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of the Proceedings of the
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of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America
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HELD IN

**The City of Trenton, in New Jersey, from Tuesday, September
8, to Saturday, September 12, 1801.**

LIST OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE
HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

From the State of Massachusetts.

Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.
Rev. William Harris.

From the State of Connecticut.

Rev. Ashbel Baldwin,
Rev. Philo Shelton,
Rev. Evan Rogers,
James Clark, Esquire.

From the State of New York.

Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D.
Rev. Isaac Wilkins,
Rev. John Ireland,
Rev. John Henry Hobart,
John Read, Esquire,
William Ogden, Esquire.

From the State of New Jersey.

Rev. Uzal Ogden, D. D.
Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D.
Colonel Samuel Ogden,
Matthias Williamson, jun. Esquire,
John Dennis, Esquire.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

Rev. William Smith, D. D.
Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.

From the State of Delaware.

Rev. Robert Clay,
Rev. William Pryce,
Joseph Burn, Esquire,

From the State of Maryland.

Rev. James Kemp,
Rev. Joseph G. J. Bend,
Rev. John Coleman,
Rev. George Dashiell,
David Kerr, Esquire.
William Helmsley, Esquire.

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OF THE

HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

TRENTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

St. Michael's Church, Sept. 8, 1801.

A SUFFICIENT number of Clerical and Lay Deputies to form a quorum not appearing, the members present adjourned to meet at the church to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *Sept. 9, 1801.*

The house met, and the Rev. Mr. Ireland read prayers.

The members then adjourned to the State House, when a sufficient number of Clerical and Lay Deputies to form a house appearing, and a quorum being formed, the house proceeded to the appointment, by ballot, of a President, and a majority of votes was found for the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin was appointed Secretary and Chaplain to the Convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, and William Ogden, Esq. inform the House of Bishops that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies is formed and ready to proceed to business.

Resolved, That the rules of order established by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the three preceding Conventions be adopted by this house.

The Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D. and the Rev. William Harris, Clerical Deputies from Massachusetts; the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rev. Philo Shelton, and Rev. Evan Rogers, Clerical Deputies, and James Clarke, Esq. Lay Deputy, from Connecticut; the Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. Rev. Isaac Wilkins, Rev. John Ireland, and Rev. John Henry Hobart, Clerical Deputies, and John Read and William Ogden, Esqrs. Lay Deputies, from New York; the Rev. Uzal Ogden, D. D. Clerical Deputy, and Col. Samuel Ogden and John Dennis, Esq. Lay Deputies, from New Jersey; the Rev. William Smith, D. D. and Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. Clerical Deputies from Pennsylvania; the Rev. James Kemp, Clerical Deputy, and David Kerr, Esq. Lay Deputy, from Maryland, delivered in, at the Secretary's table, certificates of their appointment, which were read, and determined to be satisfactory.

Dr. Parker proposed the following resolution, which was adopted, viz. That, during the session of the present Convention, they shall meet each day at 9 o'clock, A. M. and adjourn at 1 o'clock, P. M. and meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Dr. Parker was requested by this house to give information to the House of Bishops of the foregoing resolution, who reported that they acceded to the same.

The Rev. Dr. Beach presented the testimonial required by the canons, from the state Convention of New York, in favour of the Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D. the Bishop elect of that state.

On motion, the following message was sent by the Rev. Mr. Hobart to the House of Bishops: "The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies wish to know from the House of Bishops, whether they have received any communication from Bishop Provoost, on the subject of his resignation of his Episcopal jurisdiction in the state of New York."

A communication was received from the House of Bishops, on the subject of the foregoing message from this house.

The house then proceeded to sign the testimonial required by the canons in favour of the Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D. Bishop elect of the state of New York; which, together with the testimonial from the state Convention of New York, was ordered to be presented to the House of Bishops.

The house then adjourned until 4 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The house met:

The Rev. Charles H. Wharton, D. D. a Clerical Deputy from the state of New Jersey, and the Rev. Joseph G. J. Bend, a Clerical Deputy from the state of Maryland, presented their testimonials, which were approved, and they took their seats accordingly.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this house shall be read at the opening of the house every morning.

The question being called for upon the alteration of the first article of the constitution, as proposed by the last General Convention; and the votes being taken by states, it was negatived.

The house then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 10.

The house met according to adjournment, and the Chaplain read prayers.

Matthias Williamson, jun. Esq. Lay Deputy from the state of New Jersey; the Rev. Robert Clay, and the Rev. William Price, Clerical Deputies, and Joseph Burn, Esq. Lay Deputy from the state of Delaware; the Rev. John Coleman, and Rev. George Dashiell, Clerical Deputies, and William Helmsley, Esq. a Lay Deputy from the state of Maryland, presented their testimonials, which were read and approved, and they took their seats accordingly.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this house that they had read and approved the testimonials in favour of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Moore, Bishop elect of the state of New York, and had appointed to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, for his consecration.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Bend inform the House of Bishops, that this House will attend the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Moore at the appointed time.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Wharton, *Resolved*, That the following addition be made to the 4th canon of 1799; viz. "unless when such candidate come recommended by the General Convention."

