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MINUTES  
OF THE  
Leyden Association,

HOLDEN AT  
COLRAIN,

ON THE 14TH AND 15TH OF OCTOBER,  
1807.

*Together with their*

Circular and Corresponding  
Letters.

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1807.

*Two Messengers of Truth  
given by you*

*Witness in...*

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# Minutes, &c.

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Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1807.

1. **A**T 1 o'clock, P. M. opened the Association by a discourse from **REV. 12, 1.** *And there appeared a wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the Sun, and the Moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve Stars.*

2. Moderator and Clerk chosen.—Prayer by the Moderator.

3. Letters from the Churches read, and the following list taken of their alterations and present state.

N. B. Ordained Ministers' names are printed in small Capitals. From Churches marked thus (†) we had no accounts, therefore have inserted their numbers as they stood when last represented. Those Churches distinguished by a dash [—] have no settled Minister. Licensed Preachers' names are printed in *Ital.* characters. Those ministers with this mark (\*) were present.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Adm'd.</i>	<i>Dismiss'd.</i>	<i>Excluded.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Money paid.</i>
Leyden.	Asa Hebard, Benjamin Baker, Benjamin Kilton, John Field,	1	0	0	0	30	63
Leverett, & Montague.	Elijah Montague, Elihu Gunn, Elijah Hubbard.	2	0	2	2	144	155
1st. Guilford	Jeremiah Parker, <i>Matthew Bennet,</i> John Noyes.	1	2	0	1	113	73
2d. Colrain.	Asa Hackett, Jonas Brown,	0	3	0	0	32	50
Richmond.	(†) [—————]	0	0	0	0	97	
Summerset.	(†) [—————]	0	0	0	0	42	
Dummerston.	(†) JONA. HUNTLEY*	0	0	0	0	183	
Putney.	[—————] Jacob Lowel,	0	1	0	1	64	1
Halifax,	Abner Bemis, Samuel Wood, Josiah Brown, Abner Thomas.	4	4	0	0	114	73
Marlboro' & N. Fane.	[—————] Benjamin Cole, Mansfield Bruce, Stephen Otis, Simeon Jones.	7	8	0	0	84	9
3d. Guilford	Benj. Buckland, Enos Martin, John Green.	1	0	0	0	99	1
1st. Colrain.	Thos. Purinton, John Call, Joseph Purinton, David Smith.	8	0	1	1	95	1

Charlemont & Zoar.	Wm. Hartwell, Jona. Hawks, Silas Shirtliff, Sampson Spawlden.	14	9	0	1	82	75
Royalston & Winchenden	[ ]	0	0	0	0	26	0
Wendell.	SAMUEL KING, Foxwell Thomas, Eihu Osgood, Jabez Sawyer.	4	1	0	1	53	75
Guilford United Church.	LEWIS ALLEN, Ezekiel Goar, Nathaniel Cole, Samuel Stafford.	0	1	1	2	71	80
Dana.	Daniel Bullard, Ellis Peckham.	1	0	0	1	42	50
Royalston & Warwick.	LEVI HODGE, Simeon Jacobs, Enos Metcalf.	1	3	0	5	168	75
Brookline.	Jona. Stebbins, Wm. Thomas, George Witherill.	1	0	1	0	87	50
Fitzwilliam Swazey & Winchester.	(NATH. BOWLS, WM. M. CULLOR.	0	0	0	0	28	67
Heath.	Vernon Gleason.	1	0	1	0	12	35
Newfalem.	PAUL DAVIS, Timothy Upton, Amos Thomas, Nathan Vaughan.	4	0	0	0	50	50
Wilmington.	Ephraim Tites, Linus Austin, Enoch Winslow.	0	0	0	0	40	50
Winfdale.	Danl. Crowninshield, Josiah Moor.	0	0	0	0	36	50
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Total,							

N. B. The two last mentioned Churches were received into our fellowship the present session.

4. Appointed Elders MONTAGUE, M. CULLOR and PURINGTON, a Committee to examine the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

5. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock—Prayer by *Mr. Hodge*. Preaching in the evening at sundry places.

Thursday, Oct. 15th, met according to adjournment and proceeded to business.

6. Read and approved the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

7. Received Messengers and Letters from Corresponding Associations, viz. from the Shaftsbury, a letter and minutes, by their Messenger, Elder *Ebenezer Smith*; from the Sturbridge, a letter and minutes, but no Messenger; from the Woodstock, a letter and minutes, but no Messenger; from the Warren, a letter and minutes, but no Messenger; from the Stonington, a letter and minutes, but no Messenger; from the Vermont, a letter and minutes, by their Messenger, Br. *Ward*. The above mentioned Messengers were cordially received and took a seat with us.

8. Appointed Elder *Purington* to write the Circular, and Br. *Cullor* the Corresponding Letters.

9. Appointed the following Messengers to Corresponding Associations, viz. to the Shaftsbury, Elder *Ebenezer Smith*, Br. *Benjamin Cole*, Dea. *John Hawks*, and Br. *Linus Austin*. To the Woodstock, Elder *M. Cullor*, and Br. *George Witheril*. To the Warren, Elder *M.*

*Cullor* and *Dea. Simeon Jacobs*. To the *Sturbridge*, Elder *Paul Davis* and *Daniel Bullard*. To the *Vermont*, Elder *M. Cullor* and Br. *Ezekiel Gour*.

