

2 month
1777 The Clerk hath signed a Certificate or Recommendation to the
Case of monthly Meetings of the Nine Partners for Simon Gifford, who
Gifford hath Remov'd there & married out of the Unity of friends. Request-
ing them to take the matter with him under their care

To report It hath been moved in this meeting to consider the matter as set
into the Right of to our members who stand as members & who hath a proper Right
Member by the Rules of our Society & who not therefore Princes Allen & Wm
Ship Anthony Jr, Tho: Hukin Benjamin Smith Jr & Samuel Smith are
appointed as a Committee to consider thereof and if they think
there needs a further Explanation to our yearly meeting minutes
in that respect they are desired to draw up what they think
needful in writing and bring it to next meeting

This meeting Collected - - - - - 0 16 1
L. mory

3 month
1777 At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 5th mo 1777
the Representatives are Princes Allen & Benj Howland 2^d report

Testimony The Clerk Reports he hath not Read the Testimony against
against Joseph Russell Jr & the sons of Benja Allen as order'd Last mo meeting
to the Clerk
to the Clerk
not read therefore he is still continued for that service & to Report next mo
meeting

The friends (viz) Barker Little David Briggs Elisha
Howland Jonathan Howland Timothy Howland David Sheppard &
Tho: Akin hath read their Testimonies to be read Publicly as
order'd Last mo meeting & Return'd them to this meeting P. To Jerry

Excision
of several
Traders in
Prize goods

To the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth
Beloved Friends

We the subscribers having Inconsiderately or unduly Purchas'd
or sold some small quantity of those goods called Prize goods taken by
war and Violence which said conduct of ours after a mature
consideration thereof we do utterly condemn and anathematize
for it hereby Testifying to friends and Publicly Declaring

2 month
1777 Declaring to all People to whom these Presents may come
that as our conduct herein is Inconsistent with the Religious
Profession we make, so we would take the Reproach thereof to
ourselves, and Clear the truth and the Professors thereof from the
Same Desiring forgiveness from the Divine goodness and that
friends would so far pass by this our miscondit acts let us
Remain Under their care hoping in future through Divine
Assistance to be Preserved from the Like misbehaviour
from your friends Dated 9th of the 7th month A.D. 1777

Tho: Akin Barker Little
Timothy Howland David Briggs
David Sheppard Jr Elisha Howland
Jonathan Howland

Job Gifford Nicholas Lapham & Luthon Wood gave in
Job Gifford
Nick Lapham
Luthon Wood
papers accepted
papers to this meeting Condemning their Purchasing some
Prize goods which is accepted, provided they cause them to be
Publicly Read as usual & Report & Return of papers next
mo meeting - And the same Committee are still continued
to Labour with those that are transgressors on account of
being concerned with Prize goods & to Report next mo meeting
and draw testimonies against those that Decline mobility
Satisfaction if any there be & bring to next mo meeting

John Howland
was refused
The Committee Appointed to Labour with Isaac Howland Jr
on account of his fleeing his Negro Report that they have
not dishonored themselves on that account therefore they
are still continued in that service & to Report next mo meeting

Walter Wood
that Inform'd
of denial
Joseph Tucker Jr Reports that he hath not Inform'd Walter
Wood of his Denial as order'd therefore he is continued for
that service & to Report next mo meeting

Testimony
against Sheppard
Mott sign'd
These was a Testimony against Stephen Mott sign'd in
this meeting by the Clerk who is order'd to Read it Publicly as
usual & Report next mo meeting & John Williams is appointed
to Inform Mott of his Denial & Report next mo meeting

3 month 1777

The Committee appointed to raise money by way of subscription Report that they have Rais'd the sum of £ 5 17 6 of which is paid to the Committee that finish the land around the meeting house the sum of £ 5 4 4 and the remainder is Deliver'd to the treasurer which is 12

There was a Testimony sign'd in this meeting by the Clerk against Amos Wilcox & the Clerk is order'd to read it publick as usual & Report next mo meeting

This meeting Collected £ 5 12 6

This meeting Adjourns to y^e 26th of next after the meeting of worship which is to begin at y^e 11th hour

Meet by Adjournment y^e 26th of 3rd mo 1777 the Representatives being call'd both present

The friends Appointed who hath a proper Birthright by the Rules of Discipline &c Report that they have mett and Confider'd but are not ready for a Report in full therefore they are still Continued for that Service & to make Report next mo meeting

Jonathan & Huldah Willcox gave in a paper Requesting to come under friends care with their children and our friends Philip Allen & Prince Allen are appointed to join the women and take an Opportunity of Solid Confession with them in order to Discover the motive of their Request and Report next mo meeting

Abiel Gifford Requests to come under friends care and we appoint Wm Mosher & Wm Barker to take an opportunity of Solid Confession with him in order to Discover the motive of his Request & Report next mo meeting

There was certificates sign'd in this meeting for James Barker & Jonathan Hart the two first to the meeting of y^e Nineportners the latter to the meeting of Smithfield they being a going there to make done

Testimony sign'd against Amos Wilcox

Adjourn

Meet

Concerning Birthright of members

Jonathan Willcox & wife desire to come under friends care

Abiel Gifford request to come under friends care

Certificates of Barker & Jonathan Hart

3 month 1777

Wm Barker gave in an Account to this meeting for hay which he Procure'd at our Quarterly meeting in the 10th mo Last which is Allow'd & the treasurer is order'd to pay the same which is £ 1 4 6 and make Report next mo meeting

William Anthony Jun^r Samuel Smith Prince Allen and John Williams are appointed to Revise and Correct this meeting minutes in order to go on Record and Report next mo meeting also to settle accounts with the treasurer

The Women Inform that they have Appointed Susannah Smith Deborah Haden & Deborah Hicks in the place of Elders which this meeting Consents with and they with our friends Wm Mosher & Tho^s Hicks is Recommended as Elders to the Quarterly meeting

The Queries was Answer'd in this meeting and said Answers together with a Epistle which was sign'd in this meeting was order'd forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Caleb Russell Wm Mosher Tho^s Hicks John Williams & William Anthony Jun^r and they to make Report next monthly meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 25th of 4th mo 1777

The Representatives are Caleb Russell & James Davis Present

The Clerk Reports he hath Read the testimony against Joseph Russell Jun^r & the Son of Benjamin Allen as order'd Last mo meeting P^r Testimonials are as followeth

Wm Barker

Friend appointed as Elder

Queries answer'd

Representatives

4 month 1777

Testimony read against Joseph Russell Jun^r & Son of Benjamin Allen

4 month 1777
 Testimonies against
 P. A.
 J. A.
 S. A.
 Testimonies of
 Ralph Allen
 Records on page 390

Whereas Joseph Russell the son of Caleb Russell and David Allen Jonathan Allen & Elezer Allen being the sons of Ben^{ja} Allen all having had their Education amongst friends but by departing from their Education and the Testimony of Truth have so far gone astray as to be concerned in receiving buying carrying or otherwise concerned in those goods taken in the war by force of arms being those goods called Prize goods and friends and friends having Labour with each of them in order to Discover to them the Evil of such a practice but friends Labour of Love not having its Desir^d Effect

these are therefore Given forth as a Publick Testimony against them the s^r. Joseph Russell David Allen Jonathan Allen & Elezer Allen hereby Denying & Disowning them from being members of our Society & from under the Care of this meeting untill by unfeigned Repentance and Acknowledg^e of the Error of their ways they shall be Restor^d to the way of Truth Given forth and sign^d in and on behalf of our 3^d meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 17th the 2nd mo 1777 by

W^m Anthony s^r Clerk

Lathan Wood Job Gifford Nicholas Lapham both Clerk
 their papers to be Publickly Read & Return^d to this meeting as order^d last mo meeting P. papers is as followeth

To the Monthly Meeting held 17th Day 3rd mo 1777
 Whereas Sometime past ^{inconsiderately} we purchas^d some goods called Prize goods and upon a further Consideration find it is contrary to the main part of truth which we are sorry for and do condemn and Depre^sse them to pass by and thus remain under their curse from your friends

Lathan Wood
 Job Gifford
 Nicholas Lapham

4 month 1777
 Joseph Russell
 Ben^{ja} Russell
 Case concerning Prize goods

Part of the Committee appointed to Labour with those friends found that we transgressed on account of being concerned with Prize goods Report that Joseph Russell and Ben^{ja} Russell beeline condemning their conduct in that matter to friends Satisfaction therefore the same Committee are continued to Labour further with them & if they find no Satisfaction to Draw testimonies against them & bring to next meeting

Joseph Russell
 Son of Tim^{othy} Russell
 E. Howland

There was a Testimony sign^d in this meeting by the Clerk against W^m Russell Son of Timothy Russell & the Clerk is order^d to read it publickly as usual & Report to next mo meeting

Treasurer report

The Treasurer Reports that he has paid L^s 4^s 0^d L^oms to W^m Barker as order^d Last mo meeting

Joseph Howland
 case sent to 2nd meeting for advice

This meeting not being fully satisfied on account of Joseph Howland's seeing his Views and being somewhat diffidently minded in that affair Conclude to ask the advice of the Quarterly meeting therein

Walter Wood
 Inform

Joseph Tucker Reports that he hath Inform^d Walter Wood of his Error as order^d Last mo meeting

Testimony against Stephen Mott

The Clerk Reports that he hath Read the testimony against Stephen Mott as order^d P. Testimony is as followeth

Whereas Stephen Mott Son of Jacob Mott having had his birth Right of Membership with us but hath so far Deviated from our principles as to enlist himself a Soldier & having been Labour^d with in love for his misconduct in order to Reclaim him from the line of his ways our friends Labour not having its Desir^d Effect therefore for the clearing of truth from such practices we give this forth as a Publick testimony against him & do deny him from being a member of this meeting Nevertheless Desiring it be consistent with Divine Pleas^{ur}e that he may come to a Re^{pent}ance of his Error & Return sign^d in and on behalf of our meeting held in Dartmouth 17th 3rd mo 1777 by W^m Anthony s^r Clerk

A month
1777
Steph^h Matt
not inform
of death

John Williams not having Inform'd Stephen Matt of his Death as order'd he is still continued for that service & to make Report next mo meeting

Mary Howland
land both
of death

There was a Removal Certificate sign'd for Mary Howland wife of Samuel Howland to the mo meeting of Cabot

Letter to
Greenwich

This meeting sign'd and Directed a letter to Greenwich mo meeting Desiring their assistance to Labour with the family of Charles Howland he being Deceased

The Clerk Reports that he hath Read the testimony against Amos Willcox as order'd Last mo meeting & testimony is as followeth

Testimony
against
Amos Willcox

Whereas Amos Willcox son of Wm Willcox Deceased and Dorothy his wife of Dartmouth in the county of Bristol & Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England having had a Conversation with us the People called Quakers yet through unwatchfulness and a Disregard to the testimony of truth in himself hath been found in the practice of being bad Language going to places of frolicking and Regells attending of meetings which conduct being Reproachable and scandalous to our Profession and friends having labored with him in love in order to bring him to a sight of his Errors but their Labour proving Unsuccessful and he returning from the Reproach thereof this meeting is concerned to give in as a Publick Testimony against him Discouraging him thereof Amos Willcox from being under our care yet Desiring if it be Agreeable with Divine goodness that he may yet come to sight of the evil of his ways and through Unfeigned Repentance find mercy.

Given forth at our Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21 Day of June 1777 and sign'd in and by order of meeting
of Wm Anthony Clerk

A month
1777
Case of Birth
of Child
been gone to
weekly meet
ing

We understand the matter in regard to what Caddan have Proper Birth Rights & who not by the rules of our Society is gone from the Quarterly meeting to the party meeting for an Explanation thereof therefore the Committee appointed in our meeting for that Service is Dismiss'd

Abiel Gifford
accepted

The friends appointed to have an opportunity with Abiel Gifford Report that he gave them good Satisfaction therefore accept of the R. Gifford to be under our care

Case of
Jonathan Willbur
referred

The Committee appointed to have an Opportunity of Conference with Jonathan Willbur Report that J. Willbur gives them good Satisfaction but he not being present therefore R. matter is referred to next mo meeting under the care of the same Committee as heretofore

Martha Allen
Received

The Women Inform that they have Received into membership Martha Allen wife of Jonathan Allen & their two Daughters Mary & Sibel which this meeting concurs with

Return from
2nd meeting

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Report that they all attended 2^d meeting but have not Produced their Epistle by Reason it was not Transmitt. Two Epistle from London and one from the meeting of Sufferings in Philadelphia were Read in this meeting to good Satisfaction & the Clerk is order'd to read them severally at his Desposition at the Close of some of our Publick meetings of worship

Charles Howland
& Elizabeth Howland
sons of Charles
Howland deceased

This meeting is inform'd that Charles Howland & Elizabeth Howland sons of Charles Howland Deceased who Remov'd from hence some years past & having a right among friends but they having been lately Writted & treated with by two friends of this meeting who Report that R. Howland owned them selves to have been concern'd in military matters & not Discovering in those any Disposition of a Return or Repentation therefore we do Disavow them from being members of our Society and appoint Bury Howland & son with

4 month
1777

to Draw a Testimony against them & bring to next meeting
and Caleb Russell is Appointed to Inform them of the said
Daniel a soon as he convenient can & Report to this meeting

Minutes
not read

The Committee appointed to Revise and Correct this meeting
minutes not having completed it they are still continue
for that Service & also to settle Account with the Treasurer
& Report next meeting

Giles Storum
request a
Certificate

Peter Storum Requests a Certificate to the meeting
of Sandwich Certifying his Clerney Respecting marriage
& Conversation thereof Nicholas Howland & Samuel Smith
are Appointed to Inquire into the matter and Draw one if they
think proper & bring to next meeting

Meeting
granted at
Bedford

The friends appointed to Oversee the meeting at Bedford
make Report that D. meeting hath been kept up as ordered
as usual heretofore and they Request the same may be
continued as heretofore for the year ensuing which is
granted and Caleb Russell & Seth Russell & James
Davis is Appointed to Oversee the D. meeting to see it
be kept up according to the Good order of truth & to make
at the Expiration thereof

this meeting Collected - 1-10-8 of money

5 month
1777

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth
the 19th the 5th mo 1777

The Representatives are Benja. Howland 2^d & Abner Howland
Present

Received an Epistle from our Last Quarterly meeting
which was Read and the Advice therein well approved

5 Month
1777

The Committee Appointed on the account of those friends
concerned in Prise Goods made Report that they have
not fully gone through with the matter they are therefore
continued in the same Service & to make report next
monthly meeting

Stephen Mott
Informed of his
 denial

John Williams Reports he hath Informed Stephen Mott
of his Denial as ordered

Testimony a
gainst Wm
Russell not read

The Clerk Reports he hath not Read the Testimony
against Wm Russell according to Appointment he is
therefore continued for that Service & to make Report
next meeting

Testimony
signed against
Eben Storum
& Charles
Storum

There was a Testimony signed in this meeting against
Ebenzer & Charles Storum sons of Charles Storum Deceased
and the Clerk is ordered to Read the same Publicly as
usual and Report next meeting

Minutes read

The Committee Appointed to Revise & Correct the meeting
minutes & to settle accounts with the Treasurer report
that they have fulfilled their Appointment & Left the
minutes with the Clerk to be Recorded and those remaining
in the stock after settlement the sum of £ 5 Half more

Settled with
Treasurer

Giles Storum
Certificate

There was a Certificate signed in this meeting on the
Account of Giles Storum Deceased to the meeting of
Sandwich Certifying his Clerney Respecting marriage

Complaint a
gainst Joshua
Shorman

This meeting is Informed that Joshua Shorman hath
Remov'd out of the ring of this meeting Sometime past and
not applying for a Certificate also Neglects attending
meeting and hath been Labour'd with by one of our Brethren
& other friends but they not finding Satisfaction therefore
we appoint Caleb Russell and John Williams to Labour
further with him for his misconduct and Report next
meeting

5th Month
1777

Jonathan
Wells
Wife
Children
Received

This Meeting in concurrence with the womens meeting doth Accept of Jonathan Wells and Huldah his wife and all their Children to be members under the care of this meeting

Prince Allen
Treasurer

This meeting Appoints Prince Allen Treasurer in the room of Tho. Hicks who by his Request is Dismissed
This meeting Collected £ 5 - 9 - 9 & money

6th Month
1777

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 16th the 6th mo 1777

The Representatives are William Sandford & Prince Allen Present

The Queries were read and Answers prepared in this meeting

Adjourn

This meeting Adjourns to the 23rd Instant after the meeting of worship which is to begin at 9th hour, by reason of its now being the time of the yearly meeting

Meet

Meet by Adjournment of 23rd 6^{mo} 1777
The Representatives being called both present

Report of
Com.
concerning
Prize
goods

The Greater part of the Committee appointed to Labour with those transgressors on account of prize goods Report that they have Discharged themselves in that matter and Joseph Russell and Benjamin Russell gave them ~~no~~ Satisfaction on that account, and P. Committee hath Draughted and brought Testimonies against them to this meeting, yet the matter is Referred one month Longer by the Request of William Barker and Joseph [unclear] as they Express a Concern to trade further with them and they to Report next monthly meeting

Testimonies
Read

The Clerk Reports he hath Read the Testimonies against W^m Russell & Charles & Ebenezer Sloun as ordered Last mo meeting
P. Testimonies are as followeth

6th Month
1777

Testimony
against
W^m
Russell
Tim
son

Whereas William Russell son of Timot by Russell, having had a Birthright among friends and been under the Care of this meeting but hath so far Departed from our Profession as to Enlist into the wars which being so Unconformable with our Professions and Principles and Reproachfull to our Society that this meeting is Concern'd to give this forth as a publick testimony against the said William Russell hereby Disowning him from being under our Care, yet Desiring if it be Agreeable with Divine Pleasure that he may come to Light and Sense of the Evil of such practices and through unfeign'd Repentance find mercy Given forth at our Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 25th of 7th mo 1777. and Sign'd in and by order of meeting
William Anthony J. Clerk

Testimony
against
Ebenezer
&
Charles
Sloun

Whereas Ebenezer Sloun and Charles Sloun, sons of Charles Sloun Deceased and Sarah his wife, having had a Right of Memberships amongst us, but they Departing so far from the Principles we Profess as to be Concern'd in Military or Warlike matters and friends having treated with them on that Account, but they Disowning no Disposition of a Return or Reformation therefore this meeting being Concern'd to maintain our Testimony herein do hereby Publickly Disown and testify against them the said Ebenezer and Charles Sloun from being members of our Religious Society until by unfeign'd Repentance & Reformation they shall be Restor'd to the way of truth - Given forth and signed in & on behalf of our monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 13th of the 5th mo 1777 by William Anthony J. Clerk

Judith Alkin &
Abigail Howes
and

The Women Inform they have Denied Judith Alkin and Abigail Howland which we Concern with

Case of Joshua
Shearman
referred

The Committee appointed to Labour with Joshua Shearman Report that they have not fully accomplished a matter therefore its Referred under their Care and they to make Report next mo meeting

6 month
1777
Elizabeth
Russett
disowned

Belshiah
Elabons
Received

Respect
in
answers &
Epistle

Choosing
overseers
refer

7 month
1777

John Williams
proposal
of marriage

Choice of
Overseers
refer

Report
from last
meeting
Epistle
Received

There was a Testimony of Denial against Elizabeth
Russett wife of Benjamin Russett sign'd in this meeting
by the Clerk

The women Inform they have Minuted Bethah Eldridge
under their care which we Concur with

Our friends Thomas Hiker William Anthony &
Benjamin Howland & Seth Russett are appointed
to attend the Quarterly meeting and report next mo
meeting and present the Epistle with the Answer to the
Quor's

A New Choice of Overseers is Refer'd to next mo meeting
and the former continued in that service till a New Choice is
made

This meeting Collected - 2 " 3 " 5 L money

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 2d 7 mo 1777
the Representatives are Wm Barker & Joseph Tucker & present

John Williams and Martha Peabody Declar'd their Intent
of taking each other in marriage and were Deferr'd to us
till next monthly meeting for an Answer and Joseph
Gifford and Wm Barker are appointed to Enquire into the
Character of J^r Williams Respecting marriage & Consolation
and make Report next mo meeting

A new Choice of Overseers both of the meeting and of J^r
Poor is Refer'd to next mo meeting

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting Report
they all Attend Agreeable to appointment and have
Produced an Epistle from the Same with a Transcript
of a written one from London bearing Date from J^r 27
the 5 mo 1776 to the 5 of 9 6th mo Philadelphia with a Trans
cript from Philadelphia with our Last yearly meeting
Epistle with an Extract from some of J^r yearly meeting

7 month
1777

Joseph
Russett
disowned

Case of Joseph
Russett refer

Case of Joshua
Sheeman &
son Joshua
refer

Elizabeth
Howland
disowned

Jonathan
Blacum
disowned

Minutes all of which have been Read in this meeting to Good
Satisfaction and the v^d Transcript from London is order to
be Publicly Read in each of our meetings for worship

Joseph Gifford and William Barker made Report that they
have had conference with Joseph Russett and Benja Russett
agreeable to their appointment and that the said Benja did
not Give them Satisfaction therefore he is hereby Denied from
being a member of this meeting and the Clerk hath sign'd
a paper of Denial against him and is order to read it & vote
as Usual & make Report next mo meeting

And their Report Respecting Joseph Russett not being fully
Satisfactory the matter is Refer'd at J^r Request of John
Dolan, to next mo meeting & Nicholas Howland is appointed to
Inform Benja Russett of his Denial & Report next mo meeting

The Committee appointed on account of Joshua Sheeman
Report that he gave them a Degree of Satisfaction for his
Removing without the advice of friends & not Requesting a
Certificate therefore we appoint our friends James Davis and
John Williams to see if his outward affairs be settled to Satisfaction
and Draw a Certificate if they think proper also to Draw one for
Joshua Sheeman if they think proper and bring them to
next monthly meeting

This meeting in Concurrence with the Women's meeting have
sign'd a Testimony Against Elizabeth Howland wife to
Benja Howland

This meeting is Inform'd that Jonathan Slown hath
married out of the Unity of friends after being previously
caution'd by the Overseers, and also hath been found guilty of
fornication as appears by his wife having a Child before
marriage as also by his own confession therefore this meeting
doth Disown him the said Jonathan Slown and Philips
Allen & Samuel Smith are appointed to Draft a paper of
Denial against him and Inform him thereof and to make
Report next mo meeting

7 month 1777
Complaint against
Thos. Wilcox
and Wm
Safford

We are Inform'd That Thomas Wilcox & William Safford per
hath Purloin'd some Prize goods and they have been Labour
with by friends for their misconduct but did not give them
satisfaction therefore our friends John Potter & Benj^a Taber
are appointed to Labour further with them and to make rep
next the meeting

To have
oversight
of making
house
yard

We appoint our Friends William Barker Prince Allen
Potter Benj^a Howland & William Anthony to have the
Oversight & care of the yard fenced in Round our meeting
and Endeavour to Preserve the feed for the Use of furren
friends horses at the time of the Quarterly meeting and
other times as they shall see Cause upon Application made
to them

Penelope
Trafford
denied

The women Inform that they have Denied Penelope
Trafford which this meeting Consens with
Collected --- Ls 11 1/2 L Money

Order on
Treasurer

The Treasurer is order'd to pay Wm Barker 4 Dollars for his
year's keeping the meeting house and Ls 3 for other Charge
which he paid for this meeting
also P. Treasurer is order'd to pay Joseph Prother L 8 0 for
Peter Barney for the hire of a Wapell for friend to go to
Nantucket

8th month
1777

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 8th 8th 1777
The Representatives are Joseph Barker & Prince Allen
The Committee appointed to Inquire into John Williams
Charge Respecting marriage & Conversation Report that
they have found nothing to hinder his proceeding

John Williams
answer

John Williams and Martha Nobody appear'd for their Answer
which was that they might proceed to Lake Coch. either in morning
in some Convenient time between this & next meeting Advise
with the friends this meeting shall appoint for that purpose
Joseph Safford & Wm Barker are appointed to see their names
settled orderly & Report next meeting

8 month
1777
Wm
Barker Epistles

Reciev'd several Represented Epistles of our worthy friend William
Penn taken from his Select works page 497, one of which being Read
to satisfaction and they are order'd to be Read & published among friends
to be read in their societies

Overseers
of meeting

We appoint our friends Joseph Barker James Davis Prince
Allen & William Anthony ^{Sen} Overseers of the meeting for the
year ensuing and an Additional Chord is Requested to next meeting

Overseers
of poor

Caleb Ruppell Seth Ruppell Benj^a Rieder Samuel Smith
Gideon Howland are Appointed overseers of the poor for the year
ensuing

The Clerk Report he hath Read the Testimony against
Benj^a Ruppell and Nicholas Howland Reports he Inform'd
P. Ruppell of his Denial as order'd Last mo. meeting P. Testimony
is as followeth

Testimony
against Benj^a
Ruppell

Whereas Benj^a Ruppell (Son of Benj^a Ruppell Deceased)
having been a Member of our Society but hath since Depart
from our Religious Profession as to purchase some of those
Goods called Prize Goods taken in the war, and this meeting
having Labour'd with him in Love in order to Dissuade
to him the Evil of his ^d Conduct but our Labour therein
not being Effectual therefore for the clearing of our testimony
herein this meeting is Convent'd to go this path as a Publick
Testimony against him hereby Divorcing him that Ruppell
from being a member of our Society until by a Sincere
Reformation & Return he shall be Restor'd to the way of
Truth Given forth & Sign'd in our behalf of our
meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 20th Day of the
7th mo 1777 By --- Wm Anthony Clerk

8 month 1777

Stephan Gifford Requests a Certificate to the mo meeting of Acowest Certifying his Carnage Respecting marriage and conversation therefor Samuel Smith & Tho Hildis are appointed to take the necessary care on that account & make report next mo Meeting

Our Beloved Friends Aaron Lankhastor and David Sands were at this meeting on a Religious Visit where Testimony and Visit both been well accepted and Samuel Smith & Wm. Smith are appointed to draw Certificates for D friends and bring them to next on the Adjournment of this meeting

This meeting adjourns to the 27th Instant after the meeting of worship

Met by Adjournment the 27th of 8mo 1777 The Representatives Called both present

For Rufus John Potter made Report Respecting Joseph Russell and in the case refer Russell gave in a paper to this meeting which were to pretty good satisfaction yet the matter is referd to the next mo meeting for some alteration in D paper if he shall see fit to alter the same

This Meeting signd Removal Certificate for Joshua Sherman and Joshua Sherman Jr to the mo meeting of Sandwich who have Removd thither some time ago

Jonathan Blown paper of Denial was signd against Jonathan Blown and the Clerk is orderd to Read the same Publicly as usual and make Report next mo meeting but if Committee not having Informd him of his Denial Philip Allen is orderd to Inform him of his D Denial & Report next mo meeting

Received a Removal Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Greenwich for Jonathan Green and Martha Green who have moved here & is Accepted

