MINUTES
OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church
FOR THE YEAR
1786

Quest. 1. Who are the Superintendents of our church?
A nw. Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury.
Quest. 2. Who are the Elders?
A nw. Rd. Whatcoat Enoch Matson
John Tunnell Ignatius Pigman
Freeborn Garrettson Thomas Foster
Thomas Chew John Baxter
John Haggerty James Cromwell
Reuben Ellis Lee Roy Cole
William Gill Beverly Allen
James Kelly Thomas Vasey
Henry Willis James Foster
Richard Ivy Francis Poynhress
Caleb Boyer James Haw
Nelson Reed Philip Bruce.

Quest. 3. Who are the Deacons?
A nw. Michael Ellis William Cannon
Joseph Everett Thomas Humphreys
Samuel Dudley John Dickins.
Quest. 4. Who are the Assistants?
Answ. All the Deacons:
Isaac Smith
Richard Swift
John Baldwin
Edward Morris
John Easter
William Partridge
Thomas Anderson
Thomas Bowen
Thomas Jackson
Philip Cox
Elijah Ellis
William Damaron
William Cannon
John Smith
Richard Owens
William Waters
Jesse Lee
James White
Ira Ellis
William Jessop
James Riggin
William Thomas
Thomas Curtis
Henry Ogbourn
Matthew Greentree
Robert Cloud
Thomas Ware
Woolman Hickson
Jonathan Forrest.

Quest. 5. Who are admitted into full connection?
Answ. Isaac Smith
John Smith
Elijah Ellis
John Robertson
Thomas Jackson
Henry Jones
William Jessop
James Riggin
Wilson Lee
Thomas Ware
John Eldler.

Quest. 6. Who remain on trial?
Answ. Mark Whitaker
Henry Bingham
Stephen Johnson
Thomas Williamson
Joshua Hartley
Hope Hull
William Steens
Jeremiah Maston
Essekil Cooper
Levin Ross
Robert Sparks
Jacob Brush
Robert Ayres
Garret Thomson
John Paup
John McCaskey
Robert Cann
Stephen Dickins
Simon File.

Quest. 7. Who are admitted on trial?
Answ. Simon Smith
John Mason
Robert Johnson Miller
Mark Moore
Charles Hardy
Daniel Asbury
Caleb Maxey
Newman Spain
Jacob Lurton
William Hudson
John Jarrel
William Hervey
Benjamin Ogdon
John Simmons

John Steward
Henry Vanover
Terence Burns
Micaiah Tracy
Elijah Lumsden
Moses Hurley
John Merrick
Samuel Talbot
Lastley Matthews
Michael Lard.

Quest. 8. Who desist from travelling?
Answ. James Hinton
William Glendenning
Edward Drumgole
William Ringold.

Quest. 4. Are there any objections to any of the Preachers?
Answ. They were examined one by one.
Quest. 10. Who have died this year?
Answ. Jeremiah Lambert, an Elder; six years in the work; a man of sound judgment, clear understanding, good gifts, genuine piety, and very useful, humble and holy; diligent in life and resigned in death; much esteemed in the connection, and justly lamented in his death.—But we do not sorrow as men without hope, but expect shortly to join with him and all those that rest from their labors.—And James Thomas, a pious young man, of good gifts, useful and acceptable, blameless in his life, and much resigned in his death.

Quest. 11. How are the Preachers stationed?
Answ.
James Foster, Elder.
Georgia, Thomas Humphreys.
John Major.

Broad-River, Stephen Johnson.

Henry Willis, Elder.
Charleston, Isaac Smith.

Beverly Allen, Elder.
Santee, Richard Smith.
Pee Dee, Jeremiah Maston,
Hope Hull.

Reuben Ellis, Elder.
Salisbury, Thomas Williamson,
Henry Bingham.
Yadkin,  Robert Miller,  John Mason.
Holstein,  Mark Whitaker,  Mark Moore.

James Kelly, Elder.
Guilford,  John Baldwin.
Halifax,  Edward Morris,  Charles Hardy.
Mecklenburg,  John Easter,  Henry Jones.

Richard Ivy, Elder.
New-Hope,  William Partridge.
Tar-River,  Thomas Anderson,  Micahia Tracy.
Roan-Oak,  Thomas Bowen,  William Steens.
Caswell,  Siloam Smith.

