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*The Hanover-Presbytery-
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*The Hanover
 Presbytery*

present do highly approve of, & think worthy to be received as a
part of Trials: & they desire him to compose a sermon against
next Presbytery on 1. Tim. V. 10. first part. p
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The moderator appoints the next Presbytery to meet at gooch-
land Court-house, on 7th last Wednesday of August.

The Presbytery entered upon the consideration of Mr. Martin's Two
Discourses, & approved them as parts of Trial.

Mr. Davies & Mr. Todd having drawn up an Address in the Name of
this Presbytery, to be presented to his Excellency & Earl of Loudoun,
upon his arrival in New York, & Presbytery approve of it, & adopt it as
their Act: & it is as follows.

To the right Hon.^{ble} John Earl of Loudoun, supreme
Governor of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia, Commander in
Chief of his Majesty's Forces in America, &c. The humble Address
of the Presbytery of Hanover in Virginia.

may it please your Excellency,

The Presbytery of Hanover, in the Name of the Protestant Dissenters
of the Presbyterian Denomination in this Colony, most humbly
beg leave to present to your Excellency, thro' this medium, our
sincere congratulations upon your safe Arrival in America,
& your Accession to the Government of this Colony.

We esteem it an high Honour conferred upon this Dominion
& most gratefully resent it as a fresh instance of his Majesty's
paternal goodness, that the Government of it is invested in one,
whose noble Birth, whose military Skill & Bravery, & whose unshaken
Loyalty & Activity in the Service of his Royal master, so conspicuous
and displayed in a vigorous opposition to the last unnatural
Rebellion, afford us the most encouraging prospect of a happy
Administration, in the present alarming situation of this Country;
which has been so long ravaged, almost with Impunity, by a
mangled Mass of French & Indian savages.

We beg leave to give your Excellency the strongest Assurance
that as we are gratefully sensible of our peculiar Happiness

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of of best of Kings; & as we warmly resent, with a just Indignation, of per-
icious Inroads of of French; those eternal Enemies to Liberty
& Britons, upon of Territories secured to of British Crown by of Treaties
of Treaties, & of inhumane Barbarities & Depredations perpetrated
upon our Frontiers by them, & of Indian Savages thro' their In-
stigation; we shall zealously exert our utmost Influence, in our
respective ~~Provinces~~, to make our People justly sensible of of
important Interests now at Stake, to inspire in of a public Spirit,
& of Love of their Country, & to animate them by our Instructi-
ons & Example, bravely to hazard their Lives & Fortunes in
its Defence.

As we humbly presume to vie with our Fellow-Subjects, in
Duty to his majesty, & in a zealous Attachment to his Family &
Government; & cheerfully submit to of usual Tests of Loyalty &
orthodoxy imposed by Authority upon Protestant Dissenters;
we humbly solicit your Excellency's Patronage, & put ourselves
under your Protection; assured, your Excellency will continue to
us those Liberties we have enjoy'd, particularly of free Exercise
of our Religion, according to our Conscience, & of Practice of
of established Church of Scotland; & humbly hoping, that, whereas
we have in Times past lain under some Mesalliance, from which
our Brethren in ~~England~~, under of same religious Establishment
are happily exempted, your Excellency will grant us all of Liberties
& Immunities of a full Toleration, according to of Laws of England,
& particularly according to an Act of Parliament commonly
called of Act of Toleration.

We cannot forbear intimating, what great Pleasure & Sincere
regiment it would yield to us, & our Countrymen in general, if your
Excellency should condescend to assume of Administration upon
yourself in Person, & honour this Colony with your Stated Residence
in it, when you have passed thro' those Scenes of business,
Fatigue, & Danger, in of Field, to which of course of your
Country now calls you.

It is, and shall be, our daily earnest Prayer to g Supreme Ruler of g Universe, that your Excellency, under g Guardianship & Conduct of g Providence, may lead on our Armies to Honour, Victory, & Triumph — that g present & future Ages may celebrate you, as g Deliverer & Protector of those Infant Colonies in America; & particularly of this which has g Honour to be your immediate Care — 178 that having long & successfully served your King & Country, you may be advanced to the unmolested Tranquility, & superior Honour, of a happy Immortality. — These are our ardent wishes & Prayers; & we dare affirm, they are g wishes & Prayers of g Presbyterians in general, within this Dominion.

Signed per order of Presbytery
August 10th 1786

John Todd mod.
Sam^l Davies clk.

The Presbytery farther examined m^r. Martin in sundry extempore Questions upon various Branches of Learning, & Divinity, & reheard his religious Experiences; & upon a review of g sundry Trials he has passed thro^g, they judge him qualified to preach g Gospel; & he having declared his Assent to, & Approbation of g Westminster Confession of Faith, Catechisms, & Directory, as they have been adopted by g Synod of g York, g Presbytery do license & authorize him to preach as a Candidate for g Ministry of g Gospel, & recommend to g Acceptance of g Churches. And they order m^r. Davies & m^r. Todd to draw up for him a Certificate, according to g purport of this minute. and appoint g moderator to give him some solemn Instructions & Admonitions, with regard to g Discharge of his office. — which was done accordingly.

A Petition from g Session of g North-mountain Congregation in Augusta, was presented to g Presbytery, requesting that one of g members may be sent thither to moderate in g Session in determining a Difference between m^r. Brown & James Callison.

A Petition from Inno & g Hawfields for supplies, & particularly for m^r. Martin.

A Petition from g North-mountain Congregation for supplies. Also from Tan-river & Lee Sec.
Adjourned till Tomorrow morning, at 6 o'clock. — concluded with Prayer.