

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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Upon a representation made to the Synod, of the illegal restraints the Protestant dissenters lie under in Virginia, as to their religious liberties, Messrs. James Davenport and John Rogers, were appointed to draw up a recommendation of the affair, and a certificate for Messrs. Samuel Davies and John Todd, members of our body living in that colony, which being done was read and approved.*

Adjourned to Thursday the day after the commencement next September, and then to meet at Newark. Concluded with prayer.

The Synod met according to adjournment.

Newark, September 26th, 1754. Ubi post preces sederunt,

Ministers of New York Presbytery: Messrs. John Pierson, Simon Horton, Aaron Burr, Timothy Jones, David Bostwick, Caleb Smith, John Brainerd, Daniel Thane, Azariah Horton, Jacob Green, Aaron Richards, Enos Ayres, John Moffet, John Smith, Robert Henry, Alexander Cummins.

Suffolk Presbytery: Messrs. Ebenezer Prime, Samuel Sacket.

New Brunswick Presbytery: Messrs. William Tennent, James Davenport, James McCrea, Thomas Lewis, Israel Read, Samuel Kennedy.

Abington Presbytery: Messrs. Andrew Hunter, Charles Beatty, Richard Treat, Benjamin Chesnut, Nehemiah Greenman, Henry Martin.

New Castle Presbytery: Messrs. Samuel Finly, John Blair, John Rogers, Robert Smith.

Elders: Messrs. Caleb Baldwin, Joseph Prudden, Timothy Whitehead, Samuel Lumb, Jonathan Sayres, Jonah Halstead, David Ray, Ephraim Lockart, Thomas Coon, Brice Rickey, Abraham Reeves, David Fulton, Abram Slack, William Buchanan.

Ministers absent: Messrs. Silas Leonard, Jonathan Elmore, Chancey Graham, Timothy Allen, Elihu Spencer, John Maltby, Samuel Bewel, James Brown, Silvanus White, Joseph Park, Naphtali Dagget, Eliphalet Ball, Alexander Craighead, Charles Tennent, James Campbel, John Roan, Samuel Davies, Andrew Stirling, Andrew Bay, Hugh Henry, John Todd, James Finly, John Brown, John Right, Gilbert Tennent, Daniel Lawrence, Charles McKnight, Job Prudden, Samuel Harker, Conradus Worts, Evander Morrison.

The Synod was opened by a sermon on 2 Cor. x. 4, preached by Mr. Finly, the last year's moderator.

of the college of New Jersey, for the service of said college; the Synod do hereby certify, that the above reverend gentlemen are worthy and well approved members of their body, and do recommend them to the acceptance of the church of God, and the work of their mission, wheresoever Divine Providence may call them, imploring the Divine Presence with them and success to their important undertaking.

Signed by order of the Synod.

* A copy of the representation and certificate.

Whereas, the Protestant dissenters of the Presbyterian denomination in the colony of Virginia lie under some restraints, particularly with regard to the number of their meeting-houses, which is not at all equal to what their circumstances require, though they have taken all legal measures to have a sufficient number registered according to the act of toleration. And whereas, the Rev. Mr. Samuel Davies has been appointed to take a voyage to Great Britain in behalf of the college of New Jersey, and may have an opportunity of using proper means to procure a redress of said grievance, this Synod do humbly and earnestly request the concurrence and assistance of their friends there, for the relief of an helpless and oppressed people in a point of so great consequence, in which their religious liberties are so nearly concerned.

We do therefore cheerfully recommend the said Mr. Davies, who is settled in Virginia, and the Rev. Mr. John Todd, his colleague, as regular and worthy members of their body, zealously and prudently engaged in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.