The Rev. Dr. Wharton was requested to carry the foregoing resolution to the House of Bishops for their concurrence.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Kerr :

Whereas the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held at Philadelphia in June, 1799, resolved that all proceedings respecting the consecration of the Rev. Uzal Ogden, D. D. ought to be suspended until a future Convention of the state of New Jersey shall declare their sense of the subject ;

Resolved, That the proceedings and declaration of the state Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New Jersey, on the subject to them referred, be read, and that the testimonials of this house, requisite on such occasions, be given by this house.

The proceedings of the state Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in New Jersey, respecting the election of Dr. Ogden as Bishop for that state, were accordingly read, and fully considered; and the question upon signing the requisite testimonial being taken by states, it was negatived.

The house adjourned to 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

A communication from the House of Bishops, respecting the articles of religion, was read ;

And, on motion, a committee, consisting of a Clerical member from each state, viz. Dr. Parker, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Wilkins, Dr. Ogden, Dr. Smith, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Kemp, were appointed to take into consideration the foregoing communication from the House of Bishops, and were ordered to report to this house tomorrow.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, disagreeing to the resolution of this house, making an addition to the fourth canon of 1799, and proposing instead thereof, that the fourth canon of 1795 be revived, with the following addition; viz. "In which case the Bishop shall record the reasons of the aforesaid dispensation; and the reasons so recorded shall be liable to be called for at any meeting of the state Convention, and, if said Convention think proper, shall be entered on their journals." —"the fourth canon of 1799 to be repealed."

This house disagreed to the proposed substitute from the House of Bishops to their resolution, and requested a conference. Dr. Parker, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, and Rev. Mr. Kemp, were appointed a committee on the part of this house; and the Rev. Mr. Hobart was requested to inform the House of Bishops thereof.

The following resolution was received from the House of Bishops, and agreed to by this house; viz.

Resolved, That it be made known to the State Conventions, that it is proposed to consider and determine, in the next General Convention, on the following alteration of the first article of the constitution, viz :

Art. 1. There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, on the third Tuesday of May, 1808, and on the third Tuesday of May in every third year afterwards, &c. as before.

A proposed canon was received from the House of Bishops, respecting those persons who shall discontinue, without lawful cause, all exercise of the ministerial office; which was considered by this House, and agreed to.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following clause be added to the 6th rule of order: "without the consent of two-thirds of the House."

On motion of Mr. Kerr, *Resolved*, That the presiding Bishop in the House of Bishops, be requested to appoint a clergyman of this House, to perform divine service, and preach a sermon every evening during the present session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bend, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several State Conventions of this church, to cause as great a number as possible of the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of the constitution and canons of their respective churches, to be printed and distributed among their respective congregations.

The foregoing resolution was transmitted to the House of Bishops, and a message was received from them, informing this House that they had concurred in the same.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers, from Connecticut, asked leave of absence during the remainder of the session, which was granted.

The Rev. Mr. Ireland, from the state of New York, asked leave of absence during the remainder of the session, which was granted.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, September 11.

The house met, and the Chaplain read prayers.

The Rev. Mr. Harris, from Massachusetts, asked leave of absence during the remainder of the session, which was granted.

The House then adjourned to attend divine service at St. Michael's church, Trenton, on occasion of the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Moore, Bishop elect of the church in New York.

After divine service, the House met at 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Right Rev. Bishop White, for his sermon delivered this day, at the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Moore, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

A proposed canon was received from the House of Bishops, limiting the operation of the 4th canon of 1795.

The foregoing canon was adopted with an amendment.

The Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. Mr. Shelton, and James Clark, Esq. were appointed a committee to consider certain memorials presented to this House from churches in New Hampshire and Vermont, and to report thereon.

The committee appointed to consider the communication from the House of Bishops, respecting the articles of religion, made a report, which was unanimously adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops for their concurrence.

The Rev. Mr. Wilkins presented the following proposed canon: "No Lay Deputy shall be admitted as a member of this House, who shall not have been a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for at least one year previous to his appointment.

The question was taken by states on the foregoing canon, and the yeas and nays were as follows :

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Massachusetts—No.	
Connecticut—Yea.	Connecticut—No.
New York—Yea.	New York—Yea.
New Jersey—No.	
Pennsylvania—No.	
Delaware—No.	Delaware—No.
Maryland—No.	Maryland—No.

So it was determined in the negative.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the former Convention, and the Secretaries of the present Convention, be requested to transmit all the papers to the committee who were appointed for the purpose of arranging and recording the Journals of the General Convention; and, when these papers are recorded, they shall be deposited with the Bishop of this church in Pennsylvania, to be transmitted to the next General Convention.

The House of Bishops informed this House, that they had concurred in the amendment proposed by this House, to the proposed canon limiting the operation of the 4th canon of 1795.

