliberating on the matter it was carried that the Synod has not such power - the motion was therefore lost. Charles W. Cain an Elder from Mr. Emmons' charge came at this time & took his seat.

A Reference from the Pby of W. Lexington on the subject of Slavery was thro' the Committee of overtures laid before Synod, which was received, & the consideration thereof deferred until tomorrow morning.

Upon enquiry <sup>it appeared</sup> that the recommendation of Synod to set apart the afternoon of the first Tuesday in every quarter of the year for the exercise of prayer has been attended to steadily by the members generally & it was agreed to continue said recommendation until the next meeting of Synod.

On ~~motion~~ <sup>inquiry</sup> it appeared that the stated Clerk agreeably to order forwarded certain letters to

the several presbyteries, & that they had been received by such as are present

Reports were made to Synod respecting the state of the seminaries under their care which were satisfactory & held forth that said seminaries ~~were~~ were in a prosperous situation

On Motion Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock concluded with prayer.

Thursday 3 o'clock P. M. Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above - After prayer the minutes of the last session were read -

Charles W. Clain Elder obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Committee appointed to complete the division line between the P. C. S. of Redstone & Ohio reported that they had agreed that the Franklin Road until it crosses the Slippery Rock



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and the road leading thence thro' Meadville to  
Piquette lies in the line between said P. Coys on  
the N. W side of the Alleghany & Ohio Rivers

On enquiry it appeared that the Credentials  
of Mr Steele were agreeably to the decision of  
Synod referred to the Genl Assembly, & that  
said Credentials were approved.

It appeared on enquiry that the members present  
had attended unto & observed the Fast day appoint-  
ed by Synod

Mr Hage agreeably to his appointment  
reported a plan for instituting a Missionary  
Society. After some deliberation thereon, the Genl  
the consideration of it was deferred till to-  
morrow.

The Commission of Synod let of Alleghany  
was ordered to bring in their report tomorrow  
morning.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow  
morning 9 o'clock concluded with prayer

Sept 26 Friday morning 9 o'clock Synod  
met agreeably to adjournment. members pre-  
sent as above - After prayer the minutes  
of the last session were read -

Agreeably to the order of the day the Refer-  
ence <sup>from</sup> the P. B. Y of W. Livingston was taken  
up, & after some deliberation thereon it was  
agreed, to write a letter to the said P. B. Y & the  
Rev Messrs Hoy, Porter, & Marquis, with Messrs De-  
gar & Cadwell Stears were appointed a com-  
mittee to draft said letter, & report as soon as  
convenient.

The Commission of Synod No of the Alexandria made  
their report, which was received, & the Synod were  
well pleased with the conduct of the Commission  
& with the flattering prospects which appear  
with regard to the state of the Church in  
the settlements whither the Commission have  
directed their Missions.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the

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Plan of a Missionary Society reported yesterday, & after deliberating thereon it was agreed that the business be recommitted to the same Committee which was appointed to draft a letter to the P. b. y. of W. Lexington & they were required to report as soon as possible -

The Committee appointed to prepare a plan for the purpose of improving the education of Youth made their report which was received & is as follows - "That it is their opinion that if proper attention were paid to the directions contained in the holy scriptures & in the Standards of our Church, there would be no occasion for any thing further upon the subject, & the Synod did enjoin it upon their respective members, to pay particular attention to said directions & to practice according to them.

Mr Houston who was ordered by the Synod to forward to the Stated Clerk of Synod the records of Honour P. b. y. <sup>relative</sup> ~~with previous~~

~~The time of the last session~~ having failed to comply with said order, he was again ordered to pay attention thereto.

The Synod having received no report from the Committee, continued at their last meeting, who were appointed to settle with the Treasurer of the Commission of Synod East of the Alleghany or motion the said Committee were again continued and the Stated Clerk was ordered to write to the said Committee urging them to a compliance with the above order & also to write to Mr Houston respecting the records of Hanover P. C. Y. --

On Motion adjourned to meet again at their place tomorrow morning 9 o'clock  
 Concluded with prayer.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1800 Saturday morning 9 o'clock  
 The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above -- After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the P. b. y of Ohio made their report which was received.

The Synod agreed to spend some time in receiving information respecting the state of Religion in the several parishes & from the Intelligence received it appeared that in general religion ~~is~~ in a declining state thro'out our bounds, that however there appeared to be some evidence that the Lord has not forsaken his Church, but that in various places there are some few awakenings & some evident out-pourings of the Spirit of prayer, particularly for the frontier settlements & the heathen -

The Committee to whom was recommended the Missionary business brought in their report which being read was adopted & is as follows "That a Missionary Society be instituted in Kentucky which together with the Eastern

And Western Commissions of Synod already existing are to be considered as ~~under the care~~ <sup>under the direction</sup> of Synod, & that it be enjoined on these Commissions respectively to use every mean in their power for the instruction of the frontier white inhabitants the Indians & the Black people in the doctrine & practice of Christianity, by sending Missionaries among them, for the above purpose, & by teaching some of the young Indians our Language if possible & report to the Synod annually their receipts & expenditures the measures which they have pursued, & their success —

And to enable said Commissions to execute the important trust reposed in them - That it be earnestly recommended to the Ministers & Congregations under the care of Synod to exert themselves to obtain voluntary annual contributions, to be raised by farming them —

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themselves into Societies for the purpose, or  
by public collections, or any other way which  
they may think proper, & that the monies thus  
raised be transmitted immediately to their  
respective P. C. Ys, & from them to the  
nearest Commission of Synod -

Agreeably to the above report the Synod pro-  
ceeded to institute a Commission of Synod  
in the State of Tennessee for the purposes  
& under the regulations therein specified, and  
agreed that said Commission consist of the follow-  
ing ministers & Elders viz<sup>t</sup> - The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup> David  
Rice - Matthew Houston. James Crawford, James  
Blythe, John P. Campbell & Richard McManis  
with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Patterson. Wm Barley and  
George Marquis Elders - And that any three  
of said ministers with an Elder shall be  
a quorum competent to proceed to business  
And that said Commission meet at Spring-  
ton on the last Tuesday in Nov<sup>r</sup>: next  
& afterwards from time to time on their own  
Adjourned meets.

The Committee appointed to draft a letter to the P. C. of W. Lexington reported their draft which being read was adopted & is as follows vizt.

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Brethren,

A letter from your Committee enclosing a memorial from the united congregations of Concord & Concord, is now before us. And much do we lament the unhappy occasion of that address. That so many thousands of our fellow creatures should in this land of liberty, and asylum for the oppressed, be held in chain, is a reflection to us peculiarly afflictive. And most earnestly do we wish that all the members of our Communion would pay a proper attention to the recommendation of the late Synod of New York & Philadelphia upon this subject. We consider it the indispensable duty of all who hold slaves to prepare by a suitable education the young among them for a state of freedom, and



to liberate them as soon as they shall appear  
to be duly qualified for that high privilege;  
and such as neglect a duty so evidently & so  
powerfully enforced by the common prin-  
ciples of justice, as well as by the dictates  
of humanity, & the benign genius of our  
holy religion ought, in our opinion, to be  
seriously dealt with & admonished on that  
account. But to refuse to hold Christian  
communion with any who may differ  
from us in sentiment & practice in this  
instance would, we conceive, in the present  
conjuncture at least, be a very unwarrant-  
able procedure; a direct infraction of the  
decision of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of our Church  
& a manifest departure from the practice  
of the Apostles & the primitive Church.  
Nor is this all. Such a measure would,  
it appears to us, be more likely to confirm  
such as <sup>in this instance</sup> are in their errors than to reclaim  
them. R

There appears to be an evident want of precision in the reasonings of the Brethren who presented the Memorial referred to us. They consider Slavery to be a moral evil, and consequently a sufficient ground of exclusion from the Communion of the Church. Nay, they represent it as a known sin, and seem evidently to intimate that the members of our Church who live in the practice of it, know it to be a sin. This Statement appears to be not only incorrect, but inconsistent with the plan of emancipation submitted to your consideration. If the holding any of our fellow creatures in a state of servitude be absolutely, & in every circumstance a moral evil or a sin, a total emancipation ought immediately to take place. A measure which would, then is reason to apprehend, be attended with many & great evils,

and that moral as well as political; and <sup>57</sup> ~~without~~  
their good sense & moderation did not permit  
them to recommend. That it was wrong  
in the first instance to reduce so many of  
the helpless Africans to their present state  
of thralldom, will be readily admitted, and that  
it is a duty to adopt proper measures for  
their emancipation, will it is presumed,  
be universally conceded — But with respect  
to the measures best calculated to accomplish  
that important purpose, & the time may  
say to give them full effect, different  
sentiments may be <sup>enter</sup> obtained by the true  
disciples of the Great Friend of Man. And  
in this instance of doubtful disputation  
mutual forbearance & charity ought to be  
exercised toward those who differ in opini-  
on from one another. If any retain their  
slaves in a state of bondage, at the same  
time that they consider it their duty to e-  
mancipate them immediately, they are

certainly highly censurable, and deserv'd to be excluded from the Communion of the Church. This is, however, a charge which ought not to be advanced without sufficient evidence to support it. And the advocates for emancipation ought to beware, lest by too much precipitation they should obstruct the good work in which they are engag'd. This caution seems to be peculiarly necessary at the present time, when there is so much reason to apprehend dangerous insurrections from the Black people in some of our States, & when a dangerous plot for that purpose has recently been discovered in Virginia. And may that Almighty being, who hath made of one blood all the nations upon earth dispose the hearts of all the members of our Church to do justly, and love mercy at the same time that they profess to walk humbly with God.

By order of Synod.

The State Clerk was appointed to transcribe & forward the above letter to the P. b. y of W. Lexington

The Synod agreed that the State Clerk should receive as compensation for his services twelve & half cents a page which was paid him unto the thirty second page Vol. 2<sup>d</sup>

Ordered that the State Clerk transcribe & transmit the proceedings of Synod respecting the Commissions of Synod, & missionary business to the different P. b. ys.

On Motion the Synod adjourned to meet at Winchester on the last Wednesday of Sept<sup>r</sup> next. Concluded with prayer

W<sup>m</sup> Will Mod<sup>r</sup>  
James Hughes } Clks  
David Smith }

Winchester Sept<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1801-

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment & was opened by a sermon from the Rev<sup>d</sup> Amos Thomson. ~~from~~ John 4<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> - After which the Synod <sup>was</sup> constituted with prayer by the Mod<sup>o</sup> of the last year -

Members present - Of Hanover Presbytery  
 The Rev<sup>d</sup> Matthew Lyle -  
 of Redstone P. b. y The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Dunlap John  
 W<sup>h</sup>erriem & David Smith -  
 Lexington P. b. y. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Hauston  
 Ohio P. b. y The Rev<sup>d</sup> John McMillan & Tho<sup>s</sup> Mearns  
 Winchester P. b. y The Rev<sup>d</sup> <sup>Amos Thomson</sup> Wm Bill John Lyle  
 Wm Williamson & Isaph Gyles -  
 Washington P. b. y The Rev<sup>d</sup> John P. Campbell  
 Elders W<sup>r</sup> John Blackwood & Isaph Gamble

The Presbyteries of Transylvania & Western Lexington were wholly absent -

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Mod<sup>r</sup> & Clerk when Mr Amos Thomson was chosen Mod<sup>r</sup> & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Houston & Glop Clerks -

After the new Mod<sup>r</sup> was introduced to the chair agreeably to the order of Synod - the Synod adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M

Wednesday 4 o'clock - P. M -

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

On Motion the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read -

The Members now present who were absent at that meeting gave satisfactory reasons for their absence

Mr Hill the Stated Clerk of Synod informed

Synod that he had written to the Commission of Synod instituted last meeting in Kentucky, & to the best of his recollection to all the P-b-y's respecting collections for Missionary purposes.

The following question was discussed & answered in the affirmative Vozt- Shall an Elder in the absence of the Minister from the church to which he belongs, have a seat in Synod or not?

An Motion Messrs Matthew Lyle David Smith Saml Houston Thomas Marquis Wm Hill & John P. Campbell Ministers & Messrs John Blackwood & Joseph Gamble Elders were appointed a Committee of Overtures & ordered to meet tomorrow morning at 7 o'clk & afterwards on their own adjournments

Messrs W Millan & Williamson were appointed a Committee to examine the Records of Redstone P-b-y. Messrs W Pherrin & John Lyle to examine the records of this P-b-y.

The Synod adjourned to meet again tomorrow morning at 9 o'clk. Concluded with prayer.



