

SESSION MINUTES

Rough draft, Oct. 7, 1793-Aug. 20, 1795

(Cf. note by Rev. G. S. Woodhull in
Volume 1 of minutes, page 199)

Extr^{em}
ferences of the Elders
meetings of Synod
was - That the
all the expenses
among the ye different
of the Church - from year to
year shall be born by the Church -

Mr Matthew Mowatt was appointed
to attend the ensuing meeting of
Synod, which is to be held on
Thurs. the 30th at Eliz. town -

~~Resolved that Mr Carr
shall be under suspension
without a trial unless he
upon it & absolutely de-
quilt -~~

In W^m Province
se with Mr Paul
make him pass
your conduct on your

Concluded with pray

Cranberry Nov. 14th 1793

The session met & was opened with
prayer by the Moderator.

Present.

Mr Gilbert T. Snowden, Mod.

Mr. Fisher.	Enos Childers
Num. Mount. &	John Gulick
Gov. Moderator Elder.	Israel Baldwin &
	Simon Adams, Deacon

Absent -

Mr. Bonds	Mr. Pomeroy
Saml. May Jr	Mat. Mount &
Mr. Combs Jr	John Haylock, Elder

Ordered to read the minutes of the
last session -

Read & approved
Israel Baldwin, V. M. Israel
were present & approved from the
last meeting, which was approved

Considering the inconvanience
which may be avoided & the
advantages obtained by placing
in the public services of their
Church, without giving out
-line- the paper resolved that
no notice be given to the Congregation
that if no regular objection be
made to them ~~at the next~~ ~~meeting~~
~~of the Synod~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~reading~~
the line shall be laid aside, after
the ~~third~~ ~~month~~ ~~of~~ ~~December~~
Mr. ~~W. H. H. H.~~ ~~was~~ ~~appointed~~ ~~to~~
request Mr. Deibel Price to under-
take the act of Church, in getting the
-line- ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Church~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~
~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~appointed~~ ~~to~~ ~~read~~ ~~the~~ ~~line~~

Finally on every public occasion the
Church ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~informed~~ ~~in~~ ~~advance~~ ~~&~~
such ways - I shall ~~be~~ ~~an~~ ~~active~~
-participation, ~~there~~ ~~be~~ ~~exempted~~ ~~from~~
the ~~five~~ ~~cents~~
Mr. Fisher & Mr. ~~W. H. H.~~ were ap-
-pointed to request the Corporation to
exempt Mr. Price from the payment
of his five cents -
Mr. Reuben Morris appeared before
the Synod - & informed them that
he had applied to Pres. at their last
meeting for redress from the judg-
-ment of the Synod, ^{again} against him
at ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~meeting~~
but that the Presby. would not have
been so unless he brought up a paper

An appeal from the judgment of
the Superior Court. ^{At the time allowed}
to speak was over. The first elapsed
the Pres. would not admit his office
without the liberty the Superior
gave a formal permission to him
to appeal. ~~At the time~~ ^{At the time} Mr. M.
requested the Superior to leave
to appeal to the Pres. from the judg-
ment by which he was deprived
from the office of Justice. Upon terms
out of the Commission of the Court
The appeal was unanimously granted.

Concluded with prayer.

Cranbury, Dec 9th 1793

The Superior met accordingly to adjourn-
ment & was opened with a ~~series of~~
prayer by the Moderator.

Present

Geo. Gilbert, T. Snowden, Mod.

Jon. Combs Jr.

Esqr. Baldwin

Geo. Purvine

John Gulick &

Jac. Fisher

Simon Sedam, Esq.

Gas. Snedden &

Matthias Mountbatten, Israel Baldwin, Sen.

absent

Jon. Combs

~~John M. M.~~

Sam. Bayles

Thos. Mount &

John Heybach, Esq.

Ordered to read the minutes of the
last Superior.

Mr. Combs, Mr. Purvine & Mr. Mat. Mount
gave response for defence from the last

meeting, which were approved.

Mr. Combs & Mr. Fisher were appointed to request those persons who have lately purchased the pews which front on the long aisle, to grant leave to have them so altered as to admit tables ^{at} the Communion table being formed by lowering the front of the pews ~~the~~ also, to request the Corporation to give like permission for such pews as are still in their hands.

Mr. Peter Armi having not appeared ~~since~~ a message was sent desiring his immediate attendance, to which he put a superficial excuse, & a declaration that "he would not come". Whereupon Ordered that Mr. Gulick

give him notice ~~that~~ to attend at the next stated meeting to answer to the charge brought against him by Mrs. Rice - I give the same notice to Mr. Rice's wife ~~per~~ ^{meeting}

Mr. Snowden reported that, he had visited 16 families belonging to the Congregation, accompanied with Mr. M. M. Mount - & 3 families which did not belong to it - that family worship was generally attended upon in the families of professors of religion - but not regularly & constantly - In some instances, quite early.

