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

HELD by special appointment, at Southampton, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 29th and 30th of October, A. D. 1793, having been prevented meeting at the time appointed in the city of Philadelphia by a prevailing infectious disorder, with which God in his providence has been pleased to visit that city.

T R E N T O N :

P R I N T E D B Y I S A A C C O L L I N S .

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T U E S D A Y, O C T O B E R 29, 1793.

AT three o'clock, P. M. the Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. DAVID JONES, from 1 Cor. xv. 24, 25. "*Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority, and power. For he must reign till he hath put all his enemies under his feet.*"

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y morning,

Met agreeably to adjournment.

1. Rev. OLIVER HART was chosen *Moderator*, and the Rev. BURGESS ALLISON, *Clerk*.

2. Letters from seventeen Churches were read.

N. B. Ministers names in *Capitals*. Licenced Preachers in *Italicks*. Those to whose names an * is affixed, were not present. From the Churches † we had no intelligence. ‡ denote no settled Minister.

Churches.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers and Messengers.</i>	<i>Bapti- zed.</i>	<i>Received by Let- ter.</i>	<i>Dead.</i>	<i>Excom- municat- ed.</i>	<i>Dismiss- ed.</i>	<i>Referred.</i>	<i>Nam- bers.</i>
Pennepeck,	{ SAMUEL JONES, D. D. Benjamin Dungan, John Holmes.	—	—	2	—	—	—	61
		17	3	1	—	—	—	122
		—	—	—	—	—	—	127
Middletown, † Piscataway, † Cohasset, † Welch Tract,	{ BENJAMIN BENNET, REUNE RUNYAN,* HENRY SMALLEY, A. M.* JOHN BOGGS,*	—	—	—	—	—	—	114
		—	1	—	—	1	—	77
Great Valley,	{ David Jones, A. M. Daniel Cornog.	—	—	—	—	—	—	49
† Pe-May,	{ JOHN STANCLIFF,* OLIVER HART, A. M.	3	2	3	—	6	—	163
Hopewell,	{ JOHN BLACKWELL, JOSHUA VAUGHAN,	8	2	1	3	—	—	72
Brandywine, Montgomery.	{ Charles Humphries, John Harris.	—	—	2	—	—	—	22
		—	—	—	—	—	—	76
† Tulpehawkin,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76
† Kingwood,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
† Haight's Town,	Peter Wilson, A. M. *	—	—	—	—	—	—	124
† Philadelphia,	Thomas Ustick, A. M. *	—	—	—	—	—	—	54
Southampton,	{ Arthur Watts, Elias Dungan, William Watts.	—	—	1	—	—	—	43
		—	—	—	—	—	—	123
		—	—	—	—	—	—	26
† Knowlton,	DANIEL VAUGHAN, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	62
† Hartford,	JOHN DAVIS, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	53
New Britain,	{ JOSHUA JONES, Edward Matthew, James Dungan.	—	—	1	—	—	—	92
		—	—	—	—	—	—	30
		—	—	—	—	—	—	72
† Salem,	ISAAC SKILMAN, A. M. *	—	—	—	—	—	—	1958
Dividing Creek,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
New Mills,	{ David Gaskill, Benjamin Hedger.	5	3	2	1	1	—	
		—	—	—	—	—	—	
† Konoloway,	JOSEPH POWELL, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	
† Coram,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Upper Freehold,	{ — Edward Taylor.	—	—	1	2	1	—	
		—	—	—	—	—	—	
Carried over,		33	11	14	6	9		

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers and Messengers.</i>	<i>Baptized.</i>	<i>Received by Letter.</i>	<i>Dead.</i>	<i>Excommunicated.</i>	<i>Dismissed.</i>	<i>Resolved.</i>	<i>Numbers.</i>	
	Brought forward,	33	11	14	6	9	—	1988	
+ Pitts Grove,	— — — —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
+ Manahawkin,	— — — —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Vincent,	— — — —	3	—	1	—	2	—	24	
+ Tuckahoe,	ISAAC BUNNELL, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	
+ Cow-Marsh,	JOSEPH FLOOD.	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	
London Tract,	Thomas Fleeson.	—	—	1	—	1	—	35	
Hill-Town,	{ JAMES McLAUGHLIN, *	—	1	1	—	—	—	101	
									Isaac Morris,
									James Lunn.
+ Lower-Smithfield,	DAVID JANE, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	
+ Baltimore,	LEWIS RICHARDS, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	
+ { Bryn Sion,	JAMES JONES, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	81	
+ { Duck Creek,									
Wilmington,	THOMAS AINGER, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	
Jacob's Town,	{ BURGESS ALLISON, A. M.	2	—	1	—	2	—	58	
									Thomas Memminger,
									James Cox.
Pitt's Town,	JAMES FINN, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	
Marcus Hook,	ELIPHAZ DAIZEY,	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	
Doxbury,	{ William White,	—	2	1	—	1	—	46	
									John Levering,
									Michael Conrad.
Em's Manor,	ALEXANDER McGOWEN,	2	—	2	—	—	—	35	
Sideling-Hill,	{ Malachi Richardson.	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	
									THOMAS RUNYAN, *
West Creek,	— — — —	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	
Total,		40	14	21	6	15	—	2817	

