

8th Month

of his speaking to Samuel Smith and in our M^o. mee-
ing which being read and considered with the Women's
concurrence, for satisfaction.

Inspection
of Minutes
and papers

The Clerk informs that he has not accomplished the in-
serting the Minute of the Yearly Meeting in all the books
of discipline as directed last mt. meeting, he is desired
to do it & report to next M^o. meeting.

Books
to be
taken.

One of the Friends appointed to make enquiry respecting
the number of books proposed by the meeting for suffering
for this meeting to take - reports that he has made some
enquiry - that a considerable number are wanted, it is there-
fore concluded to send for fifty of Robert Barclay's Cate-
chisms & 20 of Joseph Phips's Treatise & the money is to
be directed at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Adj^d

This meeting is adjourn'd to the 27th Inst^o, at the close of
the meeting for worship.

Met

27th Day met according to adjournment.
The Representatives being called were all present except
William Gifford.

J. Hart
&
J. Chace
abs^o

The matter of Joseph Hart and John Chace is Refer'd to
next M^o. Meeting by reason of the women's meeting being
not adjourned.

Accts
settled
with the
balance
112.6.5.

The Friends appointed to settle accounts with our Treasurer
&c. report that they have attended thereto & settled said
Accounts up to the 8th mt. this year & that after payment
of all the orders standing on the Minutes a balance is in
the Treasurer's hands of Twelve pounds six shillings & five
pence - that by our own Minutes & account drawn there-
from - it appears, that this meeting has paid all that was
due to the Quarterly meeting.

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John Howland is appointed to inform Rhode-
island Quarterly meeting of the State of our Account
with that Meeting, and report to this Meeting.

Book for
Treas^r

The Clerk is desired to procure a suitable Book
for our Treasurer's Accounts, and report to this Meet-
ing.

Audite
per Ac
compt^s

William Anthony, John Howland & John Deval are appoint-
ed an Audit for one year or till others may be appointed to settle
our Treasurers & all others accounts which maybe presented
against this Meeting they to make report as often as
may be necessary

In Cash
to help
13/3.

The Treasurer reports, that he has paid Thomas Russell,
thirteen Shillings & three pence as directed by last M^o.
Meeting.

14.16.7

5th to
forward
yearly
meeting
Stock
also 5.11.8
for
Books.

The Treasurer is directed to forward to the yearly meet-
ings Treasurer four pounds sixteen shillings & seven pence
this Meeting's proportion of yearly Meetings Stock also to
pay five pounds eleven shillings & eight pence to John Howland
& William Anthony, who are desired to forward the same
to Moses Brown for the number of Books propos'd to
be taken by this Meeting.

Spending
Liquors

The appointing a Committee respecting spirituous Liquors
is refer'd to next mt. Meeting

As How-
land's
compt^s
&

The Overseers inform that Benjamin Howland's hath
fallen into a bodily strife with Ebenezer Fuchot & Thomas
Brown to the reproach of our profession, and has been labour'd
with by 3. Overseers on 3. account, but he did not incline
to condemn his misconduct we therefore appoint George
Smith & William Wood to labour further with him there

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Choice of
Clerk &
Overseers

thereon & report to next M^o. Meeting.

The year of the Service of Overseers being expired a new choice is refer'd to next m^o. meeting.

B. Allen
complains
of Isaac
Lan. &c.

Benjamin Allen informs this Meeting that there is a controversy between Isaac Henland and himself which said Henland refuses to settle by arbitration, tho' he has been advised thereto by the Overseers as they form, we therefore appoint Zephaniah Eddy, Edmund Maxfield, & Luthan Wood to labour further with said Isaac and report to next Monthly Meeting.

Collection
7. 11. 7

The Friends appointed to collect money for the monthly meetings took for the three ^{months past} report that they have collected & paid to our Treasurer seven pounds seventeen shillings and seven pence, and the same Friends except Bont Henland are continued for the ensuing three months in the like service and an addition to them is refer'd to next m^o. meeting

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9 month

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 9th m^o. - 1788.

The accounts from the preparative meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named were from the South, Abel Gifford, & William Barker Jun^r. North William Rotch & Jonathan Hart; who on being called were all present.

C. Beard's
family

The Friends appointed to visit Cadiak Beard and family inform that they are not ready to make report they are continued for that service & to make report to next Monthly Meeting.

A choice of Overseers was refer'd from last m^o. meeting

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9 month
Choice of
Overseers.

to this - upon which we appoint, Jonathan Hart, William Anthony, Joseph Tucker Jun^r, John Deval, Benjamin Smith Jun^r. and Thomas Mott for that service for the year ensuing, or till some others may be appointed

J. Smith's
Paper
read.

This meeting is inform'd that Samuel Smith's paper has been read as directed by last monthly meeting and returned to this meeting.

Minute
inserted
in the Disci-
pline.

The clerk reports that the insertion of the minute from the yearly meeting in the Books of Discipline is accomplished.

J. Chace
& for
J. Hart.

The Friends appointed to treat with John Chace & Joseph Hart, report, that they have taken several opportunities with them, - that John did not give them the desired satisfaction respecting his misconduct in some scandalous papers, - and has since married contrary to our established Order after being labour'd with thereon. - we therefore with the concurrence of the Women's meeting, do disown the said John Chace as a member & from under this meeting's care and Joshua Potter is appointed to inform him thereof and report to next Monthly meeting.

J. Chace
denied.

J. Hart
presents
a Paper.

The aforesaid friend, ^{also} reports that their labours with Joseph Hart afforded satisfaction - and the said Joseph presented a paper of acknowledgment for his misconduct, which is accepted for satisfaction.

Y. Hart's
meeting
decision
und.

William Gifford's reason for nonattendance of the adjournment of last Monthly meeting was satisfactory. The members of the select meeting conclude it may be best to discontinue that meeting called youths meeting held on the sixth Day of the week before the Quarterly meeting

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meeting, which being considered by this meeting is concurred with, and said meeting is accordingly discontinued, - and that several week day meetings belonging to this mt. meeting be in future held and kept up in that week in which the youths meeting was formerly held.

Queries read & answered

The Queries were read in this meeting, with the answers from the preparative Meetings and William Retch junr and John Howland, are appointed to digest said answers & bring them to the adjournment of this meeting with what acct. they may see necessary to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting.

Saj. d.

This Meeting is adjourned to the 24th Inst. at the usual time of day.

Met.

9th mt. 24th met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present. Elijah Gifford, Benj^m Taber, Thomas Hicks, and W^m Gifford are appointed to make enquiry if there are any of our members who are or may be in Practice of importing, trading or handing out spirituous Liquors and to labour with such, according to the direction of last year's meeting inserted in the Book of Discipline. - said Committee to make report from time to time as they may find necessary.

Com^{rs} resolved J. Liguas

S. Howland's case defended.

The Friends appointed to labour with Benj^m Howland 3 on his misconduct report that they had an opportunity with him, & tho' he did not give them much if any satisfaction yet they think it best that it be deferred another month which on considering is continued till next

S. Howland's case continued

next mt. meeting to which said friends are to report. The committee appointed in the case of Benj^m Allen & Isaac Howland inform that they have attended thereto but are not ready to make a conclusive report and desire it continued with an addition to the committee it is therefore deferred to next mt. meeting, under the same friends care with Will^m Gifford & W^m Retch & John Barker, who are then to report together.

L. Wood added to Com^{rs} for collecting

Luther Wood is appointed in addition to the Committee for collecting money for this meeting's stock.

Direct. of Ans. to Sect. 2^d of the 2^d of the 2^d

The Friends appointed produced a digest of the answers to the Queries with an acct. to the next Quarterly meeting of Sandwich which answers & acct. were read & signed by the Clerk.

Repr. to 2^d mt.

William Anthony Abiel Gifford & J^r Howland are appointed to attend the next Quarterly meeting with our account & report to next mt. meeting.

10th mt.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 20th of the 10th mo 1788

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings by the accounts presented were from South Luther Wood and W^m Barker junr, Nath^l John Derval & Benj^m Taber, all present.

S. Howland's case continued

Joshua Peter reports that he informed J^r Chase of his Denial as directed by last mt. meeting.

S. Howland's case continued

The Friends appointed in the case of Benj^m Howland 3 report that they have not had an opportunity with him therefore the matter is referred to next mt. Meeting under their care they then to report.

This

Elders appointed

This Meeting being informed that the select Meeting find an additional number of Elders necessary, and have by a Committee from their meeting named visited & solidly conferr'd with Joseph Tucker Junr & Rhode Tucker for that place which being consider'd by this Meeting we appoint Abel Gifford, W^m Anthony & Jonathan Hart in conjunction with those the Women may appoint take a solid Opportunity with said Friends in order to discover the Qualifications as Elders & report to next m^o Meeting.

certif^d for L. Shepherd sign'd

A removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk in concurrence of the women's meeting in behalf of Lydia Shepherd directed to the N^o Meeting of Rhode Island.

O. Beard's Wife Mary & Children received

The Friends appointed to visit Obadiah Beard & family report, that they have visited them & weightily consider'd the Matter and think that Obadiah's Wife Mary and their Children namely Sarah Barret and Nathew may be admitted as Members, which with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting is accepted and they admitted as members of this Meeting accordingly.

J. Howland's case continued

The Friends appointed in the Case of Isaac Howland & Benjamin Allen report, that they have not accomplished that service they are continued to the care & completing thereof & report to next mt. meeting.

Report of the Quarterly Meeting

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended, & produced a copy of a minute from said Meeting requesting this Meeting to send a List of the Members of our Select Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting next preceding the yearly meeting.

P. Hocum & Elizabeth Richelson

(Wm.)

Peleg Hocum son of Peleg and Elizabeth Richelson declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage having Consent of Parents at this Meeting is inform'd and Joseph Tucker Junr & Lathan Wood are appointed to inspect the young man's clearness in respect to Marriage & Conversation & report to next m^o Meeting. At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 11th of the 11th m^o 1788.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings named in the Accounts presented were from the South Joseph Tucker Junr & George Smith North Thomas Mott and John Howland who being called were all present.

J. Howland & B. Allen's case dismissed

The Friends appointed in the Case of Isaac Howland and Benjamin Allen report that they have duly attend'd thereto and cannot find that the Matter demanded by said Allen, can with propriety be required of said Howland, which report is accepted and the matter is dismissed accordingly.

J. Tucker & R. Tucker appointed Elders

The friends appointed to take a solid opportunity with Joseph Tucker Junr and Rhode Tucker in order to discover their Qualifications as Elders, report, that they have had a solid Conference with said friends and have unity with their Appointment to that Station which this Meeting considering concludes with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting to appoint them as Elders accordingly, and that an account thereof be sent to our next Quarterly meeting.

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Wenoth

E. Chase's
Paper

Certificate
signed for
B. Pearce

E. Squam
E. Rickett
see above

overseers
for the
Marriage

Step. Pettis
request.

C. Howland
wishes Certif

The Women Inform that they have accepted of Elizabeth Chase's Paper condemning her falling into the sin of Fornication which this meeting concurs with she causing the same to be read in the usual public manner

A Removal Certificate was signed by the Clerk in behalf of Rebecca Pearce wife of James Pearce directed to the Monthly Meeting of Swansea

The friends appointed to inspect into the clearness of Peleg Shocum son of Peleg respecting Marriage and conversation report that having taken that care and find nothing sufficient to obstruct his procedure in Marriage having also produced consent of his Father in writing.