The House adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The House met, and the Chaplain read prayers.

The committee appointed to consider the memorials from certain churches in New Hampshire and Vermont, made the following report, which was read, and unanimously adopted; viz :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

It appears from the memorials of certain churches in the western part of the state of New Hampshire, and the eastern part of the state of Vermont, that, having agreed to and adopted the general constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, they are desirous of forming a junction, and uniting themselves, for the purpose of holding Conventions, and effect-

ing a due organization of their churches ; and, on account of the impracticability of joining with the other churches in said respective states, they are desirous of being considered as a separate district. Your committee are of opinion, that the 8th canon of 1795 militates against the wishes of said memorialists, but that their local situation requires a dispensation from the operation of said canon, more especially as many valuable tracts of land have been granted to the Episcopal Church in those towns, and others in the vicinity, which land requires the attention of a duly organized church for its preservation and improvement. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that, from their peculiar circumstances, they ought to be allowed to put themselves under the jurisdiction of a Bishop of one of the neighbouring states, until a Bishop shall be duly consecrated and settled in said states, as the only measure that can relieve them under their peculiar situation and circumstances. Signed by order,

S. PARKER.

The above report was sent to the House of Bishops, and returned with their concurrence.

The Rev. Mr. Hobart proposed a canon, prescribing the mode of publishing authorized editions of the common prayer book, &c. which was read and adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops returned the foregoing canon, with an amendment, in which this House concurred.

The House of Bishops also returned to this House the resolution respecting the articles of religion, with amendments, which were read and adopted. [*For this resolution respecting articles of religion, as agreed to by the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, see Appendix.*]

This House adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops, a resolution respecting certain spurious editions of the book of common prayer.

The House of Bishops informed this House, that they disagreed to the above named resolution, and proposed another as a substitute, which was adopted by this House.

The Rev. Dr. Smith proposed a canon, making an addition to the 1st canon of 1795, of Episcopal Visitation; which was read and adopted, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops informed this House, that they concurred in the foregoing canon.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bend, *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops be requested to consider of and establish a course of theological studies proper for candidates for holy orders, and to report the same to the next General Convention.

The House of Bishops concurred in the foregoing resolution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Bend, Rev. Mr. Ireland (of Baltimore,) Rev. Mr. Kemp, Rev. Mr. Coleman, and

Rev. Mr. Dashiell, be appointed a committee to report to this House, at the next General Convention, such additional hymns as they shall think are adapted to christian worship.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Beach, Rev. Mr. Hobart, with the Secretary of this House, be a committee on the part of this House, to revise and publish the Journals. &c. of this Convention, and also to superintend the printing of Bishop White's sermon, delivered before this Convention.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Journals, and the same number of the sermon, be printed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next meeting of the General Convention be held in the city of New York.

The House of Bishops concurred in the foregoing resolution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Right Rev. Bishop Moore be requested to preach a sermon at the opening of the next General Convention; and that the Rev. Mr. Hobart inform the House of Bishops of the foregoing resolution, and that this House are ready to adjourn.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Waddell, Secretary of the House of Bishops, be requested to return the thanks of this Convention to the Governor for the use of the rooms in the State House.

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be given to their President, the Rev. Dr. Beach, and to their Secretary and Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, for their attention and services.

The Rev. Mr. Hobart reported, that the Right Rev. Bishop Moore would comply with the request of this House, to preach a sermon at the opening of the next General Convention; and that the House of Bishops, having no further communications to make, concurred in the resolution of adjournment.

The House adjourned *sine die*.

Signed by order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,
ABRAHAM BEACH, President.

Ashbel Baldwin, Secretary.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

TRENTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

St. Michael's church, Sept. 8, 1801.

THIS being the day of the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, appeared, and appointed to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *Sept. 9, 1801.*

Present as before, together with the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett, of Maryland, and the Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, of Connecticut.

The house attended divine service with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

His excellency the governor having granted permission to the Convention to meet in the State House, *Resolved*, That this house do adjourn to meet immediately in the council chamber of the same.

The house met at the State House.

Some doubt arising in regard to the meaning of the rule of this house in the year 1792, substituted in the place of the 1st rule of this house in 1789—*Resolved*, That until the same shall be considered and explained by this house, the Right Rev. Bishop White be requested to preside at the present session.

The Rev. Henry Waddell was appointed Secretary of this house.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Mr. Kemp, informing this house that they were organised, and ready to proceed to business. This house informed them, that they were ready for the same.

A letter was laid before this house from the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, addressed to Bishop White, as follows:

“New York, Sept. 7, 1801.

“Right Rev. and dear Sir,

“I think it my duty to request, that, as President of the House of Bishops, you will inform that venerable body, that, induced by ill health, and some melancholy occurrences in my family, and an ardent wish to retire from all public employment, I resigned, at the last meeting of our Church Convention, my jurisdiction as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New York.

