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RECORDS

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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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The trustees were also of opinion, that it was no small argument in favour of the petitioners, that the mother church of Scotland had contributed so largely to this useful charity, and that, if any future application to said church should be necessary, the interest and recommendation of the Synod of Philadelphia might be useful in that respect, as well as in countenancing the several schools in their present infant state, and educating, according to their proposal, some young men for the Dutch ministry, gratis.

In consideration of all which, it was resolved to grant twenty-five pounds currency for one year to assist the said Synod to support their said public school on the following terms, viz :

1. That it shall be under the same common government with the other free schools, and be subject to the visitations of the trustees general or their deputies, appointed upon the recommendation of the Synod.

2. That the master shall teach four Dutch or English gratis, upon the recommendation of the trustees general, to be prepared for the ministry, and ten poor Dutch children in the English tongue gratis, if so many offer.

3. That the deputy trustees, together with the master, and any of the clergy, visit the school, at least once a quarter, and send down a statement thereof to be transmitted by the general trustees to the honourable society.

Agreed that this case be transmitted to the honourable society, to obtain their directions thereupon.

Ordered, That the terms of the trustees be complied with; and that Messrs. Boyd and McDowell, Moses Irwin, James Marshal, Martin Beam, and Jacob Graft, be recommended as deputy trustees for the ensuing year, and visit the school every quarter, the third Tuesday, commencing with the third Tuesday of August next, if the trustees general approve.

Ordered, That Messrs. Millar and Smith draw up some reasons for a general fast within our bounds, against our next.

'Tis agreed that the school be continued under Mr. Smith's care for another year, with the usual encouragement from the German schools.

The affair of the fund deferred.

The consideration of the fast deferred.

Adjourned to nine o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

*May 27th. Nine o'clock, A. M. Ubi post preces, sederunt qui supra.*

The Synod met according to adjournment.

Ordered, That the minutes of the last *sederunt* be read.

The members appointed to draw up reasons for a general fast within our bounds, brought them in, and they were read and amended as follows:

The Synod taking under serious consideration the melancholy state of the British dominions, and their allies, the danger of the Protestant interest in general, and particularly of the English colonies of America, arising from the formidable combination of antichristian powers in Europe, and the shocking depredations and barbarities of the heathen on our borders, influenced and abetted by the perfidious, restless enemies of our civil and religious liberties; as also the abounding profanity and wickedness of all ranks and degrees of men; the awful contempt cast upon the glorious gospel of Christ, not only by the professed infidelity of its open adversaries, but likewise by the unbelief, hypocrisy, uncharitableness, and loose practices of its professed friends; and being deeply sensible of, and affected with, the ungrateful abuse and misimprovement of the many privileges we have long enjoyed; our peace, plenty, and liberty having been turned into wantonness, pride, and licentiousness; and being firmly persuaded that for these things God is testifying his displeasure against us, both at home and abroad, by a calamitous war, in which we

are involved, while an amazing insensibility generally prevails under the present gloomy appearances of Divine Providence, and a want of public spirit, and zeal for the common good; do, for these and the like reasons, recommend the twenty-third day of June next, to be observed by the people belonging to the Synod, as a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, throughout their bounds, to bewail our aggravated and crying sins, to deprecate the deserved wrath of heaven, and to implore the divine mercy and forgiveness; that the Spirit of Grace may be poured out upon us; that, as a people, we may turn unto the Lord by a sincere repentance; that God would preserve and bless our gracious king, direct his counsels, go forth with his fleets and armies, and also those of his allies, and crown them with success; that he would guard and defend our sea coasts and frontiers against all the designs of our enemies; that he would preserve to us our invaluable liberties, both civil and religious; that he would yet bless us with fruitful seasons, mercifully heal all our divisions, and cause our present confusions happily to terminate in the glorious advancement of the peaceful kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly it is ordered, that all our ministers represent these things to the people under our care, and excite them to these solemn exercises, and, for that end, suit their sermons and prayers, on that day, to the important occasion.

Signed, by order of the Synod, by

ADAM BOYD, Moderator.

Ordered, That the commission for the fund meet immediately at Mr. Cross's.

Adjourned to the fourth Wednesday of May next.

Concluded with prayer.

The Synod met according to adjournment,

*At Philadelphia, May 24th, 1758. Ubi post preces sederunt,*

Of Philadelphia Presbytery: Messrs. Cross, Dr. Alison, Cowell, Guild, Kinkead.

Of Donegall Presbytery: Messrs. Tate, Steel.

Of New Castle Presbytery: Messrs. Boyd, McDowell, Hector Alison, Smith, Millar, McKennan.

Elders: John Johnston, James Piper, James Kerr, Moses Irvin, James Edwards.

Absent of New Castle Presbytery: Messrs. Gillespie and Wilson.

“ of Donegall: Messrs. Zanchy, Elder, Thomson, McMordie, Black, Craig, Alexander Miller.

Dr. Alison opened the Synod with a sermon on Eph. iv. 1—8.

Mr. Smith chosen moderator, Mr. Millar clerk.

Ordered, That the minutes of last Synod be read.

Ordered, That Messrs. Cross, Dr. Alison, Cowell, Steel, Tate, Boyd, McDowell, Hector Alison, McKennan, and the moderator, be the commission of the Synod, and committee for the fund for the ensuing year, and that three, with the moderator, be a quorum.

Inquiry being made who had brought any thing for the fund, it was found that Messrs. Cross, Boyd, Smith, Hector Alison, Miller, McKennan, Guild, Tate, had brought.

Ordered, That the committee for the fund meet at Mr. Cross's house to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon to-morrow.

Concluded with prayer.