Peleg Shocum son of Peleg and Elizabeth Ricketson appeared in this Meeting for their Answer which was that we found nothing sufficient to obstruct their taking 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 Marriage orderly solemnized. who are Joseph Tucker Jun^r and Luthan Wood they to report to next M^o. Meeting.

Stephen Pettis requests to be admitted into Membership with us, William Rotch Jun^r and Benjamin Taber are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him in order to discover his Sincerity and motives thereto and report to a future M^o. Meeting

Cornelius Howland desires a Certificate to the M^o. Meeting of Sandwich, expressive of his clearness of Marriage and Conversation. William Anthony George Smith are appointed to take necessary care therein and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting

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Nov^r

Queries read

Adj^d

Met.

Certif^c

for

C. Howland

signed

C. Howland

3 case

contains

Act.

& Report

to 2^d meet^g

g.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the Answers

from the Preparative meetings and Luthan Wood, and Thoma Rich are appointed to digest said Answers with drawing such Account as they find necessary to our next Quarterly Meeting and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting This Meeting is adjourned to the 20th Instant at the usual time of Day

26th Day Met according to Adjournment The Representatives all present

The friends appointed produc'd a draught of a Certificate for Cornelius Howland to the M^o. Meeting of Sandwich signifying his clearness respecting Marriage which was signed by the Clerk

The friends appointed in the Case of Benjamin Howland's report that they have had Opportunities with him, and that he gave them some degree of Satisfaction and presented a paper condemning his Misconduct, yet for a further Discovery of Sincerity the Matter is continued under the same Friends Care with Abel Cofford & Joseph Barker, they together to report to a future M^o. meeting.

The Friends appointed produced a Digest of the answers to the Queries, with an Account to the next Quarterly meeting, which were read & signed by the Clerk and Joseph Tucker Jun^r, John Deval & Benjamin Taber are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as Representatives with said account and report to next M^o. meeting.

John Howland, Cabot Russell & Joseph Austin are appointed to procure Hay and other necessary acc-

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accommodations for Friends Horses for our next Quarter by snating.

The Friends appointed to collect Money for this Meeting's Stock for the Three Months past, report that they have collected and paid to our Treasurer, Five pounds ten shillings ten shillings & ten pence.

The appointment of a Committee for the further collecting for this Meeting's Stock is refer'd to next M^o meeting.

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 12th Month 1788.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings by their accounts presented were from the South John Barker & Joseph Tucker jun^r. North Joshua Potter & Benjamin Taber, who were all present.

The Friends appointed to oversee the Marriage of Peleg Locum & Elis^a. Ricketson, report that they attend ed said Marriage & also at the Houses of the Parties and did not discover but that it was in a good degree orderly solemniz'd, and the Certificate deliver'd to the Clerk to be recorded.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended said Meeting.

The Friends appointed sometime past to the Care of the Matter, respecting Micajah Wilcox, now report, that he still remains slack, or much neglects the attendance of our religious Meetings, that they hereby think he is not sincere in condemning his Misconduct; this Meeting therefore, with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting disowns him the said Micajah as a Member of our Society - and the

same

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same Friends are continued with the Clerk to draught a Testimony of his Denial, inform him thereof and report it to next Monthly meeting.

Joseph Rogers a Member of Pembroke M^o meeting produc'd a Certificate from said Meeting dated the 3^o of the 12th month 1788, expressive of his Membership & clearness in Marriage Engagements, which was read in this Meeting, to satisfaction.

A Removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk in behalf of Patience Chace (daughter of Benjamin Chace) directed to the M^o Meeting of Swazey, expressive of her being a member & clearness of marriage engagements.

Several Friends in Allen's Neck request to hold Meetings for worship in that Neck, the ensuing four Months, which being consider'd, we appoint Benjamin Taber, Philip Bradford, Abiel Gifford and Joseph Tucker jun^r a Committee to visit the Requesters and Friends there, and report their Sense thereon to next m^o Meeting.

Joseph Rogers and Elizabeth Kirby, declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, having consent of Parents, concern'd, in writing, and were desired to wait till next M^o meeting for answer, and Timothy Gifford and Elijah Gifford, are appointed to inspect into the rights of Elizabeth's Children to see they be secured report to next M^o meeting.

Thomas Allen, Hezekiah Smith, Barnab^s. Kisher jun^r, Isa Smith & Humphrey Russell, are appointed for six months ensuing to collect Money for our Meeting's Stock, agreeably to a Minute made thereon for our Method of collecting in 5th M^o last. Friends to make report once a Quarter of the sum so collect'd after paying it to our Treasurer.

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At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 5th month 1789.

The Representatives named in the Acct^{ts} presented from the Prepar^{ty}, were from the S^c Peleg Gifford and Josiah Wood North John Tucker & W^m Rotch Jun^r who on being call'd were all present.

Testimon^y of Denial of N. Wilson

The Friends appointed to draw a Testimony of the Denial of Micajah Wilcox and inform him thereof reported that they informed him and produced a Testimony which was read in this Meeting approv'd and sign'd by the Clerk, and William Anthony, is approv'd to read in the usual public manner and return it with report to next M^o. meeting, said Testimony is as follows;

Micajah Wilcox having had a right of Membership among us the People called Quakers, but this unworthyness hath departed from the Testimony of Truth which we profess, so far, as to partake too freely of spirituous Liquors and also to disunite with friends by much neglecting the attendance of our religious Meetings, for which misconduct, friends have labour'd with him in Love, but he not condemning the same to their Satisfaction; we are concern'd to publickly signify against such unwarrantable conduct, hereby disowning the said Micajah as a Member of our Society, until he shall be favour'd with a sense of his Error and restor'd in the way of Truth which is our desire.

Given forth from our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 19th of 5th month 1789.

Signed in, on behalf and by Direction of said Meeting, by Caleb Greene Clerk.

Received a Copy of a Testimony of the Store Partners M^o. meeting of the Denial of A^m Mosher a Member of this Meeting, which was read and is approved by this Meeting. S. Testimony is as follows

From

From our Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners the 16th of 7th month 1788.

A. Mosher Testimon^y of his Denial from N. Partners.

Whereas Abraham Mosher a member of our Society, hath deviated from the Principles we profess in not attending Meetings, being out from plainness of apparel and going to a Place of Diversion, and friends having labour'd with him for his recovery which hath not had the desired effect, therefore for the clearing of Truth, we do testify against his said Misconduct, and disown him from being any longer a Member until he by any advancement of Life shall make satisfaction to this Meeting, which he may be favour'd to do is our desire, signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk.

Rights of E. Kirby's Children

The friends appointed to inspect into the rights of E. Kirby's Children, report that they have taken the necessary care, and that those things are settled to their satisfaction, that is of said Friends.

Meeting in Allen's

The friends appointed to visit the the friends in Allen's ^{necks} on their request report as follows, - We have ^{feet} visited most of the friends of Allen's & Hocum's, by collecting them together, and had a good opportunity of conference with them, on the subject of their petition; & after considering the matter and the circumstances attending it, is our sense and judgment that they have the liberty of holding Meetings of worship on first days, only untill the Monthly meeting in the fourth month next, and that they be held one month at the house of Susanna Allen, one month at Elisha Hocum's & one month at Peleg Hocum's appointed by the monthly meeting said. Meetings subject to be discontinued at any time when the committee shall think it best.

Signed in behalf of the committee by Joseph Tucker Jun^r Martha Gifford

which

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J^r M^r

Joseph Rogers & Elizabeth Kirby answer,

R. Allen & Bathsheba Kirby's Intention of Marriage

Certificate of E. Russell

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William M. Wilcox read

Report of E. Kirby's of the ring

Ruben Allen

which is accepted, and Thomas Hicks, Joseph Tucker jun^r, Allen Gifford & Phillip Trafford are appointed to attend & have the oversight of said Meetings & report to the next Monthly after the expiration of said time or sooner if they find it necessary.

Joseph Rogers and Elizabeth Kirby appeared for their answer which was that nothing appearing to obstruct their proceeding to take each other in marriage according to the good order established among us Timothy Gifford, & Thomas Hicks, are appointed to see said Marriage orderly solemnized, & the Marriage certificate delivered for recording, and report to next Monthly meeting.

Ruben Allen & Bathsheba Kirby declared their intention of Marriage having consent of Parents in writing. Which being noticed by this Meeting. Lathan Wood & Timothy Gifford, are appointed to inspect Rubens clearness in respect to Marriage and conversation & report to next Monthly meeting.

A Removal Certificate was signed by the Clerk in behalf of Elizabeth Russell daughter of Benjamin directed to the Monthly Meeting of Ninepartners, expressive of her being a Member & clear of Marriage Engagements.

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 16th of the 2^d Month 1789.

The Representatives named in Accounts presented from the Preparative meetings, were from the South Thomas Hicks, & William Barker jun^r. North Caleb Russell & Thomas Mott, all present.

William Anthony reports that the Psalmody of the Denial of Micajah Wilcox hath been read as directed.

Friends appointed to oversee the Marriage of Joseph Rogers & Elizabeth Kirby report that they attended said Marriage & think it was orderly solemnized and have delivered the certificate to the Clerk for recording.

The friends appointed to inspect the clearness of Ruben Allen reporting marriage & conversation report that

R. Allen & Bathsheba Kirby's Answer,

Russell & Allen's Intention

School Com^{tee}

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London Epistle

R. Allen & Bathsheba Kirby

making the necessary enquiry, they find nothing sufficient to obstruct his proceeding in marriage.

Ruben Allen & Bathsheba Kirby appeared for their Answer which was; nothing appearing to obstruct their proceedings to take each other in Marriage according to the good order established among us.

Lathan Wood & Timothy Gifford are appointed to see said Marriage orderly solemnized & the marriage Certificate delivered for recording & report to next Monthly meeting.

Joseph Russell son of Timothy deceased Elder Allen declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage, & Pleg Allen & Susanna Shearman declared alike intention, they having consent of Parents concerned which being noticed by this Meeting, Joseph Barker, & Lathan Wood are appointed to inspect into Joseph's, and Benjamin Taber and William Roach jun^r, into Pleg's clearness respecting Marriage & conversation and report to next Monthly meeting.

The School Committee were called on for a report of their service, and not being ready, to make one to satisfaction they are desired to accomplish one and bring so next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 16th of the 3^d Month 1789.

The Representatives appointed by the Accounts presented from the Preparative Meetings are from the South Joseph Tucker jun^r & Gideon Howland. North Edmund Marsfield & John Howland, who were all present.

Received four printed Copies of the last London Epistle, one of which was read in this meeting to satisfaction, the other Copies were directed to be read in the usual manner at our several Meetings, by William Anthony John Deval Caleb Greene & Abial Gifford they to report to next Monthly meeting.

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Ruben Allen & Bathsheba Kirby report, that attended said Mar-

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riage of Ruben Allen, & Bathsheba Kirby report, that that they attended said. Marriage) and also at the house of their Parents with them & did not discover; but what was conducted in a good degree orderly, and delivered the Marriage Certificate to the Clerk for recording.

M. Hathaway
was
admitted.

The Women inform that they have concluded with the concurrence of this meeting to admit Martha Hathaway a member among us, which we concur with.