Philip Bruce, Elder.
Bartie,  Thomas Jackson,  John Freeman.
Camden and Banks,  John Robertson,  John Steward.
Portsmouth,  T. Burns.

Francis Poythress, Elder.
Brunswick,  Philip Cox,  James Gibbons,  Henry Merritt.
Sussex,  Simon Pile,  Lastley Matthews.
Amelia,  Elijah Ellis,  Daniel Ashby.

Thomas Chew, Elder.
Williamsburg,  Levin Ross.
Orange,  William Damaron,  Elijah Lumsdon.

Hanover,  Ananias Hudson.

Enoch Matson, Elder.
Allegany,  Carret Thomson,  Aquila Edwards,  Michael Lard.
Redstone,  John Smith,  Robert Ayres,  Stephen Dickens.

Nelson Reed, Elder.
Westmoreland,  Lemuel Green,  John Paup.
Fairfax,  Richard Owens,  John Fidler.

Berkley,  William Waters,  William Hervey.

Richard Whatcoat, Elder.
Kent,  Jesse Lee,  Samuel Talbot.
Talbot,  James White,  Wilson Lee.

Dover,  Ira Ellis,  I. Moore.

John Haggerty, Elder.
Dorset,  Samuel Dudley,  Joseph Everett.

Thomas Foster, Elder.
Somerset,  James Riggin,  John Merrick.

Annamess,  William Thomas.
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Northampton, Thomas Curtis.
Caleb Boyer, Elder.
Philadelphia, Henry Ogbehorn, Peter Moriarty.
Littell-York and Juniata, Matthew Greentree.
Freeborn Garrettson and Jas. Cromwell, Elders.
Nova Scotia, William Black, John Mann.
Thomas Vasey, Elder.
Trenton, Robert Sparks, Robert Cann.
West-Jersey, John Simmons, Jacob Lurton.
John Tunnell, Elder.
East-Jersey, John McCasky, Ezekiel Cooper.
Newark, Robert Cloud.
New York, John Dickins.
Long Island, Thomas Ware.
William Gill and Ignatius Pigman, Elders.
Baltimore, Woolman Hickson, Adam Cloud.
Frederick, Michael Ellis, Joseph Cromwell.
Calvert, Jonathan Forrest.
James Haw, Elder.
Kentucky, Benjamin Ogdon.
Lee Roy Cole, Elder.
Newbern, Joshua Hartley,
New-River, Caleb Maxey.
& Wilmington
Antigua, John Baxter, Elder.
Whites.  Blacks.

Guilford ........................................ 400  10
Halifax ........................................... 324  14
New-Hope .......................................... 192  3
Tar-River .......................................... 607  42
New-River .......................................... 500  72
Roan-Oak ........................................... 474
Caswell ........................................... 153
Bartie ............................................. 405  58
Camden and Banks ................................. 257
West-Jersey ........................................ 492
Trenton ............................................ 352
East-Jersey ........................................ 365
New-York ........................................... 178  25
Long-Island ....................................... 146  8
Newark ............................................. 50
Nova-Scotia ........................................ 510
Antigua ............................................ 1000

Total .............................................. 18791  1890

Quest. 13. What is the yearly collection?
Añsw. One hundred eighty-two pounds six
shillings and six pence.
Quest. 14. How was this applied?
Añsw. Towards supplying the deficiencies of
the preachers.
Quest. 15. What was contributed towards the
Preachers' fund for the superannuated Preach-
ers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers?
Añsw. Thirty-eight pounds, five shillings and
four pence.
Quest. 16. What demands are upon it?
Añsw. Fourteen pounds for the funeral ex-
pences of Jeremiah Lambert.
Quest. 17. What was collected for, and ex-
pended on missionaries this year?

Answ. Fifty-four pounds seventeen shillings.
Quest. 18. What has been collected this year
for Cokesbury college?
Añsw. Eight hundred pounds two shillings
and eleven pence.
Quest. 19. What has been expended this year?
Añsw. Sixteen hundred and eighteen pounds
fourteen shillings and two pence.
Balance due eight hundred and eighteen
pounds eleven shillings and three pence.
Quest. 20. When and where shall we hold
conference next year?
Añsw. At Salisbury, North Carolina, on
Thursday May 17—At Petersburg, Virginia,
June 19—and at Abingdon, in Maryland, on
Tuesday July 24, 1787.