

KNOW all Men by these Presents, That I, *Francis Asbury*  
one of the Bishops of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, in America, under the Protec-  
tion of ALMIGHTY GOD, and with a single Eye to his Glory, by the Imposition of my  
Hands, and Prayer, have this Day set apart *Humphrey Gilmore*  
for the Office of a Deacon in the said Methodist-Episcopal Church; a Man whom I judge  
to be well qualified for that Work: And I do hereby recommend him to all whom it may  
concern, as a proper Person to administer the Ordinance of Baptism, Marriage, and the  
Burial of the Dead, in the Absence of an Elder, and to feed the Flock of Christ, so long  
as his Spirit and Practice are such as becometh the Gift of Christ.

In Testimony whereof, I have herunto set my Hand and Seal; this *thirteenth*  
Day of *December* in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight  
Hundred *and One*

*Done at*  
*Augusta*  
*State of Georgia*

*Francis*  
*Asbury*