J. Russell
&
P. Allen's
clearing

The Friends appointed to inspect into the clearness of Joseph Russell and Peleg Allen report that they made the necessary enquiry and found nothing sufficient to obstruct their proceeding in Marriage.

J. Russell
&
Edith Allen
&
P. Allen
&
S. Shearman
answers

Joseph Russell and Edith Allen and Peleg Allen and Susanna Shearman appeared for their answers, which was that nothing appeared to obstruct their proceeding to take each others in Marriage, according to the good order established among Friends and Joseph Barker and Lathan Wood are appointed to attend Joseph's and Seth Russell and Barnabas Russell. Peleg's Marriage and deliver the Certificates for recording & report to next monthly Meeting.

Report of
School
Committee

The School Committee made the following Report. We being appointed as a School Committee by the Monthly meeting, have made but little progress in that service; as there seems a prevailing indifference among friends respecting the Institution in Society. tho' we have met and conferred

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on the Subject, - and notwithstanding it affords but a discouraging Prospect in our present state - yet for the revival of the concern, we think a committee of judicious concerned friends may be useful in that service

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12th of 3rd Mo. 1789

Benj. Taber
John Howland
Edmund Masfield
Caleb Greene
W^m. Gifford
William Anthony
Abiel Gifford

App^{nt}
of
School
Committee

Which was accepted, and they by their Request are dismissed from that service.

William Botch part. W^m. Gifford Zephaniah Eddy Benjamin Taber James Davis & Thomas Hicks are appointed a School Committee for the year ensuing or till some others may be appointed. Removal Certificates were signed by the Clerk in behalf of Elizabeth Rogers Wife of Joseph Rogers & her daughter Sarah Kirby directed to the Monthly meeting of Barnstable, one for Abigail Hathaway wife of Humphrey Hathaway directed to the Monthly meeting of Sandwich, one for Elizabeth Chace Wife of Lemuel Chace to Monthly meeting of Acacia is prospective of their being members.

Removal
Certificates
for
several

D. Howland's

The Women inform that they have concluded to accept of Deborah Howland's Paper concerning her marrying out of the order of friends, which this meeting concurs with.

Edith
Russell
compl. of

The Overseers inform that they have treated with Joseph Russell in his giving way to a passionate mind whereby he did express profane and Threatning Language & when

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on his being concerned in a Lottery - but he not being disposed to condemn it to satisfaction. - We therefore appointed John Howland, Benj^a. Taber & Thomas Hicks to labour further with Elijah & report to next Monthly meeting.

Collection
7. 13. 0^p

The Committee for collecting Money for this Meetings Book, report that they have collected £7. 13. 0^p & paid to our Treasurer. The Queries were read and the Answers from the Preparative Meetings -

Reps^s to
2^d Meet^g

William Anthony, William Rutch Benjamin Taber & William Barker Jun^r are appointed to attend our next Quarterly meeting digest said Answers and draw an account to said Quarterly meeting, & bring to adjournment of this Meeting - & report of their attendance of the Quarterly meeting to next Monthly meeting.

Adj^a

This Meeting is Adjourned to the 19th Instant at Bedford at the close of the meeting for Worship.

Met

19th day Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives all present.

Acct^s to
2^d Meet^g

The Friends appointed produced a digest of the Answers to the Queries, with an account to the Quarterly meeting, which were read in this Meeting, with the Queries, and the Account signed by the Clerk and forwarded by our Representatives to the Quarterly meeting.

4th Month

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 20th of the 4th mo. 1789.

The Representatives named in Accounts presented from the Preparative meetings were from the South Benjamin Chace, & Abial Gifford, North Benjamin Taber, & W^m. Triffes, who were all present.

The

4th Month

Rep^s to
P. & S.
Allen's
Marria

The Friends appointed to read the last London Epistle reports that they were read accordingly.

The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Joseph Russell & Edith Allen & Pelag. Allen and Susanna Shearman reports that they attended accordingly and that they were in a good degree orderly solemnized, and the Certificates delivered to the Clerk for recording.

E. Russell
devised.

The Friends appointed in the case of Elijah Russell, report that they have had a sad Opportunity with him, and think, that he is not in a suitable disposition of Mind to make friends satisfaction, we therefore with the Concurrence of the Women's meeting do disown the said Elijah Russell as a Member of this Meeting, & Benjamin Taber and John Howland are appointed to draw a Testimony of his Denial, inform him thereof & report to next Monthly meeting.

Rep^s to
the
2^d Meet^g

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended according to appointment.

William Russell having removed within the verge of our Certificate Saratoga Monthly meeting without requesting, Gulson Howland & Benjamin Smith are appointed to take the necessary care & write to that M^t. meeting thereof and report to next M^t. meeting.

Sarah
Drafford
Certif^d;

A removal Certificate in behalf of Sarah Drafford devised to the M^t. meeting of Saratoga was signed by the Clerk, as proof of her being a member, settled her outward affairs, clear of Marriage engagements.

Meeting
to
Next

The friends appointed to the oversight of the Meetings in Allen's & Accums-neck inform that they are not ready to make report, they are continued to make out one & bring to next Monthly meeting.

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the Month
5. M^o.

The Women's Meeting inform that they conclude to deny Rebecca Hart which this meeting concurs with

A. a. Monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 18th of the 5th Month 1789

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings by the Account presented were from the So. W^m Barker jun. & Paly Gifford & C. Cabbell Russell & W^m Gifford all present.

The Friends appointed to draw a testimony of the Denial of Elizabeth Russell & to inform him, report that they have drawn a testimony, but have not given him due information, which they ^{are} continued to complete & report to next M^o Meeting.

The Women's Meeting inform that they have concluded to deny Amy Russell wife of W^m Russell jun. New Bedford, with this Meeting concurs ^{and} which we concur with.

A Removal Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Providence dated 29 of 4th mo last in behalf of Thomas Hazard & wife Anna with their four children viz Sarah Anna Elizabeth & Thomas Rodman, directed to this mo meeting was read approved & received.

Our Esteemed friend Benjamin North attended this meeting with a certificate from Purchase M^o meeting held at Narragansett the 9th of 4th mo last which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction, and his company & services acceptable & edifying to us.

Our Esteemed friend James Mott attend this meeting in company with our aforesaid friend with an extract of a minute of Purchase. No meeting held at Narragansett the 29th of 4th mo last which was read in this Meeting & acceptable to us.

E. Russell case.

Amy Russell denied.

Th^o Hazard's certificate rec.

B. North

James Mott attended.

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W^m Russell's case.
Report of M^o Meeting
in Meck's.

Meetg house Committee report

Om

Th^o Hicks Clerk for the day

Queries read & answers

Lamb, Peter's disorder

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The Friends appointed in W^m Russell's case report that they have written to the M^o Meeting of Saratoga advised.

The Friends appointed to the Oversight of the Meeting in Mens & Womens neck report that it was kept up attended in a good degree orderly.

The committee for building a Meetinghouse at Spongonsett, report that they have made some progress in collecting Materials for said House, but that it appears to them impracticable to finish in this year the committee is continued to the care of, collecting Materials & otherwise to forward said House against another year: & to repair the present House as they may think best & to report to next m^o Meeting.

A. a. Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 6th mo 1789.

The Friends named in the accounts presented in from the South Litchun Wood & Abial Gifford, from the South William Gifford & Thomas Mott, who being called were all Present.

The Clerk being absent Thomas Hicks is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries & Answers were read considered & corrected Abial Gifford & Joseph Tucker are appointed, to Compile the Answers to the Queries & bring to adjournment of this meeting.

We are informed from the preparative meeting that Samuel Peter is gone away & supposed to be at work & did not request a Certificate therefore William Gifford & Thomas Mott are appointed to take the necessary care in that matter & to draught the circumstances of his being a disjournment of this

meeting in order to inform that meeting.

This Meeting is adjourned to the 22. instant at the close of the meeting for Worship.

Cont. 22. Met by Adjournment.

The representatives being called, all present.

The Friends appointed to inform ^{of this} Elijah Russell's denial report that they have informed him, the said testimony was signed by the clerk & is as follows,

Testimon^y of E. Russell

Elijah Russell of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol's State of Massachusetts having had a birthright among us the people called Quakers but for more closely adhering therunto has so far varied from the principles which we profess as to give way to a passionate Mind & to use profane language and has been conversed in allatory, all which are inconsistent with our principles and as we have laboured with him & endeavoured to show him the inconsistency of such conduct, but he not appearing of a disposition of mind suitable to make Friends satisfaction we therefore for the Clearing of Truth & friend give this forth as a public testimony against such conduct hereby disowning him the said Elijah Russell from having any right of fellowship with us the people aforesaid untill he shall by a more circumspet walking, & amendment of life manifest repentance which is our desire given forth at our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 22 of 6 mt 1789.

& signed in behalf of said meeting by
Gileb Greene Clerk.

W. Anthony to read it

Meeting
Committee

& W. Anthony is appointed to cause the same to be read in usual public manner & report to next mt. Meeting.
The committee for repairing the meetinghouse at Spangonset report not yet completed they are continued to the care of it & report when ready.

N. Smith returned

S. P. Dick

Case to W. Mansell

Oblong

Digest of Laws

Report to

2. Mess

Proposals for printing

Quarto Bible

Committee to receive

subscriptions

Committee

to assist

Overseers

£2.25

collected

Committee for collecting

Nicholas Smith has returned from the Kingsportners, with an endorsement on the Certificate from this Meeting dated at Creek. Mt meeting 20th of 2. Mt last.

The Friends appointed, produced a draught of Samuel Pater's case at Mt. Meeting of Oblong which was read & signed by the Clerk & Thomas Mott is appointed to the care of conveying it to said Meeting.

The friends appointed produced a digest of the answers to the Queries which with the Queries were read with an acct to the Quarterly meeting expressive thereof which was by the Clerk & forwarded by our Representatives to the Quarterly meeting who are Benjamin Taber Seth Russell Jun^r Hars John Howland they to report to next to Mt. Meeting.

Received a copy of a Minute from our Meeting for offerings being Proposals for reprinting by Subscription a Quarto Edition of the Bible by Isaac Collins of Trenton, at the price of four Dollars, one Dollar of which to be paid at subscription & the remainder at the delivery of the Bibles. W. R. Rotch W. Gifford. Abial Gifford & Timothy Gifford are appointed to receive said Subscriptions & report to the Mt. Meeting in the 8th mt next.

The Overseers desire the assistance of friends in Gifford's case lately come before them whereupon we appoint Benjamin Taber William Rotch Jun^r. Abial Gifford Joseph Barker to assist the overseers in said case & report to a future Mt. Meeting.

The Friends appointed to collect Money for this Meeting's Book report that they have collected £2.5 for the last Quarter & paid to our Treasurer.

The appointing a Committee for collecting Money for Mt. Meetings Book for the year ensuing is referred to next Mt. meeting.

7th Month

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at
Dartmouth the 20th of 7th mo. 1789.

Wm Smith
Clerk for
the Term

The Clerk being absent W^m Riddell Jun^r is appointed Clerk for
this time

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are for the
South Joseph Barker & Thomas Russell. For the North Benja-
min Taber & Thomas. None who being called are all present.

