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of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America
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OF THE

BISHOPS, CLERGY AND LAITY,

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

IN A

CONVENTION,

HELD IN

The City of Philadelphia, from Tuesday, September 8th, to Friday, September 18th, 1795.
LIST OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE

HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES.

From the State of New York.

From the State of New Jersey.

From the State of Pennsylvania.
Joseph Swift, Esquire.—Francis Gurney, Esquire.—Mr. J. B.
Gilpin.—Mr. William Stevenson.

From the State of Delaware.

From the State of Maryland.

From the State of Virginia.

From the State of South Carolina.
Rev. Henry Purcell, D. D.
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OF THE
HOUSE OF CLERICAL AND LAY DEPUTIES:

PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1795.

CLERICAL and Lay Deputies from the churches in several of the states, assembled in Christ Church at 10 o'clock, A. M. and not being a sufficient number to enter upon business, Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The members met, and a quorum being formed, The Rev. Mr. Bisset read prayers.

Resolved, That this house appoint a Secretary who is not a member: Whereupon,

The Rev. James Abercrombie, second assistant minister of Christ Church and St. Peter's, was unanimously chosen.

The deputies then proceeded to the election of a President, when the Rev. Dr. William Smith was unanimously chosen.

Ordered, That Mr. Andrews inform the house of Bishops, that this house is now formed, and ready to proceed to business.

Resolved, That the rules of order, adopted by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the last General Convention, be the rules for the government of this house.

Resolved, With the concurrence of the house of Bishops, that Mr. Swift be appointed to request of the Mayor, the use of two apartments in the City Hall, for the accommodation of the Convention, during their present session.

The house of Bishops having transmitted to this house a message, informing, that Bishop Provoost is ready to preach before the Convention, agreeably to the appointment of the last General Convention, and proposing that the delivery of the sermon be postponed to Friday next, in order that sufficient notice may be given.

Resolved, That this house agree to the said proposal, and that the Rev. Mr. Bisset inform the house of Bishops thereof.

Resolved, That Mr. Wallace, the Rev. Mr. Bisset, the Rev. Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Andrews, and the Rev. Dr. Purcell, be a committee to examine the credentials of the members.

Mr. Swift informed the house, that the use of two apartments in the City Hall was granted, agreeably to application.

Resolved, With the concurrence of the house of Bishops, that the hours of sitting be from ten to three o'clock.

Adjourned, to meet in the City Hall to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.
The house met, and the Rev. Mr. Bend read prayers.

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the members, reported, that the deputies from the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina, had produced satisfactory testimonials of their appointment.

Resolved, That this house will to-morrow go into a committee of the whole on the state of the church.

Mr. Andrews presented a proposed canon to alter canon six of the year 1789, and canon four of the year 1792, respecting the testimonials necessary to be produced by candidates for holy orders.

Resolved, That the same be referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the church.

A letter was received from the Right Rev. Dr. White, of the house of Bishops, enclosing sundry testimonials, respecting the Rev. Dr. Samuel Peters, as Bishop elect of the church in the state of Vermont, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Andrews presented a proposed canon to alter canon six of the year 1792, respecting the officiating of ministers in the parish, or within the parochial cure of another clergyman, which was read and referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the church.

The House of Bishops transmitted to this house by their Secretary, a letter addressed to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention—Philadelphia—accompanied with the following message: "The House of Bishops have read the letter from Persson Parish, in North Carolina, directed to the General Convention, but not finding it of such a nature as that they can act upon it, they propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that such answer be returned, signed by the Presidents of both houses, as to the Presidents may appear most proper."

The letter was read, and it was

Resolved, That this house agree to the proposal contained in the above message.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, ten o'clock; A. M.

The House met, and adjourned to attend divine service in Christ Church, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Waddell, who read prayers, and the Right Rev. Dr. Provoost who preached the occasional sermon; immediately after which, the House returned to the City Hall.

A proposed canon to prevent a congregation in any diocese or state, from uniting with a church in any other diocese or state, was received from the House of Bishops, and after being read, was referred to the committee of the whole, on the state of the church.
Dr. Andrews presented a proposed Canon to alter the seventh canon of the year 1789, and the 7th canon of the year 1792, concerning the learning of those who are to be ordained, which was referred to the same committee.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this House be given to the Right Rev. Dr. Provost, for his sermon delivered before the Convention this morning in Christ Church, and that the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, and Joshua M. Wallace, Esquire, be appointed to present the thanks of this house, and to request a copy of the sermon for publication.

The Rev. Dr. Purcell presented testimonials from the Convention of the state of South Carolina, relative to the election of the Rev. Robert Smith, D. D. to the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in that state, which were read and ordered to lie upon the table.

Resolved, That the order of the day be postponed till to-morrow.

The attention of the House was called by the Rev. Dr. Andrews, to the consideration of a pamphlet lately published, entitled, "Strictures on the love of power in the prelacy, by a member of the Protestant Episcopal Association in the state of South Carolina," which he declared to be a virulent attack upon the doctrines and discipline of our church, and a libel against the House of Bishops, and which was alleged to be written by a member of this House.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next, that the House, in committee of the whole, enter upon the investigation of this charge.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, ten o'clock, A. M.

The House met, and the Rev. Mr. Abercrombie read prayers.

