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**THURSDAY, 17th, at Noon.**

**T**HE Association was opened by Elder WILLIAM FRISTOE, with singing a hymn and prayer.

Letters from twenty-nine Churches were read, and their Messengers names, alterations, and numbers enrolled, together with the Churches that did not correspond at this Association, as follows, viz.

| CHURCHES.               | MESSENGERS NAMES.                                      | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Transferred. | Total in each Church. |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Ketocton,               | Thomas Humphrey & Timothy Hickson.                     | 1         |                     |            |                 | 1            | 21                    |
| Mt. Creek,              | * DAVID THOMAS.  | 1         |                     | 15         |                 |              | 16                    |
| Brant Run,              | William Hunter and Owen Thomas.                        |           |                     |            |                 | 1            | 4                     |
| Chapman's,              | WILLIAM FRISTOE, John Stone and<br>Carty Wells.        |           |                     |            | 2               |              | 19                    |
| Snake River,            | * LEWIS CORSON, William Arthurburn.                    | 1         | 1                   | 3          | 2               | 2            | 4                     |
| Mount Peery,            | WILLIAM MASON, * NATHANIEL<br>SAINTESS, Robert Latham. | 2         | 2                   | 1          | 2               | 2            | 24                    |
| Upper Carter's Run,     | JOHN MUNROE, JAMES MASON.                              | 3         |                     |            |                 |              | 40                    |
| Ball Run,               | John Foster and James MASON.                           |           |                     | 2          | 2               | 1            | 112                   |
| Water-Lick,             | Thomas Buck, * CHARLES BUCK.                           |           |                     |            |                 |              | 22                    |
| Brant-Town,             | Moses Mo's, Peter C. MASON.                            | 6         |                     |            | 2               | 1            | 50                    |
| Duffield,               | JESEMIAS CORSON, JAMES MASON.                          |           |                     | 5          | 1               | 1            | 20                    |
| Thorn Run,              | Peter Lawrence, John MASON.                            | 5         |                     | 1          |                 |              | 14                    |
| Pope's-Hill,            | Lewis Prichard, John MASON, Wm. Halley.                | 1         |                     |            |                 |              | 14                    |
| Back-Lick,              | Edward Porter, William Halley.                         | 7         | 3                   |            | 5               | 2            | 71                    |
| Back-Mast,              | * JAMES IRELAND, John Lingo, John<br>White.            |           |                     | 2          | 2               | 3            | 189                   |
| Hedgerman River,        | JOHN HICKLSON, Daniel Lingo.                           | 2         |                     | 2          | 4               | 1            | 91                    |
| Oxcoquan,               | PHILIP SPILLER, James Peake.                           | 3         | 2                   | 3          |                 |              | 39                    |
| <i>Carried forward,</i> |  | 30        | 21                  | 8          | 36              | 24           | 1712                  |

| CHURCHES.      | MESSENGERS NAMES.                | Total in each Church |                |                        |                |                 |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                |                                  | By<br>Approved.      | By<br>Refused. | By<br>Known by Letter. | By<br>Dissent. | By<br>Enormous. |
|                | <i>By</i>                        | 30                   | 0              | 5                      | 6              | 14              |
| Laurel Creek,  | Benjamin Tallman.                | 1                    | 0              | 0                      | 0              | 1               |
| North River,   | — — — — —                        | —                    | —              | —                      | —              | —               |
| Great Falls,   | Samuel Ferguson, Gabriel Greca.  | 2                    | 1              | 2                      | 2              | 7               |
| New Falls,     | — — — — —                        | —                    | —              | —                      | —              | —               |
| Henry Creek,   | Daniel Cloud.                    | 1                    | 1              | 4                      | 1              | 7               |
| Fringes Pass,  | Joeman Brown, Stephen Lea.       | 1                    | 2              | 3                      | 1              | 7               |
| Crook's Run,   | — — — — —                        | —                    | —              | —                      | —              | —               |
| Griff's Creek, | William Debell.                  | 2                    | 0              | 2                      | 0              | 4               |
| Little River,  | — — — — —                        | —                    | —              | —                      | —              | —               |
| Vanderbilt,    | William Perry.                   | 2                    | 0              | 4                      | 2              | 8               |
| Long Branch,   | John Hampton, William Taylor.    | 3                    | 1              | 2                      | 0              | 6               |
| Hammond,       | Benjamin Hill, Jonathan Timmons. | 0                    | 0              | 0                      | 2              | 2               |
| North Fork,    | Mr. Harbison, Fernan de Davis.   | 1                    | 2              | 0                      | 0              | 3               |
| West Creek,    | * ANDREW LEITCH.                 | 1                    | 0              | 0                      | 0              | 1               |
|                |                                  |                      |                |                        |                | 69              |
|                |                                  |                      |                |                        |                | 18              |
|                |                                  |                      |                |                        |                | 15              |

