

## MINUTES

OF SOME CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PREACHERS IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE REV. MR. JOHN WESLEY.

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 25, 1774.

Quest. 1. *Who are admitted this year?*  
William Watters, Abraham Whitworth,  
Joseph Yearbry, Philip Gatch, Philip  
Ebert—5.

Quest. 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*  
William Duke, John Wade, Daniel  
Ruff, Edward Drumgole, Isaac Rollins,  
Robert Lindsay, Samuel Spragg—7.

Quest. 3. *Who are assistants this year?*  
Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Geo.  
Shadford, Robert Williams, John King,  
Abraham Whitworth, Daniel Ruff, Wil-  
liam Watters, Philip Gatch—9.

Quest. 4. *Are there any objections to any  
of the preachers?*

They were examined one by one.

Quest. 5. *How are the preachers sta-  
tioned this year?*

New-York, Francis Asbury, to change in  
three months.

Philadelphia, Thomas Rankin, to change  
in three months.

Trenton, William Watters.

Greenwich, Philip Ebert.

Chester, Daniel Ruff, Joseph Yearbry, to  
change with Wm. Watters and P.  
Ebert.

Kent, Abraham Whitworth.

Baltimore, George Shadford, Edward  
Drumgole, Richard Webster, Robert  
Lindsay.

Frederick, Philip Gatch, William Duke.

Norfolk, John King.

Brunswick, John Wade, Isaac Rollins,  
Samuel Spragg.

All the preachers to change at the end  
of six months.

Quest. 6. *What numbers are there in  
Society?*

New-York	-	-	-	-	222
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	264
New-Jersey	-	-	-	-	257
Chester	-	-	-	-	36
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	78
Frederick	-	-	-	-	175
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	73
Brunswick	-	-	-	-	218
Kent	-	-	-	-	150

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This Conference agreed to the follow-  
ing particulars:—

1. Every preacher who is received into  
full connection is to have the use and  
property of his horse, which any of the  
circuits may furnish him with.

2. Every preacher to be allowed six  
pounds, Pennsylvania currency, per quar-  
ter, and his travelling charges besides.

3. For every assistant to make a gene-  
ral collection at Easter in the circuits  
where they labour, to be applied to the  
sinking of the debts on the houses, and  
relieving the preachers in want.

4. Wherever Thomas Rankin spends  
his time, he is to be assisted by those  
circuits.

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PHILADELPHIA, MAY 17, 1775.

Quest. 1. *What preachers are admitted  
this year?*

William Duke, John Wade, Daniel  
Ruff, Edward Drumgole, Isaac Rollins,  
Samuel Spragg—6.

Quest. 2. *Who are admitted upon trial?*

John Cooper, Robert Lindsay, William  
Glendenning—3.

Quest. 3. *Who act as assistants this year?*

Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Geo.  
Shadford, James Dempster, Martin Rodda,  
Edward Drumgole, William Watters, Phi-  
lip Gatch, Daniel Ruff—9.

Quest. 4. *How are the preachers sta-  
tioned?*

New-York James Dempster.

Philadelphia, Samuel Spragg.  
 Trenton, John King, Daniel Ruff.  
 Greenwich, William Duke.  
 Chester, Richard Webster.  
 Kent, Philip Gatch, John Cooper.  
 Baltimore, Martin Rodda, Richard Owings,  
 John Wade.  
 Frederick, Wm. Watters, Robert Straw-  
 bridge.  
 Norfolk, Francis Asbury.  
 Brunswick, Geo. Shadford, Robert Lind-  
 say, Edward Drumgole, Robert Wil-  
 liams, William Glendenning.

Thomas Rankin is to travel till the  
 month of December, and then take a  
 quarter in New-York.

The preachers in New-Jersey to change  
 in one quarter.

Webster and Cooper to change with  
 Gatch and Watters at the end of six  
 months.

The preachers in Brunswick and Hano-

ver to change as the assistant thinks  
 proper.

Thomas Rankin's deficiencies to be  
 paid out of the yearly collection.

The preachers' expenses from Confer-  
 ence to their circuits to be paid out of the  
 yearly collection.

A general fast for the prosperity of the  
 work, and for the peace of America, on  
 Tuesday, the 18th of July.

Quest. 5. *What numbers are there in  
 Society?*

New-York	-	-	-	-	200
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	190
New-Jersey	-	-	-	-	300
Chester	-	-	-	-	74
Kent	-	-	-	-	253
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	840
Frederick	-	-	-	-	336
Fairfax	-	-	-	-	30
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	125
Brunswick	-	-	-	-	800

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BALTIMORE, MAY 21, 1776.

Quest. 1. *What preachers are admitted  
 this year?*

John Cooper, Robert Lindsay, William  
 Glendenning, Henry Kennedy, Samuel  
 Spragg—5.

Quest. 2. *What preachers are admitted  
 on trial?*

Nicholas Watters, John Sigman, Jo-  
 seph Hartley, Francis Poythress, James  
 Foster, Freeborn Garrettson, Thomas  
 M'Clure, Isham Tatum, William Wren  
 —9.

Quest. 3. *What preachers act as assist-  
 ants?*

Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, Mar-  
 tin Rodda, George Shadford, Philip Gatch,  
 William Watters, Daniel Ruff, Edward  
 Drumgole, Samuel Spragg—9.

Quest. 4. *How are the preachers sta-  
 tioned?*

New-York, Daniel Ruff.  
 Philadelphia, Samuel Spragg.  
 New-Jersey, Rob't. Lindsay, John Cooper.  
 Kent, Nicholas Watters, William Wren,  
 Joseph Hartley.

Baltimore, Francis Asbury, James Foster,  
 John Wade.

Frederick, Martin Rodda, Freeborn Gar-  
 rettson.

Fairfax, Wm. Watters, Thomas M'Clure,  
 Adam Fornerdon.

Brunswick, George Shadford, Wm. Duke,  
 Wm. Glendenning.

Carolina, Edward Drumgole, Francis  
 Poythress, Isham Tatum.

Pittsylvania, Isaac Rollins.

Hanover, Philip Gatch, John Sigman.

Quest. 5. *What numbers are there in  
 Society?*

New-York	-	-	-	-	132
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	137
New-Jersey	-	-	-	-	150
Chester	-	-	-	-	104
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	900
Frederick	-	-	-	-	359
Fairfax	-	-	-	-	350
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	125
Brunswick	-	-	-	-	1611
North-Carolina	-	-	-	-	683
Hanover	-	-	-	-	270
Pittsylvania	-	-	-	-	100

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July 26 is appointed a day of fasting.