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Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1801 - Thursday morning 9 o'clk -

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

Mr Wm Buckels an Elder from the congregation  
of Shepherds Tavern attended & took his seat -

On Motion it was agreed that a Committee be  
appointed to enquire into the present state of  
the Seminaries under the care of Synod; and  
the Synod appointed the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs John W Millan  
Sam Houston - Wm Hill & Mathew Lyle a Com-  
mittee for that purpose.

The Synod enquired whether the respective  
P. C. - ys had complied with the standing order  
of Synod to raise a fund to assist in the edu-  
cation of indigent & pious youths - when it  
appeared that the P. C. - ys of Redstone Ohio  
& Hanover had attended to it, & that the P. C. - ys  
of Lexington Winchester Transylvania, Western  
Lexington & Washington had not - Resolved therefore  
that the Synod recommend it to these P. C. - ys

to attend to the said order without delay -

The Synod adjourned to meet again at 2 O'Clock.

Concluded with prayer -

2 O'Clock P-M. Synod met according to adjournment & was constituted with prayer -

The minutes of the last Session were read.

likewise the minutes of the preceding meeting of Synod

The Synod agreed to enter into an enquiry relative to the state of Religion within its limits and it appeared from the different narratives given by ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> members present, that an increasing veneration for the ordinances of the Gospel had in general been evinced - that a considerable number had joined the Church & that in bounds of the P. C. - ys in Kentucky a most extraordinary revival of Religion had taken place, that the triumphs of divine grace had excited universal attention & that vast multitudes attended the ministrations

of the word & ordinances with awful reverence and  
 the deepest concern - that the work is advancing  
 with astonishing Rapidity & the outpourings of the  
 Spirit of God becoming more remarkable. The  
 Synod rejoice in these things, & under a sense of  
 lively gratitude record the mercies of the Lord  
 to the praise of the Riches of his Glorious grace.  
 On Motion The Synod adjourned to meet again  
 at 9 o'clk tomorrow morning

Concluded with prayer -

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday morning 9 o'clk -

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

The Synod agreed to receive the reports of  
 the respective P. C. - y<sup>s</sup> which were as follows  
 The P. C. - y of Hanover report that they  
 consist of eleven ordained ministers vizt -  
 The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr James Waddel without a charge Wm. Lewis  
 Dr Arch<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Roberts Dr. James Mitchell Pastor of Bethel  
 Salem & Pisgah James Turner Colleague with Mr Mitchell

John D. Blair - Hanover & Henrico. Drury Lany  
 Cumberland. Matthew Lyle Briery & Buffalo  
 Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander without a charge James Robin-  
 son Rockfish & the Cove - William Colhoun  
 without a charge - That they have two Licen-  
 siates vizt. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jos Todd & Conrad Speer.  
 They have several vacancies, under their care  
 The Fork. Providence & the Bird congregations unit  
 id are able to support a minister - Old & New  
 Concord D<sup>s</sup> - Sandy River New Creation & Chesant  
 D<sup>s</sup> - Good Hope Smiths River Gods Meeting House  
 Blue Stone Cal. Creek & Mountain Plains  
 not able

The Presbytery of Lexington report that  
 they consist of twelve ordained ministers vizt.  
 The Rev Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Montgomery without a charge  
 John Glendy pastor of Bethel Browns meeting House  
 & Staunton. Benj<sup>n</sup> Irwin without a charge -  
 Wm Wilson Augusta Church. John W. Cue, Link-  
 ling Spring. Sand<sup>d</sup> Hauston, Falling Spring &  
 High bridge - Benj<sup>n</sup> Griggley Concord & Lewisburg

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Sam<sup>r</sup> Brown. New Providence. Robert Wilson  
without a charge. George Baxter Lexington &  
New Mounmouth. Robert Legan, Sinking Spring  
Roan oak & the river. Dan<sup>r</sup> Blain, Timber ridge  
& Oxford - They have vacant congregations as  
follow - The Pastors united able to support a  
Minister. Mopsy creek Harrisonburg & New Election  
united able. Knaps creek, Little Levels, Jacksons  
river - Mouth of the bay pastures & North fork  
of Roan oak not able.

They have received the Rev John Glesdy late  
from the B<sup>y</sup> of Root in Ireland into full  
standing agreeably to the act of the Gen<sup>r</sup>  
assembly respecting foreign ministers. They  
have ordained the Rev Dan<sup>r</sup> Blain & installed  
him in the Cong<sup>s</sup> of Timber ridge & Oxford  
Mr Wm Shipley a Probationer has been sus-  
pended from preaching the Gospel - The Rev Robt  
Wilson has been dismissed from his charge - Mr Jas  
Chavis a black man, has been Licensed to preach  
the Gospel & dismissed to put himself under the

care of Hanover P-b-y. Mr Wm R. Vance &  
 Mr Isaac Anderson have been received on trials  
 for the Gospel ministry & dismissed the former  
 to the State of Kentucky, to put himself under  
 the care of the P-b-y in the bounds of which  
 he may settle, and the latter to the State  
 of Tennessee in like manner. They have  
 on trials Mr Wm W. Peters a candidate  
 for the Gospel ministry.

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1801

By order of P-b-y  
 Sam<sup>r</sup> Brown Sec<sup>y</sup>

The P-b-y of Redstone report that they consist  
 of twelve ordained ministers. The Rev John Black for-  
 merly a member of Carlisle P-b-y whom they have  
 received since they last reported & who supplies at  
 Unity & Greensburg, James Dunlap, Laurel Hill  
 Joseph Henderson, Ebenezer & Bethel. Jacob Jennings  
 Delaps creek, & Little Redstone. John W. Perrin,  
 Salem. Sam<sup>r</sup> Porter, Congruity. George Hill, Fairport  
 & Donegal. Wm Swan Long Run & Sawick by

David Smith, Rehoboth & Round Hill. James<sup>69</sup>  
Adams, Muddy creek, George's creek & Union  
and Francis Laird, whom they have ordained since  
they last reported & installed Pastor of Pike  
Run & Pucketty - They have two License  
-ates, Messrs Wm Moorhead & John Boyd  
the latter of whom they have Licensed since  
they last reported - They have received  
Mr Robert Steel an ordained minister from  
the Kingdom of Ireland upon trials agre  
ably to an act of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly - They  
have also <sup>or</sup> trials for the Gospel ministry  
one Candidate viz. Mr John Wright -  
They have the following vacant Con  
gregations under their care viz  
Pittsburg - able to support a minister - Pitts  
Township & Wears Port able - Bull Creek  
& Middlesex able - Glade run & Union able  
Thorn ridge & Concord able. Sebago's & Bear  
creek

able - Morgan Town & Pickets settlement  
 able - Sandy creek - Crossings & Crab orchard  
 able - Tygers valley, Clarkesburg Middle Town  
 Turkey foot - Summer set, Stony creek, Tyrone  
 & Wheat field not able

The Presbytery of Ohio Report that they consist  
 of twenty one ordained ministers vizt The Revd Messrs  
 John McMillan pastor of Chaetius. Joseph Patterson  
 Racoon James Hughes - Lower Buffalo & Short creek  
 John Bruce Three ridges & wheelen. Thos Maquis  
 Cross creek. Thos Moore - Ten mile - Boyd Meador  
 without a charge. Saml Ralstone, Mingo creek  
 & Horse shoe bottom - Wm Woods - Bethel & Lebanon  
 George Scott, Mill Creek & the Flats. Thos Hughes  
 New Salem & mount pleasant. And<sup>w</sup> Guain, Pigeon  
 creek & Pike run. John Watson, Millers run. Joseph  
 Anderson - Richland - Short creek & Cross roads W T  
 John McClane - Mantons. Elisha McCurdy - Cross roads  
 & Three Springs - Wm Wick - Doverhill & Young Town  
 Saml Tate - Upper Salem & Cool spring.



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James Snodgrass - Stubenville & Island creek - Joseph  
Stockton - Madsville & sugar creek. Robert Lee  
Amity & Big Spring. — They have ordained  
Messrs Saml Tate - James Snodgrass - Joseph Stock  
- ton & Robert Lee and installed them in their  
respective congregations - They have dismissed  
the <sup>Rev</sup> Saml Donnel to join the P. C. of trans  
sylvania, and Mr Abraham Boyd to put him  
self under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone  
& dissolved the Pastoral relation between Mr Wick  
& the cong<sup>n</sup> of upper Nicholas since they last  
reported - They have three Licentiates vizt  
Messrs Smilie Highs James Satterfield. and Robt  
Patterson. — They have four candidates for  
the Gospel ministry vizt. Stephen Lindley - Wm  
Woods - Cephas Dadd, & Robert Johnstone.  
They have 27 vacant cong<sup>s</sup> vizt. Washington  
able to support a minister. Upper Buffalo, able  
& staidly supplied by Mr John Anderson of Orange  
P. C. of Plain Grove & Centee - united able - West Field  
Lower Nicholas, & Union - able

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Moorfields & Upper Nishanock - able - Upper Sandy  
Lower Sandy & Fairfield, able. Pymatuning & Little  
Canoette able - Presque Isle & Fairview able.

The following parishes are not yet able  
vizt. Lexington, Gravel run, Long run, Yellow  
creek Settlers Flat - Highland Beaver Town Sep-  
persan Wagneshorough Charles Town & Gravel  
creek ————— Inc W. Mullan H. C. W.

The Presbytery of Winchester report that they  
consist of seven ordained ministers vizt The Rev  
Messrs Amos <sup>Thompson</sup> without a charge Moses Hays  
Pastor of Shepherds Tacon. Nash Le Grand  
Opikon & Cedar creek. William Hill Hopewell  
William Williamson South River & Flint Run  
John Lyle Rummy Springfield & Frankfort  
and Joseph Glas Middle Tacon & Back creek.  
They have one Licentiate vizt Mr John Mines  
They have the following parishes vizt. Canoette  
able to support a minister - Winchester able,  
Lost river Capon Lancaster & Charles Town  
not able.

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The Presbytery of Washington report that they consist of eleven ordained ministers viz - The Rev Mr John Findley pastor of ~~Broken~~ Brack-  
ing congregation. James Kemper without a  
charge. William Spear - Chillicothe - Dr P-  
Campbell, Fleming & Louist. John Dunlevy  
Red oak & Eagle creek. Rich<sup>d</sup> W. Nemar. Cabin  
creek. and Matthew G. Wallace Cincinnati - The  
Rev Peter Wilson the former pastor of Cinci-  
nati departed this life July 24<sup>th</sup> 1799  
They have but one probationer under their  
care - Mr John Thomson a Licentiate from  
the Western Lexington P-b-y - who has called  
from Orange Dale & Springfield. at their  
last stated meeting they had suspended Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>  
Stule from preaching the Gospel. They have  
the following vacant congregations under their  
care - Johnston Fork & Washington - able to  
support a minister. New market - able - Turtle  
creek & Clear creek able - Dayton. able -

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Bulak - able - Mad River able - & Past  
St Vincent able. The following are not  
able - Mouth of Fleming - Mouth of Big  
Sandy - Union. Bush creek. Big Indian.  
Duck creek. Williams town. High bank Prai-  
rie. Peepce. Darby. Old Chelicothe. Bush-  
skin. Paint creek. & Three Islands -

On the 2<sup>d</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1799 an order was passed that  
the stated Clerk should record at length the reports  
of the several Presbyteries once in every three  
years & at other times only such alterations as  
may take place. on motion resolved that said  
order be repealed, & that the stated Clerk in fu-  
ture record at full length every year all the re-  
ports of the several P-C-y's.

At the united request of all the members present  
from the P-C-y's of Redstone & Ohio. The Synod  
did - and do hereby establish a Presbytery to con-  
sist of the Pres<sup>r</sup> Messrs Thomas Hughs - William  
Wick Sam<sup>l</sup> Tate, Joseph Stockton & Robert Lee, in-  
cluding in <sup>their bounds</sup> all the Churches N. & N. W. of the

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Alleghany & Ohio Rivers to the place where  
the Ohio River crosses the Western Boundary of  
Pennsylvania; and to be known by the name  
of the Presbytery of Erie - and appointed their  
first meeting to be held at New Salem the  
second Tuesday in April next - and The Rev<sup>d</sup>  
William Wick was appointed to open the P-ly  
with a Sermon & preside until a new Mod<sup>r</sup>  
be chosen.

