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# MINUTES

OF THE  
BAPTIST MIDDLE DISTRICT

*Association,*

HOLDEN AT  
MOUNTAIN CREEK M-HOUSE,  
IN  
PRINCE-EDWARD COUNTY;

Second SATURDAY in MAY, 1802.

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## MINUTES, &c.

AT an association holden at Mountain-creek Meeting-house, in Prince-Edward county, the second Saturday in May, 1802.

Brother Richard Poindexter preached the introductory Sermon, from Revelation, vii. and 17, "*For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them.*"

After divine service, proceeded to read the letters, to see who composed the association.

### CHURCHES.

- 1 Spring creek,
- 2 Sandy-creek,
- 3 Liberty,
- 4 Buckingham,
- 5 Sailor-creek,
- 6 Tussekiah,
- 7 Mountain-creek,
- 8 Cedar-creek,
- 9 Nottoway,
- 10 Union,
- 11 Tomahawk,
- 12 Dinwiddie,
- 13 Appomattox,
- 14 Skinquarter,
- 15 Powhatan,
- 16 Reedy-creek,
- 17 Ash-camp,
- 18 Cubb-creek,
- 19 Providence,
- 20 Muddy-creek,

### MESSENGERS.

- Benjamin Watkins.  
 John Scurry, Richard Poindexter.  
 William Flowers, John Baldwin.  
 Rane Chastain, Stephen Woodson.  
 Abner Watkins, Thomas Pettus.  
 William Ellis, Joel Johns.  
 Henry Lester, Armistead Millar.  
 Stephen Jones, William Sydnor.  
 John Bafs.  
 Jacob L. Abram, William Woodmore.  
 William Flournoy.  
 Peter Wynne.  
 James Saunders, Philip Matthews.  
 Williamson H. Pitman, Wm. Goode.  
 Samuel Roper.  
 James Shelborne, James Robertson.  
 William Mitchell.  
 Bernard Todd, Sampson Woodall,  
 David Patteson.  
 Samuel Woodfin.

Agreeable to rule, chose Brother Rane Chastain moderator, Brother Ben. Watkins clerk, and Brother Bernard Todd, assistant.

Received minutes from the Roanoke association, by the hands of brethren Wm. Richards and Wm. Fears, corresponding messengers; for which we thank them, who were invited to take seats with us.

Received a packet of minutes from the Neuse, Flat-river, Kehukee and Dover associations, by brother Wm. Brame, for which we return him our thanks, as also the above sister associations.

The following brethren invited to seats,—Henry Haily, Wm. Brame, Daniel Hudson, Wm. Walker, Jordan Martin, James Shelborne, jun. Wm. Baldry, Owen Smith, Zacheus Dofs, Hezekiah Ellington, and Walthall Robertson.

Brethren the moderator, clerk, his assistant and James Saunders, be a committee to arrange the business of the association, and to make report on Monday morning 9 o'clock.

On motion, James Saunders, Abner Watkins, and Henry Haily, be a committee to write the circular letter, and report.

Agreed, that Wm. Goode, Stephen Woodson and John Bafs, be a committee to receive the churches bounty, and make report.

On motion, the following brethren chosen

to preach on the Lord's Day, Wm. Richards, Wm. Flowers, and Benjamin Watkins; worship to begin at ten o'clock, A. M. Then adjourned to Monday morning nine o'clock.

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The LORD'S DAY was spent in public Worship, a large audience attended thereon, and we trust there were evidences of the Lord's smiling countenance.

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*Monday Morning, May 10, 1802.*

MET pursuant to adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business.

Ordered that the messengers names be called over.

The select committee chosen to arrange the business of the association, do make report as follows, viz :

1 The committee appointed to visit Chesterfield church, to make report.

2. Query from Cubb creek Church, viz.—From the great extent of our district which renders it extremely inconvenient in many cases, would it not be well for the association to take into consideration a division of the same?

We pray you to take this matter under your notice.

3. The committee chosen to write the circular letter, to report.

4. The committee chosen to receive the churches bounty, to report.

5. The time and place of the next association.

The report being read, was received, and committee discharged.

Brethren, Abner Watkins, James Saunders, Rane Chaftain, Ben. Watkins and Bernard Todd, some of the committee appointed to visit Chesterfield church, came forward and informed the association the reason of their not attending agreeable to appointment, which reasons to us were satisfactory.

Brother James Shelborne, sen. one of said committee informed us, that he attended the church agreeable to appointment, but could not proceed to business being alone :—Agreed that the committee be discharged.

On motion—Agreed, that we take up the quere, sent to us at Union Meeting-House, from the Chesterfield Church :—What are the steps you advise to be taken with an association, when any are grieved with one ?

The following brethren appointed to form a solution to the said quere, are James Saunders, Abner Watkins, Bernard Todd, James Shelborne, sen. Benjamin Watkins, William Richards, and Henry Haily, who after withdrawing a while returned and reported.

Answer, If it be a Church, let them dele-

gate some of their body to wait on the association, and state their grievance, &c. If an individual, to attend in person for the same purpose. The above report being received the committee were discharged.

With regard to the request from Cubb creek Church, answered thus: We do not think it expedient to divide this district, yet if it shall appear hereafter necessary, we shall have no objection.

The committee chosen to write the circular letter, reported and were discharged.

The committee chosen to receive the Churches bounty, reported, that they had received from the several churches the sum of

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To allowing the clerk for transcribing the minutes superintending the printing, &c.

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£. 5 : 3 : 6

On motion, it is recommended to the several churches in this district, that in future they be more particular (in their letters) in giving an account of the work of God amongst them.

Brethren, James Shelborne, sen. James Saunders, and Wm. Flowers, are nominated our corresponding members, to attend the Roanoke association, to be holden at Rice Meeting--House, Halifax county, the *Thir*

Saturday in October next, and to present them six copies of our Minutes.

Agreed, that the minutes be printed under the same direction as the last session.

Agreed, That our clerk send copies of our minutes to the different corresponding associations.

Our next association to be holden at Tusse-iah Meeting-house, in Lunenburg county, the Second Saturday in October next.

After Divine service were dismissed.

### CIRCULAR LETTER.

*Dear Brethren,*

**W**E are happy in being able to state to you, that we have had a peaceable and comfortable meeting, and that we have reason to hope that the word preached, was mixed with Faith, in some of them who heard it, and will be productive of good in general.

But the principal circumstance that hath attracted our attention, is an extraordinary account which we have received, of the prosper-



ous state of Religion in the Western country, which account we wish could be so generally published, that the Churches might also joy and rejoice with us. We believe it to be the wish of every member of the Christian church, as the wish of one man, once more to see one of the days of the Son of Man, that the throne of iniquity may be demolished, and Satan and his kingdom fall as lightning from Heaven; that Christ would manifest his power in destroying the works of the Devil.

This being the case——A question occurs, viz. Can any human endeavors be conducive to the furtherance of so desirable event? If so, (which by the by is not to be doubted,) who that bath the cause of Jesus and his kingdom at heart, will refuse to afford his aid and come forward, to oppose the enemies of the Lord.—We therefore exhort ourselves, our ministers and private members, to use diligence in all Christian and social duties, hoping and believing that God will bless the means he hath appointed, “and open the windows of Heaven

*and pour us out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi. 3. 10.*

*And now brethren, we commend you to God and the word of his grace, praying that the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*Signed by order,*

**RANE CHASTAIN, Moderator.**

**BENJAMIN WATKINS, Clerk.**



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