

RECORD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: General

EMBRACING THE

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA, FROM A. D. 1706 TO 1716:
MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA, FROM A. D. 1717 TO 1758:
MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FROM A. D. 1745 TO 1758:
MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK, FROM A. D.
1758 TO 1788.



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both; and that this be intimated to Mr. Smith, and the people aforesaid be writ to by Mr. Andrews.

The Presbytery is adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

4ta. Sessio ante merid.

Post preces sederunt, Mr. Jedediah Andrews, moderator, &c.

The letter to Mr. Davis was writ, read, and approved.

Ordered, That a draught of a letter be drawn up to New Castle by Mr. Wilson and Mr. McNish.

The Presbytery adjourned till 3 o'clock, post merid.

5ta. sederunt post merid.

Precibus peractis, sederunt, &c.

A letter from Woodbridge read; and resolved that an answer be written to them by Mr. Wilson.

A letter from the people of Monokin and Wicomico read and seriously considered. A call also sent from them to Mr. McNish, was not accepted by him. Resolved, that a letter be writ to them hereupon by Mr. Taylor. Ordered also, that Mr. McNish preach only every third Sabbath to those of Wicomico.

Ordered, next *sederunt* at 2 o'clock, post merid.

6ta. sederunt.

Mr. McNish delivered his Presbyterial exercise and was approved.

New Castle affair debated, and a letter to them agreed on.*

Ordered, That a letter be written in concert with that from New-England, to Sir Edmund Harrison, by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Andrews.

Also, that a letter be written to Mr. Mather and other ministers at Boston, to thank them for their concurrence with us.

Adjourned till Monday, 9 o'clock, ante merid.

* To the people of New Castle.

May 1709.

Out of a Christian compassion that we have towards you, we cannot but commiserate your present circumstances, and are heartily sorry for the misunderstanding that is between you and Mr. Wilson; as also for the difference that is between you and our Christian friends in the country. We would be glad to fall upon a healing method to remedy these unhappy divisions. And gentlemen, you may be assured, that whatsoever (in duty,) lies within the compass of our power shall not be wanting; but after second thoughts and a due sense of your condition, we fear that such changes as are set on foot among you in the present circumstances concerning a minister, may prove detrimental to your and our common interest, especially when we take notice that nothing particular has been offered to us by you concerning our brother Mr. Wilson, why he may not continue in his pastoral charge and function among you as formerly. A general dissatisfaction is the principal thing, (it seems,) which is pretended both in your letter to us, and by your and our friend, Mr. Janvier. However, out of tender respect to you, we have according to desire, presented Mr. McNish with your call, which he, for reasons given you by himself, cannot at present comply with. We beseech you, gentlemen, to put favourable constructions upon what we do, and that in truth and sincerity we desire and pray for, and endeavour your spiritual and eternal welfare; but yourselves may easily see that the smallness of our number, the particular engagements that every one of us lie under already, render your supply any other way than by our brother Mr. Wilson, at least at present, impracticable. And therefore, we entreat, may require you in the Lord, to concur with us; lay aside all prejudices; struggle not too much with providential, unavoidable difficulties; be submissive, which is a truly Christian temper; trust in God, use patient endeavours, and expect without doubting a comfortable issue, which we hope for and shall constantly endeavour.

Subscribing ourselves,
Yours in the work of the Gospel, &c.—[Letter Book.]