The Synod then received reports from  
the several commissions under its direction -  
which were in substance as follows - The  
Committee appointed to settle with the  
late treasurer of Synod East of the Alleghany  
& to receive of him the treasury books &  
deliver it to the Treasurer now in office, & also  
to report a full & accurate account of the  
monies received either by the Treasurer or  
the Commission & of their disbursements since  
Sept 1795 reported that they had complied with  
their appointment - and from their report  
it appeared that the accounts with

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The late Treasurer Mr Wm Alexander had been  
duely settled and the Book & money which had  
been in his hands, was committed to the  
Treasurer now in office Mr Wm Lyle.

Also that the accounts with the existing Treasur-  
er were examined & found regularly kept. And  
the Sum <sup>that</sup> total ~~is~~ stands as follows.

1801 Treasurer - to Commission Dr -	£ 70 - 15 - 3 1/4	S 2
Sept. Contra - -	54 " 5 - 10 1/2	
Balance due Commission - -	<u>16 " 9 " 4 3/4</u>	

From said report it appeared that the Com-  
mission had duely attended to make settle-  
ment with all the Missionaries under  
their direction from Sept<sup>r</sup> 1795 until  
the above date & that their orders had been  
discharged by the Treasurer.

Also that the Missionaries employed during  
the above period had been 6 in number  
some of whom rode upwards of one year others  
6 months and one 4 months.

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The Commission of Synod West of the Alleghany reported that during the last year they had sent two Missionaries to itinerate 6 weeks each thro' the settlements on the Muskingum - one for 6 weeks on the Scioto, another to the Shawnee Towns, & Detroit accompanied by George Blue Jacket a young Indian who had resided nearly a year in the bounds of the P-b-y of Ohio, giving credible evidence of having become truly religious - & was admitted to full communion in the Church - Another Missionary was sent thro' the settlements near Lake Erie -

The Commission also reported that during last year they received - --- --- £ 146 - 15 - 11 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
 and expended - --- --- 72 " 3 - 5  
 Balance in favour of Commission 74 - 12 - 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

The Commission of Synod in Kentucky reported that they have held several meetings & entered upon plans for raising funds which promise success - that they have sent a Col. James Smith to the Indians N. W. the Ohio - who is a man

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of party - is in the habits of intimacy with several Tribes, whose respective Languages he speaks with ease - Their design in sending him was to sound the inclinations of the people, to learn their situation & character, & pave the way for a mission as early as possible: That they have taken measures to get some of the Young Indians to be educated & are likely to succeed & that they are very anxious <sup>to</sup> find from abroad a suitable person to undertake a Mission to said Indian Tribes, as there is no person in their bounds that can undertake such a Trust.

From the whole it appeared that the Commissioners had exerted themselves in a laudable manner & with considerable success, & that the call for Missionaries appears very urgent in many places both among ourselves & the Indian Nations. The Synod <sup>adjourned</sup> to meet again at 3 o'clk. P. M. Concluded with prayer.



Friday Afternoon Oct<sup>r</sup> 2.<sup>nd</sup> 1801

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The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, & was constituted with prayer. Members present as above with the addition of The Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hoje; his reasons for not attending sooner were satisfactory.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the P. L. Y. of Redstone reported that they had complied with their appointment. Their report was approved.

A Committee was appointed to wait upon the Board of Trustees of Washington Academy, to concert with them such measures as may appear best calculated to answer the purposes contemplated in the formation of the connection between the Synod & the said Board of Trustees - on motion Messrs Hoje & Lyle were appointed to execute the above resolve & to make report at next meeting of Synod.

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

Saturday mornig 9 o'clk. Synod met agreeably to adjournment - Constituted with prayer members present as above -

The Committee appointed to review the Records of the P- l- y of Ohio - brought in their report which was approved -

It being stated to Synod that some inconveniences & irregularities were likely to ensue from not having the limits of some of the western Presbyteries distinctly marked - it was decreed ~~decided~~ that the Hockhocking river with its Western longest branch & the Sandusky River with its Eastern longest Branch shall be the Boundary line between, the Washington, Ohio & Erie Presbyteries, from the Ohio River to Lake Erie.

The Synod took up the Reference of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly" whether it be most advisable that the Missionary business as it has respect to the Synod of Virginia be continued in future in the manner in which it has been conducted for some time

part, or whether it would not be more advise-  
 able that their funds should be put into those  
 of the Gen Assembly & the Missionary business  
 in Virginia wholly managed by the Assembly  
 whereupon the Synod after due deliberation  
 were of opinion that the missionary business  
 could be best managed by the Synod, & that it  
 would not be expedient ~~that~~ at this time  
 to put their funds into those of the Gen Assy  
 but that matters proceed ~~as heretofore~~ under  
 the direction of Synod.

Agreeably to a resolve of the Commission of Synod  
 East of the Alleghany to submit to Synod the expedi-  
 ency of dissolving said Commission; The Synod hav-  
 ing taken up this subject, after mature delibera-  
 tion thought from reasons assigned by the Com-  
 mission & others that it would be expedient to  
 dissolve said Commission, reserving to them the  
 power of closing their business & of reporting at the  
 next meeting of Synod, which they are hereby required  
 to do.

The Synod determined that the salary given to missionaries employed by them shall be at the rate of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  \$ per month -

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Amos Thomson was appointed a Missionary to ride under the direction of this Synod 6 Months or more if convenient in the counties of Virginia below the Blue Ridge. And Mr Comrod Spence one year both above & below the Blue Ridge in parts where no ministers are settled - Both the above Missionaries are to present to the next meeting of Synod an accurate narrative of every thing worthy the attention of Synod also <sup>an account</sup> of the money they shall receive from the people for their services.

The Synod recommends that all its members exert themselves to obtain generous donations from their respective charges for the purpose of defraying the wages of the above appointed missionaries & also to defray the wages of the Missionaries appointed by the Synod [to] labour the present year in our bounds.

A motion was made & seconded that this Synod  
 petition the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly to divide it into  
 three distinct Synods to be known by the names  
 of the Synod of Virginia - ~~to consist~~ of the  
 Presbyteries of Hanover Lexington & Winchester  
 The Synod of Pottery to consist of the P. bys  
 of Redstone - Ohio - & Erie. & the Synod of Kentucky  
 to consist of the P. b. ys of Transylvania -  
 Western Lexington & Washington. . which  
 motion was carried, & the Synod ordered the  
 Stated Clerk to transmit a copy of this re-  
 solution to the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly.

On motion Messrs Hoge Hill & Thomson  
 were appointed a committee to prepare a  
 pastoral letter to be printed & distributed  
 as the said Committee shall direct & that the  
 expense of printing said letter be defrayed  
 out of the funds of the Synod

On motion ordered that the members of Synod  
 observe the concert of prayer.  
 The Synod adjourned to meet at Lexington

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in Rockbridge the last Wednesday in Sep-  
tember next concluded with prayer

Amos Thomson Modr  
Saml Hawston } Clerks -  
Joseph Glas

Lexington Sept. 29. 1802.

Agreeably to a Minute of the General Assembly of last May the Synod of Virginia met in the Presbyterian Church in Lexington and in the absence of the Rev. Dr. James Waddell was opened with a Sermon from Isaiah 45. 22, 23. by the Rev. Benjamin Erwin the Sen. Minister present.

The Minute of the Gen. Assembly referred to above is as follows, V<sup>z</sup>.

— "That the Presbyteries of Hanover Lexington & Winchester constitute a Synod to be known by the name of the

the Synod of Virginia: that they hold their first meeting at the presbyterian Church in Lexington in Virginia on the last Wed. of Sept. next and be opened with a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. James Waddell or in case of his absence by the next Senior Minister present: and that they afterwards meet on their own adjournments.”

The Synod was constituted by prayer Mr. Erwin being in the Chair.

Members present,  
Of the presbytery of Hanover  
The Rev. James Turner

Matt.



Matthew Lyle &  
James Robinson.

And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nathaniel Price & }  
James Nimmo } Elders.

Of the Chy. of Lexington  
The Rev. Benjamin Erwin  
William Wilson  
John M'Cre  
Samuel Harston  
Benjamin Grigsby  
Samuel Brown  
George A Baxter  
Robert Logan &  
Daniel Blain

Also

Also Mess<sup>rs</sup>

George Baxter Sen<sup>r</sup>  
 Alexander Nelson  
 Joseph Walker  
 John Willson  
 William Anderson  
 and Charles Campbell

Elders

Of the Presbytery of Winchester  
 The Rev. — Moses Hoge  
 William Hill &  
 Witham Williamson

Members of the Synod of Hanover

The Rev. Dr. James Waddel  
 ———— Archibald M. Robert  
 Witham Irwin  
 James Mitchel  
 John S. Blair

Arch.

Archibald Alexander  
 Erury Lacey &  
 William Calhoun  
 of the City of Lexington  
 The Rev. John Montgomery  
 John Glindy &  
 Robert Willson

of the City of Winchester  
 of the Riv. Amos Thompson  
 Nash Legrand  
 John Lyle &  
 Joseph Glaf.

The Rev. Benjamin Criss was  
 chosen Moderator and Messrs Wm  
 Williamson & Benjamin Grigsby  
 Clerks.  
 Messrs

9<sup>o</sup> Messrs Hill Hage Logan Robertson  
and Hansten Ministers and Nelson  
Nem~~me~~<sup>me</sup> & Anderson Elders were ap-  
pointed a Com.<sup>tee</sup> of Overtures to  
meet at 7 o'clock to-morrow morn-  
ing and afterwards on their own  
adjournments. And ordered to  
make Report from time to time  
as they may have business in  
readiness for the attention of Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet at this place  
to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning <sup>10 o'clock</sup> Sept 30. 10. O'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Constituted with prayer.

Members present as above.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. James Mitchel attended & took his seat: his reasons for absence yesterday were sustained.

M<sup>r</sup>. William Willson Ruling Elder from Oxford attended & took his seat.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Drury Lacey attended and took his seat: his reasons for absence yesterday were sustained.

On motion the standing Rules of Order of the old Synod of Virginia were read for consideration in order to their adoption and after some alterations and amendments <sup>they</sup> were adopted to be the standing Rules of this Body: Which ~~and~~ are as follows

1<sup>st</sup> The Moderator or in his absence the Senior Member present shall on the

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the day to which the Synod stands ad-  
journed open the Synod by preaching  
a Sermon and immediately thereafter  
shall call the Members to order and  
upon the appearance of ~~three~~ <sup>six</sup> ~~Members~~  
Ministers not all of the same presby-  
tery shall open the Session with prayer.

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

3 The Moderator may speak to points  
of order in preference to other Members  
without leaving the Chair for that pur-  
pose: And shall decide questions  
of order subject however to an appeal  
to the Synod; but shall not take a

a share in the usual debates.

4. X 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 Com.<sup>tee</sup> may complain to the Synod.
5. X Petitions, References, Appeals and all questions and propositions tending to permanent regulations shall be laid before the Com.<sup>tee</sup> of Overtures before they are offered to the Synod.
6. A motion made and must be recorded and afterwards repeated by the Moderator before or read aloud before it is debated. And every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any Member require it.

- 7 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 Speaker.
8. In questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question no Member shall speak more than twice without leave from the Chair. 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 <sup>it</sup> for the previous question, or to adjourn.
10. The previous question shall be in this form "shall the main question be now put?" And until it is decided shall preclude all amendments and farther debate of the main question.



- 11. An amendment may be moved for any 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 address the Moderator and shall treat his fellow Members with decency and respect. If a Member act disorderly it shall be the duty of the Moderator and the privilege of other Members to call him to order.
- 14. A question shall not be called up or reconsidered at the same Session of the Synod at which it has been considered decided: without the consent of two thirds of the Members.
- 15. Any Member who may think himself aggrieved by a decision of the Synod shall have his

This protest or dissent with his reasons entered on the Records or filed amongst 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 Session of the Synod for the removal 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 those Rules aloud to the Synod.

The following overture, The Com<sup>tee</sup> of Overtures brought in that a Com<sup>tee</sup> be appointed to form a plan for more perfectly supply<sup>ing</sup> the Vacancies by the settled Ministers.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson & McLean were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to examine the Records of Hanover Pky. And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hill & Lyle to examine the Records of the Pky. of Lexington and to report before the rising of Synod.

On motion the Pky were ordered to bring

bring in the Presbyterial Reports to mor<sup>g</sup>  
now morning.

Mr. James Leffewick Ruling Elder from Pigott  
Church attended & took his seat.

The Moderator obtained leave of absence  
until Saturday morning and the Rev.  
James Metchet was chosen Moderator  
pro. temp.

The Rev. Samuel Brown obtained leave of  
absence until Saturday.

The Synod adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.  
concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock P. M.  
Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Members present as above

On motion the Minutes of the last meet-  
ing of the former Synod were read.

Synod called for the Reports of their Mission-  
aries of last year.

