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The Manover-Presbytery-
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The Manover
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present do highly approve of, & think worthy to be received as a
part of Trial: & they desire him to compose a Sermon against
next Presbytery on 1. Tim. V. 10. first Part.

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The moderator appoints the next Presbytery to meet at Goshen-
land Court-house, on 7th last Wednesday of August.

The Presbytery enters upon the consideration of Mr. Martin's Two
Discourses, & approved them as parts of Trial.

Mr. Davie & Mr. Todd having drawn up an Address in the Name of
this Presbytery, to be presented to his Excellency & Earl of Loudoun,
upon his arrival in New York, & Presbytery approve of it, & adopt it as
their Act: & it is as follows.

To the right Hon. ^{ble} John Earl of Loudoun, supreme
Governor of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia, Commander in
Chief of his Majesty's Forces in America, &c. The humble Address
of the Presbytery of Hanover in Virginia.

may it please your Excellency,

The Presbytery of Hanover, in the Name of the Protestant Dissenters
of the Presbyterian Denomination in this Colony, most humbly
beg leave to present to your Excellency, thro' this medium, our
sincere Congratulations upon your safe Arrival in America,
& your Accession to the Government of this Colony.

We esteem it an high Honour conferred upon this Dominion
& most gratefully resent it as a fresh Instance of his Majesty's
paternal Goodness, that the Government of it is invested in one,
whose noble Birth, whose military Skill & Bravery, & whose unshaken
Loyalty & Activity, in the Service of his Royal Master, so conspicuous
and displayed in a vigorous Opposition to the last unnatural
Rebellion, afford us the most encouraging Prospect of a happy
Administration, in the present alarming Situation of this Country;
which has been so long ravaged, almost with Impunity, by a
mangled Mass of French & Indian Savages.

We beg leave to give your Excellency the strongest Assurance
that as we are gratefully sensible of our peculiar Happiness

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under of British Government, & of gracious & equitable Administration
 of of best of Kings; & as we warmly resent, with a just Indignation, of per-
 vious Inroads of of French, those denial Injuries to Liberty
 & Britons, upon of Territories secured to of British Crown by of Treaties
 of Treaties, & of inhumane Barbarities & Depredations perpetrated
 upon our Frontiers by them, & of Indian Savages thro' their In-
 stigation; we shall zealously exert our utmost Influence, in our
 respective Provinces, to make our People justly sensible of of
 important Interests now at Stake, to inspire 'em wth a public Spirit
 & of Love of their Country, & to animate them by our Instructi-
 ons & Example, bravely to hazard their Lives & Fortunes in
 its Defense.

As we humbly presume to vie with our Fellow-Subjects, in
 Duty to his Majesty, & in a zealous Attachment to his Family &
 Government; & cheerfully submit to of usual Tests of Loyalty &
 orthodoxy imposed by Authority upon Protestant Dissenters;
 we humbly solicit your Excellency's Patronage, & put ourselves
 under your Protection; assur'd, your Excellency will continue to
 us those Liberties we have enjoy'd, particularly of free Exercise
 of our Religion, according to our Conscience, & of Practice of
 of established Church of Scotland; & humbly hoping, that, whereas
 we have in Times past lain under some Misdemeanors, from which
 our Brethren in England, under of same religious Establishment
 are happily exempted, your Excellency will grant us all of Liberties
 & Immunities of a full Toleration, according to of Laws of England
 & particularly according to an Act of Parliament commonly
 call'd of Act of Toleration.

We cannot forbear intimating, what great Pleasure & Sincere
 Regardment it would yield to us, & our Countrymen in general, if your
 Excellency should condescend to assume of Administration upon
 yourself in Person, & honour this Colony with your stated Residence
 in it, when you have pass'd thro' those Scenes of business,
 Fatigue, & Danger, in of Field, to which of Course of your
 Country now calls you.

It is, and shall be, our daily earnest Prayer to y^e Supreme Ruler of y^e Universe, that your Excellency, under y^e Guardianship & Conduct of y^e Providence, may lead on our Armies to Honour, Victory, & Triumph — that y^e present & future Ages may celebrate you, as y^e Saviour & Protector of those infant Colonies in America; & particularly of this which has y^e Honour to be your immediate Care — & that having long & successfully served your King & Country, you may be advanced to the un molested Tranquility, & superior Honour, of a happy Immortality. — These are our ardent wishes & Prayers; & we dare affirm, they are y^e wishes & Prayers of y^e Presbyterians in general, within this Dominion. 174

Signed per order of Presbytery

August 10th y^e
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John Todd mod^r

Sam^l Davies clk^t

The Presbytery farther examin'd m^r Martin in sundry ex tempore Questions upon various Branches of Learning, & Divinity, & receiv'd his religious Experiences; & upon a review of y^e sundry Trials he had pass'd thro' they judge him qualified to preach y^e Gospel; & he having declar'd his Assent to, & Approbation of y^e Westminster Confession of Faith, & Catechisms, & Directory, as they have been adopted by y^e Synod of New York, y^e Presbytery do license & authorize him to preach as a Candidate for y^e Ministry of y^e Gospel, & recommend to y^e acceptance of y^e Churches. And they order m^r Davies & m^r Todd to draw up for him a Certificate, according to y^e purport of this minute. and appoint y^e moderator to give him some solemn Instructions & Admonitions, with regard to y^e Discharge of his office. — which was done accordingly.

A Petition from y^e Session of y^e North Mountain Congregation in Augusta, was presented to y^e Presbytery, requesting that one of y^e members may be sent thither to moderate in y^e Session in determining a Difference between m^r Brown & James Callison.

A Petition from Inno & y^e Kawfields for supplies, & particularly for m^r Martin.

A Petition from y^e North Mountain Congregation for supplies. Also from Fair River & See See. Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning, at 6 o'clock. — concluded with Prayer.