The session taking into consideration the many inconveniences which Mr. Jeremiah Smith, the widow of the late Pastor of this Church, has suf-

posed & she suffers on account of her
having no property, or none any way
sufficient to her comfortable support.
Considering that the Care & Services
of her late husband have been most
affectionately devoted to the Service
& was the cause of her present tempo-
-ral difficulties. Resolved That
in future they will take some steps
to procure her a yearly support, which
she shall continue a Widow among
them & be equally in need of such
support - & That for the present
year, there shall be two collections
on her account - ~~settled~~ with justable
previous notice - & that the first
collection be made the next Sabbath
week

The members of the Society have reported
they have found a general objection
among the people to paying without
giving out the coin - Whereupon resolved
that tho' the Society highly approve
earnestly desire, that measure to
be adopted - yet as the people are
not disposed favourably to it, that
it be for the present ~~postponed~~ -

Mr Price & Mr Wm McSherry were
sent for - when the former undertook
carefully to perform the duty of
~~settling the~~ ^{settling the} latter of giving out
the coin - in the public Service of the
Church - for which the former Society
expressed to ~~pay~~ ^{be} ~~the~~ ^{the}
basis of two ~~years~~ ^{years} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same}

~~out in the Church, without paying~~
~~any thing~~ - to get them exempted
from the salary which they now
pay -

Mr Combs & Mr Medsker were
appointed to make this agreement
known to the Corporation & request
their concurrence -

Mr Snowden proposed to the man-
~~agement of the paper~~, to recommend
to the people ~~the people~~ certain
proposals, which for their adoption,
viz - That a new dwelling house should
be built on the parsonage next
hermore, & various other measures
taken to prepare for it - Thereupon
Resolved unanimously ~~that~~ as there
was a very great need of a dwelling house

on the parsonage, whereas it is a
most binding duty in itself & con-
-sistent to the success of the Gospel, to
make the minister of it, easy &
comfortable. Whereas Mr Snowden
offers to himself subscribe towards
the house the sum of £40. or cer-
-tain conditions - Res. That we
highly approve the measure, &
earnestly recommend it to the people
& will by word & deed do our utmost
to promote - That the congrega-
-tion be immediately convened to
attend to this business -

Concludes with prayer -

Cranbury, Jan 6th 1794.

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Joy Brough	Gilbert T. Snowden, N.
Jac. Fisher	Geo. Baldwin,
Sam. Shering	John Gulick,
Wm. Fredeker, &	Simon Sedan, Deacon
Mat. Mount, Elder	Absent
Jonathan Domb	Israel Baldwin, Deacon.
Samuel Bayles	
William Perrine, &	
John Sabach, Elder	

Ordered to read the 21st & 22nd -

M^r Snowden reported, that assembled part of the time with M^r Fredeker, & part, with M^r Gulick, he had visited since the last meeting thirty seven families - that among the poor families, prayer & the religious exercises are but irregularly attended upon, but that among the families in general, the religion is

not rooted in their minds, there is, with little exception, an uniform reverence for the Gospel, & in some instances considerable impressions of its own truth.

M^r Fredeker reported, that the Collection which was made ~~for the~~ last sabbath week, for M^r Smith, pursuant to the resolve passed at the last meeting, amounted to the sum of ^{nine} ~~eight~~ ^{eight pence} pounds, ^{the} ~~thirteen~~ ^{thirteen} ~~shillings~~ ^{shillings} & two pence half penny - which he has since so paid into his hands -

On motion: Resolved That the business of forming Communion Tables by certain alterations in the front of the pew in the long aisle - be on account of the present state of affairs in the Congregation, be postponed, till next spring or summer.

Mr. Combs & Mr. Wheeler reported, that
there had not yet been any meeting of the
Co. Corporation - in order to apply to get
Mr. Rice who Mr. Cheney, is exempted
from Jew rent -

Mr. Matthew Rice, & Mr. Peter Arvin,
being present, the ~~fact~~ each declaring
his was being prepared for the trans-
-action on which they had attended - Mr.
Rice, ~~complained~~ charged Mr. Arvin with
"handing his character & speaking
that he had unjustly overruled his pro-
-perty from him" - Mr. Arvin being asked
what answer he gave to this charge, said
that Mr. Rice had actually cheated, or
"wilfully wronged him, ^{in refusing to} ~~in not paying~~
him a certain amount, for some leather
which ~~he~~ he had made for Mr. Rice." -
He stated the circumstances to be that he
had received some hides of Mr. Rice to

be tanned, & after returned them to him, in
leather, which Mr. Rice refused to pay
for the tanning - that as he was acci-
-dentally away when ~~the~~ the case
was before Justice Hunt, by which Mr.
Rice, did get a legal advantage over
him, he was obliged to submit, & did
not pursue the matter ^{any} further, be-
-cause unable to bear the expense.

