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E L D E R S and M E S S E N G E R S
 OF THE SEVERAL
B A P T I S T C H U R C H E S,

M E E T I N G A T

Pennepeck,
 Middletown,
 Piscataqua,
 Cohansey,
 Hopewell,
 Montgomery,
 Kingwood,

Southampton,
 Philadelphia,
 Scots-Plains,
 Morristown,
 New-Britain,
 Pittsgrove,

New-Town,
 Dividing-Creek,
 New-Mills,
 Upper-Freehold,
 Lyon's Farms,
 Oblong,

Being met in Association at Philadelphia October 12th and 13th, 1779.

To the said C H U R C H E S send G R E E T I N G.

Dearly beloved Brethren, *by Samuel Smith*

S E V E N T Y - T W O years have now elapsed since the first Association that was held in this place. During which period, but more especially of late, we have been led to note many remarkable displays of **D I V I N E P R O V I D E N C E**, which, by appointment, is to be the subject of our present Address. Confession of Faith, Chap. 5.

When we admit the Divine Authority of the Holy Scripture, and by the light thereof, together with that of Nature, we discover the being and perfections of God, we are next led to consider his purposes and decrees and the execution of these in the Works of Creation and Providence. These are all material Objects of Faith, and main pillars, as well as essential parts of true Religion.

That the all wise and omnipotent Jehovah is the Creator and disposer of all things is a matter of general consent, discoverable by the light of nature; inso-much that Creation and Providence may be said to be the two testaments out of which natural religion is deduced; but still much more manifest by the sure testimony of the scripture of Truth. See Ps. 104. Act. 17, 25, 28, &c.

Creation

