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C H A R L E S T O W N A S S O C I A T I O N .

CHARLESTOWN, FEB. 3, 1777.

AT Ten o'Clock, A. M. Rev. Evan Pugh, agreeable to Appointment, opened the Association with a suitable Discourse from *Rom. viii. 2.*

2. Letters from four Churches were read, and the Names of the Messengers enrolled, as follows,

Note, *Ministers with this † Mark did not attend. Churches with this * Mark we had no Account from; but their Numbers stand as it did last Association.*

| Churches. | Messengers. | Baptized. | Added by I. | Dead. | Dismissed. | Excom. | Numb. |
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| CHARLESTOWN, | { Rev. Oliver Hart, Rev. Joseph Cook, Mr. Patrick Hinds. | | | 2 | | | 72 |
| EUHAW, * | | | | | | | 67 |
| ASHLEY RIVER, * | | | | | | | 44 |
| WELCH NECK, | { Rev. Elh. Winchester, Col. George Hicks. | 8 | | | | | 61 |
| CASHAWAY, | { Rev. Evan Pugh, Mr. Manuel Cox. | | | | | 2 | 58 |
| CATFISH, * | | | | | | | 42 |
| COOSAWHATCHEE, | Rev. James Smart, † | | | | | | 97 |
| SAVANNAH-RIVER, | { Rev. Edmund Botstord, Mr. John Davis. | 28 | 4 | 5 | | 1 | 94 |
| | | 36 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 535 |

The Reason why Lynch's Creek Church is left out of the above Account is, that the first Church, in that Place, became extinct, and the Church now there has not joined this Association.

3. Chose Rev. Evan Pugh Moderator, and Rev. Oliver Hart Clerk.

4. Rev. John Newton being present, his Company and Assistance was desired.

5. Appointed Rev. Oliver Hart to prepare a Letter to the WARREN Association, Rev. Edmund Botsford to prepare a Letter to the KETOCTON Association, Rev. Joseph Cook to prepare a Letter to the PHILADELPHIAN Association, and Rev. Elhanan Winchester to prepare the Circular Letter to our Churches.

6. The Association, under Consideration of the present melancholy Situation of the American States, as being exposed to the Ravages and Devastations of War, with a cruel, unnatural, and unprovoked Enemy; the Growth of Vice and Immorality, among People of all Ranks, and especially considering the Declension of, and Disregard shewn to Religion, do recommend to all our Churches, to observe Four Days in this Year as Days of Fasting, Prayer, and Humiliation, or Thanksgiving, as the Circumstances of the Times may call for; and, which Days, we hope will be kept devoutly unto the Lord; with a View to deprecate his Judgments, and implore his Favour, on Behalf of ourselves, the Christian Church and our bleeding Country; and we appoint, for the above Purpose, Thursday the Sixth of *March*, being the Day appointed by Government, to which we would ever pay a suitable Deference, and the first Thursdays in *June, September and December*.

7. Appointed Rev. Evan Pugh to draw up a Letter to the CONGAREE and HIGH-HILLS Churches, inviting them to join this Association, as it appears to us that it would be for the Glory of God, and the Interest of Religion. Rev. Elhanan Winchester is appointed Messenger to said Churches, to treat on this Business.

8. Concluded, that the next Association be held in Charlestown, on Monday after the first Lord's Day in February next, unless Charlestown should then be invaded by the Enemy; in that Case, to be held at Welch-Neck, on Pee Dee; that Rev. Edmund Botsford preach the Sermon, and in Case of Failure Rev. Elhanan Winchester.