The members present signed the testimonial, in such cases prescribed by the canon, in favour of the Rev. Robert Smith, D. D. who had been elected to the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of South Carolina; and transmitted it by the Rev. Dr. Purcell, to the House of Bishops.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the general state of the church, and the Rev. Dr. Blackwell was appointed chairman.

After some time the committee rose, and the chairman reported, that they had, according to order, taken under consideration the proposed canon to them referred, entitled a canon concerning the testimonials of those who are to be ordained, to which they had made several amendments; also a canon, to regulate the officiating of ministers in the parishes or parochial cured of other clergy, to which an amendment had been made.

Resolved, That the report be taken up on Monday next.

The chairman further reported, that the committee not having had time to go through the whole business referred to them, had
The House of Bishops presented, by their Secretary, the two following messages, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

"Whereas the present Convention, from particular unavoidable circumstances,* is deprived of many of its members, who were anxious to be present,

Resolved, That this house propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to defer the discussion of articles until the meeting of the next General Convention, when a more full representation of this church may be expected."

The House of Bishops took into consideration a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, as in preceding Convention, which resolution was in these words. Resolved, That it be made known to the several state Conventions, that it is proposed to consider and determine, in the next General Convention, on the propriety of investing the House of Bishops with a full negative upon the proceedings of the other house:

Resolved, that the following message be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, viz.

"The House of Bishops have not in any former Convention, expressed their sense upon the aforesaid subject; but they now propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the legislative power of the House of Bishops, shall remain as fixed by the third article of the constitution of this church."

The House of Bishops also informed this house, that they had examined and approved the testimonials in favor of the Rev. Dr. Robert Smith, Bishop elect of the church in South Carolina, and that they had appointed to-morrow morning as the time for his consecration, at Christ church.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

Dr. Andrews presented a proposed canon to alter canon 3d, of the year 1789, respecting Episcopal visitation, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the church.

Mr. Bisset presented a proposed canon to alter the 4th canon of the year 1789, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the same committee.

The house took up the proposed canon concerning the testimonials of those who are to be ordained, which was read and passed.

The proposed canon, to regulate the officiating of Ministers in the parish or parochial cure of another Clergyman, was taken up, and the question on the proposed amendment was taken by states,
and lost; whereupon an addition to the *canon* was moved by Mr. Bisset, read, and ordered to be postponed.

A proposed *canon* for the better accomplishing of the objects of the 6th canon, of the year 1792, respecting the preaching of Clergymen in different parishes, was received from the House of Bishops, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the order of the day, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell in the chair; and after some time the committee rose, and the chairman reported the following resolution.

Resolved, That the pamphlet entitled "Strictures on the love of power in the prelacy, by a member of the Protestant Episcopal Association in the state of South Carolina," contains very offensive and censurable matter.

This resolution was adopted by the house.

The committee then asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

The Rev. Mr. Spierin obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

The house met, and the Right Rev. Dr. Madison read prayers.

The proposed *canon* respecting the testimonials to be produced on the part of those who are to be ordained, was sent to the House of Bishops, by the Rev. Mr. Bisset.

Dr. Magaw presented a proposed canon on the preparatory exercises of a candidate for the ministry, which was read, amended, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops returned the canon on the testimonials to be produced on the part of those who are to be ordained, with an amendment; which was agreed to, and returned by Mr. Wallace, with an additional amendment, which was concurred in by the House of Bishops.

The proposed canon respecting the officiating of Clergymen, within the parish or parochial cure of another Clergyman, was passed, and transmitted by the Rev. Mr. Bisset to the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Mr. Cress presented a proposed canon, empowering the Bishop in each diocese, to compose a form of prayer or thanksgiving for extraordinary occasions, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The canon, proposed by the House of Bishops, for the better accomplishing of the objects of the 6th canon of the year 1792, was returned to the House of Bishops, with an amendment, which was agreed to.

The proposed canon respecting the preparatory exercises of candidates for holy orders, was agreed to, and sent to the House of Bishops, by the Rev. Mr. Bisset.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the state of the church, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell in the chair.
The committee rose and the chairman reported.

A canon of Episcopal visitation; a canon of the learning of candidates for holy orders; and a canon of the age of those who are to be ordained, or consecrated.

The Rev. Mr. Keene, the Rev. Mr. Kemp, and Mr. Kerr, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

The proposed canon respecting Episcopal visitation was read, passed and sent by the Rev. Mr. Clarkson, to the House of Bishops.

The proposed canon, respecting the learning of candidates for holy orders, was read, passed, and sent by the Rev. Mr. Bisset to the House of Bishops; also the proposed canon respecting the age of those who are to be ordained.

The Rev. Mr. Bisset presented additional documents respecting the formation of a congregation in Person parish, in the state of North Carolina; which, after being read, were referred to the Presidents of both houses.

The house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with a view to determine who was the author of the pamphlet entitled "Strictures on the love of power in the Prelacy, by a member of the Protestant Episcopal Association in the state of South Carolina."

While they were engaged in this business, a message came from the House of Bishops which the committee rose to receive, and which is in the following words:

"The House of Bishops propose a conference with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, upon a matter which they are anxious to lay before the house."

The house agreed to the conference, which was immediately gone into, the President of the House of Bishops in the chair.

After some time the conference ended, and the President took the chair.

A paper was laid before the House, concerning the pamphlet entitled, "Strictures on the love of power in the Prelacy," which it was resolved should be referred to a committee of the whole tomorrow.