The Journal of the Rev. Conrad Speer was  
read and judged highly satisfactory: and the  
Treasurer was ordered to pay to Mr. Speer  
the

98 the sum of \$103.64 cents which appears to be the balance due on settling his accounts.

The Commission of Synod East of the Allegany informed Synod that not yet having had an opportunity of settling their business: they are not now ready to report as ordered by the last meeting of the former Synod. Ordered that they report at our next meeting.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed at the last meeting of Synod to prepare a pastoral letter informed Synod that they had not complied with their appointment: the reasons assigned were satisfactory.

It was enquired of the Members of Synod what progress they had made in collecting Money for the Support of Missions to ride under the direction of Synod agreeably to the order of last year. And it appeared that only the Rev. Moses Hoge

Matthew Lyle W<sup>m</sup> Wilson, Eriny Lacey  
Benj. Erwin Samuel Brown & Samuel  
Houston had complied with the order.

They were required to pay to our Treasur-  
er W<sup>m</sup> William Lyle the collections which  
they have made.

Synod adjourned to meet at this place  
tomorrow morning at 9. O'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning 9. O'clock Octob. 1<sup>st</sup> 1802.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present as above.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agreeably to <sup>the</sup> order of yesterday Synod called  
for Presbyterial Reports.

The Chy. of Hanover reported as follows, *viz*

That they consist of the following Mi-  
nisters Licentiated Churches &c. *viz*

The Rev James Waddel D.D. Pastor of  
Belgran

Belgrave - the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Triss without a charge  
 - the Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald M<sup>r</sup> Robert Pastor of old Con-  
 cord and Hat Creek - the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchel  
 Pastor of the Peaks - the Rev<sup>d</sup> John S. Blair  
 of Richmond and Hanover - the Rev<sup>d</sup> Emory Tracy  
 associated with M<sup>r</sup> Alexander in Cumberland  
 - the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Turner Colleague with M<sup>r</sup>  
 Mitchel - Rev<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alexander Pastor  
 of Cumberland and College with M<sup>r</sup> Lyle  
 in Briary - the Rev<sup>d</sup> Matthew Lyle pastor  
 of Buffalo and Colleague with M<sup>r</sup> Alexan-  
 der in Briary - the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Calhoun  
 Pastor of S. L. & the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson  
 of the Cone & Rockfish.

They have two Licentiates M<sup>r</sup> John Todd  
 and M<sup>r</sup> Conrad Speer.

They have the following Vacancies under  
 their care - the Bird in Goshland - Provi-  
 dence in Louisa - Blueston in Mecklin  
 burgh - Chesnut in Franklin - Sandy  
 River

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River and new Erection in Pennsylvania  
Cub-Creek in Charlotte - Smith's River in  
Patrick County and Norfolk.

Signed Archd. Alexander Com.  
& Drury Lacey - Smith

The Presbytery of Lexington reported  
that they consisted of twelve ordained Mini-  
sters W<sup>g</sup>. Mr. Benj. Erwin stated supply  
of Hopsy Creek Cooke Creek & Harrowburgh  
Mr. John Montgomery without a Charge  
Mr. John Glesdy stated Supply in Bethel  
Brown's meeting house & Staunton.

Mr. William Willson Pastor of Augusta  
Church - Mr. John M'Cre stated  
supply in Triskling Spring. Mr. Benja-  
min Grigsby Pastor of Lewisburgh &  
Concord - Mr. Samuel Brown of New  
Providence Mr. Samuel Houston of Falling

Falling Spring & High-Bridge - Mr. George A.  
 Baxter New-Monmouth & Lexington - Mr. Ord.  
 Wilson without a Charge - Mr. Daniel Blain  
 Yunkeridge & Oxford - Mr. Robert Logan Fir-  
 castle & Roan Oak.

That they have one Licentiate Mr. William  
 M<sup>r</sup> Sheeters

That they have Vacancies in their Juris-  
 diction - North & South Forks of Roan  
 Oak - Craig's Creek - Mouth of Cow Pasture  
 Willsons on Jackson's River - Spring  
 Creek - Hopewell - Head of Greensbar - Bull  
 Pasture neither of which are able to sup-  
 port a Pastor - Windy Cove Lebanon &  
 Rocky Spring united able

The Presbytery of Winchester reported  
 that they consist of seven ordained Mi-  
 nisters V<sup>y</sup>. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Amos  
 Thompson without a Charge - the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
 Moses Hoge Shepherds Town - Nash  
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Le. Grand Opeken & Cedar Creek - William Hill  
Hopewell - William Withamson South River  
and Flint Run - John Lyle Romney Spring  
Field & Frankfort and Joseph Glasp Middle  
Town & Back Creek. They have one Licen-  
tiate Vg. M<sup>r</sup> John Minus.

They have Concrete ~~not~~ able to support  
a Minister, Winchester able and Lost  
River Capen Lancaster & Charles Town  
not able.

Ordered that tomorrow afternoon the Mem-  
bers of Synod shall hold a free conversa-  
tion on the state of Religious practical Reli-  
gion within their respective bounds and  
those places to which their observations  
extend.

The Question for supplying the vacancies  
was taken up: and the Rev. Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Hogg, Lacy, Hamilton Baxter & Brown were  
appointed a Committee to take it into con-  
sideration.

consideration and report before the rising of Synod.

Synod adjourned until 3 O'clock in the afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon 3 O'clock Synod met agreeably to adjournment - Constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

Through the Com. <sup>tee</sup> of Overtures the following question was laid before Synod V<sup>z</sup>, May a person who never has been baptized, but has given satisfactory evidence that he is truly pious but has his mind impressed with difficulties concerning the mode and Subjects of baptism be admitted to occasional Communion upon his expressing his ardent desire to commemorate Christ's dying love?



had not offered to meet the Board for the purposes contemplated. The Committee's excuse was satisfactory.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Hanover Pky. made their Report: which was received.

It appearing to Synod that some of their Presbyteries had neglected to call upon their Church Sessions to forward their Records & Reports agreeably to our Directory and the injunction of the Gen. Assembly of 1799.

It is hereby enjoined on these Presbyteries who have not attended to this business, speedily to comply with their duty in these respects.

The Rev. William Hill resigned his Office of Stated Clerk of Synod and the  
Rev.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Hanston was appointed<sup>107</sup>.  
was appointed to fill that office. Which he  
accepted. And the Records were delivered  
to him.

Synod adjourned to meet at half past  
3 o'clock in the afternoon. Concluded with  
prayer.

Saturday afternoon half past 3 o'clock  
Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Constituted with prayer. Members  
present as above.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Williamson was  
appointed a Missionary to itinerate two  
Months or more as he may find it con-  
venient within the bounds of this Synod  
Also Mr. William M. Pheeters a Licen-  
tiate under the care of Lexington Ch<sup>urch</sup>,<sup>ing</sup> Be<sup>t</sup>  
recommended as a person qualified for  
Missionary Services <sup>he</sup> was appointed to  
ride the term of 4 Months a Missionary in

in said bounds and both of them to make Report at next meeting of Synod.

The Committee appointed to bring in a plan for extending more generally to the people under our care the inestimable blessings of the Gospel, Reported that it be recommended to the Presbyteries composing this Synod to divide their respective limits into half as many Districts as they have Members and to take Order that each Member supply four Weeks in each year in one of these Districts. Resolved that the above plan be adopted for the present year.

~~Synod adjourned to meet at school in the afternoon. Concluded with prayer.~~

Agreeably to the order of yesterday

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Synod entered on a free conversation respect-  
ing the state of practical Religion within  
their bounds. — And having proceeded  
some length in the narrative deferred the  
remainder until Monday.

Adjourned until Monday Morning  
to meet at this place at 6 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning 6 o'clock Oct 4. 1802.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Constituted with prayer. Members  
present as above.

Synod resumed the narrative respect-  
ing practical Religion and having fi-  
nished it, the result appeared unanim-  
ously pleasing and encouraging, affording

that they ~~found~~ abundant reason  
for gratitude to almighty God for his  
great

great mercies bestowed on <sup>of the</sup> some Congregations within our bounds since our last meeting. In some places God has been pleased to revive his work to the visible increase of practical Godliness, and calling to himself, as we charitably hope, a number of sinners by saving conversion, In other places the attention of people to the importance of Religion seems to be increasing, whilst the hopes of the few remaining pious are considerably revived. These favourable appearances which the Synod would record with gratitude thankfulness, seem to afford encouragement for all the lovers of Jesus, and especially for the Ministers of the Gospel to be importunate at the Throne of grace for an out pouring of the spirit. And it is



hoped that all the Ministers will remember their obligations and endeavour to abound more and more in the work of the Lord, for as much as we know that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

On motion Synod resolved to observe the 2<sup>d</sup> Thursday next November a day of thanksgiving for ~~what~~ the blessings <sup>God</sup> has bestowed and of supplication for their continuance and increase.

Synod adjourned to meet at Hampden Sydney College on the 2<sup>d</sup> Thursday of next October at 12 o'clock.

<p>27<sup>th</sup> May 1803          approved thus          far by the Gen          Assembly          James Hall Mod.</p>	<p>Concluded with prayer          Benjamin Erwin Mod.          Wm Williamson Secy          Benjamin Grigsby } Alts.</p>
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Hampton Sydney October 12 1803

The Synod of Virginia met agree-  
ably to adjournment and was opened  
with a Sermon delivered by the Rev.  
Archibald McRobert the Sen. Mi-  
nister present from John 3. 20,  
the Rev. Benj. Irwin the Modera-  
tor of the last meeting being absent.  
After Sermon Mr. McRobert being  
in the Chair, the Synod was consti-  
tuted with prayer.

The Members present were  
of the Presbytery of Hanover the Rev.  
Arch. McRobert, James Mitchell  
Samuel Lacey Sr. Alexander Matthe  
Lyle Wm. Calhoun & James Robinson

And Benjamin Allender Samuel  
Murrel James Allen & Nathaniel  
Price Elders.

Of the Pby. of Lexington  
The Rev. Samuel Houston.

Of the Pby. of Winchester  
The Rev. Moses Hoge Nath. Legrand  
and William Hill. and Ebenezer  
Dotter Elders.

Absent of the Pby. of Hanover the  
Rev. Doctor James Waddel Rev. Wm  
Ervin John D. Blair & James Turner  
Of Lexington Pby. the Rev. John Montgo-  
mery Benj. Ervin, Wm. Wilson, John  
M. Cline, Benj. Grigsby, George A. Baxter  
Samuel Brown Robert Logan and  
Daniel Blair.

Of Winchester Ply. the Rev. Amos  
Thompson John Lyle Wm Williamson  
and Joseph Graft.

Abingdon Presbytery which was  
annexed by the gen. Assembly to  
this Synod were wholly absent.

The Synod proceeded <sup>to</sup> the choice of  
a Moderator and Clerks: and upon  
taking the votes it appeared that the  
Rev. Samuel Huxton was duly  
chosen Moderator & Messrs Lacy &  
Hill Clerks.

A motion was made that the  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of those Regulations adopt-  
ed by the Synod at their last meet-  
ing which require a Committee of  
Deputies specifying their powers  
and

and what business shall come be-<sup>115</sup>fore them, should be repealed: which  
motion was agreed to, and they are  
hereby repealed.

The Minutes of the last Synod were  
read.

On motion a Com<sup>tee</sup> was appointed  
of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Hays, Legrand, Haver-  
ton and Alexander to take into consid-  
eration the state of the Missionary  
business, <sup>as soon as possible</sup> and to report their opinion  
on the most eligible mode of conduct-  
ing it with success in future.

The Synod adjourned until 10 o'clock  
tomorrow morning. Concluded with  
prayer.

October 14. 1803.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Constituted with prayer  
Members present as above.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hoge & Legrand were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to review the Records of Hanover Chy. and to report thereon before the rising of Synod.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> ~~Hoge~~ Legrand L. M. Robert Alexander & Calhoun were ~~appointed~~ called on to give an account why they did not attend the last meeting of Synod and their reasons being heard were judged satisfactory.

An enquiry was made whether the Presbyteries had complied with the Order made at our last meeting to call upon their Church Sessions to send up their Records and Reports agreeably to our Directory and the injunctions of the General Assembly 1799 when it appeared that  
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all the Presbyteries had taken orders  
on that Subject.

The Rev. William Williamson forwarded  
his Report respecting the execution  
of a Mission to which he was appoint-  
ed at our last meeting: from which it  
appeared that he had spent upwards of  
three Months in that service. The Syn-  
od was highly pleased with his diligence  
in the discharge of his duties as a Missionary  
and cheerfully expressed their sense of obli-  
gation for his generosity in requiring no  
further compensation than about 40 Dollars  
which he collected during his Tour.

