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OF THE

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The VERMONT ASSOCIATION,
met in Wallingford, August 29, and 30, 1800, to the
several ASSOCIATIONS, in our correspondence,
Sendeth Christian Salutation.

DEARLY BELOVED,

THE day in which we live, is truly distinguished by great events: Heaven and earth are shaking; the political horizon is covered with a shady gloom: Kingdoms are racking, and empires tottering to their very centre. The noise of the warrior is heard, and garments are rolled in Blood. Thousands are falling in the field of battle, and taking their solemn exit to the eternal world. That pestilence, which walketh in darkness & wasteth at noon day is draining our earth of its inhabitants. But, whilst we behold these awful effects of Gods just displeasure against sin, we hear an inspired apostle addressing us, in language like this, *Wherefore, we receive a Kingdom which cannot be moved.*—He that hath all power in Heaven and earth, presides over this Kingdom. And, we may rest assured, that he hath a grand and glorious design in all these Revolutions: Displaying *his power* in the destruction of the beast and false prophet together; and thereby opening the way, for that auspicious day when a nation shall be born, peace pervade the earth, and *the Kingdoms of this world become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.* Let this consideration, excite in us a steadfast faith, an unshaken confidence, and a persevering obedience to his laws, quietly waiting the events of *his* unerring wisdom.

Through the goodness of God, we have received agreeable intelligence from most of our churches: It hath pleased the Lord, to visit most of them the year past, with an ingathering of souls to the Redeemer's kingdom. A growing steadfastness, in the great doctrines of our holy religion, is apparent amongst the brethren. Unity peace and brotherly love, have become almost universal. The sensible presence of God, has prevailed our meeting; and unanimous agreement, sweetened all our resolutions. Brethren, pray for us, that we may be preserved from error, kept humble, grow in grace, and be rendered useful in the world, by a daily walk and conversation, becoming that holy gospel we profess.

The great advantages we have received from you, in times past, induces us, earnestly to desire a continuance of your correspondence with us.

Finally, Brethren, let us be followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Let us stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel. Remembering that *he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry* : to whom be glory, forever. AMEN.

ISAAC BEALL, *Moderator.*

By order of the ASSOCIATION,

HENRY GREEN, *Clerk.*

MINUTES, &c.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 AND 30, 1800.

AT one o'clock, P. M. Elder Calvin Chamberlain, delivered the introductory sermon, from 2 Cor. vi. 1. After divine service, a Moderator and Clerk were chosen.

~~The~~ letters from the following Churches were received, and read; and the delegate's names enrolled as follows:—

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Clarendon,	J. Beall, L. Walker, N. Rogers.
Wallingford,	H. Greene, J. Randall, W. Erary.
Salem,	O. Warren, T. Hodge, S. Estee,
Orwell,	no intelligence!!
*Pawlet,	T. Brewster, J. Hascall.
*Benson,	no intelligence!!
2, Clarendon,	W. Harrington, E. Green, J. Havens.
† *Georgia,	a letter, but no messenger,
Hubbardton,	N. Dana, L. Wood.
*Brandon,	E. Cueney, E. Strong, J. Conant.
Whiting,	D. Rathbun, J. Needham, M. (Needham.)

The last church was received this session.

† Through mistake the church in Georgia, was not enrolled in our minutes last year.

N. B. Churches distinguished by an * have no settled ministers. As this adjourned session from last year, took place prior to the session of the Woodstock Association, it precluded us the privilege of receiving messengers from them.

3. Adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

4. Met pursuant to adjournment.

5. Received a letter and minutes, from the Leyden Association, by the hand of their messengers, Elders Freeman, and Montague. desiring to open a correspondence with us: which after necessary examination, was mutually agreed to.

6. The circular and corresponding letters, prepared by Elders Chamberlain and Dana, were read and received; and resolved that the superintendent, from both these letters, form one to be a corresponding letter, and also to be considered, as an address to our churches, also resolved that in future we publish but one letter, and that to be considered as an address to our churches, and corresponding Associations.

7. Received a letter from the Shaftsbury Association, desiring us to appoint a committee, to meet a committee of theirs, in conjunction with a committee, from a number of churches, in connection with Elder Haynes, of Middletown, calling themselves the Vermont Association, for the purpose of giving them (the Shaftsbury association, an opportunity to understand the existing difficulties, between us. and those churches, in connection with said Haynes.

In answer to the above request, appointed a com.

mittee, consisting of the following brethren: viz. *Beall, Warren, Green, Harrington, Rathbun, Dana, Chamberlain, Randall, Walker, and Brewster*, to meet said committee at Clarendon, the third Wednesday in January next, at ten o'clock, A. M.

8 Called on the committee appointed last year, to visit Orwell church, to make their return, who reported as follows, that Orwell church, was convinced, that their charging the Association, of publishing untruths respecting them, was without grounds, and that they would rectify the mistake to the public.

9. A draft of our constitution being presented, with the alterations, and amendments (before agreed to) inserted in regular form, resolved, that it be considered the constitution of this association, and that it be deposited in the clerks office.

10. Appointed Elder *Chamberlain*, and brother *Kendrick* our messengers to the Woodstock Association, for next year. Elders *Warren*, and *Green*, to the Leyden Association.

11. Appointed Elder *Rathbun*, to prepare a corresponding letter for next year.

12. Agreed on the following supplies for destitute churches.

Georgia. { Elder *Dana*, the last Lords day in Feb.
Elders *Rathbun*, and *Harrington*, one
Lords day each, and they will send
them word when.

Brandon. { Elder *Dana*, the 3d Lords day in Oct.
Elder *Rathbun*, the first in February.
Elder *Beall*, the first in November.
Elder *Harrington*, the 2d in Decem-
ber.

13. Resolved that our next session, be held at Elder *Beall's* Meeting house in Clarendon, on the first Wednesday in October, 1801, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Elder *Rathbun* to preach the introductory sermon — and in case of failure, Elder *Warren*.