

## TO THE PEOPLE OF POUGHKEEPSIE

Fellow-Citizens

The undersigned, representing a large portion of the community, feeling themselves deeply aggrieved by the late measures pursue toward them, deem no apology necessary for appealing to you upon the subject. Experience has ever shown that abolitionists have multiplied more by the unjustifiable opposition of their enemies than the zeal of their friends or the goodness of their cause. But they cannot rejoice over any temporary prosperity which is purchased at so dear a rate as the destruction of public order.

They feel that they are citizens of the same commonwealth—members of the same community – and that their interests are too intimately blended with those around them, not to suffer when the laws are violated and public order outraged.

If their notions upon the abstract principles of slavery are wild and enthusiastic, and especially if they are dictated by an incendiary spirit, they will perish with their authors, and the well deserved execrations of the wise and good; but if they are based upon the broad and changeless principles of civil and religious liberty, they will flourish and bear the rich fruits of peace and prosperity, when their present friends and enemies are alike forgotten. In either case, the acknowledged importance of the subject to the moral and political well being of our country, commend it to the serious and dispassionate examination of every patriot and philanthropist.

And, fellow-citizens, shall this fair investigation, their free discussion of an abstract principle, which involves with it the freedom of speech and the liberty of the press, shall it be put down by mob law and violence? Is abolition a charmed word, before which eloquence is dumb and truth powerless? Are you willing to countenance this invasion of the dearest rights of freemen, because it suited the convenience of politicians during an exciting election to misrepresent the sentiments and vilify the measures of the abolitionists? We beg you to pause long before you establish a precedent that may one day put a seal upon your lips which may not be broken except at your own peril.

SAMUEL THOMPSON  
IRA ARMSTRONG

Poughkeepsie, March 4, 1837

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Dutchess County  
Anti-Slavery Society

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The Board met at Isaac Regna's this evening, May 24, '38.  
Sam Thompson, Chairman, & Thomas Austin for Secretary were  
unanimously appointed for this evening only.

Present – Ira Armstrong, John A. Cole, Doctor Hammond.

The board unanimously agreed to make a Chairman and Secretary  
to preside over the meeting each time the board meets

For want of special business the board adjourned to meet  
in this place on the evening of the fourth Tuesday in next June

Thomas Austin, Secretary of the Board

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The Board met at Isaac Requa's. For want of a quorum  
necessary for the transaction of business, Adjourned till  
31<sup>st</sup> of next July 1838 -- June 26<sup>th</sup> 1838

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The Board of managers of the D.C.A.S. Society met at the  
house of Isaac Regna's July 31<sup>st</sup> 1838 according to adjournment  
Samuel Thompson was appointed Chairman and John L. Dusenberry  
Secretary

Present: Thomas Austin, Nathan Blount and John A. Cole –  
Meeting opened with prayer by John A. Cole

On motion

Resolved unanimously, That, we deem it proper & expedient,  
between this time and the first of next November, to hold a  
county A.S. Convention, somewhere in this county & that we  
will each of us use our endeavors to affect this object.

Adjourned to meet in this place on the last Tuesday of next  
August at 8 P.M.

John L. Dusenbury, Secretary

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Committee met at Isaac Regna's August 20th '38. Samuel Thompson appointed President and Thomas Austin Secretary.

Meeting opened with prayer.

The doings of the last meeting were unanimously accepted.

Resolved unanimously,

That, Samuel Thompson, Luke L. Stoutenburg, Abram Requa, James H. Wiggins, Darwin Canfield & Thomas Humphrey or any other member of the Dutchess C. A.S. Society be, and are hereby empowered to act and delegated from the aforesaid society to attend the New York State Convention of Anti Slavery delegates to be held in Utica on the 11<sup>th</sup> of next September.

Adjourned to meet in this place on the last Tuesday of next September at 8 o'clock P.M. unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman of the meeting.

Thomas Austin

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Met at the house of Isaac Requa, September 25<sup>th</sup> '38. Samuel Thompson was appointed President and Thomas Austin Secretary.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Present: Ira Armstrong, John A. Cole, J. L Dusenberry

The subject of Political Action came up for consideration & was definitely postponed to the next adjourned meeting. Ira Armstrong was appointed to draft a circular to emanate from the nboard of managers of the D.C.A.S. Society to be addressed at the citizens of Dutchess County & to present it at the next meeting for its adoption.

