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MINUTES

OF THE

Shaftsbury Baptist Association,

HELD AT

HOOSICK FALLS,

THE FIFTH AND SIXTH OF JUNE, 1805:

TOGETHER WITH THEIR

CIRCULAR AND CORRESPONDING

LETTER.

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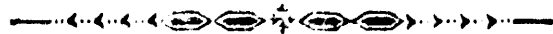
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OF THE

## Shaftsbury Baptist Association.



WEDNESDAY, June 5, 1805.

1. **A**T ten o'clock, A. M. Elder *Elias Lee*, according to appointment, preached the Introductory Sermon, from 1st Peter, i. 5:—*Who are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.*

2. A Moderator and Clerk were chosen.

3. Letters from the following Churches were read, and the following list taken of the names of their Messengers, their alterations during the past year, and their present number of Members.

*N. B.* In the following list, the names of ordained Ministers are inserted in Italic characters. Those with this mark †, were not present: From Churches marked thus †, we received no accounts this session.—therefore have inserted their numbers as they stood when last represented: Those Churches distinguished by a dash ———, have no settled Ministers.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Numb.</i>
Amsterdam,	{ <i>John Holmes,</i> <i>Thomas West.</i>	2	2	1	23
Broadalbion.	{ <i>Hosekiab Gorton,</i> <i>John Godfrey.</i>	27	—	3	1139
Ballston Springs.	<i>Elias Lee.</i>	—	—	—	—

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Adm.</i>	<i>Dism.</i>	<i>Exclu.</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>Numb.</i>
<i>Cambridge.</i>	{ <i>James Glass,</i> <i>Comfort Curtiss,</i> <i>Aman Fowler,</i> <i>Jabez Mosher.</i>	28	2	1	1	104
1 <i>Canaan.</i>	<i>James Pettit.</i>			2		51
2 <i>Do.</i>	{ <i>Elisha Barnes,*</i> <i>Cyprian Fitch.</i>	4	1	1	1	99
<i>Chatham.</i>	<i>Job Champion.</i>	2	3			38
1 <i>Cheshire.</i>	{ <i>Peter Werden,</i> <i>Aaron Bowen,</i> <i>Daniel Chapman, jun.</i> <i>Stephen Brayton.</i>	4		1	1	68
3 <i>Do.</i>	{ _____ <i>Brooks Mason,</i> <i>Joel Redway,</i> <i>Afa Dean.</i>	1	18	1	3	304
<i>Chesterfield.</i>	{ <i>Afa Todd,</i> <i>Samuel Kingman.</i>	7	3	1		97
<i>Chester.</i>	{ <i>Jebiel Fox,</i> <i>Amos Agard.</i>		3	4		151
<i>Cliftonpark.</i>	{ <i>Abijah Peck,</i> <i>Nathaniel Upham,</i> <i>Joseph Gilbert,</i> <i>Abel Harrington,</i> <i>William Groom, jun.</i>	14				127
<i>Charlotte-Ville.</i>	_____	11				41
1 <i>Galway.</i>	{ _____ <i>Ephraim Smith.</i>	3	1			49
2 <i>Do.†</i>	_____					126
1 <i>Greenfield.</i>	_____	1		1		50
2 <i>Do.</i>	_____ <i>Charles Dake.</i>					
<i>Great Barrington.†</i>	<i>Jeduthun Gray.*</i>					101
<i>Hancock.†</i>	- - -					47
<i>Hadley.</i>	{ _____ <i>Stephen Call.</i>	2		4	1	59
1 <i>Hartford.</i>	{ <i>Amasa Brown,</i> <i>Aaron Smith.</i>					

