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met at Maysville Ky. Sept. 24th 1823. — After divine service Bishop George took the Chair, and Conference appoint Bro. William Adams Secretary.

Resolved that we meet during our present session at half after 8 o'clock A.M. and adjourn half after 1 P.M.

Conference appoints Bros. Stamper and Monroe a Committee to have the management of the congregations during our present meeting.

Brothers Cartwright, Leach and Light were appointed a Committee to attend to the Temporalties of our Conference.

Brothers John Brown, Jonathan Stamper and Burwell Spurlock, were appointed a Committee to make out the Memoirs of Bro. David Gray deceased.

Moved and seconded that our Local Brethren be permitted to take a seat among us as spectators — Carried.

By motion — Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine manuscripts for the Methodist Magazine; and Bros. Stroble, McNeely and Corwin were appointed for that purpose. —

The Conference adopted the by Rules of 1821, for the regulation of this Conference during its present session. Conference proceeded to examine the characters of those who remain on trial and Edwin Ray and John P. Finley passed in examination and were approved.

Bro. John Brown informed the Conference that there were charges lying against Bro. Jonathan G. Tucker, (see charges) and reported him as having been suspended by a committee on said charges, Conference then proceeded to examine said case.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Jonathan G. Tucker be discontinued and expelled. The motion was amended by the mover so as to read thus, Moved and seconded that we consider Bro. Jonathan G. Tucker guilty of immorality and that he be discontinued and expelled. Carried.

 Bros. Marcus Lindsey, George C. Light, Peter Cartwright, J. Stamper & John Johnson were appointed a committee to examine candidates for admission into full connection.

Bros. James Milligan
   Henry Hunt
   Uriel Hawe
   Major Henfield
   John Jones
   & George Stevens

Conference entered into the examination of the characters of the Deacons, and Bro. Wm Young was examined, approved, and at his own request obtained a Location.

Bros. Milton Jamison
   Edward Stevenson
   Isaac Reynolds
   Isaac Simmons
   James Avis
   Francis Wilson
   Blackley C. Wood
   Ams Smith
   Luke P Allen
   & George Locke

Conference proceeded the examination of those Deacons who are eligible to Elders Orders; also

Bros. Wm Gunn

Cheslea C. Cole located at his request

David D. Byche  Wm Peter

Isaac Collard  Martin Flynt

John R. Keach continued in a superannuated relation to this Conference

John Kenny

Elisha Simmons

Joseph D. Farrow, Benjamin T. Crouch

Conference proceeded to the examination of the characters of the Elders;
And John Brown was examined and approved. Burwell Spurlock's case was laid over. — Jonathan Stamper was examined and approved.

Conference adjourned 'til tomorrow morning half after 8 O'Clock.
Thursday morning half after 8 O'Clock Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop George in the Chair; After divine Service. — Conference entered into the examination of those who are to be adjusted into full connection; and

Bros. Harvey Sawyers, Peter Acres, Simon L. Booker, James Ross, Richard D. Neale, James Browder, Lewis Parker were examined, and approved. Stephen Harber, Obadiah Harber, Thomas Joiner, Thomas Attebury, Caleb Crain, John H. Power were examined, admitted, and elected Deacons.

Bros. Laban Hughey's case was laid over.
Sent: W. Robbins was continued on trial.

The Stewards of the Conference proceeded to take an account of the money received by the preachers during the past year (see Stewards Acct.)
Bishop George informed the Conference that they were authorised to draw on the chartered fund for 110 dollars; and on the Book concern for 300 dollars; which drafts were accordingly made.

Moved and seconded that "Mr. Chambers, the chairman of the Committee of the Trustees of the Augusta Seminary be invited into Conference to make a report on the Establishment — Carried. — After the reading of said report it was moved and seconded that a committee of 3 be appointed to draft an address in answer to said report, and also to devise means to bring into operation the plans suggested in said report. And Marcus Lindsey, George C. Light and Jonathan Stamper were appointed for that purpose.

Conference resumed the examination of the characters of the Elders, And — Bro. Burwell Spurlock was examined, approved and at his own request obtained a Location.

Bro. Abel Robinson was examined and approved.

Bishop McKendree informed the Conference that a legacy had been left to this Conference by a deceased Bro. Nichols. The consideration of this business was referred to the Com. appointed to draft an address on the subject of the Augusta Seminary.

Bros. Andrew Monroe & James G. Leach were examined and approved.

Moved and seconded that we disapprove of our preachers joining the Free Masons, or frequenting their Lodges. — Carried.
Conference adjourned 'til tomorrow morning half after 8 O'Clock.
Friday morning half after 8 O'Clock, Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop George in the Chair.
Conference resumed the examination of the character of the Elders.
And — Bro. Absalom Hunt was examined, approved, and placed in a superannuated relation to this Conference.

Bros. Marcus Lindsey & Francis Landrum were examined and approved.
Bro. Nathaniel Harris's case was laid over.