John Simp-
son

Our beloved Friend John Simpson having attended this meeting with
a certificate from W^m Riddell Jun^r meeting in Bucks County Pennsylvania
20th of 5th mo. last expressing of their being united with him as a mem-
ber & in his making a religious visit to these parts.

Rebecca
Russell
desired.

This meeting concurs with the Womens meeting in adjourning
unity with Rebecca Russell daughter of Elijah Russell.

W^m Smith
gave in a
Paper.

A paper was presented from the North Preparative meeting signed
by Abraham Smith, acknowledging his misconduct in having contributed
to the support of War & expressing his sorrow therefor, whereupon we
appoint Abiel Gifford & John Howland, to visit him & endeavour
to discover the sincerity thereof & report to next mo meeting.

Festus
read
E. Russell
Desired
Report to
next
Meeting

W^m Anthony Reports that the testimony of Elijah Rusbells
denial has been read according to direction.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that
they all attended.

Quotes
received

Our Epistle from Our last Yearly Meeting together with trans-
cripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of London & Westbur-
ry in Long Island & extracts from the minutes of our last yearly
meeting were received and read to satisfaction.

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to be sent
to Yearly
Meeting
Treas^r

Extracts from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting
was likewise read whereby we are desired to forward to the year-
ly meetings Treasurer five pounds six shillings our proportion
of the Yearly meetings Stock, and our Treasurer is hereby desired to
forward that sum as soon as may be, & report to this meeting when
done.

Rebecca
Jones

Our beloved friend Rebecca Jones having attended this

meeting produced a Certificate from the mt meeting of
Philadelphia for the Northern District & of Cont last their
unity with in her ministry & concurrence with her making
a religious visit to Friends in these parts.

10/6
more
collected

One of our committee for receiving money for this meetings
Stock informs they have received ten Shillings & Six pence since
last mt which they are directed to pay the Treasurer.

Com^{rs} to
Collect
Money

We appointed Caleb Congdon, John Russell George Smith
& Edward Tucker & Benjamin Allen, to open subscriptions
for receiving money for our mt meetings stock for the following six
Months & to proceed in the manner prescribed last year & report the
sum collected at the expiration of each three months.

Compt^s
against
Henry Smith
conduct

A Complaint was presented by the Overseers thro^{gh} the
South Preparative Meeting against Henry Smith for his hav-
ing attended a house of entertainment where was music & dancing
& that he also danced himself, also for his much neglecting the
due attendance of our Religious Meetings & likewise that he
was in the practice of taking more spiritous liquors than they
thought was best for which they had laboured with him in
love & he did not give them satisfaction whereupon we ap-
point Abiel Gifford John Howland & W^m Gifford, to take
a solid opportunity with him & endeavour to convince him
of the inconsistency of his conduct & report to next mo meeting.

The Allen's
Paper
given
in.

A paper was received from the Sth Preparative meeting submitted
by Tho^s Allen condemning his misconduct in having been so far
off his watch as to partake too freely of spiritous liquors, & likewise
utter some unbecoming language, whereupon we appoint, Bro^s
Allen & Timothy Gifford to take a solid opportunity with
him to endeavour to discover his sincerity therein & report to next
mt meeting.

John Allen
son of Oth
Certificate

A Certificate from Surage. No meeting 28th of 5th mo
last in behalf of Jonathan Allen son of Obadiah Allen settled
here as an apprentice was received read & accepted.

Subscrip-
to
Pity
Promode.

We received a Copy of a minute from the meeting suffe-
rings of the 2^d instant, requesting this meeting to receive subscrip-
tions for a Book called Pity promoted about to be re-
printed in London at Seven & Six pence Sterling well
bound or Nine shillings in calf & Laced the money to

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Comtee. on
Chase's
Request.

be paid at the arrival of the books, whereupon we appointed
Russell Joseph. Austin Tho^t. Mott & Timothy Howland to
receive subscriptions therefor & report at next mt. meeting.

Abigail Chase having requested to be admitted into mem-
bership with us, & the Women's meeting requesting a Committee from
this meeting we appoint Thomas Hicks & Pelig Gifford to unite
& report with them in endeavouring to find the grounds of her request to a
future meeting.

A. Monthly meeting of Friends held in
Dartmouth the 17th of the 8th M^o 1789

The Representatives named in the Acox^t present-
ed from the Prepar^t meetings were from the S. Joseph
Tucker jun^r & Pelig Gifford from the North W^m
Rotch Jun^r & Joshua Potter who were all present.

A. Smith's
Case.

The friends appointed to Visit Mr^m Smith reports
that they had an opportunity with him & that he gave
them a good degree of satisfaction; yet for further proof of his
sincerity the friends are continued in the care of that
matter & to report to a future mt. meeting.

A. Smith's
Case.

The Friends appointed in Henry Smith's Case in-
form that they have had an Opportunity with him;
yet desire the matter deferred another M^o which is accord-
ingly continued under their care till Next M^o meet-
ing them to report.

Thos. Allen

The Friends appointed to visit Thomas Allen on
his paper report that they have had a solid Confes-
sion with him, & he appears sincere in condemning his
conduct; yet the matter is deferred under the same Friends care
who are to report to a future mt. meeting.

Subscr^s
for Pety
promoted.

The Friends appointed to receive subscriptions for Pety
promoted inform that they have not completed it they are
desired to finish it & report to next mt. meeting.

This Meeting unites with the womens meeting in receiving
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Mary Bowle
readmitted.

Eliz^h Abaces

Compt^r
of W^m Howland

J. Anthony
&
A. Smith
declared in
favor of
Marriage.

Q. m^o

the acknowledgement of Mary Bowle for her having
kept Company on occ^o of Marriage with a person
out of the unity of Friends & also for having a Child
too soon after marriage.

We likewise write with them in accepting the acknowl-
edgment of Elizabeth Chase wife of John Chase
for marrying out of the Established order of
friends.

A complaint was presented by the Overseers
thro the North Preparative Meeting, against the
Conduct of W^m Howland that he neglects the attendance
of our religious meetings & partakes of Spiritous liquors
to excess at times, for which they laboured with him; but
he did not give them satisfaction; we therefore appoint
W^m Rotch & W^m Barker, Gideon Howland to la-
bour with him & report to next M^o meeting.

Gideon Anthony & Alice Smith declared their
Intention of taking each other in Marriage hav-
ing consent of parents & Philip Stafford & George
Smith are appointed to inspect Gideon's cleanness
respect Marriage & Conversation & report to next
M^o meeting.

A. Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the
25th of the 9th M^o 1789.

The Representatives from the Prepar^t meetings by
the Sect^r presented were from the S. John Gifford
& Thomas Russell from the North John Howland
& Jonathan Start all present.

A. Smith
readmitted.

The Friends appointed in Mr^m Smith's case report
that they have taken the necessary care therein, & it is their
judgment that his Paper may be accepted for satisfac-
tion which report is accepted & he is accordingly accepted &
Caleb Greene is appointed to read said Paper in the usual
public manner and report to next mt. meeting.

9 m^o
Queries read
G. Anthony's case cont^d

G. Anthony's case cont^d
Answer

H. Smith's case cont^d

J. Castes Certificate

18 Sets of Pity Removed still out for

T. Allen's Case cont^d

The Queries were read, with the answers from each Preparative meeting together with the ^{general} answers from this meeting which were approved.

The Friends appointed to inspect into Gideon. Anthony's Clearness report they find nothing to hinder their proceedings in marriage.

Gideon. Anthony & Eliza Smith appeared & declared the continuation of their intentions of taking each other in marriage the needful care having been taken they are allowed to proceed according good order & Phillip Shafford & George Smith are app^d to see that their marriage be orderly conducted & that their Certificate be delivered for Recording & report to next m^o. meeting.

The Friends app^d. in Henry Smith's case inform that they are not fully ready to make a conclusive report & desire it deferred it is accordingly deferred under their care till next m^o. meeting they then to report.

Received a removal Certificate from the mo meeting of Rye Island in behalf of Joseph Castes, which was read & accepted.

By report of the Committee to receive Subscriptions for Pity Removed it appears their are twelve sets subscribed for & this meeting concluded to take six more Caleb Greene & W^m Patch Jun^r are appointed to forward this acct to the Meeting of Sufferings.

The Friends appointed in Thomas. Allen's Case report that they have taken the necessary care has been taken therein & discover nothing but that he is sincere in condemning his misconduct, yet this meeting finding a concern for further Proof of his sincerity the matter is

10 m^o
Mr. Harb's Case cont^d

B. Smith & M. Gifford Intention.

A. Smith's son of Sam^l & C. Anthony denied

Overseers

Acct. to 2^d meeting

Committee to provide for horses

is continued under the same friends care, who are to report to next m^o. meeting.

The Friends appointed in William Harb's Case inform that they have taken an opportunity with him & think that they matter be deferred another month it is accordingly deferred under their care to report to next m^o. meeting.

Benj^a Smith & Martha Gifford appeared in this meeting & proposed their intentions of marriage with each other - we appoint Pety Gifford & Gideon Howland to inspect the Clearness & conversation respecting Benjamin Smith respecting marriage & to see that the rights of the Children are properly secured & report to next m^o. meeting.

The Overseers inform through the South preparative meeting that Abraham Smith son of Samuel Smith & Caleb. Anthony son of William have both married out of the care of Friends after being laboured with & cautioned against it, wherefore it is our judgment that the said Abraham Smith & Caleb. Anthony be disowned & no longer accounted members of our Society until they may be favoured to make friends satisfaction. George Smith is appointed to inform them hereof & report to next m^o. meeting.

The year of the Service of the overseers is expired a new appointment is deferred to the first opening of next m^o. meeting

An account to our next Quarterly meeting was made out & signed by the Clerk, & Joseph Tucker Jun^r. Abel Gifford & William Gifford are appointed Representatives thereto, where to forward the same & report to next m^o. meeting.

John Howland & Abraham Russell & Jos. Austin are appointed to make the necessary provision for friends

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10th m^o

Horses at the time of our next Quarterly meeting.

Monthly meeting held in Portsmouth the 19th of 10th mo. 1789.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings by the Acct. presented were from the South Joseph Eastes & Benjamin Chase, North Benja. Taber & John Tucker, who being called were all present.

Our last yearly meeting having in their Epistle recommended the appointment of suitable friends to converse a goodly care on behalf of Society agreeably to our Discipline, which having been under solid deliberation no appoint. Abiel Gifford Benja. Taber Joseph Tucker Junr Junr, East & W^m Retch Junr to that service, and as occasion may be to assist the Overseers, & extend an early care over the Church in visiting the families of friends where there appears a want of advice, & in their ability that Ruth may afford by caution and counsel labor for the advancement of our members in our several religious duties & to make report at the end of one year.

The appointment of overseers being referred from last m^o. meeting we appoint John Deval Benja. Smith W^m Gifford John Tucker & Joseph Eastes to that service for the ensuing year or untill others may be appointed.

The Friends appointed in Thomas Allens Case report, that he appears sincere in condemning his misbehavior, and that his acknowledgement may be received; which being considered, his paper of acknowledgement is accepted for satisfaction & Abiel Gifford is appointed to read the same in the usual public manner at

Friends appointed to assist overseers.

Overseers appointed

T. Allens Paper read

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Apougaset & report to next m^o. meeting.