Mr. Arvin produced no notes, to
prove these facts but simply made the
recital, which being read to him, he
approved -

On the other hand Mr. Rice asserted
that he had indeed ~~received~~ delivered
some hides to Mr. Arvin, & his receipt for
leather in return; but that, ^{at} in his own
opinion she believes in unanimity,

opinion of all who saw it could judge of
it, the leather was very bad, ~~but~~
~~refuse to pay him for tanning~~ & almost
entirely ruined, he did refuse to pay
for the tanning - that sometime after
he paid Mr. Arvin for ^{some} beef, he had
some years ago sold to him, & had
many times been deceived & disap-
pointed in the expectation of being
paid for - that, the first day Mr. Arvin
did not appear - that the second day,
which the law allowed him, he did not
appear & judgment was given against
him by Mr. Hunt - in which judgment
no allowance was made ^{on acct. of tanning} ~~to him~~
- cause Mr. Hunt never intended to pay
him for tanning such miserable leather
- then, ~~nothing~~ which could not, even

be at all used - & Mr. Arvin did not ap-
pear to claim pay for the rest
of the leather - that ~~some~~ ~~time~~ ~~after~~
- shortly after judgment was given
he found Mr. Arvin sitting down
in a neighbour's house not 100 yards
off - told him of what had passed &
offered ~~if he~~ ~~was~~ they walked back
to Mr. Hunt - when Mr. Arvin, said he
would go over to Mr. Finkler's & get
him to write an appeal bond for him,
Mr. Hunt, then ~~told~~ ~~him~~, that if he
was defeated, he would willingly
consent to have all that was done
reversed - & a jury should be called
& he would abide their decision - Mr.
Arvin, then said that if Mr. Hunt, would
wait three months - he would ratify

the judgement of Justice Hunt & the
business should be settled - Mr Puce
consented - & the matter was concluded
on these terms - but that Mr Arvi
made him wait 10 or 14 months for his
money, & then did not pay him till
his cattle was seized by the constable.

Mr Puce then called upon Justice
Hunt to give him testimony in the case,
who being sworn, testified - That
Mr Puce did sue Mr Arvi on account of
some beef - that the day before they
were to have the cause tried before him
Mr Arvi came to him, said that he could
not attend - & begged the cause might
be put off - that it was put off - & on
the second day Mr Arvi did not appear
when, after waiting about an hour & a
half, beyond the hour they were in to

attend at - he gave judgment in favour of
Mr Puce - that Mr Puce went out & shortly
returned in company with Mr Arvi - when
they both came to him - & standing close together
& attending to what was done & said - Mr
Puce said - Mr Ar. is disappointed with the
judgement - he has an ^{agony} ^{some} aced of some leather
tanned for me, which I will never buy
unless I am forced by law - but if Mr
Ar. chooses, I will consent to have your
judgment reversed & a jury called -
they then stopped at Crown Point
at the door when they returned & Mr
Puce said - Mr Arvi consents to the
judgement you have given against
him if I will stay three months for
my money - which I will - then turn
-ing to Mr Arvi - he said - What do you

Arwin "Yes says Mr Arwin ^{to the judge} -
"meant, with Mr Arwin was being three
"months" Mr Hunt added, it was ~~more~~
~~the~~ 6 months or more, before Mr Arwin
took out an execution.

This testimony being read to Mr Hunt
he said it was accurate -

~~After some~~ The parties reti-
-ed - After some conversation, on
motion ~~referred~~ the following ^{question} was
put - "Is Mr Arwin guilty of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~charge~~
"the character of Mr Place. -" was
unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The Session then took into consideration
the ~~severity~~ ^{nature} of the punishment due
to his fault - Vote motion Resolved.

That Mr Arwin be admonished, Vote
~~at the meeting~~ of the Session, expected to be held
by next Saturday ~~at~~ ^{at} his service

he give satisfactory evidence of repen-
-tance, he be suspended for three months
from that day -
from the Commission of the Church.

The parties were then called in the
judgment of Session referred to them
Mr Arwin was solemnly rebuked -
~~Admonished to~~ ~~attend~~ ~~the~~ ~~next~~ ~~meeting~~
- and the present meeting was
concluded with prayer -

Note. There was no meeting of the Session
on Saturday the 18th as was expected, inasmuch
as there were no applications for admission
to the Commission, ^{of the Lord's Supper} to be administered the
next day - Nor did Mr Arwin, appear, or give
any intimation to any member of the
Session, that he designed to acknowledge his
fault - He is therefore suspended for
three months from the 18th of January -

Cranberry, Feb. 11th 1794.

The session met & was opened
with prayer by the Moderator.

Present

Jacob Roper, Albert T. Snowden, Moderator
Garret Snidker &

John Laback - Elders -

Ezra Baldwin,
John Gulick &

Simon Sedam, Deacons -

~~Ordered, to read the minutes of
the last session.~~

~~Absent.~~

Jonathan Combs, Humphrey Mount

Samuel Bayles, & Matthias Mount

Jonathan Combs Junr, Elders -

William Perrine

Israel Baldwin, Deacon -

Ordered, to read the Minutes of the last
meeting -

Mr Laback gave reasons for his absence
from the ~~last~~ ^{four} last meetings, which
were approved -

Mr Snowden reported that, ~~Laback~~
accompanied with Mr Gulick, he had vi-
-sited seven (or nine) families, since
the last meeting - & that similar remarks
may be made respecting their spiritual
state, as were made in his former Report.

