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# MINUTES

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## PHILADELPHIAN ASSOCIATION

Met at NEW-YORK, October 13th, 14th & 15th MDCCLXXII.



**T**HE Association Sermon was preached by our respected Brother, in the Ministry, Abel Morgan, from Ephesians iii. 8.

Brother Abel Morgan, was chosen Moderator, and James Manning, Clerk.--Letters were read from the following

Churches, and Messengers came from the most of them, viz. Pen-

nsylvania, Samuel Jones; Middletown, Abel Morgan, James Grover,

Richard Crawford, and Joseph Stilwell; Piscataqua, Isaac Stelle;

Cohansey, Joseph Shepherd; Hopewell, John Stout and Stephen

Barton; Brandiwine--Kingwood, Andrew Bray; Southampton,

William Van Horn and Joseph Hart; Philadelphia, Ezekiel Robbins;

Scott-Plains, Benjamin Miller and Abraham Hampton; Oyster-Bay,

Henry Ludlum; Morris-Town, Reune Runyon and John Brookfield;

Baltimore---New-Britain---Salem, Abel Griffith; Newtown, Ni-

cholas Cox, and Hezekiah Smith; Beekman's-Precinct, Samuel

Waldo and Agrippa Martin; Dividing-Creek---New-York, John

Gano, Isaac Skilman, Samuel Edmonds and John Carman; Coram,

Noah Hammond; Crosswicks, David Jones and Thomas Farr;

Mount-Bethel, Henry Crossly; Gothen, James Benedict and Philip

Ketcham; Lyons-Farms, Timothy Hughes and Ichabod Grum-

mond; Philip's-Patent, Simon Dakin; Pittsgrove---Manahawkin,

Daniel Prime; Tuckahoe,--And the second Church in Philadelphia.

Letters were read from the Associations in Virginia, Warren, Newport, and South-Carolina.

A Letter from the 2d Baptist-Church in New-York was read, requesting Admission into the Association. Objections being made by the 1st Church in the City against receiving it, on account of Difficulties subsisting between the two Churches, they were advised

to call the Aid of some Sister Churches to assist in settling them, accordingly they chose our Brethren, Benjamin Milier, Gabriel Ogden, Isaac Stelle, Samuel Waldo and Reune Runyon, who are to meet the Tuesday after the 3d Lord's-Day, in November, to attend on that Business.

A Letter was read from the Church at Philip's-Patent, Cortland's Manor and Salem, under the Pastoral Care of Brother John Lawrence, which desired to be received into the Association, their Request was granted.

The Relation of the Conduct of the Church at Beekman's-Precinct, by Brother Waldo, respecting the Excommunication of Henry Dawson, was heard and approved.

The Thanks of the Association were returned to Brother Morgan Edwards, for his Services in travelling and visiting the Churches to the Southward, and the Interest of the Association Fund, for the last Year, voted him, together with six Pounds more, made up by the Brethren present, and sent him, by Mr. Samuel Jones.

Thursday Morning being appointed by the First Baptist Church in this City for the Ordination of Brother Isaac Skilman to the Work of the Gospel Ministry, it was attended by Fasting and Prayer, and a Sermon preached by Brother James Manning, on the Commission, from Matthew xxviii. 19, 20. then the Person was ordained by Messrs. John Gano, Abel Morgan and Isaac Stelle; and the Charge given by Mr. Miller.

The Churches of New-York and Philadelphia have collected, the last Year, three Pounds Proclamation each, for the Association Fund.

A Certificate was given Brother David Jones, who intends to visit the Western Tribes of Indians, the next Winter, to ascertain his good standing with us; also at his Request, a Motion was made to recommend his Case to the respective Churches; as he must be at the Expence of paying his Interpreter five Pounds per Month; and the Contribution made, be sent by their Messengers to the next Association, and if not wanted, the Money will be returned to the Donors.

The People at Woolwich, in Gloucester, requesting to be constituted into a Church, and the Ordination of Mr. Locke, were advised,  
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from the smallness of their Number, as appears by their Letter, to join themselves a branch to a neighbouring Church, until it shall please the Lord to add to their Number.

The next Association to be at Philadelphia, the Tuesday after the 2d Lord's Day in October: The Sermon to be preached by Brother Morgan Edwards, and in case of Failure, by Brother Samuel Jones.

Supplies were requested for the Church under the Care of Brother David Jones, and the following agreed on.--Samuel Jones, second Lord's-Day in November, at Upper-Freehold; Nicholas Cox, third at Upper, and fourth at Lower-Freehold; Abel Morgan, the second in December, and second in February, at Upper-Freehold; Abel Griffith, first in January, at Upper, and second, at Lower-Freehold; Robert Kellay, second in March, at Upper, Benjamin Miller, fourth of March, at Lower-Freehold.

The following are the Supplies for Hopewell, November the 4th Lord's-Day, Mr. Gano; March second, Mr. Griffith; February third, Mr. Van Horn; December fourth, Mr. Crossly; March 4th Mr. Miller; June fourth, David Jones; Last in May, Mr. Runyon; July second, Mr. Kellay; April fourth, Mr. Ward; July fourth, Messrs. Samuel Jones and Gano.

Manahawkin has ditto, January; first and second Lord's-Day, Mr. Crossly; May fourth, Mr. Miller, July third, Mr. Kellay; August-fourth, David Jones.

