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B.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth, the 18th of the 7th Month 1785.

The Representatives from the South Preparative Meeting are Abiel Gifford, and Caleb Barker, from the North Caleb Russell and Seth Huddleston, all present.

Rich^d Lapham
case contin^d

The Friends appointed in the Case of Richard Lapham, report, that they have not yet had opportunity with him, and desire the Matter defer'd; it is accordingly continued under some Friends care, who are to report to next Monthly meeting.

Rhoda Shearman
rec^d

The Women inform they have concluded to receive Rhoda Shearman, daughter of W^m William, into Membership with us, which this Meeting concurs with.

W^m Sanford
in^{form}

Pelag Gifford, reports, that he hath informed William Sanford jun^r, (that he hath informed W^m) as desired last Monthly meeting.

B^{erj} Howland's
case contin^d

The Committee in the case of Berj^s Howland's report, that they have had the Matter under Notice, and some of them, had another Opportunity with him, and that they think best the Matter be continued; it is accordingly continued under the same Friends care 'till next Monthly meeting, they then to report.

Hart &
Allen
defer'd.

The Committee in the Case of Joseph Hart and Philip Allen, report that they have had Opportunities with them, and said Com^{tee} desire the Matter may be continued another Month, it is accordingly defer'd to next Monthly meeting, under the

14th
7th month
1785

the same Friends care, they then to make report.
The Friends appointed in the case of Thomas A. J. skin's kin, report, that they have not had opportunity with him and desire the Matter continued, which is accordingly continued under their care till next Monthly meeting; they then to report.

The Committee in the case of Benjamin Allen son of Philip de^d, report that they have taken care of that Matter, yet desire it deferd; which is accordingly continaid under their care till next Month by making, then then to report.

Comtee
Reports
wrote to
Providence.

The Friends appointed to write to Providence Monthly meeting, respecting Francis Rotok, report, that they have written to that Meeting, desiring them to make returns to this Meeting.

The Friends appointed in the case of Stephen Buffinton's Certificate, report, that it is not accomplish'd, they are therefore continaid in that service, and to report to next Monthly meeting.

Two of ^{the Friends} appointed to attend to the Quarterly meeting, report, that they attended, but that Jonathⁿ Hart, did not, by reason of Indisposition of Body, as this Meeting is inform'd; that he endeavor'd to send his Excuse in writing, which faill'd of conveyance and is to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Shulall Bunker Jun^r, report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and it is their opinion that he may have a Certificate; they are therefore directed ^{write} to Nantucket m^o meeting, what appears to them necessary

A. Buffinton's
Certificate

Report of
Representa
tives attend
ed 2nd month

A. Bunker's

7th mo
1785

necessary thereon; and report to next Monthly meeting.

James Davis
request

Our Friend James Davis, informs that he has a concern to attend Sandwich M^o meeting, next to be held at Falmouth, desiring Friends Concurrence thereon, and this Meeting taking it under Consideration, do with the Concurrence of the Women, approve thereof, he being a Minister in Unity and his public Testimony approv'd; and the Clerk is desir'd to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute.

Report
Comtee in
Job Deval's
case.

The Committee in the case of Job Deval, report as follows. Pursuant to appointment of the Monthly ^{meeting}, we have inspected into the Matter of which Job Deval is accused, and have had a solid Opportunity of conference with him, and have deliberately considered of the same, and he declining to face the young Woman, who accused him, in order to make his innocence appear, therefore, we have to report, that he hath not satisfied us that he is clear of the Fact laid to his charge, altho he still denies it. we therefore submit the Matter to the Meeting, believing we have discharged ourselves therein. Caleb Russell
Dated the 17th of 7th month 1785. Joseph Gifford
Sam^l. Smith

Conclusion
thereon
he denied

which is accepted - and this Meeting, after weightly and tenderly considering thereon, concludes with the Concurrence of the Women, to deny said Job, and the

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the same friends are desired to draw a Testimony of his Denial, inform him thereof, and report it to next Mo. meeting.

Joseph Russell

The Overseers inform that Joseph Russell son of Timothy is guilty of the Sin of Fornication by his own Confession - and they having bestowed some labour on him thereon; and laid it before this Meeting - therefore we appoint Sam^l Smith and Ben^a Howland 2. to treat further with him thereon and report to next M^o. meeting.

D. Shepherd

David Shepherd Jun^r requests a removal Certificate for himself, Wife and Children, to Sandwich M^o. meeting, he having removed within the Compass of that Monthly meeting to live; Joseph Austin and Benjamin Tabor, are appointed to join the Women, take the necessary Care therein, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Collection

The 1^o Preparative Meeting in their Act, inform, that they have collected and paid to the Treasurer

The North. L. 15.9 - 13.4

read of Epistles

The Friends to attend the Quarterly meeting, produced an Epistle therefrom which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction; and the Matter respecting the Money for yearly & Quarterly meetings Stock, is refer'd to next M^o. meeting: receiv'd also the Epistle from London to our Yearly meeting, together with our Yearly meeting's Epistle & those from Westbury and Philadelphia, that from London was read to satisfaction, and the reading the others, is refer'd to next M^o. meeting, at the open-

opening thereof.

May pro. divided.

Abiel Gifford and Gideon Howland are appointed, to provide Hay, as may appear necessary for the next Quarterly meeting, and bring an acc^t. thereof to this Meeting.

8th Month

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth, the 15th of the 8th Month 1785.

The Representatives from the Prepar^t meetings are from the South, Joseph Barker and Philip Trafford, - from the North, John Howland, and Thomas Motte, who being call'd are all present.

Epistles to be read.

The Clerk informs that the bringing the Epistles (propos'd to be read at the opening of this Meeting) pleas'd his mind; - he is therefore desir'd to them to next monthly meeting.

R. Lapham case contin.

Two of the Friends in the case of Rich^d Lapham, report that they have had an opportunity with him; and have but little Encouragement of his leaving his Habit - yet desire the matter deferred, which is accordingly continued under the same friends care, who are to report to next M^o. meeting.

B. Howland's Case.

The Committee in the case Benj^a Howland's therein report, that they have continued their care, and that Benj^a gave them some satisfaction, and they desire the Matter continued, which is accordingly continued under their care, who are to report to next M^o. meeting.

The Women inform they have concluded to

8m^o 1785

Sylvia Bonding
Mary Howland
arrived

mony Sylvia the Wife of Cornelius Grinnell & Mary Wife of Isaac Howland 2. which this meet-
ing concurs with.

Jos Hart &
P. Allen
continued

The Comt^{ee} in the Case of Jos. Hart and Phi-
lip Allen, desire that Matter continued another
month, which this Meeting acquiesces with, they to
report to next m^o meeting.

T. Akin's
case contin^{ed}

The Friends app^o in the Case of Thomas Akin,
report, that they have taken a solid opportunity with
him, and desire the Matter defer'd, which is accord-
ingly continu'd under their Care, till next m^o Meeting,
they then to report.

B. Allen's
son of P.
acknowledg^{mt}
received

The Comt^{ee} in the Case of Berj^o Allen son of
Philip, doe report, that they have had solid oppor-
tunities with him, and are willing to accept of his ac-
knowledgm^{ts} for Satisfaction, with our Concurrence, which
after considering, we conclude^d to accept, the Women al-
so concurring, provided, Berj^o cause his Paper of
acknowledgment to be read publicly, at a first days
Meeting between this and next M^o meeting, he being
present, and return said paper, with report to this
Meeting.

Step. Bunker
son's Certi-
ficate sign'd

A removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk, di-
rected to the M^o meeting of Acaxet, in behalf of
Stephen Buxinton, his Wife and their Children,
namely, Zephaniah, Stephen and Sarah, expressing
that they are members, and that their outward af-
fairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears.

A Bunker's

The Friends appointed to write to Nantucket
respecting Shub^o Bunker's Certificate, report, that they
have

wrote to that Meeting accordingly.

Testimony
of Denial
Job Deval

The Comt^{ee} appointed, reported a Draught
of the Testimony of Job Deval's Denial as
follows, "Whereas Job Deval son of
John Deval and Maory his Wife, of Dartm^o,
in the County of Bristol, Vt. having had his Edu-
cation among friends, but by departing from the
Truth and the Testimony thereof, in his own heart
hath so far given way to a depraved and unsta-
ble Mind, as to fall into rude, loose and unprof-
itable Company, and thereby hath fallen under the
imputation of being guilty of the reproachful Sin
of Fornication, as by the ^{accusation of} Sarah Russell doth ap-
pear, tho' he denies the Accusation, and Friends
having treated with him in Love on that Act,
but he not clearing up the Matter, nor dischar-
ging himself therefrom in any manner sufficient
to manifest his Innocence, to friends satisfaction.
We do therefore, for the clearing and manifesting
our Testimony against such reproachful conduct,
hereby publicly disown him the said Job Deval
from being a Member of our religious Society,
until by repentance and amendment of life, he
shall be restored to the way of Truth. Given
forth and sign'd in and on behalf of our Month-
ly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the
18th of the 8m^o 1785, by Caleb Greene Clerk,
which being approv'd, and sign'd as above, the Clerk
is desir'd to cause the same to be read in the usual
public

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public manner at Newtown, and the same friends are to inform of thereof, and they with the Clerk are to report to next m^t. meeting.

One of the Friends in the Case of Joseph Russell son of Timothy; - informs, that the Com^t. hath had an opportunity with ^{him}, and that he appears disposed to make Friends Satisfaction; - yet think it best to defer the Matter. - which is accordingly continued under the same Friends care, till next m^t. meeting, who are then to report.

J. Russell son of Tim^t. case continued

Removal Certificate for David Shepherd head of Family to Sandwich signed

The Friends appointed to draw a removal Certificate for David Shepherd Junior, his Wife and their Children, namely, Thomas, Reliance, John, James and Caleb, to Sandwich M^t. meeting, produced one which was read and signed by the Clerk, expressing, that they are Members, and that his affairs were settled to satisfaction as far as appears.

Collection

The South Prepar^y. Meeting in their Acc^t. inform, that they have collected & sent to the Treasurer

The North 19. 4 1/2
1. 6 1/2

To make fence round lot

It is concluded to fence our Lot of Ground, next the River, in order to accommodate Friends horses at n^t. Quarterly meeting. - and agree to meet together on the second day of next week, if the weather is suitable, if not, the next suitable day, to accomplish the same.

Cath. Russell

The Women inform, that they are about to deal with Catharine Russell which this Meeting concurs with.

Addition to Com^t. build^g on Town^s Street

The Committee for building a Meeting house at Bedford, requests an additional number for that Service and to collect Subscriptions for raising Money to defray that Expence: Abraham Howland, Giles Slocum, Peleg Gifford, and Samuel Smith are appointed to assist in that service

Nanny Giff returned copy of Min^{ts}

J. Davis returned copy min^{ts}

Nanny Gifford hath returned a Copy of a Minute of this Meeting of 6th month last, she having attended the Quarterly at Nantucket. James Davis hath returned a Copy of a Minute of last Monthly meeting, he having attended Sandwich M^t. meeting.

Com^t. to collect 16. 6 by Subscrip^t

It being recommended by the Quarterly meeting, for this Meeting to raise £16. 10^s to supply the Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stocks, we therefore appoint Peleg Slocum, Timothy Russell, Barnabas Russell, Thomas Mott, William Gifford, William Barker, to draught Subscriptions, and make collections thereon, and each Member is desired to subscribe thereto in freedom. S. Com^t. to make report of the sum total so collected to next m^t. meeting. and the Clerk is desired to give them a Copy of this Minute signed in behalf of this Meeting.

9 m^o.

At the Monthly meeting of Dartmouth held there, the 19th of 9th Month 1785.

The Representatives from the S^t. Prepar^y. Meeting are Peleg Gifford, and Caleb Barker,

from

9^m 1785

from the North, John Howland and W. Gifford, who being called are all present.

rem^d of Epistles read.

The other Epistles which came to hand in the 7th month, were read at this time to satisfaction, and the mighty Advices therein - are recommended to the Consideration and observance of Friends, - particularly that from our Yearly-meeting, which recommends last year's Advice, respecting Spirituous Liquors, to be read in Monthly and Preparⁿ meetings, which is referred to next M^o. meeting for further Consideration.

B. Howland's in. case deferred.

The Com^{rs} in the Case of Benj^o. Howland report, that they have continued their Care therein, and that they have some encouragement, and desire the Matter, deferred, which this Meeting concurs with and they are continued in that Service & to report to next Monthly-meeting.

B. Allen's Paper read.

This Meeting is inform'd that Benj^o. Allen son of Philip de^r, hath caus'd his Paper to be read as directed at last M^o. meeting.

T. Allen case deferred.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Thomas Akin, report, that they have had a further opportunity with him, and think it may be best, that the Matter be deferred, which is accordingly continu'd under the same Friends Care, they do report to next M^o. meeting.

R. Lapham

The Friends in the Case of Rich^o. Lapham, report, that they have not had ^{farther} opportunity with him, as he hath gone a Voy^g to Sea, they are therefore continu'd in that Service, and to report to next M^o. meeting.

Testimony of Job Deval Denial read.

The Clerk informs that the Testimony of the Denial of Job Deval, hath been read as directed: - and the Friends appointed reports, that Job hath been hath been inform'd of his Denial.

Jos. Hart & Philip Allen Case continued

The Com^{rs} in the Case of Joseph Hart and Philip Allen - desire that Matter continu'd another Month, with which this Meeting concurs, they then to report.

Jos. Russell of Benj^o. Case continued

The Friends appointed in Joseph Russell's Case report, that they have continued their care therein, and had an opportunity with him; and that he gave them some good degree of Satisfaction, yet think it best, it should be continued, with which this Meeting acquiesces, and said Friends are to report to next M^o. meeting.

comptt. against Sheabod Shearman

The Overseers inform that Sheabod Shearman hath greatly departed from that simple Plainness profess'd by us, particularly in tying his Hair with a Riband, and is slack in the Attendance of our religious Meetings, that they have tenderly laboured with him therefore, but not finding him in a Disposition of mind to refrain therefrom, to friends satisfaction, therefore we appoint Seth Huddleston, Zephaniah Day, John Howland to labour further with him thereon, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Henry Smith and Miquil Russell de. their intention of taking each other in Marriage. they

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they are to wait till next M^o. meeting for their Answer; and Messrs Anthony Jun^r and Benj^e Howland & are appointed to inspect Henry's clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation and report to next M^o. meeting.

The South Prepar^y. Meeting in their Acct^s inform, that they have collected and sent to the Treasurer $0.9\frac{5}{2}$ and the North.

Collection
L 1.2.3/2

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The Queries were read and answers thereto from the Preparative Meetings, and Samuel Smith & Tho^s Hicks, are appointed to compile general Answers to the Queries from this to the Quarterly meeting, and draw an account to said meeting and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Queries answered

This Meeting having concluded in the 10th of 1782 to discontinue all our week day meetings in that week the Quarterly meeting may be held here, and that when the Prepar^y. meetings happens to fall in that week, that it be held on the 4th day of the preceding week of the Quarterly meeting, and in addition thereto, the North Prepar^y. meeting, it is now concluded, is to be held on the 5th day of the next preceding week of the Quarterly meeting, whenever it may happen in the week of the Quarterly meeting's being held here: and that there be Meetings for worship on said Prepar^y. meeting Days.

Prepar^y. Meetings to be held the next week before Quarterly meeting.

Adjourned

This Meeting is adjourned to the 28th Inst^o at the usual Time of Day.

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9th m^o 28th Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present.

The Friends appointed produced a Compilation of the Answers to the Queries, which with the Account the Acct^s to the Quarterly meeting were read (and after some alteration) signed by the Clerk, and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting, by our Representatives, Abiel Gifford, Benj^e. Tabor, Seth Huddleston, John Howland, who are to report to next M^o. meeting.

Representatives to Quarterly meeting

Our Friend Peter Corban attended this meeting with Copy of a Minute of the Monthly meeting of Orlong, dated 12th of 9th m^o 1785. which was read to satisfaction, and endorsement made thereon signifying the same, signed by the Clerk.

Peter Corban from Orlong

The Com^{tee} to collect Subscriptions, for supplying the Yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock, report, that they have collected and paid to our Treasurer $L 7.5.5$ who is directed, to forward it to the Quarterly meetings, and the same friends are continued in that Service for further Collection, they to make report to next M^o. meeting.

L 7.5.5 Collected for Yearly & Quarterly Meeting

The Women inform, that they with our Concurrence, conclude to appoint some friends to join the Overseers, in visiting such among us, as neglect the attendance of our religious Meetings; this Meeting concurring therewith, referreth, the appointing some men friends to join them therein, to next M^o. meeting.

Proposed to appoint overseers

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Com^{tee} to provide Companions for travelling friends.

It being recommended by the Quarterly meet^g, that two or more suitable Friends be appointed by each Mt. meeting, whose Care it shall be, to see that such Friends as come among us, on Religious Visits, have suitable Companions to accompany them, when they leave our Quarter, or otherwise as the Circumstances may be, and that the friends so appointed present the account of such expences in that Case to the Monthly meeting, and if approved of to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, We therefore appoint Caleb Greene and W^m. Anthony jun^r for that service.

Francis Rotch dismissed.

Francis Rotch having removed to London, without Certificate, neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, and appearing in Habit, Language and Deportment, far from that simple Plainness which we profess, and some friends, as also one of the Overseers, having taken Opportunities with him thereon; and he informing them that he could not comply with Friends Rules, and not inclining to give friends satisfaction, & they cannot conveniently have further opportunity with him, do with the Concurrence of the Women, disown him the said Francis Rotch from being a Member with us, & from under the Care of this Meeting, and Caleb Greene is appointed to inform him thereof, when opportunity presents and report to this Meeting.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth, the 17th of the 10th Month 1785.

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Prepar^y Meetings, are, From the South Thomas Hicks & W^m. Barker North Caleb Russell and Jⁿ. Loyal who being called were all present.

Advice re. spirits & Liguors to be read at Prepar^y meetings

The Advice from the Yearly meeting respecting spirituous Liguors, was read at this Time, and the further reading thereof, is recommended to the Prepar^y Meetings, as often as may appear useful and best.

B. Howland's Case contin^d

The Committee in the Case of Benjamin Howland's report, that he has given them some Satisfaction; but think best the Matter be continued, it is accordingly continued under the same friends Care, who are to report to next Mt. meeting.

R. Lapham

The Friends in Rich^d. Lapham's Case, report that they have not had opportunity with him, as he is not returned, they are therefore continued in that Service, and to make report to next Mt. meeting.