4. A letter from the Elkhorn, Kentucky, Association was received and read, with their minutes, and Brother David Jones appointed to answer it at his leisure; and transmit the answer by the first good opportunity.

5. Doctor Jones was requested to write to the Danbury Association, in the name of this Association in reference to their circular letter of last year.

6. Resolved,

6. Resolved, that the committee appointed in the 19th section of our last year's Minutes, still be continued for the purposes therein mentioned.

7. The Association taking into consideration the awful dispensations of divine Providence in the Epidemical disorder now raging in the City of Philadelphia, together with the great drought in our part of the country, and general declension in vital piety, recommend that Tuesday the 12th day of November ensuing be observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, throughout our churches; and should it please God to remove any part of those judgments previous to that day, that his mercy therein be remembered with publick thanksgiving at the same time.

8. The churches are warned against receiving Joseph Stephens, late pastor of Upper-Freehold church, or admitting him to preach amongst them, being an excommunicated person, and holding the erroneous doctrine of universal salvation.

Brother Memminger to preach at 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to half past 3 o'Clock, P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment.

9. Brother Fleeceon having been appointed to write a circular letter in consequence of Brother Smalley not bringing forward the one he was nominated last Association to write, accordingly wrote one, which being read was approved.

10. Brother Smalley was appointed to write the circular letter for the ensuing year upon the subject on which he was to have written for the present.

11. Mr. Allison requested the messengers to give information to the members of their respective churches, if any more family Bibles should be wanting, that Mr. Collins has got some of his impression on hand.

12. The Association to meet next year at Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday in October, at 3 o'Clock, P. M.

13. Brother Allison is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure Brother McLaughlin.

14. Brother Allison is also requested to superintend the printing the minutes, and to disperse the same.

N. B. A few copies of the selection of hymns may be had of Doctor Jones, Pennepeck; Mr. Allison, Bordentown; Robert Aitkin, Philadelphia; and Isaac Collins, Trenton.

(CIRCULAR

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THE ELDERS and BRETHREN of the several Churches belonging to the Philadelphia BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, met by special Appointment at Southampton, in the County of Bucks, October 29, 30, 1793,

To the CHURCHES in Union with us, send Greeting:

BELLOVED in the LORD,

IN a course of divine Providence we were favoured to meet at this place, and, blessed be God, our meeting has been comfortable—we trust we have had the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great and exalted head of the church, and in all our deliberations we have had a view to the glory of God and the peace and comfort of the church of Christ.—The contagious disorder with which the Lord has been pleased to visit the city, the present great and uncommon drought, the sad decay of vital piety, are circumstances of a very alarming nature, are sure indications of the displeasure of Almighty God, and should lead us aloud for deep humiliation before the Lord. How necessary is it that we should take these things seriously to heart—that we should consider the cause of the Lord's displeasure—that we should repent and do our first works—that we should turn to the Lord with all our hearts, with weeping, fasting and mourning—rend our hearts and garments, and turn unto the Lord our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. The accounts from our churches which give pleasure and pain—pleasure, when we consider the peace and unanimity which generally prevail—pain, from the consideration of a too general declension, and a small addition to our churches. O, dear brethren, be engaged with the Lord, that he would revive his work—that his threatened judgments may be averted—that we may enjoy his presence—that a spirit of grace and supplication may be poured out upon us—that we may revive as the corn, and grow as the vine.

AND now, dear brethren, committing you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified—We remain

Yours in the Lord,

OLIVER HART, Moderator,
BURGISS ALLISON, Clerk.