A paper of Denial was signd in this meeting against Easter Rusbelt Rusbelt wife of Paul Rusbelt in Concurrence with the women meeting

8 month 1777

The Committee Appointed to treat with Wm Sandford & Tho Willson Report that they have had a Conference with them The former of which gave them a Degree of Satisfaction the latter Appear'd in a state of wildfire Kindness yet they have each of them Given in a paper Condemning their miscond but either of them attended this meeting said Committee are still continued to treat with them once more and to draw a paper of Denial against either if he do not give them Satisfaction and bring it & make Report next mo meeting

The Treasurer not having paid the money to Joseph Rutch as orderd he is therefore still continued to pay the same & Report next mo meeting

This meeting doth Conclude at 9 Request & by the Directions of our Quarterly meeting Committee to hold our next meeting on the next day following the preparative meeting being the fifth Day of the week and to begin at the usual hour

This meeting being informd that Nathaniel Kirby hath appear'd with the military Company as a Soldier, and been Labour'd with by the Overseers and Justices to Conduct therefore we appoint Peleg Bowdoin & Philip Allen to Labour further with him and Draw a paper of Denial against him if they find no Satisfaction and bring to next mo meeting

Certificates for Aaron Lankhastor and David Sands were signd in this meeting the former to y mo meeting at the Oblong the latter to the mo meeting of y Nine-petersons

9 month 1777

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth y 9th Day 9th 1777 the Representatives are Benj Howland Jr & Benj Tabor present

This meeting hath Concluded not to Entice any into this meeting that are not members of the Society for the future neither d the line of young people passing in order for marriage nor other times John Williams Jos Gifford & Wm Borkon Report they attendd the marriage of John Williams & Martha Rusbelt and that it was Conformed orderly

9 month 1777 384 ^{Obverse} ^{Reverse} an Additional choice of ^{Refers to next mo meeting}

^{Rep. Gifford} ^{Certificate} A Certificate was signed in this meeting for Stephen Gifford Respecting his Cleanness of marriage and Conversation directed to y^e meeting of Recor^d next

^{Case of the} ^{Respect} ^{of} The matter Respecting Joseph Russell is Refers to next mo meeting under the care of John Dotter who is then to make Report

^{John Howland} ^{denial} ^{and} The Clerk Reports he hath read the Testimony against Jonathan Mocom worded Last mo meeting but Phillip Howland not having Inform'd him is Continued for that service & to make Report next mo meeting

^{Wm. Sanderson} ^{The} ^{Willcox} ^{report} The Committee that had the Case of that matter Respecting Wm. Sanderson & Thos. Willcox Report that they found some Satisfaction with both & friends yet by D. Committee Request it is Refers to next mo meeting under their care & then they to make Report

^{Treasurer} ^{report} The Treasurer not having paid the money to Joseph Hatch as orderd he is therefore orderd to pay the same & Report when it is done

^{Not had} ^{case} ^{report} The Committee appointed to treat with Nathaniel Pirby Report they have had a Conference with him and Received a Degree of Satisfaction, therefore the matter is Refers to next mo meeting under the care of y^e same Committee as before and Benj. Howland & Samuel Smith is aded to them and they to Report next mo meeting and Draw a paper of Denial against him if he do not give them Satisfaction

^{To collect} ^{accounts} ^{of} ^{sufferings} ^{of} ^{friends} We appoint our friends Samuel Smith Prince Allen John Williams Benj. Rider a Committee to Collect the Account of the sufferings of friend within the Compass of this meeting & bring them to this meeting

9 month 1777 385 Benjamin Howland & Mary Howland declared their Intention of taking each other in marriage and were Desir'd to wait till next mo meeting for their answer and Wm. Barber & Joseph Gifford are Appointed to Enquire into the young man's cleanness and to make Report next mo meeting

Collected -- L3 - 6 - 1 - 2 mo
This meeting to the 24th Instant after the meeting for worship Meet by Adjournment of 24 Day of 9th mo 1777
The Representatives called both present

^{Quar^r meeting} ^{Com^m on} ^{case} ^{of} ^{John} ^{Howland} The Committee from the Quarterly meeting appointed to Advise this meeting in a matter Respecting Isaac Howland fearing his Negro or other matters do trank opens the way, have given in the following in writing as their advice which is well Accepted
Dartmouth of 17th of 9th mo 1777

^{Their} ^{advice} [&] ^{judgment} We the Committee appointed by our last Quarterly meeting to visit the mo meeting of friends at upon grant for the support of our Christian Discipline and more Especially that part of it against Slavery Do give it as our sense and Judgment in the first place that the spirit and intention of our Rule Discipline on that behalf be fully offer'd and attended unto, But Nevertheless when any friend moved by a Principle of Benevolence to assist any in Bondage in order to procure their freedom if time & opportunity Admitt that such friend before he Proceed therein lay the same before the mo meeting to which he belong & take their Advice yet if he should for want of time or Opportunity Proceed therein without the advice of friends as aforesaid we think it may be safe for the Monthly meeting where the Benevolent Intention is Evident by attending circumstances to let such friends Evade the Censure of Society

John Collins
Joseph Devol
Thos. Hazard son of Robert
Oriel Wilkenson

^{Howland} ^{case} and the matter Respecting Isaac Howland is Refers to this meeting Committee that had the Case of that matter last in Charge & they to Judge thereon and make Return to this meeting when they have fulfill'd the same

9 month
1777

answer
Epistle &
Representatives

The Queries were Answer'd and an Epistle sign'd in this meeting and order'd forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Joseph Tucker Samuel Smith & Tho: Hicks and they to Report next me meeting

Order on
Treasurer

By Direction from Last Quarterly this meeting orders the Treasurer to pay to the yearly meeting Treasurer the sum of twelve pounds to supply the yearly meeting Stock and make Report next me meeting

10 month
1777

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth of 20th 10^{mo} 1777 the Representatives are Caleb Puseall and Philip Allen Paper An additional Choice of Overseers is Refer'd to next me meeting

Joseph Puseall
papers
accepted

Joseph Puseall give in a paper to this meeting concerning his suffering his Team to draw some pris'd Shingles which this meeting excepts provided he be cause the same to be Publickly Read as Usual & Return a paper to next me meeting

Wm. [unclear]
The
Willetts
Case

The Committee appointed on the Case of Wood and Ford & Wm. Willetts not having Accomplish'd their Service Definitly Case refer'd may be Refer'd to next me meeting which is accordingly and then they to make Report

Nathan
Kerby
disorder

Whereas Nathaniel Kirby hath sometime past taken up arms in the military Service and the Committee appointed to labour with him therefor, hath made Report that he gave them no satisfaction, Therefore for the clearing of our testimony herein the meeting doth Dismiss him from being a member of our Society and from under the care of friends, and the Clerk is order'd to read this minute Publickly at the Close of a first Days meeting as Usual & Report next me meeting

Benjamin [unclear]

The friends appointed to Inquire into Benj: Howland's Clearness Respecting marriage Report that they dont find any thing to hinder his proceeding

10 month
1777

Return from
meeting

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Report they all Attended and have Produced an Epistle from the same which hath been Read to Good Satisfaction

Treasurer's
Report

The Treasurer Reports he hath sent the money to the yearly meeting Treasurer Agreeable to his Appointment

Benj: Howland
and
Mary

Benj: Howland 3rd and Mary Stocum Appear'd for their answer which was that they might proceed to take each other in marriage at some convenient time before next meeting Advising with the Overseers this meeting shall agree for that purpose and Joseph Gifford & Wm. Howland are appointed to see'd marriage conformated orderly and Report next me meeting

Mary Stocum
Certificate

The Women Inform they have Received a Removal Certificate for Mary Stocum wife of Giles Stocum which this meeting owns with

Martha Stocum

They also Inform they have Received a Removal Certificate for Martha Stocum wife of John Stocum with all her Children Except the youngest which being born since they Remov'd which is Received as a member at the Request of the mother of the Child

John Smith
request a
Certificate

John Smith son of Isaac Smith Dec'd Requests a Removal Certificate to if no meeting at the Vineyard therefore we appoint Nicholas Howland & Tho: Hicks to take the necessary Care therein and Draw one for him if they find things Clear and bring it to next me meeting

Gilbert Howland
request a
Certificate

Gilbert Howland also Requests a Removal Certificate to the next meeting at the Vineyard therefore we appoint Joseph Barker and Tho: Hicks to Draw one for him if they think proper after Enquiry & bring to next me meeting
Collected — £4-5-12 — L me

11 month
1777

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 14th of 11^{mo} 1777 the Representatives are Benj: Howland 2nd & Prince Allen present

Joseph Puseall
paper read

Joseph Puseall's paper having been read as order'd and is Return'd to this meeting & paper is as followeth

11 Month
1777
For Ruben
paper

To the Monthly Meeting of friends in Dartmouth
Respected Friends

Whereas some time past I suffer my Team to
some wise shuger a small Distane and thereby offend
my friends for which I am sorry and do Condemn hoping
you may so far pall it by as to let me remain under your
Care from your friend Joseph Nusselle

This Meeting not being fully Satisfied to accept of Wm
Sandford's & Tho: Wilcox's paper therefore the matter
Respecting them is Refer'd to next me meeting under the
same friends Care as heretofore and then they to Report

Edward Taber hath Given in a paper to this meeting Condemning
his marring out of the Unity of friends and Requests to
be Received into Unity again therefore James Davis and John
Williams are appointed to take an Opportunity of Solid Conference
with him in order to Discover his Sincerity and make Report
next me meeting

Philip Allen Reports he hath Informed Nathaniel Kirby
of his Denial as ordered but Clerk not having read his Denial
he is Continued for that Denial and to Report next me meeting

Joseph Gifford and Wm Barker Report they attended the
marriage of Benj: Howland's & Mary Howland and said
nothing but that it was Conformed orderly

This meeting sign'd a Certificate for Mary Howland to the
me meeting at the Nine partners

The Women Inform they have Received into membership
Lilis Macomber which this meeting Conus with

The friends Appointed to Draw Certificates for John Smith
and Gilbert Howland Report that things are not fully
Clear in Regard to P. Smith they are still Continued and
to advise him as they think proper and Report next
me meeting

Case of
Wm Sandford
and
Tho: Wilcox
report

Edw Taber
request

Nat Kirby
inform
of denial

Ben Howland
Lilis
marriage

Mary
Howland
Certificate

Lilis
Macomber
Receives

John Smith
Gilbert
Howland
Certificate
report

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1777

and they have prepared a Certificate for Gilbert Howland and
brought which was sign'd in this meeting

Testimony against
Philip Allen
Reports

he hath Informed Jonathan Howland
of his Denial as ordered some time past

Ben Howland
2nd
report

Benja Howland 2^d hath given in an Account to this meeting
for keeping of Issue to the amount of £4-14-8d money
which is allowed and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the
same and Report next me meeting

The Treasurer Reports he hath paid Joseph Nusselle for Paper
Bury 2-8-0 agreeable to his appointed some time past
Collected £-14-3

12 month
1777

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 15th 12th 1777
The Representatives are Benja Taber & Joseph Tucker 2^d present

The matter Respecting an additional Choice of Overseer is
being Consider'd in this meeting and not finding any willing to
accept of it matter is Dismissed

Tho: Wilcox
disorder
Wm Sandford
Case report

The Committee appointed on account of Thos Wilcox and Wm
Sandford 2^d Report that P. Wilcox gave them no Satisfaction
therefore we hereby Disown the P. Thos Wilcox form under
our Care P. Sandford give the Committee some Satisfaction
therefore P. Committee is still Continued and Abraham Howland
is added to them in that matter & to Report next me meeting
also to draw a testimony against P. Wilcox and bring to next me
meeting Likewise Inform him of his Denial

Edw Taber
Report

The Committee appointed on account of Edward Taber
Report that they have received a degree of Satisfaction. Therefore we conclude
to except of said Taber under our Care

Nat Kirby
Denial read

The Clerk reports he hath read the Testimony against Nathaniel
Kirby as ordered. Said Testimony is as followeth

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from page 378

12 month 1777
 Whereas Jonathan Linnin hath made profession with us as a member of our Society, but hath so far departed therefrom as to marry out of unity of profession, being previously caution'd and also fallen into the sin of fornication as appears by his wife having in publick papers manage the case of his marriage being consented to by him, so far as to give the world a publick testimony against him, by disowning the said Jonathan Linnin from being a member of our Society until by a Sincere Repentance & Acknowledgement of the Evil of his Crime he shall be Restor'd to the unity of Faith Given forth at our meeting held in Dartmouth the 27th of the 4th month 1777 Signed in & by order of the Society by
 Wm Anthony Jr Clerk

Whereas Ralph Allen son of Benjamin Allen & Allaphal his wife having had a Birthright among friends but hath so far departed therefrom as to profess as he is not or later on board of a sloop of war called a Driveter and being gone into that Service this meeting is desirous to maintain our testimony against such Proceedings do give this forth as a publick denial against him & do hereby disown him the said Ralph Allen from being under a member of our Society & from under the care of this meeting the 27th of the 4th month 1777 Signed in & on behalf of our meeting held in Dartmouth the 27th of the 4th month 1777 by Wm Anthony Jr Clerk

The Committee appointed to draw a Certificate for John Puffer's health Report, that said matter is not accomplished, therefore said Committee are still continued for that Service and make report when ready

The Treasurer Reports that he hath paid Benjamin Howland the money as ordered the last Monthly meeting

We received a paper from Abiel Gifford requesting his Children to be taken under friends care. Also one from John Duval requesting to come under friends care and his son also. Likewise one from Seth Huddlestone requesting to come under friends care with his Children, therefore we appoint Joseph Barker, Thomas Hicks, Benjamin Rider and William Mosher, to take an opportunity of conference with said Petitioners in order to discover their Sincerity, and whether said request be from the bottom of true Conviction, and make report when ready.

We received a Certificate for Nicholas Howland from Coahet meeting

The Women friends Inform they have received Mary Lapham, Wife of Nicholas Lapham under their care which we concur with

This meeting Collected £3-13-3

This Meeting adjourns to the 24th Instant

This Meeting mett by adjournment the 24th of 12 month 1777

The Representatives being called, both present

The Queries were answer'd in this meeting, And an Epistle Signed for the Quarterly meeting, and forwarded by our Representatives to said Quarterly meeting: Who are William Mosher, William Anthony Jr, Caleb Russell and Gideon Howland: and they to make report to the next Monthly meeting

William Anthony Jr gave in a bill for keeping Alice Smith from the 24th of the 4th month to the 28th of the 10th month 1777 which is six months: as by agreement with the Overseers of the poor: To the amount of 5-18-6. Which is approv'd, and the Treasurer is order'd to pay the same, and report to next Monthly meeting

12 month 1777
 Testimony against Jonathan Linnin

Testimony against R. A. Howland

Certificate for J. Smith not accomplish'd

B. Howland Paid

A. Gifford's Request also S. Duval and Seth Huddlestone

Certificate for N. Howland received
 M. Lapham of Nicholas Lapham under their care which we concur with

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Queries answer'd
 Friend's app'l
 Directed to Quarterly meeting

W. Anthony's bill

12 month 1778
 At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 13th of 12 month 1778
 The Representatives are Benjamin Smith Junr and John Williams Present
 The Comity appointed on the case of Thomas Wilcox and William Sanford Jr, make report that the matter not being fully settled, in regard of Sanford's desiring to be continued, therefore referred to next Monthly meeting, under their care, Who are then to make report: They also make report that they have fulfilled their appointment respecting said Wilcox and have drafted a paper of Denial against him, which, after being read, and considered, and signed by the Clerk, who is Order'd to read the same as usual, and make report to our next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, report that they all attended except Caleb Russell, who gave a reasonable excuse. They also produced an Epistle from said meeting which was read and kindly accepted

The Treasurer reports he hath not paid the money to William Anthony as ordered: therefore he is continued to pay the same and report to the next Monthly meeting

Cornelius Howland Inform'd this meeting that he had some expectation of going to Sea, and desired a Certificate, which was granted, and one being present was signed by the Clerk

The Women friends Inform they have deny'd Raturah Peckham which this meeting concurs with

Samuel Gifford and Lillis Macomber declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage: and were desired to wait till the next Monthly Meeting for their answer: and Paul Prince Allen and Nicholas Howland are appointed to Inquire into the young mans Clearance and to make report next monthly meeting

Nicholas Lapham request's that his Children may be taken under the care of this Meeting: therefore William Anthony Jr and Thomas Hicks are appointed to take the needful care in that case and make report to next monthly meeting

This meeting Collected 5-16-3

Timothy Russell hath given in a paper to this meeting Condemning his Purchasing some Prize goods: But as he hath some time past Lett out his house for the use of a Hospital, to inoculate the Small Pox in, after being advis'd to the contrary, which hath given uneasiness to divers friends: Therefore this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Taber, William Mosher and Samuel Smith, to have conference with him in those matters and give in their report and Judgment, there upon to the next Monthly meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 16th of 2nd month 1778
 The Representatives are William Barker and Benjamin Taber Present

The Comity appointed to have a conference with John Duval, Seth Huddlestone and their Children, and Abiel Gifford's children, Report that they have fulfilled their appointment, and have found good satisfaction, therefore they are all accepted to be under friends Care the name of John Devool's child is Job... Seth Huddlestone's Childrens names are Sarah and Lavinah, and Abiel Gifford's childrens names are Levi, Lillie, Gilbert, John, Jeremiah, Abiel and Joanna

The comity appointed on account of William Sanford Jr's desire that matter refer'd, therefore it is refer'd under their care and they to report next Monthly meeting

12 month 1778
 Report of a Comity on the case of Wm Sanford

Return of friends from Quarterly meeting

W. Anthony's Bill not paid

Certificate for C. Howland

C. Peckham Disown'd Samuel Gifford declar'd his intention of marriage

N. Lapham request for his Children

T. Russell and Duvaling

2 month 1778

Report of the Comity for J. Duval, Seth Huddlestone and A. Gifford

The case of Wm Sanford Jr refer'd

2nd month 1778 The Clerk Reports he hath not read Thomas Wilcox's Denial as ordered therefore he is continued to accomplish the same and report to next Monthly Meeting

W. Wilcox as ordered last Monthly Meeting The Treasurer reports he has paid William Anthony Jun^r the money

The friends appointed to Enquire into Samuel Gifford's cleary^{ing} Respecting marriage report that they find nothing to hinder his proceeding in marriage

The friends appointed to have the care of that matter respecting Nicholas Laphams children being taken under the care of friends desire it to be refered therefore said matter is refered to next Monthly meeting

Samuel Gifford and Lillis Macomber appeared for their answer which was, that they might Proceed in Marriage in some Convenient time between now and next monthly meeting, advising with the friends, that this meeting shall appoint for that purpose, and Nicholas Howland and Prince Allen are appointed to see their said marriage solemnized and to make report next monthly meeting

Joseph Rotch Request a removal Certificate to the Monthly Meeting at Nantucket, therefore this meeting appoints James Davis and Seth Ruffel to take the necessary care on that account, and bring one to next monthly meeting if they think proper

The matter respecting Timothy Ruffel is refered to next monthly meeting for further consideration

This meeting collected 2-8-5 The Quarterly meeting's Committee that was appointed to visit and advise this meeting on account of Isaac Howland's freeing his Negro's have given in ~~advice~~ the followings advice: which is accepted, and that matter is dismissed, and this Meeting's Committee discharged there from

The advice of the Quarterly meeting's Committee is as followeth We whose names are herets subscribed, being a Committee to advise the Monthly meeting of Dartmouth. Respecting a matter of Isaac Howland's being concerned with a Negro &c. Having had an opportunity with him and said monthly meeting's Committee and considered the case, Look upon it that there is at least an appearance of weakening our Testimony against Slavery in his Conduct. Therefore think well of the case of said meeting in the case; yet we have learnt by strict inquiry, he had no such intent, But rather acted from a Benevolent purpose, and has manumitted said Negroe, therefore we advise said meeting to drop that matter

Dartmouth the 16th day of the 2nd month 1778

- Thazard son of Robert
- Joshua Dowl
- Moses Farnum
- Benja Buffinton
- David Steer
- Oziel Wilkinson

Joseph Gifford and Lillis Macomber answer

Joseph Rotch request a Certificate

The case of Timothy Ruffel refered

Quarterly meeting Com^{mittee} visit Isaac Howland

Their advice to monthly meeting

3rd month 1778 At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 16th of 3rd month 1778 The Representatives are Deley Gifford and Benjamin Smith Jun^r present

The Comitty appointed in the case of William Sanford to Report that he hath given them a degree of satisfaction, therefore the Paper he gave in to this meeting, condemning his purchasing Prize goods, is accepted provided he cause the same publickly to be read as usual and return said paper to next monthly meeting

The Clerk reports he hath read the paper of denial against Thomas Wilcox according to appointment... Which is as followeth

Whereas Thomas Wilcox hath through unwatchfulness so far deviated from the Principles of Truth; as to purchase goods, take by violence and Wars. And after due Admonition, his not condemning the same for satisfaction of this Meeting; Therefore we give this faith as a publick Testimony against him, denying him the right of membership with us; With desire that he may by sincere repentance, be brought to a right and sense of his past life, and come to the fold of the Just, with a sincere heart Given forth at our Monthly Meeting, held at apptointed in Dartmouth the 19th day of the 3rd month 1778 pr William Anthony Jun^r Clerk

The matter in regard to Nicholas Laphams Children is refered to next Monthly meeting

The friends appointed to oversee the Marriage of Samuel Gifford and Lillis Macomber, report that they attended the marriage and that it was orderly accomplished

The friends appointed in respect of Joseph Rotch's Certificate, signify they have not accomplished said appointment, therefore it is refered to next monthly meeting and they continued for that service

Timothy Ruffel hath appeared in person in this Meeting and hath so far condemned his Conduct in letting out his house to Inoculate the Small Pox in, as this Meeting takes up with for satisfaction... This meeting also concludes to accept of his paper Condemning his purchasing Prize goods provided he cause the same to be publickly read as usual and return it to next Monthly meeting

David Shepard, and his son David each request a removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting at Smithfield, therefore Benjamin Taber, James Davis, Caleb Ruffel, and William Sanford are appointed to inquire into their Circumstances and to draw a Certificate for them if they think proper after due inquiry is made, and make report to next monthly meeting

Certificates for John Allen and Paul Cornel directed to the Monthly Meeting at the New-ports were signed in this meeting, they being about to take their journey within the compass of said meeting

James Cornel hath given in a paper to this meeting Requesting to come into Unity with us against being free to Expound his misconduct, in receiving out of the Unity of Friends; and in paying money toward the support of War; therefore William Mosher and Abiel Gifford are appointed to have a publick conference with him, in order to know his sincerity and to make Report next monthly meeting

This meeting Collected 22-17-7 The meeting adjourns to the 25th Instant after the Meeting of Worship which is to begin at the 11th hour

The Meeting met by adjournment the 25th of the 3rd month 1778 The Representatives being called, Caleb Statham hath so far gone out from the Order of Truth and friends, as to forsake our meetings and follow separate meetings, that are held out of the true Unity of our Society And

W. Wilcox's denial accept

Thomas Wilcox's denial

Nicholas Laphams request refered

Report of Gifford and Macomber marriage

Joseph Rotch's Certificate refered

Timothy Ruffel's conduct

David Shepard's request a removal Certificate

Certificates for John Allen and Paul Cornel signed

James Cornel's request

Adjourn

met

Complaint against Statham

3 month
1778

And he having been treated with on that account, but still persists in his said disorder, therefore this meeting appoints William Baker, Joseph Tucker and Benjamin Fales to Labour further with him and make Report next Monthly meeting

Queries and Epistles read and friends appointed Quarterly meeting

The Queries have been read and answered in this Meeting and an Epistle signed and ordered forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives; who are James Davis, Pilsen Howland, William Anthony Jr and Abiel Gifford and they to report next Monthly meeting

Whereas George Hocum and Joshua Hocum, Sons of Charles Hocum deceased, having a Birthright amongst by Virtue of their Parents marriage among us, but they having long since removed out of the compass of this meeting without any recommendation to any other or request any, and this Meeting being informed by the Monthly meeting of Greenwich, that they have Lived widely from the way of Truth and friends, particularly being Remarkable for a Light unsteady behavior, and not attending meeting, therefore this meeting doth disown the said George and Joshua Hocum from a right of membership among us

4 month
1778

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 20th of 1st month 1778 The Representatives Benjamin Tabor and Abiel Gifford, Present

W Sanford's paper

William Sanford Jr. not having read his Paper by reason as his said wife not being well it is therefore referred to next monthly meeting on the same condition as before

N Laphams request

The matter Respecting Nicholas Laphams Children is refer'd to next monthly meeting, and the same friends continued in that service and then to make report

Certificate for R. Ratch

A Removal Certificate for our friend Joseph Ratch and wife to the Monthly meeting of Nantucket was signed in this meeting by the Clerk

T Russell's paper read

Timothy Russell's paper having been read and returned to this meeting is accepted. Said Paper is as followeth

Timothy Russell acknowledges

To the Monthly Meeting of friends held in Sponauganset on the 15th of 12th mo 1777

Respected friends I some time ago Purchased some Price goods which I am now sorry for, and do condemn the same, hoping for some time to come may be more careful of dealing with such goods; therefore I desire that friends may pass by this offence and let me remain under their care as before

From your well wishing friend - - Timothy Russell

Certificate for D Shepard

A Removal Certificate for David Shepard Jr. his Wife and two Children the monthly meeting of Smithfield was signed in this meeting

D Shepard's report

But the friends that were appointed; not having prepared a Certificate for David Shepard Senior, they are still continued for that service and to make report next monthly meeting

S Cornell's report

The Committee appointed to confer with James Cornell on his request to come under friends care, make a satisfactory report, therefore he is accepted as a member of this meeting

C Hathway's case referred

The Committee appointed to Labour with Caleb Hathway make report that they have treated with him but have not obtained the desired Effect to their satisfaction, but yet they desire said matter Continued, which is accordingly refer'd to next monthly meeting and then they to make Report

The report of Quarterly meeting

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended according to appointment, and have produced an Epistle from the same which was read and well accepted, together with an Epistle from the meeting of Suffernage which containing much good Advice, was Recommended to Friends, particularly Notice

4 month
1778

This meeting is informed that Benjamin Tucker hath married out of the Unity of friends, after being previously cautioned, and advised to desist; therefore he is hereby disowned from being a member of this meeting, and William Mosher is appointed to inform him thereof and Report to next monthly meeting

M Davil received

The Women friends Inform that they have received into Unity Mary Davil wife of John Davil, which this Meeting concurs with

Time of meeting to begin

This Meeting Concludes that all our Meeting, Begin at the Eleventh hour for the ensuing six months, Except at Bedford, and there to begin as usefully they have done

5 month
1778

This Meeting Collected L2-4-7 1/2

W Sanford's paper

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of the 5th month 1778 The Representatives are Seth Ruspel and Samuel Smith Present

D Shepard's report

William Sanford Jr. his paper having been read, returned, therefore he is accepted by this meeting

W Sanford's paper

A Removal Certificate for David Shepard his Wife and Children under age, dedicated to the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield was signed in this Meeting

W Sanford's paper

William Sanford Jr. Paper which he gave in to the meeting was followed to the Monthly meeting of friends to be holden in Dartmouth at pomegran the 18th of the 8th month 1777

C Hathway's case referred

These Lines comes to Inform you that I have Purchased Price goods so called; for which I am sorry for the same, and am free to condemn the same; and desire friends would pass by my offence, and let me remain under their care, and I hope to be more careful for the future

D Tucker not informed

From your friend - - William Sanford Jr.