No report was received from Mr. Wm  
McChertens who had also been appointed  
a Missionary.

The Synod enquired whether the Presby-  
teries had attended to the plan recommend-  
ed at our last meeting for supplying our  
vacancies: And it appeared that the Presbyte-  
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tenor of Lexington & Winchester had acted upon it; but that Hanover Syn. had determined that considering the Situation of their Members and the extent of their bounds, it would be inexpedient to adopt the same.

An enquiry was made of the Members present whether they had attended to the Order made at our last meeting to observe the 2.<sup>d</sup> Thursday of November a day of thanksgiving for the Blessings God has bestowed U! When it appeared that it had generally been observed as far as known.

The following question was laid before Synod "A regularly ordained Minister of the Baptist Church applies to a Syn. to be received as a Minister of the Gospel in connexion with them, is his Ordination to be considered as valid?"

A motion was made that the above be taken into consideration by the Synod which was agreed to.



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On motion resolved that the consideration of the same be postponed until to morrow morning.

A letter from Mr. John Chavis directed to one of the Members, expressing his Willingness to engage as a Missionary under the care of Synod was read and refered to the Com.<sup>tee</sup> appointed to Report on the Missionary business

Major Robert Quarles an Elder from the Byrd Church being present took his seat as a representative from said Church.

The Reports of the Presbyteries being called for, the Syn. of Hanover reported as follows that they consist of the following Ministers, Licentiated & Congregations Viz.

The Rev.<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel Pastor of Bell-grove - the Rev.<sup>d</sup> W.<sup>m</sup> Grinn without a Charge - the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Arch.<sup>d</sup> M. Robert Pastor of old Concord & Hat Creek - the Rev.<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell Pastor of the Oaks Congregation;

the Rev<sup>d</sup> John S. Blair Pastor of Richmond  
 and Hanover—the Rev<sup>d</sup> Emory Lacey associ-  
 ated with Mr Alexander in Cumberland  
 the Rev. James Turner Colleague with  
 Mr. Mitchel—the Rev<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander  
 Pastor of Cumberland <sup>aged</sup> Colleague with  
 Mr Lyle in Briery—the Rev<sup>d</sup> Matthew  
 Lyle Pastor of Buffalo and Colleague with  
 Mr Alexander in Briery—the Rev<sup>d</sup> William  
 Calhoun Pastor of S. L.—the Rev<sup>d</sup> James  
 Robinson Pastor of the Cove and stated  
 supply in Rockfish; and the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd  
 whom they have ordained and installed  
 as Pastor of the Byrd & Providence Congregation.

They have dissolved the Pastoral relation be-  
 tween the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson & Rockfish  
 Congregation; have dismissed Mr Conrad  
 Speer to join Baltimore Chy. and have  
 licensed Mr John Rice to preach the Gospel  
 They have also received under their care

as a Preacher of the Gospel M<sup>r</sup> James Tompkins formerly a Minister of the Baptist Church and have appointed him piece of trial.

They have the following Vacant Congregations under their care, Bluestone in Mecklenburgh supplied at present by the Rev John Matthews of Orange Sh<sup>r</sup>. Chesnut in Franklin Sandy River and New Erection in Pittsylvania; Cub Creek and Little Concord in Charlotte; Smiths River in Patrick County and Norfolk.

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The Presbytery of Lexington Report that they consist of 10 ordained Ministers They and their Charges are as follow

Ministers	Churches
Rev. John Montgomery	- - - - -
Benjamin Ervin	- - - - -
William Wilson	- - - - - Augusta Church
John McCue	- - - - - Fishking Spring

Samuel Stanton - Falling Spring &  
High-Bridge

Samuel Brown - New Providence

Benjamin Grigsby Louisaburgh & Concord

George A Baxter - N. Monmouth & Lexington

Daniel Blair - - Timberidge & Oxford

Robert Logan - - Fincaastle & Roan Oak

That they have dismissed since they last reported the Rev<sup>d</sup> Robert Wilson to join some one of the Plys. in Kentucky and the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Gledy to join the Baltimore Ply.

That they have one Licentiate M<sup>r</sup> Wm M<sup>r</sup> Shelters and three Candidates for the Gospel Ministry Viz M<sup>r</sup> Samuel B. Wilson M<sup>r</sup> Wm Turner & M<sup>r</sup> John Henderson

That they have Vacancies able to support a Minister Bethel & Brown's Meeting house united. Rocky Spring. Lebanon & Windy Cove united and Harrisonburgh

Mopsy Creek & New Direction visited.

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Notable Head of Roan Oak, Craige Creek  
Wm Sanderson, Little Levels of Greenbrier  
Bull & Cow Pastures.

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The Presbytery of Winchester reported  
that they consist of seven Ministers  
Viz The Rev. Amos Thompson; No  
Charge - Moses Hoge, Shepherds Town  
Nash Legrand Cedar Creek & Opuchen  
William Hill Hopewell. - William  
Williamson South River & Flint Run  
John Lyle Rumney Frankfort, and  
Springfield - Joseph Glass Middletown &  
Back-Creek.

They have one Licentiate under their  
care Mr John Miner: and one Candi-  
date Mr John Dogge.  
Vacancies conceivably able to support a Mi-  
nister - Winchester able.

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Lost River Capen, Lancaster and Charles-  
Town not able

On motion resolved that it be strictly en-  
joined on each of the Presbyteries compos-  
ing this Synod annually to send up to  
Synod their Reports properly attested: and  
that the Stated Clerk inform the absent Blyss  
of this Resolution.

A motion was made that Synod take  
into consideration the adoption of a Plan  
for editing and publishing a Periodical  
Work calculated to disseminate religious  
information.

Resolved that the same be refered to the  
Com.<sup>tee</sup> appointed on the Missionary bu-  
siness.

Adjourned until to morrow morning  
at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Octob. 15. 1803.

The Synod met agreeably to adjourn-  
ment. Constituted with prayer.  
Members present as above.

The Minutes of the last Session were read agreeably to an Order of Synod, the Commission of Synod on the East of the Alleghany reported, that they had closed their business. They then deposited their Records in the hands of the Stated Clerk of Synod, which, agreeably to the request of the Commission were ordered to be preserved among our Archives.

The question whether the ordination of a regularly ordained Minister of the Baptist Church applying to a Pby. to be received into connexion with them is to be considered as valid, was taken into consideration and after full deliberation, it was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to take into consideration the state of the Missionary business having made their Report, it was approved and ordered to be filed among the papers of Synod.

The report of the same Committee respecting Mr. John Chair was received and approved.

The Report of the same Com<sup>tee</sup> respecting editing and publishing a periodical Work was received.

On motion resolved that the consideration of these several Reports be postponed till Monday morning.

Col. Murrel obtained leave of absence during the remaining Sessions of this Synod.

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 October  
Concluded with prayer.

October 17. 1803.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Members present as above.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to review the Records of Hanover Syn. reported, and the Book was approved to the 118<sup>th</sup> page.

The Report of the Com<sup>tee</sup> to which was referred the consideration of the Missionary Service



was taken up, and after Deliberation thereon the following Resolutions were adopted.

1. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Legrand be appointed a Missionary for six Months, four of which he shall spend on the East of the Blue ridge and the rest on the West.
2. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Ruge be appointed a Missionary for two Months on the East side of the Blue Ridge,
3. That the Rev. James Mitchel be appointed a Mission of two Months on the Waters of Roanok.
4. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Houston be appointed on a Mission of two Months in the South west part of the Cty. of Lexington.
5. That the Rev. James Robinson be appointed a Missionary for two Months between the James's & Potomack Rivers.
6. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Tompkins be appointed a Missionary for 6 Months, three of which he

he shall spend between Dan & Stanton Rivers  
the remainder in the Counties of Bolingbroke  
and Montgomery. And that they make  
report to Synod at their next meeting.

The Synod also appointed Mr. John Chaio  
a Missionary for two Months, to confirm  
his labours chiefly to the Black people, and  
subject to such regulations as a Com.<sup>tee</sup>  
appointed for that purpose shall give him,  
and that the said Com.<sup>tee</sup> shall consist of  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hoge Lacy & Hill.

Ordered that the Chyr. composing this Syn-  
od use their Endeavours to supply the pul-  
pits of those Missionaries who have Charges

The Synod enjoins it most earnestly on  
the Chyr under its care to take effectual  
measures to make collections for Mission-  
ary purposes in all their Congregations  
whether supplied or Vacant, and that they  
send up the same to Synod at their next  
meet—

meeting

The Synod after taking into consideration the Report of their Com.<sup>tee</sup> respecting a periodical ~~for~~ Work for the dissemination of Religious knowledge

Resolved, That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Houston Matthew Lyle Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander Geo. A. Baxter Samuel Brown Daniel Blain & Samuel L. Campbell be a Com.<sup>tee</sup> to make all necessary inquiries on the Subject, and if they shall think the publication of such a Work can be conducted with advantage, they are hereby authorized to take every measure necessary to carry the Scheme into compleat execution: & in that event, they may rely upon the full support of Synod.

An motion resolved that the Stated Clerk be paid the sum of ten Dollars annually for his Services, and that the same be paid by the Treasurer.

On motion the Synod agreed to hold their  
 next meeting at Winchester on the second  
 Thursday in October 1804 to meet at 12 O'clock.  
 Adjourned and concluded with prayer.

Samuel Houston Mod.

Drury Lacy & } Clerks  
 Wm Hill - - }

Winchester October 11. 1804

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment: and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. Moses Hoge the senior Minister present, from 1 Cor. 4.

Members present of the Ply. of Hanover the Rev. Archibald Alexander Matthew Lyle James Tompkins and John H. Rice of Winchester Ply. the Rev. Moses Hoge Wm Hill Wm Williamson and Joseph Glaf. The Presbyteries of Lexington and Abingdon wholly absent.

The Members of Hanover Ply. absent were Doctor James Waddel, Rev. Archibald McRobert, Wm Ervin James Mitchel John D. Blair Emory Lacy James Turner Wm

Wm. Calhoun, James Robinson & John Good.  
Of Winchester Pky. Absent the Rev<sup>d</sup> Nash  
Legrand and John Lyle.

Others present Mr. Ebenezer Potter Major  
Joseph Holt and Mr. Joseph Gamble.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Withamson was cho-  
sen Moderator and Messrs Hill & Rice were  
chosen Clerks.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock.

October 8<sup>th</sup> Monday afternoon 4 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjourn-  
ment. Members present as above  
except Mr. Glaps.

The Minutes of last meeting not  
being present could not be read.

On motion the Synod ordered that the  
journals of the Missionaries appointed at  
at the last meeting be read.

Whereupon a letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson was handed in informing Synod that it was not in his power to fulfil his appointment. his reasons were sustained.

Messrs Lyle & Holt were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to review the Records of Winchester Chy.

The Synod adjourned until to morrow morning 9. o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

October 12. 1802.

Friday morning 9. o'clock. Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Concluded with prayer.

Members present as above with the addition of Lewis Stevens an Elder.

The Journals of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell & Tompkins were read by Mr. Tompkins & were considered as satisfactory. From these it appears that Mr. Tompkins had  
 full

fulfilled a Mission of six Months; and Mr Mitchel of two Months: and that Mr Tompkins had collected on his tour twenty pounds three shillings & nine pence; that Mr Mitchel had received thirty six Dollars & seventy seven cents; that there is a balance due to Mr Tompkins of £9:16-3: 20 Mr Mitchel a balance of £7:19-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ . There is also due to Mr John Chavis a balance of £10:10-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  making in the whole a Sum of £63-10-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The Synod adjourned to meet at half past three o'clock in the afternoon. concluded with prayer.

Friday ~~on~~ half past 3 o'clock P. M. Synod met agreeably to adjournment constituted with prayer. Members present as above with the addition of Mr Glas. Mr Glas's reasons for being absent were sustained.



The Members were called upon to inform Synod what progress had been made in collecting moneys for the Missionary Fund; Whereupon it appeared that Briery Congregation had sent forward twenty Dollars; Buffalo six Dollars; Cub Creek twelve Dollars ten Cents; Cumberland ten Dollars Deaks twenty eight Dollars; Concord fifteen Dollars thirty two Cents. Shephard's Town ten Dollars; Winchester ten Dollars; Leisburgh seven Dollars. But as it appeared that the Synod were considerably in arrears for Missionary services it was ordered that those Members who had not yet complied with the order of Synod be enjoined to make collections as speedily as possible, and forward the money to the Treasurer: and that the Stated Clerk communicate this order to the delinquent Members.