T. Atkin

The Com^{tee} in Thomas Atkin's Case, report that they have not all had Opportunity with him, and think best the Matter, be deferred, it is accordingly continued under their Care, who are to report to next Monthly meeting.

Joseph Hart's Paper accept^d by P. Allen

The Friends appointed in the Case of Joseph Hart and Philip Allen, report that they think best to accept Joseph Hart's Paper condemning his Misconduct, which is accordingly accepted for.

satisfaction, provided he cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, and return the same with report thereof to ~~next~~ ^{the} Meeting: but the same friends report, that ^{they} think it best to continue Philip's Case, which is accordingly continued under their care, who are to report to next M^o. meeting.

Mr Shearman de- nied.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Ichabod Shearman report, that they have attended thereto, and had a solid Opportunity with him, and that he gave them no Satisfaction, he justifying his Conduct. We therefore, with the Concurrence of the Women, do disown the said Ichabod Shearman, as a Member among us, and from under the Care of this Meeting, and John Howland is appointed to inform him thereof, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Report of Com^{rs} to see H Smith's clearness.

The Friends appointed to inspect Henry Smith's Clearness respecting Marriage & Conversation report, that nothing appears to hinder his proceeding in Marriage.

Report of Representatives to Q^{rtly} Meeting.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended, and that the ^{rec^d} from this Meeting was received and read, and that it was the Conclusion of the Quarterly meeting, not to communicate any thing by way of Epistle at this Time.

H. Smith & M^o Ruf- sell's Assent

Henry Smith and Abigail Russell appear'd for their Answer, which was, that we do not find any thing to hinder, their proceeding, to take each other in Marriage at some convenient Time between this and next M^o. meeting, advising with the Friends, that

this Meeting appoints to see said Marri- age orderly solemniz'd, who are Benjamin Howland E. and William Anthony jun^r. they to report to next M^o. Meeting.

Collection

The South Prepar^y. Meeting in their Account inform they have Collected and sent to the Treasurer of this Meeting

The North

7. 11.
17. 10/2

Com^{rs} to repair M^o House.

Plas Gifford, Philip Trafford, Giles Hocum, and Thomas Russell, Barnabas Mosher, Caleb Russell, & Gideon Howland: are appointed a Committee to repair our Meeting house at Sponganset, if they think proper, and make such repairs as they can before the approaching Winter, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Compl^g ag^t Archib^d Gifford

The Overseers inform that Archippus Gifford, keeps Company with a young Woman not of our Society, on Account of Marriage, for which he was Labour'd with, by them: but he not giving them Satisfaction, therefore we appoint Wm Wood and Thomas Noll to labour further with him & Archippus, and report to next Monthly meeting.

Yearly & Quarterly Stock

The Committee to continue in collecting for Yearly & Quarterly meeting's Stock, report, that ^{are} they, about attending to that Service, they are continu'd therein to accomplish that matter and report to next M^o. meeting.

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order on Treasurer 2/8

Call^d Greene informs that he hath procured the Deed of the Meeting house Lot at Bedford, acknowledged and recorded at the cost of 5/8 which the Treasurer is directed to pay

The appointing some Friends to join the Women in visiting those who neglect the attendance of our religious Meetings, and some others who are otherwise defective, is refer'd to next M^t. Meeting.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 22^d of 11th Month 1785.

The Representatives named in the Accounts from the Preparative meetings are from the South Joseph Wilbur and Benjamin Smith 2. - North, Benjamin Taber and Jonathan Hart, who being called were all present, except Benj^a. Smith 2. who sent a satisfactory Reason of his absence.

Richard Lapham's Case is continued under the same friends care, as were appointed therein, as they have not had opportunity with him, they to report to next M^t. meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the case of Thomas Akin report, that they have taken solid opportunities with him, that he gave them some encouragement, and that they think best it be continued, which is accordingly, under the same Friends care, they to report to next M^t. meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the case of Benj^a. Howland's report, that he seemed disposed to make friends Satisfaction that he has discontinued his Tavern agreeable to the

R. Lapham's case contin.

T. Akin.

B. Howland's Case concluded.

to the Advice and request of Friends, which is accepted by this Meeting, as Satisfactory.

J. Hart's Case read.

This Meeting is informed that Joseph Hart hath caused his Paper to be read as directed last M^t. meeting.

P. Allen's continued

Philip Allen's Case is continued under the same friends care appointed therein, as they have not had opportunity with him: - they to report to next M^t. meeting.

Jos. Russell's Paper accepted.

The Friends appointed, in the Case of Joseph Russell (son of Timothy) report, that they think it best to accept of his Paper condemning his Misconduct for Satisfaction, which is accepted accordingly, provided he causes it to be read in the usual Public manner and report it to next M^t. meeting.

H. Smith's Marriage attended

The Friends appointed, report that they attended the Marriage of Henry Smith and Abigail Russell, and also attended at his House, & saw nothing, but that it was conducted in a good degree orderly.

Jos. Howland to inform J. Shearman

John Howland, reports that the informing Phabod Shearman of his Denial, slid his Mind, he is continued therefor and report to next M^t. meeting.

Sarah Russell certificate rec^d.

The Women inform, they have received a removal Certificate from the M^t. meeting of P^rehad^a in behalf of Sarah Russell wife of A^m. Russell.

Removal Certificate signed for Ann Marshall

A Removal Certificate was signed by the Clerk, in behalf of Ann Marshall directed to the M^t. Meeting of New York.

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Com^{tee} to Repair the Meeting H^{ouse} report.

The Committee to view and repair our Meeting, at Spronganset, report, that they have view'd and examined the same & find it so irreparable, that they concluded, it best to only stop some of the worst leaks, which they did, and they are continued to make such further repairs inside or out, as they may judge best for the ensuing Winter, & report to next M^o. meeting.

Arch^d Gifford's case continued

The Friends appointed in the Case of Arch^d Gifford, - report, that they have taken an Opportunity with him, but that he did not give them Satisfaction; yet at his desire and request the matter is continu'd another month, under the same Friends care, who are to report to next M^o. meeting.

Com^{tee} cont^d next to col. Oct 1782. M^o. Stock.

The Committee for collecting for Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock, report that they have not accomplished that service; they are therefore continued to accomplish it, and report to next M^o. meeting.

The app^o visiters report.

The appointing a Committee to join the W^o. men to visit those who neglect the attendance of our Religious Meetings, and 'some others', who are otherwise defective in maintaining our Religious principles and Testimony; - is refer'd to next Monthly meeting.

Collection.

The S^o. Preparative Meeting in their acc^t, inform, that they have collected and delivered to the Treasurer
and the North Prepar^o meeting
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Request for Meet^g in Allen's Neck,

Friends in Allen's neck having requested this Meeting, the privilege or Liberty of holding Meetings there, which being considered, it is concluded, with the concurrence of the W^o. men, that they hold one Meeting there the 3^o day of next Week, at Susanna Allen's at the 11th Hour, and Samuel Smith, Abel Gifford, Thomas Hicks, are appointed to have the Care thereof, and consider whether it may be best to hold Meetings there the ensuing Winter, how many and the Time & particular Place, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Com^{tee} to settle Sett^l Fris^{ts}? & revise the Minutes

Our Friends Samuel Smith, Joseph Justin and Caleb Greene with Caleb Barker are appointed to settle Accounts with the Treasurer; also to revise and correct this Meeting's Minutes, in order to be recorded.

Adjourn'd.

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 30th Instant at the close of the Meeting for Worship. 11 month 30th. Met by Adjournment.

Met.

The Representatives being called were all present, except Jonathan Hart, no excuse or reason render'd of his Absence.

12 month.

At Dartmouth Monthly meeting, held the 19th of the 12th Month 1785

The Representatives from the Prepar^o Meetings named in the Act^o presented, are from the S^o, Zephaniah Day & Joseph Tucker Jun^r from the North Dan^o. Rickson & J^o. Devo^l, who being called are all present

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Jonathan Clark's reasons
for his absence

Jonathan Clark's reasons of his Absence from the Adjournment of last Monthly meeting were satisfactory.

Appointm^t visitors, to visit the Women

Our Friends James Davis and Abel Gifford are appointed to join the Committee the Women may appoint, to visit those of our Members who much neglect the attendance of our religious Meetings, and some others of them, who are otherwise defective in maintaining our religious Principles and Testimony, as way may open, & make report, when accomplished, or before, if they think that best.

Friends in care of Friends appointed to report when ready

The Friends appointed in the Case of Tho^s Skin report that they have had the Oversight of that Matter, and have had several Conferences with him, it is therefore continued under the same Friends care, they to report when they shall think proper.

Russell's Paper read

Report hath been made that Joseph Russell's Paper, hath been read according to the Direction of last M^t. meeting.

Shearman informed

Report was also made that John Howland informed Ichabod Shearman of his Denial as directed.

Com^{tee} to repair O. Meeting H.

The Friends continued to inspect and repair our old Meeting house, report, that they have fulfilled said Appointment, and made such repairs, as they thought best for the Present

Report Com^{tee} to revise Minutes

The Friends appointed report that they have revised this Meeting's Minutes in order to be recorded; but that they have not accomplished fully their appointment, which they are continued to do and

and report to next M^t. meeting.

Queries answered Nov 27th Meeting

The Queries were read and the Answers thereto from the Prepar^t. Meetings, and Benjamin Taber, James Davis and Caleb Greene, are appointed to compile Answers therefrom for this Meeting, draw an account to the Quarterly meeting and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting

Report of Com^{tee} for care of request Friends in Allen's Neck.

The Com^{tee} having the care of the request of Friends in Allen's Neck for Meetings there, make the following report. Agreeably to appointment, we attended the Meeting at Susanna Allen's the 29th of last Month, and thereby have been the better able to consider and determine the Matter in respect to the request of holding Meetings in that Neck the ensuing Winter, and after weightily deliberating thereon, we have agreed that there be two Meetings in each Month hold there until the Monthly meeting in the 3 month next, and that they be held on the first (third day) of the week in each Month, and on the first day of the week next after the Monthly meeting in each Month, and the place of holding to be at Poley Hlocum's on first days, and at Susanna Allen's on week days; to meet at the usual hour of Eleven, and we think it would be useful and best, that there be a Committee to have the Care thereof, who are not Petitioners, some of which Com^{tee} duly to attend each Meeting, and if they shall think it best, in the Course of their attending, said meeting, to discontinue it before the Time limited be expired, that

they make report accordingly, all which is submitted to the Monthly meeting.

Dated 12th 12m 1785. Signed in behalf of the Committee by "Samuel Smith
Mercy Slocum"

which, with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting, is accepted. and Joseph Barker, Philip Trafford, Thomas Hicks, Abiel Gifford and Samuel Smith, are appointed to attend them, and make report, accordingly.

Thomas
Reports the pro-
poses a journey
to Oblong

Thomas Russell, informs that he proposes a Journey to Oblong on business, which this Meeting concurs with, - he being a Member of this Meeting, and the Clerk is desired to give him a copy of this Minute.

Hannah
Tucker's re-
quest for adm.

Hannah Tucker widow informing that she is under difficult circumstances respecting the settlement of her outward affairs, and requests our Advice in the Management thereof, we therefore appoint Sam^l Smith, Seth Russell, Peleg Gifford and Caleb Greene, who are to report, to this Meeting.

Adjourned

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 28th Instant at the usual time of Day.

R. Lapham's
Case deferred

The Friends appointed in the Case of Rich^d Lapham, report that they have taken further care therein, but have not all had opportunity with him. the Matter is therefore deferred to next M^o. meeting, under the same Friends Care, who are then to report.

* this should precede the last preceding Minute with 12m 28. Met by Adjournment.

Met.

The Representatives being called were all present.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Archippus Gifford, report, that they have had a further Opportunity with him; - but that he

Archippus
Gifford deferred

did not give them satisfaction, and continues in keeping Company with a Young Woman, not of our Society; wherefore, with the Concurrence of Women friends, we do disown him the said Archippus, as a Member of our Society, and from under the Care of this Meeting, and Thomas Hott is appointed to inform him thereof, and report to next M^o. meeting.

P. Allen's
Case deferred

The Friends in Philip Allen's Case, report, that they have not accomplished that Service, and desire it continued, - it is desired accordingly, under the same friends Care to next m^o. meeting, they then to report.

Corn^l Howland
gave in a
Paper

Cornelius Howland, gave in a Paper condemning several Transgressions as therein mentioned; we therefore appoint W^m. Anthony Jun^r & Thomas Hicks, to take a solid Opportunity with Cornelius, to discover his Sincerity and report to next M^o. meeting.

Giles Smith's
Paper con-
demning his
misconduct.

Giles Smith gave in a Paper condemning his joining in an Entertainment for a Marriage out of the order & Unity of Friends, we appoint Zephaniah Eddy and Peleg Gifford, to take a solid Opportunity, with him, to discover his Sincerity, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Overseers poor
& School Com-
mittee inform
this Meeting, that
there are none
of

The Overseers of Poor and School Committee inform this Meeting, that, there are none of

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of the first class of Poor as described in the advice from the Meeting for Sufferings in 7th month last, which Samuel Smith is desired to inform said Meeting of, and report to this Meeting.

Com^{rs} to collect report

The Committee (except Poleg Shocum) appointed to collect for Yearly & Quarterly meetings stock report, that they collected £1.15.3 in addition to what was before collected, which is directed to be paid to our Treasurer.

A Report to the 4th of May 85

Abiel Gifford, gave in an Account to this Meeting for Hay and Carting for last Quarterly meeting amounting to £3. which the Treasurer is directed to pay as soon as supplied with money.

Account of Representatives to 2^d Meeting

The Friends appointed, presented a Compilation of the Answers to the Queries, and an Account to the Quarterly meeting, which answers with the Queries were read together with the Account, and signed by the Clerk, and W^m Gifford, Benj^a Chace & Joseph Austin are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting with said Account and report to next M^t. meeting.

rem^o of 2^d Meeting's stock forwarded

The Treasurer is desired to pay, to the Representatives to the 2^d. Meeting £6.4.7 which with what was sent in 10th month last, and the Account of Hay supplied last Quarterly meeting, will make up the sum of £16.10. this Meeting's apportion of Yearly & Quarterly meetings Stock this Year.

A Certificate for S. Bunker Jun^r dated 26th of Oct^r 1785

Received a removal Certificate for Shubael Bunker Jun^r from the M^t. meeting of Nantucket dated 26th of Oct^r 1785 signifying he is a Member of our Society, and hath settled his affairs to Satisfaction

collection.

The S^c. Preparative Meeting in their Account inform, they have collected and paid to the Treasurer the North. £11 2 1/2
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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 16th of 1st month 1786.

The Meeting being collected, the Acct. were presented from the Preparative Meetings the Representatives named therein are from the South Abiel Gifford & Nicholas Lapham North John Howland & Benj^a. Rider, who being called were all present.

Report to 2^d meeting report, & Epistle from thence read

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting made report that they all attended agreeably to appointment, and have produced an Epistle from the same, which hath been read to satisfaction and to a degree of edification.

London General Epistle rec^d & read

Received three Copies of the London last general Epistle, one of which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction, and is recommended to be read at each particular Meeting belonging to this.

Conclusion of Women's Meeting for concurrence

The Women inform that their Meeting, with the Concurrence of this, have concluded, to receive Elizabeth Hicks into Membership, to deny Ruth Smith daughter of David, and to receive Ruth Wadels Paper for Satisfaction, all which we concur with

Committee continued to settle Acct. & Sect. Treas^r

The Committee continued to settle Acct. with the Treasurer, report that they have not accomplished that Matter, by reason, that the former

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former Treasurer hath removed some distance from hence, therefore said Matter is continued under the same Friends care, and they to report when they are ready

The Friends in Rich Laphams Case, report, that they have taken a solid opportunity with him and that he gave them some satisfaction, and as he is about going to Sea, they request the matter may be continued, which is accordingly continued under the same friends care, who are to report when ready.

Thomas Mott, reports that he hath informed Archippus Gifford of his Denial as directed last Monthly meeting.

The Friends in Philip Allen's Case report, they have taken further care therein; yet have not accomplished it, they are therefore continued in that service, and are desired to accomplish the same & report to next Monthly meeting.

Samuel Smith reports, that he hath informed the Meeting for Sufferings, as desired last M^o meeting.

Peter Stocum / one of the Com^{ts} for collecting for Yearly & Quarterly meetings Stock, reports that he hath paid to our Treasurer, what he collected which was 12/4.

George Smith gave in a Paper condemning his paying some Taxes, which were expressly for War, we therefore appoint Tho. Hicks & Philip Trafford, to take a solid Opportunity with George, in order to discover his Sincerity & report to next M^o meeting.

R. Lapham's case contin.

Arch. Gifford inform'd.

Sam. Smith inform'd M^o for Sufferings.

P. Stocum one of a Com^{ts} for collecting reports.

Geo. Smith gave in a Paper.

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Com. Howland's Paper accepted.

Giles Smith's Paper accepted.

Complaints by Thomas Gifford.

As Shepherd's Certificate recd.

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The Friends appointed to take a solid opportunity with Cornelius Howland, report, that they had such Opportunities with him, and that he gave them so much satisfaction, as that his Paper may be accepted, which with the Concurrence of the Women is accepted accordingly, he causing the same to be read in the usual Public manner and return it with report to next M^o meeting.

The Friends to take a solid Opportunity with Giles Smith, report, that they have taken an Opportunity accordingly, and that he gave them so much satisfaction, that his Paper may be received, which with the Concurrence of the Women is accordingly received for Satisfaction.

The Overseers inform, that, Thomas Gifford is guilty of the Sin of Fornication, as appears by his Wife's having a Child soon after Marriage, and that he is also accused by Abigail Gidley of the like reproachful sin with her, that he hath been labour'd with for those Transgressions, we appoint Joseph Barker & Seth Hurdstone to labour further with him and report to next monthly meeting.

The Women inform that they have received a removal Certificate from the M^o meeting of Oblong in behalf of Anne Shepherd daughter of David, - that they have concluded to put Hannah Russell daughter of Benj^a under dealing which this Meeting concurs with

The

collection
25/11/2

The South Prepar^e meeting in their acct. in form, that they have collected and paid to this Meetings Treasurer the North. $\frac{7.9}{2}$
 $\frac{12}{4}$
 $\frac{1}{2}$

Perry Smith gave in a Paper.

Perry Smith gave in a Paper condemning his attending an Entertainment for a Marriage out of the order of friends, we therefore, ^{approve} Thomas Hicks & Philip Stratford, to take a solid opportunity with him, to discover his sincerity, and report to next m^o meeting.

2 months

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartm^o the 20th of the 2^d m^o 1786.

Report

The accounts from the Prepar^e meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are from the South, Ab^m Howland and Lathan Wood.

