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# MINUTES

OF THE

## WARWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD IN *WARWICK*, May 27, 28 and 29, 1794.

Tuesday, two o'clock, P. M. May 27, 1794.

**I**NTRODUCTORY sermon by Brother *Enoch Ferris*, from 2d Cor. 5, 20. "*Be ye reconciled to God.*"

N. 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 letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Refused.	Excommu- nicated.	Deceased.	Numbers.
Warwick,	{ <i>Thomas Montanye</i> , <i>James Burt</i> , <i>John M. Foght</i> .	0	1	0	0	0	2	177
York-Town †,	<i>Reuben Garrison</i> *,	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
North-Castle †,	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Wantage,	{ <i>Silas Southworth</i> , <i>Humphrey Martin</i> , <i>John Thompson</i> .	5	1	1	0	0	0	81
New-Cornwall,	{ <i>John Caton</i> , <i>Jethro Johnson</i> , <i>Thomas Willis</i> ,	3	0	0	1	1	0	61
Newburgh,	{ <i>William Brundige</i> *, <i>Gilbert Sniffen</i> .	4	0	1	0	3	0	32
Carried over,		12	2	2	1	4	2	442

Met according to adjournment.

6. The letter prepared by *Thomas Montanye*, to the Philadelphia Association, being read, was approved, and he added to our former appointment, as a Messenger.

8. The Circular Letter being read, a committee was appointed, who, upon an investigation judged it improper to examine and revise the same, (as the editor was not present and that it be returned to him, and brought forward the next year) it being the uniform practice of this Association, not to revise any in the absence of the editor; in which the Association concurred, and appointed *John Dodge*, to prepare one for the present time.

9. Query from the church of Warwick. Is the ordination of deacons by the laying on of hands, an apostolic practice, and necessary in the church now? Ans. Yes. Upon which a motion was made and seconded, that some persons be chosen to point out the work and duty of deacons, and produce the same in writing to the Association next year. Appointed, Ebenezer Ferris, John Caton, and Thomas Montague.

**Query** from the church of Brookfield. Whether a Minister who is settled in a church, hath an equal right to move to another church, as a private member, when he thinks it his duty, if he breaks no contract with the former? **Ans.** A Minister's settlement in a church we deem a serious matter; also a member's standing; nevertheless, he may remove with equal propriety, having their approbation and dismission.

10. The Association having received a number of testimonials from *John Stanford*, touching his present situation; it was motioned and seconded, whether the Association would inspect into the matter or not.

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	Brought forward,	12	2	2	1	4	2	442
Stanford,	Ebenezer Ferris.	0	0	0	1	0	0	24
Ridgefield,	{ Elias Lee,	0	0	2	0	0	0	25
	{ Gideon Scott.	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Clinton Town,	{ John Dodge,	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	{ Cornelius Lawrence	0	0	0	0	5	0	19
Cross-River,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Bedford t,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1. Fishkill,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2. New-York,	{ Thomas Gerrits,	8	11	2	0	0	0	50
	{ John Gilmore,							
	{ Samuel Jones,							
	{ James Butterworth.							
Brookfield,	{ John Hiallock,	10	2	6	0	2	0	97
	{ William Fullerton.							
Peck-Kill,	{ Isaac Roads,	0	1	0	0	0	1	17
	{ Enock Ferris.							
Middleton,	{ John Green,	7	2	0	0	1	0	58
	{ Silas Hulce.							
Chenango,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Total,		37	17	12	2	12	3	79

3. Elder *John Carr* being present, voted; that he take a seat with  
in the allocation.

3. Brother William Lloyd, being introduced into the Association, by the wholehearted recommendations from England, was invited to a seat also

4. Brother Benjamin Montanye, being present, was received likewise.

5. Brother J. C. Carr, was chosen Moderator, and Thomas Almonte, Clerk.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

which being put, was unanimously agreed, and voted that a committee be appointed to peruse the same, and report to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sermon this evening by *John Cano*, from Rev. 22. 21.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 29.

Met according to adjournment.