“I am, with great regard,

“Dear and Right Rev. Sir,

“Your affectionate brother,

“SAMUEL PROVOOST.

“Right Rev. Bishop White.”

A message from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies was read, as follows:—“The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies wish to know from the House of Bishops, whether they have received any communication from Bishop Provoost, on the subject of the resignation of his Episcopal jurisdiction in the state of New York.”

The House of Bishops having considered the subject brought before them by the letter of Bishop Provoost, and by the message from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, touching the same, can see no grounds on which to believe, that the contemplated resignation is consistent with ecclesiastical order, or with the practice of episcopal churches in any ages, or with the tenor of the office of consecration. Accordingly, while they sympathize most tenderly with their brother Bishop Provoost, on account of that ill health, and those melancholy occurrences which have led to

the design in question, they judge it to be inconsistent with the sacred trust committed to them, to recognize the Bishop's act as an effectual resignation of his episcopal jurisdiction. Nevertheless, being sensible of the present exigencies of the church of New York, and approving of their making provision for the actual discharge of the duties of the episcopacy, the Bishops of this house are ready to consecrate to the office of Bishop, any person who may be presented to them with the requisite testimonials from the General and State Conventions; and of whose religious, moral, and literary character, due satisfaction may be given. But this house must be understood to be explicit in their declaration that they shall consider such a person as assistant or co-adjutor Bishop during Bishop Provoost's life, although competent in point of character to all the episcopal duties; the extent in which the same shall be discharged by him, to be dependent on such regulations as expediency may dictate to the church in New York grounded on the indisposition of Bishop Provoost, and with his concurrence.

The Secretary not being present, Bishop Jarvis is requested to deliver the above as a message to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and to furnish that house with a copy of Bishop Provoost's letter.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Parker, informing, that the meetings of that house, during the session, are appointed to be at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and at four in the afternoon. This house agreed on the same hours, and informed the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies thereof, by the Rev. Dr. Parker.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The house met. Present as yesterday.

The Rev. Henry Waddell took his place as Secretary to this house.

The house agreed on a form and manner of setting forth the articles of religion, and agreed that the same be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence; which was done accordingly.

The house then adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Sept. 10, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The house met. Present as yesterday.

The testimonial from the Convention of the church in the state of New York, in favour of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Moore, as Bishop elect of the church in that state; and also the testimonial from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, now sitting, in favour of the said Dr. Moore, being received and read, and found agreeable to the prescribed forms; *Resolved*, That the House of Clerical

and Lay Deputies be informed, that the Bishops now present are ready to proceed to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Moore to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies informed this house, by the Rev. Mr. Bend, that they will attend the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Moore at the time appointed.

This house received, by the Rev. Mr. Bend, a message as follows: "The question being taken in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, upon the following alteration in the 1st article of the constitution; viz. 'Art. 1. There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America on the third Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord, 1805, and on the third Tuesday of May, in every fifth year afterwards,' &c. And the votes being taken, it was determined in the negative."

This house resolved, That it be proposed to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to propose to the next General Convention, that the first article of the constitution shall be as follows; viz. "Art. 1. There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, on the third Tuesday in May, 1808, and in every third year," &c. as before.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Wharton, proposing an addition to the 4th canon of 1799. This house disagreed to the said proposal, and instead thereof proposed to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies the revival of, and an addition to, that part of the 4th canon of 1795, which had been repealed, together with the repeal of the 4th canon of 1799.

The house then adjourned to the afternoon.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The house met. Present as before.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Mr. Hobart, informing this house that they disagree to the proposal made to them by this house for the revival of, and an addition to, that part of the 4th canon of 1795 which had been repealed, together with the repeal of the 4th canon of 1799, and requesting a conference on the subject with this house; whereupon the Right Rev. Bishop Claggett was appointed a committee on the part of this house, to meet and confer with a committee of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies on the subject aforesaid.

The house adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, Sept. 11, 9 o'clock.

The house met. Present as yesterday.

The house adjourned, in order to attend the consecration of the Bishop elect of the church in the state of New York.

FRIDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The house met. Present as before.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several State Conventions of this church, to cause as great a number as possible of the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of the constitution and canons of their respective churches, to be printed, and distributed among their congregations.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That this House do concur in the aforesaid resolution.

The Right Rev. Bishop Moore, who was consecrated this morning, appeared in the House and took his seat.

A proposed canon, limiting the operation of the 4th canon of 1795, was adopted, and sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for their concurrence.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies returned the above canon as adopted by them, with an amendment, which was agreed to by this House.

The Right Rev. Bishop Claggett asked and obtained leave of absence.

The House adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, Sept. 12, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The House met. Present, the Right Rev. Bishop White, the Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, and the Right Rev. Bishop Moore.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Dr. Smith, with a proposed canon, making an addition to the 1st canon of 1795. The proposed canon was agreed to by this House.

