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# MINUTES

OF THE

## STONINGTON ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 16th and 17th,

1798.

TUESDAY, October 16th.

**T**HE Elders and Brethren, Messengers of the Churches, met at the Meeting House occupied by the Church at Richmond, and

1. Brother Joseph Grafton delivered an introductory Sermon, from Psal. L. 5.

2. After public worship, the Association proceeded to business, and chose brother Christopher Palmer, Moderator, and brother Valentine W. Rathbun, Clerk.

3. Letters from the churches were read, and the following account taken of the members added, dismissed, excluded, or who have died the past year; also, the present number in each church

N. B. The names of ordained Ministers are in Roman letters, Those with this mark † were not present. From Churches marked thus \*, we had no letters. Vacant churches distinguished by a dash.

Churches.	Ministers & Messengers.	Added.	Dismiss.	Exclud	Dead.	Numb.
1 <sup>st</sup> . Stonington,	Peleg Randal, Jabez Gallup, Joshua Babcock,	12	3		1	149
2 <sup>d</sup> . Stonington,	Simeon Brown, Zebulon Brown, Asa Spalding,	no number ascertained.				
*3 <sup>d</sup> Stonington, Groton,	_____ _____ Benadam Gallup, jun. John G. Wightman,	3 28	1	1	2	46 239
Saybrook, Exeter,	† Eliphalet Lester, _____ George Nichols, Matthew Clark, Jonathan Dean,	3 2	2	3	3	38 220

Church formerly of  
South-Kingston  
now of Richmond.

James Shelden,  
John Webb,  
Samuel Barber,  
Amos Palmer,  
Caleb Barber, jun.  
Comfort Record,

West-Greenwich,

John Tillinghast,  
Samuel Peckham,  
Stafford Green,  
Christopher Palmer,

1st. Colchester,  
\* 2d. Colchester,  
Richmond,

— — — — —,  
— — — — —,  
Gideon J. Babcock,  
William Perkins,

Hampton,  
Montville,

+ Abel Palmer,  
+ Reuben Palmer,  
Samuel Bolles,  
Ganssick Chapel,

1st. Chatham,

— — — — —,  
Jonathan Wetmorel,  
Amos Wells,  
Robert Baxter,  
John Barrett,

2d. Woodstock,

2d. Gatham,

— — — — —,  
Squire Gaff,  
Tedock Barrow,  
Nathanial Dodge,  
Francis D. ...

New-London,

\* 2d. Ashford,  
\* 3d. Ashford,  
East-Hudson,

+ John Rathbun,  
— — — — —,  
Simon Dickinson,  
Joseph Annabic,

Plainfield,

Killingly,

+ Nathaniel Cole,  
William Clark,  
Peter Rogers,  
Jonathan Herrington,  
Levi Aldrich,  
Isaac Carter,

Thompson,

— — — — —,  
Larson Crosby,  
Elijah Bates,  
Benjamin Weight,  
William Stetman,  
Caleb Tipt,  
Enoch Stetman,

South-Kingston,

Added.	Dismit.	Exclud.	Dead.	Numb.
3		1	5	64
27			1	75
7	1		1	65
	2			84
		1		30
4	3			66
6		1		110
11				
		1		68
		1		66
19	4	2		79
1	1	7	6	261
				56
				31
1	1	1		50
			2	70
				65
				33
				24
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N. B. The two last Churches were received the present Session.

4. Received and read letters from the following Affociations, viz. From the Shaftsbury, a letter and minutes, by their messenger, Brother Amasa Brown. From the Warren, letter and minutes, by their messenger, Brother Joseph Grafton. From the Danbury, letter and minutes, but no messenger.

5. The circular letter, drawn by Brother Reuben Palmer; and the corresponding letter prepared by Brother Valentine W. Rathbun; were read, and referred to the inspection of Brethren Wells, Grafton, Dodge, and V. W. Rathbun.

6. Brethren Philip Jenkins and William Northup, messengers from a number of Baptist Churches called the Groton Conference, introduced a request that we would open a correspondence with them.

7. Appointed a Committee, viz. Brethren Simeon Brown, Zadock Darrow, and Benjamin Weight, to confer with the messengers from the Groton Conference, and to make report of their doings to-morrow.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to morrow morning.

Prayer by Brother Jenkins.

Public worship this evening at sundry places in the vicinity.

WEDNESDAY, October 17th.

Met according to adjournment: and after prayer by Brother Wells, proceeded to business.

1. The Circular letter, as revised by our Committee, and the corresponding letter, were read and accepted.

2. Attended to the report of our committee appointed to confer with the messengers from the Groton Conference; and, after a long and candid examination of circumstances,—Voted, that we receive those Churches into our fellowship. That we correspond with them as with our other sisters Affociations: and that their messengers be invited to sit and act with us in our present session.

3. Appointed Brother Nehemiah Dodge to write the circular letter for next year, and Brother James Shelden to prepare the corresponding letter.

4. Chose the following brethren to visit our sister Affociations, viz. Squire Goff and Nehemiah Dodge, to the Danbury. To the Shaftsbury, Amos Wells and Simeon Dickinson. To the New-York, Valentine W. Rathbun and Nehemiah Dodge. To the Warren, Amos Wells and Valentine W. Rathbun. To the Groton Conference, Zadock Darrow, Christopher Palmer and Peter Rogers.

5. The Clerk is requested to forward our minutes to their Philadelphia Association. 6. Agreed upon the following supplies:

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| 2d. Catham,     | { | Brother _____ Lock, 3d. Lord's Day in January. |
|                 |   | _____ Samuel Northup, 3d. in March.            |
|                 | { | Brother Valentine W. Rathbun, 3d. and 4th.     |
|                 |   | Lords day in October.                          |
|                 |   | _____ William Gardner, 1st. in November.       |
|                 |   | _____ John G. Wightman, last in Nov.           |
| 3d. Stonington, | { | _____ Peleg Randal, 1st. in December.          |
|                 |   | _____ Nehemiah Dodge, 3d. in January.          |
|                 |   | _____ William Northup, 1st. in April.          |

