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**Articles of Agreement Amongst the Preachers**

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Whereas we the Ministers of the Methodist Church, being deeply sensible of the impropriety & evil of Slavery, in itself, and its baneful consequences, in Religious Society. And as some former, professing the Sabine Sentiments, have Nevertheless, afterwards, upon a change of circumstances, become the patrons of Slavery, as well as the holders of Slaves themselves; To the scandal of the Ministry, and Strengthening of the hands of Abjection. Do agree that all such persons amongst us, who are now, or may hereafter become the possessors of Slaves, Ought immediately to emancipate them Where the Law will permit it. And Where They will not, That they Ought to make them Compensation for their Labour; And will then be free,

And we are resolved that Every Member of this Association, who shall Act Otherwise, Shall forfeit both his seat in Conference, and Letters of Ordination.

Charleston, Carolina Jan. 2d 1795

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