Report of Bedford meeting

The Committee appointed in the case of Caleb Hathway not being fully satisfied in that matter do therefore request it still continued, it is therefore referred to next Monthly Meeting, and said Committee yet continued, and desired to make return to said next Monthly meeting

Certificate for N Howland & R Smith signed

William Mosher not having informed Benjamin Tucker of his denial he is therefore continued for that service and to report to next Monthly meeting

N Howland's children received

The friends appointed to oversee the meeting at Bedford (not being called upon last Monthly meeting) have now given in their report, that they have attended the same which hath been kept up decently and in a good order as usually they have been heretofore

R Allen's wife disowned

Removal Certificate for Naomi Howland Rebeckah's Daughter with Rebecca Smith wife of Daniel Smith with their Children except the youngest, directed to the Monthly meeting of the nine partners were signed in this meeting

A Dashrons children received

This Meeting in Concurrence with the Womens Meeting doth accept of Nicholas Laphams Children as Members of this meeting

H Woodman disowned

This meeting is informed that Robert Allen hath married out of the Unity of friends, after being pre-cautioned by friends; this meeting therefore doth hereby deny him from having a right of membership with us: And the Women friends Inform that they have denied Easter Allen new wife of said Robert Allen which this meeting concurs with, and Seth Ruspel is appointed to inform said Robert Allen of his denial, and to make report next Monthly Meeting

Sowles Intention of marriage

The Women friends Likewise Inform they have denied Hannah Woodman wife of Robert Woodman, which this meeting doth also concur with

Jonathan Woolle Jr and Bishaba Russell

declared their intentions of taking Each other in Marriage, in this meeting, and were desired to wait until the next Monthly meeting for their answer. . . . They having

5th month 1778 They having first obtained Consent of Parents and produced the same in Writing to this meeting Our friends Samuel Smith and Thomas Hicks are appointed to settle with the Treasurer and make report next Monthly Meeting This meeting Collected £2-19-5²

W Anthony Bill hath given in an account to this meeting for keeping Alice Smith 26 weeks Ending the 28th of the 4th month last at 4^s per week which amounts to £1-6-4 Silver money which is allowed, and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same in such manner and in such currency as the Overseers of the poor hath Contract and directed

6th month 1778 At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of 6th month 1778 Seth Russell and Thomas Hicks are Representatives, both Present Prince Allen is appointed Clerk for this Day

George Folger proposed his Intention of Marriage with Rebecca Slocum and were desired to wait Till next Monthly meeting for their answer. Also, Sylvanus Folger, and Aob Slocum proposed their Intentions of Marriage, and were desired to wait till next Monthly meeting for their Answer

This meeting Adjourns to next second Day and This Meeting mett by Adjournment the 22nd of the 6th month 1778

The Representatives being called both Present William Mosher makes report he hath Informed Benjamin Tucker of his denial according to appointment Seth Russell also Reports he hath Informed Robert Allen of his Denial, according to appointment the 21st of last Monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to Treat with Caleb Hathway, Report that they have had a conference with him but he gave them but little satisfaction, do request said matter yet continued which is accordingly and the same Committee continued in that service, And Joseph Gifford and Caleb Russell and Adam Gifford are aded to them, and to make report next monthly meeting. And if in case said Hathway still persists in his disorder, said Committee is directed to draw up a Testimony against him and bring it to next monthly meeting

Jonathan Soule hath produced a Certificate from Accoackret Meeting Certifying his Cleanness respecting Marriage, and Conversation

Our Beloved Friends Aaron Lancaster and David Sands attended this meeting with their Certificates, the first from the monthly meeting held at the Oblong the 18th of the 2nd month 1778. The latter from the Monthly meeting held at the Nine Partners, the 22nd of 5th month 1778 Which being read to satisfaction: Their Vifit and Testimony in the Service of the Gospel was well accepted. And William Anthony Jun^r appointed and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting

Jonathan Soule and Berstaba Russell appeared for their answers Which was that they might Proceed to take Each other in Marriage in some convenient time, between this and next Monthly meeting, advising with the Friends that this meeting shall appoint for that purpose, who are Samuel Smith and Thomas Hicks and they to see their marriage solemnized orderly and make report to next monthly meeting

The friends appointed, at our Last Monthly meeting to settle accounts with the Treasurer not having fulfilled their appointment they are referred

E. Folger and Sylvanus Folger proposals of marriage adjourned mett

Dr Tucker and R. Allen in 2nd of last Monthly meeting at

A Lancaster D. Sands Vifit

Certificates appointed for 1st of 1st month

J. Soule answer

6th month 1778 The Women Friends Inform they Received into Membersh^{ip} Elizabeth Johnson Wife of James Johnson, with their two Daughters with this meeting Consens with

Joseph Roche having Returned the Certificate, that this meeting gave, for himself and wife. But his removing at present being obstructed and his said wife having already removed, this meeting signed a Certificate for his said Wife, and have omitted his own at present

Elizabeth Hathway hath produced a removal Certificate for herself and four of her Children Namely, Sarah, Lydia, Mary, and George which was Read and accepted, together with a removal Certificate for Elizabeth Hathway Jun^r Which is also accepted

This meeting Collected. £4-15-5 in Paper money And - - - - - 0-16-0 in Silver money

This Meeting Adjourns to the 24th of this Instant after the meeting adjourn

This Meeting mett by adjournment the 24th of the 6th month 1778 The Representatives being called both Present.

Certificates for our friends Aaron Lancaster and David Sands were signed in this meeting and Directed to the Monthly meetings where they belong

The Quenis were Answered and an Epistle signed to the Quarterly meeting Signed and Ordered forward to said Quarterly Meeting by the Representatives, Who are Caleb Russell, William Mosher, Seth Russell and Abiel Gifford, and they to report next Monthly Meeting

Anna Gifford Informed this meeting that she hath thought of attending Sandwich Quarterly meeting next to be at Falmouth, and this attending, after Considering thereof do Consens therewith; Her publick Testimony being approved off with us, And the Clerks is ordered to give her a Copy of this minnute

7th month 1778 At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 26th of 7th month 1778 The Representatives are James Davis and Benjamin Taber, Present Received Certificates for George Folger Jun^r and Sylvanus Folger setting forth their cleanness respecting Marriage

George Folger Jun^r with Rebecca Slocum; And Sylvanus Folger with Aob Slocum appeared for their Answers; Which was that each Couple might proceed to take each other in Marriage in some convenient time between this and next Monthly Meeting, Advising with the friends that this meeting shall appoint who are William Sanford, William Barker, Prince Allen and Joseph Barker, and they to see said Marriage solemnized orderly and make report next Monthly meeting

one of the friends appointed Last monthly meeting to oversee the marriage of Jonathan Soule Jun^r and Berstaba Russell make report that he attended said Marriage which was as orderly as usual the other friend did not attend by Reason he was at the Quarterly Meeting, But William Anthony made report that he attended in the room of the other said friends and that it was accomplished orderly

The committee appointed to settle accounts with the Treasurer reports they have answered their appointment and there remain in the Book after all is paid that this meeting hath already given order for Viz. in Silver money £5-8-11 in Paper money £3-2-5

adjourn

Certificates for of Lancaster and David Sands signed

Representatives appointed to Quarterly meeting

Minnute for Anna Gifford

7th month 1778

G. Folger & S. Folgers answers given

Report of J. Soule marriage

accounts settled with the Treasurer

7th month 1778 The Committee that had the care of that matter Respecting Caleb Hathway report that they have had an opportunity of conference with him and he gave them little or no satisfaction: Therefore, We hereby Disown the said Hathway from being under our care: And a publick Testimony being signed in this meeting against him by the Clerk, who is to order to Read the same Publickly in our Usual manner and make report thereof to next Monthly meeting; and Seth Russell is orderd to Inform him of his Denial and report to next months meeting

Report from our Quarterly meeting, Epistles Received The Representatives being Called upon, Report they all attended except Caleb Russell, who hath rendered his reason for not attending which hath been accepted. And they have produced an Epistle from the said Quarterly meeting which was Read: together with Epistles from London Yearly meeting, from the General Spring meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Philadelphia, and one from our Last Yearly Meeting all of which have been read: And as they contain, much good and wholesome advice Friends are Earnestly desired to observe and deliberately consider the same. And as there is a considerable number of those London Epistles they are distributed among friends families

Our said Quarterly Meeting hath Communicated to us several Rules and Orders Enclued upon at our Last Yearly meeting Respecting our discipline Also the Settlement of the boundaries between Swanzey Monthly meeting and this. And likewise, an alteration of the Boundaries betwixt this Monthly meeting and Accoakset: all of which the Clerk is orderd to Record in their proper place

The Treasurer is Orderd to pay Peleg Gifford four Silver Dollars for its Equivalent in paper for keeping the Meeting house half a year This Meeting Collected in Paper money 2-16-9 out of which was paid to Caleb Russell for shoeing horses 2-3-6 Remains in Paper 0-13-3 Collected in silver money 0-9-4

The Paper respecting the Settlement of the Boundary Lines between the aforesaid Monthly Meetings, is as followeth

To the Quarterly meeting of Friends to be held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island

We the Committee appointed to Revise and Settle the Boundaries between Rhode Island, Swanzey, Dartmouth, and Accoakset Monthly Meetings, having received the same; and that there is some Inhabitants Live between Swanzey and Dartmouth Monthly meetings, That it is not easy to determine, to what Monthly meeting they belong; Therefore, We have concluded that the dividing line between said Monthly meetings run in the following manner (viz) That all those friends Living in Freetown to the Northward of Fallriver, and Dartmouth belonging to this Quarterly meeting; shall belong to Swanzey Monthly meeting

We also, with the concurrences of Dartmouth and Accoakset Monthly Meetings make the following alteration in the boundaries between said meetings: (viz) Beginning in the Old line at the Northeast corner of James Souds Land, from thence a North line till it comes to Freetown Line, Nevertheless we Submit it to the Quarterly meeting

2 month 14 day 1778 Philip Tripp Thomas Elder William Anthony Sr Theophilus Howe Sr

8th month 1778 At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 17th of the 8th month 1778 The Representatives are Abiel Gifford and John Deuss both Present

Report of the Friends appointed to attend the marriage of George Folger and Rebecca Slacum, and Sylvanus Tabor and Avis Slacum, have made report that they attended said marriages, and that they were orderly solemnized

Testimony against Caleb Hathway hath been read Report hath been made that the Testimony against Caleb Hathway hath been read as ordered and that Seth Russell hath Informed said Hathway of his Denial agreeable to appointment

Received a Copy of the Testimony Given forth by our Last Yearly meeting against a Pamphlet on Taxation: which hath been Read in this meeting agreeable to the direction of said yearly meeting said Testimony is as followeth

A Testimony Given forth from our Yearly Meeting held at Smithfield from the 12th to the 16th of the 6th month Instant 1778 for New England

Whereas a Piece in Manuscript, upon the subject of Taxation &c. &c. Was written by a Member of our Society, and came under Consideration of our meeting for suffering, before the Author was known, and some matter contained therein being altogether disagreeable to friends, and inconsistent with our Religious Testimony; Inquiry was made, an endeavour used to prevent the publication, or spreading thereof without the desired Effect but the same with some additions, and alteration, was published, under the Title of "A Letter from a friend, to some of our Brethren's friends" contrary to the good Order of our Society, and the encouragement received from the author: And the matter being laid before this meeting And wittily Considered, We are constrained to give forth our Testimony against the said Piece, and the spirit it breaths to the reader, as tending to Leaven the minds of friends with the spirit of the World, and to bring those who pay attention to Religious scriptures under suffering and introducing, discord, and divisions amongst friends, as well as sustaining matter disagreeable to our Practices and testimony as a people. And also against the manner in which it was published to the World, being inconsistent with a rule, long since laid down and conspited in by our Society

Signed in and by order of our said yearly meeting By Thomas Lathrop Clerk this time

Copy The Treasurer not having paid Peleg Gifford the money as ordered Last Monthly Meeting, he is therefore still directed to pay the same and make report next monthly meeting

8th month 1778. A Removal Certificate for Joseph Notch directed to the Monthly meeting on Nantucket was signed by the Clerk he having Remov'd thither

Gideon Gifford hath given in a paper to this meeting Condemning his buying a Ticket in a Lottery, which this meeting accepts. This meeting hath signed and sent a few lines to the monthly Meeting of Swakzey, Informing them that Edward Thurston, Isaac his wife and their Children are deemed as Members of our Society and are within the bounds of that meeting as now settled.

A new Choice of Overseers is Refer'd to next Monthly meeting and those that have stood as such the year past, are continued untill next Monthly meeting

The Women friends inform they have denied Rebeckah Thropper Wife of Samuel Thropper and Abigail Wanton wife of John Wanton which this meeting concurs with.

A Removal Certificate for Nancy Howland wife of Job Howland with Rebecca her Daughter, was signed in this meeting directed to the Monthly Meeting at East Hoosick. This meeting Collected £4.1.9 in paper money. Collected 0.3.3 in Silver money.

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of 9th mo 1778 The Representatives being called Joseph Tucker Jun^r present Abraham Howland not present by reason of sickness.

Deleg Gifford hath informed this meeting that the Treasurer hath paid him the money as ordered, the said Treasurer not being present at this time.

A new choice of Overseers is refer'd to next monthly meeting and the former ones are still continued in that Service, and Abiel Gifford is aded to them.

This meeting doth Conclud to discontinue all our Week day meetings on the same Week our Quarterly meetings is to be held in

Elijah Gifford hath given in a paper to this meeting Requesting for himself and Children to be taken under the care of friends therefore this meeting appoints Thomas Hicks Nicholas Howland and William Barker, to take an opportunity of sollid conferences with him and Endeavors to find the motive of his requests, and make report next Monthly meeting.

John Allen hath given a paper to this Meeting Condemning his being concern'd in a Lottery and Likewise hath verbally Expressed himself in this Meeting, Signifying his sorrow in regard to said matter Which this meeting accepts for satisfaction.

The Queries were answered in this meeting, and an Epistle sent for the Quarterly meeting and order'd forward to said Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are William Barker Caleb Russell and Joseph Barker and they to report next monthly meeting.

This meeting being inform'd that Elisha Mosher being carried away Prisoner by the British Troops, therefore we appoint Seth Russell James Davis and Abiel Gifford to confer with the meeting of Sufferings in order to procure his relief as they shall think proper.

Certificate for Joseph Notch
Gifford
paper
Few lines to Swakzey
in behalf of E Thropper

Choosing Overseers refer'd

A Thropper & A Wanton Discour'd

Certificate for Nancy Howland
in R Smith signed

3rd month 1778

D Gifford paid

Choosing Overseers refer'd

meetings omitted

E Gifford Request

J Allen's paper accepted

Queries on Epistle signed & Representatives appointed

E Mosher taken prisoner

The Overseer Inform that Lamuel Mosher hath so far gone contrary to our Profession, as to drop some bad Expressions in the manner of swearing and other obscuring Language, and said overseer hath Laboured with him therefor and he having Endem'd said expressions to those that heard them yet declines to Cadenm them. Publicly to the satisfaction of this Meeting therefore we appoint Benjamin Howland Jun^r Benjamin Taber and Joseph Tucker Jun^r to Labour with him as they may think proper and Report next Monthly meeting.

A Certificate for Elisha Mosher who was carried away Prisoner was signed in this meeting directed to the Meeting of Sufferings, Informing them of his being a member of our meeting and Clerk in regard to military matters.

This Meeting Collected in Silver money --- 1-7-3
Collected in Paper money --- 2-11-7

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 13th of the 10th month 1778 The Representatives were William Barker and John Williams - Present

A new Choice of Overseers is still refer'd to next Monthly meeting and those that have been in that Service continued till a new choice.

The friends appointed to confer with Elisha Gifford on his request, Report that for want of a convenient opportunity they have not fulfilled their appointment, they are, therefore continued in said Service, and to make report next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed to treat with Lamuel Mosher report they have not fulfilled their appointment, one of them being sick they are therefore continued in said Service, and Joseph Gifford is added to them and may to make report next Monthly meeting.

The time of the appointment of Overseers of the poor being Expired they are now again continued in that Service untill a new Choice is made.

This meeting having Concluded to make a new choice of Friends to have the care of our burying Ground, Who shall be Interr'd therein that are not members of the Society, and who not - Who are William Sanford, William Barker and Joseph Tucker Jun^r and also William Mosher Benjamin Rider and John Devoe for Newtown.

This Meeting also appoints Nicholas Howland and Thomas Hicks, to have the care of our old meeting house and Lands and to keep the fences in repair.

This meeting appoints the following friends as Trustees to take Deeds of this meeting, Land the former ones being some of them Deceased (viz) William Mosher, Samuel Smith, William Anthony Jun^r and Joseph Tucker Jun^r.

Charles Russell requests a Removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting at East Hoosick, therefore Benjamin Smith Jun^r and Samuel Smith are appointed to mak due inquiry into his Circumstances, and draw one for him if they find things clear and bring it to the next Monthly meeting.

A Removal Certificate for John Smith son of Isaac deceased was signed in this meeting directed to the Monthly meeting at East Hoosick he having removed thither.

William Anthony Jun^r hath given in an account to this Meeting for keeping Alice Smith from the 28th of the fourth month Last to the 28th Instant including 26 weeks at Twenty eight shillings per week old Tenor Silver money and to be paid in Silver or its Equivalent in Paper money which this meeting orders paid accordingly. The amount thereof is £26.8 in Silver old Tenor.

10th month 1778
Mosher

Choosing Overseers refer'd

E Mosher report

Overseers of the poor continued

Friends appointed to bury

Howland & Hicks to oversee the meet Round the house

Trustees to the meeting appointed

Russell request certificate

Certificate for Smith signed

W Anthony Jun^r his Bill

order'd to be paid

10th month 1778 This Meeting concludes that all our meetings begin at the Eleventh Hour. for the year ensuing except at Bedford and that some meetings begin as usually they have done

B. Taber appointed Treasurer in the Room of S^r Allen deceased: for the year ensuing And Samuel Smith and Thomas Hicks are appointed to settle Accounts with the Heirs of the former Treasurer deceased and make Report next Monthly meeting
This Meeting Collected in Silver - 0-5-00
Collected in Paper money 2-13-10

At A Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 16th of the 11th Month 1778 The Representatives are Caleb Russell and Joseph Barker - Present
A New choice of Overseers is again refer'd to next Monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to confer with Elijah Gifford and family (one of said Committee being detained by sickness) and found a degree of Satisfaction and Sincerity among them. Therefore this meeting accepts of said Elijah Gifford and Children to be under the care of this meeting
The Women friends also inform they have accepted Deborah Gifford the wife of the said Elijah Gifford which this meeting concurs with
Caleb Russell, P^rison Howland Benjamin Howland 2^d Samuel Smith and George Smith are Chosen Overseers of the poor for the year ensuing

L^{amuel} M^{osher} gave in their Report, which was in degree satisfactory, and he hath given in a paper accepted to this meeting condemning his misconduct, which this meeting accepts provided he cause the same to be read Publicly as usual, and return said paper to next Monthly meeting

The Friend appointed to settle accounts with the Heirs of the former Treasurer report, that they have not fully accomplished the same, they are therefore continued in said Service, and to make report next monthly meeting

Samuel Smith Thomas Hicks Benjamin Howland 2^d and William Anthony 2^d are appointed to Revise and Correct this meetings Minutes in order for their go on Record and to make report next monthly meeting

Shoosman Crow having removed within the bounds of accoackset Meeting without giving Notice thereof to this meeting, We therefore signed and sent a few lines to Inform the said meeting at accoackset of his Removal

This Meeting sided a Certificate for Benjamin Ricketson son of William Ricketson to the Monthly meeting of East Hoosuck, as he is a going thither to settle his outward affairs

John Russell informs this meeting that he is about to Remove to East Hoosuck and desires a Certificate, therefore Benjamin Smith 2^d and Gideon Howland are appointed to draw one for him if they think Proper, and bring it to next Monthly meeting

This Meeting hath signed a Certificate directed to the monthly Meeting at East Hoosuck and Saratoga, For Charles Russell his wife Rebecca and Little daughter Amie they having Removed thither to dwell

This Meeting is Informed that Abraham Howland 2^d hath married out of the Unity of Friends, after being precautioned by friends, therefore he is disowned from being a member of our Society and from under the care of this meeting, and Benjamin Smith 2^d is appointed to Inform him thereof

The Overseers Inform that John Akin hath appeared in bearing of Arms and hath been Treated with by friends but declines to Condemn the same therefore John Williams and Joseph Tucker 2^d to Treat further with him on that account, and also on account of his Neglecting to attend our Meetings and to make report next Monthly meeting

This meeting Collected in Silver money - 0-9-10
Collected in paper money - 4-5-0

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of the 12th month 1778 The Representatives are Caleb Russell and Seth Huddleston - Present

We appointed our friends Abiel Gifford Benjamin Taber Benjamin Smith 2^d Seth Huddleston Joseph Barker William Anthony 2^d and William Barker Overseers for the year ensuing

L^{amuel} M^{osher} Paper having been Red agreeable to the direction of last monthly meeting and returned the same to this meeting, which is accepted and is as followeth

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Dartmouth 16th March 1778 Whereas, some time past I get into a Passion, so far as to drop some bad Expressions in the manner of Swearing: For which I am heartily sorry and do Condemn, And desire Friends so far to pass it by as to let me Remain under their Care
L^{amuel} M^{osher}

The Friends appointed to settle accounts with Heirs of the former Treasurer Report they have fulfilled their appointment, and have settled accounts down to the 3rd month last Inclusive, and remains in the stock 5-15-0 in paper money and 5-15-10 in silver money

The friends appointed to revise and correct this meetings minutes, report they have fulfilled said appointment and left them with Clerk to be recorded

The friends Chosen to draw a Certificate for John Russell and to inspect into his Cleanse Report, they have not fulfilled said appointment in full, they are therefore Continued in said Service, and Abraham Howland is added to them, and they to make report next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to Labour with John Akins report they have not accomplished said appointment for want of an opportunity, they are also continued in the same Service, and to make their report to next Monthly meeting

Our Certificate in favour of Edward Thurston and his family directed to Swaney monthly meeting being returned back to this meeting, therefore we appoint Thomas Hicks Samuel Smith and William Anthony to consider what be necessary for this meeting to act further in that matter and make Report to next monthly meeting

12 month This meeting hath signed and sent a Certificate to the monthly meeting at Pembroke for Elinor Mosher a young son of Joanna Mosher he being about to go as an apprentice there

Certificate for Mosher This meeting Collected 5-3-4 in paper money 8-13-2 1/2 in Silver money

money de There was delivered to the Present Treasurer the sum of 5-15-6 in Paper money and 1-15-6 in silver money By the Committee that settled accounts with the heirs of the former Treasurer

adjoins This meeting adjourns to the 30 of this Instant after the meeting of Worship which is to begin at the 11th hour

mett Met by adjournment the 30 of the 12 month 1778 The Representatives being called Caleb Russell present Seth Huddleston not present

J Allen John Allen informs that he is about to Remove with his family to Live within the bounds of Saratoga or Hoosuck Monthly meeting and Requests a removal Certificate for himself and Child:ch therefore Abiel Gifford and John Devoe are appointed to make due Inquiry into his Circumstances and draw one for them and bring it to next Monthly meeting if they find things Clear

J Johnson James Johnson Request to come under the care of this meeting with his son William: And William Mosher and Thomas Hicks are appointed to take an opportunity of solid Conference with him in order to know the reason of his Requests and make return to next Monthly meeting

Complaint The Overseers inform that Stephen Wilcox hath taken up Arms in or for War: and hath neglected the due attendance of our Meetings whereof which they have treated with him but did not give them Satisfaction Therefore this meeting appoint Caleb Russell and Benjamin Howland to treat further with him, and to make report to next Monthly meeting

Certificate There was signed in this meeting a Certificate for William Howland Certifying his being under the care of this meeting, as he is about going a Voyage to sea

Choosing It hath been proposed in this meeting to chuse some friends to Soyn or assist the Overseers in Visiting and treating with the disorderly members of this meeting, particularly those that Neglect the due attendance of our Religious Meetings: But this meeting being small by reason of the Severity of the Season the matter is referred to next Monthly meeting

Queries The Queries were answered. And an Epistle signed in this meeting to the Overseers of Quarterly meeting and ordered forward by our Representatives who are Benjamin Mosher Abiel Gifford James Smith and William Anthony Jr appointed and they to report next monthly meeting

1779 At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18 of 1st month 1779 The Representatives are Benjamin Rider and Benjamin Taber Present

J Akins John Akin being gone to sea the Committee appointed to Labour with him make report they have not fulfilled their appointment they are still continued in the same service and to make report when they shall have opportunity to perform the same

Certificate The Committee appointed to draw a Certificate for John Russell not having fully accomplished the same they are still continued in said service and make report next monthly meeting

month The Committee approved to consider the matter in regard to Edward Thurston and family not having fully accomplished the same they are still continued for the same service and report next Monthly meeting

Certificate The Committee appointed to draw a Certificate for John Allen report they have made some progress in the said matter but not having accomplished the same they are also continued in said service, and to make return next Monthly meeting

Persons referred The friends appointed to confer with James Johnson in regard to his request to come under friends care: Report they have had an opportunity of conference with him: and that he gave them a degree of Satisfaction yet that matter is also continued: and to said friends in the same service untill next Monthly meeting

Persons referred The friends appointed to Labour with Stephen Wilcox: Report they have fulfilled the same they are also continued for the same service, and to make report next Monthly meeting

Quorum from a Quarterly meeting The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Report they all attended agreeable to appointment, and have produced an Epistle from the same together with a number of London Printed Epistles, one of which being Read, with the 2d Quarterly meeting Epistle to good Satisfaction and the said London Epistles distributed among friends, and recommended to be read in their families

Collectors It is Recommended by the Quarterly meeting, and also by Writing from the meeting for Sufferings, to send up as speedily as may be Collections to supply the yearly meeting Stock: And this meeting concludes to raise the sum of Twenty pounds for that use

J Sison Job Sison having Produced his Parents consent that he may proceed in marriage with Ruth Sheppard

J Sison Job Sison, and Ruth Sheppard declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and were desired to wait till next Monthly meeting for answer This meeting Collected in Silver money 2-15-9 in paper money 12-1-4

Order to pay This meeting orders the Treasurer to pay Deley Gifford four Silver Dollars or the Value thereof in Paper currency, it being for keeping the meeting house half a year: Also to pay William Anthony's Bill formerly given in and accepted

adjoins This meeting adjourns to the 27th instant after the meeting of Worship the 1st day of the 1st month 1779

mett Met by adjournment the 27th day of the 1st month 1779 The Representatives are Benjamin Rider and Benjamin Taber Present Our friends Joseph Tucker Caleb Russell and Thomas Hicks are appointed to Soyn and assist the Overseers in Visiting and Labouing with the disorderly Members, as mentioned Last Monthly meeting and they are desired to visit and Labour with them in Love in order for their Restoration: and if after they have discharged themselves in that respect such of said members that continue disorderly: They to bring their Names and their Crimes to the meeting in order for them to be dealt further with as our discipline requires

Allen request Certificate William Allen son of Philip deceased being about to remove within compass of Saratoga Monthly meeting, and desires a Certificate therefore Abiel Gifford and John Devoe are appointed to take the needful care in that case and make Return to next monthly meeting

1st month 1779 William Heart hath given in a paper Signifying his sorrow for being concerned in a Lottery which is accepted

W Heart's paper accepted
O Beard Disowned

Friends appointed to take in Subscriptions

C Russell's and W Barker's Bills

2nd Mos 1779

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th and 2nd month 1779 The Representatives Pelag Gifford and Samuel Smith Present
A Certificate for John Russell, directed to East Hoosack was signed in this meeting by the Clerke

E Thurston's case

Certificate for Allen

J Johnson

J Wilcox's Disowned

M Russell Disowned

J Crow Disowned

Report of the Treasurer

The Overseers Inform that Obadiah Beard hath married out of the unity of friends after being Precautioned. Therefore he is Denied and disowned from being a member of our Society, and Seth Huddleston is appointed to inform hereof and make report to next monthly meeting

We appoint four friends Jonathan Wilcox John Williams William Heart Joseph Tucker Jun^r and Gideon Howland to go forth with subscriptions that was signed in this meeting to raise money; as expressed in said subscriptions, and pay the money to the Treasurer of this meeting, and make return to next Monthly meeting of the sum so raised.