The House of Bishops returned the canon respecting the learning of those who are to be ordained, with an amendment, which being read, was negatived.

An amendment was also proposed by the House of Bishops, to the canon respecting Episcopal Visitation, which was read, and concurred in.

The Bishops returned the canon respecting the age of those who are to be ordained or consecrated, with their concurrence.

The House of Bishops requested a conference, on the canon of the learning of those who are to be ordained.
Ordered, That the Rev. Mr. Bend, inform the House of Bishops, that this House agrees to the conference on the proposed canon, respecting the learning of those who are to be ordained.

The conference accordingly took place.

The proposed canon respecting the empowering of the Bishop of each state, to compose a form of prayer or thanksgiving for extraordinary occasions, was read, agreed to, and sent to the House of Bishops by the Secretary.

The House of Bishops returned the said canon with their concurrence.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Rev. Dr. Smith, for his sermon delivered at the consecration of the Right Reverend Dr. Robert Smith; and that he be desired to furnish a copy of the same to be printed.

The canon respecting the preparatory exercises of a candidate for the ministry, was returned by the House of Bishops with amendments, which were adopted.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, nine o'clock, A.M.

The House met, and the Rev. Mr. Croes read prayers.

Dr. Andrews proposed an amendment of an amendment proposed by the House of Bishops on the proposed canon respecting the learning of those who are to be ordained, and the question being taken by states, was agreed to, and sent to the House of Bishops.

The House of Bishops returned the said canon with their concurrence.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Magaw,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of four members, who (in concurrence with a committee of the House of Bishops, if they shall appoint such committee, and independently of what relates to the printing of the minutes) shall arrange the canons, and principal papers belonging to the Convention, causing them to be fairly transcribed in a proper bound book, in order that they may be faithfully preserved for the perpetual use of the Houses of the General Convention of this church, to recur to, as occasion may require; and the said committee may, if they think proper, employ a clerk, or transcriber, to be paid out of such monies as may be provided, for defraying the necessary incidental expenses of Convention. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the President of this House, the Rev. Dr. Andrews, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, and the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, be the members of the above committee, and that the Rev. Mr. Bassett, the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the last General Convention, be requested to collect and deliver to the said committee, all the documents belonging to the Convention, which may be in his hands, and to assist the committee in the execution of their duties as far as may be in his power.
A message was received from the House of Bishops, informing this House that they had concurred in the above resolve, and appointed Bishop White on their part.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the paper referred to them yesterday, and on other business referred to them.

The committee rose, and their chairman reported, that they had considered the paper referred to them yesterday, which was from the author of the pamphlet entitled, "Strictures on the Love of Power in the Prelacy," in which he professes his sorrow for the publication, and that they were of opinion the House should accept it as a satisfactory concession.

Resolved, That the House adopt the above report.

The committee also reported certain canons and resolutions, without amendment.

Ordered, That the paper referred to in the report, be carried by the Rev. Mr. Bisset to the House of Bishops.

The following message was received from the House of Bishops:

"The Bishops request the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to appoint a committee, to confer with a committee of their House on a subject which has been already before them."

A committee of five was accordingly appointed, viz. the Rev. Dr. Andrews, the Rev. Mr. Bend, the Rev. Mr. Waddell, Colonel Gurney and Mr. Johnson; who at the request of the House of Bishops, repaired to their chamber, and on their return made a report, referring to some alterations which may be proper in the minutes, in consequence of the concession made by the author of the pamphlet, entitled, "Strictures on the Love of Power in the Prelacy," which was agreed to.

Adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, nine o'clock, A. M.

The House met, and the Rev. Dr. Purcell read prayers.

The canon entitled a canon, to prevent a congregation in any diocese or state, to unite with the church in any other diocese or state, which was proposed by the House of Bishops, was read, amended, and being sent to the House of Bishops, was returned with their concurrence.

Resolved, That the testimonials from the state of Vermont, respecting the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Peters, sent by the House of Bishops, be returned to them, with a request, that they will answer it in whatever manner they shall think best.

The message from the House of Bishops respecting the articles of religion, was read and concurred in.

The following resolve was sent by the Rev. Dr. Andrews to the House of Bishops, and returned with their concurrence:

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the churches in the several states, not to fail to send deputies to the next General Convention, as it appears inexpedient, that the consideration of
the articles of religion should be postponed beyond the period of that meeting.

The Secretary of the committee for carrying into effect the act for supporting Missionaries to preach the gospel on the Frontiers of the United States, reported to this House, the progress made by said committee in the execution of the business entrusted to them—whereupon,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different State Conventions, to continue either by an annual sermon, or by soliciting private contributions, to provide for the establishment of Missionaries to preach the gospel on the Frontiers of the United States; and that instead of committing the general management of the fund, as by the act of the last General Convention, to a standing committee of any state, the Convention of each state shall appoint such committee to have the management of the money contributed in that state, and the application of the same to the support of a Missionary or Missionaries in such part of the United States as they may think proper; and the money hereafter collected in any state, and remitted to the treasurer of the former standing committee, shall be returned to such state committees, when they are appointed, and shall call for the same.

The act passed on this subject in the year 1792, is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That a committee of both Houses be appointed to digest, and report to the next General Convention a course of study for candidates for holy orders, and that the following gentlemen be appointed by this House:—The Rev. Dr. Moore, the Rev. Dr. Andrews, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, the Rev. Dr. Smith, and the Rev. Mr. Bend.

