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To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus, where­ever Dispersed or Hidden, Grace be unto you­ and Peace, Love, and Truth from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus. Whom we thank that, for the Glory of his Name, we have been thought by him worthy to suffer Reproach: and to bear a Testimony for him before this Generation, concerning the Blessed Hope of his Appearance, to prepare unto himself a Peculiar People, through his Spirit, which may be made like to his glorious Image, in full Sanctification, according to his Will. Who hath designed to fulfil his Work in you Throughout, that ye may not fall short of the most Excellent Prize of the First Resurrection: and to revive amidst you the Apostolical Frame of his Church, and amidst as many as shall not put it far from them. This is that which has occasion'd Satan, who is always the Accuser of the Brethren, to rage mightily: and to raise A 2 many
many False and Malicious Reports, that so the Truth might not be seen in the Mists. Wherefore we have been obliged to Publish these following Propositions, not so much for the Vindication of ourselves, as of the Honour of God, and of the Truth of the Holy Scriptures.

I. The Church, or Bride of Christ, is to be made conformable to Christ throughout, Rom. 8, 29-12. 2. Phil. 3. 10...Rom. 1. 

II. This Conformity is the Adornment of the Lamb's Bride, who is now call'd to make herself Ready, Isa. 61. 10. 11. Rev. 21. 2.


IV. This Spirit is One: and thence the Church must be also but One. Herein consists the true Undivided Unity, and Perfect Uniformity, Cant. 6. 9. Eph. 4. 3. 4. 1 Cor. 6. 17. Ephes. 4. 13. Phil. 1. 27. 17.

V. This Spirit is Holy: and thence the Church must be also Holy. Herein consists the Virgin Sanctity of all the Members of this Church, that is to be Redeemed out of the Earth, Cant. 4. 1. 7. Rom. 11. 16. Ephes. 1. 4...5. 2. 17. Gal. 1. 22. 1 Pet. 2. 5. Rev. 14. 4...20. 6.

VI. This Spirit is Catholic: and thence the Church must be also Catholic: according to the most Universal Unity of the Word, in an universal Latitude of Love, without any Narrowness, Partiality, or Particularity of Spirit, Gen. 1. 2...6. 3. Joel 2. 28. John 4. 24...35. Acts 10. 30...38. Acts 11. 16. 1 Cor. 2. 13.
VII. This One, Holy, and Catholic Church is not barely Aslifted by an Irradiation from the Spirit of Christ, but is Actually and Vitally Informed by it, as the Body is by the Soul, Rom. 7: 11. 11. 21. 14. Rom. 8: 6, 10. 2 Cor. 3: 4, 15. 11. 5. 4. Eph. 4. 18. Gal. 2: 20. Col. 3: 3, 4. Heb. 7: 16.


X. It is to be Waited for not only Separately, but also Jointly, Acts 1: 14.--2, 1. 46.

XI. Such a Waiting is in obedience to our dear Lord and Master's Command, John 14: 16. Matt. 25: 13. Mark 13: 37. Matt. 18: 20. [This is also Confirm'd from the Practice of Christ and his Apostles: and that too, while they did not Recede from the Publick Temple-Worship.]


XIV.
XIV. It is lawful to Wait upon God for Power from on High, or the Return of the Miraculous Deeds, by which His Kingdom, that has been hitherto withheld, may come to be witnessed and proclaimed, Luke 24. 49.

XV. It is lawful to Wait and Pray for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, descending from the Throne of God, Joel 1. 5, Col. 1. 9.--3. 16.

XVI. This is necessarily required 'in order to a right Government in all Spiritual Affairs, Acts 6. 3.

XVII. It is lawful to Wait and Pray for Divine Learning, and to prefer it above that which is Human, Phil. 1. 9, Hab. 2. 14, Isa. 28. 9.

XVIII. This Secret Learning vastly exceeds the Wit and Industry of the most sagacious Inquirers, Job 28. 7.

XX. God is stirring up some Persons in several Countries, to Wait in Faith and Prayer for these Ends, and with these Qualifications, till such a Pure Church may arise.

*Germany, Holland, Switzerland, France, Scotland and England are Witnesses to the Truth of this Proposition.*

XXI. To which a Prospect of the Present State of Christendom has very much conduced, Mat. 24, Mark 13, Luke 17, John 15. 16, 17, Dan. 7. 8, and most of the Prophets.

XXII. The many Divisions and Sects of Christianity, all pretending to be the True Church, can not be otherwise cured but by the Effusion of the Spirit, Lam.
Zeph. 3. 9.

XXIII. The Insufficiency of other Means and Methods have been hitherto experimentally Proved.

1. Of Human Learning.
2. Of Policy.
3. Of Power.

Particular Proofs hereof are frequently extant in History, both Ecclesiastical and Civil.

XXV. Neither of which separately, or all conjunctly, is able to heal the Divisions, supply the Imperfections, or remove the Corruptions of any one Body of Christians. As, 1. In the Church of Rome. 2. In the Lutheran Church. 3. In the Calvinistic Reformation. 4. The Church of England.

XXVI. The Consideration of the Insufficiency of all Human Means, with a deep Sense that Charity is waxen cold, and that Faith is hardly to be found, must needs be a good Motive to excite us to seek out and wait upon those Means, which are sufficient, and especially to endeavour to keep warm the Former, and to strengthen the Latter, which is ready to dye.


XXVII. These Means are not confined to a Party, but are extended to All; even as far as the Holy Catholick Spirit reacheth, which paseth and goeth through all things: And by the Effusion of this Spirit, All shall be taught of God, Isa. 54. 13. John 6. 45.

