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OF THE

**Stonington Baptist Affociation,**

HELD AT

**Elder Timothy Wightman's**

**Meeting-House**

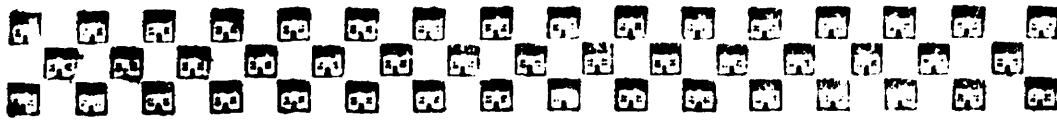
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# MINUTES, &c.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1792.

1. **B**ROTHER *Abel Palmer* delivered the introductory Sermon, from *Eph. iii. 8.*

2. After worship proceeded to business.

Brother *Christopher Palmer* was chosen Moderator, and Brother *Valentine W. Rathbun*, Clerk.

3. Letters from the Churches were read.

N. B. Ministers names in italic. Those to whose names an † is prefixed, were not present. From the Churches marked thus \*, we received no intelligence. ——— Dashes denote no settled Minister.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers and Messengers.</i>	Add.	Dism.	Exclu.	Deceas.	Numb.
1. Stonington,	<i>Eleazer Brown,</i> <i>Peleg Randall.</i>	56	2		2	152
2. Stonington,	<i>Simeon Brown,</i> <i>Zebulon Brown,</i> <i>Simeon Brown, jun.</i> <i>Afa Spalding,</i> <i>Robert Stanton.</i>	76	1			201
3. Stonington,	<i>Valentine W. Rathbun,</i> <i>Sands Niles.</i>	6	2			49
1. Groton,	<i>Timothy Wightman,</i> <i>Peter Avery,</i> <i>Thomas N. Niles,</i> <i>Benadam Gallup, jun.</i>			2	2	151
* 2. Groton,	—————					17

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Saybrook,	<i>Eliphalet Lester, †</i> <i>Joseph Carter,</i>	2				37
Exeter,	<i>Solomon Sprague, †</i> <i>Joseph Wells,</i> <i>Benjamin Lawton,</i> <i>James Lewis.</i>	6			2	54
* South-Kingston, Church formerly of South-Kingston, now of Richmond.	<i>Benjamin Weight, †</i> ————— <i>Benjamin Barber, jun.</i> <i>Henry Wilcox.</i>	1		1		36 67
West-Greenwich,	<i>Elisha Green, †</i> <i>Benjamin Tillinghast,</i> <i>Griffin Lewis.</i>	7				63
1. Colchester,	<i>Christopher Palmer,</i> <i>Asa Randall,</i> <i>Oliver Wells.</i>	2	1		1	63
2. Colchester,	<i>Abel Palmer,</i> <i>Isaac Crocker,</i> <i>Jabez Rogers,</i> <i>Nathaniel Clark,</i>				3	66
Richmond,	————— <i>William Perkins,</i> <i>David Clark.</i>				1 1	36
Hampton,	————— <i>Thomas Grow, jun.</i> <i>John Bemis,</i>	4	4			67
Montville,	<i>Reuben Palmer,</i> <i>Oliver Comstock.</i>	1				51
1. Chatham,	————— <i>Caleb Tenant,</i> <i>John Chapman.</i>					66
2. Woodstock,	<i>Amos Wells,</i> <i>Isaiah Lion.</i>					25
2. Chatham,	————— <i>Amos Morgan,</i> <i>George Gates.</i>					84
New-London,	<i>Zadock Darrow,</i> <i>Lemuel Darrow,</i> <i>Charles Brown.</i>					188
Total,		161	9	7	8	1673

The three last mentioned Churches were received into our fellowship the present year.

4. Received a Letter from the Danbury Association, and their Minutes of September, 1791.

5. Received a Letter and Minutes of October 1791, from the Philadelphian Association.

6. Appointed our Brethren Sands Niles, Zebulon Brown and Afa Spalding, to draw the Letter to the Corresponding Associations.

Adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Public Worship this Evening in various parts of the Vicinity.

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WEDNESDAY, ~~October~~ 17th.

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

7. Brother Abner Lewis came in this Morning, as Messenger from the Warren Association.

8. Received a Letter and Minutes of June, 1792, from the Shaftsbury Association.

9. Received and read the Minutes of the Baptist General Committee, at their Yearly Meeting, held in the City of Richmond, Virginia, May 1790.

10. Letter to the Corresponding Associations, according to order of Yesterday, was brought in, read, &c. and approved.

11. Appointed our Brethren, Valentine W. Rathbun, and Amos Wells, Messengers to the Shaftsbury Association; Brethren Benjamin Barber, jun. Thomas Grow, jun. and Afa Spalding, to Warren; and Brethren Eliphalet Lester, and Joseph Carter, to that at Danbury.

12. Brother Valentine W. Rathbun is requested to forward our Letter and Minutes to the Philadelphian Association, and the General Committee of the United Associations in Virginia.