11. The committee chosen by the Association, namely, *Ebenezer Ferris, William Bishop, Benjamin Montanye, Silas Southworth, Lebbeus Lathrop, John Dodge, John Caton, Enoch Ferris and Isaac Roads*, who having examined the testimonials from London, of upwards of seventy persons; and from a number of worthy ministers; from Providence, upwards of ninety persons, the committee in New-York, containing a number of good characters, who declare in their opinion he was injured: and also a number of the ministers of New-Jersey and Pennsylvania, belonging to the Philadelphia Association, concluding and giving their fellowship in his public ministry, we heartily coincide with them, not only from their written testimonials, but some of us being acquainted with his moral character, hope he may be useful in the world of the Lord, which being presented, the Association unanimously accorded in the same.

12. The letter written by *John Dodge*, being read was agreed to.

*Supplies for destitute Churches.*

Fish-Kill,	Jethro Johnson,	2d Lord's Day in June.	
	John Dodge,	1st do.	in August.
	Enoch Ferris,	5th do.	in December.
	Isaac Roads,	1st do.	in February.
Cross-River,	Isaac Roads,	3d do.	in June.
	Enoch Ferris,	5th do.	in do.
	Jethro Johnson,	2d do.	in July.
	Ebenezer Ferris,	1st do.	in August.
Brookfield,	John Caton,	2d do.	in June.
	Silas Southworth,	4th do.	in do.
	Enoch Ferris,	1st do.	in July.
	Benjamin Montanye,	2d do.	in August.
	Lebbeus Lathrop,	last do.	in August.
	Silas Southworth,	3d do.	in October.
	John Caton,	2d do.	in January.
	Benjamin Montanye,	4th do.	in do.
	Lebbeus Lathrop,	1st do.	in February.
	Thomas Montanye,	2d do.	in do.
	Jethro Johnson,	2d do.	in March.
	John Caton,	2d do.	in April.

Fredericks-Town,	John Caton,	3d Lord's Day in July.	
	John Dodge,	4th do.	in August.
	Benjamin Montanye,	3d do.	in October.
	Ebenezer Ferris,	4th do.	in do.
	Thomas Montanye,	3d do.	in November.

13. The next Association, to meet at Clinton-Town, on the last Tuesday in May, A. D. 1795. Introductory sermon to be preached by *Benjamin Montanye*, at 2 o'clock, P. M. and in case of failure, by *Isaac Roads*.

14. Thomas Montanye, is appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes. and forward them to the churches.

### [ C I R C U L A R L E T T E R. ]

The Elders and Brethren of the several Churches met in Association, at Warwick, May 27, 1794:

To the Churches with whom they are connected, GREETING.  
BELOVED BRETHREN,

As the design of our annual meeting, is to help the Church of Jesus Christ, we would inform you that we met in love, and had an agreeable interview with each other; were comfortably entertained with the harmony subsisting among us, and the stability of the Churches in relation to us; at the same time cannot but lament, that there are such complaints of coldness and deadness in vital religion in this our day; Therefore we would address you at this time, and call your attention to the important and necessary point of experimental and practical religion. The day in which we live appears pregnant with some glorious event, taking place in the kingdom of the MESSIAH; therefore call to mind the great love wherewith the father hath loved us, that we should be called the sons of God. How precious was the word of God in that day, when the Lord brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light—how did you love to search the sacred volume, through which your faith was strengthened, to lay hold on the hope set before you; how did it raise your affections to love the Lord your God: what fears of offending, and what engagements to every duty. Suffer us then, to call upon you to a strict attendance to divine worship, neglect not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but so much the more as you see the day approaching. Be engaged in the service of the Lord, keep up your regular meetings of business, and support the discipline of the house of God—let not your seats be vacant at the communion seasons; and as errors are coming in on every side, watch unto prayer, pray without ceasing, keep up public, private

vate & family devotion ; do you love Zion ? pray for her ; are your families dear to you ? pray with, & for them ; let them, the world, & the churches see, by your humble deportment, your Godly conversation, & your dependence on the Lord, for every blessing ; they may take knowledge of you, that you have been with Jesus ; visit one another, stir up each other to love and good works ; condescend to men of low degree, that you may be the disciples of a meek and lowly Jesus ; strengthen the hands of your Ministers, and let not covetousness be named among you. Finally brethren, farewell, do good to all, especially to the household of faith.

Signed by order, and in behalf of the Association.

JOHN GANO, *Moderator.*

THOMAS MONTANYE, *Clerk.*