A. Howland Absent.

North, John Howland and John Tucker, who being called are all present, except Ab^m Howland for whose absence no excuse was rendered.

J. Gifford

The friends appointed in the Case of Thomas Gifford, report that they have taken a solid opportunity with him, yet, ^{did not} give them satisfaction; - they are therefore continued to inspect & labour further with him in that matter; and if they do not find satisfaction, to draw a Testimony of his denial and report to next m^o meeting.

Perry Smith acknowledged.

The friends appointed to take an opportunity with Perry Smith, report that they have taken an opportunity with him, and they think it best to receive his acknowledgment, which with the concurrence of the Women is received for Satisfactory.

James Davis
attends Meetings in S. Quarter

James Davis having a desire to attend some Meetings within Sandwich Quarter, with a prospect of visiting some families there, and the Elders uniting therewith, he being a Minister in Unity; this Meeting considering, do approve thereof, our Womens Meeting also concurring, the Clerk is directed to give him a copy of this Minute.

collected
L^o 3-4

Collected by the South Prepar^e meeting by their acct. - which is paid to the Treas. $\frac{8.7}{1}$
The North. $\frac{11.9}{1}$
 $\frac{1.3}{4}$

Adjourn'd

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 1st day of next Month, after the Meeting for Worship.

Met.

3 months 1st Met by adjournment.

C. Howland's Paper read.

The Representatives being called are all present This Meeting is inform'd that Cornelius Howland's Paper hath been read as directed last m^o meeting.

P. Allen's case concluded.

The Friends appointed in Philip Allen's case report, that they have had another ^{interview} with him, but that he did not give them satisfaction, and that they also treated with him on assisting in drawing a Lottery: therefore the Womens meeting concurring the same friends are continued to draught a Testimony of his Denial, inform him of it, and report it to next m^o Meeting.

Concurs to Denial of S. Russell

The Women inform that they have concluded to deny Hannah Russell daughter of Benj^a which we concur with.

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Removal Certificate in behalf of Deborah Power

A Removal Certificate in behalf of Deborah Power, wife of Sam^l - directed to the Monthly Meeting of Olong, was sign'd by the Clerk.

The Friends appointed in the case of Geo. Smith report, that they had a suitable opportunity with him, that he gave them so much satisfaction, as that the Meeting may in their judgment, receive his Acknowledgment, which with the concurrence of the Women, is accepted accordingly, he causing the same to be read in the usual public manner, returning it with report thereof to next M^o. meeting.

Geo. Smith's acknowledgment

3rd M^o

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 20th of the 3rd month 1786.

The Meeting being collected, and the accounts from the Prepar^o. meetings presented, the Representatives therein named, are from the South Giles Nocum and Tho^s. Russell North. Cabel Russell & John Deval, who being called are all present.

Geo. Smith's Paper read

This Meeting is inform'd that Geo. Smith's Paper hath been read as directed last M^o. meeting & is now returned.

James Davis returned

James Davis hath returned from his visit into Sandwich Quarter, and has return'd the Copy of a Minute of this Meeting.

Reason of absence

Abraham Howland's reason of his absence at first sitting of last M^o. meeting is satisfactory.

Geo. Gifford denied

The friends appointed in the case of Thomas Gifford report that they have made further investigation therein, and have produced a Testimony of his Denial, which was read and with the concurrence of the Women was sign'd by the Clerk, who is desired to cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, & report to next M^o. meeting Lathan Wood is appointed to inform Thomas thereof and

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and report to next M^o. meeting, said Testimony is as follows.

Whereas Thomas Gifford son of Job Gifford, deceased and Martha his Wife of Dartmouth, having had his Education among friends, but by departing from the Truth and its chest principles in his own heart, hath so far given way to that depravity, as to fall into the reproachful sin of Fornication, as appears by his Wife's having a Child soon after marriage; and is accused of the like reproachful sin, by Abigail Gidley, which accusation, he denies and friends having treated with him on those accounts in love, but he not giving them satisfaction in the former, nor discharging himself from the latter in any manner to manifest his innocence to friends satisfaction, we do therefore, for clearing and maintaining our Testimony, against such reproachful conduct, hereby publickly disown him the said Thomas Gifford, from being a member of our religious Society, until by repentance and amendment of Life, he shall be restored to the way of Truth, which is our sincere desire.

Testimony of Denial of T. Gifford

Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of Friends, held in Dartmouth the 20th of the 3rd month 1786. by Cabel Greenleaf

Testim^o of P. Allen's Denial

The Friends appointed have produced a draught of a Testimony of Philip Allen's denial, which was read and with the Women's concurrence, signed by the Clerk, who is desired to cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, and report to next M^o. Meeting said Testimony is as follows.

Whereas Philip Allen son of Philip Allen deceased and Susanna his Wife, of Dartm^o. having had a birthright among friends, and under

the care of this Meeting; but by not adhering to the dictates of Truth in his own heart, and giving way to a vain and airy mind, hath so far departed from the Principles we profess, as to be guilty of playing at cards, as also in being concerned in drawing a Lottery, all which being inconsistent with our profession and contrary to the Rules and orders of friends, for which he hath been labour'd with in order to shew him the evil of such practices; but he not appearing in a disposition of condemning his misconduct to friends satisfaction, therefore this Meeting is concern'd to give this forth as a public Testimony against him the said Philip Allen here by disowning him from any right of membership with us, untill by unfeigned repentance and amendment of Life, he shall be restored in the Truth, which is our sincere desire.

Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 20th day of the 3rd month 1786. by

Caleb Greene Clerk

The Queries were read and answers thereto, from the Prepar^g Meetings, and Samuel Smith and Abiel Gifford are appointed to compile general answers and draw an Account to the Quarterly meeting, and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Committee to have the oversight of the Meetings, granted in Allen's Sect, report, that they have been attended by them, and that they were conducted to pretty good satisfaction.

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 29th Instant after the Meeting for worship.

Report Com^{rs} for overseeing Meetings Allen

Adjourn'd

3rd m^o. 29. Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present, except John Derval, who sent a satisfactory reason of his absence.

Mr. Wilbur requests removal a Certif^g

Joseph Wilbur requests a removal Certificate for himself, his Wife and their daughter Ruth to the Monthly meeting of Acocet, as they expect to remove, to live within the Compass of that Meeting, therefore Thomas Russell, Giles Stocum are appointed to join the Committee the Women may appoint, take the necessary care therein and report to next m^o. meeting.

Mr. Gifford requests removal a Certif^g

Wilbur Gifford requests a removal Certificate to Rhodeisland M^o. meeting, he having gone to learn a Trade there, Thomas Flicks and Benjamin Allen (Son of Philip) are therefore appointed to take the necessary care therein, and report to next M^o. meeting

Agitation Lt. 3-1

The 1st Preparative Meeting in their Account inform, that they have collected \$0.9 The North. 12-4 which is paid to the Treasurer Lt. 3-1

Act^g to Di^g meeting

The friends appointed, produced a Compilation of the Answers to the Queries, an acct. to the Quarterly meeting, which with above read and signed by the Clerk, and forwarded to said Meeting by our Representatives, who are, James Davis Thomas Russell & Samuel Smith, appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, they to report to next m^o. meeting

concurrent of rec^g of Letter from Acocet

The Women inform that they have received a removal Certificate from the M^o. meeting of Acocet in behalf of Esther Potter, dated 18th of 2nd m^o. last, which

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which we concur with.
At a Monthly meeting held in Dartm:
the 17th of the 4th mo. 1786.

The Representatives from Preparative Meet-
ings are from the South Joseph Tucker
Jun^r and Zephaniah Eddy, from the North
Joseph Austin and John Deval, who being
called are all present.

The Clerk not being present, Samuel
Smith is appointed clerk for this day.

This Meeting is inform'd that the Testimo-
ny of the Denial of Thomas Gifford hath been
read as directed, and Lathan Wood, reports that
he inform'd S. Gifford of his S. denial.

Testimo-
ny of Tho:
Gifford's
Denial
read

This Meeting is inform'd that the Testimo-
ny of the Denial of Philip Allen hath been
read as directed last M^o. meeting.

Philip
Allen's
Denial
read

The friends appointed in the case of Wilbur
Gifford's removal Certificate, have produced a draft
of one, which was read, approv'd and signed by
the Clerk.

Wilbur Gifford's
Certificate

The friends in the case of Joseph Wilbur's
removal Certificate, have produc'd a draft of one for
himself, his Wife Abigail, and their daughter
Ruth, which after being read, was approved by this
and the Women's meeting, and signed by the Clerk
of each meeting.

Joseph Wilbur's
Certificate

The Representatives to the Quarterly meet-
ing report, that they all attended agreeable to
appointment, and have produc'd, an Extract
from said Quarterly meeting's minutes, recommen-
ding to the several Monthly meetings, to sub-
scribe in freedom, toward building the addition
to

Representa-
tives to Quarterly
meeting

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to Providence Meeting house, and 49.
that there was upwards of £150, remained
yet unpaid, which matter is refer'd to next
mt. meeting.

Collection
18.7¹/₂

Collected and forwarded to this Meeting's Treas-
urer by the S^o. Prepar^o. meeting 18.9
by the North. 9.10¹/₂

Rec^d. of
Job Laptham's
Certificate

Received a Certificate from the M^o. meeting of
Providence, recommending, Job Laptham, to our
care, he being put an Apprentice to our friend
Joseph Austin, which is accepted.

Rec^d. of
4 Books
Discipline

This Meeting hath receiv'd four printed
well bound Books, containing in each a two
Digest of our Discipline, agreed upon by
our last yearly meeting, two of which Books
are delivered to the care of the Women's meeting
the other two are for the use of the men's
meeting.

The
choice of
Clerk re-
fer'd.

The Time of the Service of the Clerk, now
being expir'd, and he not being present, by rea-
son of not being in Health, the matter of a new
choice is refer'd to next mt. meeting.

Choice
of Overseers
refer'd.

It having been proposed to make a new Choice
of Overseers, the time of their annual Choice is ex-
pir'd: this Meeting taking it into consideration
do, ^{yet} continue the same in that service, untill a
new Choice shall be made, which is refer'd to next
M^o. meeting, to be enter'd upon, at the opening of
S. meeting.

Report
to settle
accounts

The Comtee appointed some months past,
to settle accounts with the Treasurer, now report,
that they have accomplish'd that matter and that
there remained ⁱⁿ Stock the 5th of the 4th month 1786.

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the sum of L^y. -- 2. after all orders are paid that are given by this Meeting, including here with 15 Dollars, paid by ^{Wm} Anthony, for wood, as per account, or Bill may appear, they also report that they revised this Meeting's minutes, down to the date abovesaid, and left them with Cabel Greene to be recorded; but as a Book for records is wanting to Record them in, Cabel Russell is desired to procure a blank Book for that purpose, and bring to this Meeting, as soon as he conveniently can, and to draw money from our Treasury for that purpose.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartm. the 15th of the 5th month 1786.

The meeting being collected, the Representatives from the Prepar^y meetings, named in the acct. presented are from the South Joseph Tucker Jun^r & Abiel Gifford. - North John Howland and Wm Gifford. who being called, were all present.

The Choice of Overseers being referd from last monthly meeting to this, after weightily consideration thereon, we appoint, Joseph Tucker Jun^r, Joseph Austin, Zeperiah Eddy, Jonathan Howland, Elijah Gifford and Benjamin Smith Jun^r for that Service, for the year ensuing, or till others may be appointed in their stead.

The Women inform that they have concluded to receive Eliphal Mead, ^{wife of Ed-}ward Mead, into membership, with our concurrence which we concur with.

The Overseers inform that Daniel Taber hath married out of the order of friends, with one not

Eliphal Mead admitted
Daniel Taber denied

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a member, after being precautionid and advised we do therefore, with the concurrence of the Women's meeting, disown the said Daniel Taber, from being a member with us, and from under this meeting's care, and Seth Russell is desired to inform him thereof, and report to next monthly meeting.

The appointing a Clerk coming again under the consideration of this Meeting, whereupon the representatives, withdrawing have nominated Cabel Greene, to be reappointed as Clerk for the year ensuing, which being approved by this Meeting, he is accordingly reappointed for the year ensuing, or till some other be appointed in his stead.

Cabel Green reappointed as Clerk

The Overseers inform that Benjamin Butler Jun^r hath married out of the order of Friends, (previous to their having knowledge of it,) to one not a member, - that they labored with him on that account; but he did not give them satisfaction, Benjamin Taber and Cabel Russell, are appointed to labour further with him thereon, and report to next m^o meeting.

B. Butler Jun^r married out of order

Collection 17th

The Prepar^y meetings in their acct^s inform that the South hath collected 8.5
North 7.3
which was sent to the Treasurer 15.8

The Matter referd from last monthly meeting to this, which came from the Quarterly meeting respecting the Subscription towards the addition to Providence meeting house, coming under consideration, we appoint Seth Russell, John Deval, Wm Anthony Jun^r and Giles Secum, a Committee to take in Subscriptions for that purpose, and report the sum subscribed to next m^o meeting.

Committee for rec^d subscription to Providence meeting house

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5 month
Comtee for
B. Bedford
meeting
Report
2-10-86
said them

The Comtee for building Bedford Meeting house, informing, that there is considerable mon due to ward it, therefore the Treasurer is directed to pay the £4.10, which was paid for Wood, and the Committee for selling the Wood, belonging to this meeting, are directed to pay said Meeting house Comtee, such sums as they have or may receive for wood, as soon as may be, and make report thereof, to next Mt. meeting.

One of a Committee, to procure Hay for the Quarterly meeting a year or two past, sent a report in writing, that Nicholas Lapham was employ'd by them to cart a load of Hay for that purpose for Nine shillings, which the Treasurer is directed to pay to Nicholas.

The Overseers of the Poor inform that they agreed with George Sanford, for the hire of part of his house for Mary Wing, one of this Meeting's poor, for six dollars per year, one year is now due, which the Treasurer is directed to pay to George.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth, the 10th of the 6th month, 1786.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from the South, Abiel Gifford & Elijah Gifford, from the North, Deval and John Howland, all present.

Our Clerk being absent Wm. Anthony Jun. is chosen Clerk for the day.

The Queries being read and answers prepared from each Preparative meeting, Wm. Anthony Jun. Tho. Hicks & Sam. Smith are appointed to compile said Answers into general answers, and bring them to the adjournment of

to be paid to N. Lapham for carting hay

L. L. directed to be paid Geo. Sanford.

Om's

Wm. Anthony Jun. Clerk for the day

Queries read & answers from the preparative meetings

1786
Comtee
adjourned

Met

Seth Russell not reported

B. Butler denied membership

Wm. Anthony Jun. Clerk for the time

Friends to collect subscriptions, continued

Geo. Sanford paid him £4.10

Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the 28th Instant after the Meeting for worship.

28th day Met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called, are all present Seth Russell not being present to make report, of his informing Daniel Taber, (as directed last monthly meeting) of his Denial, said Seth, is still continued for that Service, and to report to next mt. meeting, & to give his reasons for not reporting to this.

The Friends appointed to treat further with Benjamin Butler Jun. on account of his disorderly marriage, report, that they have accomplished that service, and that he gave them no satisfaction, therefore this meeting with the concurrence of the Women, doth disown him from being a Member of our Society, and Tadel Russell is desired to inform him thereof and report to next mt. meeting.

Our Clerk being still absent, Wm. Anthony Jun. is chosen Clerk for this Time.

The friends appointed to collect money for Providence meeting house, not being fully ready, they are continued for that Service, and to report when they are ready.

The Treasurer reports, he hath paid George Sanford six dollars as ordered last monthly meeting, and the Overseers of the Poor inform that they employ'd Abiel Gifford, to provide some Wood for Mary Wing's use, which he saith he hath done to the amount of nine shillings, which the Treasurer is ordered to pay, and report to next mt. meeting.

The Comtee for selling wood, report, that they

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 they have paid to John Howland, for the use of building the meeting house at Bedford, the sum of six pounds two shillings & eight pence
 The accounts from the Preparative Meetings inform, they have and forwarded to the Treasurer, as follows. South. — 4. 9
 North. 13. 4

The Treasurer not having paid to John Howland, the £4. 10. as ordered, he is yet desired to do it, and report to next W. meeting.

The friends appointed to compile the answers to the Queries, produced a compilation, which being read, were corrected and they with an Epistle signed by the clerk, and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting, by our Representatives, who are Tho. Hicks, Giles Shocum & Tho. Mott, they to report to next mt. meeting.

7th month At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth, the 17th of the 7th month, 1786.

The Representatives named in the accounts presented, from the Preparative meetings are from the South Joseph Tucker jun^r and Thomas Russell, North Joseph Austin & John Deval, who being called, were all present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended, and produced an Epistle from S. meeting, together with Transcripts of our last yearly meeting Epistle, and of those from London, Philad^a and Long Island, all which were read in this meeting to satisfaction, yet they are recommended to be again read, at the opening of next monthly meeting.

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 Seth Russell now reports, that he informed Daniel Taber of his Denial as directed, and gave his reasons for not reporting last monthly meeting, which were satisfactory.

Caleb Russell reported, that he hath informed Benj^a Butler jun^r of his denial according to appointment.

Caleb Russell also reports, that he hath according to appointment, provided a Book suitable for Recording this Meetings minutes, at the cost of thirteen shillings, which the Treasurer is directed to pay, as also 1/4th to Caleb Greene for Paper.

The Preparative meetings, by their accounts inform, that they have collected & sent to the Treasurer - viz. the South. 7. 1
 North. 8. 5

15th 6th
 The year of the Service of the Overseers of the Poor being expired, we therefore appoint, John Deval, Gideon Howland, Thomas Russell, Tho^s Mott, John Howland, and Caleb Barker, for that service for the year ensuing, or till others may be appointed in their stead.

The Treasurer reports that he hath paid Abiel Gifford as directed last mt. meeting.

The Committee for collecting money for Building Providence meeting house, not having accomplished the same, they are therefore continued to make application to the Members of this meeting for that purpose, and report when ready.

The Quarterly meeting concluding to raise the sum of £0. 8. 3. for the Yearly and Quarterly meetings' Books, of which we have by our Representatives, to raise £10. 8. 5, the raising of which is referred to the Consideration of next mt. meeting.

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8 month

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of the 8th month 1786.

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Prepar^o. Meetings are from South Benjamin Howland and Joseph Tuck. or just^o from the North, J^r. Howland & Thomas Mott, who, on being called were all present.

Epistles read.