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn this meeting to this place on the next Tuesday evening – one week from hence at 8 o'clock.

Thomas Austin, Sec.

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Pursuant to adjournment the board met at Isaac Requa's October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1838.

Meeting opened with prayer by Samuel Thompson.

Present: John L. Dusinberry, Ira Armstrong, William McGeorge & L. LeRow

After the President and Secretary had taken their seats the Circular was called for & Ira Armstrong present one and read it to the board.

It was accepted & left open to debate

On motion of Thomas Austin, seconded by D.L. Starr, the circular just presented and read to this meeting by Ira Armstrong be referred to a committee of three who shall report at the next adjourned meeting said three to be appointed by the chair – passed unanimously.

Chair appointed Ira Armstrong, D.L. Starr, & William McGeorge Said committee.

The consideration of a county society meeting came up next in order. Samuel Thompson & John L. Dusinberry were appointed to procure a place to hold said meeting & report to the next meeting.

The committee agreed to question the candidates for office at the ensuing elect through the Executive Committee.

Adjourned this meeting to next Monday evening, at this place at half past seven P.M.

Thomas Austin

Pursuant to adjournment the Committee met at I. Regna's October 8 '38. President & Secretary in their places.

Meeting opened with prayer by David. L. Starr.

Present – Ira Armstrong, Dr. Thomas Hammond, John A. Cole William McGeorge, John L. Dusinberry, & Nathan Blount.

On motion of D. L. Starr, seconded by Thomas Austin, that the order of the subjects to be taken up in this evening by this Committee be reversed making the question of the circular the last business – passed unanimously.

Nathan Blount asked and obtained leave of absence.

It was unanimously resolved that a committee of five be appointed to address the candidates for office at the coming election this state.

L. LeRow, Thomas Hammond, I. Starr, Ira Armstrong, & William McGeorge were severally nominated and appointed as said committee

The subject of the county convention next came up in order & was indefinitely postponed. The Committee will report as soon as they can obtain a building in the county to hold said convention

The circular being called for – Ira Armstrong, David L. Starr and William McGeorge presented and read each his article & laid open to discussion. After a stormy debate of an hour they were disposed of by putting them into the hands of Thomas Austin and G. L. Leroy, to build a circular from the three and write a new one to be printed and published next week by them and that they be empowered to print the circular either in a circular form or in all the village papers, or both, and that this Society will be responsible for the payment of any expense that may incur in said

[The fifth page is a printed page entitled  
“To the Anti-Slavery Electors of Dutchess County]

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Printing. The above sentiments being condensed in the form of a resolution were passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to meet in this house next Tuesday evening Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> instant at half past seven P.M.

Thomas Austin, Sec.

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Pursuant to adjournment the Executive Committee met the house of Isaac Requa Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1838.

Samuel Thompson was appointed Chairman and John L. Dusingberry Secretary

Meeting opened with prayer by John L. Dusingberry.

Present Thomas Hammond, Thomas Austin, William McGeorge, John A. Cole, David L. Starr, & Isaac Requa

William McGeorge (for reasons deemed very satisfactory) asked to have his name taken from the Enquiring Committee. it was acted on & said McGeorge was honorably acquitted.

The letter to be sent to the members of Congress was read by David L. Starr & the questions the Enquiring Committee have therein propounded meets with the approbation of this committee.

Adjourned to meet in this place on the last Tuesday in this month at half past seven P.M.

John L. Dusingbury  
For Thomas Austin

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1838 half past seven P.M.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee and other members of the Dutchess C.A.S. Society who were invited to attend and take part in. The proceedings convened at the store of Isaac Requa  
D. B. Lent was chosen chairman, L. LeRow, Secretary

On motion it was voted to read the answers received from the candidates for offices.

The answers of Seward and Marcy were read. Both answers being unsatisfactory it was voted unanimously not to support either.