Cal^d Russell hath exhibited an account to this meeting, for keeping some Travelling friends horses, and shoeing them to the amount of 8. 2. 0 which is allowed; and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same; And also to pay William Barker four Dollars or the value thereof for keeping the meeting house half a year, some time past. And also 13 shillings for paper for bringing some Hay for the use of friends, and make return next monthly meeting

The friends appointed in the case of Edward Thurston have brought a few Lines - being an Indowment on the former Certificate, directed to the Monthly meeting of Swanzy; setting forth of their being members and recommending them to said Meeting

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate for John Allen report that things not being settled by reason of sickness they are therefore continued in said Service and to report next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to confer with James Johnson on his request to come under friends care have made a satisfactory report, therefore he the said James Johnson and his son William are received into Membership with us

The friends appointed to treat with Stephen Wilcox Jun^r report they have fulfilled their appointments, but he gave them no satisfaction therefore he is disowned from being a member of our Society, and the same friends are appointed to draw a Publick Testimony against him, and bring it to next monthly meeting; And William Ricketson is ordered to inform him of his Denial

This meeting is informed that Michael Russell hath married out of the unity of friends and hath been treated with on that account by friends both before and after said Marriage and he gave them no satisfaction, therefore he is disowned from being a member with us; And William Ricketson is ordered to inform him of his Denial and make report next monthly meeting

The Overseers inform that Stearns Crow hath removed away in a disorderly manner, without the knowledge or concurrence of this meeting into the Company of another, and neglects to attend meetings, and they having treated with him on these accounts but he gave them no satisfaction therefore he is denied from being a member of our Society, and Seth Huddleston is ordered to inform him of his denial and report next Monthly meeting

The Treasurer reports he has paid all the money as ordered last monthly meeting, except that to Pelag Gifford, and that he designed to pay and report next Monthly meeting

1st month 1779

Certificate for Allen

Friends to collect money

J. C. A against

Persons answer given

W Barker's request a Certificate

Russell request a Certificate

Certificate for Anne Smith

Adjournment

Certificates for J. C. A

Certificate for Barker Jun^r

Allen's paper for D

A removal Certificate was signed in this meeting for William Allen son of Philip deceased, dedicated to the monthly meeting of East Hoosack

Seth Huddleston reports he hath informed Obadiah Beard of his denial according to appointment
Received a Certificate from accounts Monthly meeting for signifying he is a member of their Society and clear from any marriage Entanglement

The friends appointed to collect the money by subscriptions not having fully accomplished, the same, they are still continued in said Service and to make report to the adjournment of this meeting

Benjamin Sawdy, James Cornwell and James Allen having informed this meeting that they propose to take a Journey up the Country and desire each of them a Certificate. Therefore, Thomas Hicks, Elijah Gifford, William Masher and John Smith are appointed to make inquiry into their Clearness, and draw Certificates for them if they find them clear and bring them to the adjournment of this meeting

Job Hippen Job Sison and Ruth Shepard appear for their answer which was that they might proceed to take each other in Marriage in some convenient time before next monthly meeting; advising with the friends that this meeting shall appoint to see the said marriage accomplish who are William Sanforth and William Barker, and they to make report next Monthly meeting

William Barker Jun^r being about to go as apprentice with his brother within the Company of East Hoosack or Saratoga monthly meeting and desires a Certificate, therefore, Joseph Tucker Jun^r and William Sanforth are appointed to take the careful care in that respect, and draw one for him if they think proper and bring it to the adjournment of this meeting

William Russell having informed that he hath concluded to remove with in the Company of East Hoosack or Saratoga Monthly meeting, and requests a removal Certificate therefore Benjamin Howland 2nd and Nicholas Lophon are appointed to treat with him on that account; And if they find things clear then to draw one for him and bring it to next Monthly meeting

A Removal Certificate for Anne Smith wife of Thomas Smith and their children whose names are, Sarah, Lloyd, Paul and Barnabas was signed directed to the Monthly meeting at East Hoosack and Saratoga

Collected In paper money . . . 7 - 10 - 3
In silver money . . . 0 - 7 - 6

This meeting Adjourns to the 24th of this Instant after the meeting of Worship
Met by adjournment this 24th of the 2nd month 1779

The Representatives being called both Present
A Certificate for Benjamin Sawdy was signed in this meeting directed to the Monthly meeting at Saratoga he being about to travel there

Certificates for James Cornel and James Allen were signed in this meeting directed to the Monthly meeting at East Hoosack and Saratoga they being about to go thither

Also A Removal Certificate for William Barker Jun^r was signed in this meeting directed to the same meetings as above he being a going there to dwell

Abraham Allen hath given in to this meeting a Paper condemning his being concerned in a Lottery and the meeting not being fully clear to accept the same
Therefore

2 months 1779 Therefore Elijah Gifford Thomas Hicks and Joseph Tucker Jr are appointed to Examin into the Circumstance of the matter and make return next Monthly meeting

Complaint against Gifford The Overseers Inform that Peleg Gifford Junr hath appeared in a like manner with his Gun in order to Stand Watch with others of the Meeting and also been found with others shooting at a Turkey Set up for that purpose for which disorderly conduct this meeting doth appoint our friends William Mosher Samuel Smith and Gideon Howland to Labour with him in order to shew him his Error and make return next Monthly meeting

W Mosher We appoint William Mosher to draw the sum of Twenty Pounds out of the appointed Treasury of this meeting, and pay the same to the yearly meeting Treasurer to draw money for supply the yearly meeting books. Also take all the money that is collected yearly by this meetings Committee for the meeting of Sufferings and pay the same there, and make report the next monthly meeting

Complaint against Gifford The Overseers Inform that Job Gifford hath Neglected to attend our Religious Meetings after he was Treated with on that account. And also hath set up selling Spinnings, Liquors, and thereby suffering unbecompany att his house. Therefore this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Howland & William Barker and Jonathan Wilbur to Labour with him on these accounts, and to make report next monthly meeting

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of 3rd month 1779 The Representatives are Elijah Gifford and Abiel Gifford, present

Received a Coppel of a minute from our meeting of Sufferings held from the 8th Instant, directing that the same, with a Testimony from the yearly meeting of Philadelphia by adjournment from the 23rd of the month to the 15th of the 10th month 1777 (which was Read in this meeting) be both Publickly Read in all our meetings, which this meeting concurs with and the Clerk is ordered to Read them accordingly

A Removal Certificate for our friends John Allen his Wife and Children directed to the monthly meeting of East Hopkuch or Saratoga was signed in this meeting by the Clerk

A Testimony of Denial against Stephen Wilcox Junor was signed in this meeting by the Clerk who is ordered to Read it Publickly in the usual manner and make report next monthly meeting. And William Ricketson reports he hath informed said Wilcox of his denial. Likewise John Huddleston informs that he hath informed Deaconsman Crow of his denial as ordered last monthly meeting

Treasurer not having paid Peleg Gifford, as ordered he is again desired to do the same and make report to next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Job Elison and Ruth Shepard, report that they attended said marriage, and saw nothing but marriage that it was orderly accomplished

A Removal Certificate for William Russell directed to East Hopkuch for W. Russell or Saratoga monthly meeting, was signed in this meeting he having gone there to dwell

The friends appointed to Treat with Abraham Allen report they have treated with him, but the matter not being settled it is referred to next monthly meeting and the same friends continued in said service and they to make Report next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to Treat with Peleg Gifford Junr Report that they have had conference with him but did not give them full satisfaction but request the matter may be continued longer. Therefore they are continued to next monthly meeting in the same service and then they to make report

William Mosher reports he hath fulfilled his appointment in regard to carrying the yearly meetings Treasurers and also to the meeting of Sufferings and hath produced a copy of the minute from the Clerk of the meeting of Sufferings that they had Received the sum of 17. 17. 4 in paper and 12 Shillings in hard money for the use of the poor come from Rhode Island that are not of our Society

The Committee appointed to Treat with Job Gifford report they have had a Conference with him and he gave them little or no satisfaction. Nevertheless the matter being Weightily Considered it is referred to next monthly meeting and the same Committee still continued, and if he doth not give them some satisfaction they then to draw a paper of denial against him and bring it to next monthly meeting

The few lines of Indowment directed Swansey monthly meeting and signed by the Clerk at our monthly meeting in the first month last, was now read, and do appoint our friends Thomas Hicks, William Anthony Junr and Samuel Smith to attend said meeting at Swansey, with said Indow, sent in order to treat with them on that account, in behalf of this meeting, and endeavor to shew them the state of the Case, and make return to this meeting when they have accomplished the same

Abraham Howland son of Job Howland desires a removeable Certificate to the monthly meeting of East Hopkuch and Saratoga. And also Asa Barker a young son of David Barker, being about to be appointed to live within the Bounds of Smithfield monthly meeting - also John Ricketson informs he is about to go to the Oblong, or thereabout, in order to purchase a place to live at. Regarding of us a few lines by way of Certificate - and likewise Effra Howland son of Benjamin Howland being about to go to East Hopkuch or thereabout to make some stay and also desires a Certificate. Therefore this meeting appoints Samuel Smith, Elijah Gifford and Thomas Hicks to draw Certificates for them and sign them in behalf of this meeting if they shall think proper when they have fully enquired into their Circumstances and make return to next monthly meeting

Collected in paper Currency --- 6 - 15 - 3
In Silver Currency --- 0 - 13 - 0

This meeting Adjourns to the 24th Instant after the meeting for Worship Molt by adjournment this 24th of the 3rd month 1779

Abner Devol and Benjamin Gifford Junr Each gave in a paper to the Preparative meeting requesting to come under Friends Care. Therefore we appoint William Mosher Abiel Gifford and Samuel Smith to take an opportunity of holded Conference with them in order to discern the true motive of their Request and make return next monthly meeting

William Ricketson gave in account to this meeting for See of Hay which is allowed, it being 18 Shillings in hard money at the Expedient in paper and Treasurer is ordered to pay the same

The Overseers Inform that John Howland, John Smith, Henry Smith, Elijah Ruffell, Timothy Howland and Isaac Howland son of Benjamin Howland have Joined with others in purchasing and owning a Vessel that was taken in the War, or by way of Violence. As it hath been signified that said owners were ignorant that she was such a Vessel, this meeting therefore doth appoint Caleb Ruffell, William Mosher, Elijah Gifford, Samuel Smith and John Devol, to inquire into the true state of the Case, and Circumstances, and attend the same and bring in their Judgment thereupon to our next monthly meeting

The Overseers also Inform that Isaac Howland (son of Benjamin) is found guilty of the Sin of fornication as appears by the accusation of Abiel Smith and hath also been negligent in attending meetings and he abate said Committee are appointed to Labour with on that account and draw a Testimony of denial against him if he do not give them satisfaction, and bring it to next monthly meeting

We appoint our friends William Mosher, Thomas Hicks, Joseph Tucker Jr, William Barker and Isaac Howland to attend the Quarterly meeting and present the Epistle which was agreed and signed in this meeting by the Clerk and the answers to the Queries which was read and approved in this meeting, and they to make report next monthly meeting

4th Mo 1779 At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 4th month 1779
The Representatives are Abiel Gifford. Present

Testimony against W. Wilcox not read
The Clerk Informs he hath not read the Testimony against Stephen Wilcox as ordered he is therefore desired to perform the same and make Return next monthly meeting
P. Gifford not paid
The Treasurer reports he hath not paid Pelag Gifford, he is therefore ordered to pay and make report when it is paid

The case of A. Allen referred
The friends appointed in the case of Abraham Allen report they have been engaged in the matter but it not being fully settled to satisfaction they are Continued in the same service and to make report next monthly meeting

a paper of denial is ordered to be drawn against P. Gifford
The Friends continued Last monthly meeting to treat with Pelag Gifford Report they have fulfilled their appointment and he declines to make satisfaction and that they think they are clear from any further Labour with him they are therefore appointed to draw a paper of denial against him the said Pelag Gifford Jun. And th^y with Joseph Gifford and William Johnson to Inform him thereof and make report next monthly meeting

The case of J. Gifford referred
The Committee continued to Treat with Job Gifford report they have had some late Conferences with him wherein he gave some degree of satisfaction they are therefore still continued in the said service and make report next monthly meeting

Report of Friends appointed to sign Certificates
The Friends appointed to prepare and sign Certificates in the behalf of this meeting report they have performed the same. Except that for Abraham Howland (Son of Job) and they are still continued to Draw one for him if Certificates they think proper and bring it to next monthly meeting

The case of A. Devoe & B. Gifford referred
The friends appointed to Treat with Abner Devoe and Benjamin Gifford Report they have had some conference with them and that they gave them some degree of satisfaction, the matter is therefor referred to next monthly meeting and they continued in said service and then to make report

W. Richetson not paid
The Treasurer reports he hath not paid William Richetson as ordered he is therefore ordered to pay the same and make report when he hath paid

The friends appointed to Engage into and to Judge the matter of the owners of the Vessel said to be taken by War and Violence who have given in the following report which after being read and considered is accepted and is as followeth

month 1779
The case of J. Gifford referred
The friend appointed to Treat with Isaac Howland son of Benjamin Report. they have had conference with him, but he did not give the full satisfaction, yet they did not doubt a Testimony against him they are therefore continued in the same service and report next monthly meeting

Report of friend appointed to read 2nd time at meeting
The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, report they all attended Except Joseph Tucker Jun. and he hath rendered an Excuse for his not attending which is accepted; and they have produced an apistle from the Quarterly meeting which was Read and well accepted

Certificate held for Barker
David Barker desires a Certificate for his young son Shave Barker to the monthly meeting at Swanzy he being gone there to Live as an apprentice
And also James Cornwell being about to Remove within the compass of East Hoosuck or Saratoga Monthly meeting, and Request a removal Certificate to said meeting; Therefore Jonathan Willbor Joseph Tucker Jun. and Elijah Gifford are appointed to make inquiry into above said matter and draw Certificates for them if they find things Clear and bring them to next monthly meeting

Report of the meeting at Redford
The Form for holding Meetings granted to the friends at Redford being Expired the overseers thereof made report that it hath been kept up as usual and request it continued which is Granted for one month only and Benjamin Taber Caleb Russell and Seth Russell are appointed to have the oversight thereof and to make report next monthly meeting

Collected in paper Currency --- 5 - 4 - 3¹/₂
Collected in Silver currency --- 0 - 9 - 8

4th Mo 1779 At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 17th of 5th month 1779
The Representatives are Joseph Barker and Benja. Rider. Present

The Clerk hath made Report the Testimony of Denial against Stephen Wilcox Junior hath been Read according to appointment which is as followeth

Testimony of Stephen Wilcox Jun.
Whereas Stephen Wilcox Jun. having had a Right of Membership among Friends, and under the Care of this meeting, yet through unwatchfulness and disregarding the Principles of Truth, he hath fallen into great Indifference of mind, so as most wholly to Neglect attending our Religious meetings: He hath also of Late appeared with his Gun in a Worldly posture: which Conduct of his being Inconsistent with our Peaceable Principles that we make Profession of; and friends having Laboured with him in Love on these accounts, but he not adhearing to the advice of friends herein We do therefore Give this forth as a publick Testimony against him the said Stephen Wilcox Jun. disowning him from being a member of our Society, until he by unfeigned Repentance and acknowledgment of the Error of his ways, he shall be restored to the way of Truth
Given forth, and signed in our Monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of 3rd month 1779 by William Anthony Jun. Clerk

The case of A. Allen referred
The Committee appointed in the Case of Abraham Allen make report that they have still been in the progress of that service, but it being not yet fully settled to satisfaction it is therefore referred to next monthly meeting, and the same friends continued and then they to make report

Complaint against W. Bowdish
This meeting is Informed that William Bowdish Jun. hath fallen into the Sin of Fornication; therefore William Mosher and Joseph Tucker are appointed to Treat with him on that account, and to draw a paper of denial against him if he do not give them satisfaction and bring it to the next monthly meeting

5th month 1779 The Women Friends Inform that they have received Removal Certificates for Elizabeth Allen^{Widow} and Meriah Hoxie both from London Monthly meetings, which this meeting concurs with

The Removal Certificates that were signed in this meeting some months past for John Allen and his wife and Children and Brother William Allen were now altered, and signed being now directed to the Nine partners Monthly meeting they being about to remove there

Reley Gifford Jun^r hath given in a paper to this meeting signifying that he hath borrow for his offences taken notice of by the meeting which being considered the matter is refered to next monthly meeting under the care of the same Committee as before, and they to Visit him and Treat with him again and make report next Monthly meeting

The Committee continued in the case of Job Gifford, report that he hath desisted from selling Spirituous Liquors the matter is therefore refered to next monthly meeting for a further proof his sincerity under the care of said Comittly then to make report

A Removal Certificate was signed in this Meeting for Abraham Howland (son of Job) directed to the monthly meetings of East Hoosuck and Saratoga

The Friends appointed to confer with Abner Devol and Benjamin Gifford Jun^r on their request to come under friends care report that they desire it continued which is accordingly under the care of said Committee and they to make report next monthly meeting

A Testimony of Denial was signed in this meeting against Isaac Howland (son of Benja) and the Clerk is ordered to Read the same Publickly as usual and make report next monthly meeting

The Overseers of the meeting all Bedford report said meeting hath been kept up orderly as usual and they request it continued which is granted so far as for them to hold their said meeting in the usual manner untill the monthly meeting in the 10th month next and the same friends to have the Oversight thereof as had last before and then they to make report

There was a Certificate signed in this meeting for Shove Barker young son of David Barker to the monthly meeting at Swanzey as he is gone there to live as an apprenticed

Collected in paper Currency --- 7-6-2
in Silver Currency --- 0-11-8

Abraham Howland and William Anthony Jun^r have Each given in their account for keeping Alice Smith back to the amount of 3-8-0 in Silver money or the Value thereof in paper which is for keeping Alice for the six months last past next preceeding the 23rd of the 4th month last which said accounts are allowed; and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same so far as he is supplyd with money by the meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to the 26th Instant after the meeting of Worsship

Mett by Adjournment this 26th of the 5th month 1779

The Representatives being called both Present
Paul Cornel having removed within the compas of East Hoosuck and Saratoga Monthly meeting, desires a removal Certificate, and Hezekiah Smith and John Dolter having gone to make some stay within the Compas of the Monthly meetings of the Odlong and Nine Partners and Likewise

Received Certificates for Allen & M. Hoxie
Certificate signed for J. Allen

Reley Gifford Jun^r paper refered

The case of J. Gifford refered

Certificate for A. H.

The case of A. Devol & B. Gifford refered

A Howland Disowned

meetings granted at Bedford

Certificate for J. Barker

A Howland and W. Anthony gave in this bill for keeping Alice for the six months last past

Adjournment

P. Cornel & J. Smith request Certificates

Likewise request Certificates, Therefore this meeting appoints Benjamin Rider William Anthony Jun^r and Samuel Smith to make due inquiry into their Circumstances and clearness of the afore said young men and draw Certificates for them if they think proper and bring them to next Monthly meeting

The Matter for signing James Cornel and wife Certificate is refered to the next Monthly meeting for the Women friends Concurrence

Received a Receipt signed by the yearly meeting's Treasurer that he hath Received the Sum of 19-10- In paper currency and is willing in hard money of this meeting for the yearly meeting's Stock

The Overseers Inform that Ben^r Thomas^{son} of Levi (deceased) hath taken up Armes in order for War and doth rather Justify the same when they treated with him on that account: Therefore Joseph Tucker Jun^r and Benjamin Rider are appointed to Treat further with him on that account and if he declines to condemn the same then they to draw a Testimony of Denial against him and bring it to next monthly meeting

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of 6 month 1779 The Representatives are Caleb Rufiel and Joseph Babber Present

Our Beloved Friend Solomon Underhill hath attended this meeting in Company with our beloved friend Joseph Waller, both of whom hath been Recommended to our Satisfaction from their respective places of aboad whose Visit and Services among us have been well accepted

The Committee continued in the case of Abraham Allen report, that he hath given them Satisfaction in regard to his offence: Therefore the Paper he gave in to this meeting some months past Condemning the same is now accepted for Satisfaction which is as followeth

Whereas some time past I was so unwise as to be concerned in a Lottery which I find in my self was wrong, which I do condemn, and desire that friends will so far pass it by as to let me remain under your Care
Abraham Allen

The friends appointed to Treat with William Bowditch Jun^r not having fulfilled their appointment they are there Continued in said Service and to make report next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed in the case of Job Gifford report that he yet continues to desist from selling Spirituous Liquors: yet they request it still continued; It is therefore according continued their care and to report to the meeting when they shall be satisfied therein

The Committee appointed in the case of Benjamin Gifford Jun^r and Abner Devol report that he the Abner Devol hath given them Satisfaction, he is therefore received into Membership with us. But the receiving of Benjamin Gifford is refered under the care of the same friends for a further proof of his sincerity and they to report to this meeting when they shall see fit

The Clerk reports that he hath Read the denial of Isaac Howland agreeable to the appointment of last Monthly meeting, and hath also Informed him of said Denial. Which is as followeth

Whereas Isaac Howland son of Benjamin Howland and Elisabeth his wife having his Education among friends under the care of this meeting, but by disregarding the Testimony of Truth in himself hath fallen into the sin of fornication as appears by the accusation of Moribah Smith and he no wise clearing himself there from to friends Satisfaction, but upon Inquiry we have reason to believe the accusation to be Justly grounded, and friends having Extended Their

5th month 1779

Cornel's Certificate

Receipt from yearly meeting

Benjamin Rider's complaint against Thomas

Mo 1779

Underhill & Waller's Visit

Allen's paper accepted

Which is as follows

The case of Bowditch Jun^r refered

Gifford's case continued

Devol received

Gifford's refered

Howland's denial read

Howland's denial

Howland's denial

6th month
1779 Their Labour of Love with him in order for his Recovery
But our Labour not being Effectual: This meeting being convened
for the Clearing of Truth, and friends from the reproach of such Evil
Conduct do therefore give this forth as a publick Testimony against
him the said Isaac Howland disowning him from being a member
of our Society until by unfeigned Repentance, and return from the
Error of his ways he shall be restored to the way of Truth.
Given forth and signed in and behalf of our monthly meeting held
in Dartmouth the 17th day of the 5th month A. D. 1779 by
William Anthony Jun^r Clerk

Certificate
of removal
of children
A Removal Certificate for James Cornel his Wife and Children
Directed to the Monthly meeting at East Hoosuck and Saratoga
was signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

F. Smith
of Levi
Disowned
A Testimony of denial against Thomas Smith (son of Levi) was
signed in this meeting and the Clerk is ordered to read the same
Publickly as Usual, and make report thereof to our next monthly
meeting; and Caleb Russell is appointed to Inform said Thomas
of his denial and make report next Monthly meeting

Collected in paper Currency --- 50 - 9 - 10
In Silver Currency --- 1 - 1 - 8 1/2

adjourned
This Meeting Adjourns to the 29th Instant after the meeting of Worship
which is to begin at the 11th hour

met
Met by adjournment the 24th of the 6th month 1779
The Representatives being Called both present

P. Gifford
in continuation
The Committee appointed to confer with Peleg Gifford Jun^r make report
that they have met and treated with him on the account of his
outgoings but he not giving them full satisfaction the matter is
referred under the care of said Committee to next monthly meeting
who are then to make report

Certificate
for removal
of Paul
Certificates were signed in this meeting for Hizekiah Smith and
Paul Cornel, the first directed to the monthly meeting of Oblong or
Nine Partners, the latter to the monthly meeting of East Hoosuck or
Saratoga

J. Potters
case dispute
settled
The matter concerning John Potters is suspended by reason things
are not fully Clear therefore William Anthony Jun^r and Samuel Smith
are desired to Inform him of his deficiencies as soon as opportunity
will allow and they also are to proceed in such measures relative to
to said matter as they may think best and make return to the
meeting when they have accomplished the same

D. Shepard
request a
Certificate
Daniel Sheppard desires A Certificate to Sandwich monthly meeting
settling both his right of membership and Clearness of Marriage Entanglement,
therefore William Barker and William Sanford are appointed
to take the necessary care therein and report next monthly meeting

B. Sawdy
request a
Certificate
Benjamin Sawdy desires a removal Certificate to East Hoosuck or
Saratoga Monthly meeting; therefore William Mosher and Abiel Gifford
are appointed to take the necessary care in that affair and make
Report next monthly meeting

Complaint
against
P. Sticum
The Overseers Inform that Paul Sticum is accused of the sin of
Fornication with Rhoda Reed who accuses him of being the father
of her Bastard Child, and said Overseers having Laboured with
him on that account, he nowise Clearing himself from said accusation
Therefore

month
1779 Therefore this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Howland^{sr} and Thomas
Hicks, to Treat further with him on that account and if he do not give
their satisfaction to draw a paper of denial against him and bring it
to next monthly meeting

Deaths record
The Women Friends inform that they have received Anna Butts under
their care; also they have disowned Mary Wood wife of Abraham Wood
and Abigail Howland Wife of Isaac Howland all which this meeting
Concurs with