It having come to the knowledge of the
session, by public & general reports, that
Mr John Duncan, an aged Communicant
has for some time past, taken to the
excessive use of spiritual liquors - &
that one considerable, if not, the great
immediate cause of his falling into this
pernicious & unchristian practice, was -

the being oppression of spirits occasioned
-ed, by a considerable temporal loss.
Mr Snowden & Mr Fisher -- were ap-
-pointed to visit Mr Duncan - to en-
-quire into the grounds of the public
report - to strengthen him against
such a sinful practice & to give ^{him} all
suitable Christian comfort - I will
-tion & to make report, at the next
meeting. -

Mr Snowden informed the session
that some weeks past, when visiting,
in company with Mr Gulick, the fami-
-ly of Mr Sam Vanderbeek, they had
a full conversation with him respect-
-ing his being occasionally overcome
with liquor - that he confessed
he had been at times guilty, but was
sorry for it & strove against it - that
tho' he did not exhibit full & striking

evidences of conviction & grief on account
of his fault - yet seemed so much sensible
of it - as to afford them comfort - & that
they directed him to come to the next
meeting of the session, & make the same
acknowledgments as to them - & the mat-
-ter would be settled - He would be
no longer barred from the Commu-
-nion - as he has lately been, provision-
-ally - Mr Vanderbeek made no objection
but did not promise to come - but since
that he has refused to come - & seemed
ready to deny that he was deserving of
any reprobation - Whereupon - the
Session Resolved - That Mr Vanderbeek
be appear ^{before the session} on Monday the seventh day of
April - to answer to the charge of ~~drunken-~~
-ness - having been intoxicated on ~~several~~
-try occasions - that Mr Snowden give
him notice of this citation - & state to him

the occasion on which he has ^{mentioned} arrived. & the
persons who can prove he was a torridist
& ~~therefore~~ endeavor to bring him to such
a state of mind as that no regular
trial may be necessary - by his coming
peaceably - & owing humbly his sin & error
in this article -

Mr. Tucker brought in three receipts
given by Mr. Hunt for monies collected
in the Church for the poor & other congre-
gational purposes, viz. one of January
26th 1790 - for ^{the sum of seven pounds} sixteen shillings
& four pence - one of July 12th 1790, for
the sum of three pounds twelve shillings
& four pence - & one of October 9th 1790
for the sum of one pound, eleven shil-
lings & nine pence, each paid by
-viz- & part Jersey Paper Coppers -
Whereupon. Ordered that these receipts
be put into the hands of Mr. Snowden

to get the money repaid by Mr. Hunt
& that Mr. Snowden enquire of Mr. Hunt
^{after the settlement of}
~~the~~ a certain certificate of nine pounds
or thereabouts - If all monies which
may be in his hands, or in the hands
of the Corporation ~~which~~
belongs to the S^{er}mon - ~~the~~

Concluded with prayer -

Ordnation Resolved - That the next
meeting of the S^{er}mon shall be ~~at~~
~~before~~ ~~at~~ - on the first Monday
in April at One o'clock

Concluded with prayer -

self to God - he ought not to be brought be-
fore the session - He further said that
or he thought the session were under
severe - He was desirous never to come
before the session - & they might just
do as they pleased - Whereupon -

Resolved unanimously - That whereas the
Session here for the whole year past has
using all lenient measures - & have often
conferred in private with Mr Wadsworth
& whereas they are in the case of bringing
persons before them, & not for trial - but
to have, in perfect privacy, their confessions
& give gentle rebukes - ~~the session~~
~~think Mr F. unjustifiably obstinate~~
& whereas he was invited by Mr M. to
come before the session only to acknow-
ledge his fault, under the promise
it should then be forgiven - the

Session do think Mr F. unjustifiably ob-
stinate & he ^{ought} to be invited to appear before them
for trial - on Wed. the 18th inst -

Mr Snowden reported that he expects to
bring them over expecting Mr ~~Quaint~~
will to a conference or I may make a full
report ^{against} the next meeting -

Mr Grayback was appointed ~~moderator~~
attend with Mr Snowden, the ensuing
meeting of Presbytery to be held at Kings-
day on Tues. the 29th inst. at 11 o'clock.
Mr Coggin ^{approved} his reason for ~~not~~ attendance was
Mr Snowden - Mr Combs & Mr Fisher
were appointed to appear at the ensuing
meeting of Presbytery, in the name
of this session, to explain the proceedings
& judgment of session - previous to
the trial of Mr Reuben Morris -
Some certain parables, imputed to him

Car: Hedges &

Mat: Mount, Elder

Eno: Baldwin

Simon Edam, Deacon

Israel Baldwin &

Mr. Sam Vandebush appeared before the session & acknowledged that he had several times been overcome with strong drink that he abhorred & abhorred such conduct in others & especially in himself: that he watched & strove & prayed against the prevalence of such an infirmity - that he was sorry he had not been more humbly in complying with the gentle & just requisitions of the session & hoped that his offence might be forgiven & he be permitted to enjoy the fellowship of the Church - Whereupon Resolved That the session is fully satisfied with

the acknowledgments made by Mr Vandebush that there is good reason to believe he is penitent for his infirmity - & that he continue to enjoy all the benefits & privileges of the Church -
Concluded with prayer -