Caleb Greene informs that Abra^m. Smiths paper has been publicly read agreeable to direction of last m^o. meeting.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Gideon Anthony report that they discovered nothing but that it was solemnized & the certificate sent to the Clerk for recording.

The Friends appointed in the case of Henry Smith not being yet ready to make a conclusive report desire it deferred another month, it is referred under their care to report at next m^o. meeting, & they requesting an addition to their number we appoint Joseph Barker to join them therein.

The Friends appointed in the case of W^m. East not being prepared to make report & desire it deferred another month that matter is deferred under their care untill next m^o. meeting.

The Friends appointed to inspect the clearness of Benja. Smith respecting Marriage &c report that they have taken the necessary care therein & find nothing but that he is clear.

George Smith reports that he has informed Caleb Anthony of his Denial; but that Abra^m. Smith is gone from home; he is continued to the care of informing him & report when ready.

The friends appointed to the attendance of the last 24th. meeting report that they all attended according to appointment.

Benjamin Smith & Martha Gifford appeared & declared the continuation of their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage; the needful care having been taken, they were allowed to proceed according to good order; & Benjamin Gifford & Gideon Howland are appointed to see the

Abra^m. Smiths Paper read

G. Anthony's marriage

H. Smiths Case deferred

W^m. Easts Case continued

Benja. Smiths clearness

C. Anthony informed

Friends present at last meeting

B. Smith & M. Gifford answer

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Marriage orderly solemnized the Certificate delivered for recording & report to next m^o meeting.

C. Congdon
& S. Tabor
A. Tucker
& H. Shearman
admitted
in
consequence
of
their
inter-
course.

Caleb Congdon & Susanna Tabor, Abraham Tucker & Hannah Shearman appeared in this meeting, & each couple severally declared their intention of taking each other in marriage, whereupon we appointed Caleb Greene & W^m Rotch to inspect the clearness & conversation of Caleb Congdon & Abm^l Gifford & Sept^r Eddy to inspect the clearness & conversation of Abraham Tucker with respect to their proceeding in marriage & report to our next m^o meeting.

15th 3rd
paid to
Treasurer.

The Committee to receive subscriptions for the m^o meeting took report that they have received & paid to the Treasurer Five pounds eight shillings & one penny.

Certificate
for Eliza's
Chase

A Removal Certificate was signed by the Clerk in behalf of Eliz^a Chase wife of Jⁿ Chase to the m^o meeting of 18th Dec^r.

Testimon^y
of
S^r Butts
to be
read.

Rec^d a Testimony of the Denial of Susanna Butts from the m^o meeting of Sandwich which Abm^l Gifford is appointed to read in the usual Public manner at Spogananset & report it to next m^o meeting.

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At a Monthly meeting held at Dartmouth the 16th of the 11th Month 1789.

The Representatives from the Prepar^y meeting by the Acct^y presented were from the Se Joseph Tucker Jun^r & Gideon Howland. N^o John Howland & Joshua Potter, who were all present.

Step^r Potter
admitted
a member

The Friends appointed sometime past on Stephen Potter's request, now report that they have taken several solid opportunities with him thereon & think it safe that he be received a member which report is accepted, & with the concurrence of the women's Meeting, he is admitted.

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a. Number of our Society accordingly.

Abm^l Gifford
denied

Abm^l Gifford informs that Thomas Allen's Paper has not been read, he is continued for that service & to report to next m^o meeting, he also informs that the testimony of the Denial of Susanna Butts was read according to appointment.

The Friends appointed in the case of Henry Smith report that they have had several solid Opportunities & laboured with him in the ability afforded, to bring him to a sight of his misconduct, but he did not appear sufficiently engaged to make friends satisfaction which report is accepted, & we conclude to deny the said Henry Smith from a right of Membership among us the Women's meeting concurring therewith the same friends are continued to draw a testimony of his Denial inform him thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

W^m Hart
Case
continued

By the report of the Comm^y in the case of W^m Hart it appears they have taken another opportunity with him, & desire that matter may be continued another month, it is accordingly continued they then to report.

Clearness
of
C. Congdon
&
A. Tucker

By the report of the friends appointed it appears that Caleb Congdon & Abraham Tucker are clear respecting their proceeding in marriage.

C. Congdon
&
A. Tucker's
Answers

Caleb Congdon & Susanna Tabor, Abraham Tucker & Hannah Shearman appeared in this meeting, & each couple severally declared, the continuation of their intentions of marriage, requesting our answer, the needful care having been taken they are allowed to proceed (to proceed) agreeable to good order & Caleb Greene & W^m Rotch, are appointed to attend the Marriage of Caleb Congdon & Susanna Tabor & Lophanish Eddy & Joseph Tucker to attend the marriage of Abm^l Tucker & Hannah Shearman to see that they be orderly conducted, deliver their Marriage Certificates, to the Recorder & report to next m^o meeting.

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Bedmth Mr Gifford Marriage

Quor^{rs} Ans^s

Request of Friends in Allen's Neck

Adjourn

Testim^l H. Smith's Denial

The friends appointed to see the Marriage of Benjth Smith & Martha Gifford orderly solemnized report, that they attended said marriage & that it was conducted orderly & the marriage Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

The Quor^{rs} were read with the answers from the Preparative Meetings together with the compilation of the answers from this Meeting & Caleb Greene & M^{rs} Robt Jun^r are appointed to draw an acct to the Quarterly meeting & bring to the adjournment of this meeting.

Friends in Allen's Neck request to hold meetings for worship there, the ensuing winter, we appoint Thomas Hicks Joseph Tucker Jun^r Lathan Wood & Benjamin Taber to consider said request & report their judgment on it to the adjournment of this meeting.

This Meeting is adjourned the 7 Day of next mt at the close of a meeting for worship, which is appointed to be held on that Day, to begin at the 11th hour.

112th Month 7th Met by Adjournment.

The Friends appointed produced a Testimony of the denial of Henry Smith which was read approved & signed by the Clerk & is as follows.

Henry Smith of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol & State of Massachusetts having had a birthright amongst us a people called Quakers but for want of closely adhering to the dictates of Truth has far departed from the principles we profess, in resorting to a place of Musick & Dancing & dancing himself partaking too freely of Spiritous Liquors & much neglecting the attendance of our religious Meetings for which we have bestowed much Labour & have been bestowed & endeavoured to convince him of the inconsistency & dangerous consequence of such conduct but he not appearing enough engaged for his own good to make Friends satisfaction we therefore for the clearing of M^{rs} & Friends give these forth as a publick testimony against such

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Bedmth Mr Gifford Marriage

Quor^{rs} Ans^s

Request of Friends in Allen's Neck

Adjourn

Testim^l H. Smith's Denial

conduct, hereby disowning him the said Henry Smith from a membership with us untill he shall by a more regular Life manifest Repentance, and be restored to the way of Truth which is our desire: given forth at our monthly meeting held in Latham month by Adjournment the 7th of twelfth m^o 1789.

Signed by direction of said meeting by Caleb Greene Clerk.

Abiel Gifford is appointed because the same to be read in the usual publick manner at Spanganseth, after the same friends have informed him of his denial which is not yet done, they to report to next mt meeting.

One of the Friends appointed produced a Essay of an account to the Quarterly Meeting which was read approved & signed by the Clerk & forwarded by our Representatives who are Caleb Russell Benjamin Smith & Jos. Easter they to report to next mt meeting.

The Friends appointed on the request of Friends in Allen's Neck, report that tho the petitioners appear weak & not all sufficiently engaged to attend meetings in moderate seasons of the year, yet think they may have liberty to hold Meetings once more according to their request, which report is accepted & is referred to next mt meeting.

Edm^d. Maxfield, Cornelius Howland are appointed to make necessary Provision for Friend horses for the next quarterly meeting and present the acct of the expence to the next mt.

A monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 21st of the 10th m^o 1789.

The account from the Preparative meetings being presented, the Representatives herein named were from the South Lathan Wood & Benjamin Smith. North John Dewol & Cornelius Howland. who being called were all present.

Abiel Gifford reported that Thomas Allen's Paper has been read as directed, said Paper is as follows

Whereas I have some time past so far been off my watch as to partake too freely of spiritous Liquors & likewise utter some unbecoming Language which I am sorrow for and

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and do condemn desiring that friends well so far pass by as to continue and under their care from your friends

Dartmouth 15th of the 7th mo 1789. Thomas. Allen.

Will Hart
case
continued

The committee in the case respecting W^m Hart inform (inform) they have to her another opportunity with him, but not being prepared to make a conclusive report, they are therefore continued to bestow more labour & so report next month, & Joseph Tucker Jun^r is appointed in stead of Gideon Howland who is about to leave home for some time.

Report
of the Committee
of the Congregation
& of the Friends
concerning
Marriages

By the Report of the Committee it appears that the marriages of Isaac Congdon & Abraham Tucker, were orderly solemnized, & their Certificates delivered to the Clerk for recording.

W^m Smith
informed

W^m Gifford informs that Henry Smith has been informed of his denial & the Testimony thereof has been read according to appointment, which is as follows and is recorded 153 & 154 pages.

Report to
2^d mo
report

The Representatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly meeting.

Meeting
in the
week
granted.

The Report of the Committee upon the request of Friends in. Allen Neck, being further considered, it is concluded, that they have the liberty of holding Meetings, in the following Times & places vizt. one on each first Day & fifth Day of the week at the 11th hour excepting those on 5th Day in the necks of our meetings for Discipline, & to be held at the upper house of Thomas Allen till the Monthly meeting in the first moth next, at Gephah Gifford's & the remainder of the time at Timothy Gifford's said meetings to be thus continued till our next meeting in the 1st moth next, as Tucker, Joseph Tucker Jun^r, Joseph Eses, Timothy Gifford & Philip Trafford, are appointed to have the oversight of said meetings & report their sense of them at our N^o meeting in the 1st moth or sooner if they find it necessary.

Friends
app^d to
oversee
them.

The Overseers inform that Henry Richardson & Wilbur Gifford have married out of the order of Friends after the prohibition by said Overseers. We therefore with the concurrence of the Women's meeting deny the said Henry & Wilbur from a membership in our Society & Joseph Eses & Philip Trafford are appointed to take a solid opportunity inform them thereof & report to next moth meeting.

H. Richard-
son & W.
Gifford
married
out

Edward Tucker & Anne Gifford declared their intentions of making each other in Marriage they having con-

E. Tucker
declares
intention

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sent of parents concerned. Zephaniah Kelly & Ledy Gifford are appointed a conspect Edwards' charges respecting Marriage & conversation & report next moth meeting.

Certificate
for
W^m Russell

The following certificate was signed by the Clerk for W^m Russell.

To the Monthly Meeting at Saratoga
William Russell having sometime past removed within the verge of your meeting, & of late requested our Certificate there may these we certify that he hath a right of membership in the meeting, & hath settled his outward affairs to your good satisfaction, as far as appears & as such we recommend him to your Christian care desiring his growth in the truth signed in & on behalf of our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth this 21st of 12th mo 1789. By Caleb Greene Clerk.

Compl^t
against
I. Howland

A Complaint was presented by the Overseers through the Preparative meeting against Isaac Howland he having been the means of commencing a Samsui against Benjamin Allen and refused to pay said Benjamin for a quantity of Corn & Coopers stuff or to submit that matter to Reference for all work they laboured with said Isaac to convince him of the inconsistency of such conduct but he declines to condemn it so friends satisfaction, Thomas Hazard Joshua Peter W^m Smith & Jun^r Barker, are appointed to take a solid opportunity & labour further with him thereon & report to next moth meeting.