The Synod was informed by Mr. Hoge that Mr. John Bogge a Licentiate under the care of Winchester Pky. had itinerated for some time past in Vacancies in the bounds of this Synod; Whereupon Mr. Bogge was requested to read his journal, which being approved it was agreed that he should receive the compensation of a Missionary for the four Months during which he had laboured in our Vacancies.

On motion it was ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hoge & Alexander be appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to prepare a report to the General Assembly of the proceedings of Synod in the Missionary business during the last year.

On motion it was ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hoge Alexander & Glasp be appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to form to form arrangements for regulating Missionary business within the bounds of this Synod the ensuing

and make report thereon.

The Synod adjourned to meet to morrow morning 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

October 13. 1804 Saturday morning 9 o'clock

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Constituted with prayer. Members pre-  
sent as above.

The Presbyteries were called upon to  
make their Reports to Synod.

The Chy. of Hanover reported that they  
consist of the following Ministers Congre-  
gations &c. Viz. the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Doctor James Waddel  
without a Charge; the Rev.<sup>d</sup> James Mitchel  
Pastor of the Peake Congregation; the Rev.<sup>d</sup>  
Arch.<sup>d</sup> McRobert without a Charge; the Rev.<sup>d</sup>  
William Lewis without a Charge; the Rev.<sup>d</sup> John  
B. Blair supplying at Hanover; the Rev.<sup>d</sup>  
Samy Lacey supplying at Cumberland;  
the Rev.<sup>d</sup> James Turner Colleague with Mr. Milot  
et; the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Archibald Alexander Pastor of  
Cumberland and Colleague with Mr. Lyle at Henry.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Matthew Lyle Pastor of Buffalo and Col-  
league with Mr. Alexander in Briery; the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> William Calhoun supplying S. S. and  
Clarke's; the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Robinson Pastor of  
the Cove & Rockfish; the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Todd Pas-  
tor of Providence & the Bird. The Rev<sup>d</sup> James  
Josephine whom they have received  
into full standing as a Member of Chy.  
supplying at old Concord; and the Rev<sup>d</sup> John  
H. Rice whom they have since their last Re-  
port, ordained and installed as pastor of  
Cub Creek.

They have likewise the following Vacancies  
Bluestone in Mecklinburgh, Chesnut in  
Franklin; Sandy River & new Erection in  
Pittsylvania; Little Concord in Charlotte &  
Halt Creek in Campbell not able to support  
a Minister

They have likewise received Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>  
Monteith as a Candidate for the Gospel  
Ministry.

The Presbytery of Winchester reported that they consist of six ordained Ministers, *Viz.* The Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Hoge Pastor of Shepherds Town Nash Legrand Cedar Creek & Opuchen, Wm<sup>m</sup> Hill Winchester and Hopewell, Wm<sup>m</sup> Williamson Leeburgh, John Lyle Spring-field and Runny and Joseph Glass Middle Town and Back-Creek. They have <sup>one</sup> Licentiate Mr John Boggs. And one Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, Mr Wm<sup>m</sup> Reid. They have the following Vacancies under their care, Concrete able to support a Minister: Surca ora, Martinsburgh, Falling Water, Charles Town, Lancaster, South River and Union not able. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Amos Thompson departed this life the Day of Sept. 1804.

No reports were received from the Presbyteries of Lexington & Mindingon.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed appointed to review the

The records of Winchester Wch. reported, which report was received.

On motion it was ordered that the Stated Clerk make out and transmit to the next General Assembly, a regular Synodical report.

The Court appointed to prepare a Report to the Gen. Assen. of the proceedings of Synod in the Missionary business during the last year reported, as followeth, that the Synod have had under their ~~care~~ direction during the preceding year, four Missionaries The Rev. James Mitchel, James Tompkins Mr. John Dogge & Mr. John Chavis. Mr. James Mitchel itinerated for two Months in the South Western parts of the State, in the Counties of Dittsylvania, Halifax, Campbell Charlotte, Botetourt and Montgomery: Mr. James Tompkins itinerated for six Months in the same bounds. The appearance of success

in this large District of Country were very <sup>140</sup>  
flattering and the demand for preaching very  
great. Mr. Boggs itinerated four Months  
principally in the Northern Neck of Virginia.

In most places he was cordially received &  
in some his preaching was attended  
with very hopeful appearances. Mr. John  
Chavis a Missionary to the Blacks itinerated  
in several Counties in the South part of  
the State; but owing to some peculiar cir-  
cumstances stated in his journal, his  
Mission to them was not attended with  
any considerable success.

Upon the whole the Synod of Virginia ob-  
served that the field for Missionary la-  
bours is very extensive in this State  
and the prospects of usefulness very  
encouraging.

Mr. Williamson the Moderator asked &  
obtained leave of absence.

The Synod ordered that its Members be  
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careful in future to make no arrangements  
before they leave home, that will require  
them to return before the business of  
Synod be brought to a close.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 4 O'clock  
in the afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Afternoon 4. O'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
Mr. Williamson the Moderator being  
absent, Mr. Glasparus Hasen Mode-  
rator pro. tempore. Concluded by prayer.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Conrad Spence a Member  
of Baltimore Presbytery being present  
was invited to take a seat as a corres-  
ponding Member.

The Com. <sup>tee</sup> appointed to form arrang-  
ments respecting the Missionary busi-  
ness of this Synod made their Report  
which being attended was received and  
is



is as follows, That the Synod is now  
 in arrears to Missionaries whose servi-  
 ces were performed the last year the sum  
 of £81-18-9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> That there is reason to  
 presume that the monies collected or  
 that will be received in consequence of  
 contributions made last year may be  
 sufficient to meet that Demand. That  
 the necessity of Missionary labours in  
 many places within the bounds of Syn-  
 od is great and increasing, and that  
 Synod should remit no effort in obtain-  
 ing succour for the Fund. Your Com<sup>tee</sup>  
 is moreover of opinion that consider-  
 able succour might be obtained, if  
 subscription papers prepared should be  
 sent with the Missionaries them-  
 selves and presented by them (where  
 it appeared expedient) to such persons  
 as might be willing to interest them  
 selves

show in obtaining contributions to defray the expenses of Missionary labours.

And that each Missionary be considered as a proper person to receive such contributions in behalf of the Synod,

Whereupon it was ordered that Messrs Hoge Hill & Gambel <sup>be</sup> a Committee to prepare & such a Subscription paper for this purpose as they may judge proper and furnish our Missionaries with copies: And that Mr Tompkins & Mr Mitchel be appointed Missionaries for two Months each in the South-Western parts of this State.

On motion it was agreed that Mr John Boggs be appointed two Months as a Missionary to itinerate in the lower Counties of Virginia.

Whereas it appeared the Rev<sup>d</sup> Conrad  
 Speer had obtained leave from the Syn.  
 of Baltimore to travel for his health  
 and he having expressed his Willingness  
 to officiate as a Missionary under this  
 Synod; On motion it was agreed that  
 he be appointed a Missionary for as  
 much time as he can employ during  
 the ensuing year.

By order of Synod the Members pre-  
 sent who had monies in their hands  
 for the Missionary Funds were di-  
 rected to pay such money into the  
 hands of Mr James Tompkins, where-  
 upon he received from the hands of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Alexander Lyle & William-  
 son the sum of £12-18. leaving the  
 sum of £26-18.3 due to him.

The Synod ordered their Treasurer to pay to Mr. Mitchel £7-19-4 $\frac{1}{2}$  - to Mr. Chavis £15-15-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  - to Mr. Tompkins £26-18-3 & after these payments are made then to pay to Mr. Boggs £31-6.

The Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 6 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

October 16. 1804 Monday morning  
6 o'clock. The Synod <sup>met</sup> agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Members present as above

Whereas it appeared to Synod that it was a matter of great importance that Funds for the education of poor and pious youth for the Gospel Ministry be established in the several Phys. under their care. On motion it

it was ordered that the Presbyteries be directed to adopt such measures as they may judge most expedient for the accomplishment of this purpose.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at Lexington the second Friday of October next at 12. O'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Joseph Glass Mod.

Wm Hill & }  
John H. Rice } Clerks.

Lexington October 11<sup>th</sup> 1805 the Syn-  
 od of Virginia met agreeably to adjourn-  
 ment: And was <sup>with a sermon</sup> opened by the  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchel the Senior Mini-  
 ster present (the Moderator of the  
 last meeting of Synod being absent)  
 from 1. John 5: 2

Members present of the Pres.  
 of Harrover the Rev. James Mitchel  
 Sundry Lacey Archibald Alexander  
 Matthew Lyle James Robinson  
 and James Tompkins.

Of Abingdon Pres the Rev.<sup>d</sup>  
 Johnny W. Cook  
 of Lexington Pres the Rev<sup>d</sup> John  
 M<sup>r</sup> Cree Samuel Houston Samuel  
 Bacon

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Brown George A Baxter Robert  
Logan and Daniel Blain

Others present M<sup>rs</sup> Michael  
Graham Alexander M. Alexander  
David Steel John Willson James  
M<sup>r</sup> Connel Charles Campbell and  
Matthew Hunter

Of the pres. of Manassas <sup>was absent</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Doctor James Waddel the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup>  
Irvin Archibald M<sup>r</sup> Roberts John  
D. Blair James Turner W<sup>m</sup> Calhoun  
John Todd & John H. Rice

Of Abingdon pres were absent the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles Cummings Samuel Soak  
Edward Crawford Jacob Lake & James  
Witherspoon

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of Lexington Pres. were absent the  
 Rev. John Montgomery Benjamin Linn  
 Wm Wilson Benz Grigsby & John Mince

The Pres. of Winchester were wholly  
 absent.

The Synod constituted with prayer  
 agreeably to the first Regulation.

On motion the Synod proceeded to  
 have a Moderator: and Mr Mitchell  
 appeared duly elected

Mr Lacy & Mr Brown <sup>were</sup> chosen Clerks

Mr Michael Graham obtained leave of  
 absence until to morrow morning

Mr John Mince came in and took  
 his seat: his reasons for not attending  
 sooner were sustained.



On motion the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The names of the Rev James Mitchell  
Ermy Lacy James Robinson <sup>SW</sup> Baah  
J. M. C. S. Hanston S. Brown A. Logan G. A.  
Baxter S. Blair & J. Mines were ~~sum~~  
for not attending the last meeting of  
Synod were sustained.

On motion the Minutes of the year  
Meeting of Synod of 1803 were read.

The stated Clerk informed Synod that  
he had complied with the Order made in  
1803 requiring him to acquaint the ab-  
sent Pres that they should send up  
their Reports to Synod properly attested.  
The Comtee appointed in 1803 for editing  
a periodical publication for disseminating  
Religious knowledge were called upon to re

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report; but as they had no written Report  
On motion they were ordered to report tomorrow  
morning - - Adjourned till tomorrow mor-  
ning 9 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1805

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

The Committee appointed to decide on the  
propriety of publishing a periodical work  
containing religious instruction, submitted  
the following report -

Shortly after its appointment your Committee  
had a meeting and took into consideration  
the subject assigned them by Synod -  
Judging it expedient to publish such a work  
as was contemplated by the Synod, they made  
a contract with Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Mackruch of Lexington  
for printing a work to be intitled the  
Virginia Religious Magazine, to consist  
of one volume pr. year, composed of 6 numbers  
and each number containing 64 pages &  
to appear regularly at the end of every second  
month. The annual price of this work, was  
to be, to subscribers 1 Dollar & 50 Cents and one  
fourth of its profits after defraying the necessary  
expenses of the Editor was to go into the funds  
of the Synod

The publication commenced with the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1805. Four of its numbers have gone to the publick and the 5<sup>th</sup> is now in the press and it remains for the Synod to determine whether the work shall cease with the present year, or whether it shall be continued.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Magazine if conducted and circulated with spirit might be useful to the Interests of Religion, & profitable to the funds of the Synod. But to answer these purposes in any high degree, the zeal and persevering cooperation of all the Members of this body will be necessary.

The Minute appointing your Committee thought it to expect the full support of the Synod in this undertaking; But the work has been nearly deserted by almost all the Members of that body, excepting those who are also Members of the Committee. Original matter has not been furnished in sufficient quantities to ensure success to the Magazine, nor has there been sufficient zeal in obtaining subscriptions. Many parts of the Country fr. which the warmest patronage was expected have done but little. The Number of subscribers does not amount to five hundred, and the Subscription Money has not been punctually remitted.