Resolved, With the concurrence of the House of Bishops, that it be made known to the several State Conventions, that it is proposed to consider and determine in the next General Convention, on the following addition to the second article of the constitution, in the 9th line, after the word "Convention," viz:

"But if the church shall not be represented in both orders in a majority of the states, then the vote shall be given by states without regard to orders."

Resolved unanimously, With the concurrence of the House of Bishops, that the thanks of this Convention be given to Matthew Clarkson, Esquire, Mayor of the city, for the use of the City Hall, and that Colonel Gurney and Joseph Swift, Esquire, be a committee to communicate the same.

Resolved, With the concurrence of the House of Bishops, that eight hundred copies of the Journals be printed.

The House proceeded to appoint a standing committee,* and the following gentlemen were chosen:

* For the powers and duties of the standing committee, see page 11 of the Journal of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in Convention, Sept. 1789.
For New Hampshire, The Hon. Mr. Livermore.
For Massachusetts, The Rev. Dr. Parker.
For Connecticut, The Rev. Mr. Baldwin.
For New York, The Rev. Dr. Moore, the Rev. Dr. Beach, Robert Watts, Esq.
For New Jersey, The Rev. Mr. Waddell, the Rev. Mr. Croce,
Joshua M. Wallace, Esq.
For Pennsylvania, The Rev. Dr. Magaw, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, the Rev. Dr. Andrews, Colonel Gurney, Joseph Swift, Esq.
Mr. J. B. Gilpin.
For Delaware, The Rev. Mr. Clarkson, the Rev. Mr. Clay,
Nicholas Ridgley, Esq.
For Maryland, The Rev. Mr. Bend, Samuel Johnson, Esq.
General Lloyd.
For Virginia, The Rev. Dr. McCroskey, Robert Andrews, Esq.
For South Carolina, The Rev. Mr. Frost, Rev. Dr. Purcell,
the Hon. William Smith.

Ordered, That the President of this house is chairman of the above committee, and is empowered to call together the members.

Resolved, That the thanks of this house be given to the President for his able and impartial management in his place, and to the Secretary, for his correct attention and services.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the General Convention be held in the city of Philadelphia.

The house rose.

WILLIAM SMITH, President.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, September 9, 1795.

THIS being the day of the meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, the Right Rev. Bishop White attended, in Christ church.

In the Vestry Room of Christ Church,

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9.

The house met—present,
The Right Rev. Bishop White, of the state of Pennsylvania, who, by the rules of the house made at the last meeting, presided.
The Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, of the state of New York.
The Right Rev. Bishop Madison, of the state of Virginia.
The Rev. Joseph Turner was chosen Secretary.
The house received a message from the House of Clerical and
Lay Deputies, informing them, that their house was formed, and ready to proceed to business.

This house received another message informing them, that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies propose to this house, the adjourning to the City Hall.

The proposal for removing is agreed to.

This house sent a message to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing them, that Bishop Provoost is ready to preach before the Convention, agreeably to the appointment of the last Convention, and proposing Friday next, as the time for the delivery of the sermon.

Information was received that the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurred.

A message was received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing, that the hours of sitting of the Convention, shall be from 10 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon, with which this house concurred.

Resolved, That during the session of the Convention, the house will attend divine service, in the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in the City Hall.

CITY HALL, Thursday, September 10.

The house met, present,

The Right Rev. Bishop White, President,
Right Rev. Bishop Provoost,
Right Rev. Bishop Madison,
Right Rev. Bishop Claggett.

The Rev. Mr. Bisset presented to this house, from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, an application from the vestry of the Protestant Episcopal church in Person county, North Carolina.

This house resolved, That it be proposed to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that as the said letter cannot be acted on by the Convention, the Presidents of the two houses be desired to send such an answer to the same, as in their judgments shall be proper.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

The house met, present as yesterday.

This house proceeded with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies to Christ church, where the Rev. Mr. Waddell read prayers; after which the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost delivered a sermon suited to the occasion of the present meeting, as appointed at the last Convention.

After divine service this house returned to the City Hall, and entered upon business.

Resolved, That the thanks of this house be given to the Right
Rev. Bishop Province for his sermon delivered this morning, and that he be desired to furnish a copy of it for the press.

This house originated a canon and sent it to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, restricting any individual congregation from associating with the church of any other diocese or state, than that in which they are situated.

The house then adjourned.

**Saturday Morning, 10 o'clock.**

The house met, present as yesterday.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the testimonials of the Rev. Robert Smith, D. D. Bishop elect of this church in the state of South Carolina.

A message was sent from this house to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, informing them, that they had examined and approved the testimonials of the Rev. Dr. Smith of South Carolina, and that the consecration will take place to-morrow morning in Christ Church.

The following message was sent from this house to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies: Whereas the present Convention, from particular unavoidable circumstances, is deprived of many of its members;

Resolved, That this house propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to defer the discussion of the articles, until the meeting of the next General Convention, when a more full representation of this church may be expected.

The following message was also sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, viz.

This house took into consideration a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in a preceding Convention which resolution is in these words.

Resolved, There be made known to the several state Conventions, that it is proposed to consider and determine in the next General Convention, on the propriety of investing the House of Bishops with a full negative upon the proceedings of the other house.