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>
2 Do.	{ Zachariah Sill, Sherabiah Butterfield.	1	1			33
East Ch. Hilldale.	{ <i>Abel Brown,*</i> Edward Bagley.	4	1	1		70
West Do.	_____	1		1		39
2 Do.	<i>Afa Spencer.</i>	1	16			33
Kingborough.	<i>William Throop.</i>	1	2	1		41
Lansingburgh.	{ Nathaniel Kendrick, Aaron B. Hinman, Francis Choat.	4	3		1	30
Milton.	<i>Jonathan Nichols.*</i>	20	7	2		118
Mapletown.	{ <i>David Rathbun,</i> Daniel Rogers.	3	2			21
Northumberland.†	_____					38
Patridgefield.	{ <i>Ebenezer Smith,</i> Matthew Smith, Walter Dean.	2	10		2	70
1 Pittstown.	{ <i>Leviel Corvell,</i> John Rouse, Wilbur Sherman.	7	1			72
2 Do.†	<i>Stephen Hunt.*</i>					47
Providence.	{ <i>Jonathan Finch,</i> Samuel Hatted.	3			1	26
Pownal.	{ <i>Dyer Stark,</i> Ephraim Buford, Harc Clark.	1		3		123
Sandisfield.	<i>Jeffe Hartzwell.</i>	1	4	1	1	149
1 Saratoga.	<i>Joseph Crow.</i>					
2 Do.	{ _____	6		1	1	68
	{ William Wait.					
Savoy.	{ _____	2	5	2		107
	{ William Legerham, Loved Eddy, Zachariah Paddleford.					

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Added.</i>	<i>Dism.</i>	<i>Exclu.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Numb.</i>
Schodach.	{ <i>Stephen Olmsted,</i> <i>William Lewis.</i>	2	2	2	2	79
1 Shaftsbury.	{ <i>Isaiab Mattison,</i> <i>Amaziah Martin,</i> <i>James Siye,</i> <i>Nathaniel Hall.</i>					89
East Do.†	_____					31
4 Do.	{ <i>Caleb Blood.</i> <i>Elihu Cross,</i> <i>Jeremiah Fisk.</i>	17	4	4	1	352
Stephentown and Petersburgh.	{ <i>Justus Hull,</i> <i>Afa Lewis,</i> <i>Eliphalet Niles,</i> <i>Paul Hymes.</i>	1	3	1		348
Stephentown.	{ _____ <i>Edward Carr,</i> <i>Matthew Jones.</i>			1		65
West Stockbridge.	{ _____ <i>Fairing Wilson.</i>	3	5		2	61
Troy.	{ <i>Isaac Webb,</i> <i>Phinehas Lownsbury.</i>	34				75
Williamstown.	{ _____ <i>David Torry,</i> <i>Elijah Rich.</i>	3	2		1	24

TOTAL, 223 90 10 25 1093

*N. B.* The 1st Church at Pittstown have returned but 72 members this year, on account of the long removals of many who have been heretofore included in their returns. Their nominal number is upwards of one hundred.

The 2d Church in Greenfield was restored to fellowship this session.

4. Corresponding Associations.
1. Philadelphia—no account.
2. New-York—no account.
3. Warren—no account.
4. Danbury—no account.

5. Stonington—Minutes and Letter.
6. Leyden—Minutes and Letter, by their Messenger, Elder *Wheeler*.
7. Otsego—no account.
8. Woodstock—Letter, by their Messenger, Brother Choat.
9. Rensselaer-Ville—Messenger, Elder Comstalk.
10. Vermont—Minutes and Letter, by their Messengers, Elders *Warren, Chamberlin* and *Rathburn*.
11. Cayuga—Minutes, by their Messenger, Elder *Elnathan Finch*.

Elder *Clark Kendrick*, from Poughkeepsie; Elder *Sylvanus Haynes*, from Middleton; Elder *Edward Barber*, from Battiskil; Elder *John Nichols*, from Stephentown, and a number of other Brethren were present, who, together with the above-named Messengers, were invited to take seat with us.

5. A Letter and Minutes were received from an Association lately formed on the west side of Lake Champlain, called the Essex Association, requesting a correspondence with us.

*Resolved*, as their meeting for this year will take place so soon that we cannot send Delegates to attend it, that the Clerk write them a friendly Letter, and that Brother *Jonathan Finch* bear the same, and deliver it to their Clerk, as soon as is convenient; and that Brethren *Fox, Corwell* and *Hartwell* attend their Meeting, on the 2d Wednesday in June, 1806, for the purpose of opening a correspondence with them.