The Epistles which were read last Monthly Meeting, were again ^{read} and the advises therein, are recommended to the practical observance of the Members of this Meeting.

collection to 11, 2

The Preparative Meetings in their accounts inform, that they have collected and sent to the Treasurer of this Meeting, viz^t

The South 10.1
North 8.11/2
19-12

Book & Paper paid for

The Treasurer Reports that he hath paid what was directed last Monthly meeting for a Book and Paper

The Women inform, that they have with our concurrence, concluded to accept of Abig^l. Gidley's Paper for satisfaction, which we concur with

Committee take in subscription for 2^d of 2^d M^o 1786

On considering of the raising the sum agreed on by this Meeting, for the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings's Stock being £10. 8. 5. is concluded to collect it by Subscription, we therefore appoint Isaac Howland, Joshua Potter, Daniel Gifford, Benjamin Howland 2^d & Joseph Gifford, to collect such sums as friends may subscribe toward the same, and report to next M^o. meeting.

2^d order to be paid to Dr. Perry

The Overseers (inform) have given in an Acct. from Doctor Perry, for doing for Rose Russell deced^t one of our Poor, to the amount of 2 shillings, which the

the Treasurer is directed to pay, and make ⁵⁷ report to next M^o. Meeting

1786. 9th mo.

At Dartmouth Monthly meeting held the 18th of the 9th month, 1786.

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Prepar^o. Meetings, are from the South Elijah Gifford & Philip Trappan North Benj^o. Taber and Thomas Mott who on being called were all present.

collection L1-6

The Prepar^o. Meetings in their accounts inform, that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer, as follows

The South 3. 10
North 12. 8
L 15. 18

Queries read & answer.

The Queries were read and answers as prepared by the Preparative Meetings, and James Davis Caleb Greene & Joseph Austin, are appointed to compile answers from them, as from this Meeting, with an Account to the Quarterly meeting, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

To provide way

Gideon Howland, Thomas Russell and Humphrey Russell, are appointed to take the necessary care for providing Hay for our next Quarterly Meeting and report to next M^o. meeting.

adj^d

This Meeting is adjourned to the 27th Ins^t at the close of the Meeting for worship

Met.

On 27th Ins^t Met by adjournment.

acct. to 2^d of 9

The Representatives were call'd and all Present. The Friends appointed to compile the answers to the Queries & draw an acct. to the Quarterly Meeting, produc'd them, which were read & sign'd by the Clerk, and forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting

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9^m

Meeting by our Representatives, who are Abel Gifford, Caleb Russell & John Doral, they to report to next M^t. meeting.

Report of Com^{tee} to receive Subscriptions

Part of the Committee appointed to receive the Subscriptions for Yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock, report that they have not fully accomplished that business, they are therefore continued in that service, and to report to next Monthly meeting.

Dr. Perry paid

The Treasurer reports that he hath forwarded the money to Dr. Perry, as directed last M^t. meeting.

10th month

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartm^o. the 16th of the 10th Month, 1786.

The Representatives, by the Accounts presented from the Prepar^y. Meetings, are from South Joseph Tucker Jun^r and Thomas Russell; North Joseph Austin and John Tucker, who are all present on being called.

Epistle from the 2^d meet^g.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended, and produced an Epistle from the last Q^r. meeting, which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction.

advise on Wills

The advice communicated ^{from} last Quarterly meeting in their Epistle, respecting the neglect of some in making their Wills, is recommended to the attention of the Members of this Meeting; and the Com^{tee} formerly appointed by this Meeting on that Subject are desired to make further inspection, and report to next M^t. meeting.

Com^{tee} to advise those who may use or sell spirituous liquors

The Com^{tee} formerly appointed by this Meeting to advise with those, who may use frequently, or Deal in Spirituous Liquors, are desired to make further inspection therein, agreeable to the advice of the Quarterly Meeting, and make report to next M^t. meeting.

Denial of Joseph Howland, son of Gid^d.

The Overseers inform that Joseph Howland Son of Gidson, hath kept Company and married out of the Unity of Friends, sometime past, for which said ~~said~~ Overseers laboured with him; but he was not free to condemn it; and is now gone on a Voyage to sea - we therefore with the Concurrence of the Women, do disown the said Joseph Howland, from a right of Membership among us, and from under the care of this Meeting and W^m. Anthony Jun^r is appointed to inform him thereof, and make report when accomplished.

Int^o Howland, son of Gidson, & Anna Howland's Intention of Marriage.

John Howland (Son of Benj^a) and Anna Howland, declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage, - and are desired to wait till next M^t. meeting for their Answer, and George Smith with Thomas Russell are appointed to inspect into John's cleanness in respect to Marriage and Conversation, and report to next monthly meeting.

H. Lapham denied.

The Overseers inform that Humphrey Lapham, hath married out of the Unity of Friends, after being peccationid; we therefore with the Women's Concurrence, disown the said Humphrey Lapham, from having a right of Membership among us, and from under the care of this Meeting, and Thomas Russell is appointed to inform him thereof and report to next M^t. meeting.

William Boddish's offender

The Overseers inform that William Boddish Jun^r is very Slack in attending our religious Meetings, that he allows himself more Liberty in talking and contending in the Commotions about outward Government, than is consistent with our peaceable Profession, for all which the Overseers have laboured with him; but he not giv-

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giving them satisfaction. Benjamin Tabor, John Deval are appointed to treat further with him thereon, and report to next Monthly meeting.

Collect^s
L-13-8

The Prepar^s. Meetings in their acct^s in form, that they have collected and paid to our Treasurer viz. the South 7-3
The North 6-5

L-11-6
to be paid
for May

The Com^{tee} appointed to provide 2^l 3^s 8^d for the Quarterly meeting, report that they have procured three Quarters of a Ton, amounting to L-11-6, which the Treasurer is directed, as soon as he is supplied with sufficiency of Money, and report to this Meeting.

L-5-6-10
said to
wards
& 2^l meth
Stock.

The Committee appointed to receive Subscriptions for yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock, report that they have collected L-5-6-10, which is paid to the Treasurer, who is desired to forward it to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer, and the same Friends are continued in that service in order that the sum due from this Meeting on that account may be raised, and they with the Treasurer to report to next M^o meeting.

To repair
Sence
round
Meeting

Friends purpose to repair the Sence round our Meeting house therefore we appt^d our friends Peleg Gifford, W^m Anthony jun^r, William Gifford, Humphrey Russell, Joshua Potter, Daniel Gifford, Edmund Maxfield, Elijah Gifford, John Tucker to consult in what manner and to complete said business, as they may think Proper, and to make report to next M^o meeting.

Friends
at Bedford
request for
more Meetings

Friends at Bedford request the Priviledge of holding two Meetings a day on each first day of the week throughout the year, (excepting in the 5th & 12 months); as also a week day Meeting, in the Week of each of our M^o meetings, which this Meeting, considering they have Liberty to hold their Meeting as

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as they propose on first days till next Month by meeting, when their request, is to be further considered.

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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth Nov^r 20th 1786.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from the South, Peleg Gifford, and Peleg Gifford, North, Caleb Russell, and Thomas Now all present.

W^m Anthony
jun^r Clerk
for the day

Our Clerk being absent, W^m Anthony jun^r is chosen in his stead for this Time.

Com^{tee}
in respect
to Wills.

The Com^{tee} in regard to Wills, not being ready for a Report, they are desired to pursue their Service, and to report next M^o meeting.

Com^{tee}
continued
respect
Spiritu^{al}
Liquors.

Part of the Com^{tee} in respect to spirituous Liquors report that they have made some Progress therein, and that a farther service may be useful, they are therefore desired to pursue their appointment therein, and report to next M^o meeting.

Jⁿ Howland
sent Report
clearness

One of the Committee appointed to inspect into the Clearness of John Howland respecting Marriage and Conversation, reports that he has made inspection therein, and finds nothing sufficient to hinder his proceeding in Marriage agreeable to his Intention, Thomas Russell being gone to Santsucket, hath sent no report, neither in regard to this of John Howland, nor that of informing Humphrey Latham, of his Denial, which is refer'd to next M^o meeting.

The Com^{tee} appointed, to Labour with W^m Bordish jun^r for neglecting the due attendance of our Religious Meetings, and acting too much concerned in outward Government: - have reported, that they have fulfilled their appointment, and that ^{he} gave them no satisfaction, they are therefore continued to la-

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labour further with him, on them Matters a fore-s.
all other disorderly conduct of his, that may come
to their knowledge, and if he doth, give them satis-
faction, to draw a Testimony of Denial against
him, and bring it to next Monthly meeting.

J. Howland
& Ann's Testi-
mony answer

John Howland and Ann's, appearing &
communicating their ^{Inten-}tion of taking each other
in Marriage; their answer was that nothing ap-
pearing to Obstruct, 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 may app^r to
see their said Marriage orderly solemniz'd, who are
George Smith and William Anthony jun^r and
they to report to next M^o. meeting.

Thomas
forwarded
to 2^d Meeting
Treasurer.

The Treasurer reports that he hath forwarded the Mo-
ney to the Quarterly meeting's Treasurer agreeable to
the direction of last M^o. meeting, and the Commit^{tee}.
appointed to receive subscriptions for a farther sum
not having fully gone thro' that Matter, they are still
continued in that Service, and to report to next m^o.
meeting.

Comtee
continued to
repair Fence.

The Friends appointed to repair the Fence about
the Meeting house, report, that they have made a
considerable progress therein, they are continued to con-
plete the same and report when it is done.

Bedford friends
req^d report.

The request of Bedford friends is refer'd to next
Monthly meeting.

Collection
L 1-3-8

Collected at the S^c. Prepar^y. meeting 3
6-11
At the North 16-9
L 1-3-8

12 month

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth
the 18th of 12th month, 1786.

The Representatives from the Prepar^y. Meetings
are from the North W^m. Gifford and Jonathan
Hart all present from the S^c. Abel Gifford &
Thos Russell

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W^m Anthony
Clerk for the
Time

Our Clerk being yet absent W^m. Anthony
is chosen, in that Service for this Time

Thos Russell
reports.

Thomas Russell, reports that he hath in-
form'd Humphrey Lapham of his Denial, as
order'd, and render'd a sufficient reason for
his not reporting to last M^o. meeting.

a Certif^{icate}
for Ruth
Hathaway

A removal Certificate for Ruth Hatha-
way Widow, was signed by the Clerk, directed
to the Monthly meeting at Nine Partners, she
being gone there to dwell.

Anne Shear-
man

The Women Inform, that they have accept'd
of the Acknowledgment of Anne Shearman, which
this Meeting concurs with.

Comtee
continued
for W^m. Ben-
dick jun^r's
Case.

The Committee appointed in respect to W^m.
Bendish jun^r, inform they have not accom-
plish'd their appointment, in reason of some
disappointment, they are therefore continued
in that service and to report to next m^o. meet-
ing.

Report that
John Howland's
Marriage

The Friends appointed to have the oversight
of the Marriage of John and Anne Howland,
report, that they attended the same, and saw
nothing, but that it was orderly solemniz'd

Comtee
on us-
ing spirituous
Liquors

The Committee appointed, respecting Friends
using and selling spirituous Liquors, not being
fully ready to report, they are continued in that
service, and to report next Monthly meeting.

Bedford
friends
request
granted

The Matter of Bedford Friends holding their
Meetings coming under consideration, we do grant
them Liberty to hold them accordingly, having the
Women's Concurrence therein.

Allen's
neek friends
request

The Friends in Allen's Neek, request
Liberty to hold Meetings there in 3 neek the en-
suing Winter Season, therefore this Meeting ap-
points John Doral, Joseph Tucker jun^r & Abel Gif-
ford to take said Request into Consideration, and

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Answers
to Queries

collected

Adjourn

Met

Com^{tee} re-
garding
Wills

Ab^{raham} Russell
son of the
deced^t

Rich^d Lapham
deced^t

and Report their sense and judgment there upon to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Answers to the Queries from each Prepara- tive Meeting, being presented: this Meeting appoints W^m Gifford and Jonathan Hart to compile said answers, and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting.

Collected at the S^c Prepar^{ty} Meeting 9.7
at the North no^r

This Meeting adjourns to the 27th instant after the Meeting of worship.

12th month 27th Met by Adjournment.
The Representatives were all present.

Part of the Committee in respect to Wills, report that they have made some progress in exhorting Friends to an active Compliance in that part of our Discipline, that some have complied therewith, that there are some backward and many deficient herein, the same friends are continued in that service with the addition of Caleb Russell, Abiel Gifford and Joseph Barker, and they together are desired to make such further Progress, as may be necessary and make report next 2^d month.

The Overseers inform that Abraham Russell, (son of Thomas) hath kept company and married with one not a Member of our Society, for which they have laboured with and cautioned him; - but he persisted therein, wherefore we do, with the Womens Concurrence disown him the said Abraham, as a Member of our Society and from the care of this Meeting & Gideon Howland is desired to inform him thereof and report to next M^t Meeting.

The Committee appointed sometime past in the case of Rich^d Lapham, report that they have had several Oppor-

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12th month

Meeting
in Allen
Stock

act. is
2^d meeting

Com^{tee}
continued
to collect
Subscrip^t

opportunities with him; that he did not give them Satisfaction and continues in his former Practices, wherefore with the Concurrence of our Womens Meeting, we do disown the said Rich^d, as a Member of our Society, and from under this Meeting's care, and Thomas Hicks, is desired to inform him thereof, as soon as he can have opportunity and report to this Meeting.

The Friends appointed to consider the request of Friends in Allen's Stock, report that they think it may be safe to grant said request, which being considered is granted accordingly, and we appoint Zephaniah Edy, Joseph Tucker jun^r, Giles Aboum Benjamin Allen 2^d and Elijah Gifford, to have the oversight of said Meeting, which is to be held every first day of the week, except that preceding the Monthly meeting, and each 3^d Day, except in the Week there may be a Meeting for Discipline from this Time till the N^t meeting in the 4th month next. said Meetings to begin at the 11th hour, and to be thus continued at the House of Susanna Allen, unless the said Committee shall think it best to have it discontinued, or the Place of holding it altered, in such case they to Report to this Meeting; - as also when the Time of holding said Meeting is expired.

The Friends appointed, produced the compiled Answers to the Queries, which with the Queries were read in this Meeting, and an acct drawn signed by the Clerk, and forwarded with said Answers to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are Abiel Gifford, W^m Anthony jun^r & Sam^l Smith who are to report to next m^t meeting

Part of the Com^{tee} continued to receive Subscriptions for a further sum for Yearly & P^r meetings Stock, report that they are not yet ready, they are continued to go thro' that matter and report to next M^t meeting.

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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of 1st month 1787 the Representatives from the Preparⁿ. Meetings are from the Southware Giles Stearn and Joseph Tucker jun^r. from the North Joseph Austin and Seth Huddleston all present.

Wm Anthony
clerk for
the time

Our Clerk being absent William Anthony^r is chosen Clerk for this Time.

Wm Anthony
clerk for
the time

The Committee appointed in the case of ^{Wm} Bowdish jun^r report that they have fulfilled their appointment in that matter and received no satisfaction from him and draughted a Testimony of his Denial which the Concurrence of the Women hath been signed by the Clerk and ^{Wm} Anthony jun^r is desired to read & Testimony in the usual manner and report to next m^o. Meeting: the Testimony is as follows.

Testimony
of Wm Bowdish
Denial

Whereas William Bowdish jun^r having had his Education among us the People called Quakers but hath so far departed therefrom, as to neglect the due attendance of our Religious Meetings, and takes more part in Government matters than is consistent with our peaceable Principles, and is found guilty of using profane Language, as appears by his paying a Fine to a Magistrate for Swearing; for all which he hath been laboured with in Love; but he not giving Satisfaction. This Meeting gives this forth as a Public Testimony against him, denying him from any right of Members here with us: untill by unfeigned Repentance he shall be restored to the Way of Truth.

Given forth and Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of 1st month 1787 by

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Collection

William Anthony jun^r Clerk & Testimony Collected by S. Preparⁿ Meeting 9th & North 16th 1787

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8 month
Committee
investigate
to S. Stearn

The Committee that had the care of the Matter in respect to using & selling spirituous Liquors, not being ^{nearly} ready to report, the matter is deferred to next M^o. meeting they then to make report.

Report of
Reports to
D. Stearn

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, report, that two of them attended the other was detained by infirmity of Body.

Committee on
Yearly &
2^d. Stock

The Committee or part of them continued to receive Subscriptions for the Yearly & Quarterly Meetings Stock, report that they have not fully accomplished that Matter; they are therefore continued in said Service, and to report to next M^o. meeting.

P. Woodland
request

Peleg Woodland (Son of Isaac) requests to be received into Membership with us, therefore Abel Gifford & Joseph Gifford, are appointed to treat with him thereon, in order to discover his Motive, whether it comes from true Conviction, and report to next m^o. Meeting.

Nanny Gifford
for a paper
of acknowled^t

Nanny Gifford hath given in a Paper of acknowledgment as follows. To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held in Dartmouth 20th of 11th month 1786.

Dear Friends Some Matter of Dissatisfaction having arose between Seth Huddleston and myself, respecting some outward Property which thro' unwaterfulness, I spoke to him, about openly before several Persons not of our Society, carrying the Matter further than was best, accusing him of taking some Cedar staff off the Land, which was in dispute between my Son ^{Wm} Gifford, and some of the Kings, without proper leave, or consent of the Owner; for which I have known much Sorrow, and sensible of my error therein, which I hope friends will find freedom to pass by and continue their affectionate Care & regard toward me Nanny Gifford. And this Meeting in 11th mo 1786. I am glad to see you all in accepting the same for satisfaction.

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2 month

A. Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 2^d month 1787.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings named in the Accounts, presented, are from the South Pelag Gifford and George Smith, from the North John Howland and Thomas Mott, who being called were all present.

London Gazette
the vic.
reads

Received four printed copies of the last London Gazette, one of which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction: and the others are directed to be read in our several Meetings in the usual Public Manner, and returned to the Agents.

Testimony
of Wm. Bordish
denial

William Anthony jun^r informs, that the Testimony of William Bordish jun^r Denial hath been read as directed last m^o meeting, and as he requests, a copy of it, the Clerk is directed to give him s^o copy, and report of it, to next m^o meeting.

Mr. Russell
son of Thomas
inform'd

Isaac Howland reports, that he had a solid opportunity with Mr. Russell son of Thomas, and inform'd him of his Denial.

Committee on
act. spirit.
liquors

The Committee in the Case of using and selling spirituous Liquors, not being fully ready to make report, they are therefore, desired to accomplish it, and report to next meeting.

Committee of
Wills.

The Committee in respect to Wills, report that they have made further progress in that Service; but have not fully accomplish'd, they are therefore continued to accomplish it, and report to next m^o meeting.