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A Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 13th of the 1st month 1790.

By the acct^s presented from the Preparative Meetings, the Representatives from them appointed, are from the So Zephaniah Kelly & Thomas Russell North W^m Trapp & Caleb Congdon, who on being called were all present.

W^m Hart
continued

The Committee in the case of W^m Hart report they have had another opportunity with him but not being prepared to make a final report, they are continued to the care of that matter & so report to next monthly meeting.

W^m Richardson
& Gifford
informed

The Friends appointed to enforce Henry Richardson & Wilbur Gifford of their Denial, report that they gave them due information.

E. Tucker's
clearly

The Friends appointed report that they have had when the necessary care respecting Edward Tucker's clear

Ed. Tucker
ans. depend

J. Howland
case
depend

J. Howland
gave in
a Paper.

M. Chace
admitt.

A. Smith
request for
his children

Sam. Potter
request
Removal

Overseers
of Bro.

Law require
acts of
Marriages

neg^s & conversation & find no obstacle to his proceeding in Marriage
Edward Tucker being absent on account of indisposition of Body
Answer is deferred till next mt. Meeting.

The friends appointed in Isaac Howland's case report that they
have had a solemn opportunity with him thereon & that he ap-
peared desirous to make friends satisfaction respecting the suit
at Law, which he caused to be commenced against Benjamin
Allen, & that the matter respecting the Court is com-
mitted to reference.

Isaac Howland gave in a Paper condemning his miscera-
neous act in committing a suit in Law against Benjamin Allen,
which Paper was read & the same friends who were appointed in
his case last mt. meeting, together with Sam^l. Masfield & David
Gifford who are added to them to have another opportunity with him
in order to discover his sincerity & report to next mt. meeting.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in receiving Margaret Chace
into membership with us.

We are informed by the Ath Preparative meeting that Abra-
ham Smith request the admittance into membership with us, of six
of his children In^o Howland & Benj^o Taber, are appoint-
ed in conjunction with the Women friends to visit Abraham's
family & report their sense of said request to next mt. meeting.

On the request of Samuel Potter for a Removal Cer-
tificate to the mo^o meeting of Nine Partners he
being about to settle there W^m Gifford, Jonathan How-
land are appointed to take the necessary care & report
accordingly to next mt. Meeting.

The year of the service of the Overseers of the Bro being ex-
pired Seth Ruspell, Edmund Masfield, W^m Huff, George
Smith, Caleb Barker, & Benjamin Allen the 1st
are appointed for that service for the year ensuing or till
others may be appointed in their stead.

It being required by the Law of this Commonwealth that
the Clerks of our Meetings or keepers of our records
make an annual return of the marriages solemnized in our
Society to the Clerk of the County Sessions, which being
considered & sent forward to our meeting for satisfaction
that it is the advice of the Friends present that
we comply with said request - and our Clerk is
directed to forward said returns accordingly & present

2nd

W^m Gifford

M^o Smith
request
admitt.

Ed. Tucker
ans?

Removal
Certificate
for Sam^l Potter

J. Howland
Case depend

Copies
London
Grants
new

an account of the case not attending it to the audit.

A monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 2nd month 1790.

By the accot^s presented from the preparative Meetings the Rep-
resentatives therein appointed from the S^{rs} Joseph Tucker Jun^r & John
Barker, W^m Gifford & Seth Ruspell, who were all present.

Two of the committee in the case of W^m Howland report that they have again visit-
ed him & found some degree of satisfaction, whereupon they are still continued
for further labour & to report to next mt. meeting.

The committee not having visited M^o Smith's family this
time the Indisposition of one of them they are continued to perform the
service & report to next mt. meeting.

Edward Tucker & Isaac Gifford appeared for their answers &
no obstacle appearing to their proceeding in Marriage they
were at liberty to proceed to take each other in Marriage at some
convenient time between this & next mt. meeting proceeding
according to the good order established among us advising
with the Friends this meeting appoints to see said marriage
orderly solemnized, who are Peleg Gifford & Benjamin
Chace they to deliver the Certificate to the recorder & report
to next mt. meeting.

The Friends appointed produced a Removal Certificate
for Samuel Potter directed to the mt. meeting of Nine Part-
ners which was read & signed by the Clerk & was fellows
from our monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 15th
of the 2nd m^o 1790. To the monthly meeting of nine partners.

Respected friends after our Salutation of love to you, have in-
formed that Samuel Potter hath informed us that he is about
to move from hence to live within the verge of your meeting,
and requested our Certificate, these matters certify on his behalf
that he is a member of this meeting, has settled his outward
affairs and is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears,
and as such we recommend him to your Christian care, duri-
ng his growth in the Truth, his being the Present needful
we conclude remain your friends & brethren signed in & on be-
half of our said meeting by Caleb Greene Clerk.

The committee in Isaac Howland's case report that they have
taken some care therein but are not ready to make a conclusive
report & desire if deferred, it is accordingly deferred under the same
friends care till next mt. meeting they then to report.
Received six printed copies of the last London general
the one of which was read the weighty & salutary advice therein
contained is recommended to the consideration of our members
& W^m Rusk Jun^r, David Gifford & Benjamin
Allen are appointed to take the necessary care of
them.

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Edw. Russell
Treasurer
settled with
\$17.3.6
balance

Audit to
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Committee
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Mr. Park
City problem

W. Hart

Mr Smith's
Children
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Ed Tucker
Marri.
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them, respecting their being publickly read & report to next meeting. We concur with the Women friends in admitting Edward

Russell a member of our Society.

The Audit of Acct. report that they have settled accor. with our Treasurer & after all orders being paid there remains on hand seventeen pounds three shillings & six pence the 23^d day of last month.

The Term of the service of the Audit being expired Thomas as Russell Thomas Hazard & Edm^d Mansfield are appointed for that service for the year ensuing or all others may be appointed in their stead

The committee appointed in 7^m last to collect money for the m^o meetings stock report that they have collected & now paid to our Treasurer four Pounds nine shillings & eleven pence & said committee are dismissed from that service.

Benjamin Taber Jun^r, W^m Howland, Seth Hart, Samuel Gifford, & Caleb Barker, are appointed to open our subscriptions for our m^o meetings stock for the six m^o ensuing & report the sums so collected at this m^o meeting at the end of each Quarter, after passing it to our Treasurer.

A monthly meeting of Friends held in Portsmouth 15th 3^m 1790

The representatives from the Preparative meetings are for the South, Jephth Eddy & Luthun Wood.

North, John Level & John Howland, whom being called were all present.

The Church being absent W^m Roch Jun^r is appointed Clerk for the time.

The committee in the case of W^m Hart, not being prepared to make a conclusive report are still continued in that case & to report at next m^o meeting.

The Committee appointed in consequence of Abraham Smiths request, report that they have visited his family & think it safe that his six Children, namely Stephen, Mary, Leviak, Abigail, Abraham, & Rebecca, be received. Members of this meeting they are accordingly received.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Edward Tucker & Anne Gifford, inform they attended according

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Gifford
read

Edw. Russell
Treasurer
settled with
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balance

Jerusha
Smiths
Request

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Marriage
Benjamin
Gifford
Russell
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ly & that it was orderly solemnized, & that their marriage Certificate is delivered to the Clerk.

By the report of the friends appointed appears that the London Epistle has been read in all our meetings.

This meeting concurs with the Womens meeting in accepting the acknowledgements of Deborah Allen & Miss Richardson.

A Certificate from Salisbury ma. Meeting, 17th of 2 mo. last, in behalf of Harper Benverman, certifying his cleanness & consent of parents to proceed in marriage with Elizabeth Shepherd, was read & accepted.

The South Preparative meeting inform that Jerusha Smiths requests that her son Isaac Smith may be received a member of our Society, whereupon we appoint Joseph Tucker Jun^r & Abel Gifford, to consider of said request, visit her thereupon & report their judgment at next m^o meeting.

Our Clerk informs he has forwarded, to the L^ons direct to the Clerk of the Synod, all certificates of marriages solemnized in our m^o meetings.

Harper Benverman & Elizabeth Shepherd, Thomas Gidley & Martha Gifford, Jonathan Russell & Leviak Howland, each couple appeared in this meeting & severally declared their Intentions of taking each marriage, with each others consent being produced in writing from the parents of Thomas Gidley & Jonathan Russell, whereupon we appoint Tho^s Tucker & Luthun Wood to inspect the conversation & cleanness of those young men respecting their procedure in marriage, & report to next m^o meeting.

The overseers inform through the North preparative meeting that Caleb Congdon is guilty of the reproachful sin of Fornication, which he confessed, & that they had a solid opportunity with him thereupon, but he was not in a suitable disposition of mind to make satisfaction of his reproachful conduct. - After deliberately considering the nature of the offence & the reproach brought upon Society thereby, we are constrained to deny union with him, & can no longer own him a member of our

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3 month

C. Congdon denied

A Paper no. 500 by P. & S. Allen

I. Howland gave in a Paper.

Papers given in by Gifford, Howland & E. Russell

Added to next meeting Committee

Queries read & answers acct to 24th meetg

our Society, until he shall be favoured with a true sense of his misconduct & therein make satisfaction to friends & John Howland & Wm Botch Junr are appointed to prepare a publick testimony of his denial a report to next m^o meeting. also to take a solid of perjury with him, inform him of his denial, & endeavour to leave him under the impression of the censure his conduct has brought upon the truth.

A paper was received signed Abigail Allen & Susanna Allen, condemning their misconduct in having been guilty of the reproachful sin of fornication, & expressing their sorrow therefor upon our appoint. Abraham Smith & Joseph Austin to unite with a Committee from the Womens meeting, in labouring with them in order to discover the grounds of their acknowledgment & report their sense thereof at future m^o meeting.

The Committee in case of Isaac Howland report they have had a solid opportunity with him & received some good degree of satisfaction & having produced a paper condemning his misconduct in matters complained of, expressing his sorrow therefor & desiring friends to pass by his offence, & said committee having thought best the same may be received, it is accordingly received for satisfaction & Wm Botch Junr is appointed to read them the usual publick manner at Bedford & report to next m^o meeting.

Two papers were read, signed by Gilbert Howland & Elizabeth Russell each condemning his misconduct in partaking at an Entertainment where was music & dancing & declaring their sorrow therefor & desiring friends to pass by their offences where upon we appoint Abiel Gifford, George Smith & Phillip Bradford, to take such opportunity with them as they may think useful to discover their sincerity therein & report to our next m^o meeting.

Thomas Hicks, Humphrey Russell & Jno Barker are appointed in addition to the Committee to prepare & carry forward the building of the Meeting House in Dartmouth.

The Queries were read with answers from each preparative meeting, & answers compiled therefrom, which with an account of the Quarterly Meeting herein, signed by the Clerk, is directed to be forwarded to said meeting, by our Representatives who are Abiel Gifford & James Davis.

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Committee continued W. Hart's case

Israel Smith rec^d

J. Russell & T. Gidley cleared

Congdon informed

Testimony of Congdon Denial

At our Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 4th m^o 1790.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the Acol^{ts} presented were from the So Joseph Estes & Joseph Eddy, North. Wm Smith & Jonathan Hart, who were all present.

