

H. C. Jan. 22, 1779

Your committee appointed to consider of the petitions
of the people called Moravians and Quakers, having
taken the same under their considerations, are of this
Opinion,

That, as the end of all government is to
make every member of the community equally happy,
and as in a state settled by people of different religions,
this equality of political happiness is inseparable from
from an indulgence to those whose religious opinions
make them object to the usual form of promising
fidelity to the State, That the people called Moravians
and Quakers should be permitted to take the following
affirmation, to wit,

I. A. B. do solemnly and sincerely declare and
affirm in the presence of Almighty God, that
I will truly and faithfully demean myself as a faithful
subject of the Independent State of North Carolina,
and will be subject to the powers and authorities, that
are or may be established for the good government
thereof, by yielding either an active or passive
obedience, thereto, and that I will not abstain or join

Legislative committee response to the Quaker and Moravian petitions, January 1779, General Assembly Session Records, Joint Select Committees, box 1, folder 8, State Archives of N.C.