Thereupon resolved, That the following message be sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, viz. The House of Bishops have not expressed their sense in any former Convention, upon the subject aforesaid: But they now propose to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that the legislative power of the House of Bishops shall remain as fixed by the third article of the constitution of this church.

The house then adjourned to Monday 10 o'clock.

**Monday Morning, Sept. 14.**

The house met, present as on Saturday.

The Right Rev. Dr. Smith who had been yesterday consecrated
Bishop of this church in South Carolina, took his seat in this house.

A proposed canon was sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, intended to accomplish more fully the object of the sixth canon passed in Convention in 1792.

The Right Rev. bishop Claggett obtained leave of absence.

The house then adjourned.

**Tuesday Morning.**

The house met, present as yesterday, except Bishop Claggett.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a proposed canon respecting the testimonials of those who are to be ordained.

This house returned the above proposed canon to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with an amendment.

The same canon was again presented to this house with an amendment from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, with which this house concurred.

This house received a proposed canon from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, on the preparatory exercises of the candidates for the ministry.

This house returned the same with amendments.

The proposed canon that originated in this house, for the more full accomplishing of the object of the sixth canon of 1792, which had been sent to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, was returned to this house with an amendment.

The proposed canon respecting preparatory exercises of candidates for the ministry, was returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies with an amendment.

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

**Wednesday Morning, 9 o'clock.**

The house met, present as yesterday.

A message was sent from this house to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, desiring a conference with their house, upon a matter which they are desirous to lay before them.

The conference was agreed to, and the House of Bishops met the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the chamber of the latter: when the President, by desire, took the chair.

The conference being ended, this house returned to their chamber.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, their concurrence with the amendment to the proposed canon, respecting exercises to be required of persons who are to be ordained.

Resolved, That the said canon now pass and be returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

This house received from the House of Clerical and Lay De-
Deputies, a proposed canon concerning the learning of those who are to be ordained.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a proposed canon to alter the 3d canon of 1789, on episcopal visitations.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, a proposed canon to alter the canon concerning the age of persons to be ordained.

This House returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies their proposed canon concerning the learning of persons to be ordained with an amendment, and also the proposed canon to alter the 3d canon of 1789, with an amendment.

This House passed the proposed canon to alter the 6th canon of 1792, respecting the age of persons to be ordained.

This House returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies their proposed canon concerning the learning of persons to be ordained with an amendment, and also the proposed canon to alter the 3d canon of 1789, with an amendment.

Resolved, That a conference be requested on the said proposed canon, at such hour as the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies may appoint.

This House received a message from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies informing that they agreed to the conference. The two Houses then went into conference, and after some time spent therein, this House returned to their chamber.

This House returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies a proposed canon, authorising the Bishop of any diocese to appoint forms of prayer or thanksgiving for extraordinary occasions; which was passed and returned.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Rev. Dr. William Smith, for his sermon delivered in Christ Church, at the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Robert Smith; and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same to be printed.

The Right Rev. Bishop Madison obtained leave of absence.

This House then adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, nine o'clock.

The House met: 'present, as yesterday, except the Right Rev. Bishop Madison.

This House returned to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the proposed canon of the learning of persons to be ordained, with an amendment.

The above proposed canon was returned to the House with an amendment, with which this House concurred.

This House received a resolution from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, for the appointing of a committee, for the ar-
rangement of the canons and other papers belonging to this Convention, desiring the concurrence of this House.

This House concurred in the same.

This House requested the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to appoint a committee of their House to meet a committee of the House of Bishops.

The committee of this House is, Bishop White and Bishop Provoost.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies agreed to the request of this House, and the joint committee met in the Bishops' chamber.

This being done, this House returned to their chamber.

A message came to this House from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that they had agreed to the report of the joint committee with a small amendment, which was agreed to.

Bishop Provoost obtained leave of absence.

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

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The House met: present, the Right Rev. Bishop White and the Right Rev. Bishop Smith.

There was returned to this House the proposed canon from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to prevent any church from uniting themselves to any other diocese, than to that in the state in which they belong, with an amendment to the said canon; which amendment was agreed to, and the canon passed.

This House received from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, papers respecting the election of Dr. Peters to be Bishop in the state of Vermont.

The President of this House is desired to give such an answer as the nature of the case requires, and particularly to mention in the said answer, that the Bishops cannot with propriety consecrate a Bishop for the church in any state, until such church shall have acceded to the general ecclesiastical constitution of the church in the United States.

This House received a resolution from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, proposing that the moneys collected for the purpose of sending Missionaries to the frontiers, be returned to the churches in the states in which they were respectively collected; and proposing, that the object of the institution be pursued by the churches in the individual states, with which this House agreed.

This House received a proposed constitutional alteration of the manner of voting in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; in which this House concurred.

This House received a resolution from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, to appoint a committee that may digest and report to the next Convention, a course of studies for candidates for holy orders, in which this House concurred, and the Right
Rev. Bishop White, Bishop Provoost and Bishop Madison, are the committee from this House for the above purpose.

The House of Bishops concurred with the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in thanks to the Mayor of the city for the use of the hall.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies inform this House, that 800 copies of the Journals of this Convention, are proposed to be printed, which was agreed to.

The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies sent a message to this House, expressing their intention of rising; and that they had appointed Philadelphia for the place of meeting of the next General Convention.