Certificates for
Deaths &
Underhill
was answered
This Meeting signed certificates for our Friends David Sands
Solomon Underhill and Joseph Walter directed to the monthly meeting
they belong to Certifying our Unity with their publick Testimony
and Labour whilst among us

representatives
appointed
The Queries were Answered and an Epistle signed in this meeting
and Ordered forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives
who are Samuel Smith Abiel Gifford Joseph Tucke Jun^r and William
Anthony Jun^r and they to report next monthly meeting

month 1779
At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 7th month 1779
The Representatives are William Barke and Abiel Gifford present

The cost of
Bowditch Jun^r
referred
The friends appointed to Treat with William Bowditch Jun^r Report
that they have had Conference with him and that he hath given
them a good degree of Satisfaction and he hath given in a paper
to this meeting condemning his outgoing; yet the matter is referred
to next monthly meeting for a further proof of his sincerity and the
said friends to have the oversight of his Conducts and to report next
Monthly meeting

Thomas's
denial read
The Clerk reports he hath read the Testimony of denial against
Thomas Smith as directed last monthly meeting, and Caleb Russell
Reports he hath informed him thereof according to appointment
which is followeth

Testimony of
denial against
Smith
Whereas Thomas Smith (son of Levi Smith deceased) in the Town of
Dartmouth and Province of the Massachusetts Bay, Having had his
Education among friends, but through unwearfulness, had disregard-
ing the Testimony of Truth in his own heart, have so far deviated
from the peaceable Principle we profess, as to take up Arms
in order for War, and friends having Laboured with him in love to
show him the Error of his way but their Labour of Love not having the
desired effect: Therefore this meeting is concerned to give this forth
as a publick Testimony, denying him the said Thomas Smith from
being a member of our Society, and from under the care of this
meeting; Nevertheless desiring, if he consistent with Divine Wisdom
that he might yet come to a right and sense of the Error of his way
and return to the way of Truth.
Given forth by friends at their Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth
The 21st of the 6th month 1779

Signed in and by order of said meeting by
William Anthony Jun^r Clerk

Certificate for
Sawdy Wife
& Children
A Removal Certificate for Benjamin Sawdy his Wife and their
Children directed to the monthly meeting at East Hoosuck or Saratoga
was signed in this meeting they having gone there to dwell

Certificate for
Shepherd
A Certificate for Daniel Shepard directed to the monthly meeting of
Sandwich, settling his clearness in regard to marriage and conversation
was signed in this meeting by the Clerk

7th month 1779 The friends continued in the case of Deley Gifford but make report that they not being fully satisfied therein request it still continued which is accordingly continued to next monthly meeting under the care of the same friends as heretofore and then they make report

The friends appointed to Labour with Paul Slocum report that they have fulfilled the same, and that he did not give them satisfaction therefore they have produced a Testimony of denial which was signed against him the said Paul Slocum, by the Clerk who is directed to read the same publicly as usual and make report to our next monthly meeting; and William Barker is appointed to Inform him thereof and report next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting Report they all attended according to appointment and have produced an Epistle from the same which hath been read and well accepted; together with Transcripts of Epistles from London and Philadelphia which were also read, and the Seapable advices therein Communicated to us well received

The friends appointed some months past to Labour with John Akin Report they have fulfilled their appointments, and that he gave them no satisfaction. Therefore he the said John Akin is disowned from being in Membership with us, and John Williams is appointed to Inform him of his denial also to draw a Testimony of his denial, and bring it to next monthly meeting

The Women Friends Inform that they have deny'd Anne Mott wife of Jacob Mott which this meeting concurs with

This meeting hath signed and sent a Certificate or Information to the Committee appointed by the meeting for suffering, agreeable to said meeting Requests concerning Samuel Smith a member of this meeting who is taken and carried into New York and there remained a Prisoner under distressed Circumstances by the last account we had from him the said Samuel

This Meeting being Informed that our Friend Seth Huddleston is Draughted as a Soldier and is required to appear at Fenton within a few days for that purpose, Therefore this meeting thinks proper and hath given him a Certificate, setting forth his being a member among us Also do appoint our friends Abiel Gifford John Williams and William Anthony Junr. To assist him in all things relative thereto in order for his release, and other things as they in the Wisdom of Truth shall think best

This meeting Collected in paper -- 7-7-0
Collected in Silver -- 0-12-3

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 15th of 8th month 1779 The Representatives are Abiel Gifford and John Bevil present

The Committee who had the oversight of the conduct of William Bowditch Junr report, they have seen nothing amiss in him since last Monthly meeting yet the matter is referred to next monthly meeting and the same friends to have the oversight of him and report next Monthly meeting

The Clerk reports that the Testimony against Paul Slocum hath been Read as ordered, also William Barker reports he is informed as ordered which Testimony is as followeth

Whereas Paul Slocum (son of Benjamin Slocum and Thebe his wife) Having had his Education among friends under the care of this meeting yet by departing from the Testimony of Truth in his own heart hath so far gone astray as to fall into the reproachful Sin of Fornication as appears by the accusation of Rhoda Reads and friends having Laboured with him in Love in order to discover to him the evil thereof, and to restore him to the way of Truth, But our Labour of Love

But our Labour of Love not being Effectual to the Satisfaction of this meeting; Therefore for the Preservation of Truth, and friends from the Reproach of such Enormous evil this meeting is concerned to give this forth as a publick Testimony against him hereby disowning him the said Paul Slocum from being one of our Society, and from under the Care of friends; Desiring never the less if it be agreeable to divine Pleasure that he may yet find a place of Repentance, and by an unfeigned acknowledgment of the Evil of his way return to the way of Truth Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 7th month 1779 by William Anthony Junr Clerk

The Friends appointed to Inform John Akin of his Denial and draw a Testimony against him report that it is not accomplished by reason said Akin being gone from home; Therefore the said friends are desired to accomplish the same as soon as may be and make report to this meeting

Jonathan Clark Informs he is about to Remove with his wife and Kilde within the Compass of Nine Particu Monthly meeting, and desires a Certificate therefore Benjamin Chase and Abiel Gifford are appointed to Inform the Women and take the necessary Care therein and draw a Certificate if they think proper and bring to next monthly meeting

The Committee in regard to Deley Gifford Junr Report that they have fulfilled their appointment and things not appearing fully clear to accept him, and said Committee being Dissatisfied by their request And Joseph Tucker Jesse Barker and Benjamin Rider are now appointed to Treat with him the said Gifford and make report next monthly meeting

The Women Friends Inform they have Denied Sarah Howland now Wife of Warren Howland; And that they have Received into membership Hannah Willbore which this meeting concurs with

The Treasurer Reports he hath paid William Ricketson Three dollars hard money as ordered and also paid Deley Gifford four dollar as ordered Likewise in hard money

Cornelius Howland having returned this meeting a Certificate that he formerly had to go to Sea; And now again request a Certificate also to go to Sea; Therefore Benjamin Smith Junr, Samuel Smith and William Anthony Junr are appointed to inspect into the Circumstances of the Voyage that he intends, and draw and sign such a Certificate for him in behalf of this meeting as they may think proper, and make report thereof to next monthly meeting

The Treasurer is ordered to pay Timothy Howland five dollars for keeping the meeting house half a year or the Value thereof in paper Collected in paper Currency -- 4-4-0
Collected in Silver Currency -- 0-14-1

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 20th of 9th month 1779 The Representatives are Joseph Barker and John Williams Present

The friends appointed to have the oversight of William Bowditch Junr make report to this faction, and his paper again Read this meeting doth conclude to accept of the same, provided he cause the same to be Read publicly at the Close of a publick meeting for Worship on first day, he being present, and return the same to next monthly meeting, said paper is as followeth

To a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 19th of 7th month 1779 Under a due Consideration of my misconduct in time past, I publish these lines in duty to a Society Whome I have reproached, by being seduced

9th month 1779 Seduced by the Enemy to Fornication, and have Contracted marriage Contrary to the proper order of Friends, and must Confess I have not been attendant to the several meetings of friends as becometh a member of the Society: which exorbitant behaviour I acknowledge as a dishonour to the worthy Society profession of friends, and with sorrow unfeigned I condemn whereof I am guilty; and desire Friends to pass by my offence and get to number me amongst them
From your unfeigned friend William Bowdish Jun

Benjamin Gifford Jun
The Friends appointed to confer with Benjamin Gifford Jun. make a satisfactory report in regard to his request. Therefore he is now Received under the care of this meeting as a member of our Society

Certificate for J. Clark referred
The Friends appointed in regard to Jonathan Clark's Certificate Report they have been in a progress in that matter, but some of his affairs not being fully settled, the matter is referred to next monthly meeting, and the friends continued in said Service and then they to make report

J. Akin
The friends appointed to draw a Testimony of denial against John Akin, have accomplished the same, which hath been Read and signed in this meeting and the Clerk is ordered to read it publicly as usual and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting, they also report they have informed him of his denial agreeable to appointment; which is as followeth

Testimony of denial against J. Akin
Whereas John Akin having had a Right of membership with us but hath so far deviated from our Christian profession as to appear with a Military Company under Arms in order for defence for which he hath been Laboured with in Love in order to reclaim him, but it not having the desired Effect, and he continuing to justify the said Practices, or rather not to retract it, we think it necessary for the Clearing of Truth and friends to give this forth as a publick Testimony against him.
Nevertheless it is our desire that he may yet be convinced of the Impropriety of bearing arms under the Gospel Dispensation, and return Given forth at our Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 25th of 9th Mo 1779
Signed on and on behalf of said meeting by
William Anthony Jun Clerk

Certificate for C. Howland
The friends appointed to draw and Certificate for Cornelius Howland report they have fulfilled the same

J. Howland not paid
The Treasurer not having paid Timothy Howland as ordered for want of money as we understand he is ordered to pay the same when furnished with money, and make report next monthly meeting

The case of J. Gifford
Two of the friends appointed to Treat with Peleg Gifford Jun. Report they have Treated with him, but that he did not fully comply Continued to Condemn his conduct to friends satisfaction; but inasmuch as one of said friends was not there with the others two when they Treated with him by reason of disappointment, therefore they are still continued to Treat with him and if he do not give them satisfaction they are ordered to draw a paper of denial against him and bring to next monthly meeting

A Committee
It being recommended to this meeting, by a Committee of the Quarterly appointed meeting, to appoint a Committee to confer with them on the weighty subject of Erecting schools for the better Education of our youth
This meeting doth appoint Thomas Hicks, Elijah Gifford, Caleb Russell, Caleb Green, Joseph Barker, William Anthony Jun, John Devoal and John Williams for that Service

J. Russell
Certificate that this meeting some time ago granted to B. Ricketson, John Russell and Benjamin Ricketson directed to East Hoosuck Monthly

Monthly meeting are now returned with Indorsements to Each Settling for the orderly conduct of said friends while there, they being now Returned home
Collected in paper 14 0 0
Collected in Silver 00 15 2

This Meeting Adjourns to the 27th Instant at the Eleventh Hour
Met by adjournment the 27th of 9th month 1779
The Representatives being called both Present

Complaint
This Meeting being Informed by the Preparative meeting and Overseer That Stephen Russell hath Married out of the Unity of Friends after being previously Cautioned to desist by the Overseer: Therefore the said Stephen Russell is denied from Membership in the Society and Joseph Barker is appointed to Inform him hereof and make report to next monthly meeting

George Smith
George Smith having Requested at the Preparative meeting that his Children might be Received into Membership with us: But he the said George not appearing at this meeting to Continue his request it is therefore referred to next monthly meeting for further Consideration by way of private meetings

Complaint against Howland
The Overseer Informs that Humphrey Howland (son of Benjamin) hath been in the practice of going to horse races and suffering his own beast to run; and he likewise doth very much depart from that plainness of apparel, and other wise; that Truth require; after being frequently spoken to on that account by friends: Therefore this meeting doth appoint Caleb Russell, Elijah Gifford and John Devoal to Labour further with him on those accounts and make report next monthly meeting also to draw a paper of denial against him if he do not make them satisfaction

Meetings discontinued
This Meeting doth hereby discontinue all our week day meetings within the Camp of this meeting for next week only, they being so near the time of the Quarterly meeting

Epistles received
Received a Transcript of the Epistle of the last yearly meeting of Friends on Long Island, together with one from our last yearly meeting which were both Read and the Reasonable advice therein given well accepted

Queries answered
The Queries were answered and an Epistle signed in this meeting and ordered forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives Who are Caleb Russell, Joseph Barker, William Anthony Jun, Samuel Smith, Abiel Gifford and John Williams, and they to report next monthly meeting

A Report of a Committee
A Report of a Committee formerly appointed by this meeting to Inspec into the birthright of Children hath been now Read and Considered, and being approved is as followeth

Agreeable to appointment
We have Considered the matter respecting our members Who have a proper Birthright; and we find that in or about the year 1763 our monthly meeting came into the same measure nearly as in said matter as the yearly meeting did afterwards in the year 1774 which was then Established as a Rule in the Society: Wherefore we think the same Rule with us ought to begin in the first month 1763 unto which Rule we refer, as our Rule to be govern'd by; and we further think that the former Rules and customs of our meeting ought to remain and stand that the former Rules and customs of our meeting ought to remain and stand down to said date of the first month 1763 which was as near as we can Collect as followeth (viz) that all such Children, whose parents or even a father only were members, such Children were deemed members, whether such parent or parents requested for their admission or not, or whether such parents were members by Birthright or otherwise

Given forth this 12 day of the 3rd month 1777
Prince Allen
Thomas Hicks
Benjamin Smith Jun
Samuel Smith
William Anthony Jun

10th month 1779
Att a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of 10th month 1779
The Representatives are William Myster and William Gifford present
William Bowditch's Paper having been Read as directed last month's meeting is now returned and accepted

A Removal Certificate for Jonathan Clark and his wife Susanna and their Children was signed in this meeting by the Clerk directed to the monthly meeting at the Nine Fortlet hers they being about to remove there: the names of their Children being entered in said Certificate are as followeth Lydia Philip Elizabeth Jonathan and Ruth

Treasurer Reports he hath paid Timothy Howland as ordered

The Clerk reports he hath Read the paper of denial against John Akin according to appointment of last monthly meeting

The Committee appointed at our last Monthly meeting to Confer with the Quarterly meetings Committee on the case of Erecting Schools make Report, that they have had a Conference accordingly and that they have fallen in with the measures Recommended by our last yearly meeting: And said Quarterly meetings Committee have advised that Each monthly meeting chuse a Solid Judicious Committee to have the standing oversight of such Schools, and to see that they be Erected accordingly: Therefore this meeting doth appoint Abiel Gifford Caleb Russell William Anthony Junr John Williams Elijah Gifford Jonathan Willbour Caleb Green John Devol and Samuel Smith for that purpose

Joseph Barker reports that he hath informed Stephen Russell of his denial agreeable to appointment

The Committee continued to Treat Deleg Gifford Junr Reports that he did not give them full satisfaction: Therefore they have produced a paper of denial against him which was signed; and Joseph Tucker is appointed to Inform thereof, and that he hath a Right of an appeal, And said paper to Lay on file untill the time of appeal is expired, and then the Clerk to read the same Publickly in the usual manner and make report to this meeting when he hath performed the same

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting being called upon make report that they all attended agreeable to appointment And have produced an Epistle from the same which hath been Read and well accepted: And as there is money requested to supply the yearly meeting stock the matter for raising the same is referred to the adjournment of this meeting

Collected in Silver money - 0 - 10 - 7
Collected in paper Currency - 11 - - 7 - 0

This Meeting adjourns to the 27th instant after the meeting of Worship

Mett by adjournment the 27th of the 10th month 1779
The representatives being called both Present

The matter in Regard to George Smiths Request concerning his Children is referred to next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to Labour with Humphry Howland having proceeded in that service, but being fully Clear in the case request the matter referred to next monthly meeting and they continued in that service, and then they to make report

Stephen Gifford and Stephen Russell Each gave in a paper to this meeting Condemning their misconduct, and the day being now far spent, said matters are referred to next monthly meeting

of acknowledgement referred

The Time Granted for holding meetings at Bedford being now Expired The Friends that had the Oversight thereof being called upon make report that it hath been kept up orderly as usually and Request it Continued as usual which is granted until the 4th month next year - And Seth Russell John Williams and Benjamin Taber are appointed to have the Oversight thereof and to make report at the Expiration thereof

This Meeting concludes that all our meetings for the future begin at the Eleventh hour until otherwise ordered by this meeting Excepting only that at Bedford which is to be held as heretofore

The matter of raising money to supply the yearly meeting Treasury is referred to next monthly meeting

Att a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of the 11th month 1779
The Representatives are Benjamin Smith and Thomas Mott Present

Joseph Tucker not being present to make report concerning his Informing Deleg Gifford Junr of his denial therefore that matter is referred to next monthly meeting and then he to make report

George Smith having Requested for his Children to be taken under the Friends Care, Therefore this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Smith and William Anthony Junr to Join with the Women friends and visit the Family in a Solid manner, and acquaint themselves of the State thereof and make report to the next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to Treat with Humphry Howland make report that they have conferred with him on the account of his out goings and that he gave consent to refrain therefrom in future and gave in a paper condemning the same Therefore the same Committee are continued in said service and to make report next monthly meeting

This meeting doth appoint Thomas Seth Joseph Barker and Benjamin Howland to treat with Stephen Russell, and Stephen Gifford, in regard to their misconduct, which they and each of them gave in a paper to this meeting Signifying their sorrow for the same, and Requesting therein to be Restored to unity with friends again and the Committee to make report to next monthly meeting

Nathaniel Gifford gave in a paper to this meeting condemning his being concerned in a forswearance, Therefore this meeting doth appoint Elijah Gifford and Samuel Smith to confer with him on that account and to report to next monthly meeting

This meeting hath Received advice and direction from the Quarterly meetings School Committee, in regard to Erecting Schools, which is well accepted, & Continued to be conform'd to by this meeting

Also received from said Committee Rules for Regulating of such Schools which are recommended to this meetings, School shall or may act in behalf of the whole Five of whom this meeting then orders shall or may do what be needful in that matter as often as conveniently as they can or as need may require

This meeting being directed by the Quarterly meeting to raise money by way of subscription to supply the yearly meeting stock, Therefore this meeting doth appoint Thomas Mott Henry Smith, Seth Russell, Daniel Gifford, Timothy Howland, and Daniel Richardson to take in Subscriptions for that purpose and to pay as the money so subscribed to this meetings Treasurer, and make report of the sum Total to this meeting as soon as they have accomplished the same

John Howland and Reliance Shepherd declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, and were desired to write till next monthly meeting for their answers and our friends Caleb Russell and John Williams are appointed to inquire into John Howlands Cleanness in regard to marriage and make report next monthly meeting

This meeting hath signed a Removal Certificate for Anne Shepherd a young Daughter of David Shepherd, to the Monthly meeting of the Oblong the said Anne gone there to Live

11th month 1779 The Women Friends, Inform they have Received a Removal Certificate for Rhoda Gifford Wife of Stephen Gifford from the monthly meeting of Accasset. They also Inform they have disowned Jean Smith Wife of David Smith and this meeting hath signed a Testimony against her in concurrence with the Womens meetings; and the Clerk of this meeting is directed to Read said Testimony Publicly in the usual manner and make report to next monthly meeting.

This meeting Collected in hand money - 0 - 14 - 6
in paper money - 16 - - 15 - - 0

Conclude to mend the fence
This meeting concludes to meet in General to Erect and mend up the fence Round this meeting house yard on the 27th Instant If fair weather if not the 29th.

Adjourn
This meeting Adjourns to the 24th Instant after the meeting of Worship
Mett by adjournment the 24th of the 11th month 1779
The Representatives being Called Benjamin Smith 2^d Present Thomas, Most not present

Wood gave in a paper
Chilon Wood gave in a paper Condemning his marrying out of the land of Friends; therefore we appoint Elijah Gifford and Jonathan Willbor to have the care of that matter; and to endeavour to discover the sincerity of the young man in his condemning said matter and make report next months meeting

Sherman and Russell gave in papers
Caleb Sherman and Gilbert Russell each gave in a paper condemning their joining with companies in a Warlike and Strand Guard (as they call it) Therefore we appoint Williams Sanford Joseph Tucker and John Williams to have an opportunity sold conference with them in order to discover their sincerity in that matter and make report next monthly meeting

Devol
John Devol Informed that he hath thoughts of going to the Nine Partners to visit his friends and we concurring therewith as he is a member of our meeting and under of our care - And

Howland
Gedion Howland he is going to East Hoosuck and Nine partners to visit his friends and he being a member of this meeting and under our care therefore the Clerk is ordered to give each of them a Copy of this to give a copy minute

Howland gave in a bill
Abraham Howland gave in a bill for keeping Alice Smith to the amount of 1 - 12 - 7 hand money and the Treasurer is ordered to said account and make report next monthly meeting

Choosing over
The year being Expired of the Overseers of the Poor, but a new Society of choice is referd, and said Overseers continued until next monthly meeting

We appoint our Friends
We appoint our Friends Thomas Hicks Benjamin Smith 2^d John Williams and William Anthony Jun^r to revise and Correct this meetings minutes in order to go on Re-con-
Also to settle account with the Treasurer and make report next monthly meeting

W Barker
William Barker Jun^r being returned from East Hoosuck with his Certificate returned us that went from this meeting which is now accepted

J Barker
James Barker returned his Certificate from East Hoosuck with their Indorsement thereon to satisfaction; and now request from us a removal Certificate one to Hoosuck monthly meeting; Therefore we appoint William Sanford and William Anthony Jun^r to take the Necessary care therein; and draw and sign one in behalf of this meeting if they think fit and make report next monthly meeting

12th month 1779
A Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 20th of 12th month 1779
The Representatives are Samuel Smith and Nicholas Lapham Present

J Tucker
Joseph Tucker Jun^r reports he hath Informd Peleg Gifford Jun^r of his denial Denial according to appointment

Smith's children
Benjamin Smith 2^d and William Anthony Jun^r Reports they have visited George Smiths family on his request for his Children to be received under Friends Care, and that they found good Satisfaction therein; Therefore this meeting doth accept of said Children to be under the care of this meeting whose names are Abner, Ruth, Rhobe and William

Part of the Committee appointed to confer with Humphrey Howland Report that they not having fully accomplished this matter and request it continued. Therefore it is referd to next monthly meeting and the same Committee still Continued in said Service and to report next monthly meeting

Part of the Committee appointed to Treat with Nathaniel Gifford in regard to his being concern'd in a horse race, make report that he gave them Satisfaction; Therefore this meeting doth accept of his paper condemning his said disorder for Satisfaction

The friends appointed to Inquire into the Clearness of John Howland Report, they find nothing hinder his proceeding in marriage with Reliance Shepherd

The Clerk reports he hath Read the Testimon of denial against Jane Smith according to appointment

This meeting signed a removal Certificate for Ruth Ligon wife of Job Ligon to the monthly meeting of Accasset

John Howland and Reliance Shepherd appeared for their Answer - Which was that they might proceed to take each other in marriage in some convenient times before next monthly meeting; advising with the friends this meeting shall appoint to oversee said marriage who are Caleb Russell and Benjamin Taber, and they to make report next monthly meeting

Nathaniel Gifford and Mehetabel Trassford declared their Intentions of Taking each other in marriage, and were desired to wait till next monthly meeting for their answer; and Jonathan Willbor and Thomas Hicks are appointed to make inquiry into the young mans Clearness respecting marriage; and to make report next monthly meeting

The Treasurer not having paid Abraham Howland by reason he hath not called for it, he is still ordered to pay the same if called for and make report next monthly meeting

John Barker having signified to this meeting of his Intention to take a Journey with his brother James into the Government of New York and expects to be at some meetings in them parts; Which this meeting approves of he being a member of Society and a member of this meeting and the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy hereof

The Friends appointed to Treat with Caleb Russell Sherman and Gilbert Russell report they have not fully accomplished the same (tho' made some progress therein) therefore the matter is referd to next monthly meeting and the same friends continued in said Service and then to report

Daniel Shepherd request a Removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting at Sandwich, Therefore William Sanford and William Barker are appointed to make due inquiry into his Clearness and draw one for him if they find things clear and bring it to next monthly meeting

Philip Macomber his Wife and Children having requested to come under the care of Friends; Therefore this meeting doth appoint Thomas Hicks and William Anthony Jun^r to have a sold Conference with them in Concurrence with the Women friends in order to discover the motives of their request and to make report to next monthly meeting

The Overseer Inform that James Howland hath been a Voyage to sea as Master of a Vessel that Carried Armes for War, and they having treated with him on that account, he rather Justified himself therein Therefore this meeting doth appoint Caleb Russell and John Williams to Treat further with him on that account and make report to next monthly meeting

This meeting hath Collected In hand money - 0 - 2 - 6
In Paper money - 12 - 18 - 0

This meeting Adjourns to the 23rd Instant after the meeting for Worship next

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12th month 1779 Mett by Adjournment the 29th of the 12th month 1779
The Representatives being called both Present

The case of Russell & Gifford in that service and then they to make report

The matter Respecting Stephen Russell and Stephen Gifford not being accomplished are referred to next monthly meeting and the friends continued in that service

The friends appointed to Treat with Chilton Wood make report that he gave them a degree of satisfaction, and his paper condemning his marrying out of the Unity of friends, being again Read is accepted for satisfaction

The matter of a new choice of overseers of the poor is referred to next Monthly meeting and those of the former choice Continued until a new choice is made

The Committee appointed to Revise and Correct this meetings minutes And to settle account with the Treasurer not having accomplished the same they are still continued to performe the same and to make report next monthly meeting

This meeting understanding that our Books have been much scattered a broad, therefore this meeting appoints Thomas Hicks, Jonathan Willcox, an Daniel Nicholson to Collect said Books together and make out a fair List of them; and also to prepare a suitable chest to put them in at this meetings house that they may be for the general service of friends And said Committee to make report of their service herein, and also return said List of the Books to next monthly meeting

The times of the former appointment of Overseers being Expired a New choice is referred to next Monthly meeting and they continued in that until then

This Meeting Adjourns to the 6th Day of next month

Mett by adjournment the 5th day of the 1st month 1780
The Representatives being called Samuel Smith present Nicholas Lapham not present

The Queries were answered in this meeting and an Epistle signed and directed to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Samuel Smith, Abiel Gifford, William Anthony Jun^r and

Gideon Howland; And they are directed to draw the sum of 40^l paper money; and 30 Shillings Silver money out of our Treasury, and pay the same to the yearly meetings, Treasurer to Supply the yearly meetings with meat for stock, and make report next Monthly meeting

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 17th of 1st month 1780
The Representatives be William Barker and Abraham Howland present

The Committee appointed to Confer with Philip Macomber and Family report that they have not fully accomplished said appointment referred. Therefore the same friends are still continued in said service and to make report to next monthly meeting

A Removal Certificate directed to the Monthly meeting of Southwick for B. Ship was signed in this meeting for Daniel Shephard