This House agreed to a resolution received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, respecting articles of religion.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies applications from certain churches of New Hampshire and Vermont, respecting certain arrangements on account of their local circumstances, which papers were accompanied with a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concerning the same. This House concurred in the resolution.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Mr. Hobart, a proposed canon, prescribing the mode of publishing authorised editions of the common prayer book, &c. which canon this House agreed to with an amendment.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a proposal, that the next meeting of the Convention should be in the city of New York; in which this House concurred.

The house of Clerical and Lay Deputies returned the amend-

ment of this House, to the proposed canon prescribing the mode of publishing authorised editions of the common prayer book, &c. with their concurrence.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies sent to this House a proposed resolution, requesting this House to consider of and establish a course of ecclesiastical studies proper for candidates for holy orders, and to report the same to the next General Convention.

This House concurred in the foregoing resolution.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies a proposed resolution, concerning spurious editions of the common prayer, which this House disagreed to, and proposed the following as a substitute, viz :

“Whereas this Convention has received information, that certain unauthorised books of common prayer have been published, in which some parts of the authorised book are omitted, and other matters added ;

“Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every Bishop to make enquiry into, and report at every meeting of the Convention, such cases of this sort as may have come within his knowledge.”

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies their concurrence in the foregoing resolution.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies a proposed resolve, that the Right Rev. Bishop Moore be requested to preach a sermon at the next General Convention ; which resolve was adopted by this House.

This House received a message from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, naming a committee on their part for revising and publishing the Journals ; and the Right Rev. Bishop Moore was appointed a committee on the part of this House.

A resolution was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting the Rev. Mr. Waddell to return the thanks of this Convention to the Governor, for the use of the rooms in the State House.

This House concurred in the foregoing resolution.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing this House that they are ready to adjourn.

Resolved, That this House are also ready to adjourn.

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be returned to the Rev. Mr. Waddell, their Secretary, for his attention and services.

The House rose.

Signed by Order of the House of Bishops,

WILLIAM WHITE, Presiding Bishop.

Attest. Henry Waddell, Secretary.

The Certificate of the Consecration of the Right Rev. Bishop Moore, is as follows :

“KNOW all men by these presents, that we, William White, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of

Pennsylvania, presiding Bishop; Thomas John Claggett, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Maryland; and Abraham Jarvis, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Connecticut; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Michael's Church, in the city of Trenton, on Friday, the 11th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, Benjamin Moore, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church in the city of New York, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New York; to which the said Benjamin Moore, D. D. hath been elected by the Convention of the said state, in consequence of the inability of the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, and of his declining all episcopal jurisdiction within the said state.

"In testimony whereof, we have signed our names, and caused our seals to be affixed.

"Given in the city of Trenton, this eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

"WILLIAM WHITE,	(L. S.)
"THOMAS J. CLAGGETT,	(L. S.)
"ABRAHAM JARVIS."	(L. S.)

APPENDIX.

Resolution of the Bishops, the Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention, in the city of Trenton, the 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1801, respecting articles of religion.

THE articles of religion are hereby ordered to be set forth with the following directions to be observed in all future editions of the same; that is to say—

The following to be the title; viz.

"Articles of religion, as established by the Bishops, the Clergy and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention, on the 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1801."

The articles to stand as in the book of common prayer of the church of England, with the following alterations and omissions, viz.

In the 8th article, the word three in the title, and the words three—Athanasius's creed, in the article, to be omitted, and the article to read thus:

"ART. 8. *Of the Creeds.*

"The Nicene creed, and that which is commonly called the

Apostles creed, ought thoroughly to be received and believed ; for they may be proved by most certain warrants of holy scripture.”

Under the title, “ article 21,” the following note to be inserted ; viz.

“ The 21st of the former articles is omitted, because it is partly of a local and civil nature, and is provided for, as to the remaining parts of it, in other articles.”

The 35th article to be inserted with the following note ; viz.

“ This article is received in this church, so far as it declares the books of homilies to be an explication of Christian doctrine, and instructive in piety and morals. But all references to the constitution and laws of England are considered as inapplicable to the circumstances of this church, which also suspends the order for the reading of said homilies in churches, until a revision of them may conveniently be made, for the clearing of them, as well from obsolete words and phrases, as from the local references.”

The 36th article, entitled, “ of consecration of Bishops and Ministers,” to read thus :

“ The book of consecration of Bishops, and ordering of Priests and Deacons, as set forth by the General Convention of this church in 1792, doth contain all things necessary to such consecration and ordering ; neither hath it any thing that, of itself, is superstitious and ungodly : and, therefore, whosoever are consecrated or ordered according to said form, we decree all such to be rightly, orderly, and lawfully consecrated and ordered.”

The 37th article to be omitted, and the following substituted in its place :

“ Of the power of the Civil Magistrate.”

“ The power of the Civil Magistrate extendeth to all men, as well Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal, but hath no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all men who are professors of the gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the civil authority, regularly and legitimately constituted.”

Adopted by the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Presiding Bishop.

Adopted by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

ABRAHAM BEACH, D. D. President.