The thanks of the House of Bishops were given to the Rev. Joseph Turner, for his services as Secretary.

Signed by order of the House,

WILLIAM WHITE, Presiding Bishop.

Attest. Joseph Turner, Secretary.

The Certificate of the Consecration of the Right Rev. Bishop Smith, 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; Samuel Provoost, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New York; James Madison, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Virginia; and Thomas John Claggett, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Maryland, under the protection of Almighty God, in Christ Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Sunday, the thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, Robert Smith, D. D. Provost of Charleston College, and Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, 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 said state, to which the said Robert Smith hath been elected by the Convention of the said state.

In testimony whereof, we have signed our names, and caused our seals to be affixed. Given in the city of Philadelphia, this fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

WILLIAM WHITE, (L. s.)
SAMUEL PROVOOST, (L. s.)
JAMES MADISON, (L. s.)
THOMAS JOHN CLAGGETT, (L. s.)
APPENDIX:

CANONS.

Canon I.—Of Episcopal Visitation.

EVERY Bishop in this church shall visit the churches within his diocese or district, for the purpose of examining the state of his church, inspecting the behaviour of the clergy, and administering the apostolic rite of confirmation. And it is deemed proper, that such visitations be made once in three years at least, by every Bishop to every church within his diocese or district, which shall make provision for defraying the necessary expenses of the Bishop at such visitation. And it is hereby declared to be the duty of the minister and vestry of every church or congregation, to make such provision accordingly.

The Bishop of any diocese or state district, may, on the invitation of the Convention or standing committee of the church in any state where there is not a Bishop, visit and perform the episcopal offices in that state, or part of the state, as the case may be, provision being made for defraying his expenses as aforesaid; and such state, or part of a state, shall be considered as annexed to the district or diocese of such Bishop, until a Bishop is duly elected and consecrated for such state, or until the invitation given by the Convention or standing committee be revoked. But it is to be understood, that to enable the Bishop to make the aforesaid visitations, it shall be the duty of the clergy, in such reasonable rotation as may be devised, to officiate for him in any parochial duties which belong to him. And no state shall proceed to the election or appointment of a Bishop, unless there be at least six Presbyters residing and officiating therein, a majority of whom, at least, shall concur in such election. But the Conventions of two or more states, having together nine or more settled and officiating Presbyters, may associate, and join in the election of a Bishop.

The third canon of the year 1789 is hereby rescinded.

Canon II.—Of the testimonials to be produced on the part of those who are to be ordained.

Every candidate for holy orders, shall be recommended to the Bishop by a standing committee appointed by the Convention of the church in that state wherein he resides, which recommendation shall be signed by the names of a majority of the committee, and shall be in the following words:

"We whose names are here underwritten, testify, that A. B. hath laid before us satisfactory testimonials, that for the space of three years last past, he hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not written, taught, or held any thing con-
trary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church: And moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of ———. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

But before a standing committee in any state shall proceed to recommend any candidate, as aforesaid to the Bishop, such candidate shall produce: from the minister and vestry of the parish where he resides, or from the vestry alone if the parish be vacant, or if there be no vestry, from at least twelve respectable persons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the neighbourhood in which he resides; testimonials of his good morals and orderly conduct for three years last past, and that he has not, so far as they know and believe, written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; a publication of his intention to apply for holy orders having been previously made by such minister or vestry. He shall also lay before the standing committee, testimonials to the same effect, signed by at least one respectable clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, from his personal knowledge of the candidate for at least one year.

In every state in which there is no standing committee, such committee shall be appointed at its next ensuing Convention; and in the mean time, every candidate for holy orders shall be recommended according to the regulations or usage of the church in each state, and the requisitions of the Bishop to whom he applies.

The 6th canon passed in October, 1789, concerning the testimonials to be produced on the part of those who are to be ordained, and so much of the 4th canon passed in 1792, as relates to the subject of this canon, are hereby rescinded.

Canon III.—Of the age of those who are to be Ordained or Consecrated.

Deacon's orders shall not be conferred on any person until he shall be twenty-one years old, nor Priest's orders on anyone until he shall be twenty-four years old, and unless he shall have been a Deacon one year. No man shall be consecrated a Bishop of this church, until he shall be thirty years old.

The 4th canon of the year 1789, is hereby rescinded.

Canon IV.—Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained.

No person shall be ordained in this church, until he shall have satisfied the Bishop and the two Presbyters by whom he shall be examined, that he is well acquainted with the holy scriptures, can read the New Testament in the original Greek, and give an account of his faith in the Latin tongue; and that he hath a competent knowledge of natural and moral philosophy and church history, and hath paid attention to composition and pulpit eloquence,
as means of giving additional efficacy to his labours; unless the
Bishop shall judge it proper to dispense with the above requisites
in part, in consideration of certain other qualifications in the can-
didate, peculiarly fitting him for the gospel ministry.

The 7th canon of the year 1789, is hereby rescinded.

Canon V.—Of the officiating of Ministers of this Church, in the
Churches or within the Parochial Cures of other Clergymen.

