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OF THE

ELK-HORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held at Tate's Creek, Madison County, August the 31st 1792.

F R I D A Y, August 31, 1792.

FIRST. At 25 minutes past 12 o'Clock, brother James Gerrard delivered the introductory prayer from Ephes. V. 1. "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children."

SECOND. After worship proceeded to business. Brother John Gano was chosen Moderator, Augustine Eason, Clerk.

THIRD. Letters from twenty-three churches were read.

Churches.	Ministers & deacons.	Bap- tists	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommu- nicated.	Dead & N
Tate's Creek.	(John Moore, William Jones, Robert Magee Lewis Craig, George Strawn, J. Pike J. Kehler,		8	7	2	
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Ministers and Messengers.

	<i>Brought over,</i>	<i>Baptized</i>	<i>Received by letter.</i>	<i>Dismissed by letter</i>	<i>Excommunicated.</i>	<i>Dead.</i>	<i>Numbers.</i>
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Fork	(John Mason, William Marshall, John Sleet.	2	1	2	1		53
Creek	(John Price, Samuel Denny, Daniel Bryan.	2	1		1	1	97
born	(William Hickman, Anthony Thompson.	2	9	1	3	2	91
n	(John Dupuy, James Dupuy, William Green.	4	1		1		67
n	(J. Weathers, Thomas Hubbard, G. Shortrige, F.				1		5
	Shorrige.		2				12
	Hixon, Thomas Mills.	14	12		1		47
	Library.	1	5		1		13

S A T U R D A Y, SEPTEMBER 1.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

After Divine service, business follows.

SEVENTH. A request from the Church at Clear Creek; to reconsider the advice given to the association, adjourned from Cooper's run to the Great Crossing, in September last, which advice is referred to in the Cane run letter, and stands in Minute N^o. 6; agreed to take up said question.

After much deliberation thereon, *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this association, that the advice given to the Church at the Great Crossing by the association convened at that place, September last, requesting the Church to put away her members, in case of an union between them, and the party that left them in a disorderly manner; was not agreeable to the principle upon which this association is united.

EIGHTH. *Ordered*, That our brethren James Gerrard, Robert Johnson and John Price, be a committee to write to the Salem association, and John Taylor, John Price and George S. Smith are our messengers to the same.

NINTH. The letter from the Cane run congregation of Baptists, ordered to be read and taken up.—Agreed, that our brethren, John Gano, William Hickman, John Taylor, Dudley, George S. Smith and Lewis Craig, be a committee to attend them at home; and try to accommodate the unhappy difference between them, and the great crossing Church; report to next association.

TENTH. The committee appointed by the last association, to revise the Confession renewed.

ELEVENTH. The Circular Letter, by brethren Wood and Drake, read and received.

TWELFTH. Our brethren, Eastin and Garrard are appointed a committee, to confer and conference with the general committee of the united Baptists of Virginia, and send them a Circular Letter.

THIRTEENTH. Our brethren John Gano and John Taylor will, (by Divine permission,) attend at Columbia, to answer their request, relative to ordination.

FOURTEENTH. On motion, agreed to defer the queries in the different letters, until next association.

FIFTEENTH. On motion, agreed to print the Minutes and Circular Letter, and that they pay the expence of the same, to Ambrose Dudley and George S. Smith; who are to superintend business, and forward them to the Churches and different corresponding associations; and received the Minutes and Letter of the middle District association, South of James river, met at Cedar creek, first Saturday in May 1791. Agreed to send them a copy of our token of our love and good will to them.

SIXTEENTH. Next association to be held at Bryan's station, third Saturday in May next. William Wood to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother John

JOHN GANO, *Mod.*
A. EASTIN, *Clerk.*

(C I R C U L A R L E T T E R .)

The *Elders and Messengers* met in association, at Tates creek, Madison county, August
Sendeth Christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

WE rejoice, that the father of mercies, has permitted us to meet once more, to pursue the interest of the Redeemers kingdom and promote that cause, which is common to all the Churches, to which we stand related. With this letter, you have the Minutes of proceedings, and the state of the Churches which does not appear so flourishing as we could wish. May that God, whom we profess to love and adore, prosper our and your endeavours, and may see a gracious revival throughout the whole, for Jesus sake. Amen.

