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OF THE

WARWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD IN BEDFORD, OCTOBER 15 & 16, 1793.

Tuesday, two o'clock, P. M. October 15, 1793.

BROTHER *John Caton*, delivered the introductory sermon, from 1st John 1. 3. "That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you; that ye also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

2. Brother John Dodge was chosen *Moderator*, and Benjamin Pelton, *Clerk*. Letters from nineteen churches were read.

M. B. Ministers names in *Italics*. Those marked with an *, were not present. From the churches marked thus †, we received no intelligence. Dashes denote no settled minister.

Churches.	Ministers & Messengers.	Baptized.	Received by letters.	Dismissed by letters.	Refused.	Excommunicated.	Deceased.	Numbers.
Warwick,	{ <i>Thomas Montanye,</i> <i>Henry Wisner.</i>	9	2	1	0	2	2	188
York-Town,	{ <i>Reuben Garrison,</i> <i>Elias Quercæu.</i>	0	0	1	0	1	1	50
North-Castle,	{ ————— <i>Ezra Fountain,</i> <i>Jabish Robison.</i>	0	1	3	0	1	0	41
Wantage,	{ <i>Silas Southworth,*</i>	5	1	4	0	0	0	76
New-Cornwall,	{ <i>John Caton.</i> <i>Richard Williams.</i>	9	0	0	0	1	3	58
Newburgh,	{ <i>William Brundige,*</i> <i>James Gray.</i>	0	1	0	0	1	1	32
Stanford,	{ <i>Ebenezer Ferris,</i> <i>Daniel Hall,</i> <i>Ebenezer Jones,</i> <i>Ebenezer Howe,</i> <i>Benjamin Youngs.</i>	0	1	1	1	12	0	23

Carried over, 20 6 10 1 18 7 46²
Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday Morning, October 16.

Met according to adjournment.

Churches.	Ministers & Messengers.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Refused.	Excommu- nicated.	Deceased.	Numbers.
	Brought forward,	20	6	10	1	18	7	468
Ridgefield,	{ <i>Elias Lee,</i> Robert Edmond.	5	0	0	0	1	0	27
Clinton Town,	{ <i>John Dodge,</i> Stephen Badgley.	0	0	1	0	1	0	22
Cross-River,	{ _____ William Reynolds,	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
2 Frederick's Town,	{ <i>Enoch Ferris,</i> Heman King, Benjamin Pelton.	4	3	0	0	2	0	58
Bedford,	{ _____ John Higgins, Silvanus Reynolds.	0	0	3	0	0	1	15
1 Fishkill,	{ _____ Henry Charlack.	0	1	5	0	0	2	25
2 New-York,	{ <i>Benjamin Montanye</i> John Gilmore.	0	2	0	0	0	0	33
Brookfield,	{ <i>Lebbeus Lathrop.</i> _____	18	2	5	0	3	1	94
Pecks-Kill,	{ <i>Isaac Roads,</i> Gilbert Drake, Daniel Hall, Joshua Horton.	0	0	1	0	0	0	17
Chemung,	{ _____	0	0	0	0	2	0	13
Middletown,	{ _____	10	2	1	0	0	0	46
	Total,	59	16	26	1	27	11	833

Voted, that such brethren present, who are agreed with this Association, are invited to take a seat with us.

3. The last years Minutes of the Philadelphian Association were received by the hand of Brother *Thomas Montanye*.

4. Received and read a letter from Mr. *John Stanford*, Minister of the Gospel in New-York; in which was enclosed the Minutes of Kent and Suffex Association, which was read also; this association are much obliged to Mr. Stanford, for the kind favour; and also rejoice in the unanimity of our sister churches in England, with this Association, in the important doctrines of the gospel.

5. The circula. letter being read, our brethren *Ebenezer Ferris Elias Lee, Isaac Roads* and *Enoch Ferris*, with brother *Thomas Montanye*, the author, were appointed to examine the same.

6. Query from the church at Warwick. Is it consistent with the gospel for two churches lying advantageous to each other, both being small, to form one body, and in the future to be known as one church? Answer. This association not only consider it lawful, but would recommend it wherever it can be done in the fellowship of the gospel.

7. Two letters received and read, both calling themselves the Peeks-Kill church. This association went into an investigation of the matter, and found that a division had taken place among themselves, respecting the doctrine held by this association: and that a number of our churches being solicited attended at Peeks-Kill, at which time they mutually agreed to be two people, and as *Isaac Roads*, and those members with him still hold the doctrine of the association, they were unanimously considered the church.

8. The church of Stanford, informed us, that they had excommunicated twelve members for disorderly conduct, which being inspected into (by request of the church,) by a number of our brethren in the ministry and churches; this excommunication in her discipline give her fellowship.

9. By the minutes of the New-York association, it was requested that the churches suspend their judgement upon our publication of them, in our minutes of 1791, until this sitting at Bedford; and also appointed a committee to wait upon us. These are to certify that no committee attended and that the minutes of May 31, and June 1, of 1791, are facts which we can prove.

10. Mr. A. Hambleton, in a singular manner, distributed a bundle of letters in print through the association in the midst of business, impregnated with malevolence: impeaching our committee; and slandering *John Caton*—In consequence of which our committee have subscribed as follows: Whereas in the seventh paragraph of a letter, called the second Baptist church of New-York, to the Warwick association met in Bedford, October 15, 1793. There is a clause suggests, that the committees (appointed to investigate the claim of Benjamin Montanye, Thomas Garniss, and John Gilmore, of the right representing said second church of New York, in the convention sitting at Mount Pleasant) had been influenced by a report of John Caton, viz. that Mr. Foster of New-York said, it was the best thing the committee could do, would be to bring in Mr. B. Montanye, and his party, the 2d church. We do assert that we were not influenced by any such report, neither do any of us know any thing of such a report.

Benjamin Pelton,
Nathan Cole,
Elias Loe. } Members of the said committee.

11. The churches no doubt will see the above publication, and as a further confirmation that it does not contain the truth, Mr. Hambleton (the bearer of said publication,) confessed before he left Bedford in presence of Nathan Cole, John Caton, Gilbert Dean, Benjamin Pelton, and others: that part of it was false.

Supplies for destitute Churches.

Middletown. { *Lecheus Latimer*, 2d Lord's-Day in January.
 { *Thomas Montanye*, 2d Do. in April.
 { *Isaac Roads*, Lord's-Day before the association.