On motion it was voted to leave to the option of each person for whom he would voted for as Senator, that not having been questioned

The letter of A. Titus and Charles Johnson having been read, it was unanimously voted to give our support to Charles Johnson.

Messrs. Booker and Lisson not having answered at all it was voted to drop them from our ticket.

The answers of Messrs Beckwith, Toffey, Barculo, and Conklin were then read, and it was voted to support for election Messrs. Beckwith, Barculo & Conklin.

The ticket as above adopted and adopted as a whole.

On motion the sec. of the meeting was directed to have 1,500 tickets printed containing the names above adopted.  
the Sec was directed to have the letters and answers printed together with an address from the Questioning Committee

On motion all abolitionists were appointed a vigilance committee to secure the election of our ticket – Adjourned.

G. L. LeRow Sec.  
For Thomas Austin

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“We Support No Man Who Votes Against Liberty”

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Oct. 31, 1838, 8 P.M.

The Executive Committee of the D.C.A.S. Society & others met again this evening at Isaac Requa's Samuel Thompson appointed Chairman and Thomas Austin Secretary.

Moved by Abram Requa and seconded by D. B. Lent, That, the whole of the proceedings of the last meeting of this committee be reconsidered – Lost

It was moved and seconded That that part of Monday's evenings proceedings that related to the members of the Assembly be rescinded. Lost.

It was moved by Thomas Austin and seconded by Abram Requa That that part of the last meeting's proceedings that related to the printing of fifteen hundred tickets be rescinded – passed unanimously.

Adjourned – Thomas Austin Sec.

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The Committee of the D.C.A.S. Society met at the store of Messrs. Armstrong and Austin Friday evening Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1838. Present – Samuel Thompson, J. L. Dusingberry, Thomas Austin, Ira Armstrong, Wm. Jinney, N. Blount, John A. Cole.

Samuel Thompson was appointed president – John L. Dusingbury, Sec.

Thomas Austin was called on to make known the reason of this Committee being called together who stated that D. B. Lent, Isaac & Abram Requa and some others are dissatisfied with the course this committee is pursuing by circulating the Printed Circulars containing the correspondence between the enquiring committee & the candidates for office in the coming election in this State. That D.B. Lent came to him (Austin) yesterday morning and wished the committee to stop the further circulation of the said circulars by not putting out any more because it was injuring Charles Johnson's election to Congress by the administration Party making a political handel of it to forward

A. Titus's interest (he not having answers) & to defeat Johnson by identifying him with the abolitionists – or in other words it would injure the Whig Party. Thomas Austin referred him to the enquiring committee who told him they saw no reason why the correspondence should not be circulated, hence they would not stop them, till so authorized by the Executive Com – to whom alone they were responsible. He – Lent – then again came to him – Austin -- & stated the result of his conference with D.L. Starr & others, & now threatened this Committee with a Protest if any more circulars are put out. He – Austin – then wished him not to protest till the Executive Com had some further action on the subject & that he – Austin – would call them together tomorrow eveing & at that time it should be decided whether they should continue to be circulated or not.

After the above statement it was moved by John L. Dusinberry, seconded by John A. Cole. That the circular published by order of this committee including the letters of the nominees and the candidates recommended therein, be distributed with all due diligence – carried – Ayes 5, Nae's 2.

Adjourned to tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock

J. L. Dusinbury, Sec.  
For Thomas Austin

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Pursuant to Adjournment the Executive Committee of the D.C.A.S. Society met at John A. Coles Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1838, 9 o'clock P.M.

Samuel Thompson was appointed chairman & J. L. Dusinbury Secretary

Present – Ira Armstrong, Thomas Austin, Wm. Jinney, N. Blount & J. A. Cole – Samuel Thompson and J. L. Dusinberry.

Meeting opened with prayer by J. L. Dusinberry.

The Protest of Isaac Requa and others was presented and read before the meeting & was unanimously revolved to lay the whole matter on the table as unworthy of opposition.

It was unanimously resolved that Samuel Thompson & none other, be authorized to call this committee together at any time in the future.

It was moved and seconded that Ira Armstrong and D. L. Starr be a committee to audit the account of the Eagle Office for printing and settle the same discretionary.