XXVIII. The Oneness, the Holiness, and the Catholickness or Universality of this Spirit, will not suffer us to Appropriate it to Any, and therefore not to

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our own Society, both with respect to Ordinary and Extraordinary Operations of the same, Gal. 3. 26, 27, 28. Col. 3. 11. Rom. 10. 12. 1 Cor. 12. 13.

XXIX. The Design of our Assembling is not to *

Divide, but to Unite; not to set up for a New Religion, or Church, but to keep Warm the Spirit of Love towards those of all Religions and Churches, and to endeavour after the only Method of Reconciling them into a perfect and lasting Unity, by the Power of the Holy Ghost, Isa. 58. 12.

XXX. Catholick Love, and Apostolical Faith, are the two Grand Pillars of our Society; and the main Designs, which we labour, Watch and Pray for, both seperately by our selves, and jointly in our Assemblies, 1 Tim. 1. 14. 2 Tim. 1. 13. Eph. 6. 23. Gal. 5. 6. 1 Thes. 5. 8.

XXXI. The Primary Object of the Apostolical Faith, is the Revelation of the Kingdom of God within the Soul, Luk. 17. 21. 1 Cor. 4. 20. Col. 1. 13.

XXXII. This Internal Revelation of it is by Christ the Sovereign Head of the Church, 1 Cor. 12, 5, 12, 27, 28. Heb. 1. 2.

XXXIII. Which as it is diligently to be waited upon, so is it to be held fast, so far as it shall be received; a Loos herein or Relapse, being extremly dangerous. 2 Tim. 2. 12, 14. Heb. 3. 6.—4. 14.—10. 23. Rev. 2. 4, 5, 11, 13, 25.—3. 2, 11.

XXXIV.
XXXIV. Such a Revelation of the Kingdom of God in the Soul, will constitute a Virgin Church, representative of its Head in, 1. in Christ-like Holiness, Truth, Power. (1) Rev. 3. 7. Lev. 11. 44. Joel 3. 17. Obad. ver. 17. 1 Pet. 2. 3. Rev. 20. 6. (2) Phil. 4. 8. 1 John 5. 20. 37. Job. ver. 3. (3) Acts 8. 10. 1 Cor. 1. 24. 2 Thes. 1. 17.

XXXV. The Members of this Church are to be Anointed with Christ, and Consecrated, 1. into the Priestly Order; 2. into the Prophetical; 3. into the Royal and Davidical. (1) 1 Pet. 2. 9. Rev. 1. 6. 5. 10.—20. 6. (2) 1 Cor. 14. 31. Rev. 11. 10.—19. 20. (3) 1 Cor. 4. 8. Rev. 5. 10.—20. 6. Zech. 12. 8.

XXXVI. The Model thereof we press after as Attainable, and do not therefore rest in what we have attained, Phil. 3. 12, 13, 14.

XXXVII. The Perfection of this Model must be Gradual, and the Beginnings therefore of it consistent with a State of Weakness and Imperfection, Heb. 6. 1, 2. Acts 20. 32. Jude ver. 20.

XXXVIII. The Personal Appearance of Christ from Heaven is not to be, till after there be such a Philadelphia Church on Earth to receive him, Rev. 3. 11. compared with 22. 7, 17.

XXXIX. Our Design is Apostolical; abating only from what was of a Temporary Constitution, or fitted to such a Particular Church, Acts 1. 26.—4, 34, 35. 13, to 30. 1 Cor. 7. 25.

XL. The Will of God must be done in Earth, as in Heaven, by the Inspiration of his Spirit, Matth. 6. 10. Heb. 10. 7.

XLI. The Kingdom of God must come on Earth, as

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it is in Heaven, by Virtue of the same Inspirati
Dan. 2. 44-47, 27.

XLII. We receive the Holy Scriptures of the Old
and New Testament as the Foundation of our Hope
and Faith, 2 Tim. 3. 16. 2 Pet. 1. 19.

XLIII. There are some Promises and Prophecy
in them, which have not had yet their Full Com-
pletion, Rev. 17. 17. Luk. 22. 16.

XLIV. The Civil Government is an Ordinance of
God, as he is Suprem Governoeur of the World, and
is accordingly to be submitted to, Rom. 13. 1.
1 Tim. 2. 2.

There was written An Essay of Revelation in the
Year 1695. by a Member of Our Society, for the Re-
solving of this Question, Whether Revelation, or the
Immediate Communication of Divine Knowledge, be
New Attainable? In which the Possibility, Expediency,
and Necessity of Revelation, both Private and Pub-
liek, in this Present, and Approaching, Period of
the Church is at large Handled. Which proceeds upon
these Positulata, viz. I. That where ever one thing is
United with another, there must be some Likeness
between 'em which is the Cause of this Union.
II. That by so much the more any thing has of Like-
ness to another, it may be the more firmly United to
it. Etc contra. III. That where ever two Things
are so Unlike, that they cant be of themselves United
together, they must be United by something in which
they both Agree. IV. That the Works of God are
Always in Full Proportion. V. That the Scriptures have
have been Delivered down to us for the Reveal’d Will of God. 

VI. That a Thing may arrive to that State, for which it was Created, and Design’d by God. 

VII. That Happiness is Within. This Treatise is very large; as taking in great Part of the Scriptures. Whence the Publication of it has been hitherto Defer’d. But it is now design’d to be Shortly put into the Press, if the Bookseller shall be encourag’d to undertake it.

Philadelphian Constitutions, August 23, 1697; Which were Read at Two Meetings of the Philadelphian Society in Westmorland-House, London, will be shortly also Publish’d.

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