No clergyman belonging to this church shall officiate, either by
preaching or reading prayers in the parish, or within the para-
chial cure of another clergyman, unless he have received express
permission for that purpose, from the minister of the parish or
cure, or in his absence, from the church wardens and vestrymen,
or trustees of the congregation. But, if any minister of a church
shall, from inability, or any other cause, neglect to perform the
regular services to his congregation, and shall refuse his consent
to any other minister of this church to officiate within his cure,
the church wardens, vestrymen, or trustees of such congregation
shall, on proof of such neglect and refusal before the Bishop of the
diocese; or, if there be no Bishop, before the standing commit-
tee, or before such persons as may be deputed by him or them,
or before such persons as may be, by the regulations of this church
in any state, vested with the power of hearing and deciding on
complaints against clergymen, have power to open the doors of
their churches to any regular minister of the Protestant Episcopal
Church.

The 6th canon of 1792, is hereby rescinded.

Canon VI.—Of the preparatory exercises of a Candidate for the
Ministry.

Every candidate for the ministry shall give notice of his inten-
tion to the Bishop, or to such body as the church in the state in
which the candidate resides, may have appointed to superintend
the instruction of candidates for holy orders, at least one year be-
fore his ordination. And if there be a Bishop within the state or
district where the candidate resides, he shall apply to no other
Bishop for ordination, without the permission of the former.
And the said candidate shall pass through the preparatory exer-
cises which the Bishop, or such body aforesaid, may appoint;
such as composing of theses, homilies or sermons, one or more,
to be delivered, either publicly or privately, in his or their pre-
sence, at such time or times as may be appointed by the author-
ity aforesaid.

And this canon shall be in force from and after the first day of
January next.

Canon VII.—For the better accomplishing of the objects of the
sixth Canon of 1792.

Whereas there is no provision made in the 6th canon of 1792,
for the case of such a vicinity of two or more churches, as that there can be no local boundaries drawn between their respective cures, it is hereby ordained, that in every such case, no minister of this church, other than the parochial clergy of the said cures, shall preach within the common limits of the same, in any other place than in one of the churches thereof, without the consent of the major number of the parochial clergy of the said churches.

**Canon VIII.**—To prevent a Congregation in any Diocese or State to unite with a Church in any other Diocese or State.

Whereas a question may arise, whether a congregation within the diocese of any Bishop, or within any state in which there is not yet any Bishop settled, may unite themselves with the church in any other diocese or state; it is hereby determined and declared, that all such unions shall be considered as irregular and void; and that every congregation of this church shall be considered as belonging to the body of the church of the diocese, or of the state, within the limits of which they dwell; or within which there is seated a church to which they belong. And no clergyman having a parish or cure in more than one state, shall have a seat in the Convention of any state, other than that in which he resides.

**Canon IX.**—To empower the Bishop in each diocese or district to compose forms of prayer or thanksgiving for extraordinary occasions.

The Bishop of each diocese or district may compose forms of prayer or Thanksgiving, as the case may require, for extraordinary occasions, and transmit them to each clergyman within his diocese or district, whose duty it shall be to use such forms in his church, on such occasions. And the Clergy in those states in which there is no Bishop, may use the forms of prayer or thanksgiving composed by the Bishop of any other state.

Done in Convention, and signed by order of the House of Bishops,

**WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.** Presiding Bishop.

**WILLIAM SMITH, D. D.** President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.
List of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, delivered in, and published, agreeably to the 16th canon of the General Convention of 1789.

From New Hampshire and Massachusetts no lists were delivered in.

The lists from Rhode Island and Connecticut are the same as those in the last Journal, no new lists having been delivered in.

**Rhode Island.**
- Rev. Moses Badger, Rector of King's church, Providence.
- Rev. William Smith, Rector of Trinity church, Newport.

**Connecticut.**
- Rev. Ebenzer Dibble, Rector of St. John's church, Stamford.
- Rev. George Ogilvie, St. Paul's church, Norwalk.
- Rev. Philo Shelton, Stratfield.
- Rev. Dr. Bels Hubbard, Trinity church, New Haven.
- Rev. David Perry, Trinity church, 3c.
- Rev. John Bisсет, Assistant Minister of Trinity church, in the city of New York.
- Rev. Daniel Fogg, Brooklyn.
- -> Rev. John Tyler, Christ church, Norwich.
- Rev. Prindle, Westbury.
- Rev. John Bowden, residing at Stratford.
- Rev. Edward Blackale, Deacon, Woodbridge.
- Rev. David Belden, Deacon, ———
- Rev. Seth Hart, Deacon, Waterbury.
- Rev. David Butler, Deacon, North Guilford.
- New York.
- Rev. Thomas L. Moore, Rector of St. George's church, South Hempstead.
- Rev. John Bisсет, Assistant Minister of Trinity church, in the city of New York.
- Rev. Richard C. Moore, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Staten Island.
- George H. Spiere, Rector of Christ church, Poughkeepsie.
- Samuel Nesbit, Rector of St. Anne's church, Brooklyn.
- Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector of ——— church, Bedford.
- Theodosius Bartow, Rector of Trinity church, New Rochelle.
- William Hammel, Rector of the churches at Jamaica, Newtown and Flushing.
- Rev. Ebenezer Dibble, Rector of St. Eli-<::ooper, ——— church, Stamford.
- Rev. William Smith, Rector Of Trinity church, Staten Island.
- Rev. John Tyler, Christ church, Norwalk.
- Rev. Prindle, Minister of ——— church, New York.
- ——— Belden, Rector of Christ church, Westchester.
- Rev. Dr. Richard Mansfield, Derby.
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- Rev. Dr. Abraham Jarvis, Christ church, Middletown.
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- John J. Sands, Minister of Christ church, Rye.
- Elijah D. Rattoone, Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages in Columbia college.
- Ammi Rogers, Rector of the churches at Schenectady and Ballston.
- John Ireland, Rector of St. Peter's church, West Chester.
- Rev. Dr. Abraham Jarvis, Christ church, New York.