The Committee in Case of Wm Hart not being ready to report are again continued, & are requested to further extend their labour & report to next m^o meeting.

The Committee in case of Jerusha Smiths request, report they have attended to their appointment, & have discovered nothing to discourage her request being granted, her said sister Isaac Smith is with the consent of the Womens meeting, accordingly received a member of this Meeting.

By report of the Committee to inspect the clearness of Jnoⁿ Russell & Thomas Gidley respecting their proceeding in marriage, there appears nothing to hinder their proceeding.

The Committee to inform Caleb Congdon of his Denial report they have performed that service according to their appointment, & presented a Testimony of said Denial which was read approved & signed by the Clerk, who is appointed to read it in the usual Publick manner at Bedford & report to next m^o meeting. Said Testimony is as follows. From our monthly meeting of Dartmouth the 19th of 4th m^o 1790.

Whereas Caleb Congdon has been by birthright a member of our Religious society but having disregarded the manifestation of Truth, placed in the heart of man, the unerring principle whereof, would have preserved him from evil, hath been suffered to fall into that reproachful sin of Fornication, where by he hath brought disgrace upon himself, & dishonour upon our holy profession, wherefore we are constrained for the support of our Testimony against all unrighteousness, & for the clearing our Society from the reproach his evil conduct hath brought upon us; Thus so declare that we have disowned him & can no longer deem him a member of our Society, until we may be convinced of his sincere repentance for his misconduct, & he shall be favoured to condemn the same to our satisfaction, which that he may, is our desire.

signed in & on behalf of our said meeting
by Caleb Greene Clerk.

Several couples
declare their
intentions of Marri-
age
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Harper Bowerman, Elizabeth Shepherd, Thomas Gidley
& Martha Gifford, Jonathan Russell, Jeremiah Stanton
each couple, couples appeared in this meeting & declared the
intention of their intentions of marriage desiring our answer, the ne-
cessary care having been taken they are allowed to proceed ac-
cording to good order. ^{of} such Gifford & Joseph Tucker junr. are appointed
to attend the Marriage of Harper Bowerman, Thomas Hicks, & Je-
rothy Gifford, that of Thomas Gidley, & Lathan Wood, & Joseph Tucker
junr. that of Jonathan Russell, to see that they be orderly solemn-
ized & deliver the certificates to the Clerk for recording & Report at
next m^o meeting.

A Howland's
acknowledgment
reads

Mr. Rook junr. informs he has read the acknowledgment of
Isaac Howland as directed.
one of the Representatives informs they all attended the Quarterly
meeting.

Thos Smith
& Lydia Russell

Hezekiah Smith & Lydia Russell appeared in this meeting
& declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage they having
consent of parents, ^{George Smith} Gideon Howland, are appointed to inspect the con-
duct & conversation of Hezekiah Smith & report at next m^o meeting.

Mr. Sandford
couple

The Overseers inform that they have laboured with William
Sandford junr on account of his neglecting the due attendance of
our Religious Meetings, & also for having made an evasion in
for a marriage out of the order of Friends, but that he was not wil-
ling to condemn his conduct therein, to Friends satisfaction whereupon
we appoint Zephaniah Eddy, Thomas Russell to labour further with
him, to endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct
& report to next m^o meeting.

Gilbert Howland
& Eliza Bayfield

The Committee in cases of Gilbert Howland & Eliza Bayfield
inform they have attended to their appointment, but are not ready
to make a conclusive report they are accordingly continued to report
to next m^o meeting.

Amos Smith
couple

We are informed through the North Preparative meeting
Increase Smith refuses to comply with an award of arbitration in
the case of a dispute between himself & Stephen Barker,
whereupon we appoint Thomas Mott, Timothy Howland
Joshua Potter, & John Barker to inspect into his reasons for
noncompliance, & labour therein as the discipline directs & re-
port to next monthly meeting.

Step Barker

A paper was read thro the North Preparative meeting
signed Stephen Barker, condemning misconduct in words
unbecoming & threatening language, to Amos Smith's
preparing

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preparing his Son's desiring friends to assist by, whereupon we ap-
point for that and Thomas Hicks, to labour with him to discover
the sincerity thereof, report to next meeting.

Conclusion
being down
through house

The South preparative meeting informs it is the Judgment of
the Committee for carrying forward the Presiding the Meeting here
in this place, that it be necessary that the old House be taken down
in a short time, which being considered, said Committee are at lib-
erty to proceed therein as they may think best.

Meeting
at the old
house
of B. Russell
& Allen's
house.

And it is concluded by this meeting, after the taking down of
the house, there be held two meetings for worship, one at the house
of Barnabas Russell & the other at the House of James Allen,
or any other house the Committee hereafter appointed, may think
best, both on first & fourth days, & that the South preparative
meeting be held alternately, at each of the other houses, the
next preparative meeting to be held at Barnabas Russell's,
Abel Gifford, Lathan Wood, Joseph Eves, Joseph Tucker
junr, Thomas Hicks, Benj^o Smith, Benj^o Chace, & George
Smith, are appointed to attend said meetings to have the over-
sight of them, & report at a future meeting, or when their ser-
vice may be accomplished.

Mr meeting
to be held at
Newtown

It is concluded that our next m^o meeting be held at New-
town if this house be taken down at that time.

Certificate
for Rhoda
Howland
see

A Removal Certificate from the m^o meeting of Sand-
wich in 17th last, in behalf of Rhoda Howland wife of
Cornelius Howland, was read & accepted.

held at
Newtown

At our Monthly Meeting held at Newtown
on Dartmouth the 17 of the 5th m^o 1790.

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings
by the accounts received are from the South Joseph Tucker junr
& Gideon Howland, North Cornelius Howland & John Suck-
er, who were all present.

Abraham Smith is appointed Clerk for this time, the
former Clerk not being present by reason of indispo-
sition of Body.

Mr. Howland

The Committee in the Case of Mr Hart Report that they
have had an opportunity with him to some degree of sat-
isfaction but are not ready to make a conclusive report,
therefore the matter is deferred under the same friend-
ly care they so report to next m^o meeting.

Decision
Read
to George

This meeting is informed that Caleb Congdon's tes-
timony of denial has been read as directed.

Abel Gifford & Joseph Tucker junr report they
at

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Harper Bowserman & Elizabeth Shepherd, Thomas Gidley & Anna Gifford, Jonathan Russell & Lerviah, Howard each couple

Reports of Marriages attended.

attended the Marriage of Harper Bowserman & Timothy Gifford that himself & Thomas Hicks attended the marriage of Thomas Gidley, and Lathan Wood & Joseph Barker the marriage of Jonathan Russell, & that they saw nothing but what was orderly solemnized, & that their Certificates are forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

H. Smith's Clearness

The Friends appointed to enquire into the clearness of Hezekiah Smith respecting marriage, report that they find nothing to hinder their proceeding therein.

H. Smith & G. Russell intentions

Hezekiah Smith & Lucia Russell appeared in this meeting & declared the solemnization of their Intentions of Marriage desiring our answer the necessary care having been taken, they are allowed to proceed advising with the friends appointed for that purpose, viz. Gideon Howland & Wm. Anthony are appointed to see the marriage orderly solemnized, & to forward their Certificate to the Clerk for recording & make report to next mt meeting.

W. Sanford

The Committee in the case of Wm Sanford Jun^r Report they have had an opportunity with him but are not ready to make a conclusive report, therefore the matter is continued under the same friends care, & to report to next mt meeting.

Increase Smith & Stephen Barker

The Committee in Increase Smith's case report that they have had an opportunity with him & give it as their judgment that the controversy between him and Stephen Barker be again left to Men to be appointed by this Meeting, & John Howland, Daniel Ricketson, & Timothy Gifford are accordingly appointed to hear their pleas & allegations and if they see fit to admit the Arbitrators that have before settled it to see with them as Arbitrators, & to endeavour to settle the matter between them & Report to next mt meeting.

E. Russell & G. Howland

The Committee in the case of Elisha Russell & Gilbert Howland report that they have not had an opportunity with them therefore they are continued to the care of that matter, & report to next mt meeting.

Step. Barker

The Committee in Stephen Barker's case inform this meeting that they are not ready to make a conclusive report therefore it is deferred to next mt meeting, under the same friends care they then to report.

Removal Certificate Jan^r Year received

The removal Certificate signed for Sam^l Bitter the 15th of the 2nd m^o 1790. to the monthly meeting of the same year was returned to this meeting.

The

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5th

The Committee to collect the monthly meetings Stock, inform this meeting that they are not ready to make a conclusive report of the sum collected, therefore their report is deferred to next mt meeting. It is concluded that our next mt meeting be held at Bedford.

Monthly Meeting held at Bedford.

At our Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth held at Bedford the 21st of the 6th m^o 1790.

The Representatives named in the Account presented from the Preparatory meetings were from the South Lathan Wood & Benja^m Chace. North Wm Smith & Jm^s Hart, all present.

Sam^l Offley

Our beloved friend Daniel Offley attended this meeting & produced a Certificate from Philad^a Monthly Meeting for the Southern District dated 23rd 2nd m^o concurred at Phil^a Quarterly meeting 3rd 3rd m^o last, expressing their unity with his ministry & concern to make a religious visit to friends in New York & New England; also his companion John. Morton attended & produced a Certificate of concurrence from the same mt meeting dated 26th of 3rd m^o last both which were read to our satisfaction.

W. Hart

Part of the Committee in the case of Wm Hart having had another opportunity with him but not being ready to make a conclusive report are again continued, to report to next mt meeting.

H. Smith's Marriage

The friends appointed to attend Hezekiah Smith's marriage report that it was orderly solemnized, & the Certificate delivered to the Clerk for recording.

W. Sanford

The Committee in the case of Wm Sanford Jun^r inform this meeting they have visited him but are not prepared to make a conclusive report, they are accordingly continued to report to next monthly Meeting.

Queries read & answered

The Queries were read with the Answers as brought up from the Preparatory Meeting, these being none regularly brought up from the other, said Answers with an account to the Quarterly Meeting were signed by the Clerk, which are directed to be forwarded by our Representatives, Benjamin Baker, Wm Smith, Thomas Mett, & Caleb Barker who are to report to next Mt Meeting.

Sam^l Smith

The Committee in the Case of Increase Smith report they have attended to their appointments, but have not accomplished it, wherefore it is continued under their care & they having requested an Addition

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Sup. Barker
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to the Committee, we appoint Jos^{ts} Austin, Seth Russell to write with them agreeable to their former Appointments.

The Committee in case of Stephen Barker, not being prepared to make a Conclusive report are again continued to report to next Mt^g Meeting.

The Committee to receive Subscriptions made their first Quarterly report that they have received and paid our Treasurer thirty seven Shillings

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Ducker attended our Meeting & produced a Certificate from Philadelphia Mt^g Meeting 30th of 4th Mo & Concurrence from Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting 3rd of 5th Mo expressing their Unity with her Ministry and concern to visit Friends in New-England also her Companion Hannah Yaker attended with Certificate from Philadelphia Mt^g Meeting for Northern District 25th of 5th mo past expressing their Unity with her as an Elder & concern to accompany our said Friend which Certificates were read to Satisfaction.