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On motion that the report be received and entered on our minutes it was agreed to. -

On motion, the Pres<sup>d</sup>. Messrs. Arcad<sup>y</sup>, Alexander & Matthew Lyle were appointed a Committee to settle with Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Washburn employed to print the Virginia Religious Magazine under the patronage of Synod & make report as soon as convenient. -

The Pres<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Insein came in & took his seat, his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained. -

On motion Synod took under consideration the report of the Committee appointed to take measures for publishing a Religious Magazine; and after some deliberation agreed to defer the further consideration of it until Monday Morning. -

The members of Synod were called upon to report respecting their compliance with the order of Synod, requiring Collections to be raised for the Missionary funds, for defraying the expences of Missionaries for last Year, and it appeared that the members present had generally complied therewith.

The Pres. John Montgomery came in, his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Messrs. Hauston & Baxter were appointed to review the records of Hanover Presbytery. Messrs. Alexander & Lyle to review the records of Lexington Presbytery. And Messrs. Blair & Skines to review the records of Abingdon Presbytery, and required to report on Monday next.

Mr. John Lyle an elder fr. Simler Ridge Church took his seat as a member of Synod.

Upon inquiry it appeared that the Presbyters of Hanover and Lexington had attended to the order of Synod for collecting money for the Missionary Fund.

On motion, the reports of Presbyteries were called for. — When the Presbytery of Hanover reported, that they consist of the following Ministers, congregations &c. viz. The Rev. William Irvine without a charge. The Rev. Arch. W. Robert without a charge. The Rev. Jas. Mitchell Pastor of the Blacks' congregation; The Rev. John D. Blair supplying at Richmond & Hanover; the Rev. Dury Lacy supplying in Cumberland; the Rev. James Turner Colleague with Mr. Mitchell;

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The Rev. Arch<sup>d</sup>. Alexander pastor of Cum-  
berland, & Colleague with Mr. Lyle at Briery;  
The Rev. Matthew Lyle pastor of Buffalo &  
Colleague with Mr. Alexander in Briery;  
The Rev. James Robinson pastor of the Cove  
& Rockfish congregations; the Rev. John  
Ladd pastor of Providence & the Bird; the  
Rev. James Sampkins supplying at Concord,  
Lynchburg, & New Glasgow; the Rev. John H.  
Price pastor of Cubersack; and the Rev.  
Gerrard Speece whom they have received as  
a member fr. Baltimore Presbytery —

The Rev. James Wooddel departed this  
life on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Septemb<sup>r</sup>. 1805; & the  
Rev. W<sup>m</sup>. Balkoon has been dismissed to join  
Lexington Presbytery — They have also  
dismissed Mr. Alexander Manteith a candi-  
date for the Ministry.

They have the following vacancies un-  
der their care Blue Stone in MacLennburg,  
Chesnut in Franklin; Sandy River & New River  
in Pittsylvania; Little Concord in Char-  
lotte; Hat Creek in Campbell; and S. of  
Clarks in Albemarle; not able to support  
a Minister —

Lexington Presbytery made no official report.

The Presbytery of Lexington reported, that they consisted of 11 ordained Ministers. They and their charges are as follow.

The Rev. John Montgomery<sup>1</sup> no charge; Benjamin Jewin<sup>2</sup>, Muddy Creek, Harrisburg & this direction; Wm. Wilson<sup>3</sup>, Augusta Church; John M. Gue<sup>4</sup>, Forkling Spring; Samuel Hauston<sup>5</sup>, Falling Spring & High Bridge; George A. Baxter<sup>6</sup>, Lexington and New Market; Benjamin Grigsby<sup>7</sup>, Rockwell; Robert Logan<sup>8</sup>, Fincastle & Ebenezer; Samuel Brown<sup>9</sup>, New Providence; Daniel Blain<sup>10</sup>, Tomber Ridge & Oxford; John Mines<sup>11</sup>, Bethel.

They have vacancies under their care, Lebanon, Rocky Spring, & Windy Cove united, able to support a pastor. Lewisburg & Concord in union able. Brown's Meeting house & Hauston are at present supplied by the Rev. Wm. Calhoun.

The Little Levels, the head of Greenbrier, the low and pull pastures, Locust Bottom, Craig's Creek & head of Roan - are not able.

They have five Licentiated, Mr. Wm. McPheters, Mr. Lauph Reid, Mr. Saml. B. Wilson, Mr. Wm. Larkin & Mr. James Hage.

They have two candidates for the Gospel Ministry, viz. Mr. John Henderson & Mr. John Carr phell

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The Socy. of Winchester made no report.

Upon enquiry it appeared that the Stated Clerk had sent up to the Gen Assembly a Synodical Report agreeably to the order of Synod.

The Synod were informed that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Tompkins and Boggs appointed Missionaries at the last meeting had not fulfilled their appointments. On motion Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alexander Brown Wilson and Lyle were appointed a Committee to ascertain the amount of arrearages due from Synod to their Missionaries and report as soon as convenient.



The Synod then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer

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

Members present as above

The Minutes of the last Session were read.

The Com.<sup>tee</sup> appointed to settle with the printer of the Virginia Religious Magazine, reported that the Synod's proportion of the profits of the Work amounted to about 100 Sol<sup>r</sup>. But as only a part of the Subscription money had been received, the sum in the hand of Mr. Walker due to Synod was \$73:44 which was subject to the order of Synod.

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The Comtee appointed to review the Records of Lexington Pres. Reported; and the book was generally approved, to 161. page

The Comtee appointed to review the Records of Abingdon Pres. reported and the book was generally approved.

The Stated Clerk of Synod presented his account for Recording Minutes &c. during the years 1803 & 1804 amounting to \$20 and a draft was ordered on the Treasurer for that Sum.

The Synod took under their consideration the subject of the Virginia Religious Magazine and after deliberation had thereon the question was put shall the publication of the Virginia Religious Magazine be continued which was unanimously voted in the affirmative

but as the success of the Magazine must depend on the united and active exertions of the Members of Synod it was enjoined in the most earnest manner on all the Members of this Body that they use every effort in obtaining Subscribers collecting the money from them as it becomes due and in furnishing materials for the publication: and the Stated Clerk was ordered to send a Copy of this Minute to each of the absent Members.

On motion the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Howerton, Brown, Baxter & Blain were appointed Editors to superintend the publication of the Magazine.

On motion the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchel gave a narrative of his labours as a Missionary under the direction of Synod; from which it appeared that he had fulfilled a Mission of two Months. Prospects of success  
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usefulness in many places were favourable; and the call for Missionary labours very great; and that he had received during his tour \$30.25 which report was approved.

On motion resolved that the Editors of the Virginia religious Magazine previous to the next meeting of Synod procure from Mr. Samuel Walker a statement of his account with the Synod; and ascertain the sum due to that Body as their proportion of the profits arising from the publication of the Magazine and report at the next meeting of Synod

Mr. Alexander paid for the Missionary Fund from Briery Congregation \$10

Mr. Lyle paid on behalf of Mr. John H. Rice the sum of \$23.65 from Cub Creek Cong<sup>n</sup>

and from the Bird and Clarke's Congregation  
 £6: making in the whole £38:55 which  
 money was ordered to be paid the Rev<sup>d</sup> James  
 Tompkins leaving a balance in his fa-  
 vour of £13. 4. 3.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to review the Re-  
 cords of Hanover Pres. reported: and the  
 book was generally approved.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to enquire what  
 arrears were due to Missionsaries,  
 reported that there appeared to be due to the  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> James Tompkins for Missionsary  
 services £13. 4. 3 to Mr Bogggs £91. 6 and  
 to the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Mitchell £10. 8. 8, besides what  
 may be due to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Conrad Speer whose  
 report had not been received, making in the whole  
 £54. 18. 9. whereupon it was ordered that the  
~~Winechester~~ of Lyned pay to Messrs Tompkins &  
 Mitchell the sums respectively due to them, & that  
 the Winechester Presbytery pay to Mr<sup>r</sup> Bogggs the  
 sum of £91. 6, provided their Collections for

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Missionary purposes amount to that sum.

Ordered that Mr. Saml. Walkup pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum due from him to the Synod, as soon as convenient.

As the call for ~~for~~ Missionary labors is very great (and apparently increasing in the bounds of this Synod), & as its means on the present plan will probably be insufficient for supplying as many Missions as circumstances require whereupon it was recommended to each of the Presbyteries composing this body, to attempt introducing the following plan of a Missionary Constitution within their bounds, provided however that when particular Churches or Societies cannot be brought into this plan, Callations shall in those cases be made in the way hitherto pursued - - -

To the pious and Benevolent -

A number of the Clergy & others, within the bounds of the Presbytery, relying on the

situation of many parts of our country, where  
 the word of life is seldom or never preached  
 nor the gospel ordinances administered; when the  
 Sabbath is a day of idle amusement; the youth  
 brought up in the ignorance of God - neglect of  
 worship - and disregard of his authority; when  
 impiety, profanity, & the grossest immoralities  
 abound. Considering also the worth of <sup>the</sup> souls  
 thus perishing for lack of knowledge, & the  
 dreadful end of such courses; the obligations  
 on all Christians to do all in their power to  
 promote the kingdom of the Redeemer, &  
 thus save immortal souls from ruin - have  
 formed themselves into a Missionary Society,  
 and solicit your concurrence and support.

That pecuniary aid is necessary to carry  
 such a plan into execution, is evident; and  
 as you have received so many benefits from  
 God, & live daily on his bounty, we cannot  
 doubt but you will manifest your  
 gratitude to him, your concern for his  
 glory, and the good of your fellow men,  
 by contributing cheerfully & liberally -  
 & honor the Lord with thy substance, & thine

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First fruit of all thy increase - so shall  
thy barns be filled with plenty, & thy  
presses burst out with new wine."

Your signature is solicited to the following constitution:  
In order to extend the Missionary business, or make  
it practicable to send Missionaries more frequently,  
and with better effect, through the state of Virginia  
to the Heathen, and to distribute suitable  
books among them - We the subscribers do agree  
to form ourselves into a Society, & bind our-  
selves to act agreeably to the following con-  
stitution:

Art. 1. The Society is denominated "The Lexing-  
ton Missionary Society:" and its business shall  
be transacted by Managers, appointed in the  
following manner; every regularly ordained  
minister, of the Presbyterian denomination,  
within the bounds of Lexington Presbytery,  
who is willing to act, shall be a manager  
ex officio. - And whenever thirty dollars  
are subscribed in any Society or district of  
the country, not too large to admit of the  
subscribers assembling together or a majori-  
ty of them, they shall choose a Lay-  
Manager, who shall hold his office



During good behaviour, in the choice of a Manager each subscriber shall be entitled to a vote for every dollar he shall have subscribed, & six Managers shall be competent to do business.

Art. II. It shall be the business of the Managers to choose the officers of this Society — to obtain as many signers to this Constitution as possible, & when any person signs the Constitution, it is understood that he becomes a Member of this Society — and when any Member wishes to withdraw from the Society, he shall give notice thereof to some Manager at or before the end of some year, & pay his arrearages if any are due. — Every year of this Society shall be considered as beginning the first of January, and ending on the last of December — And the yearly quota of each Member shall be at least one dollar to be paid at the commencement of the year. — — —

Art. III. The officers of this Society, to be chosen by the Managers, shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Clerk; the President

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And Secretary to be chosen from among the Managers - the Treasurer & Clerk at discretion.

Art. IV. The Society shall hold annual meetings on the first day of the Autumnal Session of the Lexington Presbytery, & to be at the same place, at which time a Sermon shall be delivered suitable to the occasion by some member of its body, previously appointed, but should any emergency require an extraordinary meeting, the President shall have power to call one at the request of any three managers, & in this case, shall give notice to all the managers at least fifteen days before such meeting takes place.

Art. V. The business of the Managers in their deliberation shall be to devise the means of collecting the monies subscribed by the members of ~~the~~ Society - to form the most advantageous plans for increasing its funds - to institute enquiries for ascertaining to what part

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of the Country Missionaries may be sent  
with the greatest prospect of success, & for  
sending out & employing proper persons  
for undertaking Missions, & compensating  
them out of the funds of the Society: It  
shall be the duty of the Managers to pub-  
lish an Annual report of their proceedings.  
Provided, nevertheless, that the Managers of this  
Society, shall have it in their power to ap-  
propriate its funds, or any part of them,  
to carry into effect any Missionary plan  
of the Synod of Virginia.

Art. VI. If any part of this Constitution  
shall be found not calculated to answer  
the designs of this Society, it shall be in  
the power of the Managers (the consent  
of a majority of them being obtained) to am-  
end any part of it as they may deem  
proper.