It having been suggested by Bro. Wm. C. Stribling that Bro. Josiah Whitaker has neglected the exercise of Discipline & that he introduces his discourses anecdotes quite improper for the pulpit; It was moved and seconded that Bro. Whitaker be admonished by the Chair on these subjects. — Carried. And the admonition was accordingly administered.

Bro. Nathaniel Harris's case was resumed and he was examined, approved, and by his consent, located.

Bro. Benjamin Malone was examined, approved, & placed in a superannuated relation with this Conference.
Bro. George C. Light, & Wm. Holman were examined and approved.

Reports having been made to the Conference that Bro. John Ray has been guilty of improprieties in his conduct with Wm. Adams. It was moved and seconded that Bro. Ray be admonished by the Chair on that subject. Carried.

Moved and seconded by Brethren of majority that the vote in relation to Bro. Ray be reconsidered; lost. The Bishop then admonished Bro. Ray in presence of the Conference.

Bro. Henry McDaniel was continued in a supernumerary relation.

Bro. W. Adams, Charles Holliday were examined and approved.

Bro. George H. McFadden was examined and approved.

Bro. Peter Cartwright informed the Conference that he had published a pamphlet contrary to our rules on the subject of publications; but that under existing circumstances, he thought himself justified in his conduct. It was moved and seconded, that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to examine said publication and report their views of its merits or demerits, and Bros. Burwell Spurlock, Abel Robinson and George McHenry were appointed for that purpose.

Bros. John Denham & John Watson were examined and approved.

James Porter was examined, approved and at his own request, Located.

Bros. Samuel P. M. Gillespie, Thaddeus Thackston were examined in examination and were approved.

Conference adjourned till to morrow morning half after 9 O'Clock. Saturday morning half after 9 O'Clock, Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop George in the Chair.

Conference resumed the examination of the characters of the Elders, and Bros. Leroy Cole, John R. Keach, Benjamin Lakin & Barnabas McHenry were examined, approved, and they continued in a supernumerary relation to the Conference.

Bros. William C. Strobing were examined, approved, and at and James C. Leach their request, Located.

Conference entered into the election of Local preachers to Deacon's Orders, and Bros. John Snyder, of Kenhawa District, being duly recommended and Resin White of Kenhawa District were elected Deacons. Bros. Martin Gillespie of Kentucky District being duly recommended was not elected.

Bros. Stephen Chipley of Kentucky District

" James Savage of Augusta District

" Isaac Reaves of Augusta D.t.

" Joseph Haynes of Augusta D.t.

" James Denison of Augusta D.t.

" Archibald S. Smith of Augusta D.t.

" Othniel Talbot of Salt River D.t.

" Benjamin L. Harrison of Green River D.t.

" Henry Hopson of Green River D.t.

" William Young of Green River D.t.

" Robert McCallum of Green River D.t.

& James Culp of Cumberland D.t.

Bros. Presley Morris of Cumberland D.t. being duly recommended, was re-admitted.

Conference proceeds to the election of Local Deacons to the office of Elders.

John Ruckar of Kentucky D.t. being duly recommended to the office of Elder, was not elected.

Conference resumed the examination of characters of those who are to be
received into full connection. And Bros. Laban Hughey & Green Malone were examined, approved, admitted and elected Deacons.

Conference resume the examination of the characters of the Elders, and that of Bro. Corwine was taken up; and a list of complaints presented by J. H. Overstreet against him was read: and said case refered to a hearing in Louisville.

Conference proceed to enquire "Who are read on trial? & Bros. Wm. McConmas of Kenhawa D.t.
Clement Clifton of Augusta District
David Tlvis of Augusta D.t.
Hubbard H. Kavanaugh of Augusta D.t.
Richard Duncan of Kentucky D.t.
Newton G. Berryman of Kentucky D.t.
Nelson Dolls of Kentucky D.t.
John L. Barger of Cumberland D.t.
Thompson Hillman of Cumberland D.t.
George Richardson of Cumberland D.t.
David Wright of Cumberland D.t.
Presley Morris of Cumberland D.t.
Abram Long of Green River D.t.
& Daniel Black of Green River D.t.
James Guinn of Cumberland D.t. being duly recommended was readmitted.
Gray William's case was laid over.
Conference adjourned till Monday morning half after 8 O'Clock.
Monday morning half after 8 O'Clock Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop George in the Chair.
Bro. James G. Leach obtained leave of absence during the remainder of this session.

Conference resumed the enquiry "Who are admitted on Trial? And Gray Williams of Green River D.t. being duly recommended was not admitted.

Conference proceeded to the Election of Delegates to the General Conference, and Jonathan Stamper, John Brown, Charles Holliday, Wm. Holman, Peter Cartwright, Thomas A. Morris, George McNelly, George C. Light, John Johnson, Richard Corwine, and Marcus Lindsey were elected.

It was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to consult the best means of procuring money to defray the expenses of our delegates to and from the General Conference. Carried. and Bros. Johnston, Surlock and Malone were appointed for that purpose.