Cranbury May 31 1797 -

The session met & was opened with prayer by the Moderator

Present -

Gilbert S. Snowden, Moderator

Jon: Danks Jr

Car: Hedges

Wm: Brown

Mat: Mount &

Jos: Fisher

Wm: Hatfield Elder

Sam: Mount

Israel Baldwin &

Eno: Baldwin

Simon: Edam Deacon

John Gulick

Jon: Bonds & ^{abroad} Sam: Bayler

Mr Knowden reported that the following persons viz. ~~Benjamin~~
Gilbert Steffen Nathan Longborough
Charity Pitts Sarah Scofield
Balthasar Davis Jun. Melba M. Dewell
Tamblyke -

had made application to be admitted,
on the Sabbath approaching to the Com-
-munion of this Church - that he had
conferred fully with each of them as
to their exercises & state of mind - &
as to their knowledge of Jesus Christ
& the Ordinance of the Lords Supper
that he found perfect freedom in recon-

-sounding them to the Church - to be received
into its communion - The Session being
acquainted with their characters & lives
& knowing of no immorality - or any ex-
-traordinary cause why they should be refused -
Resolved that that the foregoing
persons should be admitted to communion
into the Communion of the Church -

Whereupon the Mod: stated to these Com-
-mittees the principles of our holy Pa-
-triar, especially to the Confession of
-Faith - to which they expressed a ve-
-rified assent - he then gave them some
advice relative to their duties at the
approaching Communion & their life
& plainly welcomed them into the
visible Church of Christ

Mr. Jenni, made application to the
Synod for letters of dismission & was conversed
with about his spiritual knowledge &
exercises - but as his best confessions
were unknown to them - & the bias of spirit
is later - his case was referred - till the
Communion - in July

Mr. Snowden reported that Mr.
Peter Arvin, who had been deposed the
Privileges & Communion of the Church
by a resolution of the Synod, passed Jan^y 2^o 8th
had been to him & seemed sensible of his
misconduct & begged forgiveness - &
had also applied for letters to be brought
to the ordinance of baptism - ~~that~~
Mr. Snow. jun: reported that he had told
Mr. Perrin Vt. Sun. Mount -

together before divine service began - & that
Mr. Arvin expressed his penitence & that he
made the same request for baptism for his
child - & that these gentlemen & sincerely
being satisfied - had great pain from the
censures he was under - I had ^{permitted} ~~permitted~~
him to bring in that day to the
Sacrament of baptism - I therefore
Resolved that that the Synod approve
of the above proceeding of Mr. Snow. &
that Mr. Arvin is
again fully restored to all Church priv-
ileges

Concluded with prayer

Cranberry, June, 9th 1794

Conference met & was opened with prayer
by the Moderator

Present—

Gilbert T. Snowden, Moderator.

Jon: Bomb Jr Thos: Mount; &
Jm Perrin Geo: Trudick, Elder.
Jas: Fisher

Esau Baldwin &
John Gulick Deacons—

Absent—

Jon: Bomb Mat: Mount &
Sam: Bayler & John Haback, Elder.

Israel Baldwin & Simon Leman Deacons
Ordered to read the minutes of the

~~last~~ three last year meetings

~~Mr Snowden reported that~~

Mr Fisher & Mr Gulick gave reasons for their
absence from the meeting on the 17th of April
which were just and

Mr Bomb, Mr Fisher, Mr Lovelace, Mr Mat:
Mount & Mr Esau Baldwin, gave reasons for their
absence from the meeting on the 16th of
April which were just and

Mr Snowden reported that he & Mr
Haback had carefully attended on the
last Sessions of the Presbytery, held at
Pewington in April

Mr Snowden also reported that Mr Mor-
ris had made his appeal to Presbytery
from the judgment of the Session of March 5th
1792 & approved the following minutes

was referred the Pres. was referred the
examination of the proceedings in
the case of Mr. Rev. Morris —

Mr. Mat. Mount & Mr. J. Balaban
gave reasons for their absence from the
last stated meeting which were jus-
-tified —

Mr. Foster reported that he & Mr.
Fisher had carefully attended the
Meeting of Presbytery held at Cran-
-berry on Tuesday the 21st day of June

~~Ordered that the Treasurer discharge~~
the Bids. Mr. Fisher reported, that
Mr. Morris had paid a considerable
part of the ~~Bids at Capt. J. M.~~
expenses arising from the last meeting

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On motion resolved that ^{Capt.} Mr. N. Heath be
immediately spoken to to ~~make provision~~
for a dinner tomorrow for the Pres-
-bytery & the members of the Committee
& that the session will charge them-
-selves with the payment of the
Cost —

Concluded with prayer

of Presbytery in this place. Ordered that
the Treasurer, ~~pay~~ discharge the re-
-mainder of the Account.