The friends appointed to Overseer the Marriage of John Howland and Elizabeth Reliance Shephard report that they attended said marriage and that it marriage orderly solemnized

The Friends appointed to Treat with Humphry Howland report that they have several times Treated with him on that account and altho in some respects he gave a degree of satisfaction, but for a further Proof of his Sincerity said matter is referred to next monthly meeting and they are then to make report

The friends appointed to Treat with Gilbert Russell report that they have not fulfilled their appointment by reason of the difficulty of the weather they are still continued to performe it & report next monthly meeting

But

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Treated
But The same Friends report they have with Caleb Shearman who gave them satisfaction; Therefore his paper Condemning his disorder is not accepted. Provided he cause the same to be Read publicly in the usual manner, and Return the same to next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to Treat with James Howland for his disorder make report, they have performed the same, and that he did not give them satisfaction; Therefore he is disowned from being a Member of our Society, And John Williams is appointed to draw a Testimony of denial against him, and also to Inform him thereof, and bring it to next Monthly meeting

The Women friends Inform that they have Received into Memberships Lydia Hudleston Wife of Seth Hudleston, which meeting hath Unity with

This meeting hath signed Testimonys of denials against Elizabeth Gifford and Hannah Willcox, and the Clerk is ordered to read publicly in the usual manner, and to make report next monthly meeting

The greater part of the Committee appointed to confer with Stephen Gifford, report that they have performed the same who gave a good degree of satisfaction; Therefore his paper which he hath given Condemning his misconduct is accepted provided he cause the same to be publicly Read as usual and Return the same to next monthly meeting

This Meeting is Informed by a minuit of the meeting for Sufferings That a Number of John Churchmans Journals, which they had Engaged are now ready; and advise that Friends would send up their Subscriptions with their money at two-thirds of a Silver dollar per Book to the next meeting for Sufferings - and our friends Samuel Smith William Misher and John Williams to take in Subscriptions and make report to the adjournment of this meeting

This meeting Collected in hard money --- 2 5 6
In paper money --- 11 12 0

This Meeting adjourns to the 26th Instant after the meeting for Worship
Mett by adjournment the 26th of the 1st month 1780
The Representatives being called both Present

The friends appointed to inquire into the Clearens of Nathaniel Gifford Respecting his former marriage make report, that they have made inquiry and do not find any thing sufficient to hinder their proceeding in marriage

The friends appointed to Treat with Stephen Russell report they have seen with him and had a Conference with him on the account of his disorder and think best the matter be continued, therefore the matter is referred to next monthly meeting and the same friends continued in said service and then they to make report

Nathaniel Gifford and Mehetabel Trafford appeared for their Answer which was, that they might take each other in marriage in some convenient time before next monthly meeting advising with the friends this meeting shall appoint to Overseer the same, who are Elijah Gifford and Jonathan Willcox and they to make report next monthly meeting

This Meeting appoints Elijah Gifford, Gideon Howland, Caleb Green Abraham Howland, Giles Noicum, and Thomas Russell Overseers of the Poor for the year Ingoing

The Friends appointed to Revise and Correct this meetings minutes, and to settle accounts with the Treasurer reports they have not accomplished the same they are therefore continued in said service and make report next Monthly meeting

The friend appointed to raise money by way of Subscription have a now made report. Report of the sum total is Collected which is 508 10 8 In paper and 2 3 4 in hard money which they have delivered to the Treasurer of this meeting

But

1st month
1780
overseers for the year ensuing
This meeting appointed Abiel Gifford, Benjamin Smith 2^d, Benjamin Howland 2^d, Seth Huddleston, Caleb Russell, and Benjamin Taber

The Women friends Inform they have received Grace Gifford into unity which this meeting concurs with

Report of Friends attended Quarterly meeting
The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Report they attended agreeable to appointment and have produced an Epistle from the same which hath been Read and well accepted: The said friends also report they have sent the money to be conveyed to the yearly meeting Treasury, which was sent by them

The Quarterly meetings by their Epistle have commended to us to appoint a Committee to Enquire their Committee to confer the matter of Enlarging Sandwich Quarterly meeting by joining part of this Quarter there to which this meeting doth refer to next monthly meeting for further Consideration

The friends appointed in regard to this meetings Books and to procure a box to put them in, report they have produced a box and produced the same to this house, and they have likewise been in a progress to Collect said Book, but have not fully accomplished the same, they are therefore Continued in said service and make report next monthly meeting

The friend appointed to Treat with Gilbert Russell that they have fulfilled their appointment therein and that he gave them a degree of satisfaction: therefore this meeting doth Except of his paper Condemning his disorder, provided he cause the same to be read publicly in the usual manner and returne same to next monthly meeting

The Friend Continued to have the care of Humphry Howland report that he hath given them a degree of satisfaction yet there appearing something in his Habit that friends are not fully with therefore it is Referred to next monthly meeting under the care of the same friends as before

These two Last Paragraphs belong to the third month, but were Entered hear through mistake: Therefore they are Re-Entered again in their proper place

2nd month
1780
Att a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 20th 2nd month 1780
The Representatives are Joseph Baker and Jonathan Willbor present

Maccomber
Received under friends care
The friends Continued to confer with Philip Maccomber and Children Report that they have fulfilled the same who gave them a good degree of satisfaction: Therefore this meeting doth accept of him the said Philip Maccomber and his three sons Namely, Gardner, Barabab and Abraham to be under the care of this meeting

The case of Howland referred
The matter respecting Humphry Howland is referred to next monthly meeting under the care of the same friends as before who are then to report

Received a Certificate for John Howland who has removed hear the same setting forth him to be a member of the Society which is accepted

The case of Russell referred
The friends appointed to Treat with Gilbert Russell make report that they have not accomplished the same by reason of some indisposition of body and some dis-appointment: Therefore they are still continued in said service and to make report next monthly meeting

Caleb Shearman having caused his paper to be read as Expressed last monthly meeting with is accepted for satisfaction

1st month
1780
A Paper of Denial against James Howland was signed in this meeting and the Clerk is ordered to read the same publicly at the Close of a meeting of Worship on first day of the week and to make report thereof next monthly meeting and John Williams report, he hath informed said Howland as desired

The Clerk reports that the Testimony against Elizabeth Gifford and Hannah Wilcock have been Read as ordered last monthly meeting

Stephen Gifford paper having been read as ordered is now accepted for satisfaction - and is as followeth

To the monthly meeting next to be held at Danaganset on the 18th of the 10th month 1779. Dear friend - Whom I some time past have so far departed from the Principles of Truth as to fall into the Sin of Fornication as appears by my wives having a Child to her after marriage, for which misconduct I am humbly sorry for and do condemn, desiring God may forgive me, and that friends would so far pass this mine offence by as to let me remain under their Care, from your unspiesing friend
Stephen Gifford

The friends appointed in the case of Stephen Russell report they have taken the necessary care in that respect, but think best said matter be continued, therefore it is referred to next monthly meeting under the care of said friends who we then to make report

The Friends appointed to Oversee the marriage of Nathaniel Gifford and Nehelbel Trassford report they attended the same which was orderly accomplished as far as they could discover

The friends appointed to Revise and Correct this meetings minutes and to settle account with the Treasurer make report they have settled the same, and have Left said minutes with Clerk to go on record - They also report there remains in the Treasury 297 - 2 - 0 in paper money and 4 - 2 - 6 in silver money

The matter in regard to Enlarging Sandwich Quarterly meeting having been under Consideration of this meeting, and divers friends Expressed their opinions. It is fered to next month meeting

A Removal Certificate for Benjamin Sawdy his Wife and Children was signed in this meeting directed to the monthly meeting at Saratog and East Hoopuck a former one having been Granted by this meeting which he hath not Received

Giden Howland hath given in an account for keeping Alice Smith from the 6th of the 6th month to the 28th of the 10th month 1779 being 20 week and 5 days at a silver Dollar pr week or the Value thereof, to be paid in such money as the meeting Collects, amounting in silver 200 full money to 26 - 5 - 0 which this meeting allow and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same and make report next monthly meeting

Humphry Russell and Belbiah Eldredh (after obtain consent of parents) Declared their Intentions taking each other in marriage and were desired to wait till next monthly meeting for their answer: and Benjamin Taber and Joseph Gifford are appointed to Inquire into the young mans Cleavness and to make report next monthly meeting

A few lines directed to the monthly meeting of Sandwich was signed in this meeting Informing them that Joshua Shearman and his son Joshua had some time past removal Certificates from this meeting and by Informa- tion had not delivered them

The friends appointed to Collect our Books report they have made some progress therein: they are still continued in said service and to report next monthly meeting

The Overseers Inform that James Bowditch hath married out of the Unity of Friends; and his wife hath had a Child soon after marriage: Therefore this meeting doth appoint John Williams and Seth Russell to Treat with him therefor and to make report to next monthly meeting
They also to draw a paper of denial against him if he do not make them satisfaction

2nd month
1780
A Ricketson
paper
order to pay
of Howland

Abraham Ricketson hath given in a paper to this meeting Condemning his former misconduct. Particularly forperverting for which he was Denied: Therefore this meeting doth appoint Thomas Hicks and Samuel Smith to confer with him on that account and make report next Monthly meeting

This meeting orders the Treasurer to pay Timothy Howland five dollars or the Value thereof in paper for keeping the meeting house half a year

This meeting Collected in paper --- 13 --- 13 --- 0
In Silver --- 00 --- 15 --- 5

3rd month
1780

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 3rd month 1780
The Representatives were Thomas Hicks and Benjamin Rider present

9th Russell
paper
Excepted

The Committee appointed to Treat with Gilbert Russell report that they have fulfilled their appointment therein, and that he gave them a Degree of Satisfaction: Therefore this meeting doth except this paper Condemning his misconducts Provided he Causeth the same to be read Publickly in the Usual manner and return the to next monthly meeting

H Howland
Case
Continued

The friends continued to have the care of Humphry Howland and report that he hath given them a degree of Satisfaction: Therefore this meeting yet these appearing something in his habit that friends are not fully Satisfied with therefore it is Refered to next monthly meeting under the care of the same friends as before in order for them to prevail upon him to discontinue wearing such apparel as well as to convince him of the Evil thereof, and to make report next monthly meeting

5th Russell
Received

The friends appointed to Treat with Aophe Russell report that they have had several conferences with him on the account of his disorder for which he was disowned) who hath given a degree of Satisfaction: Therefore he is Received into membership again

B. Locum
received

The Women friends Inform they have Received a Removal Certificate for Bethiah Locum wife of Jonathan Locum

H Willson
Certificate

This meeting hath signed a removal Certificate for Hannah Willson directed to the monthly meeting at the Ninepartners. She being about to Remove there

H Howland

The Clerk reports the Testimony of Denial against James Howland hath been read as ordered at our Last monthly meeting; which is as followeth

Whereas James Howland having made Profession with us the Testimony People called Quakers. But for want of adhering to the dictates of best Wisdom, hath so far deviated from our Christian principles, as to take the Command of an Armed Vessel for which he hath been Laboured with in Love to reclaim him from such practices: But our endeavors not having the desired Effect, and he declining to condemn the same. We are therefore Concerned to give this forth as a Testimony against such Conduct. Hereby disowning him from being a member of our Society until he shall come to a right and sense of his out-goings, and by unfeigned Repentance return to the way of Truth, which is our Earnest desire

Signed in and on behalf our Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of the 2nd month 1780

Report of
H Russell
Clearness
proceeding

The Friend appointed to Inquire into the clearness of Humphry Russell report they have made Inquiry and find nothing to hinder his proceeding

Answer
given to
H Russell

Humphry Russell and Bethiah Eldrich appeared for their answer which was that they might proceed to take each other in marriage in some convenient time before the next monthly meeting advising with the friends that this meeting shall appoint to oversee the same who are Benjamin Taber and William Anthony Suz and they to make report next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to collect this meetings books report they have been in a progress therein and they not being all collected. They are still continued in said service and to make report when they find freedom

2nd month
1780
W. Bowditch
Howland

The friends appointed to Treat with James Bowditch report they have fulfilled the same, but that he did not incline to make friends any Satisfaction. Therefore he is hereby disowned from being a member of our Society, and said friends have drafted a Testimony of Denial against said Bowditch which hath been Read and signed in this in this meeting and the Clerk is ordered to read the same publickly as usual, and report thereof next monthly meeting. And John Williams is appointed to inform said Bowditch of his denial and make report next monthly meeting

Continued

The friends appointed to confer with Abraham Ricketson report that hath gone away and that they have not had opportunity to Treat with him therefore they are still continued in said service and make report when they have accomplished the same

Howland
paid

The Treasurer reports he hath not paid Timothy Howland as ordered he is therefore directed to do it and make report to next monthly meeting

Certificate
applied for
Barber

David Barber Requested a Certificate for his son Asa Barber to the monthly meeting, Sandwich he being gone there to Live as an apprentice. Therefore Joseph Gifford and Joseph Taber Jun. are appointed to take the necessary care in that respect and to draw one for him and bring it next monthly meeting

Certificate
applied for
Hathaway

We being Informed that the Widow Hathaway and her family being about to remove from hence to Rhode Island to Live: Therefore Joseph Barber and Samuel Smith are appointed to take the needful care in that Respect and to draw a removal Certificate for them if they find things clear. They to Join with the Women friends in said case and report to next monthly meeting

H. Smith's
Certificate

There was a Certificate signed in this meeting by the Clerk for Ezekiah Smith directed to the monthly meeting at the Nine partners; so he hath thought of going there to make some stay in his Labour

Series answer
representative
Quart meeting next monthly meeting

The Queries were Answered in this Meeting, and an Epistle signed directed to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives William Hether, Samuel Smith, Thomas Hicks, William Anthony Suz and Abiel Gifford and they to report next monthly meeting

Howland
not paid

The Treasurer having not paid Gideon Howland he is desired to accomplish It and make report to next monthly meeting

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4th month
1780

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 17th of 4th month 1780
The Representatives were called John Devel present Elijah Gifford who was appointed at the Preparative meeting not present

Publick paper
read

Gilbert Russell caused his paper to be publickly Read and returned to this as ordered Last monthly meeting -- Which is as followeth

Which is as
follows

To the Preparative and Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Dartmouth the 10th of 11th month 1779
Whereas I some time past did Inconsiderately go on a Military Guard which I now am sorry for and do Condemn desiring friends to pay it by and let me remain under their Care from your friend Gilbert Russell

Howland
not refered

The matter of Humphry Howland is refered to next monthly meeting by reason but one of the Committee being present and the said Committee then to make report

Report of
Russell's
marriage

The Friends appointed to see Humphry Russell and Bethiah Eldriches Marriage solemnized report they attended said marriage and saw nothing but that it was in a degree orderly

Bowditch's
paper read

The Clerk Reports that James Bowditch's paper of Denial hath been Read as ordered, and John Williams report he hath informed said Bowditch of his denial -- Which is as followeth

Which is as
follows

Whereas James Bowditch having had a Right of membership with us the People called Quakers in Dartmouth. -- But for want of taken heed to the reproof of Infriction in his own heart hath so far gone a stray as to

6 month 1780

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 6th month 1780 The Representatives are Elijah Gifford Thomas Hicks and Benjamin Smith's all present

John Lloyd's Visit

Our Friend John Lloyd attended this meeting with a Certificate from the monthly meeting held at Quynedd in the County of Philadelphia Dated the 25th of 4th month 1780 which was Read to Satisfaction and his Visit and Labour in the service of the Gospel well accepted

Received a Certificate for Stephen Buffinton

Received a removal Certificate from the monthly meeting of Swazey bearing date the 5th of the 6th month 1780 For Stephen Buffinton his wife Sarah and their Children, they having removed here to reside

Howland paid

The Treasurer reports he hath paid Timothy Howland as ordered

Report of Barnabie Mosher marriage

The friends appointed to oversee the marriage of Barnabie Mosher and Ruth Anthony report they attended his marriage and did no see but that it was accomplished orderly

The case of S Shearman continued

The friends who were appointed to Treat with Joshua Shearman Senior and to draw a Testimony of Denial against Joshua Shearman Senior Request that matter may be referred to next monthly meeting as they have not had opportunity to accomplish the same

Complaint against Smith and son John

The Overseers Inform by way of the Preparative meeting that Joseph Smith and his son John, and William Taber and his son Edward have been in the practice of attending such meetings as are held out of the Unity of Friends; and that he the said John Smith hath allowed some of said meetings to be held in his own house, and said Overseers and other friends having laboured with them for their misconduct, but they still continue to persist in and justify the same, and much neglected the attending our meetings, therefore we appoint our friends, Elijah Gifford, Seth Russell, Thomas Hicks, John Devoe, Anathian Willbor, and William Anthony Junr. To labour further with them and to Endeavour in Love and meekness to convince them of the Evil tendency of such a practice and to restore them to unity with friends again; and to make report next monthly meeting

E Hathaway Certificate returned another sent

The Removal Certificate that was signed at our last monthly meeting for Elizabeth Hathaway and her Children being now returned by reason of another sent home incorrect, therein and another was ppated and signed in this meeting in the Lieu thereof

Queries answered

The Queries were Read and answers thereto prepared, approved and signed, and the Epistle to the Quarterly meeting Read, signed and sent to the said Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Able

Representatives to the Quarterly meeting

Elijah Gifford William Anthony Junr and Caleb Greene and they to make report next monthly meeting

The Treaty of alterations of the Quarterly meeting

This meeting hath been informed by one of the Committee appointed by our yearly meeting; that they are to Treat with this meeting respecting being added to Sandwich Quarter; And Requesting our attention by a Committee; which is referred to next monthly meeting

A Almy's Certificate received

The Women friend informs they have received a removal Certificate for Ann Almy from the monthly meeting of Rhode Island She having been removed here to Inhabit

Copy of the minutes

A Copy of the minutes respecting the Visit and service of our Friend John Lloyd was taken of and signed in this meeting by the Clerk; and delivered to him for his use when he may return home to his friend

7 month 1780

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 17th of 7th month 1780 The Representatives are Caleb Russell and William Mosher present

Report from Quarterly meeting

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended agreeable to appointment and have produced an Epistle from the same

1780

Which was Read to good acceptance, wherein is Recommended a Subscription to supply the yearly meeting Treasury with one hundred pounds

Books received

Copies of Epistles from our last yearly meeting, a written one from London of the year 1779 and one from Pennsylvania of the 9th month last were all read in this meeting to good Satisfaction

Removal Certificate

A removal Certificate for Jonathan Heart his wife Experience and their child Martha was read in this meeting and accepted they being removed here to Inhabit

The case of Shearman referred

The matter continued respecting Joshua Shearman and Joshua Shearman Junr not being fully satisfied they are still referred to next monthly meeting, and the same friends as before are continued in that service and to report to next monthly meeting

Howland and son John

The greater part of the friends appointed to Treat with Joseph Smith and son John, and William Taber and son Edward make report that they or the most of them, have accomplished said service, and that all and each one of them in particular, persisted to justify their misconduct in attending separate meetings without retracting the same; nor desiring Friends to wait further with them: Therefore this meeting taking the matter into Solved consideration, do conclude to disown the said Joseph Smith, his son John, and William Taber and his son Edward, and said Committee are appointed to draw a Testimony of Denial against them and Inform them thereof and bring it to next next monthly meeting

Committee appointed on account of closure of the Quarterly meeting

The matter in regard to appointing a Committee to Treat with the yearly meetings Committee respecting enlarging Sandwich Quarter was considered, and its appoint our Friends Samuel Smith Abel Gifford William Mosher, Caleb Russell, William Anthony Junr, Thomas Hicks, Elijah Gifford, and John Williams, for that service and to make report when they have accomplished the same

Benjamin Smith Junr

Benjamin Smith Junr hath given in an account to this meeting for keeping Alice Smith about 10 weeks in the year 1776 amounting to 16 sh 6d Tennot which is approved, and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same when supplied with money by this meeting

A Testimony of denial

A Testimony of denial against Stephen Mosher was signed in this meeting James Allen being about to take a Journey to East Hopkint and on the way in order to make some stay there; and hath informed this meeting thereof; and as he is a member of our Society the Clerk is ordered to give him a Copy of this minute

The Women Friends

The Women Friends Inform that John Hlocums wife and Children have having removed to Rhode Island, and as there are several sons among them in account children; This meeting doth appoint Joseph Tucker Junr Joseph Barker and Thomas Hicks to assist and join with the Women in making inquiry into their Circumstances, and prepare a Certificate for them if they find things Clear

David Barker and son

And also to draw a Certificate for David Barker and son who both removed into the Company of the Nine partners monthly meeting, and to next monthly meeting Inquire they may think proper

Collected in Silver

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in paper - 15 - 18 - 0

8 month 1780

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of 8th month 1780 The Representatives are Elijah Gifford and Caleb Green present

Testimony of denial

The friends appointed to Draft a Testimony of denial against Joshua Shearman Senior, have performed the same and brought it to read this meeting; which was signed by the Clerk who is ordered to read it publicly in the usual manner and make report next monthly meeting

They also report

They also report they have informed him of said denial as directed Last monthly meeting; The said Committee also report they have

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8 month 1780

Testimonies of denial against Joseph Smith and his son John

William Tabor and his wife Mary, and their son Edward, and daughter Paliencia, were signed in this meeting by the Clerk who is ordered to read them publicly in the usual manner and make report next monthly meetings, and the Committee who had the care of these matters are desired to inform them of their denial and make report next monthly meeting

Certificate of Martha Hlocum (wife of John Hlocum) and their childrens Certificate report the matter is not accomplished, they are therefore continued in said service and to report next monthly meeting

The case of David Barker and sons who report that things are not fully clear, they are therefore continued in the same service and to make report next monthly meeting

Complaint against E. Smith

The Overseers Inform by the way of the preparative meeting that Eliza Smith hath been in the practice of attending meetings that are held out of the Unity of our Society, and hath been shrewd with to desert but he still continues to justify himself therein and hath no desire that friends should wait any longer for him to consider of said matter; yet this meeting doth appoint our friends Joseph Tucker Junr and John Devoel, to labour further with him the said Eliza Smith and if they do not find any satisfaction, to draft a Testimony of denial against him and inform him thereof and bring said Testimony to next monthly meeting

Certificate for J. Gifford

Abiel Gifford desires Certificate for his son John Gifford selling forth his right of membership among us; to the monthly meeting of account he having gone to reside within the verge of that meeting, with a friend - which is granted by these lines therefore the Clerk is ordered to give him a Copy of this minute

Rs Smith is paid

This meeting hath been informed that John Smith (son of Pelag) is removed to reside within the compass of East Hoosuck and Saratoga monthly meeting and as he hath a Birth right in the Society, this meeting doth appoint Joseph Smith and Benjamin Howland to draw a paper to Inform the meeting where he resides, the circumstances of him the said John Smith and make report next monthly meeting

Friends desired to meet clear some land

Friends concludes to meet in general to clear up the land round our meeting house, therefore friends are desired to meet generally the 28th Instant for that purpose if the weather be suitable if not the first fair day

adjoined

This meeting Adjourns to the 30th Instant after the meeting of Worsheps

mett by adjournment this 30th day of the 8th month 1780
The Representatives being called, both present

Have Treated with Joshua Shearman Senior and that he did not give them satisfaction. Therefore he is disowned hereby from being a member of our Religious Society, and said Committee are appointed to Inform him hereof and to make report next monthly meeting

Testimonies of denial against Joseph Smith and his son John, and William Tabor and his wife Mary, and their son Edward, and daughter Paliencia, were signed in this meeting by the Clerk who is ordered to read them publicly in the usual manner and make report next monthly meetings, and the Committee who had the care of these matters are desired to inform them of their denial and make report next monthly meeting

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The same Committee being appointed to draw a Certificate for David Barker and sons who report that things are not fully clear, they are therefore continued in the same service and to make report next monthly meeting

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The Treasurer reports he hath paid Benjamin Smiths as ordered last monthly meeting

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As it is Recommend^d in the last Epistle from the Quarterly meeting that one hundred pounds Lawful hard money be raised to supply the want of money for Caled Greene, James Tucker, George Smith, Jonathan Willborn, and Benjamin Gifford Junr to be collected by subscriptions, such some as being long sick may have freedom to give, and pay the same to this meetings Treasurer And make report to this meeting of the sum total so Collected when next

As there will be Hay wanting at the Quarterly meeting, Nicholas Lapham, William Barker, and Jonathan Willborn are appointed to procure some on that account.

month 1780

The Treasurer is ordered to pay Benjamin Howland the 3. five silver Dollars for keeping the meeting house half a year

Anne Gifford having desired our Certificate to the Quarterly meeting at Salem. She having it on her mind to visit that meeting, therefore one was drafted and signed in this meeting setting forth her Unit unity and her acceptable publick Testimony

Whereas John Potter some time past went up to the Ninepartners to make some stay there, and William Anthony, and Samuel Smith being appointed to inspect into his Circumstances, and finding things not clear was directed by this meeting to inform him of his disorder and to take what other needful care they may think proper in that respect and make report when ready according to this now report: That he the said John went away in a disorderly manner without the advice friends, or without the consent of his Guardian (he being under age) and he not having yet returned, nor any late account been received from him; Therefore this meeting doth still continue said Committee to make further inspection into the conduct of the said John Potter as opportunity may offer and do therein as they in the hearings of Truth may see meet and make report when they may see fit

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of 9 month 1780

The Representatives Benjamin Tabor and Jonathan Willborn present

The Clerk reports, he have not read the denial of Joshua Shearman Junr as directed last monthly meeting, he is therefore still continued to perform it and make report next monthly meeting

and John Williams reports that Joshua Shearman Senior hath been informed of his denial as ordered

The Clerk informs that the denial of Joseph Smith and John Smith hath been read as directed last monthly meeting, and was informed of of their denial -- Which is as folloeth

Whereas Joseph Smith, and his son John, having long made profession with us the people called Quaker and been under the care of this meeting; but have so far departed from the principles we profess, as to of frequent meetings held out of the Unity of our Society and some in publick Worship with them that are disowned by us the aforesaid people, also the said John Smith frequently abowth such meetings to be held in his house and friends having bestowed much Labour in care to reclaim them from such practices that are so contrary to the principles we profess: But our Labour not not having the desired effect to friends satisfaction and they continue to justify themselves therein: Therefore for the maintaining the principles we profess we are concerned to give forth this Testimony against them the said Joseph Smith and John Smith, hereby disowning them from being in Unity with us, and from under our care, yet if it be agreeable to Divine goodness, that they may be reformed to the way of Truth and find mercy, which is our sincere desire

Given forth and signed, and on behalf of our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of 8 month 1780 by William Anthony Junr Clerk

The Clerk reports he hath not read the Testimony of denial against William Tabor his wife and their children, Edward and Paliencia he is desired to accomplish it and make report next monthly meeting

and the Committee who had the care thereof are desired to Inform them of their denial and make report next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate for David Barker and also to Inquire the Women in drawing a Certificate for Martha Hlocum and their children report that neither of them are accomplished they are therefore continued in said service, and make report next monthly meeting

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The Clerk informs that the denial of Joseph Smith and John Smith hath been read as directed last monthly meeting, and was informed of of their denial -- Which is as folloeth

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8 month
1780

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The friends appointed to Joine and assist the women in regard to Martha Stocum (wife of John Stocum) and their Childrens Certificate; report the matter is not accomplished; they are therefore continued in said service and to report next monthly meeting

The same Committee being appointed to draw a Certificate for David Barker and sons; who report that things are not fully clear, they are therefore still continued in the same service and to make report next monthly meeting

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The Treasurer reports he hath paid Benjamin Smith's as ordered last monthly meeting

This meeting hath been informed that John Smith (son of Pelag) is removed to reside within the compass of East Ferrisburgh and Saratoga monthly meetings and as he hath a Birth right in the Society, this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Smith and Benjamin Howland's to draw a paper to Inform the meeting where he resides, the Circumstances of him the said John Smith and make report next monthly meeting

Friends concludes to meet in general to clear up the land round our meeting house; therefore friends are desired to meet generally the 28th day for that purpose if the weather be suitable if not the first fair day

Collected in Silver - 5 - 1 - 7
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This meeting Adjourns to the 30th Instant after the meeting of Worship Mett by adjournment this 30th day of the 8th month 1780 The Representatives being called, both present

As it is Recommended in the last Epistle from the Quarterly meeting that one hundred pounds Lawful hard money be raised to supply the yearly meeting Treasury. Therefore this meeting doth appoint our friends James Greene, James Tucker, George Smith, Jonathan Willbor, and Benjamin Gifford Jun^r to collect by subscriptions, such sums as friends may have freedom to give, and pay the same to this meetings Treasury. And make report to this meeting of the sum total so Collected when ready

As there will be Hay wanting at the Quarterly meeting Nicholas Lapham, William Barker, and Jonathan Willbor are appointed to procure some on that account.