Numbers names are in capitals, Licensed Preachers in italics, names marked thus \* not present; a dash (—) in place of the Messengers names denotes no representation — their numbers find as usual Association, except where a letter is received by a private hand, in which case the alteration is noted.

Brother WILLIAM FRISTOE, again chosen Moderator, and Brother THOMAS [unclear] Clerk.

A Church newly constituted at Opiquan, sued for admission by Letter and Messengers, i. e. John Vanmeter, Daniel Vanmeter, and William Burns. The Association, after reading their Letter, and being officially informed of their regular constitution, and numbers, received them as a Church, by giving their Messengers the right hand of fellowship. Number, 13.

Letters

Letters from Culpoper, Baltimore, and Ekibora Associations, read, whereby we are informed of several things pleasing, though they generally breathe the plaintive strain.

Messengers from the two former, *v. z.* Elder, LEWIS CONNER, from Culpoper, and also ABSALOM SAINBRIDGE, from Baltimore—requested to take a seat amongst us.

Elders, WILLIAM FRISTOF, WILLIAM MASON, JOHN MUNROE, JOHN HICKERSON, LEWIS CONNER, and Brethren, William Haley, and Thomas Buck, are appointed a Committee to arrange the business of the Association against to-morrow.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, 15th.

The Association met according to adjournment, and after introducing by worship, proceeded to business.

The Secret Committee appointed to arrange the business, made their report, which, with the resolves of the Association, follows, in order.

1<sup>st</sup>. Respecting the revival of the Coalition of Faith—Resolved, That that business be referred till we receive answers to our Circular Letter from said Association to the Associations in union with us.

2<sup>d</sup>. A Query from Buck-Lack Church—How is the honor of the Gospel to be supported, and fellowship maintained, with those who live in the habitual practice of the known and acknowledged transgression of the Divine Law?

Answer. To live in the habitual practice of the known and acknowledged transgression of the Divine Law, is so repugnant to Christianity, that we cannot tell how Christians are to have fellowship with such.

3<sup>d</sup>. A motion being then made and seconded, the Association agreed to investigate the subject of Slavery, most appearing to be the object of the above Query.

1<sup>st</sup>. Is Hereditary Slavery a transgression of the Divine Law?

Answered in the affirmative.

2<sup>d</sup>. Is not the Bondage of the Africans amongst us, a species of Hereditary Slavery? And, consequently, the continuation of that practice a transgression of the Divine Law?

Answered, also, in the affirmative. But taking into consideration the variety of circumstances attending the situation of those distressed people, and the perplexing circumstances of many of their holders, respecting themselves, their connexions, and in many instances, their just creditors, the Association is of opinion, that the gradual abolition of Slavery would be the most eligible mode, under present circumstances; and, therefore, Resolved, That Elders, WILLIAM FRISTOF, JEREMIAH MOORE, WILLIAM MASON, LEWIS CONNER, and Brethren, William Haley, and Thomas Buck, be appointed a Committee to draw up a Plan of Gradual Emancipation against to-morrow.

4<sup>th</sup>. Resolved, That Elder, JOHN MUNROE, and, in case of failure, Elder JOHN HICKERSON, be our Messenger to the next General Committee, to be held in the lower end of Buckingham county, beginning the Saturday preceding the second Lord's Day in May next.

5<sup>th</sup>. Resolved,