Mr. Foster ~~reported~~ reported that the
Collection raised in the past year had
been paid to the Treasurer of the Pres. at the
meeting in April. & produced a receipt

Cranberry July 26th 1794-

The affair met & was opened with prayer
by the Moderator -

Present -

Gilbert T. Snowden, Mod.

Jon: Combs Jr.
Jos: Fisher -

Gen: Ingham - Elder

Lucas Nathaniel Deacon

Absent -

Jon: Combs -
Sam: Bayles;

Wm: Mount
Mat: Mount

Wm: Corwin

Jos: Naback, Elder

Jos: Gulish
J: Batters

Simon Jordan Deacon

Mr Snowden reported that

a negro woman belonging to the Baptist Meeting

had made application for admission to the Com: of the Church -
Upon a full conversation with her
I deemed a proper person to enjoy the
sacring ordinances - After some fur-
ther conversation with her - Resolved
That she be admitted into the commu-
nion of the Church - & the saying
made a profession of faith according
to the principles of the Pres: Church
was solemnly admitted & welcomed
into the bosom of the vine the church -

Mr. Tho: Linn appeared & presented
a certificate to the Church that the said
woman by Mr. Nath: Vinton - intimating
that Batters in present office is in
the full communion of his good standing

in the Church of Kingston - & that she is
permitted to join any of the other Churches
& expressed her desire to be ^{joined to the} ~~admitted~~
to Church ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ - Received
That Mr. Cothran's letter be taken up
the case of this Church & be admitted
to all the privileges

Concluded with prayer

From the Treas. which was ordered to be
reported in the minutes & is as follows -

"Minutes April 23rd 1894 - Rec^d of
"Mr. Geo. Nabach letter of the Church of
"Cranberry - by the hands of Mr. Snowden
"the sum of twenty dollars collected in that
"Church for supporting the Missions.

"on the Frontier - the sum of three dollars
"for supporting Mr. Holloway Hunt & the
"sum of three dollars for the supporting
"poor Students of Dominy -

"Missouri 20 dollars (Signed) John P. Adams"
"Mr. G. Hunt 3 dollars (Sec. of the Pres. of M. B.)
"Mr. J. J. 3 dollars -

got Mr. Snow's proposal
~~minutes~~ the minutes of the
joint meeting of the Com. of Pres. &
of the paper - to whom the Pres. had
referred the examination & review of the
proceedings in the case of Mr. Allen Morris
which being read were ordered to be
- read in the minutes & are as follows -
Orders, That a Collection be made for the
Domina Smith, next Sabbath week &

was conversed with as to ~~the~~ her views in
making that request - & as to her exercise
of mind & relig'ous principles - & she having
given satisfaction to the Session - & having
made a profession of Faith - agreeable
to our Confession & Catechism - was
solemnly admitted ~~by~~ for with pray-
er to the Communion of the Church.

Mr Anne Dennis - not having
~~appeared~~ appeared to renew her applica-
tion - her case was deferred -

Concluded with Prayer

Crantberry Nov: 9th 1794
Monday Afternoon

The Session met & was opened with pray-
er by the Moderator -

Present -

Gilbert T. Snowden, Moderator -

Mr Perrine

Garret Bradsher &

Jacob Fisher

Matthias Mount Elder

Enos Baldwin

Simon Sedau Deacon -

Israel Baldwin &

Ordered to read the minutes of the
three last meetings -

Went -

Jonathan Combs

Humphrey Mount &

Samuel Bayle

John Aaback, Elders -

Jonathan Combs Junr

John Gulick - Deacon -

Ordered to read the minutes of the ^{last} ~~three~~ ^{last} meetings —

~~Mr. Fisher & Mr. Leman, gave reasons for~~
absence from the meeting on August 2nd & the
Synod for absence from that of Oct. 18th which
were approved —

Mr. Combs gave the reasons for not
attending sooner were just send —

Ordered — that it be inserted in the
minutes — that thus the exceeding uncom-
-munion to him self & the members of
Leprosy — neither Mr. Snowden nor any of
the Synod had attended the late meet-
-ing of the Synod — held at New York
on Tuesday the 21st of October —

A letter from the Synod of New York &
New Jersey, dated October 21st — has all the
Churches under their care, sitting for the a va-
-riety of important reasons for serious reli-
-gious concern & humility in the minds of

75
Mr. Jacob Fisher was appointed to stand
with Mr. Snowden. The ensuing meeting
of Pres. to be held at the City of N. Y. on
Tuesday next at Eleven O'Clock —

Ordered That agreeable to a resolu-
-tion of the Presby. at their meeting
in April — a collection be made
next Sabbath ~~next~~ for defraying
the expenses of the members of Leprosy
in their attendance, on the Presby-
-ty — for the present year —

Concluded with prayer —

all God's people & recommending it to said
Churches - that Tuesday the first day of
January next be observed as a day of hu-
-miliation, fasting & prayer - was read
And Resolved - that the Synod will
to most cordially approve of & will com-
-ply with said Recommendation - & that
said Tuesday shall be observed as a day of
humiliation fasting & prayer in the Church
of Cranberry -