C. Howland's
request con-
tinued.

The Committee in the Case of Pelag Howland's request, report that they have had a solid Opportunity with him; yet think it best, that the matter be continued, which is accordingly continued under the

same

1/2 87
2 month

same friends care, together with Caleb Greene; they to report to next m^o meeting

The Committee appointed sometime past to visit it such as neglect the attendance of our Religious Meetings, &c. now present the following Report, To the Monthly meeting to be held at Dartmouth the 19th of 2^d month 1787

Report of
Committee
for visiting
neglecting
Members.

We of your Committee appointed sometime past to visit such as neglect the due attendance of our religious Meetings, and for other Deficiencies, have proceeded from time to time as may opened, and laboured as strength and ability was given, which was to our Satisfaction, and now finding ourselves clear, make this Report and remain your friends

James Davis
Martha Gifford
Abiel Gifford

which was read, and is Satisfactory.

The Overseers inform that Joseph Russell Son of William dec^d is guilty of the Sin of Fornication, as appears by the Accusation of Barbara Russell on Oath, for which they have laboured with Joseph; but not receiving Satisfaction, we therefore appoint Joseph Barker, W^m. Anthony jun^r and Timothy Gifford, to Labour further with him thereon and if he doth not give them Satisfaction, to draught a Testimony of his Denial, inform him thereof, and report to next m^o meeting.

J. Russell
son of W. dec^d

Resolution
L. 3. 6/2

The S^o Preparative meeting in their acc^t inform, that they have collected & sent to our Treas^r 14/4 the North 9/2/2; L. 3. 6/2

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P. Slocum
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The Overseers inform that Pelag Slocum much neglects the attendance of our religious Meetings, and hath sometimes resorted in company, not becoming our Profession, and partook too much spirituous Liquors, for all which, they laboured with him, but he did not give them Satisfaction, John Deval & Abiel Gifford, are therefore appointed to labour further with him thereon, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Micajah Wilcox

The Overseers also inform that Micajah Wilcox, much neglects the attendance of our Religious Meetings, and that it is reported he partakes too freely of Spirituous Liquors, for which they laboured with him, but he not clearing himself to their Satisfaction, We therefore appoint Messrs. Tripp, Philip Trafford and Giles Slocum, to treat further with him thereon, and report to next m^o. meeting.

Committee
for calculating
Stock
1. 2. 5
2. 7. 11
3 to 15

The Committee continued to receive Subscriptions, for Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock report that they have collected £ 1. 2. 5 since last collection, and paid to the Treasurer, which with £ 2. 7. 11. paid and subscrib'd at this time, together with acc^t. of £ 1. 11. 3 supplied the 2^d. meeting with Flay, with what was paid before will make this Meeting's apportion of Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock, being £ 10. 8. 5 - and the Treasurer is directed to forward the s^d. acc^t. with the Balance to the 2^d. meeting's Treasurer & report to next M^o. meeting.

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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 3rd m^o. 1787.
The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings

about
upon
with
Denial
denial

Report
of
Committee
on
acc^t.
Spirit
Liquors
& Sleep
ing
in
Meetings

Committee
to
treat
with
Sleep
ing
Members

Meetings, named in the acct. presented are from the South, Joseph Barker and Abiel Gifford; from the North, Joseph Austin and Jonathan Hart, who on being called are all present.

The Clerk informs that he hath forwarded a copy of the Testimony of Messrs. Bondish jun^r. to him.

The Committee in the Case of Treating with those who may unquarably deal in spirituous Liquors do make report, which is accepted, and is as follows, We of your Committee appointed sometime past, to treat with such as may be in the Practice of sleeping in our Meetings, as also to advise those who may unquarably deal in spirituous Liquors, now report, that we have attended in some respect thereto, and have tenderly treated, with those who have been so defective, and think, that a Committee, to treat with such among us as may be in the practice of Sleeping in Meetings would be useful - and that we should be dismissed from our Appointment, which we submit to the Meeting

Thomas Hicks,
Abiel Gifford,
John Deval
Caleb Greene,
William Gifford.

and said Committee are dismissed accordingly
Abiel Gifford, Benjamin Taber, Thomas Mott, John Deval, Caleb Greene, Benjamin Mott (son of Philip) are appointed to treat tenderly with such of our Members, as may be overtaken with Sleep, nodding or other signs of Sleep, in our religious Meetings, and make re-

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report from Time to Time as may be necessa-
ry.

P. Horland The Committee in Case of Peleg Howland's request, report that they have had a solid opportunity with him, and think best the Matter be deferred, which is deferred accordingly, under the same Friends Care, who are to report, to next M^o. meeting.

P. Howland One of the Friends in Peleg Howland's Case reports, that he with the other friends had a solid opportunity with Peleg. that he gave them some encouragement; - and that it is best the Matter be deferred, it is accordingly continued under the same Friends Care, who are to report to next Monthly meeting.

A. Milcox The Committee in the Case of Micajah Wilcox, report, that they had a solid Conference with him, - that he acknowledged to them his partaking Spirituous Liquors too freely, and gave them some encouragement, that they think best to defer the Matter; it is accordingly continued, under the same Friends Care, except W^m. Tripp, who by his desire on acct. of weakness of body is dismissed - the other Friends to attend there to and report to next M^o. meeting.

J. Russell The Committee appr^d. in the Case of Joseph Russell, Son of William Dees, - report that two of them have had an opportunity, with him, that he gave them no Satisfaction; nor did he desire Friends to wait with him, they therefore produced a draught of a Testimony of his Denial, which was read and with the Women's Concurrent sign'd by the Clerk, and is as follows.

Whereas Joseph Russell son of William late of Dartmouth deceased having had a Birthright among Friends

*The Testi-
mony*

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Friends and under the care of this Meeting, but by not adhering to the dictates of Truth which appears in the Heart, hath so far departed from the Principles we profess, as to fall into the Sin of Fornication, (as declared by Barbaera Russell upon Oath), and friends having laboured in Love to convince him of the evil tendency thereof, and to restore him to the way of Truth, but not receiving satisfaction, nor he disposed to condemn said conduct, - therefore for the clearing Truth and friends from the reproach of such evil conduct - this Meeting is concern'd to give this forth as a public Testimony, against him the said Joseph Russell, hereby disowning him from any rights of Membership with us, until he shall come to a sight and Sense of his outgoings, and be restored to the way of Truth, which is our sincere desire.

Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth this 10th day of 3m. 1787 by, Caleb Greene Clerk

to be read and W^m. Anthony Jun^r. is desired to cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, and return it with report to next M^o. meeting.

J. Davis James Davis informs that he proposes to attend the next Quarterly meeting of Sandwich & the next Monthly meeting there, which this Meeting on considering doth approve, he being a Minister in Unity and having the Unity of the Elders therein, the Women's meeting also concurring there with. the Clerk is desired to give him a copy of this Minute.

A. Shepherd Elder Shepherd son of J^r. informs that he is about to travel into Pennsylvania, for Virginia or places adjacent, to look for a settlement, and desires a few lines, signifying his right as

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Int. Assist
Jun. &
David Wood
request for
a Certificate

Collection
1. 4. 3.

Answers
to Queries
to be compiled

Adj. 4

Met.

Committee for
Wells.

Committee for
Certificates

a Member, this meeting considering and approving thereof, he being a Member of this Meeting: the Clerk is desired to give him a Copy of this Minute.

John Shepherd jun^r desires a General Certificate to the Monthly meeting of Falmouth Casco Bay, as he proposes to move there to dwell and David Wood requests a removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting of Saratoga, as he is gone with in the Company of that Meeting to dwell. W^m Anthony jun^r Giles Slocum Peleg Gifford are therefore appointed to take the necessary care if they find no sufficient obstacle, to bring the Certificates to the Adjournm^t. of this Meeting.

The South Prepar^a meeting in their acc^t inform that they have collected and sent to the Treasurer

The North 12.11
That 1.4.3

Caleb Greene and Joseph Austin are appointed to compile the answers to the Queries from the Preparative meetings, with an Acc^t. to the Quarterly meeting, and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 28th Inst^t after the Meeting for Worship.

28 day Met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present The Committee in respects Wells report, that they find great deficiency among friends in making wills the same Committee are continued to labour further thereon, as way may open, and report to next m^t. meeting.

The friends app^d. to draw Certificates for John Shepherd jun^r and David Wood. report that they are not

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Queries
read &
answer'd

Acc^t. &
Represent^s.
to 2^d meet^g

Treas^r. to
forward
the Bal^l.
due 2^d meet^g

14 month

fully accomplished - they are continued - they are continued to accomplish them and report to next N^o. meeting.

The Queries were read, with the answers from the Prepar^a. Meetings, also.

The Compilation of said answers produc'd by the friends appointed, and an Acc^t. to the Quarterly meeting, which was sign'd by the Clerk, and forwarded by our Representatives, who are William Anthony jun^r, Caleb Barker and Cornelius Howland, appointed therefor, they to report to next M^t. meeting.

The Treasurer reports that he hath not had Opportunity to forward the Balance due for the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings Stock, he is desired to forward it by the Representatives, and report to next M^t. meeting.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 16th of the 11th month 1787

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings named in the accounts presented are from the South, Elijah Gifford and Benjamin Chace, from the North, Benjamin Taber and John Tucker, who on being called were all present.

The Committee in the case of Peleg Howland's Request, report, that they have not all had opportunity with him, since last Monthly meeting, think it best, to be defer'd; it is accordingly defer'd under the same friends care till next M^t. meeting, they then to report.

The friends appointed in Peleg Slocum 2^d's Case, report, that they have not all had opportunity with him; and desire the matter continued - it is accordingly continued under their care.

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M. Wilcox

Care, who are to report to next monthly meeting
One of the Committee appointed in the case of
Nichajah Wilcox, reports, that they have not had
opportunity with him, they with William Anthony
jun^r who is added in that appointment, are con-
tinued to take a solid opportunity with said Ni-
cajah and report to next Monthly meeting

Testimon^y
for Russell
reads

William Anthony jun^r reports, that the
Testimony against Joseph Russell, Son of J^r W^r
hath been read as directed, and that he was
informed of his Denial

Certificat^e
for Sheph^{er}

The Friends appointed produced a draught
of a removal Certificate for John Shepherd jun^r di-
rected to the N^o. meeting held at Topsaborough
on Kennebec, signifying he is under our Care,
has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction
and is clear of Marriage engagements, as far as
appears, which was signed by the Clerk: - that the

D. Wood's
deficit

Certificate for David Wood is not yet accomplished
they are therefore continued to complete it and re-
port to next monthly meeting.

B. Sheph^{er}
returns
a Certificat^e

Barnabas Sheph^{er} has returned his Certificat^e
in 1781 with an Endorsement thereon signifying
that his outward Affairs were settled there, to satis-
faction, and that he was clear of Marriage engagements
as far as appears

R. Lapham
informs

Thomas Hicks reports that he hath informed
Lapham of his Denial agreeable to a point
ment.

J. Davis
returns

James Davis hath returned the Copy of a
note of last Monthly meeting, having returned from his
visit to Sandwich.

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Committee
in resp^t
to Hills

The Committee in respect to Hills
report, that they have not made any further
progress therein; they are therefore continued,
with Seth Middlestone and Barnabas No-
sher, who are now added to them, to labour
as way may open, and report to next Monthly
meeting.

Repres^{nt}
to Meet-
ing

The Representatives to the Quarterly meet-
ing, report that they all attended said
Meeting with the account from this Meeting

Treas^r
Reports

The Treasurer reports that the Balance
due from this Meeting, for the Yearly & Quar-
terly Meetings Stock, was forwarded as
directed.

Collection
13/6

The Preparative Meetings in their acc^t
inform that they have collected and sent to
our Treasurer viz^t the South 7.6
North 6

Com^{tee}
to attend
Burials

John Howland, John Deval, Abiel Gifford
Benjamin Taber, Joseph Tucker jun^r, Thomas
Holl, Elijah Gifford and William Anthony
jun^r, are appointed, ^{to attend} the burials of deceased
friends, according to the Advice of the yearly
Meeting in the Book of Discipline thereon.

Com^{tee}
to attend
Allen's
Week

The friends appointed to attend the Meet-
ings in Allen's Week report, that tho' the Time
is expired of holding them, yet they are not rea-
dy to make a full report, they are continued
to finish one and bring to next N^o. meeting

5m^o

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth
the 21st of 5m^o 1787.

The Representatives named in the acc^t pre-

78 presented from the Preparative Meetings
5 month are from the South, Zephaniah Edy and Pe-
leg Gifford, North Thomas Nott and Jn.
1787 Howland, who are called and all present.

The Committee in the case of Peleg Howland,
Howland request, Report, that they have all had oppor-
tunity with him, to a degree of satisfaction, yet
from some Circumstances, think best that the Mat-
ter be deferred one Month longer, it is accordingly
deferred to next M^o. meeting, under the same Friend
Care, they then report.

The Friends appointed in Peleg Howland's
Case, report, that they have not had oppor-
tunity with him, since last Monthly meeting, and de-
sire the Matter continued, it is accordingly continued
under the the same Friends care, who are to re-
port to report to next M^o. meeting.

The Friends appointed in the case of M-
cajah Wilcox, report, that they have not all
had opportunity with him and desire the Matter
deferred, which is continued accordingly under their care,
who are to report to next M^o. meeting.

The Friends appointed produced a Draught
of a Certificate for David Wood, directed to the
Meeting of Saratoga, signifying he is a Mem-
ber, that he hath settled his outward Affairs to satis-
faction, and clear of marriage Engagements as far as
appears, which was signed by the Clerk.

Part of the Committee in respect to Wells, report, that
they have had opportunities with friends on that Sub-
ject, but that there are yet the greater part deficient
wherein, the same friends are continued to excite the
negligent, to a speedy and active compliance in that
Duty, and report to the Monthly meeting in 8 m
next.

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5 m^o of the Meetings in Allen's Sect. report, that
Report they were attended, and kept up to pretty good
Allen's mark Satisfaction.

The Appointing more Elders being propo-
sed to this Meeting by the select meeting, who
have had it under Consideration and named
Elders. Benjamin Taber and Deborah Davis for that
place for the Consideration of this and the Women's
Meeting, and no Objection appearing to the friends
named, we app^o Abiel Gifford, Joseph Tucker
jun^r and app^o Anthony jun^r a Committee in
conjunction with those the Women may appoint
to take a solid Opportunity, with said friends
in order to discover the Qualifications for that
weighty Service, and report their Sense thereon to
next M^o. meeting.

Seth Huddleston informs that he is about to
remove to New Garden in North Carolina, with his
Family, and desires our Certificate, therefore we ap-
point John Deval, app^o Gifford and Thomas Nott
in conjunction with those the Women may app^o to
make the necessary enquiry, draw one for them, if suit-
able and bring to the adjourn^o of this Meeting.

The friends appointed sometime past, in the case
of Thomas Akin report as followeth. To the
Monthly meeting, to be held the 21st of 5 m^o. 1787.

We your Committee appointed sometime past,
in the case of Thomas Akin, non have to
report, that we have had divers and solid Op-
portunities with him on that Matter, and had
some inspection, on his Conduct, - and tho' he
hath not therein given us the desired Satisfac-
tion in full; yet we believe the Labour extended
therein, hath had some good Effect, at least in
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restraining from that habitual and excessive use of spirituous Liquors, and we think the Matter may be still continued under the Care of a Committee, tho' we submit it to the Meeting.

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David Shepherd
John Howland
Caleb Greene.

which is accepted, and the same friends are continued accordingly in the Care of that Matter, who are to report when ready.

Collection. The Preparative meetings in their Acct^s inform that they have collected & sent to our Treas^r viz^t — South L. 12.2
North — 13.5
1.5.7

The Year being expired of the Service of the Clerk which being considered by this Meeting and Caleb Greene being nominated, he is reappointed as Clerk of this Meeting for the year ensuing, or till some other may be appointed in his stead.

Adjourned This Meeting is adjourned to the 30th Inst^o after the Meeting for Worship

Met 30th of the 5th Month. Met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present.

The Friends appointed, produced a Draught of a Certificate for Seth Huddleston, his Wife Lydia, and their Children, whose names (Names) are Sarah, Lavinia, Jonathan, Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah; which after some Alteration was signed by the Clerk, signifying they were Members in Unity, and their outward affairs were settled to Satisfaction, as far as appears, which was directed to the Monthly meeting of Friends New Garden in North Carolina

Seth Huddleston's Certificate signed

The School Committee, report as follows To the Monthly meeting to be held the 21st of the 5th month. 1787.

We having been appointed sometime past, as a School Committee, have made but little progress in that Service; as many in Society, seem so little engaged for the Promotion of that branch of Discipline; that it gives us a discouraging Prospect of it, which appears the more so, when we consider that some friends join in Schools, out of the Order and direction of Friends, and some not uniting in their endeavours to assist in this part of the Education of their Children, tho' we may say, that there are a few whose Concern for good order, and for the Growth of this part of Discipline is such; that we yet hope it may be revived among us, and the concern become more general, and think that a Com^{tee} suitable for that Service (if such may be found), will be useful thereunto, which we submit to the Meeting, desiring we may be dismissed

Report of School Committee

Jam^s Smith
Tho^s Mott

Dartmouth 21st of 5^m 1787
George Smith
Joseph Austin
Benjamin Howland 2
oppⁿ Wood
Caleb Greene

which is accepted, and they are dismissed accordingly: the appointment of another Committee for that Service, is referred to next M^o meeting.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartm^r,
the 18th of the 6th month 1787.

The Representatives named in the Accounts
presented, from the Prepar^r. meetings, are from
the South, Abiel Gifford and Joseph Tucker;
North, John Howland and W^m Tripp, who being
called were all present.

The Friends appointed in Peleg Howland's Re-
quest, report, that they have had several solid op-
portunities, with him, to some degree of Satisfaction,
^{Howland} ^{Pres.} the not with so deep a sense of True Conviction in
him as they desire; but on considering all circum-
stances, think it best, that he be admitted as a
Member, - which being considered by this, and with
the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting, he is admit-
ted as a Member of this Meeting accordingly.

The Friends appointed in Peleg Howland's
^{Howland} ^{Case} report, that, tho' they have taken consider-
able pains, they did not obtain an Opportunity with
him, - they are continued therefore in the Case of that
matter to take an Opportunity, labour further with
him, and report to next Mt. meeting.

Two of the friends appointed in the Case of Mi-
cajah Wilcox, report, that they have not had oppor-
tunity with him; tho' some endeavours were us'd by them
^{Mica Wilcox} for that Purpose, and as Giles Howland one of the
Friends on that Appointment, is not likely to attend
therein, he is dismissed, and Timothy Gifford, is added
and they together are continued & desired to attend to
that Case, and report to next mt. meeting.