6. By accounts received from several of our Churches, and by the Minutes of two meetings of a Convention, the first at Milton, the other at Galway, we learn that an Association has been formed, during the year past, by the name of the Saratoga Baptist Association; and that the Churches at Amsterdam, 1st Galway, 1st Greenfield, Hadley, 1st and 2d Hartford, Kingsborough, Broadbillion, Milton, Ballston Springs, Northumberland, Providence, 2d Saratoga, have united in the said new Association.—Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the names of the above-mentioned Churches be left out of our Minutes in future; and that our Brethren, *Glast, Oblested* and *Comstalk*, visit them at their Meeting, at Battiskil, on the 2d Wednesday of August next, in order to open a correspondence with the said Association.

7. The Circular Letter, prepared by Brother *Corwell*, and the Corresponding Letter, prepared by Brother *Lee*, were read, and referred to Brethren *Thob, Hull, Webb, Rothborn* and *Haynes*, with the writers, to inspect and report them to-morrow.

8. The Committee charged with the Missionary fund, reported, that during the year past, they received 91 dollars and 37 cents into the Treasury; that they have expended 51 dolls. leaving a balance of 40 dolls. and 8½ cts. that they have employed Elder *Franklin Gorton* three months, on a Mission thro' the western country, as far as Long Point, in Upper Canada; that he has reported, that he found the people in general much engaged to hear preaching; that in some places in the province of Upper Canada, they were so anxious to hear the gospel, that they would encounter difficulties almost insurmountable, and dangers indefeasible, to get to meetings for preaching; and that there appeared a general solicitude to have us come to send them assistance by Missionaries; that he found the Church at Charlotte-Ville in trials, but left them in more comfortable circumstances; that there was some revival of religion in that place, and five persons baptized while he was there; that he also presented a written request from the Church and Society in that place, and another from a number of inhabitants in other parts of the province, earnestly requesting us to send Missionaries to visit them as often as possible; and, above all, to settle a permanent Missionary in that country; manifesting, at the same time, their willingness to do all in their power to help him with such things as they have to bestow, for the comfort of his family; that he had also visited the Tuscarora Indians, was cordially received by them, and found things favourable and encouraging among them; and, that they had sent a *Talk* in writing to the Association, expressing their thanks to God and us for sending Missionaries to visit them; and their earnest desire to be farther instructed in the gospel. The above report concludes as follows:—*Resolved, unanimously*, That this Committee do cordially approve of the labours and report of our beloved Brother *Gorton*; and we earnestly recommend to the Association the propriety of making further exertions in the same way. The several papers alluded to in the above report were read, which excited transports of joy and commiseration in the



hearts of many who heard them; particularly that from the poor savages.

*Resolved, unanimously,* That this Association do cordially approve of the doings of our Committee, and the labours of our Brother *Gorton*, as reported; and that we will make all such further exertions as lie in our power to send Missionaries into those parts, and others destitute of preaching.—Therefore,

9. *Resolved, unanimously,* that the same Committee, viz. Elders *Peck, Blood, Webb, Hull, Crow* and *Covell*; Brethren John *Roule, Nathaniel Upham, Daniel Rogers, Isaiah Hendrix, Salmon Child* and *Francis Choat*, be our Committee to carry the same into effect.

10. *Resolved,* That suitable answers be prepared by Brother *Webb*, in the name of the Association, to all the papers alluded to in the report of our Committee; and that whoever is sent out the present year as Missionary, be the bearer of the same.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *Jan. 6.*

11. Met pursuant to adjournment.—Brother *C. Kendrick* preached a Sermon from *Th. ii. 12—Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our great God, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

12. Appointed the following Messengers to sister Associations, viz. *Todd* and *Spencer* to the *Danbury*—*Hull* and *Olmsted* to the *Keatlee-Ville*—*Covell, Gorton* and *Hartwell* to the *Orlego*—*Glass, Mattison* and *N. Kendrick* to the *Vermont*—*Gorton* and *Spencer* to the *Stonington*—*Covell, Barber* and *Thorp* to the *Cayuga*—*Blood* and *Stark* to the *Leyden*—*Blood* to the *Warren*—*Crow* and *N. Kendrick* to the *Woodstock*. Also, appointed Brother *Webb* to forward our Minutes to the *New-York* and *Philadelphia* Associations.

