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MINUTES
OF
THAT MEETING
OF THE
GEORGIA
ASSOCIATION,

WHICH WAS
AT NEWFORD,
IN WILKES COUNTY,

The 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th

Of October, 1804.

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MINUTES, &c.

1. **T**HE sermon, introductory, was delivered by Brother M'Ginty, from Revelation 11, and 1. "*And there was given me a reed, like unto a rod, &c.*"
2. Received and read letters from thirty-four churches, and recorded the names of their messengers.
3. Chose brother Marshall, *Moderator*, & brother Mercer, *Clerk*.
4. Letters of correspondence were received from the Neuse, and Charleston Associations; but no messenger attended. Also, Brother Morton, *Messenger*, from the Serepta, Brother Eddens, from the Bethel, and Brother Ross and Talbot, from the Hephzibah, presented letters from their respective Associations, which were read and the Brethren, severally, received with pleasure.
5. Appointed, in the usual way, Brother Mercer, Morton and Marshall, to preach on the morrow.—On the Sabbath, an extensive and attentive congregation attended, the brethren preached with fervor and solemnity, and we trust not in vain, in the Lord.
6. Ministers present, not under deligation, were invited to sit with us, and their lights requested.
7. A circular address was received from the general committee of correspondence, at Philadelphia, requesting information, relative to the state of religion and other religious, interesting intelligence; when, after some deliberation, and recommending individual patronage, the subject was referred to the general committee of this state, as the most suitable, to carry it into full execution.
8. Read the minutes and circular address of the general committee of Georgia Baptists, and appointed Brother Marshall, Mercer and W. D. Lane, to represent us, in the next session of the committee, to be at Bark-Camp, in Burke county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in May.
9. The following query was laid before the association by the Bethel church (in Hancock county) (*to wit.*) Is it consistent with divine writ, for a member of the church, whose wife has taken up with another man, to marry again, after obtaining a bill of divorcement? After deliberately weighing the subject in the balance of the sanctuary, and taking into view the probable consequences attending such suffrage, it was answered pretty unanimously in the negative.

10. Brother Mercer was requested to prepare a letter of respect and intelligence, to the Charleston Association, Brother Lane, to the Savannah, Brother Rabun, to the Bethel, Brother Flournoy, to the Hepzibah, Brother Mathews, to the Serepta, Brother Wynn, to the Neuse, and Brother Melton, to the general committee of Georgia Bapstists.

11 Brother Marshall, laid before the association, a circular letter, which he had prepared for inspection, which was read and received.

12. The Brethren brought in their several letters which were read and signed; and the following Brethren nominated as messengers (*to wit.*) Brother Mathews to Savannah, Brother Marshall, and Mathews, to Bethel, Brother Harvy and Thompson, to Hephzibah, and Brother Mathews, and Mercer, to Serepta.

13. Agreed to have three general meetings, namely, on Friday before the third Sunday in December, at Big-Creek; on Friday before the third Sunday in April, at Ebenezer; and on Friday before the third Sunday in July, at Town-Creek. 'Tis also recommended, that the Saturday, preceeding each of these meetings, be observed as days of fasting and prayer, and that the churches severally gather at their meeting-houses for that purpose.

14. On motion, it was *Resolved*: For the better circulation of the sessions of the association, that the same be divided into four districts, and numbered in order: That the one, in which the next association may be, shall be first; and so on in rotation: That the churches of that district in which the association, is next to be, shall always, exclusively, fix the place of meeting. Brother Bledsoe, M'Ginty, Marshall, Mathews and Mercer, were appointed a committee to execute the above resolve, and to report to the next association.

15. On request the churches, in South-Carolina, at *Calabam's Mill*, and *Plumb-Branch*, were dismissed to join a more convenient association.

16. Agreed to meet next year at Powell's Creek, Brother Bledsoe, to preach the sermon, if present, if not, Brother Mathews.—Brother Lane, to write the Circular Letter.

17. Collected for the printing of these minutes, and requested Brother Mercer, to superintend the business, as formerly; and that he have fifteen hundred copies printed.—*Then concluded by Prayer.*

ABRAHAM MARSHALL, *Moderator.*

JESSE MERCER, *Clerk.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Ministers Names are in Capitals; Licenced Preachers in Italics—Those whose Names are marked thus † were not present. The figures in the last Column express the Contribution from each Church.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized	Rec. by L.	Dismissed	Excommu.	Restored	Dead	Number	Dollars.	Cents.
1. AUGUSTA AFRICAN CHURCH.	—							427		
2. BIG-CREEK, Oglethorpe County,	Thomas M'Coy, George Farrow,	4	7	12	12		3	126	287	
3. BETHEL, Wilkes County,	F. Flournoy, John Walker,	8	9	1	3			62	125	
4. BETHEL, Hancock County,	B. THOMPSON, J. Huddleston,	33	9					81	2	
5. BUFFALO, S. C. Abbeville County,	Uil Hill, Caleb Jennings,				1			18	50	
6. CLARK'S STATION, Wilkes County,	JAS. MATHEWS, John Wynn,	1	1	3	1	2	1	62	175	
7. CALLAHAM'S MILL Edgefield County, S. C.	S. CARTLEGE, William Cox,	10	4	8	7		3	93	175	
8. COUNTY-LINE, Oglethorpe County,	S. WALKER, T. RHODES,	2	3	5	4	1	1	83	2	
9. DOUBLE-BRANCHES Lincoln County,	Henry Smith, Thomas Curry,	2		1				22	75	
10. EBENEZER, Wilkes County,	S. GAFFORD, Green Baily,		1	8	2	1		56	125	
11. FISHING-CREEK, Wilkes County,	Lesly Coats, James Anthony,	7	3	4	5	2		135	218	
12. FISHING CREEK, Oglethorpe County,	Samuel Piles, † Thomas Ward,	1	3	6	6		2	56	175	
13. FREEMANS-CREEK Clark County,	WM. WRIGHT. Jacob Mercer,	6	10	10	5	1	1	104	225	
14. GREENWOOD, Wilkes County,	† Leven Parkson, † John Hamrick,		1	2	2		1	58	150	
15. HEBRON, Elbert County,	M. I. Williams, James Pace,	6	2	2	1		1	63	125	
16. HOREB,* Hancock County,	—	6	1	3	1			28	50	
17. ISLAND CREEK, Hancock County.	Lazerus Battle, George Rofs,	20		1		1	1	100	3	
18. KIOKEE, Columbia County,	A. MARSHALL, JOHN BOYD, Elisha Perryman,	27	2	7	3			190	150	
19. LONG-CREEK, Warren County,	Littleton Chanclers, William Lynn,	21	7	8		1	1	130	175	
20. NEWFORD, Wilkes County,	John Slack, John Russell,	30	5	2		2	1	83	125	

* The Horeb Church made the necessary arrangements; but her messengers failed, they since have sent the numbers forward, which have been inserted by the Clerk.

