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M I N U T E S  
OF THE  
CHARLESTOWN ASSOCIATION,  
MET IN

CHARLESTOWN, SOUTH-CAROLINA,  
FEBRUARY 7, 1774.

AT Ten o'Clock in the forenoon the Rev. Evan Pugh delivered a suitable sermon to the Association, from 1 Tim. i. 19.

2. Letters from four churches were read, and the names of the messengers enrolled, as follows, (*Note, the churches marked \* sent neither messenger nor letters, and the messengers marked † did not appear*) viz. From the church in CHARLESTOWN, Rev. Oliver Hart, and Edmund Mathewes, and Messrs. Thomas Rivers and David Williams; EWHAW, Rev. Francis Pelot, and Messrs. Joseph Smith and † Edward Vinzant; \* ASHLEY-RIVER; \* WELCH-NECK; \* CATFISH; \* LINCH'S-CREEK; CASHAWAY, Rev. Evan Pugh; \* COOSAWHATCHEE.

3. The Rev. Evan Pugh chosen Moderator, and Mr. David Williams clerk.

4. The church at NEW SAVANNA in GEORGIA sent Rev. Edmund Botsford and † Mr. James Brewer, with a letter petitioning to join this Association, and were accordingly received into union.

5. From the minutes of the Philadelphian Association, we are well pleased, to find they have adopted so useful a measure, as that of sending out yearly a travelling Minister; who also serves as their messenger, to the several Baptist Associations in America; in which laudable design we heartily concur.-- Resolved, that such messengers, properly recommended, shall be received into this Association as messengers thereof.

6. A letter was read from our sister Association in Philadelphia, dated October 14, 1773, by which the Rev. John Gano was appointed their messenger to us, and accordingly received. Agreed, that the Rev. Oliver Hart write an answer to the above letter; and that the Rev. Francis Pelot write the circular letter to the churches.

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7. Mr. Timothy Datgon, a member of the Congaree church, and Mr. Richard Fürman, a member of the church at the High Hills of Santee, being present, their company and advice was desired.

8. The accounts of the Linch's-Creek church being very confused, it is agreed that the Rev. Evan Pugh visit them, enquire into their state, and report their case at our next meeting: also that he be our messenger to the Association at the High Hills of Santee.

9. A plan was presented, by the Rev. Francis Pelot, for augmenting the fund of Rhode-Island College, which being deliberately considered, and its utility to the Baptist interest evident, concluded that the Rev. Francis Pelot, John Gano and Oliver Hart, be a committee to prepare a letter, for the purpose, addressed to the several Baptist Associations in America.

10. As the number of the Confession of Faith and Church-Discipline to be printed, hath not yet been ascertained, the Rev. Oliver Hart is now directed, to put the work to the press, the first day of July next, and to print only the number that may be subscribed for.

11. The Rev. Oliver Hart and Mr. David Williams, are appointed to receive the money that shall be sent them, from our churches, for Rhode-Island College, and to remit the same to the treasurer thereof.

12. The Association to meet in Charlestown on Monday after the first Sunday in February next: Rev. Oliver Hart to preach the sermon, but in case of failure Rev. Francis Pelot.

CHARLESTOWN, SOUTH-CAROLINA, Feb. 10, 1774.

*The Ministers and Messengers of the Charlestown-Association, to their sister Associations in North-America,*

SEND CHRISTIAN SALUTATION.

*Dear beloved Friends and Brethren,*

**I**N imitation of the worthy example, set by the Philadelphian Association, we wish to cultivate union and a friendly correspondence, amongst all Baptist Associations. We therefore hope for your concurrence. This would promote Christian fellowship, and reciprocally strengthen each others hands, in the cause which, under our Redeemer, we are all engaged in.

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