The case of Bro. Holland which was refered by the last annual Conference to the Presiding Elder of the Kentucky District was called up. Bro. Holland having written to the Bishops and Conference on the subject of his trial, it was moved and seconded that said letter be read. — Lost. — The presiding elder of Kentucky District reported in the above named case, and his report was approved.

Bishop Roberts in the Chair.
Appeals were called for and that of J. H. Overstreet, who had been expelled by the Salt River District Conference, was taken up and conference progresses.

Conference adjourn untill tomorrow morning half after 8 O'Clock.
Tuesday morning half after 8 O'Clock conference met according to adjournment; Bishop Roberts in the Chair.
The Stewards of conference reported and their report was approved, — It being stated by the Stewards that a surplus of Eleven Dollars and Eighty Cents remains in their hands; it was resolved by the Conference that said money be given to the Widow Demint.
Bro. Lindsey informed the conference that there is some money for Missionary purposes in his hands which was directed to be given to the person who may be appointed to the Cumberland Mission.

The Committee of last Conference on Missions was reappointed. The Conference resumed the consideration of the case of J. H. Overstreet; and it was moved and seconded that the conference decide on this case without debate. Carried. Moved and seconded that the decision of the District Conference be confirmed. --- Lost.

Moved and seconded that Overstreet be suspended from all official services in the Methodist E. Church, Carried. --- Moved and seconded that the secretary be directed to give Bro. Overstreet information in writing of the decision of the conference in his case. Carried.

Bro. W. Adams read before the conference a list of charges prefaced against Aquilla W. Lamp's son who had been remanded to trial by the conference of 1826; on which charges said Lamp's son was reported to have been suspended by a committee on the 12th day of February last; after hearing the evidence in said case, it was moved and seconded that the decision of the committee in his case be confirmed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Sampson be expelled from the Methodist E. Church. Carried.

Conference adjourned until this evening 3 O'clock.

Monday evening 3 O'clock, conference met according to adjournment. Bishop George in the chair.

The committee in the case of Bro. Cartwright's pamphlet reported and it was moved and seconded that said report be approved. Lost.

Moved and seconded that the conference consider the publication of Bro. Cartwright's pamphlet a violation to the rules of our discipline. The committee on the subject of the Augusta College reported—and their report was approved. And conference resolved that we appoint an agent to solicit donations for said college.

Moved and seconded that all our preachers unite their efforts to aid said agent in his endeavors in making collections for said purpose. Carried.

The same committee reported in the case of a donation made by Thos. Nichols Dece to this conference and their report was adopted accordingly.

Resolved that we appropriate said legacy to the use of building a Methodist meeting house in the town of Washington, Mason County, Kentucky.

The committee appointed to devise means for defraying the expenses of our delegates to and from the conference, reported.

And conference resolved that each presiding Elder and preacher in charge make public collections in each circuit and station for the purpose of defraying the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference and also that each delegate present to the next annual conference a just account of all the money he shall thus receive.

Conference adjourned until tomorrow morning half after 8 O'clock.

Oct. 1, 1827.

Wednesday morning half after 8 O'clock conference met according to adjournment. Bishop George in the chair.

After reading the journals it was moved and seconded that that part of our journals by which we remanded the case of Bro. Corwine to Louisville for trial be erased. Withdrawn by the mover.
Conference proceeded to take the members in society as follows (to coll't)

Kenhawa Dt.
Guiandotte---------358.26        Fleming---------848.63.
Big Kenhawa--------341.53        Little Sandy------368.25.
Monroe-------------550.24         John's Creek------153.7
Green Brier---------583.83
Little Kenhawa------488.28        Kentucky Dt.
Middle Islands-----393.8          Hinckston--------834.190
Nicholas-----------174.2
Augusta Dt.
Newport-----------458.35         Mount Sterling--824.97
Licking-----------346.54         Lexington Ct.---719.245
Limestone---------771.110
Maysville---------146.27         Danville---------841.156
Franklin Ct.-------233.45
Salt River--------593.83
Shelby-----------482.115          Cumberland--------364.34
Jefferson--------700.165         Salt River District
Louisville-------536.54           Cumberland
Breckenridge-----119.83
Hartford---------569.88
Greenville-------309.30
Green River District
Henderson Ct.-----441.67
Livingston-------521.35
Christian Ct.-----465.146
Dover-------------429.94
Hopkins andRusselville-150.111
Dixon-------------492.55
Red River--------850.200

Conference proceeded to fix the place of our next meeting and Shelbyville was chosen.

The committee appointed to make out the Memoirs of Bro. David Gray, deceased reported and then report was adopted.

The committee appointed to examine manuscripts reported and their report also was adopted.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Monroe return the thanks of this conference to the citizens of this place, for their attention to us during our session. Carried.

2nd Conference adjourn till Sept. the 23rd, 1824 at Shelbyville.

1st-Moved and seconded that the Secretary be directed to direct a line to Col. Marshall Key—informing him of the disposition we have made of the $500. Given to this conference by Thos. Nichols Dec'd Carried.

William Adams Sec'y.

Enoch George

R. W. Roberts