Synod appointed W. Joseph Reid  
a Missionary for four months, to itiner-  
ate in the Counties of Bath Greenbrier  
Monroe, Pocahontas, & Montgomery; and  
W. Samuel B. Wilson a Missionary for

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two months to itinerate in the Counties  
of Essex, King William, King & Queen & Middle-  
sex, & the adjacent Counties where  
there may appear an opening for preach-  
ing to advantage, & to report at the next  
Meeting of Synod.

On motion it was agreed that the  
Synod hold their next Meeting in the  
Church at Staunton on the third Friday  
in October. 1805

Adjourned & concluded with prayer

James Mitchell Mod.

Drury Lacy }  
Saml. Brown } Clerks

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Staunton October 17<sup>th</sup> 1806.

The Synod of Virginia met agreeably to adjournment. The Mod.<sup>r</sup> of the last meeting, <sup>being</sup> absent, Synod was opened with a Lesson by the Rev. Army Lacey on Matt. 7. 21. After which Synod was constituted with prayer.

From Hanover Pres. were present  
The Rev<sup>d</sup> Army Lacey Matthew Lyle  
James Robinson John H. Rice and  
Conrad Speer. And Mr. Samuel Hamner  
Elder.

From Lexington Pres. were present  
the Rev John Montgomery Benj Irwin  
Wm Wilson John M'Lee Wm Colhoun  
Samuel Brown Daniel Blain and Wm  
M'Chute: and Messrs John Walker Robert  
Seak James M'Clung Alex. Hall Wm Bell  
and Joseph Bell Clerks.

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Absent the Rev. Samuel Stanton,  
Benj. Grigsby Geo. A. Baxter & Robert Logan.  
The Presbyteries of Abingdon & Winchester  
were wholly absent.

The Rev. Simey Lacy was chosen Mod.  
and Messrs. Matthew Lyle & Conrad Speer  
Clerks.

Mr. Calhoun obtained leave of absence un-  
til next day.

The Minutes of the last meeting were  
read. Synod then adjourned until  
5 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

5 o'clock P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
and constituted with prayer. Members  
present as above.

Mr. Wilson & Mr. Wm. Bell obtained leave  
of absence until the following day

Mr. Speer who had been appointed by  
the

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The Synod a Missionary in 1804 an extract  
read his journal which was unanimously  
approved and from which it appeared that Mr  
Spice had itinerated as a Missionary seven  
Months, that he had received sixty Dollars  
64 Cents and that the balance due Mr. Spice  
from Synod \$ 172. 69. Of the \$ 60, 64 Cents  
above mentioned \$ 33. 58 were received from  
the Bird Congregation.

On motion the journal of Mr. Joseph Reid  
was read - and the question being propos-  
ed was unanimously approved.

Mr. Reid had received during his itinerations  
\$ 36, 61. which being deducted from \$ 133. 33.  
left a balance of \$ 96. 72 due to Mr. Reid.

Mr. Rice & Mr. Robinson were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup>  
to review the Records of Lexington Pres. and re-  
port before the rising of Synod.

On motion Messrs. Montgomery Brown  
and Rice were appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to take under  
consideration the state of the Missionary busi-  
ness

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 business and after mature Deliberation to re-  
 port whether they would consider it advisable  
 to resign the same to the Gen. Assembly  
 and raise annual contributions for the  
 Assembly's Fund; or that the Synod  
 should continue to appoint and support  
 Missionaries in a Synodical capacity and  
 to report as soon as possible.

Synod then adjourned until the next day  
 at 9 o'clock in the morning  
 concluded with prayer.

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Synod met agreeably to adjournment  
 and constituted with prayer. Members  
 present as the day before except Mess<sup>rs</sup>

Montgomery Wilson Calhoun Brown  
 Blain M. Chetters Walker M'Clung Hall  
 & Wm Bell



A report was received from the Treasur-  
ner Wm Lyle Esq<sup>r</sup> from which it appear-  
ed that after the payment of £13.4.3 to Mr  
Tompkins - £10.5.6 to Mr. Mitchell & £6-0-0 to  
Mr. Houston agreeably to order of Synod there  
remained in the Treasury £12.11. 1/2 sub-  
ject to the order of Synod.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Montgomery Brown Blain  
M<sup>r</sup> Shuters and M<sup>r</sup> Clung took their seats.  
Their reasons for absence at constitut-  
ing were sustained.

The Pres. of Hanover reported. The report  
was approved and ordered to be filed among  
the papers of Synod. See No 1.<sup>st</sup>

A report was received from the Pres.  
of Lexington agreeably to order and filed  
among the papers of Synod. See No. 2.<sup>d</sup>

Enquiry was made whether the Presby-  
teries had attended to the recommendations  
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of Synod respecting the formation of Missionary Societies: When it appeared that an attempt had been made by some Members of Haverhill Pres. to carry the Plan into effect, but that the attempt had ~~been~~ met with success only in two Congregations, Brimley and Amherst; the Plan ~~therefore~~ recommended had therefore been considered by that Pres. impracticable.

It appeared that some of the Members of Lexington Pres. had carried the Plan recommended by Synod into operation.

Mr. M'Cue had received \$6 from the Congregation of Tinkling Spring which he deposited with the Clerk.

The Members of Synod were called up on to report on their collections for the Memorials Fund

Mr. Wilson & Mr. Calhoun came in and '75  
took their seats; their reasons for not at-  
tending earlier were sustained.

The negotiations of the Gen. Assm. respect-  
ing the forms to be used by the inferior  
judicatories in making their reports, toge-  
ther with Draughts of the several forms  
were laid before Synod. Whereupon it  
was resolved that the Synod would  
make their future Reports to the Gen.  
Assm. agreeably to the Form prescribed  
and that it be enjoined on the several  
Presbyteries to conform strictly to the  
orders of the Gen. Assm. in making  
their future reports.

Mr. Baxter now appeared and took his  
seat. His reasons for not attending ear-  
lier were sustained.

Mr. Hugh Wier Auling Elder in the Church  
of New Mansmouth likewise appeared & took  
his seat as a member of Synod.

Messrs Wm Wilson & John H. Rice assigned their reasons for absence the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

Inquiry was made of the Ministers present whether they had complied with the order of Synod respecting furnishing materials for the ~~Mission~~ Virginia Religious Magazine & increasing the number of subscribers for that work when it appeared that none of the Members had been entirely inattentive to the orders of Synod on this subject.

Synod then adjourned until Octob 20<sup>th</sup> 9 o'clock in the morning.

Concluded with prayer.

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An account was presented by the stated Clerk amounting to \$10 for ~~services~~ official services in the preceding year. And it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the same.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to review the Records of Lexington Pres. reported that they had reviewed the same and that they ought to be generally approved. The Report was adopted.

The Editors of the Virginia Religious Magazine made a Report which was received as follows. Agreeably to the Order of Synod the Editors of the Virg. Rel. Magazine report that the publication of the 2<sup>d</sup> Vol. of that Work is completed: the number of Subscribers for the ~~that~~ last year was about 344, and the  
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proportion of the money collected within the year and one to Synod is 48 Doll & 4 cents from which 33 Doll. & 41 cents the expenses arising from the preceding year have been deducted leaving a balance of 15 Doll. & 41 cents in the hands of the Printer. The whole amount in the hands of the Printer for the two preceding years is 88 Doll. out of which he has paid to Mr. Speer 45 Doll. in behalf of the Synod leaving a balance of 43 Doll. Although owing to the want of information from distant correspondents the Com<sup>tee</sup> cannot ascertain the number of Copies taken by for the last year, yet it is certain that the number of subscribers has decreased and is much below what was expected

pected when the first agreement was made with the printer; on which account it will be necessary if the Synod determine to continue the work that the contract be new modelled.

The Com. to whom was referred the consideration of the question, wanted it be expedient to give up the Missionary business to the Gen. Assembly reported that in their opinion it was expedient for the following reasons

1<sup>st</sup> That since the Synod first undertook the Missionary business circumstances have materially changed, in as much as at that time the Gen. Assm. had no permanent funds no Committee of Missions nor any organized plan for conducting the

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business nor was it very probable that it would be carried on vigorously or extensively; but that now the reverse of all this is the case: the Funds of the Assembly are large and permanent there is a Com. <sup>tee</sup> of Missions, and no business is presented with more ardour by the Assembly than this; on the contrary the Funds of the Synod are very limited, their finances are very much embarrassed and there is but little probability that money can be collected to pay the Missionaries who might be employed in the Service of Synod.

2<sup>d</sup> That if the Report of your Com. <sup>tee</sup> be approved, the same Missionaries will



will be employed as would on the present plan be taken into the Service of the Synod; and the same direction given to their labours; for as much as the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Missions receive communication on this Subject from the different Presbyteries, and there is from what has uniformly taken place sufficient reason to believe that these communications would be attended to and the labours of the Missionaries directed accordingly, so that whatever benefits might be supposed to result from the Missionary being <sup>in your eyes</sup> being in our hands, would result, it is believed, from the plan proposed by your Com<sup>tee</sup>.

3.<sup>d</sup> That it will be an inducement to the different Presbyteries to send forward Commissioners to the Gen. Assm<sup>y</sup>.

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in as much as the presbyteries will be concerned that the Missionary business within their bounds be conducted according to their wishes, and thus the several parts of the Church may be brought more closely together and the bond of union strengthened. In addition to this it may be remarked that so considerable an extension of the Missionary business in the hands of the Gen. Assen. will give it more dignity and weight; the Funds of the Assen. will be enlarged, and it is not improbable that the Missionaries will not only be more numerous within our bounds than they can be on the present plan, but that also they will

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they will be received with more respect  
ful attention, as they will itinerate under  
the direction and receive the Orders of the  
~~Gen. Assen.~~ highest authority in our  
Church. These are the reasons which  
appear to your Comm.tee to support the  
measure recommended by them.  
Which Reports were duly considered &  
then adopted.

Ordered that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown Baxter & Blair  
be a Comm.tee to inquire into the state of  
the Funds of Synod and debts to Mission  
aries and report as soon as possible.

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Pheeters deposited on the ta-  
ble & Coll<sup>rs</sup> collected at Bethel for the  
Synod's Missionary Fund.

Resolved unanimously that Synod  
will continue the publication of the Virg.  
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on the following contract with the  
Printer viz that for every Volume  
sold beyond 360 he shall pay one  
dollar when collected to the Synod.

On motion resolved that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown  
Baxter & Blair be the Editors of the Virg.  
Rel. Magazine the next year and that  
their names be inserted as Editors  
in every number of the Work.

M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Bell deposited with the Clerk  
24 \$ 75 cents collected in Staunton for  
Missionary purposes. M<sup>r</sup> Lyle \$ 30  
collected from Briery Congregation. M<sup>r</sup>  
Reid \$ 25 contributed by Cumberland Con-  
gregation M<sup>r</sup> Robinson \$ 5.50 and  
M<sup>r</sup> Wilson \$ 7.62.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to take into con-  
sideration the Funds and debts of the  
Synod

Synod reported that Synod was indebted  
 to Mr. Speer - - - - - \$127-69  
 To Mr. Reid - - - - - 96-72  
 To Mr. Mauston - - - - - 10-  
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That the amount at the disposal of  
 Synod was - - - - - \$221-25.

which left a balance unpaid of \$13-16.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk of Synod  
 notify to the Gen. Assen. that this  
 Synod have resigned the Missio-  
 nary business into their hands and  
 request a portion of Missionary la-  
 bours from the Gen. Assen.

On motion resolved that the money  
 deposited on the Clerks table during the Sep-  
 sion of Synod amounting to \$107-18 be  
 paid to Mr. Conrad Speer for Missionary ex-  
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services and that the Treasurer pay to Mr. Speer the balance due to him after their payment amounting to \$20.51 and to Mr. Joseph Reid the sum of \$96.72.

Resolved that the Session with which each meeting of Synod is opened shall be on some subject immediately connected with the Gospel Ministry.

Resolved that some theological Subject proposed at a previous meeting be discussed at each meeting of Synod.

Resolved that the theological Subject for discussion at the next meeting of Synod be the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

Synod taking into consideration the awful dispensations of Divine Providence towards our Country during the year past resolved to appoint and recommend the

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the first day of January next to be observed  
by the Churches ~~under~~ within their borders  
as a day of humiliation fasting and prayer  
and that the Stated Clerk inform the ab-  
sent Members of this order.

Synod adjourned to meet at Hampden  
Sydney College on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
in October next. Concluded with prayer.

Amory Lacy Moderator

Matthew Lytle } Clerks  
Conrad Speece jun? }