13. The Committee appointed to inspect the Circular and Corresponding Letters reported, that for certain reasons they did not think proper to publish the Circular Letter prepared by Brother *Covell*; and that having inspected and approved the one prepared by Brother *Lee*—do recommend the same as a suitable one to be published for a Circular and Corresponding Letter. *Resolved,* That the same be published accordingly.

14. Appointed Elders *Blood*, *Hull* and *Webb* to revise our Constitution, and present it at our next meeting.

15. This Association having received the affecting intelligence that the house, provisions, and most of the goods of our beloved Brother in the Ministry, Elder *William Throop*, of Kingborough, have recently been consumed by fire, leaving him and a family of small children in very distressing circumstances—do recommend it to all such of our brethren, whom God has blessed with a supply of this world's goods, to impart something for his relief and assistance: those on this side of the North River can send their liberality to the care of Elder *Webb*, at Troy, or Brother *Francis Choat*, at Lansingburgh; from whence there will be a safe conveyance to him.

16. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of the Association be held at the Baptist Meeting-house, in Troy, on the 1st Wednesday in June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

17. Appointed Elder *Blood* to preach the introductory Sermon; and, in case of his failure, Elder *Hull*.

18. Appointed Brother *Webb* to prepare a Circular, and Brother *N. Kendrick* a Corresponding Letter, for next year.

19. Appointed Brother *Cowell* to superintend the printing of our Minutes.

20. *Resolved*, That Elders *Webb*, *Hull* and *Blood*, be a Committee to present to the Society in this place, the sincere and cordial thanks of this Association, for the multiplied tokens of respect, civility and hospitality received from them during our session.

Adjourned to the 1st Wednesday of June next, 10 A. M.

*The following are the supplies appointed for destitute Churches,*  
*viz.*

1st Church at PITTSTOWN, in consequence of Br. <i>Cowell's</i> absence on a Mission.			Brethren.	Lord's day.	Month.
			Smith,	3d	do.
			<i>Hull</i> ,	4th	do.
<i>Brethren.</i>	<i>Lord's day.</i>	<i>Month.</i>	<i>Warren</i> ,	2d	Nov.
<i>Finch</i> ,	1st	Sept.	<i>N. Kendrick</i> ,	3d	do.
<i>Spencer</i> ,	2d	do.	<i>Glass</i> ,	4th	do.
<i>Gorton</i> ,	4th	do.	<i>Mattison</i> ,	2d	Dec.
<i>Obsted</i> ,	5th	do.	<i>Craxu</i> ,	3d	do.
<i>Paul</i> ,	1st	Oct.	<i>Blood</i> ,	5th	do.

<i>Brethren.</i>	<i>Lord's day.</i>	<i>Month.</i>	↑	<i>Brethren.</i>	<i>Lord's day.</i>	<i>Month.</i>
<i>Webb,</i>	1st	Jan.	↑	<i>Craw,</i>	last	Feb.
<i>Holmes,</i>	2d	do.	↑	Church at WEST-STOCKBRIDGE.		
<i>Glass,</i>	3d	do.	↑	<i>Spencer,</i>	3d	Dec.
<i>Champion,</i>	4th	do.	↑	<i>Warren,</i>	3d	Jan.
<i>Stark,</i>	1st	Feb.	↑	<i>Hall,</i>	3d	Feb.
<i>Rathbun,</i>	2d	do.	↑	3d Church at CHESHIRE.		
<i>N. Kendrick,</i>	3d	do.	↑	<i>Pettit,</i>	3d	July.
<i>Blood,</i>	4th	do.	↓	<i>Nichols,</i>	3d	Aug.
Church at WILLIAMSTOWN.			↓	<i>Chamberlin,</i>	2d	Sept.
<i>J. Nichols,</i>	2d	Aug.	↓	Church at SANDISFIELD.		
<i>Pettit,</i>	3d	Sept.	↓	<i>Spencer,</i>	5th	Sept.
<i>Spencer,</i>	2d	Jan.	↓	<i>Pettit,</i>	1st	Oct.
<i>Mattison,</i>	2d	May.	↓	<i>Nichols,</i>	2d	do.
Church in SAVOY.			↓	West Church at HILLSDALE.		
<i>J. Nichols,</i>	last	July.	↓	<i>Champion,</i>	1st	Sept.
<i>Smith,</i>	last	Aug.	↓	<i>Tbroop,</i>	4th	Jan.