Voted that we resolve into a committee of the whole to explain the protest to any of our Friends.

Adjourned sine die

J. L. Dusinberry  
For Thomas Austin

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The Executive Committee of the D.C.A.S. Society met at Armstrong and Austin's store Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1838 9 P.M.

Samuel Thompson was appointed chairman and J. L. Dusinberry, Secretary Present – William Jimmy, Wm. McGeorge, Thomas Austin & N. Blount

Moved by Thomas Austin seconded by J. L. Dusinberry, That, the protest issued and signed by Isaac Requa and eighteen others together with the individual protest of D. B. Lent be answered in the public prints, and that one of this Com be appointed to draft such answer, and that the same be signed by the members of the Executive Committee residing in the Village – carried.

Ira Armstrong was appointed to draft the above answer.

Adjourned to John A. Coles on next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

John L. Dusinberry, Sec.  
Thomas Austin

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Voted that the resolution passed by this committee at its last Meeting authorizing Ira Armstrong to write a Counter Protest To the one signed by Requa and 18 others and to the one signed by B. Lent be rescinded – passed unanimously --

Moved by Thomas Austin and seconded by N. Blount that Ira Armstrong write an address to the Anti-Slavery Electors of Dutchess County enumerating therein the results of political action by the abolitionists of this state and the United States -- And that he Armstrong mentions the aforesaid Protest incidentally Merely with a view to exonerate D. L. Starr, & G. L. LeRoy from the soul imputation cast upon them by David B. Lent and that he – Armstrong – use his own discretion as to the time of publishing it – carried unanimously.

It was unanimously resolved to hold a county Convention on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of this at Stephen E. Flager's Pleasant Valley, at 11 o'clock. A.m. and from 2-5 p.m.

Voted that this Com authorize Darwin Canfield of Pleasant Valley to give notice of said convention in the Village Papers & to correspond with gentlemen abroad with a view to obtaining speakers for said convention.

Adjourned subject to the call of Sam Thompson  
Thomas Austin, Secretary

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Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1830

The Executive Committee met at the house of Thomas Austin  
Present: S. Thompson, Thomas Austin, Ira Armstrong,  
D. L> Starr, John L. Dusinberry, & Nathan Blount

Samuel Thompson was appointed Chairman & Thos Austin, Sec. –

Prayer by J. L. Dusinberry.

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It was moved by Thomas Austin and seconded by Nathan Blount That David Canfield of Pleasant Valley be authorized to act as an Agent for the purposes of lecturing, organizing societies, collecting money for the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society & that his agency extend over this county – carried.

It was unanimously resolved that the said D.Canfield's salary be six dollars a week providing he can collect it in the County and all collected over the said sum must be handed over to the Treasurer of the County Society subject to the control of this Committee for the purpose of liquidating the Society's debts printing Proceedings of meetings or in any manner to forward the Anti-Slavery cause.

Voted that the Secretary confer with Darwin Canfield & transmit to him the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

Nathan Blount was appointed to collect money to liquidate the debts contracted by this committee for the Anti-Slavery Society.

Adjourned

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Thomas Austin, Sec.

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The Executive Committee met at John L. Dusinberry's school room March 4<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sam Thompson was appointed Chairman and J. L. Dusinberry, Sec.

The subject of a manual labor school for colored people was introduced by David L. Starr & was laid over for consideration of another meeting.

Voted that D.L. Starr be appointed to confer with the friends of the colored people in the City of New York on the above subject and report at the next meeting.

Adjourned to meet in this place next Saturday evening, the 16<sup>th</sup> inst ----

J. L. Dusinberry, Sec.

For Thomas Austin

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Saturday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1839

Pursuant to adjournment the committee met at John L. Dusingberry's school room. Samuel Thompson was appointed chairman and David L. Starr Sec. –

Meeting opened with prayer by John L. Dusingberry.

David L. Starr reported the results of his conferences in New York & the whole matter was indefinitely postponed.

The subject of the Anniversary of the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society to be held next April was laid over for the consideration at the next meeting.

Adjourned to meet in this place the last Saturday of this month March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock p.m.

