



GLOSSARY: Religious Dissent

Moravian Petition Regarding the Oath of Fidelity



affirmation	a serious declaration, like a promise
arms	weapons
conceive	to understand
enjoined	forced
entitled	having the right to certain benefits or privileges
false witness	a lie or untruth
fidelity	loyalty, faithfulness
hypocrite	someone whose actions do not match what they say
induced	persuaded; influenced
Moravians	a member of a Christian Protestant group known for being conservative and non-violent
oath	a formal statement of belief or purpose; making an oath often includes asking God to be a witness as it is given
oppression	unjustly placing burdens, limitations, or hardships upon another
posts	positions or jobs
principles	a set of beliefs that guide one's behavior
renunciation	taking one's loyalty or devotion to a person or idea away
transgress	to break a law or rule

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Quaker Petition Regarding the Oath of Fidelity

abet	help or assist
abjuration	a formal statement that rejects a belief held earlier
ardently	eagerly; sincerely
concurred	agreed or approved
conscientious	chosen according to beliefs
conspiracy	a plan, often one that breaks laws or established procedures
demean	act; behave; conduct
execution	the process of doing or carrying out something
indulgence	a courtesy extended to others
lenity	merciful
manifest	to make known
object	to oppose
passive	without action
Quakers	people who belong to the Christian group also known as the Religious Society of Friends and are known for their beliefs in pacifism and equality
scruples	a belief that affects the way that one acts or behaves
substance	meaning
yielding	submitting; going along with

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Report of the Committee...related to the Slaves liberated by the Quakers

church wardens	a church officer who may have church and/or community responsibilities
contrary	opposite
emancipation	to set free from ruling authority
endeavoring	attempting; trying
insurrection	a revolt against authority; it might include violence
prohibiting	to forbid or prevent by authority
provision	to plan
reprehensible	wrong, worthy of blame

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Quaker Petition Regarding Emancipation

bondage	the state of being an enslaved person
constrained	bound, compelled, or forced
conviction	being certain of your decision or belief
deliberate	purposeful
deemed	believed to be
deprive	to take away
divine	relating to or coming from God
domestic	happening within one's own country
incite	to cause or make happen
incumbent	required by belief or conscience
induced	influenced
injunction	an order or direction
intimating	hinting
moral	a standard of right and wrong
motives	reasons
prerogative	a special right or privilege
redeemed	to be free from the consequences of sin
repeal	to take back; to undo
sole	only
strife	disagreements