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"The Washington Conference shall embrace Western Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and the territory South.

The Delaware Conference shall embrace the territory North and West of the Washington Conference.

Resolved That in order to constitute the first conferences of colored members, the rule of Discipline requiring a probation of two years be so far suspended, as to allow the Bishops to organize into one or more Annual Conferences, such Colored Local Elders as have traveled two or more years under a Presiding Elder and shall be recommended by a Quarterly Conference and by at least ten Elders who are members of an Annual Conference."