David L. Starr, Sec.  
For Thomas Austin

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Saturday evening March 30<sup>th</sup> 1839

Executive committee met at John L. Dusingberry's School room

Present: S. Thompson, William McGeorge, Ira Armstrong, David L. Starr, John L. Dusingberry, Nathan Blount, William Jinney, & Thomas Austin

Samuel Thompson was chosen chairman and William McGeorge Secretary

Prayer by John L. Dusingberry.

First. It was unanimously resolved that the minutes of this committee during the past year be read by Thomas Austin, which was accordingly done.

2<sup>nd</sup>. The minutes after being read were unanimously confirmed & readopted as a whole.

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3<sup>rd</sup>. It was moved and unanimously approved that the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society hold their first anniversary on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of next April.

4<sup>th</sup>. Moved and carried that the Executive Committee delegate its power to David L. Starr and Thomas Austin as a committee to make arrangements or any alteration they may deem necessary for the above anniversary.

5<sup>th</sup>. I was moved and carried that the thanks of this committee be given to Thomas Austin for his able and luminous record of the meetings of the Society and of this committee during the past year.

6<sup>th</sup>. Voted that a committee be appointed to nominate officers for the D.C.A.S.Society for the following year counting from the day of the next anniversary.

7<sup>th</sup>. The following were severally nominated and approved as of said committee – Samuel Thompson, John L. Dusingberry, Ira Armstrong, William Jinney, Darwin Canfield of Pleasant Valley.

8<sup>th</sup>. Moved and carried that the chairman be authorized to fill up any vacancies in any of the members of the above committee caused by absence or other hindrance.      ned Sine die

William McGeorge, Sec. :Pro Tem  
For Thomas Austin

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Thursday evening, April 18<sup>th</sup> 1839

Committee met at Thomas Austin's

Present: Samuel Thompson, Thomas Austin, John L. Dusingberry,  
D. L. Starr, Nathan Blount, Ira Armstrong

Prayer by D. L. Starr.

Sam Thompson chairman & Thomas Austin, Secretary

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Resolved unanimously that John L. Dusingberry and David L. Starr be appointed to lecture before the D.C.A.S. Society at Its first anniversary to be held in Pleasant Valley the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.

It was moved and seconded that the third resolution of the last Meeting of this committee be rescinded – passed unanimously.

It was unanimously resolved to hold the first anniversary Of the D.C.A.S. Society on Thursday the 25 instead of The 24<sup>th</sup> inst.

Ira Armstrong was appointed to draft a report for the Executive Committee to be presented at the Anniversary.

Adjourned

Thomas Austin, Sec.

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The Executive Committee met at John L Dusingberry's School Room Tuesday evening April 23, '39.

Prayer by J. L. Dusingberry.

Present: Samuel Thompson, Ira Armstrong, Thomas Austin, Nathan Blount, & J. L. Dusingberry.

Samuel Thompson was appointed chairman & John L. Dusingberry Secretary.

Thomas Austin gave notice in writing that he would submit to the meeting of the D.C.A.S. Society at its first anniversary sundry amendments the Constitution so as make political action binding on the members of said society. And also to amend the aforesaid constitution as as to hold the Anniversary on some indefinite day in April or May –

Ira Armstrong read the report as drawn up by himself and after some trifling alternative was adopted to be presented

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To the society at its annual meeting at aforesaid as the report  
of this Executive Committee.

Adjourned Sine die

J.L. Dusingberry, Sec.

For Thomas Austin

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## Minutes of the Executive Committee for the D.C.A.S. Society

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Named as members of the Executive as appointed  
At the last convention of the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery  
Society held at Pleasant Valley on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1829

Philetus Roberts	Pleasant Valley	as President
David L. Starr	Poughkeepsie	as Vice ?
Doctor Stanton	Amenia	“
Solomon Sleight	LaGrange	“
Charles Lacey	Hyde Park	“
Edward Dorland	Washington	“
Peter F. Dubois	Pleasant Valley	“
Isaac Holmes	Pleasant Valley	“
Thomas Hammond	Dover	“
Wm. N. Layer	Pine Plains	“
Darwin Canfield	Pleasant Valley	Corres.Sec.
Thomas Austin	Poughkeepsie	Recording Sec.
Ira Armstrong	Poughkeepsie	Treasurer
Samuel Thompson	Poughkeepsie	one of the Board of Managers
Wm. McGeorge	“	“
John L. Dusingberry	“	“
William Jenny	“	“
Samuel R. Ward	“	“
Nathan Blount	“	“
John Lown	“	“

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Committee met at the home of Thomas Austin \_\_\_ June  
1839. Organized for the ensuing year at 8 o'clock p.m.