We are to address you on that important subject of *Providence*. Divine Providence, is a truly interesting to all Zion's travellers. Divine Grace, and Divine Providence, do so excellently describe the Divine Glory, that it removes all evils raised against Divine Sovereignty. The contents of a letter will not suffer us fully to discuss this pleasing subject. We shall only treat

1st. in a general and 2d. in a special view.—1st. Providence in a general view, is
 seen with the whole world, both animate and inanimate, in a word it is a finished idea of
 moral government, and universal dominion. Here adversity and prosperity, are both fixed;
 the lots of men and devils suffered or restrained. The great helm that steers this huge Globe,
 is daily displayed in the Providence of God. Here day and night, seed time and harvest, sum-
 mer and winter is a Divine appointment, and Providence is engaged, that they shall continue, while
 wheels of time shall roll round. Providence in its adverse dispensations; is very clearly disco-
 verable in punishing, or chastening the wickedness of men, by various means; as the beasts of the
 field, the insects, the stars, the hidden treasures of the earth &c. Witness the noisome beasts, Hark!
 The lions sent among the idolatrous Samaritans, II Kings 17, 25. the bears destroying
 children, for mocking the Prophet, II Kings 2. 24. the frogs, lice, locusts &c. sent to plague the
 Egyptians. The stars in their courses fought against Sisea. The Sun standing still till Josiah
 had overcome his enemies. The Elements, as in Job 38. 22 God's treasures of hail and
 fire in the day of battle; Thunder and storm, as when the Lord slew the Egyptians, men and
 beasts, also the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, with fire and brimstone from Heaven. All
 these prove a Divine government, or Providence. Also, Providence in its dispensations of Grace,
 as clearly seen, in the care and defence, of both man and beast; the Lambs of the forest,
 the flocks of the valley, cry for food, and the Lord supplyeth them. The insignificant Sparrow,
 whose life is sold for one farthing is not forgotten of him. How wonderful to behold the myriads
 of animals with which this vast globe is filled and the yet greater number of birds
 that fill every part of it teems; and yet all supplied by the same providential hand: how
 wonderful to see an honest or unworthy man, whose appointed time shall be filled up as an harlot's day, whose
 strength, food and raiment, all depend on Divine Providence.—But 2d. of Providence
 in a special view. Here God's Providence, and Decrees, do accord most gloriously: the one appears the
 other: witness the growing goodness of our *institutions*, in the *fulfillment of promises*, in
 accomplishing his promise to Abraham and the Jewish church; where both means and end, con-
 sidered together. Abraham, called from his native country, to sojourn in a strange land; where
 Providence preserved his *life*, and Sarah's *chastity*, from the imperious King.—And when
 he came to Jacob, he says respecting his providential guardianship, "he found him in a desert
 a waste howling Wilderness, he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the
 apple of his eye." Here Divine Providence was accomplishing, what Divine purposes had before fixed.
 He worked for *Israel*, in bringing *Jacob* to Egypt; in preserving, and promoting him there;
 and gloriously displayed, in bringing them out, also, in giving them possession of *Canaan*.
 Providence fought for them in a number of instances, against their enemies. Providence and Decrees
 both the kingdom and church state of Israel, to make way for the Gospel Church. Providence
 preserved the Holy Child Jesus, from Herod's cruelty, and the Church in its infant state,
 surrounded with great and potent adversaries. Yea, Providence can make the *Earth* itself
 when necessary. Dear Brethren, kind Providence is visibly plain in both prosperity and adver-
 sity, respect to both us and ours. This may learn us to trust in Providence, and resign to
 the divine disposals of God. Truly whatever blessings we enjoy, are lent; why should we
 quarrel with them? Providence is one of the most precious *Privileges*, of a Christian Libera-
 tion. If we view our present state, we may say, truly the Providence of God, has guarded us
 from *Wilderness*. How truly may we say, the Lord has kept us from *Savage* barbarity! And
 we are preserved. May it stimulate us to glorify God for his kind Providence. May we
 therefore, resign all into his kind care; who will safely keep, that which is committed
 to him. Dear Brethren, we leave you to Providential care: and entreat you to fill your places
 faithfully, in your Families, and in the World. Now to him that is able to keep you, and
 to make you faultless before the Throne of his Glory, with exceeding Joy, be glory throughout the
 Ages. Amen.

JOHN GANO, Minister.

Attest

A. EASTIN, Clerk.