13. Chose

13. Chose Brother Valentine W. Rathbun, Messenger to the New-York Association, to request a Correspondence with them.

14. Having received Information, that a General Committee, from several Associations, in connection with us, will meet at Elder Peter Werden's Meeting-House, in Adams, Massachusetts, the last Wednesday of June next; and being requested by a number of our Brethren to form an acquaintance with them: Appointed our Brethren Valentine W. Rathbun, and Amos Wells, to visit them, —view their order, and make report at our next annual Convention.

15. Agreed to the following Supplies for destitute Churches.

1. Church of Chatham.

Brother Christopher Palmer, 1st Lord's-day in December.

—— Reuben Palmer, 1st —— in February.

—— Abel Palmer, 4th —— in April.

—— Eliphalet Lester, 1st —— in June.

—— Christopher Palmer, 1st —— in July.

Church of Hampton.

Brother Abel Palmer, 3d Lord's-day in November.

—— Reuben Palmer, 3d —— in December.

—— Eleazer Brown, 1st —— in May.

—— Simeon Brown, 1st —— in July.

Church formerly of South-Kingston, now of Richmond.

Brother Simeon Brown, 1st Lord's-day in November.

Church of Richmond.

Brother Simeon Brown, 4th Lord's-day in April.

—— Christopher Palmer, 3d —— in May.

—— Valentine W. Rathbun, 1st —— in August.

—— Amos Wells, 1st —— in September.

16. The Circular Letter being presented was read and approved.

17. Our Brethren Abel Palmer, and Reuben Palmer, are appointed to write the Circular Letter for next year.

18. Appointed

18. Appointed Brethren Lands Niles, and Valentine W. Rathbun, to write a friendly Letter to the Church of South-Kingston; from whom, we have received no Intelligence, Year after Year.

19. Brother Asa Spalding was appointed to write a friendly Letter to the second Church in Groton, requesting their attendance at our next annual Convention.

20. Brother John Asplund from Virginia, having presented one Copy of his annual Register of the Baptist Denomination in North-America, for Nov. 1790, for each Church in our Association, (gratis,) together with Proposals for the same for 1791, and 1792:

RESOLVED, That thanks be given him for his kind Donation; and as we esteem his laudable undertaking, we hope that our Brethren will afford it their encouragement, by subscribing for the same.

21. Brother Valentine W. Rathbun, is requested to superintend the printing the Minutes.

22. VOTED, That our next Association be held at Elder Christopher Palmer's Meeting-House, Colchester, the third Tuesday in October, 1793.

The meeting concluded by Prayer, by the Moderator.

(CIRCULAR LETTER.)

*The Elders and Messengers of the several Churches met in Groton, the 16th and 17th of October, 1792.*

To the Churches whom they represent, send Christian Salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN,

**W**E are happy in the close of this meeting, to inform you, we have enjoyed an agreeable interview: By Letters from the Churches, we rejoice to hear, that to some of them large additions have been made, and that peace is enjoyed so generally. But our joys abate, while we reflect on the prevalence of iniquity in our land. Suffer us, Brethren, in this day of prevailing error, to remind you, that true Religion is distinguished from false, by love to GOD, through JESUS CHRIST; which is evidenced, by love to our Brethren,—our Neighbour, and to our Enemies.

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They, who Love GOD sincerely, Love HIS Laws, and Ordinances, —the Holy Scriptures are their rule of Faith and Practice. Love to our Brethren inclines us to unite with them in Solemn Covenant, to walk together in Gospel Fellowship,—loving one another with a pure Heart fervently, not only in prosperity, but in the sorest adversity,—having special regard to the rules of discipline in the Church of CHRIST, that if a Brother be overtaken in a fault, they will be disposed to restore him in the spirit of meekness, with sincere desires for the honor of GOD, and the welfare of the Soul.—If a Brother is qualified with gifts to the edifying of the Church, he is encouraged in the improvement of them.

Love to our Neighbour is evidenced, by our laying aside all dishonesty, and doing to him, as we would that he should do to us, in similar circumstances. Read Matt. vii. 12.

Love to our Enemies is a CHRIST like disposition, and is one of the most incontestible evidences of Christian sincerity. Read Matt. v. 43, — Luke vi. 27.—28.

Keep yourselves in the Love of GOD, and ye may give evidence of your love to him, and that ye may be able in your several Callings, and Offices of Life, to praise with the Praises of HIM, who hath called us out of Darkness, into HIS marvelous Light.

Dear Brethren, Let Love be without dissimulation.—Let us all endeavour, from a principle of Love to GOD,—our Brethren,—our Neighbour, and our Enemies, to conduct ourselves in all our Pursuits, and Business in Life, whether Public or Private, as those who aim at the Glory of GOD,—the Welfare of HIS Church and the Happiness of all Men.

Now unto HIM that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of HIS Glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise GOD our SAVIOUR be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever. AMEN.

Signed by order of the Association,

CHRISTOPHER PALMER, Moderator.

VALENTINE W. RATHBUN, Clerk.

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