An address to the Throne of Grace.

Samuel Thompson was appointed chairman and Sam. R. Ward. Sec/

Samuel Thompson was appointed permanent chairman for  
The year and Thomas Austin permanent secretary.

On motion of David L. Starr is was unanimously resolved

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That in accordance with the recommendation of the New York State Anti-Slavery Society we make an application to the Trustees of the Village for the use of the village hall where to hold a New York State A.L. Southern Convention.

Resolved that the secretary make the above application forthwith and request their answer

Resolved unanimously that Samuel Thompson be empowered to call this committee together at any time whenever he thinks the interest of the Antii-Slavery cause requires it.

Ordered that the treasurer be instructed to pay John L. Dusinberry's bill for the use of his room, fuel, lights, & ? for the last year.

Unanimously resolved that D.L. Starr be empowered to purchase 300 copies of the Constitution of the American Anti-Slavery Society for gratuitous distribution..

Resolved that a committee be appointed to designate & procure a place in which to hold the next County Convention.

Chairman appointed John L. Dusinberry , David L. Starr & Darwin Canfield said Committee.

Unanimously resolved that John L. Dusinberry be an agent for the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society.

Adjourned: Sine die

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Committee met at the Hall in Clinton Street August 8<sup>th</sup>  
1839 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present: Chairman, Secretary, David L. Starr, Nathan Blount  
William McGeorge, Darwin Canfield

Prayer by David L. Starr.

Ordered that Nathan Blount be paid three dollars the  
amount of his expenses in going down the River to Fishkill  
and Newburgh to obtain a speaker or speakers for the last  
Convention held in Pleasant Valley.

Ordered that the secretary get printed 200 copies of notices for the  
Executive Committee meetings

The Chairman and Secretary were unanimously appointed a  
Committee to write to all the ministers in this town to  
ask them to read notices from their pulpits of  
Parayer meetings for the enslaved in our land.

David L. Starr ,made a brief report from the Albany  
Convention – The doings of said convention were approved.

Adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

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Executive committee met at the Hall in Clinton Street  
August 16<sup>th</sup> 1839 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present: The chairman & secretary – David L. Starr,  
John Lown, Samuael R. Ward, John L. Dusingberry &  
William Jenny –

Prayer by Samuel Thompson.

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Moved by D. L. Starr seconded by Thomas Austin that  
There be a specimen sheet of an Anti-Slavery Paper printed  
in this village for the inspection of a publishing committee  
preparatory to printing 500 copies of said paper to be sent  
to our friends in this county for the purpose of obtaining their  
names as subscribers for an A. S. Paper to be published  
permanently, & that said Paper is to emanate from the committee.  
Passed unanimously.

Moved by Thomas Austin and seconded by William Jenny  
That Ira Armstrong & David L. Starr be the publishing  
Committee for the first number. Passed unanimously. The Hall in

Adjourned

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Executive Committee met at the hall in Clinton Street  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1839 – 8 o'clock p.m.

Present: Chairman & Secretary – William McGeorge, David  
L. Starr, Darwin Canfield, & Samuel R. Ward.

Prayer by David L. Starr

Unanimously resolved that the regular meetings of this  
Committee shall be held on the first Thursday of every month.

Resolved that we appoint an agent whose duty  
it shall be to solicit subscribers for the “Bow of Promise” to  
be published in this County. Ayes 3; Nos 1; neutral 2.

Samuel Thompson & Samuel R. Ward was appointed  
a committee to manage said Agency.

Adjourned to the first Thursday next month.