The Committee appointed to take an Opportunity
with

with Benjamin Taber and Deborah Davis
who were named for the place of Elders, report,
B Taber that they have attended thereto, and according
and D Davis to their Sense, they have Unity with the proposal
app^r as of the appointment of s. Friends to that place
Elders. which being accepted and the Women's meet-
ing therewith, said Friends are appointed as
Elders, with the Approbation of the Quarterly
meeting, and that an account thereof be sent
up to next Quarter for that purpose.

The Queries were read in this Meeting and
the Answers, as they were brought from friends
of the Preparative meetings, and W^m Anthony
^{read} ^{by} Jun^r Abiel Gifford and Benjamin Smith, are
appointed to compile said Answers, and draw
an acc^t to the Quarterly meeting, and bring them
to the Adjourn^t of this Meeting.

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 27th Instant
at the close of the Meeting for Worship.
27th day Met by adjournment.

The Representatives are called, and all present.
John Howland and Abiel Gifford, are appoint-
ed on the School Committee, and an addition-
al appointment is refer'd to next mt. meeting.

The Fr. preparative Meeting in their acc^t. inform
that they have collected, and paid to the Treasurer
of this meeting.
L. 8.1
11 -
- 19.1

North
William Sandford, informs that he proposes a
Journey to Ninepartners in the Company of Creek
Monthly meeting, to visit his Children and friends
which

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which being approved of by this Meeting, he being a Member thereof, the Clerk is desired to give him a copy of this Minute.

The Friends appointed produced a Compilation of the Answers to the Queries, which with the Queries, were read, and an account prepared to the Quarterly meeting, and forwarded by our Representatives, Wm. Anthony junr, Jonathan Hart, and Thomas Mott, appointed to the same, they to report to next W. meeting.

The Year of the service of Overseers is expired, yet a New choice is refer'd to next Monthly meeting.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 10th of the 7th month, 1787.

The Representatives from the Prepar^d. meetings, the Accounts presented, are from the South Joseph Barker and Obadiah Beard, North Benjamin Taber and Barnabas Russell, who on being called are all present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended, and produced an O. D. meetingistle from a meeting, together with Transcripts from the London, Philadelphia & Long Island C- pistles, which were read in this Meeting, to our Comfort and Edification.

The Choice of Overseers, being refer'd from last monthly meeting to this, Joseph Tucker junr, Thomas Mott, Benjamin Smith junr, and John Deval are appointed for that Service; and a further Choice is necessary, it is refer'd to next mt. meeting.

The Friends appointed in Paly Slocum's Case report that they have taken an Opportunity

P. Slocum's

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opportunity with him; but that he did not give them Satisfaction; yet they are continued in the care of that Matter, and if they do not find Satisfaction, to draw a Testimony of his Denial and report it to next W. meeting.

The Friends appointed in Micajah Wilcox's Case, report that they have had a solid conference with him, tho' to little real Satisfaction, but at the desire of some friends, the Matter is defer'd under the care of the friends appointed, who are to report to next mt. meeting.

The Women inform that they have concluded to deny Ruth Lapham, Wife of Humphrey Lapham, which this Meeting concurs with.

The Additional appointment of the School-apt. of Committee, being refer'd to this Meeting, Wm. Anthony junr, William Gifford, Cabel Greene, Benjamin Taber, Edmund Maxfield and Elijah Gifford, are appointed for that Service, for the Year ensuing or till some others may be appointed.

James Rogers produced a Certificate from the W. meeting of Pembroke, signifying his right of membership and cleanness of marriage Engagements, which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction, as also a Certificate of his Parents, Consent to proceed in Marriage with Deborah Smith.

The Overseers inform that Williams Slocum is guilty of the Sin of Fornication, as appears by the Accusation of Phebe Russell, and also by his own Confession, for which they laboured with him; but not finding satisfaction; we therefore appoint, Wm. Anthony junr, Thomas Hicks to la-

J. Rogers certifi. case read

appears Slocum is guilty of the Sin of Fornication, as appears by the Accusation of Phebe Russell, and also by his own Confession, for which they laboured with him; but not finding satisfaction; we therefore appoint, Wm. Anthony junr, Thomas Hicks to la-

J. Rogers
D. Smith
B. Taber
R. Akin
Intensions
of Marri-
age

labour further with him, thereon and if he doth not give them satisfaction to draw a Testimony of his Denial and report it to next M^o. meeting

James Rogers and Deborah Smith, and Benjamin Taber Jun^r and Robey Akin, having each Couple, declared their Intensions of taking each other in Marriage, were desired to wait till next M^o. Meeting for answer, this having consent of Parents, and Seth Russell and Barbra Russell, are appointed to inspect Benjamin's Clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Collection 184.
The Preparative Meetings in their Acct. inform, that they have collected, and sent to the Treasurer -
the South L 7.2
North 11.2
18.4

The Quarterly meeting in their last Cistle, inform that they have concluded with agreement of our Representatives, for this Meeting to raise the Sum of L 8. 8 for the use of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting's Stock, which is concluded by this Meeting to be collected in each of our Preparative Meetings, who are to forward a Sum to our Treasurer's on acct. to this Meeting.

8 month At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 20th of the 5th Month 1787.

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Prepar^o. Meetings are from the South, Eyah Gifford, and Benjamin Allen, Son of Philip North, Jonathan Hart, and John Howland who on being called were all present.

Choice of Overseers finished. The further Choice of Overseers being refer'd to this Meeting, Jonathan Hart & ^{of} Anthony Jun^r, are appointed for that Service in addition to those appointed

Abraam
Denial
defer'd.
M. Wilcox
case defer'd.

appointed last monthly Meeting for the year ensuing, or till others may be appointed in their stead; the said Overseers to report to this Meeting, at least Once a Quarter.

The Friends appointed in Peleg Slocum's Case reported a Draught of a Testimony of his Denial, yet at the desire of some friends, the signing it, is defer'd to next M^o. meeting, for further Consideration.

Micajah Wilcox's Case is defer'd till next M^o. meeting, under the same friends care, as were appointed, as he is gone a voyage to sea.

The Friends appointed in William Slocum's case desire it continued, it is accordingly continued under their care, till next m^o. Meeting, then they to report.

A Certificate
for
W. Gifford
re.

A Certificate from Rhodisland M^o. meeting in behalf of Willbour Gifford, signifying he has settled his ^{own} affairs to satisfaction & is clear of Marriage Engagements, was read and accepted, he having returned from serving at a Trade.

Collection
L 1.8

The Prepar^o. Meetings in their Acct. inform that they have collected & paid the Treas^r's viz.
the South L 10.2
North 11.6
21.8

B. Taber
Chairship.

The friends appointed to inspect into the clearness of Benjamin Taber Jun^r, respecting Marriage and Conversation, report, that they do not find any thing sufficient to obstruct his proceeding in Marriage.

J. Rogers
D. Smith
B. Taber
R. Akin
Answers

James Rogers & Deborah Smith, also Benjamin Taber Jun^r, and Robey Akin appeared for their Answers, which were, that we do not find any thing to hinder each Couple's proceeding to take each other in Marriage, between this and next M^o. meeting, advising with the friends this Meeting may appoint their Marriages orderly solemnized, who are Phil Gifford and Benjamin Howland 2. to attend that of

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of James & Deborah, and Seth Russell & Barnabas Russell the other, they to report to next M^o meeting.

Prepar^o Meetings to collect for Y^o & Q^o Meetings Stock.

This Meeting is informed that the Preparative Meetings are in a progress to collect the Money for Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock. The Representatives therefrom are desired to inform S^o Meetings of this Meetings desire, that they ^{perseverate} accomplish that Matter, & forward the Money to our Treasurer and an Ac^o to next M^o meeting.

£5 to be sent to our friend E. Pope

Received a Copy of a Minute of our last yearly Meeting, recommending a benevolent Subscription for the relief of our suffering brother Ebenezer Pope in the late Fire at Boston, whereupon it is agreed, that £5 be forwarded to him, out of our Treasury by the first Conveyance and the Treas^o to report thereof to next M^o meeting.

£8 to be paid B. Russell

Barnabas Russell informs that he paid £8 for shoeing travelling friends horses, sometime past, which the Treasurer is directed to pay, when supplied with Money, and report to this Meeting.

9th Month

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 17th of the 9th Month 1787.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings by the Ac^os presented, are from the South Caleb Barker and Elijah Gifford, North Benjamin Taber and Thomas Mott, who being called are all present.

Micajah Wilcox's Case deferred

Micajah Wilcox's Case is deferred till next M^o meeting, as the Friends appointed therein have had no Opportunity with him

P. Stocum 2^o denied

The Friends who desired Peleg Stocum 2^o's Case deferred report, that they have taken an Opportunity with him, and read the Testimony of his Denial to him, but nothing appearing to the satisfaction of Friends; - the said Testimony was signed by the Clerk, with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting,

and Benjamin Smith jun^r is appointed to cause the same to be read in the usual public Manner, and report it to next Monthly meeting, said Testimony is as follows.

Testim^o Denial P. Stocum

Whereas Peleg Stocum Son of Holder Stocum and Rebecca his Wife deceased, of the Town of Dartmouth; having his birth right and Education among us the People called Quakers, but by Disobedience to the Pointings of Truth in his own Heart, hath greatly neglected the Attendance of our religious Meetings for a considerable time, in which, he hath associated himself with unprofitable Company and has partook of Spirituous Liquors to excess, for all which he hath been labourd with; but he still declines to condemn it to friends to Satisfaction therefore we give this forth, as a public Testimony discovering him the said Peleg Stocum, from being any longer a Member of our Society, and from under the Care of this Meeting, until he may have a sight and Sense of his outgoings and condemn the same to friends Satisfaction, which is our sincere Desire.

Given forth by our Monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth this 17th Day of the 9th Month 1787. - Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by
Caleb Greene Clerk.

Phoebe Russell dismissed

The Women's Meeting have concluded to deny Phoebe Russell daughter of Elijah, which this Meeting concurs with, a Testimony whereof was read.

Report of Comtee on Marriages

The Friends appointed to see the Marriages of James Rogers and Del^o Smith, and Benjamin Taber jun^r and Rhobe Akin orderly solemnized, report, that they attended them according to Appointment, and nothing appears, but that they were orderly solemnized and conducted.

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Report
to
the
C. B. G. S.

The Treasurer reports, that the Money concluded to be sent to our friend Ebenezer Pope has been forwarded accordingly, that he has a receipt for the same.

Queries
to
ans^r

The Queries were read with the answers from the Prepar^a Meetings, and Benjamin Taber, James Davis and Caleb Greene, are appointed to compile said answers, draw an account to the Quarterly Meeting, and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

P. Howland
& M. Tucker
Intention
Marriage

Pelag Howland and Mary Tucker jun^r declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, having Consent of Parents, and were desired to wait till next M^o. meeting, for answer, & Benjamin Taber and W^m. Gifford are appointed to inspect Pelag's clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation, and report to next M^o. Meeting.

Adjourn^t

This Meeting is adjourned to the 26th Instant at the close of the Meeting for worship.

Met.

26th day, met by Adjournment

Case
deprid.

The Representatives being called were all present. The Friends appointed in Williams Hocum's Case, report that they have attended somewhat to it; yet desire it deferred; it is therefore continued under the same friends Care, together with Benjamin Taber & Philip Trappard, who are added in that appointment, they to report to next M^o. meeting.

Additional
com^{rs}
for
burying
Ground

Jonathan Hart & Thomas Russell are added to the Committee appointed in the 9th month 1783. to have the Care of our burying Grounds; and allowing such as they think proper, who may be notified by Application, to be interred in them.

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Q. M^o
Report
to
the
Meeting
by
the
Clerk,
&
forwarded
by
our
Representatives

The friends appointed produced the Compilation of the answers to the Queries with an Account to the Quarterly Meeting, which were read & signed by the Clerk, and forwarded by our Representatives who are Joseph Tucker jun^r, Benjamin Taber and John Deval, they to report to next M^o. meeting.

respecting
the
Meeting
house

This Meeting concludes to inform the Quarterly Meeting that our Meeting house at Aponauganset is old and out of Repair and request their advice respecting the building a new One or repairing this, - and Pelag Gifford, Abiel Gifford, Gideon Howland, Thomas Russell and W^m. Anthony jun^r are appointed, to confer with and inform the Committee the 2^d. meeting may appoint there on, and report to next Monthly meeting.

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to
be
procured

Thomas Russell, Sabel Barker and Zephaniah Eddy, are appointed, to provide what Hay they may think necessary, for the next Quarterly Meeting, and to procure some person to attend on the Horses and Gates, and report to next M^o. meeting.

L. S.
The
8th &
3rd.
collected
for
the
2^d.
Meeting
&
paid.

The Preparative Meetings have collected the L. S. 8; for the Yearly and Quarterly meeting's Slack, and paid to our Treasurer, who is desired to forward it to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer and report to next Monthly meeting.

10th Month

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth, the 15th of the 10th Month 1787.

Repres^{ts}

The Representatives appointed by the Accounts presented from the Prepar^a. Meetings, or from the South, Pelag Gifford & Zephaniah Eddy, from the North Benjamin Taber & W^m. Gifford, who on being called are all present.

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M. Williams case

The Friends appointed in Micajah Wilcox's Case, report, that, they have not all had Opportunity with him, since his return from Sea, they are therefore continued, to take a full Opportunity with him, and report to next M^o. meeting.

P. Stocum's testimony of Denial reads

Benjamin Smith jun^r. reports that the Testimony of the Denial of Pelag Stocum 2's or son of Holder has been read as directed.

P. Howland's clearing in Marri.

The Friends appointed to inspect Pelag Howland's Clearings in respect to Marriage and Conversation, report that they find nothing sufficient to Obstruct his Procedure in Marriage.

oppo's Stocum's denial

The Friends appointed in Williams Stocum's Case, report that they have attended thereto, and have taken a solid Opportunity with him, but that he did not give them Satisfaction, Friends now being clear, having discharg'd themselves toward him, and said Com^{rs}. having produced a Draught of the Testimony of his Denial as directed, which with the Concurrence of the Women was sign'd by the Clerk and W^m. Anthony Jun^r. is appointed to read, in the usual public Manner, inform S. Williams thereof & report to next M^o. Meeting's Testimony is as follows.

Testimony of Stocum's Denial

Whereas Williams Stocum son of Pelag Stocum and Elizabeth his Wife of Dartmouth, having had a Birthright among us the people called Quakers, and under the care of this Meeting, by not adhering to the Duties of Truth which appear in the Heart, hath fallen into the reproachful Sin of Fornication, with Phoebe Russell, as appears by his Confession, and Friends having labored in much Tenderness to shew him the Evil thereof, and the bad Tendency of his Conduct, in that Matter, but not having received Satisfaction from him, therefore for the clearing Truth and Friends

from the Reproach of such evil Conduct, this Meeting is concern'd to give forth this Testimony against him the said Williams Stocum hereby disowning him from any right of Membership with us, and from under the care of this Meeting, until he shall find a place of sincere Repentance and be restor'd in the Truth, which is our sincere Desire. Given forth and sign'd, on and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting Friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 10th Month 1787.

Caleb Greene Clerk.

P. Howland & M. Tucker's Answer

Pelag Howland & Mary Tucker jun^r. appears for their Answer, which was, that we do not find any thing sufficient to obstruct their Proceeding in Marriage, with each other, at some proper Time between this and next Monthly meeting they advising with the friends this Meeting may appoint to see their Marriage orderly solemniz'd, who are Abel Gifford & W^m. Barker, they to report, to next M^o. Meeting.

Repres. to 2^d Meet. in progress

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting, Report that they all attended and produced an Epistle therefrom, which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction.

Comtee on acct. of Aponegi M. House

The Committee appointed on account of our Meeting house at Aponeganset, report that they have attended thereto, and conferred with the Quarterly meeting's Committee thereon, - they are continued to make a full Report at next M^o. meeting.

Comtee to procure Hay report Oct 30th

The Friends appointed to procure Hay, &c for the Quarterly meeting, report, that they have attended, and procured three quarters of a Ton of Hay, at the Cost of Thirty six Shillings, which the Treasurer is directed to pay.

no. for 2^d Meet. 1787

The Treasurer, reports that the Money for Yearly and 2^d. Meeting's Stock was forwarded as directed by last M^o. meeting.

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E. Mosher & Ruth Bowdish Intention

Elihu Mosher and Ruth Bowdish declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, having consent of Parents in Writing, and were desired to wait till next Mo. meeting for answer, and Wm. Gifford and John Deval are appointed to inspect Elihu's Clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation and report to next M^o. meeting.

Dr. Marcy paid by Coors. of Poor School £2.68 to be pd. by Treas^r

The Overseers of the Poor inform that they have settled Accounts with D^r. Stephen Marcy, and paid him, One pound seventeen shillings & sixpence, for Visits & Medicines for one of our Poor, for which they have his receipt in full, also that they paid nine shillings & two pence charge of Arbitrating said Accounts, the whole of which the Treasurer is directed to pay as soon as he is supplied with Money, and then report it to this Meeting.

Collection 9/5/2

The Preparative Meetings in their accounts inform, that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer viz

South L-37
North 5-10 1/2

11th month

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 11th Month 1787

The act^r from the Preparative Meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are, from the South Caleb Parker and Joseph Tucker Jun^r from the North John Tucker and Caleb Russell, who being called on all present.

London Epistle rec^d Dec^r

Rec^d. Three Copies of the London general Epistle of this Year, one of which was read to satisfaction.

M^o. Hilary's Case & Conclⁿ

The Friends appointed in Micajah Hilary's Case report, that they have all had Opportunity with them, that he seemed desirous to give friends Satisfaction, and gave in a Paper condemning his Misconduct, and the same friends are continued to take the Matter under their care in order to discover his Sincerity and report to next M^o. meeting.

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Testificⁿ of D. Rogers

Testificⁿ of W. Stann Denial read

Copy of D. Chase's Denial

Wm. Gifford's Marriage

36 paid for Hay

E. Mosher's Clearness

Wm. Gifford's account

E. Chase's account

A Removal Certificate in behalf of Deborah Rogers, Wife of James Rogers, directed to the Monthly meeting of Tombroke, was signed by the Clerks.

William Anthony reports that the Testimony of the Denial of William Stocum, has been read as directed, and he informed thereof, and that he desired a Copy of S. Testimony, which the Clerk is directed to give.

David Chase requests a Copy of his Denial, which the Clerk is directed to give.

The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Peleg Howland & Mary Tucker Jun^r, report that they attended accordingly at the Solemnization of them at the Houses of the Parties, and that it appeared to them the Marriage was conducted in a good Degree orderly.