CANONS—Passed 1801.

CANON I. *Respecting those who discontinue all exercise of the Ministerial office without lawful cause, &c.*

If any person, having been ordained in this church, or having been otherwise regularly ordained and admitted a Minister in this church, shall discontinue all exercise of the Ministerial office without lawful cause, or shall avow that he is no longer a Minister of this church, or shall live in the habitual disuse of

the public worship, or of the holy eucharist, according to the offices of this church—such person, on due proof of the same, or on his own confession, shall be liable to be degraded from the Ministry.

CANON II. *Limiting the operation of the 4th canon of 1795.*

The Bishop of this church, in any state, with the advice and consent of all the clerical members of the standing committee of his diocese, may dispense with the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, which are required by the 4th canon of 1795.

CANON III. *Prescribing the mode of publishing authorised editions of the common prayer book, &c.*

The Bishop of this church, in any state, or, where there is no Bishop, the standing committee are authorised to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons to compare and correct all new editions of the common prayer book, book of offices, &c. by some standard book; and a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected shall be published with said books. And in case any edition shall be published without such correction, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, of the standing committee, to give public notice that such edition is not authorised by the church. The Bishop of this church in Pennsylvania, is hereby authorised to set forth an edition of the articles of religion, which, when published, shall be the standard copy. The octavo edition of the common prayer book, published in New York in 1793, by Hugh Gainé, and the quarto edition of the book of offices, &c. of the same year, published in the same place, are hereby established as standard books, with the exception of errors evidently typographical; the correction of which errors, is confided to such person or persons, as the Bishop or standing committee may appoint for superintending any publication.

CANON IV. *Making an addition to the 1st Canon of 1795, concerning Episcopal Visitation.*

It shall be the duty of every Bishop of this church to keep a register of his proceedings at every visitation of his diocese, and particularly of the names and age of the persons confirmed, and to report a copy of such register to the House of Bishops, at every triennial meeting of the General Convention of this church, in order that the same may be communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to be preserved among the general records of the church.

The above canons passed in Convention, September, 1801.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Presiding Bishop.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

ABRAHAM BEACH, D. D. President.

List of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America.

Delivered in and published agreeably to the 16th canon of 1789.—1801.

- New Hampshire.**
- THE Rev. Joseph Willard, Rector of St. John's church, Portsmouth.
- Robert H. Fowle, Rector of — church, Holderness.
- Daniel Barber, Rector of — church, Clermont.
- Massachusetts.*
- The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D. Bishop.
- The Rev. William Willard Wheeler, Rector of St. Michael's church, Scituate, and St. Peter's, Marshfield.
- Nathaniel Fisher, Rector of St. Peter's church, Salem.
- Samuel Parker, D. D. Rector of Trinity church, Boston.
- John Sylvester I. Gardner, Assistant Minister of Trinity church, Boston.
- Samuel Haskill, Rector of Christ church, Boston.
- William Montague, Rector of St. Paul's church, Dedham, and — church, Quincy.
- William Harris, Rector of St. Michael's church, Marblehead.
- James Bowers, Deacon, Pittstown.
- Rhode Island.*
- The Rev. John Usher, Rector of St. Michael's church, Bristol.
- Abraham L. Clarke, Assistant Minister of St. Michael's church, Bristol.
- Theodore Dehon, Rector of Trinity church, Newport.
- Abraham Brunson, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Trinity church, Newport.
- Nathaniel Bowen, Deacon, Providence.
- Connecticut.*
- The Right Rev. Abraham Jarvis, D. D. Bishop.
- The Rev. Jeremiah Leaming, residing at New Haven.
- John Bowden, D. D. principal of the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire.
- Richard Mansfield, D. D. Rector of Christ church, Derby, and the churches at Oxford and Great Hill.
- Bela Hubbard, D. D. Rector of Trinity church, New Haven, and Christ church, West Haven.
- John Tyler, Rector of Christ church, Norwich.
- Daniel Fogg, Rector of — church, Pomfret.
- Philo Shelton, Rector of Trinity church, Fairfield, St. John's church, Stratfield, and — church, Weston.
- Ashbel Baldwin, Rector of Christ church, Stratford, and Trinity church, Trumbull.
- Chauncey Prindle, Rector of Christ church, Watertown, and St. Peter's church, Plymouth.
- Reuben Ives, Rector of St. Peter's church, Cheshire, and the churches of Hamden and Southington.
- Tillotson Bronson, Rector of St. John's church, Waterbury, and — church, Salem.
- Truman Marsh, Rector of — church, Litchfield.
- Ambrose Todd, Rector of St. Paul's church, Huntington.
- Daniel Burhans, Rector of Trinity church, Newtown, and — church, Brookfield.
- David Butler, Rector of Christ church, Reading, and the churches of Danbury and Ridgefield.
- Alexander V. Griswold, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Bristol, St. Mark's church, Harwinstown, and — church, Norfield.
- Solomon Blaklee, Rector of St. Stephen's church, East Haddam.
- Charles Seabury, Rector of St. James's church, New London.
- Smith Miles, Rector of the churches at Chatham and Middle Haddam.
- Evan Rogers, Rector of St. Peter's, Hebron, and — church, Marlborough.
- Joseph Warren, Rector of Christ church, Middletown.
- William Green, residing in New London.
- Calvin White, Rector of St. John's church, Stamford, and — church, Horse Neck.
- Menzies Rayner, Rector of — church, Hartford.
- Jasper D. Jones, Deacon.
- Nathan B. Burges, Deacon, officiating at Guilford and North Bristol.
- Whitlock, Deacon, officiating at Norwalk and Dilton.