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Committee met the store of Armstrong and Austin,, Sept. 16 1839. It was proposed by David L. Starr and concurred unanimously. That we hold a convention in Washington Hollow as soon as possible to discuss the political duties of Abolitionists at the coming election and that David L. Starr \* Thomas Austin be a committee to get hand bills printed and circulate them, give notice in the Village papers, appoint the time, & make every necessary arrangements for said convention.

Adjourned to the regular meeting in next month

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In consequence of the approaching meeting in Washington Hollow on Monday next the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, the committee Did not meet.

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Executive Committee met at the Hall in Clinton Street  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1839 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present: J. L. Dusenberry, Darwin Canfield, David L. Starr  
Nathan Blount & Thomas Austin

Prayer by David L. Starr.

Thomas Austin reported that he had made a request to the Trustees in writing for the use of Village Hall for the New York State A.S.Society and had received no answer

Nathan Blount tendered his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee of the D.C. Anti Slavery Society in consequences of his appointment by the Providence of God as a minister over a congregation in Providence Rhode Island – Accepted.

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Frederick Tuckerman of Poughkeepsie was unanimously voted a member of the Executive Committee in the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society in the room of Nathan Blount. Resigned.

Adjourned

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Executive committee met at the house of Thomas Austin  
Dec.4,1839 at 7 o'clock p.m.

Present: Chairman & Secretary – William McGeorge, David the agent  
K. Starr, Ira Armstrong

Prayer by William McGeorge

Agent reported his progress thus far – which was satisfactorily received.

Voted unanimously that the agent be employed another month.

Ordered that the Treasurer & Agent come to a settlement on the money.

David L. Starr was appointed with discretionary power to attend to the Library of Books now in the possession of Isaac Requa belonging to the Anti Slavery Society.

Adjourned

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Executive Committee met at the house of Thomas Austin  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 184

Present: Chairman & Secretary, William McGeorge, David  
L. Starr & Darwin Canfield.

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Prayer by William McGeroge

Report of the agent being called for. He (John Sleight the agent) made the following brief report.

There are \$35.37 donations due, the most of which are in good hands. The paper "Bows of Promise" I look upon as lost, having but 131 subscribers, 17 of whom have paid, and nine of those who have paid will give us the subscription if the paper is not started, which added to the \$35.37, equals \$44.37 from which take \$27 which is my whole demand, and the committee has \$17.37 to this add \$18.25 paid for printing & it is to the comm. a neat gain of \$35.62 ½

This is the condition in which I must leave your financial affairs and if I have not added to your funds I hope I have not diminished them, yet I think I have been but an unprofitable servant.

Ordered that David L. Starr be paid twenty dollars Towards defraying the rent of the hall in Clinton Street.

Report of the committee was called for who were appointed to wait on the ministers of the different churches in this town to ask them to read notices of prayer meetings for the enslaved. Samuel Thompson presented the following

The undersigned appointed by the Executive Committee of the Dutchess County Anti Slavery Society one of the committee to wait on the several ministers in this town to ascertain their willingness to read to their several congregations monthly notices of prayer meetings in behalf of the slave: reports thehat following. On the first day of this month I called on the Rev. S. Eaton of the Presbyterian Church. After making known my business asked him if he was willing to read a notice to his congregation

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of monthly prayer meeting of the above import. He informed me that “He read already notices for more meetings than was attended to” and entered in conversation irrelevant to the question.. I then asked him if I was to understand that he would not read them to which he replied “Yes.” He meant to keep Abolitionists out of the church.

On the eighth day of this month I called on the Rev. McMann of the Dutchess Reformed Church and put to him the same question – he answered “As respects himself he had no kind of objection to read them, but for the effect upon his congregation he was not willing.”

On the same day I called on Dr. Babcock of the Baptist Church and put to him the same question. He replied “He had made it a point not to read notices for similar meetings the same evening as he held his own meetings as it had a tendency to draw his members away and Monday evening was generally taken up. The first Monday evening was the monthly concert, Second Sabbath School. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tract meeting. I observed reasons had the last Monday evening as not occupied; He said “Well” he hoped that he reasons he gave would be satisfactory to me.”