The Treasurer reports that the thirty six shillings is paid for Hay as directed.

The Friends appointed to inspect the Clearness of Elihu Mosher respecting Marriage & Conversation, report, that they have taken the necessary care therein & find nothing to prevent his proceeding in Marriage.

Elihu Mosher & Ruth Bowdish appeared for their answer, which was, that we did not find any thing to hinder their proceeding to take each other in Marriage, at some convenient Time between this & next M^o. meeting, advising with the Friends this Meeting may appoint to see S. Marriages orderly solemnized who are William Gifford & J^r. Deval, they to report to next M^o. meeting.

Peleg Gifford gives in an account to this Meeting for Work in some repair of our house at Springanset amounting to seven Shillings, which the Treasurer is directed to pay & to report, this Meeting.

A Removal Certificate from the M^o. Meeting of Swanzey in behalf of Ebenezer Chase Jun^r, the 1st of the 11th mo.

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of the 1st last was read & received,
Collins Smith & Hannah Tucker declared their
Intention of taking each other in Marriage, & also Giles
Smith and Ruth Howland, they having Consent of
Parents: and were desired to wait till next M^o. meeting for
Answer; and Benjamin Smith & M^o. Howland are
appointed to inspect Collins's Clearness respecting Mar-
riage and Conversation; and George Smith and Giles
Howland that of Giles, and report to next M^o. meeting,

Humphrey Hathaway a Member of Sandwich M^o.
Meeting & Abigail Smith declared their Intention of
taking each other in Marriage, also Samuel Chase
a Member of Acosset M^o. Meeting & Elizabeth
Potter declared their Intention - & were each desired
to wait till next M^o. Meeting for Answer, - said
Men Friends produced certificates from their several
M^o. Meetings, signifying they are Members & clear
of Marriage Engagement, they also produced Con-
sent of their Parents in Writing.

The Com^o. appointed on act. of our Meeting
house at a Hyreganset, report that they have at-
tended thereto, but have not got quite through, hav-
ing some obstructions, & desire it continued: it is ac-
cordingly continued under their Care, who are to
report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Prepar^o. Meetings in their act^o. inform that
they have collected & sent to our Treasurer

75th South - "18" -
North "16" -
7 1/2 " 4 " 1/2

Shubael Bunker desires a removal Certificate
for him^{self} & his Wife & Child to the M^o. Meeting
for the Northern District of Phil^o. he having re-
moved ~~there~~ with his family there, Barnabaz.
Russell & Caleb Greene are appointed in Con-
junct^o. with the Friends to whom the Women may ap-
point, to take the necessary care therein & report
it to next M^o. Meeting.

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Smith
& Han-
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Tucker
also
Benjamin
Smith
& M^o.
Howland
are
appointed
to inspect
Collins's
Clearness
respecting
Marriage
& Conversa-
tion

H. Hathaway
& A. Smith
also
S. Chase
& E. Potter
declared
their
Intention
of Marriage

Com^o.
H. at
Hyreganset.

Prepar^o.
Collection
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S. Bunker
desires
Certificate

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The Committee on an act, of our Meeting house
at a Hyreganset, report that they have not quite
accomplished their appointment, but have draught
ed a Subscription for that purpose, which they are
desired to produce with to friends of this Meeting
& report to next M^o. Meeting.

At ~~the~~ a M^o. Meeting of Friends
held in Dartmouth the 17th of the 12th M^o. 1787.

The Representatives named in the Act pre-
sented from the Prepar^o. Meetings are, from the South
Pelag Jeffords & Gideon Howland, North Caleb Rice
Self & John Tucker, who on being called were all pre-
sent.

The Friends appointed to the Care of Niagara
Wilcox's Paper, & to inspect & discover his Sincerity
desired, continued, which is accordingly continued
under their care, who are to report to next M^o. meet-
ing.

The Friends appointed to see the Marriage of
Elihu Masher & Ruth Bondush orderly so-
lemniz'd, report that they attended said Mar-
riage & one of them at Elihu's House that nothing
appeared but that it was in a good Degree, order-
ly.

The Treasurer reports that Pelag Jeffords act^o.
is paid as directed by last Monthly Meeting.

One of the Friends appointed to enquire into
the Clearness of ~~Collins~~ Collins Smith respecting
Marriage & Conversation, reports that he & the
other Friend made enquiry & find no sufficient
obstacle to his proceeding in Marriage.

The Friends appointed to inspect into the
Clearness of Giles Smith respecting Marriage
& Conversation, report that they made Enquiry
& find nothin sufficient to obstruct his proceed-
ing in Marriage.

The Friends appointed produced a Removal
Certificate, for Shubael Bunker his Wife
and

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M^o. Meeting
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M. Wil-
cox's
Case

Marriage

Treasurer
paid

Collins
Smith's
Clearness

G. Smith

S. Bunker
Certificate

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and young son James directed to the Monthly Meeting for the Northern District of Philadelphia, signifying they are Members their outward affairs to satisfaction, which was read, & signed by the Clerk of each Meeting.

C. Smith
W. Tucker
G. Smith
R. Howland
Answers

Gollins Smith & Hannah Tucker, also Giles Smith & Ruth Howland appeared for their Answer, which was that we do not find any thing sufficient to hinder each Couple from proceeding in Marriage, at some convenient Time between this and next M^o Meeting, advising with the Friends that this Meeting appoints to see said Marriages orderly solemnized, & the Certificate thereof recorded. - who are Elijah Gifford & Philip Trapp, the first, & Gideon Howland, the latter Couple, they to report to next m^o Meeting.

H. Hallam
J. Smith
L. Chase
C. Basso
Answers

Humphrey Hathaway & Abigail Smith, also Samuel Chase & Elizabeth Potter appeared for their Answer, which was that nothing appeared to obstruct each Couple proceeding to take each other Marriage at some proper Time between this & next m^o Meeting, advising with the Friends, that this Meeting may appoint to see said Marriages orderly solemnized, & the Certificate thereof recorded, who are Caleb Ruppel & Joseph Tucker, Jun^r to that of the first Couple, & Tho^s Note & W^m Gifford that of the latter. - they to report to next m^o Meeting.

Copies of Denial given.

The Clerk informs that that he hath forwarded David Chase a copy of this Minute of his Denial, but that the Testimony of Williams & Storums Denial sh^d his mind, he is continued to do it and report to next m^o Meeting.

Request for a Meeting Allen's Neck

Friends in Allen's Neck, request to hold Meetings, in the four succeeding Months, at the following Houses viz^t at Susanna Allen's, Sam^l Gifford's, Elihu Storums & Samuel Gifford's one month at each House, one on each first Day of

fifth Day of the Week, excepting the week day Meeting in those Weeks, in which there may be Meetings of Discipline, - which Request being considered with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting is so far granted as to be under the Oversight of a Committee, who may if they see it necessary & best to have them thus continued, if not to report accordingly. - We therefore appoint Abiel Gifford, Elijah Gifford, Sam^l Gifford, W^m Anthony, Joseph Tucker Jun^r & Joseph Barker for that Service, some of whom are desired to attend each Meeting & report jointly the next m^o Meeting after the expiration of said Time.

The Queries were read, with the Answers from the Preparative Meetings & W^m Anthony & Benj^m Smith Jun^r are appointed to compile said Answers, draw an acct to the Quarterly Meeting & report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The preparative meetings in their acct^s inform that they have collected & sent to this Meeting Treasurer, viz^t
South - - 13⁰⁰ 9
North - - 11⁰⁰ 10

This Meeting is adjourned to the 26 Instant at the usual Time of Day.

The 26th Day, m^o by Adjournment.

The Representative Aging called are all present. The Clerk, ^{being} absent W^m Anthony is appointed Clerk for the Day.

A Certificate for David Williams son of John Williams to the m^o Meeting of Rhode Island, is requested also one for Daniel Wing who is gone to live with a Friend at Smithwick to learn a Trade & therefore our Friends for Tucker Jun^r & W^m Gifford Jun^r are appointed to take the necessary Care therein & bring Certificates for them to next m^o Meeting if they find things clear.

Certificate cases requested for W^m Gifford Jun^r

Elijah

Dec 1787

E. Slade's report for Children

Comm^{rs} on Acct^s M^{rs} House

Acct^s to D^r Staff^s Report

Jan 1788

Rep^{ts} to D^r Staff^s Report

For Delaplaine & Underhill

Elphal Slade requests her Children may be received under Friends Care, whose Names are Edward, Samuel, Caleb, Lephaniak, Sherman, & Mary; therefore our friends Lephaniak Eddy & John Tucker are appointed to join the Women & take the necessary Care in that Matter, & report their Sense & Judgment thereof to next M^o Meeting.

The Committee on acct^s of our meeting house report that they proposed an House about the Bigness of that at Bedford & the Cost to be about 300, & have made out Subscriptions to the amt^o of 241.18 which they are directed to forward to the Quarterly Meetings committed on that Matter.

The Answers to the Queries being compiled into general Insn^{ts} & an Epistle signed to S^r quarterly Meeting all which were directed to be forwarded to said quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who are W^m Anthony, Abiel Afford, Joseph Tucker Jun^r & Caleb Barker, they to report next M^o Meeting.

At a m^o Meeting held in Dart^m the 11th of the 1st M^o 1788.

The Representatives from the Prepar^y Meetings, by acct^s presented are from the S^r Ben^o Chace & Abiel Afford from the North Benjamin Tabor and Thomas Mott, who being called were all present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended according to Appointment, and presented an Epistle from S^r Quarterly meeting, which was read in this to our Satisfaction.

Our Esteemed Friends Joseph Delaplaine & Solomon Underhill attended this Meeting, with their Certificates, viz^t Joseph's dated from the M^o meeting at Flushing on Long Island, the 5th Day of the 11th M^o 1787, and Solomon's from the M^o meeting at Westbury the 26th of the 12th M^o 1787, which were read in this Meeting to Great

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W^m Slade's

M^{rs} Underhill

occurs of C. Smith W. Tucker G. Smith R. Howland M^{rs} Underhill's report.

also

M^{rs} Hathaway A. Smith S. Chace E. Potter

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Satisfaction and their Company and Labours of Love acceptable & Comfortable to us.

Our Friend Gideon Seaman also attended this Meeting as Companion to our S^r Friend Solomon Underhill:— with a Copy of a Minute from the M^o Meeting of Westbury of the 26th of Dec^r 1787, being read to Satisfaction & his Company acceptable to us.

The Clerk reports that the Copy of the Testimony of W^m Slade's Denial has not been forwarded to him, as the Minutes were not in his Possession, he is continued to next M^o meeting.

The friends appointed to the Care of Micajah Wilcox's Paper and discover his Sincerity; desire the Matter continued for a further Discovery of his Sincerity, it is therefore continued under the same Friends Care, who are to report to next M^o meeting.

The friends appointed to oversee the Marriages of Collins Smith & Hannah Tucker and of Giles Smith & Ruth Howland, report that they all attended according to Appointment, and that they discovered nothing but what was orderly conducted therein, and that the marriage Certificates were delivered to the Clerk to be recorded.

The friends appointed to oversee the Marriage of Humphrey Hathaway and Abig^l Smith, also that of Samuel Chace and Elizabeth Power, report that they all attended thereto; that they were solemniz'd in a good degree orderly; and the marriage Certificates were forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

The Prepar^y Meetings in their acct^s inform that they have collected & sent to our Treasurer, viz^t South. 9.8. 1.1. 1.1. 1.1.

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Certificates
for D.
Williams
D. Wing.

The friends appointed produced a Draught of Certificate for David Williams son of John Williams directed to the Mt. meeting of R. Island, also another for Daniel Wing, directed to the Mt. meeting of Smithfield, signifying their Rights of Memberships, which were read and sign'd by the Clerk.

E. Shad's
Request
concerning

The friends appointed on Elphal Shad's request, desire it defer'd till next Mt. meeting, it is accordingly continued, under their care and William Gifford's who is added to them, they to report to next mt. meeting.

L. 2. 2.
rec'd. from
D. meeting

One of the Representatives to the 2^d. Meeting reports, that he has receiv'd L. 2. 2. from the 2^d. Meeting's Treasurer, and paid it to our Treasurer, it being for the Expences of the Quarterly meeting held here last Year.

Z. Eddy
Copy of a
Min.

Zephaniah Eddy informs that he proposes to make a journey as far as Saratoga, to visit his Relations & Friends, which this Meeting consider'd & concurr'd with, he being a member in Unity, and the Clerk is desir'd to give him a Copy of this Minute.

2. Month

In a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of the 2^d. Month 1788.

The Representatives from the Prepar^y. Meetings by the Accounts presented are, from the South Thomas Russell and Poley Gifford, North W. Gifford and John Howland, who being called were all present.

Copy
W. Williams
Denial given

The Clerk informs that the Copy of the Testimony of Williams Howm's Denial is forwarded to him.

E. Shad's
Request
report.

The Friends on Elphal Shad's Request, report that they have visited the Family of the Petitioner and consider'd the Matter, and think said Request may be granted, yet this Meeting feeling some Obstruction: the Matter is de-

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E. Gifford
D. Sheph
Disconcur'd

deferr'd to next Meeting, under the same friends care, who are then to report.

Z. Eddy
Return'd

The Meeting of Women friends inform this that they are about to disown Elizabeth Gifford, now wife of David Kempton; and Deborah Shepherd, now Wife of Benjamin Howland, for marrying out of the Unity of Friends; which this Meeting concurs with.

Zephaniah Eddy return'd from his Journey with the Copy of the Minute for him, of last Mt. meeting.

J. Estes
Certif.
from
Rhodisland.

Joseph Estes produc'd a Certificate from the Mt. Meeting of Rhodisland of 27th of 1st mt, last, setting forth his Right of Membership and Clearness in respect to Marriage, also written consent of his Parents to proceed in Marriage with Edith Wood.

E. Allen
Paper

Oliver Allen gave in a Paper condemning his unguardedly taking so much spirituous Liquor, as to be disquis'd therewith whereupon Zephaniah Eddy and Abel Gifford, are appointed to take a solid Opportunity with him in order to discover his Sincerity, and report to next Mt. meeting.

J. Estes
E. Wood
Intention

Joseph Estes and Edith Wood, declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, and were desir'd to wait till next monthly meeting for answer.

W. Gifford
gave in a
Paper

Wilbur Gifford gave in a Paper condemning his attending a Marriage consummated out of the Order of friends; desiring friends to pass by his Misconduct, which being consider'd, is accepted for Satisfaction.

John Grace (son of Jacob) having remoid within this Mt. meeting and produc'd a Certificate from the Mt. meeting of Rhodisland, dated 27th of 11th mt. last signifying he is a Member his out^r. affairs, settled to satisfaction & clear of Marriage Engagements, which

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which is accepted.

The Prepar^o. meetings in their acct^s inform that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer, viz^t:

South	8-3
North	9-10
	<u>17-13</u>

Choice of Overseers

Proposed

adj^d

Met

A new Choice of Overseers of the Poor is proposed & refer'd to next Mt. meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 27th Inst. 27th Day Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives called were all present.

M. Willcox's case

continued

Two of the Friends appointed in Micajah Willcox's case desire it continue, till next Mt. meeting, which is accordingly continued under their care, they then to report.

J. Austin presents

an acct

ackow'd

Joseph Austin presented an Acct. to this Meeting for shoeing Travelling Friends horses and some Expence on the Road in getting them to Falmouth, amounting to ten shillings & six pence, which the Treasurer is directed to pay & report to next mt. meeting.

3. Month

A Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 17th of the 3rd Month 1788.

The Accounts from the Prepar^o. Meetings were presented; the Representatives therein, named were from the South Jephaniah Eddy and Joseph Tucker Jun^r. from the North Joshua Potter and Barnabas Russell, who on being call'd were all present.

E. Allen

The Friends appointed to take an Opportunity with Ebenezer Allen in order to discover his Sincerity in condemning his Misconduct, report that they have had a solid Opportunity with him, and that he gave them ^{agree} good of Satisfaction, appearing sincere in condemning his Misconduct, which is accepted for Satisfaction, he caus'd his Paper to be read in the usual public manner and

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Choice of Overseers

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return it with Report to next Mt. meeting

A new Choice of Overseers of the Poor being refer'd from last Mt. meeting to this, William Gifford, Joshua Potter, John Tucker, George Smith, Josiah Wood and Cabel Barker, are appointed for that Service, for the year ensuing or till others may be appointed in their stead

M. Willcox's case

defer'd

The friends appointed in Micajah Willcox's case report, that he still remains negligent in attending our religious Meetings and are doubtful of his Sincerity in condemning his Misconduct; yet at the desire of Jideon Howland & Thomas Russell, who desire to have an Opportunity with him, the Matter is defer'd till next Mt. meeting, under their care, they then to report.

J. Austin

paid

The Treasurer Reports that he has paid Joseph Austin as directed by last Mt. meeting, 106.

J. Estes

Edith Wood's answer

Joseph Estes and Edith Wood appear'd for their answer which was that nothing appear'd to obstruct their Proceeding to take each other in Marriage at some convenient Time, between this & next Mt. meeting, they advising with the Friends which this meeting appoints, to see their Marriage orderly solemniz'd and Marriage Certificate recorded; for which Service Joseph Barker and Timothy Howland are appointed, they to report to next Mt. meeting.

Queries read

answered

The Queries were read and the Answers from the Prepar^o. Meetings and Cabel Greene and Benjamin Taber are appointed to compile said Answers from this Meeting, with an Acct. to the Quarterly meeting, and report to the adjournm^t. of this Meeting.

Committee

to be

to be

to be

The Overseers inform in Writing that Cabel Hocum hath taken an Oath in form, that he had carnal Knowledge of Rebecca Russell; yet they

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they had no Opportunity with him thereon, as he was gone from Home; but as the Crime is so reproachful and Defamatory they thought it their Duty to thus inform this Meeting, whereupon Wm Wood, Gifford and Thomas Mott, are appointed to have an Opportunity with him if they can, and Draught a Testimony of his Denial if they think proper and report to next M^o. meeting, and inform him thereof when they can have opportunity.

Collection L. 1. 3. 1.

The Prepar^o. Meetings in their accounts inform that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer
 viz^t the South $\frac{1}{2}$ 8. 11
 North $\frac{1}{2}$ Mr 2
 L 1. 3. 1

Adjourns

This Meeting adjourns to the 26th Inst. after the Meeting for worship.

Met

25 Day Met by Adjournment.
 The Representatives being called were all Present.

Repri^d acct^d to 2^d meet^g

The friends appointed produced the Compilation of the Answers to the Queries; and an Essay of an Act, to the 2^d. meeting; - which were read in this Meeting and sign'd by the Clerk and Wm. Anthony, Caleb Greene & Jephthiah Eddy, are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as Representatives with said Acct^s. and report to next M^o. meeting.