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- The Rev. Bethuel Judd, Deacon, officiating at Woodbury and Roxbury.
New York.
- The Right Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D. Bishop.
- The Rev. Abraham Beach, D. D. Rev. John Henry Hobart. Rev. Cave Jones, Assistant Ministers of Trinity church, New York.
- Thomas Ellison, Rector of St. Peter's church, Albany.
- Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Staten Island.
- Henry Van Dyke, Rector of St. James's church, Newtown.
- Elijah D. Rattoone, Rector of Grace church, Jamaica, and St. George's church, Flushing.
- Seth Hart, Rector of St. George's church, Hempstead.
- Isaac Wilkins, Rector of St. Peter's church, West Chester; and St. Paul's church, East Chester.
- Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity church, New Rochelle.
- John Ireland, Rector of St. Ann's church, Brooklyn.
- Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's church, Yonkers.
- Frederick Van Horne, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Orange county.
- Robert G. Wetmore, Rector of St. George's church, Schenectady, and Christ church, Duaneborough.
- John Urquhart, Rector of St. John's church, Johnstown, and — church, Fort Hunter.
- Philander Chase, Rector of Christ church, Poughkeepsie, and Trinity church, Fishkill.
- Thatcher, Rector of Christ church, Ballstown, and other churches.
- Daniel Nash, Rector of the churches, Otsego.
- Amos Pardee, Rector of — church Hampton.
- The Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, Rev. William Smith, D. D. Rev. Samuel Nesbitt, residing in New York.
New Jersey.
- The Rev. Uzal Ogden, D. D. Rector of Trinity church, Newark.
- Charles H. Wharton, D. D. Rector of St. Mary's church, Burlington.
- Henry Waddell, Rector of St. Michael's church, Trenton.
- John Croes, Rector of Christ church, New Brunswick.
- Andrew Fowler, Rector of — church, Middletown.
- Frederick Beasley, Deacon, St. John's church, Elizabethtown.
- The Rev. Cotten, residing at present at New Brunswick.
Pennsylvania.
- The Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop.
- The Rev. William Smith, D. D.
- Samuel Magaw, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.
- John Andrews, D. D. Vice Provoost in the University of Pennsylvania.
- Robert Blackwell, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ church and St. Peters, in the city of Philadelphia.
- Joseph Hutchins, D. D.
- John Campbell, Rector of the churches of York and Huntingdon.
- Slator Clay, Rector of St. David's, Radnor, St. Peter's in the Valley, and St. James's, Perkiomen.
- Joseph Clarkson, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster. — church, Pequea, and — church, Carnarvon.
- Robert Ayres, rector of Emanuel church, Washington county, and St. Peter's church, Fayette county.
- Francis Reno, Westmoreland co.
- Joseph Turner, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook.
- Caleb Hopkins, rector of Christ church, Derry township, and Christ church, Turbut township, Northumberland county.
- Thomas Davis, Washington co.
- James Abercrombie, Assistant Minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
- Absalom Jones, (a black man,) Deacon in the African church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia.
Delaware.
- The Rev. Robert Clay, Emanuel church, New Castle.
- William Pryce, Trinity church, Wilmington.
- Joshua Reese, St. Anne's church, Middletown.
- James Wiltbank, St. George's church, Sussex county.
Maryland.
- The Right Rev. Thomas J. Claggett, D. D. Bishop.
- The Rev. Charles Smoot, Rector of William and Mary parish, St. Mary's co.
- Henry Lyon Davis, King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.
- Brockenbury, Deacon, William and Mary parish, Charles co
- John I. Sayrs, Durham parish, Charles county.