Lyons Farms has also December the second Lord's-Day. Mr. Miller; February the first, Mr. Crossly; Last in March, Mr. Stelle; April first and August first, Mr. Runyon; Mr. Ward, May first, and second in August.

Oysterbay had the following, Mr. Hammond; June second, Mr. Lawrence; March fourth, Mr. Gano; May third, Mr. Stelle; August fourth, Mr. Ward; Nov. third, Mr. Runyon.

The following Supplies in Consequence of a Request, for Nesha-mony, Mr. John Thomas, June, the fourth Lord's-Day, and September fourth; Mr. Samuel Jones, November fourth, and July fourth; Mr. Jethua Jones, March fourth and August fourth; Mr. Van Horn, October fourth, and April fourth; January fourth, Mr. Blackwell.

Letters were sent to the Associations of Warren, Virginia, South-Carolina, and Newport, Rhode Island.

Here follows the Circular Letter, from the Association to the Churches.

The C I R C U L A R L E T T E R.

*The Elders and Messengers of the several Baptist Churches in Pennsylvania, the Jerseys, and Provinces adjacent, met in Annual Association in the City of New-York, October 13, 14 & 15, 1772, To the several Churches we respectfully relate unto, send our Christian Salutation.*

Dear Brethren,

**T**HROUGH divine favour, we had the happiness to meet together, according to appointment, and enjoy this annual interview in much love. The solemnity was opened by a sermon from Eph. iii, 8. preached by our worthy Brother Abel Morgan, wherein the unsearchable riches of grace in a glorious Redeemer, the Gospel Minister's directory in the discharge of his office; together with the glory and excellency of the New-Testament dispensation, were opened and enforced with much clearness and fervour.

By the letters and Messengers, we find that a comfortable degree of unity subsists in the several Churches; and that additions have been made to the most of them, of such as we hope shall be saved, for which we desire to join with you in giving glory to the head of the Church, who still continues to walk among the golden candlesticks. Nevertheless: too evident it is, that lukewarmness and indifference too much abound, while the love of many waxeth cold, whereby our divine Redeemer is wounded in the house of his friends. For this, beloved, we have reason to be humbled before God, and to weep between the Porph and Altar.

Our consultations together have been in much love and unity, while many particulars of weight and general concern have been duly attended to; so that now at the close we have reason to bless our God, in humble confidence that our meeting together has been for the better, and not for the worse.

Before we part, you will suffer us to address you in the spirit of meekness, while we remind you of these few necessary things.

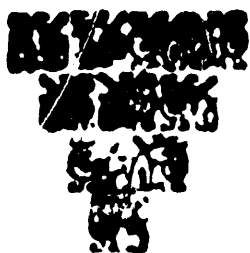
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Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of too many is; see that your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ; maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; labour ever to live under the influence of the love of God, shed abroad in your hearts; neglect not family worship and closet devotion; give diligence to make your calling and election sure; let it be your greatest care to grow in grace, and abound in every good word and work; endeavour to walk exemplary before all men; do all that in you lieth to suppress the growth of vice and immorality, and in particular, we earnestly recommend it to you to keep a watchful eye over the morals of the youth, committed to your care, that they may be brought up in the nurture and fear of the Lord; be zealous for the truth, strict in discipline, and careful of admitting members into your churches; strengthen the hands, and encourage the hearts of your ministers, and promote their visiting destitute places. If there be the appearance of promising gifts among you; let such be forwarded, and withal pray to the Lord of the Harvest, that he would send forth many faithful labourers into the Vineyard, for truly the harvest is great, while the labourers are but few. Finally, Brethren, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity, that so you may be fruitful, and abound to the glory of God, to whom we commend you, and to the word of his grace. Amen.

*(Signed by Order of the Association, by)*

ABEL MORGAN, *Moderator.*

JAMES MANNING, *Clerk.*





<i>Churches</i>	<i>Ministers</i>	B	A	D	D	W	M
		<i>per</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>per</i>
Salem	Abel Griffiths	0	2	0	2	0	23
New Town	Nicholas Coz	10	1	0	1	0	37
Beekman's Precinct	Samuel Waldo	0	0	0	1	2	110
Dividing Creek	Samuel Heaton	0	0	0	1	1	39
New-York	John Ganoe	20	0	0	3	0	104
*New Mill's	David Branion	2	0	0	0	0	37
*Koneleway	Joseph Powel	0	0	0	0	0	39
Coram	Noah Hammond	0	0	0	0	0	31
Stofwicks	David Jones	3	0	0	1	0	42
Mount Bethel,	Henry Crossly	0	1	0	0	0	38
Gothen	James Benedict	0	1	0	0	0	70
Lyon's Farms		0	0	0	0	0	20
Philip's Patent	Simon Dakin	8	0	0	0	1	72
Pittsgrove	William Worth	0	0	0	0	1	29
Manahawkin		1	0	0	0	0	12
*Viccent		0	0	0	0	0	52
Tuckahoe		0	1	0	0	0	17
Northern Liberty		0	0	0	0	1	35
Command's Manor and Salem	John Lawrence	0	0	0	0	0	72
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In ~~the~~ this Year 139. N. B. The Church marked with an \* sent ~~the~~ Messengers; their Numbers remain as they were last Year.