10. Elder *Hebard* to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

11. The next Association to be holden at the Meeting house belonging to the Baptist Church at *Leverett* and *Montague*, on the second Wednesday of October next, at one o'clock, P.M. Elder *M. Cullor* to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Elder *Hebard*.

Thus our Convocation closed with a sermon by Elder *M. Cullor*, from 1 JOHN, 4, 16. *God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.* The greatest harmony reigned during the session.

## Circular Letter.

**T**HE Elders and Messengers of the Leyden Association, to the Churches they represent, send Christian salutation.

*Dearlly Beloved,*

It having pleased God in his providence, mercifully to bring about the appointed time of the meeting of this Association, with their Brethren the messengers of sister Associations—aiming as we trust to his Glory, which serves to happify our souls—permit us to address you on practical Godliness. Brethren, be exhorted to stand fast in the faith once delivered to the Saints, which is alone received, by the grace of God, through the righteousness of Christ Jesus; the exercise of which faith leads us to obey God in all his commandments contained in the holy scriptures—exercising godly sorrow for sin, and loving holiness for holiness sake. Being in possession of this divine principle, we are led to love all the ordinances of Christ, as he laid them down to us, both in matter and manner, which is but one; yea, certainly to love them more than the pleasures of this world, or the riches thereof, or a good name among men—and also to love the Brotherhood, so as not to have one burdened and another eased. Being under the influences of an holy principle, we do esteem our covenant to be sacredly binding on us, which serves for the union of the Church and the upbuilding of the cause of the Redeemer. Therefore, Brethren, walk thereby as dear children of one family. Being led by the spirit of God ac-



according to his word, we shall regard the holy sabbath as the command of God and the ordinance of man for the Lord's sake. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, and bring up our children and those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord—for it is written, "*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*" Continue steadfast in watching against every appearance of evil, and pray to God continually.

Finally, let us be exhorted to maintain family worship, that our morning and evening sacrifices may arise like incense ascending the holy hill of Zion, and find acceptance through the blood of atonement.

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## Corresponding Letter.

**T**HE Leyden Baptized Association, convened at Colrain—to sister Associations—Peace and truth be multiplied through Jesus Christ your Divine Lord and ours.

Behold Fathers, young men and little children—through the abounding goodness and tender mercy of our God, we have survived the dangers and perplexities of another year, and are favoured with another anniversary interview, and have the pleasing opportunity to hear from the Churches which compose this and the several Associations with whom we correspond. We are glad to hear of your

state, and exult while we learn something of the growing empire of our all Conquering Redeemer.

By our Associations and Correspondence we do repeatedly gain that knowledge of the flock of God in lower Courts which we could not otherwise obtain.

While we mourn that want of animation of which many Churches complain at present, and long for a time of refreshing from the Lord and a flocking to Zion; yet, amidst all our tribulations and intervening clouds, we think we may with the confidence of Christians lift up our heads and rejoice that our redemption draweth nigh. While the foes of truth are bold and open in their attempts, and strike a malicious blow at its foundation, and some half-hearted Brethren, instead of opposing them, cherish a spirit of accomodation---they should be reminded that in such things Christ came not to send peace on earth, but a sword. And he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment (his covering) and buy one. While our hearts ought always to glow with love to all those in whom we discover a principle of love to our divine Lord, and bear with their infirmities in things indifferent or prudential; yet the same law of love doth forbid us to suffer sin on our Brother, or to commune with him in special ordinance while in a disorderly walk. With us, dear Brethren, you will unite in imploring the God of all grace to assist Zion, that both the Ministers of the Gospel and friends of Christianity, may be filled with all the fullness of God, and stand fast in the liberty where-

with Christ has made them free, and keep close to the standard God has erected in the camp of Israel—and fight manfully under his banner. We are not to be moved at the perplexities incident to the people of God; nor shrink at the cross which is directly in the King's highway to Heaven; but to abide under the shadow of the Almighty, with our eye directed to the promise which is as immutable as the ETERNAL THRONE.

The order and increase of our Churches are flattering; divine light is disseminating, and divine truth prevailing. The real friends of Christianity are rising superior to the traditions and commandments of men. A true missionary spirit appears to possess the hearts of the people of God, both in Europe and America, and their pious efforts have already been productive of very salutary effects, and is an encouraging circumstance, very stimulating to every pious mind to use further exertions for the spread of the Gospel. Some of our Churches are *sowing in tears* while others are *reaping in joy*. Their particular state will be best ascertained and understood from our Minutes.

We wish for a continuance of a correspondence with you. Our present interview has been harmonious and we think has been attended with evident tokens of the divine approbation. It is a matter of consolation that we can meet our Brethren upon the shores of time, and converse on the realities of another and better world. A few interviews more perhaps, and we shall have done with things

below—Then will every humble expectant  
meet where Jesus is, in one universal Associa-  
tion—to part no more.

By order of the Association,

ASA HEBARD, *Moderator.*

THOMAS PURINTON, *Clerk.*