Mr. Fish reported - that, agreeable to
his appointment, he had attended with
Mr. Snowden the meeting of Presby, held
at U. Pomeroy - in October -

Mr. Simon Sedam was appointed to
attend with Mr. Snowden, as representative
from this Church, the meeting of Presby-
-tery to be held at Boundbrook on Tuesday
the second day of December at eleven o'clock
with the forenoon -

Whereas from several unavoidable circum-
-stances - the collection for defraying the
expenses of the members of Synod & their
attendance on the meetings of Presbyters
& Synod for the present year - was very
small - & quite inadequate - Resolved
That on next Sabbath week another col-
-lection for said purpose be made & that
due previous notice be given to the people.
Mr. Ingham reported - that he had not yet
^{heard with} ~~heard~~ from
said Col. H. Handley for the expenses which
arose from the meeting of Pres. in Cranberry -
in June last -

Mr. Snowden reported that agreeable
to an Order made on Feb'y 14th, he had confer-
-red with Mr. Hunt relative to certain ma-
-nuser in his hands belonging to the Synod
& that Mr. Hunt said the former manuser
is three certain receipts was in his

Hands - When upon - Resolved -

That Mr Luedcke, Treasurer of the Jaffer.
he & he is hereby authorized to call on Mr. H.
- with ^{letter} receipt ^{to} for the use of the Jaffer - certain
monies, amounting to the sum of thirteen
pounds & six pence - part specie & part
Jaffery paper - agreeable to three receipts
under the hands of Mr. Hunt -

Resolved also - That Mr. Luedcke ~~with~~
with he & he is hereby authorized to receive
of Mr. Hunt that sum he is more or less
which he ^{Mr. Hunt} obtained in return for a large
quantity of copper - Mr. Hunt was directed
to sell for the Jaffer -

Mr. Snowden reported - that the ~~the~~
the ~~the~~ he had been ordered to procure were
in great forwardness or nearly finished

by this time - that he expected to produce
them at the next meeting -

On motion resolved That instead of
having a stated meeting in each month -
then shall be henceforth only six stated
meetings in a year - viz, on the first Monday
of February - April - June - August -
October - & December -

Resolved ^{the first} to meet on Monday in
December at one o'clock -

Concluded with prayer -

Saturday, Dec: 11th Cranberry -
1794 -

The Jefferson met & was opened with
prayer by the Moderator -

Present -

Gilbert Tennent Snower, Moderator,
Jonathan Combs Junr. Garret Snudeker, Elders.
William Pizzini, ~~Matthew~~
Jacob Fisher,
Humphrey Mount &

Deacons -

Enos Baldwin, Israel Baldwin &
John Gulick, Simon Sedam -

Absent -

Elders -

Jonathan Combs, Matthias Mount &
Samuel Bayles, John Laback -

Mr Snower - reported that there had
been no new applications for admision to

the Communion; - But that Mrs Anne Dennis
had renewed her application - & begged that the
Society would consider of her case, at this meet-
ing tho' she should not be herself present
as she had no way of conveyance - & lived so
distant - Upon Consideration - Resolved That
Mrs Anne Dennis - be admitted to the Com-
munion of this Church -

Concluded with prayer -

Cranberry
Monday - Feb. 2nd 1795

The session met & was opened with
prayer - by the Moderator -

Parent -

Minister -

Gilbert Tennent Snowden, Moderator.

Elders -
Jonathan Comb, Junr.

William Perrin

Humphrey Mount,

Deacons

Enos Baldwin, Israel Baldwin, &

John Gulick, Simon Sedam -

Ordered to read the minutes of the
two last ~~year~~ meetings -

Absent

Jonathan Comb
Samuel Bayler

Jacob Fisher,
Garret Snedden, John Kelack,
Matthias Mount &

Ordered to read the minutes of the last two last
meetings -

Mr Gulick gave reasons for absence from the
last stated meeting which were just and true -

Mr Sedam - reported - That he had attended
- with Mr Snedden the meeting of Presbyters
held at Bound Brook - in December -

Mr Snedden being absent, no information
was received, about the collection for ~~the~~
~~the~~ ordered at the last meeting - the
payment due to Capt. Handlin - & the two over
on A. K. H. H. H. - for paying money -

Mr Snedden, reported that he expected to
have the tokens brought up from Philadelphia
by the first opportunity -

A Circular Letter, ^{signed by Wm. D. P. & Dr. A. L.} to the ministers & churches
in ~~the~~ of the various denominations in the
United States of America, ^{relative} relating, the ~~purpose~~

measures which judicious ministers had taken to
procure a general concert in prayer for the revival
of religion & spread of the Gospel - & the success
they had met with - & the encouragement
they had rec^d from various ministers - & public
lottery in the Church of Christ - & having per-
-cution of the Synod at their last meeting
were also read - by which it appeared that
the Synod "had most cordially approved of the
"proposed union & concert in prayer," "had recom-
"mended the same to all the Churches under their
"care" & "had recommended that the ^{stipends of the} first Vestrymen
"in Jan: Apr: July & October - be employed for
"that purpose within their bounds" - The Vestrymen
conferred on the subject & resolved - That
they rejoice at the proposal - desire to
give thanks to the Bless^d of the Church for gi-
-ving to his servants & people the spirit of
prayer - & a hope of spiritual avails &

that they will adopt the plan recommended
by the Synod - & give the union & concert their
 hearty concurrence & support -

