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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.	Restored.	Excommunicated.	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

## Wednesday Morning, May 28.

Met according to adjournment.

Sermon this morning by *William Bishop*, from Cant. 1. 9.

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.

7. Received and read a letter from *John Stanford*, in New-York, respecting this Association, forming a union with the Kent and Sesslex Association in England; the letter prepared and presented was adopted by the Association, who would be happy in a correspondence with them: also, a plan for a Library: it being new to the Association, was voted to be held over until another year for consideration.---In which letter was also the consoling information from persons of respectability, that the ensuing summer, the Royal Jews were to assemble in grand Congress.---The question to be agitated, is, *Wh ther Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah?* may they not only own him as such, but experience the power of his grace as the Son of God, is our earnest prayer.

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 Montanye*.

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 dismissal.

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,	<i>Ebenezer Ferris.</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	24
Ridgefield,	{ <i>Elias Lee,</i> <i>Gideon Scott.</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	25
Clinton Town,	{ <i>John Dodge,</i> <i>Cornelius Lawrence</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Cross-River,	_____	0	0	0	0	5	0	10
Bedford t,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
1. Fishkill,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2. New-York,	{ <i>Thomas Gerrits,</i> <i>John Gilmore,</i> <i>Samuel Jones,</i> <i>James Butterworth.</i>	8	11	2	0	0	0	50
Brookfield,	{ <i>John Hiallock,</i> <i>William Fullerton.</i>	10	2	6	0	2	0	97
Peck-Kill,	{ <i>Haac Roads,</i> <i>Enoch Ferris.</i>	0	1	0	0	0	1	17
Middleton,	{ <i>John Green,</i> <i>Silas Hulce.</i>	7	2	0	0	1	0	5
Chenango,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total,		37	17	12	2	12	3	79

1. Elder *John Caton* being present, voted; that he take a seat with in the Association.

2. Brother *William Bishop*, being introduced into the Association, wholehearted recommendations from England, was invited to a seat also

3. Brother *Benjamin Montanye*, being present, was received likewise

4. Brother *John Caton*, was chosen Moderator, and *Thomas Montanye* Clerk.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