J Shearman Senor disowned hereof

Certificate M Stocum referred

The case of D Barker referred

Complaint against El Smith

Certificate requested for J Gifford

Re Smith is paid

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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of 9th month 1780 The Representatives Benjamin Taber and Jonathan Willbor - present

The Clerk reports, he have not read the denial of Joshua Shearman Senor directed last monthly meeting, he is therefore still continued to perform it and make report next monthly meeting and John Williams reports that Joshua Shearman Senor hath been informed of his denial as ordered

The clerk informs that the denial of Joseph Smith and John's with hath been read as directed last monthly meeting; and was informed of their denial - - Which is as followeth

Whereas Joseph Smith, and his son John, having long made our profession with us the people called Quaker and been under the care of this meeting; but have so far departed from the principals, we profess as to frequent meetings held out of the Unity of our Society and Joine in publick Worship with them that are disowned by us the aforesaid people, also the said John Smith frequently alloweth such meetings to be held in his house and friends having bestowed much Labour in love to reclaim them from such practices that are so contrary to the principals we profess: But our Labour not having the desired effect to friends satisfaction and they continue to justify themselves therein: Therefore for the maintaining the principals we profess are concerned to give forth this Testimony against them the said Joseph Smith and John Smith, hereby disowning them from being in Unity with us, and from under our care. yet if it be agreeable to Divine goodness, that they may be restored to the way of Truth and find mercy, which is our sincere desire

Given forth and signed, and on behalf of our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of 8th month 1780 by William Anthony the Clerk

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1780 The Friends appointed to Treat with Elias Smith not having accomplished the same they are desired to fulfil said Service and report next monthly meeting

John Smith son of Pelij deceased having removed to East Hoopuck a few lines directed to that meeting, sitting forth his having a little right in the Society was signed in this meeting by the Clerk

The Treasurer reports he hath not paid Benjamin Howland 3 for keeping the meeting house as ordered; he is now ordered to pay the said Benjamin six dollar and two thirds for keeping house 8 months last past and make report next monthly meeting

The Overseers Inform that Ameziah Taber (son of William) is in the Practice of attending meetings held out of the Unity of our Society and hath been Laboured with by said Overseers and he neither Justifies him self therein Therefore we do appoint John Williams and Stephen Buffinton to Treat with him the said Ameziah, and if they do not find Satisfaction they are to draft a Testimony of his denial and inform him thereof, and bring said Testimony to next monthly meeting

Humphry Shearman and Marcy Lapham having declared their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage, they are desired to wait till next proposals monthly meeting for their answer and our friends Benjamin Smith 2 and marriage William Sanford are appointed to Enquire into the going mans Clearness in Respect to marriage and they to make report to next monthly meeting

We appoint our friends James Tucker, Nicholas Lapham and Philip Macomber to Joine the Overseers of the poor, and Endeavor to sell wood off of the meeting, to pay the Expence of supporting our poor, if they think proper when they Inspect the wood and to cut as much as they shall think best for the meeting, and no more; and make report to this meeting from time to time when it is accomplished, with account of the Wood so Cut

Whereas some time past this meeting did appoint a Committee of Friends to Joine the Overseers in Visiting and stirring up the neglect members thereof and now some of said friends with some others having accomplished said Services, have now made report of doings therein which is well Accepted and ordered to be recorded, with is as followeth

Whereas some time past some Friends were appointed to assist the Overseers in Treating with some of our Neglect members, and some that appointed with some other friends, having had a concern on their minds to Joine and make a General Visit to friends families through our monthly meeting, for the revivall of our Antient Discipline in stirring up the Careless Lukewarm Indolent members to Love and good works; and having Drawings into our minds, not only to the disobedient but those that are selling their faces Zion wards, in order to Encourage and strengthen one another with desires that the worst places may yet be rebuilt, and by being willing to be Obedient our weak minds, strengthened from time to time Through the many deep Exercises of mind in weighing a Service and its Reward and Satisfaction therein; which is a sufficient Reward

And now after having accomplished said Visit which in general was well accepted; yet not without some Exceptions, in some particular families It Remains to give an account of the State of Friends in our meeting We Trust there are some that are Labouring to do their days work in the day time, which we believe deserves a word of Encouragement. Though Truth seems to be low so that it might be truly said as formerly by whom shall Jacob, or the true Seed arise, which is in ^{our} ^{eyes}, but small and much pressed down with the many things that are hurtful, Especially by the Love of money Pride and forgetfulness of God

Dated 15 of 9 month 1780
Fredron Rider
Isaacna Smith
Deborah Hicks
Thomas Hicks
Abiel Gifford

a few lines
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B Howland

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Humphry
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and Marcy
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Friends
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The report
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Abiel Gifford Informed the preparative meeting also this meeting that he desired to be dismissed from the place of an Overseer, Friends having weightily considered thereof do dismiss him according to his request, his Service having been well accepted

Collected in paper money --- 3 --- 18 --- 0
Collected in Silver money --- 1 --- 4 --- 7 1/2

This meeting adjourns to the 27th Instant after the meeting of Worship

Met by adjournment the 27th of the 5 month 1780
The Representatives being called both present

Zebulon Connel having given in a paper to this meeting his falling into the sin of Fornication, with all other of his misconduct and request to be restored under Friends care again, and as he is removed into the company of East Hoopuck and Janitoga monthly meeting and cannot conveniently be treated by us here, this meeting doth appoint our friends Samuel Smith and William Anthocypst to Write to that meeting requesting them in our behalf to Endeavor to discover the Sincerity of him the said Zebulon Connel and Inform us thereof

Jonathan Hussey and Isaac Wood attended this meeting, and each produced a few lines from the meeting at East Hoopuck and Janitoga setting forth their concurrence with said friends with among us which said lines were satisfactory, and their Visit well accepted

John Allen (son of Jonathan) hath given in a paper to this meeting requesting to be taken under Friends care therefore our friends William Mosher and Abiel Gifford are appointed to take an opportunity of solid conference with the petitioner in order to discover the motive of his request and make report thereof next monthly meeting

An additional choice of Overseers hath been proposed and referred to next monthly meeting for further Consideration

The Queries were answered and an Epistle signed in this meeting for the Quarterly meeting and said answers with said Epistle forwarded to said Quarterly meetings by our Representatives who are Thomas Hicks, Abiel Gifford, Elijah Gifford and Caleb Ruspell and they to make report next monthly meeting

As there have been several Publick friends lately removed by death from among us, and our discipline requiring that some Testimony or particular account of such friends be transmitted to the Quarterly and yearly meetings, this meeting doth appoint our Friends Thomas Hicks, Caleb Ruspell, William Mosher and Abiel Gifford, to collect the necessary particulars in order, and to draft such Testimony or Testimonies, if they shall think it necessary and make report when they have accomplished the same they to Joine herein with Samuel Smith who was formerly appointed for that Service with Humphry Smith but the said Humphry being accepted the above friends are appointed in his stead

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 16th of 10 month 1780

The Representatives being Caleb Ruspell and Abiel Gifford both present

The matter of an additional choice of Overseers being considered and several nominated, but said matter is still continued to next monthly meeting

The Clerk reports he hath Read the Testimonies of denials of Joshua Shearman Jrs William Taber and his Wife and their son Edward and Daughter Patience agreeable to appointment, but they not being informed of their denials as we hear off, therefore Samuel Smith is desired to Inform them the said Tabers of their denials and make report next monthly meeting - Their said denials are as Followeth

Whereas Joshua Shearman (son of Joshua) hath had his Education among Friends, but hath so far departed from the principles or usages of Truth and Unity of Friends, as frequently attend meetings held out

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Out of unity of our Society neglecting the attendance of our meetings of Worship and discipline and he not declining to condemn the same after of our Labours of Love therein - Therefore for the clearing of Friends and Friends, we are concerned to give forth this as a Testimony against him the said Joshua Shearman for not being a Testimony against him the said Joshua Shearman for not being a member of our Society, yet desiring he may be favoured with a sight of his errors and out going, and that he may find a return to the way of Truth Given forth and signed and on behalf of our monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 25 of 8 month 1780

By William Anthony Junr Clerk

Whereas William Taber and his wife Mary Taber, and Edward Taber his son, and Patience Taber their daughter having all made profession with us the people called Quakers and been under the care of this meeting But hath so far departed from the principles we profess, as to frequent meetings held out of the Unity of our Society and Joine in publick Worship with them who are disowned of us the people afore said, and the said Patience also appearing disagreeable in some of her dress and friends having laboured much in love to reclaim them from such practices but our labours not having its desired effect to friends satisfactions and they continue to justify themselves therein; therefore for the maintaining the principles we profess we are concerned to give forth as a Testimony against them the said William Taber and Mary his wife, and Edward Taber and Patience Taber their Children hereby disowning them from being in unity with us and from under the care of this meeting; yet if it be agreeable to divine good ness, that they may be restored to the way of Truth and find mercy is our sincere desire Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 25 day of the 8th month 1780

By William Anthony Junr Clerk
Susanna Smith Clerk

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate for David Barker not finding things clear, are still continued in said service and to make report when it is fulfilled

The friends appointed to Treat with Elishah Smith report they have performed their appointment but that he did not give them any satisfaction in regard to his misconduct. Therefore they have drafted a Testimony against him, which after being read and considered was signed in this meeting by the Clerk who is directed to read it in the future, and make report next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to Treat with Amaziah Taber (son of William) not having accomplished the same, they are still continued in said service and to make report next monthly meeting

The Treasurer reports he hath not paid Benjamin Howland as ordered there not being a deficiency in Stock he is nevertheless ordered to pay the same when he is supplied with money by this meeting and to make report

The Friends appointed to discover the motive of the request of John Allen refered their care they are then to make report

The Representative to the last Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended and produced an Epistle from that meeting which was read in this meeting and well accepted

The Overseers Inform by the way of the preparative meeting that Caleb Drigg has married out of the Unity of Friends after being preceeded by said Overseers; therefore the said David Briggs is disowned as a member of our Society and from under our care and Jonathan Willbor is appointed to inform him of the same and report thereof next monthly meeting

Our Friends Isaac Kelley from East Hopkock, James Soule Solomon Barton and Samuel Hammond from Ninepartners hath attended this month meeting with Certificates from the respective monthly meetings they were disowned

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Which were read in this meeting in satisfaction, and their Vifit well accepted all which were Indorsed with a few lines and signed by the Clarke

The Friends appointed to inquire into the clearness of Humphry Shearman Report they find nothing material to hinder his proceeding in marriage

Humphry Shearman and Mercy Lapham appeared for their answer, which was that they might proceed to take Each other in marriage in some convenient time before next monthly meeting advising with the friends that this meeting shall appoint to oversee the same who are William Sanford and Benjamin Smith 2 and they to make report next monthly meeting

Hezekiah Smith returned a Certificate which was granted him by this meeting some months past, it being Endorsed at the month meeting of Ninepartners

A Removal Certificate for Martha Hocum and several of her Children whose names are Benjamin, Martha, John, Aaron, William, Sarah, Thomas, Christopher Elizabeth and Mary, was signed in this meeting directed to the monthly meeting of Rhode Island

A Testimony of denial against Mary Smith daughter of Jonathan Smith was signed in this meeting and the Clerk is directed to read the same publicly at the close of the meeting of Worship before next monthly meeting and then to make report of the same

The Women friends Inform they have denied Melchitable Russell, now Akin Daughter of Jacob Russell deceased which this meeting concurs with

Our Friend Freeborn Rider informs us that she has a desire to attend the Quarterly meeting next to be held at the Long Plain for land wich and at the old meeting house at Cushman and desired our Certificate; these may inform that she is a Friend in Unity and her Publick Testimony well accepted and the Clerk is desired to give her a Copy of this minut

Our friend William Mosher hath informed this meeting of his Intention to goe to the Ninepartners upon business, and hath thought of attending the Quarterly meeting at Oblong which this meeting approves; he being a Friend in Unity, and a member of the Select meeting; and the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this minut to Inform Friends thereof

Our friends Ebenezer Allen and Thomas Allen informes this meeting that they intend to go to Vifit their friends and Relations at the Ninepartners And at East Hopkock and Saratoga; Which this meeting approves, and the Clerk is desired to give them a Copy hereof

Our Friend Caleb Greene informs this meeting of his Intention to goe to the Oblong and Ninepartners and hath thought of attending the Quarterly meeting at Oblong on business which this meeting approves, he being in Unity and a member of this meeting and the Clerk is directed to give him a copy hereof
Collected in silver money - - - 1 - 5 - 1
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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 25 of 11 month 1780
The Representatives are Jonathan Willbor and Seth Huddleston Present

The matter of Chusing Overseers having again been under consideration and same is suspended until the expiration of the time of those that now stand as Overseers

William Taber, his wife Mary Samuel Smith informs he hath informed Edward Taber and Patience Taber their son and daughter of their Denial

The Clerk reports he hath read the Testimony of denial against Elishah Smith according to appointment which is as followeth

Whereas Elishah Smith son of Joseph Smith having made Profession with us the People called Quakers; But hath so far departed from the principles we make Profession of as to attend seperat meetings that are held out of the Unity of our Society, and Joine in publick Worship with them who have been disowned

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Disowned by us and Friends having Laboured with him in Love to show him his misconduct therein: but their labours of Love not having the desired Effect; Friends are concerned to give this forth as a publick Testimony against him the said Eliahu Smith, hereby disowning him from being a member of our Society and from under the care of this meeting: yet we sincerely desire if it be consistent with divine wisdom that he may be favoured with a sense of his misconduct and find mercy

Given forth by friends at their monthly meeting held in Dartmouth, the 10th of the 1st month 1780 and signed in and by order of said meeting
By William Anthony Jun^r Clerk

A Taber Disowned

The friends appointed to Treat with Amazin Taber report they have fulfilled the same, but that he did not give them any satisfaction therein but justified his practice: therefore drafted and brought a Testimony of denial against him, and have informed him thereof which was signed by the Clerk who is directed to read it publickly at the Close of a first day meeting for Worship and report the same at next monthly meeting

The case of J Allen Continued

The friends appointed to confer with John Allen on his request have made a satisfactory report: nevertheless said matter is still continued under their care until next monthly meeting and then they to make report

report of the Marriage of Humphry Shearman and Nancy Lopham

attended the same and that it was accomplished in a becoming manner

C Briggs in form of a request

Jonathan Willbor reports he hath informed Caleb Briggs of his denial according to appointment

M Smith de read read

The Clerk reports he hath Read the Testimony of denial of Mary Smith daughter of Jonathan Smith as appointed

J Potter's request

Joshua Potter hath given in a paper to this meeting Requesting for himself and several young children Namely Esther, Zedek, Gardner, Phoebe Patience and Apphia to be taken under the care of Friends Therefore this meeting doth appoint William Maffor Thomas Hicks and Thomas Klotz to join the women friends and to take an opportunity of a solied conference with him in order to discover the motive of his request, also to inspect the Circumstances and make report next monthly meeting

Benj Hathaway Jun request

And Benjamin Hathaway Jun^r making the like request and Seth Russell Stephen Buffinton and James Davis appointed for the same purpose as above and they to make report to next monthly meeting

G Howland request to be dismissed from Standing in the place of Overseer of the port

which is granted and he dismissed accordingly

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Gideon Howland informs this meeting of his Intention to go to East Haverhill and Newport to do some business and to see his friends which he found at this meeting approves: he being a member of our Society and under the care of this meeting and the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this minute

C Howland request to give Copy of minute

Proposals for Reprinting of John Griffiths Journals &c. Was Resolved Friends of from our meeting for sufferings: Therefore William Anthony Jun^r take in Subscriptions for said Journals and make report when they have accomplished the same

R Barker's proposal of taking Each other in marriage

Robert Barker and Ruth Tucker declared their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage, and were desired to wait till next monthly meeting for their answer and Bannabus Maffor and John Deool are appointed to Enquire into the young mens cleanness and make report next monthly meeting

Bills given in

The several following accounts were given in to this meeting which were examined and allowed viz^t

To Thomas Willcox	5	12	6
To Seth Russell to the stay for mend glass	1	13	3
To Philip Marston for stay	2	6	8
To William Barker	2	12	10
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And the Treasurer is Ordered to pay the same when he is supplied with money and make report to this meeting

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The Friends that were appointed to have the oversight of the meeting at Bedford. Report that it hath been kept up in a good degree Orderly and still request same Continued as usual as heretofore; which is granted and the same to Continue until some Inconveniency attend the same and our friends Caleb Russell, Benjamin Taber John Williams William Maffor Thomas Hicks Benjamin Smith Abel Gifford and William Anthony Jun^r are appointed to Visit said meeting when Conveniency will allow and to make report to this meeting as frequently as they may see occasion

Collected in Silver money	7	6	3
Collected in paper money	1	10	0

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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of 12 month 1780 The Representatives are Elijah Gifford and Joseph Tucker Jun^r both present

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The Clerk reports he hath read the Testimony of denial of Amazin Taber, pursuant to appointment Which is as followeth

Whereas Ammeziah Taber (son of William) having made Profession with us the people called Quakers but hath been found in the practice of frequenting and joining with sepparate meetings held out of the unity of our Society and we having discharged ourselves in Labours of Love to reclaim him the said Ammeziah but he still continues to justify the practice; Therefore for the clearing of Truth, we give this forth as a Testimony against him hereby disowning him from being one in unity with us. Nevertheless it is our desire that he may come to a sense of his outgiong and return to the way of Truth

Given forth at our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 25th of 11 month 1780 signed in and by order of said meeting By William Anthony Jun^r Clerk

Men receive our care

The Committee appointed in the case of John Allen Request make the like report as at the Last monthly meeting which is satisfactory Therefore he the said John Allen is Received under our care

Men receive our care

The Friends appointed in the case of Joshua Potlers Request report that they have had a Conference with him in his family and received a degree of satisfaction, and the matter is referred to next monthly meeting and said friends still continued in said service and to make report next Monthly meeting

Men receive our care

And likewise the Committee appointed in the like case with Benjamin Hathaway Jun^r Report that he gave them a good degree of satisfaction, which matter is also referred to next monthly meeting and the same friends Continued in said service, and then they to make report

Men receive our care

The Friends appointed to inquire into the Cleanness of Robert Barker Report they have made inquiry and find nothing sufficient to hinder his proceeding in marriage, agreeable to his proposal

Men receive our care

The Overseer informed by way of the Reparative meeting that John Barker Benjamin Ricketson and William Howland have joined with a considerable Large Company of young people, and went together under pretence of mending and eating of Quawhopp, and after providing and partaking of a considerable Entertainment at the Shore, both of provision and spiritous Liquors: Several of them went to a house and there took very undue Liberty Even to music and Dancing; And said Overseer having treated with them on that account, but they not giving them satisfaction therefore this meeting doth appoint our friends William Anthony Jun^r Thomas Hicks and Joseph Gifford to treat farther with them therein and make report next monthly meeting

Men receive our care

The Friends appointed to Collect money by way of Subscription to supply the yearly meeting Treasury make report that they have fulfilled their appointments and have Collected the Sum of 50-7-3¹ L M and Delivered to this meetings Treasury for the use above said

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1780 Robert Barker and Ruth Tucker appeared for their answer in regard to their proceeding in marriage: Which was, that they might proceed to take each other in marriage, in some convenient time before next monthly meeting: advising with the friends this meeting shall appoint to see they had married orderly accomplished, who are our friends Barnabus Mosher and John Devoal; and they to make report next monthly meeting

E Smith Disowned The Women Friends inform they have disowned Elizabeth Smith wife of Joseph Smith, which this meeting concurs with and the Clerk hath signed a Testimony of denial against her

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adjourned This Meeting Adjourns to the 27th Instant after the meeting of Worship

met Mott By adjournment the 27th of the 12th month 1780
The Representatives being called are both Present

Queries answered The Queries were read and answers prepared in this meeting and an Epistle signed by the Clerks, which were ordered forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are Abiel Gifford William Anthony Junr Caled Green John Williams and they to Report to the next monthly meeting

Subscriptions for Schools Our friends Samuel Smith, Caleb Green, Jonathan Willbor and John Williams Mosher are appointed to procure and take in Subscriptions for Schools agreeing to a direction from this meeting for sufferings of the ninth month Last these said friends to make report when ready

B Rider condemned Benjamin Rider appeared in this meeting and virbly condemned his own at the sitting of this meeting and dropt some Expressions by way of reflections on Benjamin Gifford which gave friends some uneasings: But he appearing to aboue said and condemning the same, friends concludes to accept of his abnegation for satisfactor

Testimony of a Giddy A Copy of a Manuscript Wrote by our beloved Friend Elizabeth Gidley de her making the Testimony that this meeting formerly gave forth concerning her was read up to 2 m in this meeting, and sent up to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives

1 month 1781 At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 4th month 1781
The Representatives, John Devoal and Joseph Tucker Junr Present

The case of Joshua Potter referred The friends appointed to confer with Joshua Potter and his young Children being called upon, report nothing different from that of Last monthly meeting, the matter is therefore referred to next Monthly meeting under the same care as before and said friends then to report

B. Hathway Received in unity Likewise the friends appointed in the Like case with Benjamin Hathway to make a satisfactory report, therefore this meeting doth receive him the said Benjamin Hathway under our care

Report of R. Barker marriage The Friends appointed to oversee the Marriage of Robert Barker and Ruth Tucker report that they attended the same; and saw nothing but that it was accomplished orderly

Overseers appointed Our Friends Benjamin Smith^d, Caleb Russell, Caleb Greens, Elijah Gifford Seth Kuddleston and Joseph Barker, are appointed Overseers for the year ensuing, or till others are chosen. Who are desired diligently to attend to the Readings of Truth, therein Endeavour to see that the Testimony there of be kept to in the several members thereof according to the discipline of the Church

Overseer of the poor appointed Our Friends John Devoal, Jonathan Willbor, Philip Macomber, Thomas Mott, Nicholas Lapham, Seth Russell and Abraham Howland, are appointed Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing

A Certificate for Nathaniel Sisson was produced and read in this meeting from the Monthly meeting at the Nine Partners setting forth his Cleareness respecting marriage: He hath also produced his mothers Consent for him to proceed in marriage with Grace Gifford - Therefore

Nathaniel Sisson and Grace Gifford declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage: and were desired to wait till next monthly meeting for their answer

This meeting collected in Silver 7 11 10
In Paper 30 2 00

This Meeting adjourns to the 2^d instant after the meeting for Worship

Met By adjournment the 2^d of the first month 1781
The Representatives being called Joseph Tucker Junr Present John Devoal not Present by reason of indisposition of body

The Representatives from the Quarterly meeting report that the money for the yearly meetings Treasury was forwarded to the yearly meetings Treasury and a Receipt produced for the same

Nathaniel Gifford and Wife gave in a paper to the Preparative meeting Concerning their falling into the sin of Fornication, but said paper being mislaid it is Referred to next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to Treat with William Howland, John Barker and Benjamin Reckelton, Request that matter referred to next monthly meeting which is accordingly

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended, and have produced an Epistle from said Quarterly meeting which was read in this meeting to good satisfaction

John Shepherd having requested (by way of the Preparative meeting) a removal Certificate to Sandwich monthly meeting, for his son Barnabus Shepherd, therefore our friends William Barker and Thomas Russell are appointed to Enquire into the young mans conduct, and Cleareness in respect to marriage: and if they find things clear to draw a Certificate and bring to next monthly meeting

One of the Overseers Inform (with another Friend) that Jonas Locum hath fallen into the sin of Fornication, as charged upon him by Elizabeth Aben: Therefore, our friends William Anthony Junr Samuel Smith and Stephen Buffinton are appointed to Treat with said Jonas Locum on that matter and make report to next Monthly meeting

Proposals for altering or dividing the Quarterly meeting was Read and signed in this meeting by the Clerk, in order for a concurrence of the other Monthly meetings therein

A Removal Certificate for David Barker and Three sons Namely Edward, David and James, directed to the Nine Partners monthly meeting, was produced in this meeting by the Clerk: and as there are some of his outward affairs not fully settled, the Committee is ordered to keep the same, and not deliver it, until his said affairs are settled to satisfaction

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 2 month 1781
The Representatives are Abiel Gifford and Barnabus Mosher - Present

The Friends appointed to consider and confer with Joshua Potter and his young Children, on their request to come under friends care: Report that they had an opportunity of settled conference with them, to satisfaction Therefore, the said Joshua Potter and children, namely Esther, Zilphah Gardner, Phoebe, Patience and Asaph are received under our care

The Women Friends Inform they have received Mary Potter and Rhoda Potter under their Care which this meeting concurs with

Nathaniel Sisson and Grace Gifford appeared for their answer in regard to proceeding in marriage: Which was, that they might proceed to take each other in marriage, in some convenient time before next monthly meeting advising with the Friends this meeting shall appoint

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A Certificate in behalf of Freeborn Rider directed to Friends within the verge of Sandwich Quarterly meeting was signed in this Certificate Meeting by the Clerk setting forth her Right of membership and so on for her Son in the Month of May

A Certificate was signed in this Meeting by the Clerk in behalf of Grace Rider setting forth her Right of Membership; directed to the monthly meeting at the Nine Partners

The Women friends Inform that they have Received a removal Certificate from Swanzy directed to this meeting, for Hannah Bowdish Wife of William Bowdish Junor