~~Resolved~~
Mr. ~~Shelton~~ & Mr. ~~Frederick~~ &
Mr. Gulick, ^{were appointed to} enquire of Mrs. Charity Stevens -
one of the members of the Church, what partic-
-ular help she may need - & were authorized
to afford her such help - as they may judge proper
till the next meeting -

On motion - Resolved - That the Psalms
whenever & for the Psalms in the public
service of the Church - be directed to sing
the last Psalm in each service & that they do
sing without giving out the Verse -
Concluded with prayer

Cranberry, N.J. 20th 1795

The session met & was opened with prayer by the Moderator - present -

G. T. Knowlden - Moderator -

John Combs Jr Deacons
John Fisher Geo. Brudeker &
Nathan Mount Mat. Mount, Elders
Deacon

Evans Waldwin - v John Gulick

John Combs Deacons
Sam. Mayles Wm. Parsons &
John Klabach

Israel Waldwin Deacons
Timon Liden

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting -

Mr Fisher, Mr Brudeker & Mr Mat. Mount gave reasons for absence from the last meeting which were approved -

Mr Matthias Mount Vice case of his father
Mr Garnet Brudeker was appointed to attend with Mr Knowlden the meeting of Presbytery to be held at Trenton on Tuesday the 20th instant -

Mr Brudeker reported that Mr Charles Stevenson was found to be in need only of some wood - which they had procured for her -

Mr Knowlden reported that agreeably to the request of most of the members - several weeks past - Mr Fisher & himself had visited Mr John Davis - ^{one of the} ~~some~~ Communicants - who had been guilty of intemperance - & other previous improprieties - which were universally known & spoken of - that they found to his honor, in the judgment of charity - possible of stumbling under him

fault - & they would join his truly penitent
The case being considered - Resolved
That ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ Mr Lewis & the
is hereby suspended from the enjoyment
of Church Privileges, untill the next
meeting of Synod

Whereas Mr Peter Brown & Mr Aaron
Landerbach have seem them selves to be
insufficient cause to join that Mr Peter
Brown & Mr Aaron Vanderbeek have pre-
sented for some time past - who are
worthy of their Christian calling -
Resolved - That Mr Brown be dispen-
sed to converse with those persons - & ac-
-tion them against their sin by which
they may be too easily led
Concluded with prayer

Cranberry - May 9th 1795
Saturday, after divine services

The Synod met & was joined with
prayer - by the ~~Minister~~ Present

Jon. Combs	Par. Melcher &
Jm. Pease	Matthew Mount
Jac. Fisher	
Them: Mount -	Deacon
Enos Baldwin	Israel Baldwin &
Ehu Gulick	Simon Sedam
Jon. Combs	Alfred
Jam. Hayles &	John Haback

Mr. Gabel Barton, after
conversation with Mr Snowden - about
No further conversation with the folks
as to her religious exercises & principles
& having made a suitable profession

faith - was admitted ^{by the} Com:
- members of the Church -

M^r Key - Van Noyden having
produced a Certificate of his being a
regular member in full Com. membership
in the Dutch Church of Mifflintown -
& desiring to become a member of
the Church - was admitted -

Concluded with prayer -

Cranberry, Aug: 20th 1795

The Session met & was opened with
prayer, by the Moderator.

Precent - G. S. Snowden, Mod^r

Jacob Fisher

Elders

Deacons

John Gulick.

Sam: Mount

Israel Baldwin &

James Snedeker

Simon Sedan

Deacons

Sam: Mount

Sam: Combs

Sam: Combs Jr

Sam: Combs Jr

Sam: Combs Jr

John Slaback, Secy

the minutes of the last
M^r Baldwin & M^r Sedan
permissions for absence from the meeting in
April - which were just read -

M^r Snowden reported that M^r
Matthias Mount had carefully attended
with him the session of Presbytery
at Frenton - in April -

M^r Gulick reported that, agreeably to
a nomination to that duty made by
the members of session after divine service
the Sabbath preceding - he had attend-
ed the with M^r Snowden - the meeting
of Presbytery held at Parkersville on
Tuesday the 16th day of June -
M^r Gulick made a request

~~Mr John Owen to attend~~
~~at the day after tomorrow~~

Mr Proctor apologized
for having omitted to call
upon Mr Vanderbeest, & said
that he was desired to take occasion to caution
them against such improprieties, as they may
not sufficiently regard against —

Ordered — That the Treas. produce his
accounts at the next meeting — that they
may be examined & settled —

Ordered — That such members as
have attended any of the judicatories of the
Church since April of last year — pro-
duce, at the next meeting, the receipts
of their expenditures, ^{in support of the cause} that they may be
paid — especially to the said standing rule
made for that purpose. —

At a meeting of the church, now adjourned to