The same day I called on the Rev. Carpenter of the Methodist Church. After some introductory remarks made known my business. He observed “After having witnessed the bad influences of abolitionists on the church, the unkind feeling between members and the difficulties that grew out of it he had made up his mind to have nothing to do with it”

Also on the same day I called on the Rev. Mr. Underwood of the Congregational Church. After similar questions as the above to him – he said – “There was no need of asking him that question, for I knew he always would read them

All of which is respectfully submitted

Samuel Thompson

It was unanimously resolved that the above report be Accepted.

Ordered that the above report be recorded on the minutes

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Of this committee & Printed, Published in the Emancipation.

Adjourned to the first meeting in next month.

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Executive committee met at the house of Thoams Austin  
February 5<sup>th</sup> 1840 at ½ past 7 o'clock p.m.

An address to the Throne ofr Grace.

Chairman and Secretary in their places.

It was unanimously resolved that the meetings of this  
Committee be altered so that the first Wednesday evening  
Of ach month be the evening for meeting instead of  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday as heretofore.

For want of further business before the meeting, Adjourned.

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Executive committee met at the house of Thomas Austin  
March 4 1840 at 8 p.m.

Present: Chairman & Secretary, David L. Starr, Ira  
Armstrong, John L. Dusinberry, & Wm. McGeorge.

Prayer by Samuel Thompson.

No business before the meeting. Discussed the  
principles of the Anti-Slavery movement till the hour  
of adjournment.

Adjourned to meet in this place at ½ past 7 p.m.  
the second Wednesday in next April.

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Executive committee met at the house of Thomas Austom  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1840 at 1/2 past 8 p.m.

Present: Chairman & Secretary, Samuel R. ward, John L.  
Dusinberry, Ira Armstrong, John Low

Prayer by Samuel R. Ward

Resolved unanimously that Thomas Austin  
write to the Trustees of the Village asking them the use of the  
Village Hall wherein to hold our next anniversary.

Adjourned to meet in this place the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst. At 1/2 past 8 p.m.

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Pursuant to adjournment two members of the committee  
Met at the house of Thomas Austin April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1840

Present: Thomas Austin and John Low.

For want of a quorum, adjourned sine die

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Pursuant to the call of Samuel Thompson, the  
Executive Committee met at the house of Thomas Austin  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1840 at 8 p.m.

Present: Chairman & Secretary, John Low, John L.  
Dusinberry, & Ira Armstrong.

Prayer by John L. Dusinberry.

The resignation of Darwin Canfield by letter as Corresponding  
Secretary of the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society was  
Proposed & accepted. Carried, Ayes 3, Nos 1.

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Moved and seconded that David L. Starr and Samuel Thompson be a committee to obtain a room or place wherein to hold the next annual meeting of the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society –

Resolved unanimously that Ira Armstrong be the corresponding Secretary of the D.C.A.S. Society in the room of Darwin Canfield, resigned.

Resolved that the second anniversary of the Dutchess County A.S. Society be held on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of next May –

Adjourned to the first Wednesday in next month at ½ past 7 p.m.

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Three members of the Executive Committee met at the House of Thomas Austin May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1840

Present: Chairman & Secretary & John L. Dusinberry

For want of a quorum, Adjourned.

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Pursuant to the call of Samuel Thompson the Executive Committee met at the house of Thomas Austin May 11<sup>th</sup> 1840 at 8 p.m.

Present: Sam Thompson, Thomas Austin, Wm. McGeorge, John L. Dusinberry, John Low, David L. Starr & Ira Armstrong.

Prayer by John Low.

Thomas Austin gave notice that he intended proposing at the next anniversary of the D.C. Anti-Slavery Society an alteration in the Constitution of said Society as to increase

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the number of the board of managers from 7 to 10 or 11.

Committee to find a place wherein to hold the anniversary reported,  
The Society could have the hall in Clinton Street.

Resolved unanimously that the Resolution passed on the evening of the 27th of last April affixing the time of the second anniversary of the County Society be rescinded.

Resolved unanimously that the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. In the Hall in Clinton Street.

Resolved unanimously that John L. Dusenberry and David L. Starr be a committee with discretionary power to get hand bills printed & circulate them, give notice in the Village Papers, & make every necessary arrangement for said Anniversary.

Adjourned

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