The Rev. William Smith, D. D.


John Andrews, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.


Joseph Hutchins, D. D.

John Campbell, Rector of the Episcopal churches of York and Huntingdon.

Sator Clay, Rector of St. David's, Radnor, St. Peter's in the Valley, and St. James's, Perkiomen.

Elisha Rigg, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

Levi Heath, rector of Poquess and Bangor churches, Lancaster co.


Francis Rene, Westmoreland co.


Thomas Davis, Washington co.

James Abercrombie, Assistant Minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, in the city of Philadelphia.

Joseph Doddridge, Deacon in Washington county.

John Taylor, Deacon in Northumberland county.

Absalom Jones, a black man, Deacon in the African church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia.

Delaware.

Joseph Clarkson, rector of Trinity church, Wilmington.

Robert Clay, Emanuel church, New Castle.

George Dasheille, St. Anne's church, Middletown, New Castle county.

William Pryce, Christ church, Kent county.

Maryland.


Joseph Messenger, St. John's; rev. Joseph Jackson, Queen Ann's, Prince George.

Clment Brook; rev. Walter Addison; Andrew T. Macormick, residing in Prince George.


Thomas Read, Prince George's; George Ralph, Washington; rev. Edward Gant; M. D.; rev. Nicholas W. Lane, St. Peter's, Montgomery.

George Bower, Rector of All Saints, Frederick.

Joseph G. J. Bend, St. Paul's; rev. T. Fitch Oliver, St. Thomas's, Baltimore.


James Kemp, Great Choptank, Dorchester.

Samuel Tingeley; rev. Samuel Sloan, Somerset.

David Ball, Rector of All Hallows parish, Worcester.

Virginia.


Those gentlemen whose names are marked thus, (*) were elected members of the standing committee in the state Convention of 1795.
The Rev. Charles O'Neil, rector of Amherst parish.

--- Alexander Hay, Antrim do.
--- Devereux Jarrett, Bath do.
--- Gray, Botetourt do.
--- Hugh Correns Boggs, Berkeley do.
--- Benjamin Brown, Bristol do.
--- John Syme, Bristol do.
--- John Cameron, D. D. rector of ---
--- Alexander M'Farland, Brunswick parish.
--- John Bracken, D. D. Brutum do.
--- John Camm, Charles do.
--- Heffernan; rev. David Ball, Christ Church do.
--- James Elliott, Cople do.
--- Nelder Robinson, Dale do.
--- Spence Grayson, Dettingea do.
--- Jesse Carter, Deysdale do.
--- John J. Spooner, Elizabeth City do.
--- James Whitehead, Elizabeth River parish.
--- Thomas Davis, Fairfax do.
--- Alexander Balmain, Frederick do.
--- Matthew Maury, Fredericksville parish.
--- James Craig, Hamilton do.
--- John Buchanan, D. D. Henrico do.
--- James Thompson, Leeds do.
--- Charles Crawford, Lexington do.
--- William Crawford, --- do.
--- Elkanah Talley, Littleton do.
--- Isaac William Gibber, Lunenburg parish.
--- Anthony Walke, Lynhaven do.
--- William Cameron, Manchester do.
--- William Hubard, Newport do.
--- Henry J. Burgess, Notoway do.
--- Robert Buchan, Overwharton do.
--- Arthur Emerson, Portsmouth do.
--- John Brunkill, Raleigh do.
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--- The Rev. Alexander Lundie, St. Andrew's parish.
--- John Matthews, St. Bride's do.
--- Reuben Clotpton, ---.
--- Cave Jones, St. George's do.
--- Isaac Foster, ---.
--- James Steverson, St. George's do.
--- Charles Hopkins, St. James Northam parish.
--- James Price, St. John's do.
--- Archibald Dick, St. Margaret's do.
--- John Woodville, St. Mark's do.
--- Peter Nelson, St. Martin's do.
--- Abner Waugh, St. Mary's do.
--- William Stewart, St. Paul's do.
--- John Parsons, ---.
--- John Seward, St. Stephen's do.
--- John Hyde Saunders, Southampton do.
--- Samuel Butler, Southwark do.
--- Lee Massey, Truro, do.
--- Sewal Chapin, Westover do.
--- James Henderson, York do.
--- John Bryan, Wicomico do.
--- John O'Donnell, Hampshire do.
--- Thomas Hughes, Pocahontas do.
--- Joseph Wilson, ---.
--- Stephen Johnson, ---.
--- John Wade, ---.
--- Armistead Smith, Matthews do.
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--- South Carolina.
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--- The Rev. Mr. Frost.
--- Dr. Pureell, St. Michael's.
--- Dr. Gates.
--- Mr. Jenkins.
--- Mr. Nixon, master of an academy.
--- Mr. White, Charleston.
--- Mr. Mills, St. Andrew's.
--- Mr. McClellan, St. Luke's.
--- Mr. Tate, St. Helen's.
--- Mr. Blackwell, St. Bartholomew's.
--- Mr. Connor, Edisto.