- George Ralph, Trinity parish, Charles county.
- Edward Gantt, jun. Christ church, Calvert.
- Joseph Messenger, St. John's, Prince George's.
- Walter D. Addison, residing in Prince George's.
- Andrew M'Cormick, Washington, Prince George's.
- John W. Compton, St. James, Anne Arundel.
- Ralph Higginbotham, St. Ann's, Ann Arundel.
- Nicholas W. Lane, All Hallows, Ann Arundel.
- Owen F. Magrath, residing in Annapolis, Ann Arundel.
- Henry Moscrop, Westminster, Ann Arundel.
- William Swan, St. Margaret's, Ann Arundel.
- * Thomas Read, Prince George's, Montgomery.
- Edward Gantt, sen. residing at Georgetown, Montgomery.
- Thomas Scott, St. Peter's, Montgomery.
- George Bower, All Saints, Frederick.
- * Joseph G. I. Bend, associate Rector of St. Paul's, Baltimore.
- John Ireland, associate Rector of St. Paul's, Baltimore.
- * John Coleman, St. Thomas, Baltimore.
- Francis Barclay, residing in Baltimore.
- John Allen, St. George's, Harford.
- James Jones Wilmer, St. John's, Harford.
- William Duke, residing in Cecil co.
- Colin Ferguson, D. D. residing in Kent county.
- Archibald Walker, D. D. residing in Kent county.
- George Dashiell, Chester and St. Paul's, Kent county.
- Samuel Keene, D. D. St. Luke's, Queen Ann's.
- Samuel Keene, jun. residing in St. Luke's, Queen Ann's.
- * Elisha Rigg, St. Paul's, Queen Ann's.
- Joseph Jackson, St. Peter's, Talbot.
- James Kemp, Great Choptank, Dorchester.
- William Price, Somerset, Somerset.
- Samuel Sloan, residing in Somerset.
- David Ball, All Hallows, Worcester. *Virginia.*
- The Right Rev. James Madison, D. D. Bishop.
- The Rev. Charles O'Neil, rector of Amherst.
- Alexander Hay, Antrim.
- — Gray, Botetourt.
- Hugh Corrans Boggs, Berkley.
- — Heath, Berkley.
- Benjamin Brown, Brisland.
- Andrew Syme, Bristol.
- John Cameron, D. D. rector of —
- Alexander M'Farland, Brunswick.
- John Bracken, D. D. Brutun.
- John Cann, Charles.
- — Heffernan, Christ Church.
- James Elliott, Cople.
- Needler Robinson, Dale.
- Spence Grayson, Dettingen.
- Daniel M'Naughton, Christ church.
- James Whitehead, Elizabeth River.
- Thomas Davis, Fairfax.
- Alexander Balmain, Frederick.
- John O'Weylie, Lecturer, Frederick.
- Matthew Maury, Frederickville.
- John Hooker Reynolds, Hardy.
- John Buchanan, D. D. Henrico.
- Samuel S. M'Croskey, D. D. Hungars.
- John Thompson, Leeds.
- Charles Crawford, Lexington.
- William Crawford, —
- James Dickinson, Littleton.
- — Young, Lunenburg.
- Anthony Walke, Lynnhaven.
- Armistead Smith, Matthews.
- John Dunn, Manchester.
- James Leach, Mecklenberg.
- William Hubbard, Newport.
- Jacob Keeling, Nansmond.
- Robert Buchan, Overwharton.
- Arthur Emerson, Portsmouth.
- John Brunskill, Raleigh.
- James Stevenson, St. George's.
- Charles Hepkins, St. James Northam.
- James Price, St. John's.
- Thomas Hughes, St. David's.
- Archibald Dick, St. Margaret's.
- John Woodville, St. Mark's.
- Abner Waugh, St. Mary's.
- John Parsons, —
- John Seward, St. Stephen's.
- John Hyde Saunders, Southam.
- Samuel Butler, Southwark.
- Lee Massey, Truro.
- Samuel Chapin, Westover.
- James Evans, Yorkhampton.
- John C. Brockenboroug, Washington.
- Duncan M'Naughton, Wicomico.
- Joseph Wilson, Cure not known.
- Stephen Thompson, do. do.
- Cornelius Carvert, Cure not known.

* Those marked thus (*) are members of the Standing Committee this year

*South Carolina.**

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| <p>The Right Rev. Robert Smith, D. D.
Bishop.</p> <p>The Rev. Thomas Frost, St. Phillip's,
Charleston,</p> <p>— Henry Purcell, D. D. St. Michael's,
Charleston.</p> <p>— Edward Jenkins, St. Michael's,
Charleston.</p> <p>— Millwood Pogson, St. James's,
Goose Creek, and St. George's,
Dorchester.</p> <p>— Peter M. Parker, St. John's, Berk-
ley.</p> <p>— John Thompson, St. Thomas.</p> | <p>The Rev. Thomas Mills, St. Andrew's,
James Island, & St. Andrew's, Main.</p> <p>— Edmond Matthews, St. John's,
Edisto.</p> <p>— — Nixon, St. Bartholomew's.</p> <p>— Thomas D. Bladen, St. James, San-
tee.</p> <p>— George H. Spierin, Prince George.</p> <p>— James Conner, St. Stephen's.</p> <p>— John O'Donnell, All Saints.</p> <p>— — Frazier, Prince Frederick.</p> <p>— — Gates, D. D. } Residents
— — M'Cully, master of an academy, Beaufort, { in the state
— — Blackwell, { without
— — Best, Master of an Academy, Charleston. } cures.</p> |
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