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# MINUTES

OF THE

## CHARLESTON ASSOCIATION.

Held at the High Hills of Santee, October 30<sup>th</sup>, [1790.] and continued to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1790

**T**HE two first days were employed in exercises of public devotion.

**1.** On Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, (the Rev. Evan Pugh being absent by sickness, and Rev. Joseph Cook removed by death) Rev. James Fowler delivered a discourse introductory to the business, at eleven o'clock, A. M. from Isaiah ~~xxxiii~~, 16, 17.

**2.** Letters from seventeen churches were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

**3.** Rev. Richard Furman was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Henry Holcombe, Clerk.

**4.** Rev. Messrs. Silas and Jesse Mercer, attended as messengers from the Georgia Association; and Rev. Messrs. James Fowler and Joseph Camp, from that of Bethel, and took their seats accordingly: From the latter a letter and minutes were presented; those from the former unfortunately miscarried.

**5.** Three Churches applied for admission into this Association: The first consisting of 162 Members, constituted in February 1787; the second of 32 Members, constituted last July: Both these being situated within the verge of North-Carolina; The third on Great Saltketcher, in this State, consisting of twenty members and constituted in January last. Satisfactory accounts of their faith and order being given, the two first being present by their delegates, were immediately received; the other will be received when their delegates attend.

**6.** Appointed Rev. Richard Furman to prepare letters to the corresponding associations; and one to the general committee of Baptist Associations in Virginia, in order to settle a correspondence with them; which hereafter will be considered as the medium of communication with the Hockton, as well as the other Associations in that State.—Rev. Henry Holcombe to write the circular letter.

**7.** The messengers from the Bethel Association, representing that obstacles were in the way of forming the two Associations into one, which that body considered as of some importance; agreed to discontinue this business for the present, until the subject be more fully considered by them: But the friendly correspondence began to be continued.

**8.** It appearing that several Churches have not made up their quotas for re-printing the Confession of Faith, &c. the Association request, that all such will execute this business as soon as possible.

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10th. Rev. Messrs. Richard Furman, Silas Mercer, Benjamin Mosely, and Henry Holcombe, were appointed a committee to bring in a plan for forming a fund, according to a resolve of the last year.

11th. The Association being informed that Mr. Philip Mulkey, formerly a minister of repute; but now under the awful sentence of excommunication, is preaching, and otherwise acting as a minister, among churches of their body; an enquiry into his true character was thought necessary. A variety of information and evidence were then received, by which it appeared he has been guilty of a number of enormous crimes: such as *adultery, perjury and falsehood*, which have been attended with very aggravating circumstances, often repeated and continued in for years; and, part of the time, united with his highest pretensions to zeal and piety. The Association, therefore, think it their duty, to warn all serious people respecting him, as a person degraded from the rank of a minister, acting in a state of notorious disorder, and of whose repentance there is reason to doubt.

12th. The committee to whom was referred the business respecting the fund, reported as follows; which report was agreed to, unanimously:

The following abstract be considered as a general plan for forming, supporting and applying the fund proposed.

First, that once a year a charity sermon be preached in each church, at which time collections be made from the congregation at large, to be brought into one common treasury, for the express purpose of assisting pious young men designed for the ministry, and destitute of other assistance, in obtaining education; together with such other religious and public uses as may be approved of by the churches, should it finally prove sufficient.

Secondly, A committee shall be formed, consisting of a delegate from each church, to convene at the time and place of the Association's meeting, who may be at the same time members of that body: They shall receive the collections, determine upon the manner of applying the fund according to the above rule, and examine candidates for the churches bounty. All applications to be made to them for this purpose. Delegates from nine churches to be a quorum, or capable of business.

Thirdly, Particular rules to be hereafter formed, to regulate the whole business, by the committee, subject to the inspection of the Association.

13th. The circular and other letters being read, were approved, and ordered to be signed.

14th. Appointed our Rev. Brethren Henry Holcombe, Joshua Palmer and Gabriel Gerald, messengers to the Bethel Association, to be held at Tyger River, the second Saturday in August next; the Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel Walker and Benjamin Mosely, to that of Georgia, to meet the third sabbath in October.

15th. Agreed to hold our next Association at the Welch Neck, Pedee, the Saturday before the first Sabbath in November next: Rev. Edmund Botsford to preach the sermon, in case of failure Rev. Henry Holcombe; Rev. Evan Pugh is requested to prepare a circular letter.

16th. The ministers are requested to pay regard to the destitute Churches, and visit them as often as possible; we particularly recommend to the attention of those adjacent, the Church on Lynch's-creek, which is greatly reduced, and has requested assistance.

17th. The money was collected for printing the minutes. Rev. Richard Furman is requested to superintend this business, and distribute them when printed.