E. Shad's Request granted.

The friends appointed on Eliphal Shad's Request report, that they have taken a solid Opportunity with her and Family; - and think said request may be granted, which with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting is accordingly granted, and said Eliphal's Children are admitted as Members of this Meeting, whose Names are mention'd in the first Minute of s^d. Request 12^m. last.

Bedford meeting altered

Friends of the North Prepar^o. Meeting propose to hold Bedford Meeting on the fifth Day which is held on the

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the sixth Day which being considered and the Women's meeting concurring, it is concluded, that said week day Meeting be held in future on the fifth day of the week.

M. Mather desires a Certificate

Sath^o Mather a Member of this Meeting has remov'd to Ninepartners and desires our Certificate on his behalf John Deval, Abiel Gifford are appointed to take the necessary Care therein and report to next M^o. meeting

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth, the 25th of the 4th Month 1788.

The Acct^s from the Prepar^o. Meetings were presented; the Representatives therein named were from the S^o. Peleg Gifford and Wm. Anthony, North Caleb Russell & John Tucker, who being called were all present.

E. Allen's Paper read

This Meeting is informed that Ebenezer Allen has caus'd his Paper to be read as directed and return'd it to this Meeting.

M. Wilcox

The friends who desired the deferring Micajah Wilcox's case - report, that they have had a Solid Opportunity with him, that they had so much Encouragement, as they desire the Case continued, which is accordingly continued under their care till next M^o. meeting, they then to report.

J. Estes & E. Wood's Marriage

The Overseers of Joseph Estes and Edith Wood's Marriage, report, that they attended said Marriage and at the House retir'd to, and saw nothing, but that it was orderly solemniz'd and conducted, and that the Marriage Certificate is deliver'd to the Clerk to be recorded.

C. Slocum

The friends appointed in Caleb Slocum's Case, report that they have taken a solid opportunity with him, and he appears in some degree so-

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sorry for his Transgressions, and has a Desire to make friends satisfaction. giving in a paper condemn- ing his misconduct, which being considered by this Meet- ing, we appoint ^{Wm} Wood, Caleb Russell, Benj^a Fisher & Seth Russell, to take a solid Opportunity with S. Hocum, in order to discover his Sincerity, & if he doth not give them satisfaction, to draw a Testi- mony of his denial inform him thereof and report to next M^o meeting.

Report
to M^o
Meeting
next

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended S. Meeting, agreeably to appoint- ment, and produced a copy of a minute of the Q^o Meet^g which was read in this. - the Contents of which is refer- to the Consideration of next M^o meeting.

Certificate
signed for
N. Mather

The friends appointed produced a Certificate for Nath^l Mather directed to the M^o meeting of nine partners, signifying his right of membership, settling his outward affairs & clearness of marriage engagements which was signed by the Clerks.

Collection
L. 1. 3

The Prepar^y meetings in their Acct^s inform that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer, viz^t.

The South L. 12. 9
North 10. 3.
1. 3

A Shep-
herd &
Apphia
Mather's
proposal.

Abner Shepherd and Apphia Mather declared their in- tention of taking each other in, as marriage, having consents of Parents, and were desired to wait till next M^o Meeting for Answer; and Wm Gifford with John Tucker are appointed to inspect Abner's clearness re- specting marriage and conversation and report to next M^o meeting.

L. Hart
gave in
a Paper

Luke Hart gave in a Paper condemning his Mar- riage out of the Unity of Friends, therefore we appoint M^o Gifford and Wm Gifford to take a solid opportunity with him, in order to discover his sincerity, and report to next monthly meeting.

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Informⁿ
of Shep-
herd's dis-
order

Com^{tee}
for
M^o Home
at
Spring

This Meeting is informed that J^o Shepherd Jun^r who lately removed to the M^o meeting of Salsbor^o has lately married here out of the order of friends, - Wm An- thony and Benj^a Smith Jun^r are appointed to write to said Meeting, informing them thereof, and report to next M^o meeting.

It appearing necessary that a Committee be appointed for planning, and therein regulating the size of a Meetinghouse at Sponegarset, as concluded on and directed by the Quarterly meeting, - the collecting ma- terials, sitting, erecting, building and finishing, of the House, as they may find best, and make report from time to time as they may see necessary. - therefore Thomas Russell, Joshua Power, Gideon Howland, Wm Anthony, Peleg Gifford & Caleb Russell are ap- pointed for that Service, and a further addition to them is to be considered of next M^o meeting.

(A minute of the following Report was omitted being made in Meeting)

The friends appointed to the care of Meeting's in Allen's neck, report as follows,

Report
of Com^{tee}
to attend
Meeting
in Allen's
neck

We the Committee appointed to have the care and Over- sight of the Meetings held in Allen's neck the Winter past, report that we have attended according to appoint- ment and they have been conducted orderly and generally attended by most of friends in a good degree to our satisfac- tion. signed by order of said Committee Elizabeth Hocum only excepted. Elijah Gifford Nancy Hocum.

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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 5th Month 1788. -

The Accounts from the Preparative meetings were presented, the Representatives therein named were from

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from the South, George Smith & Elijah Gifford North Benjamin Tabor and John Howland, who on being called were all present.

Rec^d of
M^o P^o Rotch
Jun^r &
Wife
certific^e.

Received a removal Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Nantucket of Jun^r last, in behalf of ^{John} Rotch and Elizabeth Rotch Juniors and their daughter Sarah, - expressive of their being members in Unity and settling their outward affairs to satisfaction, which Certificate was read and accepted.

L^o Hart's
Paper ac-
cepted.

The Friends appointed to take opportunity with Luke Hart to discover his Sincerity, report that they have a solid Opportunity with him, and do not find any thing to hinder the receiving his Paper for satisfaction which with the concurrence of the Women's meeting is accepted accordingly.

M^o Wil-
cox's case
continued.

The friends having the care of Muziah Wilcox's case report, that they have had opportunities with him this m^o, that his attention to our religious Meetings is not so encouraging as they could desire, - it is therefore con- tinued under the same friends care till next m^o. Meet- ing they then to report.

A^o Shep-
herd's
clearness.

The Friends appointed to inspect Abner Shep- herd's clearness respecting Marriage, report that they have taken the necessary care, and do not find any thing to Ob- struct his proceeding in his intended Marriage.

Friends to
write to
Tapsabor.

The friends appointed report that they have not yet communicated to the Monthly meeting of Tapsabor's, what was directed by last m^o. meeting, they are continued to ac- complish it & report to next m^o. meeting.

C. Slocum's
Denial

The Friends appointed to take a solid Opportunity with Caleb Slocum in order to discover his Sincerity, report, that they had such an Opportunity with him, but that he had not so real a sense of his Transgression as to

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yield such satisfaction as they desired; - they therefore ^{draw} a Testimony of his Denial, which was read cor- rected and signed by the Clerk; and William Antho- ny is appointed to cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, and report to next monthly meeting, and as the Committee did not inform s. Slocum of his Denial, Benjamin Allen (son of Philip) is appointed for that service & to report to next M^o. meeting. - said Testimony is as follows, viz^t -

Testimony
given
Caleb Slocum

Caleb Slocum son of Pely and Elizabeth Slocum, of Dartmouth, having a right of Membership among us the People called Quakers; but thro' unweariness and disregard to the Principles of Truth and Rightness, in his own heart, and our known Principle against Oaths, has taken an Oath in the Law Court, that he has had carnal Knowledge of Rebecca Russell, - which re- proachful and defamatory Conduct, friends have laboured in Love to convince him of the Heinousness of; but their Labour not having the desired effect, to friends Satisfac- tion; therefore for the clearing of Truth and Friends from such Conduct we are concerned to give forth this Testimony, disowning him the said Caleb Slocum from being a Member of our Society, and from under this Meeting's care, untill he may find forgiveness from the Lord, which is our Desire.

Given forth from our Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 5th Month 1788.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting by
Caleb Greene Clerk.

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Mr. Deval gave in a Paper.

Mr Deval gave in a Paper condemning his falling into company and being overtaken with the intemperance of strong Drink. William Hood and John Tucker are appointed to take an Opportunity with him to discover his Sincerity, and report to next M^o. meeting.

Mr Shepherd & Apphia Now appeared for their Answer, which was, that we did not find any thing to obstruct their Proceeding to take each other in Marriage at some convenient Time between this and next M^o. meeting, advising with the Friends this Meeting apply to see their (their) Marriage orderly solemniz'd.

William Gifford & John Tucker are appointed to oversee said Marriage and the Certificate delivered to be recorded and report to next M^o. meeting.

The Prepar^o. Meetings in their Accounts inform that they have collected and forwarded to our Treasurer viz.

South	£.
North	1. 3. 7.
	1. 9. 7.

The Contents of a Copy of a Minute from last Quarterly meeting respecting some difference subsisting in this Meeting, being again considered, John Howland, Wm Gifford, Caleb Greene. Abel Gifford and Benjamin Taber, are appointed to assist the Overseers in endeavouring to compose said difference and report to next M^o. meeting.

The Preparative meetings having appointed Committees to consider of the Method of collecting Money for our Monthly Meeting Stock & use, who have considered and made report thereon which being read and considered by this Meeting it is concluded that a Committee be appointed to

Commit^o on a difference

Method of collect^ging money

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make proper Lists of the Names of such friends as they think proper to collect for the support of Society, that said List be read at or near the close of each Preparative meeting, and the Friends present to answer thereto in such a sum as, are free to contribute for one quarter of a Year, and that such friends as do not answer thereto, or are not present, be called upon by said Committee till the end of the three months when report is to be made to the Preparative meeting and the sum so collected, be minuted & reported to the next M^o. meeting whereupon Edmund Maxfield Tho^s, Russell, Joshua Potter & Benj^a. Howland Jr. are appointed for that Service, who are to report, at the Expiration of three Months.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 16th of the 5th Month 1788.

The Accounts from the Prepar^o. meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are from the South Joseph Parker and Abel Gifford from the North Joseph Gifford & Barnabas Russell, who on being called were all present.

The Clerk being absent, Wm Gifford is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries were read and the Answers as presented from the Prepar^o. meetings and Benjamin Taber, Caleb Russell and J^r. Howland are appointed to take and digest them, and draw an account from this to the Quarterly meeting.

An Account was presented to this Meeting for making a Coffin and digging a Grave for Maria

Queries made

Account for coffin

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Maria Hoxy one of this Meeting's Poor to the amount of Ten shillings & eight pence, which the Treasurer is directed to pay to William Gifford & report to next Mt. meeting.

Adjourn'd This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 23rd Inst. at the day of worship

Met. 23rd Met according to Adjournment.

The friends appointed in Micajah Wilcox's case, inform M. Hoxy that they have not had opportunity with him since last Mt. meeting, and that he has gone to sea; it is concluded therefore under their care, who are to report, as soon as he may return.

Report of the friends appointed, report that they have written to Papabor's Mt. meeting as directed.

The friends report that Caleb Slocum is informed of his Denial, and that the Testimony has been read as directed.

The friends appointed to have Opportunity with Abner Deval inform, that they have attended thereto, but are not ready to make full report, and desire the Matter deferred, which is accordingly deferred under their care till next Mt. meeting they then to report.

The Overseers of the Marriage of Abner Shepherd & Apphia Mott, report that they attended thereto, that it was in a good degree orderly solemnized, and the marriage certificate delivered to the Clerk to be recorded.

The friends appointed to assist the Overseers of this Meeting in composing a Difference, subsisting between some Members of this Meeting inform that they have attended to their appointment, but have not yet been able to

get thro' Satisfactorily and desire it deferred another Month, which is accordingly continued till next Mt. meeting they then to report.

The Friends appointed produced a compilation of the answers to the Queries from the Prepar. meetings and an Account to the Quarterly meeting

which were read and after some Alterations signed by the Clerk, and forwarded by our Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, who are William Anthony John Howland & Benjamin Smith, they to report to next Mt. meeting.

This Meeting is informed that Nicholas Smith & Smith has gone to the Ninepartners without Certificate and some to continue a considerable time there, Wm. Gifford and Thomas Mott are appointed to take the necessary care therein, and report to next Mt. meeting.

The Overseers inform that John Chace and Joseph Hart have been concerned or had a hand in writing & handing about some scandalous Papers, reflecting darkly on some Neighbours, for which they have been labour'd with, but did not condemn it. Benjamin Taber, William Retch Jun. & Caleb Russell are therefore appointed to take a solid opportunity with the young men, on that or any other misconduct of theirs, which may be contrary to the good order established among us, and report to next Monthly meeting.

The year of the Service of the Clerk, being expired, a New choice is referred to next Mt. meeting.

clerk.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of the 7th Month. 1788.

The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings were presented, the Representatives named therein were Joseph Tucker Jun^r and Gideon Howland; from South, and from the North, who were all present.

The Treasurer, reports that he has paid William Lifford as directed by last Monthly meeting. 10. 8.

Treas^r 10th 8.

At last

The friends appointed, report that they have had several opportunities and Conferences with Abner Deval who gave them some good degree of satisfaction which is accepted, and his Paper condemning his Misconduct is accepted by this Meeting for Satisfaction, provided he cause the same to be read in the usual public Manner returning it with report thereof to next M^o. meeting.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended and produced an Epistle and Extracts of Minutes from said Meeting, together with Transcripts of our last Yearly meeting Epistle & those from London, Philadelphia and Long Island, with the Extracts from the Minutes of our last yearly meeting & Extracts of two Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings, all which were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction.

Report Representatives Quarterly Meeting

The friends appointed to assist the Overseers in the case of a Difference subsisting between some Members of this Meeting, report, that they have attended thereto; but at their last Meeting thereon, one of the Friends was absent by reason of sickness. that they desire it deferred, it is therefore continued till next M^o. meeting under the same friends care. who are desired then to make a conclusive report.

Committee to assist Overseers continued

O. Beard & family to be visited.

Memorandum of Decisions by Meeting both Quarterly & Monthly.

We are informed that the Women's Meeting have appointed a Committee to visit Obadiah Beard & Mary with their family, on the request of Mary's admittance as a Member with their Children upon which Philip Truford and Thomas Russell are appointed to unite with said Committee to visit said family and report to next M^o. Meeting.

The following is the Extract from our last Yearly Meeting's Minutes, received from last Quarterly Meeting, respecting this and other M^o. meetings being set off or annexed to Sandwich Quarter, viz^t. "It having been for divers years much desired by this Meeting, that a different Arrangement of our Quarterly meetings take place, it is now agreed that the Monthly meetings of Dartmouth, Acosset and Swasey, be for one year set off from Rhode Island and added to Sandwich Quarterly meeting, and the Quarterly advised that they endeavour to unite in a brotherly labour together for the promotion of the cause of Truth, that they meet and hold their Meetings at the time and place as heretofore except those in the 10th & 12th Months, which are to be held at the usual time; but instead of the usual Place, that in the 10th is directed to be held at Sparganset; and that in the 12th Month at Bedford, that Rhode Island Quarterly meeting be held in the fall at Portsmouth, and in the Winter at Providence at the usual Time.

The Yearly meeting having directed in the Extracts from its Minutes, that the Monthly meetings have the Minute respecting spirituous Liquors inserted in their Books of Discipline, under the Head spirituous Liquors; the Clerk is desired to have it inserted accordingly in each Book of Discipline belonging to this Meeting & report to next M^o. meeting.

Minutes respecting spirituous Liquors to be inserted in Discipline.

The Meeting for Sufferings having communicated to the M^o. meetings their desire for friends to take a number of Joseph Phipps's Treatise on the Original and present State of Man, as also of Robert

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Barclay's catechism, which Books friends of New York and Philadelphia are about reprinting. William Hanks and John Howland are appointed to make the necessary enquiry respecting the number of each which may be wanting in each Preparative meeting & report to next mtg.

Certificates for

The friends appointed produced a draught of a Certificate for Nicholas Smith, directed to the Monthly meeting of Nine Partners, signifying he is a member of this meeting & clear of marriage Engagements as far as appears - which Certificate was signed by the Clerks.

Jr. Chace
Jos. Ward's
base deford

The friends appointed in John Chace's & Joseph Ward's cases report that they have attended to their appointment, and have had a solid opportunity with the Youngmen, - yet desire the Matter deferd, which is deferd accordingly under the same friends care, till next Mtg. they then to report.

Clerk.

The year of the Service of the Clerk being expired and a new Choise being necessary, Caleb Greene being nominated, after due Consideration is reappointed Clerk for the year ensuing.

Committee to inspect
Accts with
Quarterly
meeting
& out
Treas.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting inform that this Meeting is in Arrears £2.10.8 with the Quarterly meeting as appears by their Treasurers, upon which John Howland, Caleb Greene & Wm. Notch Junr are appointed to take the necessary care, to find the cause thereof, to settle Accounts with our Treasurer, and if needful to inspect this Meeting's minutes, and report to next Mtg.

J. Russell
acc't
to p. 153.

Thomas Russell presented an acc't to this Meeting for some repairs about our Meetinghouse at Aponeganaset to the amount of Thirteen shillings and three pence which the Treasurer is directed to pay and report to next mtg.

Yearly
Book.

The Quarterly meeting in their Epistle desire that this Meeting will forward £5.16.7 to the Yearly Meeting. Proasurr

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as soon as may be; it being this Meeting's apporion of yearly Stock, the Manner of raising said Money is refer'd to next Mtg. meeting. At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th of the 8th mo. 1788

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The representatives from the preparative meetings by the acco. presented are from the S. Zeph. Eddy & Benjamin Chace.

Jr. Caleb Russell & William Gifford who being called were all present.

M. Deval's
Paper read

Report hath been made that Abner Deval's paper has been read as directed last Mtg. Meeting and is returned to this meeting.

A Board's
visiting
husbandry

The Friends appointed to join the Women in visiting Obadiah Beard and Family report that they have attended thereto but yet desire said matter continued which is deferd to next Mtg. meeting they then to report.

Committee
to assist
Overseers
report

The friends appointed to assist the Overseers in composing a difference between some member of this meeting report that they have attended thereto; and tho' they found it a difficult case yet at the close of their Labour therein they found so much satisfaction that they hope the matter will subside and end.

Samuel
Smith's
Paper.

Samuel Smith gave in a paper to this meeting condemning his misconduct in an Libelation with Robert Parker, which was read and considered and with the concurrence of the women's meeting accepted for satisfaction provided Samuel cause the same to be read in the usual public manner & report to next Mtg. Meeting.

J. Austin's

Joseph Austin gave in a paper condemning the manner of