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B A P T I S T A S S O C I A T I O N,

HELD AT PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER, 1783.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1783.

1. **A**T three o'clock, P. M. Rev. OLIVER HART delivered a very suitable discourse, according to appointment, from Haggai ii. 4. *Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord, and be strong, O Jeshua, son of Josedech the high priest, and be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.*

2. After sermon Brother JOHN GANO, being first received as a member, was chosen Moderator, Brother THOMAS USTICK Clerk.

3. Letters from twenty-seven churches were read.

N. B. Ministers in Capitals. Those marked with an * not present. Churches marked † sent neither Messengers nor Letters. Dashes denote no Ministers.

Churches.	Messengers.	Bap- tized.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excom- municated	Dead	Num- bers		
Pennepeck,	{ SAMUEL JONES, A. M. JOHN PITMAN, JOHN STANCLIFF, Jesse Dundan.	5	1	0	0	1	64		
		Middletown,	{ ABEL MORGAN, A. M. * Samuel Morgan, John Cook.	2	1	0	0	0	98
				† Piscatawa,					
Cohansey,	{ ROBERT KELSAY, * Philip Shepherd, David Elwell.	6	6	0	0	3	129		
Carried over,		13	8	0	0	4	291		

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	Brought forward,	13	8	0	0	4	291	
Great Valley,	{ NICHOLAS COX, THOMAS JONES.	0	2	0	0	1	38	
Cape-May,	{ DAVID SMITH,* Thomas Yates.	8	0	0	0	5	70	
Hopewell,	{ OLIVER HART, Nathaniel Stout.	4	1	2	3	1	204	
Brandiwine,	{ ABEL GRIFFITH, John Garret.	0	0	1	0	0	18	
Montgomery,	{ DAVID LOUGHBOROUGH, _____	9	1	0	0	3	34	
Kingwood,	{ Andrew Bray.	11	0	6	0	1	75	
Southampton,	{ WILLIAM VAN HORNE, A. M. Isaac Hough.	2	0	0	0	2	55	
Philadelphia,	{ THOMAS USTICK, A. M. Benjamin Thaw, George Ingels, David Bowen, Thomas Shields, John M. Kim.	6	1	0	10	1	99	
Cranberry,	{ PETER WILSON,	5	0	0	0	1	43	
Scots Plains,	{ BENJAMIN COLE,*	3	0	0	0	1	103	
Hartford, Maryland,	{ JOHN DAVIS,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Britain,	{ JOSHUA JONES, Benjamin Matthew.	5	0	0	0	1	36	
Salem,	{ _____	8	0	0	0	1	46	
New-Town,	{ THOMAS SAYER,	7	1	4	0	0	79	
† Beekmans' Precinct,	{ JAMES FINN, SAMUEL WALDO,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dividing Creek,	{ PETER P. VAN HORNE,	4	0	6	1	1	57	
New-Mills,	{ _____	12	0	0	0	1	68	
Upper Freehold	{ SAMUEL GASKILL, JOHN BLACKWELL, Samuel Cox, Samuel Sexton.	12	1	0	0	2	81	
† Mount Bethel	{ ABNER SUTTON,*	0	0	0	0	0	23	
Pittsgrove,	{ WILLIAM WORTH, ARTIET SEAGRAVES, Cornelius Austin.	5	0	1	0	2	91	
† Vincent, Stamford,	{ _____	0	0	0	0	0	35	
† Amenia Precinct,	{ ELKANAH HOLMES,*	17	2	0	0	2	60	
London Tract,	{ THOMAS FLEESON, John Evans.	0	0	0	0	1	38	
Cow Marsh,	{ _____	0	0	0	0	0	27	
	Carried over,	113	17	1	20	1	14	131
		1	17	1	20	1	14	131

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	Brought forward,	131	17	20	14	31	1702
Hill-Town,	{ JOHN THOMAS, Nathan Evans, Elijah Davis.	35	0	0	0	2	94
Welsh Tract,	{ JOHN BOGGS,* Isiah Lewis.	0	0	0	0	0	52
Tuckehoe,	{ WILLIAM LOCK,*	22	1	1	0	1	56
Lyons Farms,	{ _____	0	0	0	0	0	10
Morris-Town,	{ JACOB HUTTON,	6	0	0	0	0	50
	Total,	1194	18	21	14	34	11964

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 22.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

4. As several letters from our churches take notice of the happy event of the present peace, so far as it has been effected; and intimate the propriety of acknowledging the same by a day of public thanksgiving:

Resolved, That although the event be glorious, and the prospect promising, calling for our humble and sincere acknowledgments; yet we think it most expedient to defer the observance of a day on the occasion, that, after recommendation of Congress, we may unite with the continent in so desirable a work.

5. The subject of the introductory sermon being very important, and treated much to our satisfaction, Brother HART is requested to prepare the same for immediate publication; and the churches are requested to forward their subscriptions to Brother USTICK, without delay.

6. The church at *Welsh-Tract* having requested that we would consider the expediency of reprinting a pamphlet, entitled, *A Scripture Manual, &c.* by T. Craner; Resolved, that we have agreed to publish the introductory sermon on the same subject, and our ports are now open, the churches disposed may furnish themselves from abroad; but should it appear that they are out of print, our Brethren *Samuel Jones, William Van Horne* and *Thomas Ustick*, &c. requested to examine said piece, and consider the propriety of its republication.