*Account of Monies contributed at this Meeting of the Association,  
for the Encouragement of Missionaries.*

	<i>Dolls.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
Church at Amsterdam,	-	-
Church and Society at Broadalbion,	10	7
Church at Cambridge,	4	37
2d Canaan Church,	10	00
Church at Chatham,	7	43
3d Church at Cheshire,	2	12
Church and Society at Cliftonpark	25	00
1st Church at Calway,	1	00
1st Church at Greenfield,	2	00
1st Church at Hartford,	8	25
2d Church at Hartford,	5	25
East Church at Hillsdale,	3	30
West Church at Hillsdale,	4	00
Church and Society at Lausingburgh,	13	00
Church at Mapletown,	5	4
1st Church and Society at Pittstown,	10	00
Church and Society at Providence,	5	00
Church at Pownal,	5	67
1st Church at Sandisfield,	6	00
Church at Schedach,	3	50
1st Church at Shaftsbury,	2	91

4th Church at Shaftsbury, - - - - -	9	96
Church at Stephentown and Petersburg, - - -	5	00
Church at Milton, - - - - -	4	29
From several individuals, - - - - -	1	50
From Deacon Child, on subscription-paper, from several individuals, - - - - -	4	75
From Elder Comstok, by a subscription-paper, from sundry persons, - - - - -	7	50
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	Total,	167 91

*The Missionary Committee have agreed to meet, in order to attend to their business, at the house of Elder Isaac Webb, in Troy, the day before the next meeting of the Association, at one o'clock, P. M.*

## Circular and Corresponding Letter,

*From the SHAFTSBURY ASSOCIATION, to the Churches which they represent, and the several Associations with whom they correspond, greeting.*

BELOVED BRETHREN,

**C**ORRESPONDENCE is one of the greatest blessings ever enjoyed by men:—For,

1st. By this mean we have intelligence from Heaven: God sent his Son into the world under the character of his *word*, to open a way, and establish a system of correspondence with his apostate creatures, whom he might in justice have banished from his presence forevermore. **HIS WORD! THE WORD OF GOD!** How vast and extensive the idea contained in it! It would take *millions* of other words to express the sense and meaning of this *one*. What a fullness in Christ! in his mission! in his heart and mind! in his works of righteousness and atonement! How exceedingly great are the riches of this **WORD OF GOD!** this letter of intelligence from the invisible world: it is unsearchable, and past finding out. By *this word* the characters of God and men are portrayed—the love of God to sinners is proclaimed—

the grand system of GRACE is unfolded—the promises declared and confirmed—the foundation of Zion pointed out, and all the laws, rules and regulations of the church made known and enforced. In *this word* we have a description of the chequered scenes through which the saints have to pass in this world—of their sorrows and fears—of their joys and prospects—of their constant dependence on God, till they finally gain a complete, glorious and triumphant victory over the world, the flesh, the devil and death; and enter into everlasting life. Thus have we all these things, and almost every thing else which we know of God, of ourselves, of this world and the world to come—all things pertaining to the glory of GOD and our own happiness, by a correspondence from him, through Christ, the real WORD; and sketched out in the written word for our guide, for our admonition and our comfort.

2. We have a correspondence with GOD, and Christ, and the Spirit. Christ saith of the believer, “I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him—and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” And do not many parts of the scriptures, particularly the Song of Solomon, hold up to our view an agreeable and mutual correspondence between Christ and his church? Of the Spirit he saith, “The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name;” that is, as a correspondent; “he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” He it is that takes of the things of Jesus, and shews them unto us. He instructs us in the mysteries of his grace and kingdom, and leads us into all necessary truth in matters of religion. How much help and assistance do we derive from his communications!—He renews our minds, sanctifies and refreshes our hearts—inspires us to preach—to pray—to exhort—to hear: he qualifies us for the performance of every religious duty, and the reception of every divine blessing. What a view had Jacob, in a

dream in the wilderness, of the correspondence between God and men, by the figure of a ladder, which reached from earth to heaven!