Also one from Sandwich monthly meeting to this meeting, For Abigail Devoil wife of Abner Devoil, setting forth their Right of membership

A Few lines by way of Endorsment were signed by the Clerk, on the Certificates of our Esteemed Friends David Booth and John Forman Expressing their attending this meeting, and that their Visit and Labour in Gospel Love with us was Edifying and Satisfactory also that of Seth Coffins acceptable visit in Company with the other Friends

A Few Lines by way of Certificate directed to the monthly meeting of Philadelphia Northern district was signed in this meeting by the Clerk expressing Thomas Scattergoods attending this meeting, and his acceptable visit and Labour in Gospel Love

This meeting is adjourned to the 28th instant, after the meeting of Worship

Collected in silver money £-15-2
This Meeting Mett by adjournment the 28th of 3^d month 1781
The Representatives being called both Present

The Friends appointed to attend Confer with Jonathan Russell, Caleb Doolittle, Joseph Howland 2^d, and George Smith 2^d, and others report, that some of the Committee had an Opportunity of conference with the young men and the Committee Desires the matter may be referred to another month, which is accordingly referred under their care and they to make report to next monthly meeting

A Certificate in behalf of James Tanson setting forth his right of Membership directed to the Monthly meeting of Wampanoag was signed in this meeting by the Clerk

Joseph Wing having requested to come under the care of Friends of this meeting Therefore this Meeting appoints our Friends William Anthony Jun^r and Elijah Gifford to take an Opportunity of a Solled conference with said Joseph in order to discover the motive of his request, and make report thereof to next monthly meeting

Prince Potter having requested for himself and children to come under Friend Care this meeting therefore appoints our friends William Masher, Jonathan Hart, and Benjamin Chase, to Joyn with the Women Friends, and take an opportunity of Solled conference, with said Prince and family, in order to discover the motive of the request, and they also to make report thereof to next monthly meeting

Testimonies concerning our Beloved friends who are deceased viz Adam Mett, Paul Russell and Susanna Gifford, all of whom were Publick Friends, were read in this meeting and signed by the Clerk Copies of which were ordered to be maid out and sent to the Quarterly meeting

Two of the Friends appointed to confer with Swanzy monthly meeting, respecting Edward Thurston Jun^r his Wife and Children the report have made the following Report

Whereas Edward Thurston Jun^r and his wife Parnal having Right of membership among friends at Dartmouth, some years past, and both lived within the bounds of Swanzy monthly meeting a number of

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Of year and not requesting a Certificate from Dartmouth, and of late said Monthly meeting taking the matter under Consideration; and by a Committee have been made into their Lives and Conversations; and it not only appears that they neglect the attendance of Meetings, but fall so much short of living up to the Principles of Truth in bringing up their Children and many other respects; that we think it most for the Honour of Truth to disown him the said Edward Thurston his wife Parnal, and their Children from having any right of membership among us

the 5th of 3^d month 1781
William Anthony Jun^r Eber Chase
Robert Slade Thomas Hicks
Azariah Shove Benjamin Buffinton

Said report is so far Accepted as to appoint our Friends Thomas Hicks and Thomas Russell to Treat with them for the afore said disorder; and to make report to next Monthly Meeting

Our Friends Thomas Hicks, Caleb Greene William Anthony Jun^r and Samuel Smith are appointed to Revise and correct this Meetings minutes in order that they may be Recorded - as so well as to record those things to be Recorded from the yearly meeting in Book of Discipline; as also to settle Accounts with the Treasurer, and make report next monthly meeting

The Treasurer reports he hath paid the following Bills as ordered (viz)
To Henry Smith for Hay - - - - - 3-12-0
To Philip Macomber for Hay - - - - - 2-6-6
To Gideon Howland for keeping Alice Smith - - - - - 8-8-0

Gideon Howland gave in a Bill to this meeting for keeping Alice Smith 30 weeks and three days amounting to the sum of - 5-17-6

Also Henry Howland gave in a bill for keeping the same woman 16 weeks at 9^{cts} per week amounting to the sum of Twenty five Dollars

Both which Bills the Treasurer is ordered to pay when he is supplied with money for the same

The Queries have been Read and answer thereto prepared, Read and approved with an Epistle to the Quarterly meeting, all of which were signed and sent by our Representatives to the Quarterly meeting who are our friends William Masher, Thomas Hicks Samuel Smith and Thomas Russell

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of 4th month 1781
The Representatives are Stephen Buffinton and Philip Macomber - Present

The Friends appointed to Joyn the Women friends in a Conference with Nathaniel Gifford and Wife report, that as they have not had an Opportunity of such a conference since Last monthly meeting, therefore desires that matter referred, which is accordingly referred under their care and they to make report next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to Treat with Jonas Hacom desires it referred another month, which is accordingly referred under the care of the same Friends, who are to report next monthly meeting

Benjamin Hathway reports that he hath informed Nicholas Tabor of his denial
The Clerk reports, that he hath not read the Testimony of said Nicholas denial as ordered, he is desired therefore to read the same at the close of a first days meeting for Worship, between this and next monthly meeting, and then make report thereof

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Certificate received for Abigail Devoil

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Report of Seth Hart's cleareness

Received from Wardour

The case of W. Wing

W. Howland's paper accepted

The case of P. Potter

The case of E. Thurston

Revising minutes

Report from Quarterly meeting

Report from on account of Bibles

Number of Bibles

The paper of Benjamin Ricketson

The Friends appointed to Inquire into Seth Hart's cleareness regarding marriage report that they find nothing sufficient to hinder his proceeding in marriage

Seth Hart and Abigail Anthony appearing for their answer which was that they proceed to take Each other in Marriage in some convenient time between this and next monthly meeting advising with the Friends this meeting shall appoint to see said marriage accomplished who are William Mosher and Benjamin Rider; and they to report to the next Monthly meeting

A few lines by way of Endorsment on the Certificate of our esteemed Friend Freedom Rider, (Expressing for attending the several Meetings of the Quarterly and monthly meetings of Sandwich to Satisfaction) was read in this Meeting

A Testimony against Maria Smith Wife of John Smith, was signed in this meeting, in concurence with the Women friends therein, And the Clerk is directed to read the same at the Close of a first days meeting of worship between this and next monthly meeting, and make report next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to take an opportunity of Solid conference with Joseph Wing, reported that they had an opportunity with him and that he gave them a good degree of Satisfaction, but that they desire the matter referred another month, which is accordingly referred to next Monthly meeting, under the same Friends care, and they then to make report

This meeting accepts of William Howland's Paper (which he gave in some time past, Condemning his misconduct in Joining with a young company in mirth and merriment at an Entertainment of roasting and eating Quahawks) for Satisfaction

The Friends appointed to Joine the Women friends in a Solid conference with Prince Potter and family report, that they have not had an opportunity with him; and desires the matter referred, which is accordingly referred to next Monthly meeting under their care, and they then to make report

The Committee appointed to confer with Edward Thurston and family desires the matter referred, which is according referred under their care to next monthly meeting and they then to make report

The Friends appointed to Revise the Minutes and settle with the Treasurer desires it Referred another month which is accordingly referred under their care and they to make report next monthly meeting

The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting Report that they all attended, and produced an Epistle from said meeting, which was Read in this meeting to Satisfaction

The Committee appointed to take in Subscriptions for Bibles approve the Recommendation of the Meeting for Sufferings, now report that the several members of this meeting with some of their Friendly neighbours have subscribed for 7 folio, 45 large Quarto; 39 large Octavo and

29 Small octavo Bibles, which are to be sent for on account and the Risk of the Subscribers who are to pay whatever the Cost and charge of the Bibles may be; amounting to the number of 120 in the whole

The above report is accepted and a Copy thereof is ordered to be sent up to the meeting for Sufferings.

The Paper of Benjamin Ricketson, Caleb Barker, William Barker, John Barker, Joseph Howland, Jonathan Russell, and George Smith and Company sent in an Entertainment, where undue Liberty was taken; which paper is accepted for Satisfaction, Provided the above said young men

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Howland's certificate

month 1785

case of P. Potter

case of W. Wing

Taber's denial

Testimony of Nicholas Taber

report of Seth and Abigail

case of W. Wing

report of P. Potter

case of E. Thurston

report of Bibles

number of Bibles

report of E. Thurston

case of W. Wing

case of P. Potter

case of E. Thurston

Cause it to be read Publicly at the close of a first day meeting for worship before next monthly meeting, they being present, and to make return at the end and report thereof next monthly meeting

Henry Howland Request a Removal Certificate for himself a Children to the Monthly meeting at Acchochet, therefore our friends Benjamin Howland's and William Anthony Six are appointed to take the necessary care therein and bring one to next monthly meeting if they think proper
Collected in Silver -- 2 1 - 5

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 25 of 5 month 1785 The Representatives are William Barker and William Wood - Present

The Friends appointed to Joine the Women Friends in a Conference with Nathaniel Gifford and Wife, report, that they have not had opportunity as desired, therefore desires it referred which is accordingly referred, under the same friends care; and they to make report next Monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to Treat with Jonas Moxum desires that matter referred another month, which is accordingly referred under the Care of the same friends who are to report to the next monthly meeting

The Clerk reports he hath read the Testimony of denial against Nicholas Taber; as also that against Maria Smith wife of John Smith as ordered Last Monthly meeting. That against Nicholas Taber is as followeth

Whereas Nicholas Taber hath had his Education among us the People called Quakers, but hath so far departed from our Religious Principles as to frequent meetings of Worship which are held out of the Unity of our Society; and he being Labour'd with to desist therefrom, and it not having the desired Effect: We are therefore constrained to give this forth as a Publick Testimony against him the said Nicholas Taber, Disowning him from being a member of our Society, and from under our care; but with fervent desires that he may be favoured with a Sight and sense of the Error of his suit going and Experience the incom of Divine regrad

Given forth at our Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19 of 3 month 1785 Signed in and on behalf of the meeting by William Anthony's Clerk

The Friends appointed to see the Marriage of Seth Hart and Abigail Anthony accomplished, report, that they both attend and did not see but that it was orderly Consummated

The friends appointed to confer with Joseph Wing, reports that they had not the desired opportunity with him, therefore desire it referred another month, which is accordingly referred under the same friends care and they to make report next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to Joine the Women friends in a Solid conference with Prince Potter and Family report, that they had an opportunity of conference wherein they had a good degree of Satisfaction. Therefore their meeting (on their request, and in concurence with the Women friends meeting) accepts of the said Prince Potter his Wife Hannah and all their Children now born, to be under our Care

The Friends appointed to Treat with Edward Thurston and family wherein they were joined by the woman friends report that they had an opportunity of conference with said Edward and family, and that they therein had no Satisfaction; Therefore this meeting doth disown said Edward his wife Sarah, and their Children, from having any right of membership among us, and from under our care

And

5 month 1781 And the Clerk is Desired to Transmitt a Copy of this Minute to said Family, and make report next monthly meeting

The Clerk reports that Benjamin Ricketson, Caleb Barker, William Barker, John Barker, Joseph Howland & Jonathan Russell and George Smith have called their Paper to be read as directed last monthly meeting, and returned said paper which is as Followeth

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held the 19th of second month 1781 Whereas We some time past Joined a considerable large company in an Entertainment with roasting and eating Quawhoks, whereat were also provided victuals and spiritous Liquor, and after partaking of the same, with Mirth and merriment we (with said company) repaired to a house where was music and dancing, and so far joined with them, as to remain at the house till the Company dispersed: For which misconduct we are Sorry, and do condemn, desiring Friends may so far pass it By as to let us remain under their care - From your real Friends

Joseph Howland Benjamin Ricketson
Caleb Barker
Jonathan Russell William Barker Junr
George Smith John Barker

The Friends appointed to take the necessary care respecting a Certificate for Henry Howland and Children to the Monthly meeting of Account report that they have not accomplished one by reason of an objection therefore it is referred another month under the same friends care they to make Report next Monthly meeting

William Russell gave in a paper to this meeting condemning his making a Gaming Instrument - yet in order to discover his Sincerity in condemning it, This meeting doth appoint our Friends Seth Russell, Stephen Buffinton and John Williams, to take an opportunity of solid conference with him the said William and make report next monthly meeting

Humphry Howland gave in a paper some considerable time past condemning his misconduct in horse-racing and other things - Which is now accepted for satisfaction, provided he causes it to be read publicly at the close of a day meeting of Worship, he being present at the reading thereof, returning and making report of the same at next monthly meeting

William Howland informs this meeting by the way of the Preparative Meeting, that he intends to go to Nantucket in order to go to sea from thence if he should find a Voyage agreeable to his mind: he desiring a copy of a Minute whereon he having a right of membership among us This meeting desires he may be under the care of Nantucket monthly meeting while there, and the Clerk is desired to give him a copy thereof

The Friends appointed to settle accounts with the Treasurer and read the Monthly meeting Minutes request it referred another month which is accordingly under their care and they to report next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to have the care of selling Wood report that they have sold Seven Cords at two dollars per Cord, which is Fourteen Dollars and paid the same to the Treasurer

Collected in Silver money £ 5 - 6 - 0

This Meeting is Adjourned to the 30th Instant after the meeting for Worship Mett by adjournment the 30th of the 5th month 1781

The Representatives are William Barker and William Wood - Present This meeting is informed by the way of the Preparative meeting that Caleb Sherman hath married out of the body of Friends, &c Friends having treated with him thereon, but it is referred to next monthly meeting for Consideration

The paper of Ben Ricketson & Company's by hath been read
The paper of Wm Howland's ment of Benjamin Ricketson & Company's by

Certificate for Henry Howland referred

W Russell gave in a paper to a meeting

H Howland paper accepted

W Howland desires a copy of his min

Correcting the minutes with Treasurer referred

Report of Wood sold

Adjournment

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Complaint against Sherman

Joseph Gifford Junr desires (by the way of Preparative meeting) a Removal Certificate, for himself and Children, to the Monthly meeting of Sandwich as he hath removed within the verge of that meeting to Live, therefore this Meeting doth appoint William Barker and Stephen Buffinton to take the necessary care therein, and if they find things clear to bring one to next Monthly meeting

Stephen Smith son of Benjamin Smith Junr desiring a copy of a Minute of this Meeting setting forth his Right of membership here directed to the Monthly meeting of Falmouth in Salem Quarter as he has gone to do some business there, and the Clerk is directed to bring hereof a copy He having a right of membership among us And this meeting desiring he may be under friends care while there

This meeting is Inform'd by way of the preparative meeting that David Hard hath removed out of the Verge of this Meeting and not being our Certificate, which not being according to good order among us therefore John Devosal and Abiel Gifford are appointed to treat with him thereon and make report when ready

Jonathan Greene desiring a removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting of Greenwich, setting forth his right of membership and clearness respecting marriage he having gone there to reside therefore our friends Benjamin Tabor and William Wood are appointed to take the necessary care therein, and if they find things clear to bring one to next monthly Meeting

Barnabus Shepherd's Certificate being returned from the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich with Endorsment, informing that said Certificate did not mention his outward affairs being settled: Enquiry being made therein and finding things clear therein, an Endorsment was made thereof on said Certificate and forwarded

The Women Friends Inform that they have received Mchtable Maxfield Wife of John Maxfield, under their care: which this meeting concurs with

The Overseers Inform that Benjamin Allen (son of Philip Allen deceased) desires the advice of Friends, respecting some of his outward affairs therefore our Friends Henry Smith, Stephen Buffinton, Caleb Rybell, and Ebenezer Allee, are appointed to visit said Benjamin and advise and assist on those affairs, as Truth may Direct and make report next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held in Duxbury the 13th of 6 month 1781 The Representatives are Caleb Barker, Joseph Barker, Elijah Gifford and Henry Smith - Present

Our Esteemed Brethren James Tomlinson from Andover & Samuel Smith of Hillsborough both of the Province of New Hampshire and James Carrington of New Boston attended this meeting, bringing Certificates of Association of their Churches to: and their Wives and Children in Gospel Love acceptable

Our Esteemed Friends Hiram Mifflin of Dux Creek Kent County in New Jersey, David Burser of Andoverfield in New Jersey, and George Chapman of Nottingham Conn both, all producing Certificates from the Monthly meetings they belong to, and their Wives, well received

The friends appointed to confer with Nathaniel Gifford and wife report that they desire that matter continued another month, as it is accidentally deferred till next monthly meeting since their care they then to make report

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J. Green
Certificate
B. Allen
Case

The Friends appointed to Treat with and inspect into the conduct of Jonas Locum report that they desire that matter continued another month under their care they then to make Report

The friends appointed to confer with Joseph Wing report that they had an opportunity of conference with him, and that he gave them some degree of satisfaction, yet desired matter continued another month and is accordingly under the same friends care and they to make report next monthly meeting

The Clerk informs he hath Transmitted a Copy of the minutes of Last monthly meeting, to Edward Thurston and family respecting their denial, as ordered

The friends appointed to take the necessary care respecting Removal Certificate for Henry Howland and children, report that the same Objections remains as was last monthly meeting therefore the matter is continued under the same friends care and they to make report next monthly meeting When ready

The friends appointed to have a soled conference and inspection into the conduct of William Russell in order to discover his sincerity in condemning his misconduct in making a Gaming Instrument Report They have had some conference with him but desires the matter referred another month, with an addition of friends therein, Who are William Mesher and William Anthony Jr and they together to take the necessary care therein and make report to next monthly meeting

Our Friends William Anthony Jr and Samuel Smith are appointed to draw Certificates for our Friends James Thornton, Samuel Smith, Thomas Carrington Warner Mufflin and George Churchman who Attended this meeting - bringing with them said Certificates to the adjournment of this meeting

This Meeting is adjourned to the 27th instant after the meeting of Worship of that day

The 27th meet by adjournment The Representatives all present Except Caleb Russell who is gone to the yearly meeting at Nantucket Caleb Greene is appointed Clerk for this time

Humphrey Howland's paper not being Read as directed last monthly meeting, he not being informed thereof, he is now informed and directed to cause the same to be read and returned as mentioned last monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to settle accounts with the Treasurer and revise the monthly meeting minutes Report that they have revised the minutes but have not accomplished the rest, therefore the same is deferred under their care till next monthly meeting and then to make report

Our Friends William Barker and Joseph Tucher Jr are appointed to make Enquiry and Treat with Caleb Shearman on his marrying out of the Unity of Friends: and make report thereof next monthly meeting

A Removal Certificate was signed in this meeting by the Clerk for Jonathan Greene directed to the monthly meeting at Greenwich settling his Right of membership Charges, respecting marriage and outward affairs being settled: he having gone to said place to reside

Part of the Committee appointed to Visit Benjamin Allon (son of Philip deceased) and advise and assist him in some of his outward affairs report that they Visited him and gave him such advice as they thought necessary but the matter not being fully accomplished

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This Brother Jedediah being concerned in the matter with him, therefore the same friends are continued in that service who are to advise said Benjamin and Jedediah and others of that family concerned therein as they may find necessary and make report next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed some considerable time past to treat with Job Gifford report that they have conferred with him several times and he hath desisted from his misconduct, and gave said Friends a good degree of Satisfaction: Therefore said report is accepted as satisfactory

Silvia Smith Requesting for her young son Benjamin Howland Smith to be received under Friends care: therefore our friends Thomas Hicks and Philip Macomber are appointed to take necessary care in the matter and make report next monthly meeting

Certificates were signed in this Meeting by the Clerk for our Esteemed Friend James Thornton and Samuel Smith directed to the several monthly meetings: they belong to; setting forth their acceptable Visit and Service in the Ministry, and solid and worthy conversation: Certificates were also signed as above said for our Friend Warner Mufflin, Thomas Carrington and George Churchman directed to the several monthly meetings, they belong to setting forth their acceptable Visit and Service in the love of the Truth

The Quories have been Read and answers answers thereto prepared, and after some amendment, approved and sent by our Representatives to the Quarterly meeting, with the Epistle, which was Read, approved, and signed by the Clerk

Our Friends William Barker, Caleb Greene, Abner Devool, Seth Huddleston, and Benjamin Gifford Jr are appointed to attend our next Quarterly meeting, and make report to our next monthly meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 6th of 7th month 1781 The Representatives are John Williams and Joseph Tucher Jr Present

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting, report that they all attended that meeting, and have produced an Epistle from the same which was read in this meeting to Satisfaction: And the weighty advice therein respecting Friends settling their outward Estates, and making their Will whilst in health, is Recommended to the solid attention of Each member of this meeting

A Transcript of the Epistle of the yearly meeting from London last year was also produced by the sd Representatives and read in this meeting to Satisfaction

The Friends appointed to Confer with Nathaniel Gifford and Wife report, that they had an opportunity with them and that they gave them some degree of Satisfaction; yet as they are slack in attending Religious meetings, and for a further discovery of the Sincerity of said Nathaniel and Wife, in the Condemning their misconduct, the matter is continued under the care and inspection of the same friends who are to report when ready

The Friends appointed to Treat with Jonas Locum and inspect into his conduct report they do not find his fruits sufficiently settled to demonstrate a state of sincere Repentance: yet not being out of hopes he may yet return, therefore said matter referred under the same friends care and they to make report next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to confer with Joseph Wing report that they had an opportunity of solid conference with him and that he gave them some degree of Satisfaction: yet this meeting concludes to continue that matter one month longer, and it is accordingly referred to next monthly meeting under the same friends care and they then to make Report

7 month 1781 The Friends appointed to have a solid conference with and inspection of the conduct of William Russell in order to discover his Sincerity in concerning his misconduct in making a Gaming Instrument, report that they had an opportunity with him and that he gave them so much Satisfaction that this meeting concludes to accept of his paper for Satisfaction, provided he cause said paper to be read, at the close of one of our publick meetings for Worship on a first day between this and next monthly meeting and make return and report of the same

The Clerk informs by desire of Humphrey Howland that his paper hath not been read as directed at last monthly meeting therefore the Clerk is directed to direct him to cause it to be read at abovesaid last monthly meeting This meeting in concurrence with the Women meeting do conclude to receive Thebe Spons Children whose names are Stephen, Ruth, and Judith, under our care

The Committee appointed to settle accounts with the Treasurer report that they have accomplished the same, and find in Book four Shillings and Eight pence Lawful hard money 9-4-8 not paid out which Benjamin Taber is ordered to pay to Jonathan Willbor: And the Meeting concludes in debt for Order 9-11-4 not yet paid Thereby the meeting in debt 9-6-5 Lawful hard money

The Committee appointed in 2^d month 1780 to treat and Confer with Abraham Ricketson on his request to be reformed among Friends and he not appearing to continue his request, this meeting concludes to discharge that matter and said Committee from that service

Part of the Committee appointed in 2^d month 1780 to Collect this the books meetings Books report that they have made some progress therein and they are therefore continued in that service and to make report next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed in 2^d month 1780 to take the necessary care in the matter respecting John Sollen going away in a disorderly manner Report that they have made some progress therein and they are yet continued in that service and to make report when ready

The Friends appointed to treat with David Hart on his removing out of the Verge of this meeting without requesting a Certificate Report that they have treated with him and that he did not give any satisfaction: said Committee also inform that said David is in the practice of attending meetings held out of the Unity of our Society and that they had treated with him on that account, and that he justified himself, therefore, Seth Russell and John Williams are appointed to take an opportunity of solid conference with him thereon and if he doth not give them satisfaction to draw a Testimony of denial against him and inform him thereof and bring a Testimony with them to next monthly meeting

Benjamin Taber having served this meeting as Treasurer for some time to satisfaction, and requesting to be dismissed therefrom, he is therefore dismissed and Jonathan Willbor is appointed to that service for the year ensuing

Collected 2-17-4
This meeting Received a Copy of a minute from South Kingstown in behalf of Andrew Nichols 3^d son of Andrew Nichols Int informing of his Right of membership and of his removing from that meeting to Bedford to Live with a friend

This Meeting is adjourned to the 25th Instant after the meeting of Worship of that day
Met by Tournament the 25th of the 7 month 1781

The Representatives being called Joseph Tucker was present John Williams, present for which no Excuse was rendered

The Friends appointed to make Enquiry and Treat with Caleb Sherman on his marrying out of the Unity of Friends Report that they had an opportunity with him and that he gave them no Satisfaction

They also Inform that Jed Cole is guilty of fornication as appears by his wife having a Child, son after marriage therefore the same friends are continued, to Joyn the Women friends in treating with said Cole and Wife, if they do not find sufficient Satisfaction to draw a Testimony of denial and bring to next monthly meeting

Caleb Russell in behalf of the Committee appointed to Visit Benjamin Allen (son of Phillip deceased) and the rest of the family, report that they appointed a time and place to meet them, but they not meeting there as appointed the Committee desires the matter defend another month which is accordingly referred under their care till next monthly meeting they then to make report

The Friends appointed to take the necessary care respecting the request of Silvia Smith for her young son Benjamin Howland Smith to be taken under Friends care, report that they have taken the necessary care therein by taking an opportunity of solid conference with said Silvia, who gave them a good degree of Satisfaction, Respecting the Religious Education of her Child therefore this meeting in a solid consideration thereon concludes to receive said Benjamin Howland Smith under our care

Silvia Smith Requests a Copy of a minute of this meeting, to the monthly meeting of Nantucket, signifying the right of membership of her son Benjamin Howland Smith, he being this day received into membership with us he being gone to Nantucket to school, therefore the Clerk is desired to forward to said monthly meeting a Copy of this minute

James Taylor hath returned a Certificate which he received from this meeting of the 17th of 3 month 1781 Last directed to the monthly meeting of Nantucket, he not making any stay there

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 28th of 8 month 1781
The Representatives Abiel Gifford and Jonathan Hart - Present

There being a Committee appointed by the Quarterly meeting to Confer with this meeting an account of Dartmouth monthly meeting, being removed to Sandwich Quarter: therefore we appoint our Friends William Athony Thomas Hicks, Samuel Smith Abiel Gifford William Mother Seth Russell and Henry Smith to Confer with said Committee, with all other friends, that hath a desire to meet on that Conference and they to report next monthly meeting

This Meeting Adjourns the 29th Instant after the meeting of Worship Mett by Adjourn, the 29th of the 8 month 1781

The Friends continued in the Case of Jonas Stearn report that they had another conference with him and not being fully Satisfied it is refered to next monthly meeting under the care of the same friends as before and then they to report

Likewise the Friends appointed in the case of Joseph Wings report still gives a degree of Satisfaction therefore it is refered to next monthly meeting and the same friends to take the care thereof and then to report

William Russell Paper having been Read according to direction and is returned to this meeting - and is as followeth

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held in Dartmouth 21st of 5 Mo 1781
Dear friends, Whereas some time past through unwatchfulness did so far depart from the principle of Truth and friends, as to make a Gaming Instrument on Table for the purpose of playing a sort of Game called Backgammon since doing which I have been favoured to see my great error there with its consequences, for which Error I am sincerely sorry for and do in due Desiring Friends may pass it by so far as to let me remain under their care and that I may be so far favoured to dwell so near the divine principle for the futur as not to fall into any such iniquity for the future
William Russell