3. We have correspondence with God, by the ministry of angels. They are “ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation:”—

“He bids his angels pitch their tents  
 “Round where his children dwell:  
 “What ills their heavenly care prevents,  
 “No earthly tongue can tell.”

Jacob had a view of this also, in his dream of the ladder: he saw the angels of God ascending and descending upon it.

4. We have a correspondence from God in the events of his providence—“I will be with thee in six troubles, and in seven I will not forsake thee: All things shall work together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Let no man glory in men, for all things are yours: whether Paul, or Apollos, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours:” all turned to your advantage: all letters of encouragement and correspondence from your divine Master. Let us advert, for a moment, to the manifestations of God in this way to his people of old, on their journey from Egypt to Canaan; and to the true church, on her journey through this world, in every age and nation. What a remarkable instance of it have we in the shipwreck of the apostle Paul, and of others described and predicted in the sacred volume, particularly in the Revelation, which we have not room to enumerate in particular.

5. The saints have a correspondence with God, in the exercises of their hearts—their ejaculations—their vocal prayers, praises and thanksgivings—their reading, hearing and meditations—in public devotions—in an external profession—in general obedience to his laws—in conformity to his spirit—and in submission to his providence—the sum of all which is compre-

hended in these remarkable words—*The just shall live by faith.* “The life which I live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

6. The saints have a correspondence or fellowship with each other, in their experiences and views of things—in the word and spirit—in their social worship—in their church relation—in visiting and conversation—by books—by preaching—by letters—by representatives—and in various other methods. Thus individuals, and churches, and associations, correspond with each other.

7. What a marvellous and most astonishing affair is this!—How important, beyond all calculation, are the advantages of it! By it heaven and earth are brought near together: God and men become acquainted and familiar with each other: People in different parts of the country—in foreign countries and climes, who have never seen, and *may never see* each other in this world, become free and familiar in acquaintance, and communicate much help and assistance to each other. Wonderful, indeed! but so it *is*, that people in this way can convey their advice and requests—their joys and sorrows—their fears and doubts—their hopes and prospects—and, in a word, their hearts and affections to each other, for the mutual embrace, when they are thousands of miles asunder. Thus the apostles, ministers and churches of old, and ministers, churches and associations now, become as it were one general body; and, as the several members, communicate support and nourishment to one another.

By this brethren become acquainted with each other's state and condition—their adversity and prosperity—reformation and declensions—members—places of abode and sittings; and with the cause at large. By these means we have much assistance against our inward lusts and corruptions—against errors and deceptions—to avoid the snares of the world, and the temptations of the devil; and, to bear up under all our discouragements, trials and persecutions. In a word, it would be impossible to point out the *one half* of the advantages which result

from a correspondence well supported and regulated. Is it not, then, to be regretted, that there is so little attention paid to it in general?

Were our brethren, our churches, and our associations to be a little more free and familiar—to take a little more pains to visit each other—to meet together to pray, to preach, to exhort, to converse, and to perform the duties of religion in a social way: were they to be at a little more pains and expence to send their ministers, their letters, their books, and other kinds of assistance, with their salutations and good wishes, to their brethren among the poor heathen, and in the wilderness, would it not gladden the hearts of thousands, and bring down the blessings of God upon ourselves? Would not Zion soon arise, and appear clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners? O what a glorious day will that be, when the Jews shall come in with the fulness of the Gentiles! then religious correspondence will be general among all nations thro' every part of the earth; and between earth and heaven.

Thus, Brethren, we have once more written unto you, to let you know that we have much comfort and joy in your correspondence, and hope you have sometimes a little from ours; and that by frequently declaring to each other, in this way, the things which we have seen and heard, our fellowship may be continued; and, truly, we hope our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

*By order of the Association.*

CALEB BLOOD, *Moderator.*  
LEMUEL COVELL, *Clerk.*