A removal Certificate was received from Sandwich Mt^g Meeting dated 4th of 6th Mo last in behalf of Matthew Howland lately removed to Bedford, & Abigail his wife & Six Children namely, Joseph Allen, George, Cornelius, Abigail and Wing— which were read and accepted.

The Committee to have the oversight of the Meetings in Stoughton & Allen Neck report that all the Meetings have been kept up & attended in some good degree Orderly— The Midweek Meetings not so generally attended as those on first Day

This Meeting concludes that our next Mt^g Meeting be held in the Place

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends of Dartmouth held at Bedford the 19th of 7th mo 1790

The Representatives by the Accounts from the Preparative Meetings were from the F^{rs} Jos^{ts} Tucker & Abiel Gifford North of Howland and Thomas Mott, all Present.

The Committee in the case of W^m Hart report that they

Matthew Howland & family removed settled at Bedford

Report of meeting in Stoughton

held at Bedford

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W. Hart

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have attended to it had another Opportunity with him, & that he gave them some Satisfaction & also presented a Paper concerning his misconduct which was read and considered, and the Committee is continued to make inspection into his Conduct in order to discover his Sincerity and report to next mt^g Meeting.

The Womens Meeting inform that they have concluded to accept of Rebecca Ricksen wife of W^m Ricksen's Paper of Acknowledgment for Satisfaction, & to admit Judith Gifford a Member of our Society which this Meeting concurs with.

One of the Committee in the case of W^m Sanford Jun^r report that they have had several Opportunities with W^m and desire an Addition to their Number Thomas Sax and M^{rs} Smith are therefore added to them to attend to said appointment & report to next mt^g Meeting.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Increase Smith report they have attended thereto, & that the Matter is like to settle and therefore desire it continued another Month it is accordingly continued under the same Friends care, who are to report to next mt^g Meeting.

The Friends in the case of Stephen Barker report, that they have attended thereto, but are not prepared to make a conclusive report, which they are desired to do next mt^g Meeting.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting produced an extract from the minutes of 2^d Meeting also the following Epistles and Extracts from our last Yearly meeting Viz

An Epistle from our yearly Meeting & Extracts from the Minutes of the same

R. Ricksen's paper accepted & Judith Gifford admitted

W. Sanford

Representatives to the meeting Report

In. Smith

Sup. Barker

Epistles from the Yearly meeting &c.

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Dartmouth

The Quilt from the Yearly Meeting in London of last Year
Copies of the Quilts from the yearly Meeting in Philadelphia and
Widdoway all which were read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction
& the further Consideration of the sd. Quilts is refer'd to next Mt^g
Meeting.

2.17.8
to be paid
to the yearly
meeting
for

Our Treasurer is directed to forward to the yearly Meeting
2.17.8 as our proportion of the yearly Meetings Stock.

A Boston
Certif. recd.

A removal Certificate from Nantucket mt Meeting in behalf
of Abraham Barker, a Youth, who resides with a Friend of this mee-
ting was read and accepted.

Prepar^t
meeting
to be held
on certain
Days by
desire of
a com^{tee}

In consequence of a Request from a Committee of our last
Quarterly Meeting appointed to attend our meetings we conclude that
our Preparative Meetings for the 9th mt be held at Oronogomet the
27th at Bedford the 25th & our mo^t Meeting the 29th of 12th 9 mt
& the Clerk is requested to acquaint said Committee hereof.

Brief
from
R. Newcomb

A Brief was received from Richard Newcomb of Ninton soliciting
relief for his Family who have been lately great Sufferers by Fire
which was read & in order to render our benevolent Assistance we
recommend it to the Consideration of Friends, and appoint
Thomas Mott Thomas Hazard jun^r Benjamin Allen & Gideon
Howland W^m Barker to receive Subscriptions for the Relief of the
Sufferers & report to next mt Meeting The Time for which the
Clerk was app^d having expired Caleb Greene is again app^d Clerk for
the Year ensuing, or until another may be appointed

C Green
Clerk

This Meeting concludes with divine Permission to hold our next
Meeting at this Place.

1700
8 month

At our monthly meeting of Friends of Dartmouth held at Bedford
the 16th of the 8th mt 1700

The Representatives named in the accounts presented from the Repar-
ative Meetings were from the South Thomas Hicks & Joseph Ellis.
J^{no} Benjamin Taber & W^m Gifford all Present

Hugh Judge
attended

Our beloved Friend Hugh Judge attended this Meeting & presented
a Certificate from Wilmington mt Meeting dated 13th of 4th mt last &
concurred at Greater Quarterly Meeting 8th of 12th mt last expressing their
Unity with his Ministry & concern to visit Friends in New England
also his Companion James Mott attended with him and produced
a Copy of a Minute from Purchase Mt Meeting 10th of 6th mt last
expressing their Unity ^{with him} as an Elder & concern to accompany our s^r Friend

J. Mott
attended

The Committee in the case of W^m Harts Acknowledgement
not being prepared to make report are again continued to make report
at next mt Meeting

W. Harts

W. Harts
&

The Committee in case of William Sanford jun^r not having
accomplished the service of their appointment are continued to next
mt Meeting.

Report
related
con-
trovery
J. Smith &
S. Barker

The Friends appointed to arbitrate a Controversy be-
tween Increase Smith & Stephen Barker inform that
the parties have settled the dispute between themselves
to their Satisfaction, said Arbitrators are accordingly
dismissed.

S. Barker

The Committee in case of Stephen Barker inform
they have bestowed such labour as they have thought
thought useful, but are not ready to make a conclu-
sive report, they are accordingly continued to report to
next mt meeting.

4 meet^g
of
Quilts

The Yearly meeting Quilt being again under con-
sideration & friends being requested to contribute in
their freedom towards the Fund of the Yearly Meet-
ing

ing school, which are yet inadequate to a continuance of said school. We therefore recommend to friends a due consideration of the importance of this subject, & have appointed Joseph Austin, Jonathan Hart, Joseph Estes & Benjamin Allen 2^o to open subscriptions for that purpose & to report at our next meeting on the 11th month next.

Lydia Woods Certificate recd.

A removal certificate from Rhode Island. Monthly Meeting the 2^d of 7th m^o last, in behalf of Lydia Woods was read & accepted.

Y. Meeting on Education of Schools

The Yearly Meeting also having in their Epistle recommended a fresh attention to important trust of domestic Education, & a concern reviving in this meeting that the salutary advices often heretofore communicated may be made of future use, we recommend it to the solid attention of friends, & to the School Committee who are requested to pay due attention to the subject, & give such encouragement to the establishment of schools in the different parts of our meeting as may to them appear necessary, and apply for the advice of this meeting wherein it may be needful.

R. Newcomb

The Committee to receive subscriptions for the relief of Ricks Newcomb & family, not being ready to report, they are continued to next m^o meeting.

M. Wood R. Briggs

Marlborough Wood, & Rhobe Briggs appeared in this & declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage having consent of Parents, & were desired to wait till next m^o meeting for answer, & Thomas Hicks, Philip Trafford are appointed to inspect the Young mans cleareness respecting Marriage & conversation & report to next meeting.

Compt. ag. Ezra Ruffell

A Complaint was presented through the South Preparative meeting against the conduct of Ezra Ruffell on his neglecting the due attendance of our religious Meetings in keeping unprofitable company & attending places of music & dancing, for which misconduct he has been laboured with by the Overseers but without

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Meeting to be held at Newtown

Sept

M. Woods cleareness

M. Wood R. Briggs Ans?

Adjourned

Met

P. Allen Wife

Out the desired affect, we therefore appoint John Howland & Benjamin Taber to take a solid opportunity & labour further with him thereon & report to next m^o meeting.

It is concluded that our next monthly meeting be held at Newtown. At our Monthly of Friends of Partmouth held at Newtown the 20 of the 9th m^o 1790.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the next presented were from the South. Abel Gifford, & Benj^o Allen 2^o North Daniel Bicketson & Edmund Maxfield all present.

The Friends appointed to inspect the Cleareness of Marlborough Wood respecting Marriage & conversation report that they have taken the necessary care & find no obstacle to his proceeding in Marriage.

A removal certificate in behalf of Abigail Briggs and one of Oliver Briggs directed to the m^o meeting of Saratoga was approved & signed by the clerk.

Marlborough Wood and Rhobe Briggs appeared for their answer, & were left at liberty to proceed to take each other in Marriage at some convenient before next M^o Meeting according to good order advising with Thomas Hicks & Benjamin Allen 2^o the Friends appeared to see said Marriage orderly solemnized & the certificate delivered to the clerk for recording, & who are to report to next M^o meeting.

This Meeting is adjourned to the 29th instant to be held at the New meeting House at Sponesasset at the close of a meeting for worship to begin at the 11th hour.

29th day met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called are all present The clerk being absent. W^o Rutch jun^r is appointed clerk for this day.

The Committee appointed to visit P. Allen & Wife in order to discover the sincerity of their Acknowledgement report they have made several visits, which were to their

Queries read & answers presented to 2^d meeting
W. Harts
Cawcutin

their Satisfaction wherefore with the concurrence of the women's meeting it is received for Satisfaction & William Brock Junr. is appointed to read it in the usual public manner.

The Queries were read with the answers compiled from those received from the Preparative meetings, which answers are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting.

The Committee in the case of W^m Hart inform they have had a late opportunity with him to some Satisfaction but think best his case be continued, it is accordingly continued under their care to next m^o meeting.

W^m Sanford
Denial

The Committee in the case of W^m Sanford Junr inform they have had a solid opportunity with him respecting his neglecting in the attendance of religious meetings also his having an entertainment at his house in contempt of a disorderly marriage & likewise for having sued a friend at law without obtaining liberty from Friends, but their laborer had not the desired effect, wherefore it is our judgment that he be disowned & no longer continued a member of our Society until he shall be favoured with a sense of his misconduct & return to friends satisfaction, & Thomas Hicks & John Barker are appointed to inform him of his denial & prepare a Testimony thereof & lay before our next m^o meeting.

S. Barker

The Committee in the case of Stephen Barker not being prepared to make report on acct. of sickness of one of his children, whereupon we appoint Josephus Adams & Joseph Tucker, in addition to said Com^{tee} to labour further with him & report to next m^o meeting.

L^d 37th
sent to
R^o Hancock
by subscription

The Committee to receive subscriptions for Richd Newcomb & Family, report they have received L^d 37th which Thomas Hazard Junr. is desired to forward to him as soon as may be.

Ezra Ray
ill
disowned.

The Committee in case of Ezra Ruffell report they have had a solid opportunity with him & endeavoured to show him the Inconsistency of his conduct complained of & also for his having been in practice of taking spirituous liquors to excess, but will not receive any satisfaction wherefore it is our judgment that he be disowned & no longer continued a member of our society until he shall be favoured with a sense of his misconduct & return to friends satisfaction & Joseph Tucker & John Barker are appointed to inform him of his Denial & prepare a testimony thereof & lay before next m^o meeting.

Committee
Holders
of
Ruffell

The Overseers inform through the South preparative meeting that Holder Ruffell has been favoured with for his having been at entertainment & joining in music & dancing, also his being charged with the crime of fornication which he did not deny & for his neglect in attending our religious meetings but that he did not appear in a state of mind to condemn the same, whereupon we appoint Philip Bradford, Benjamin Allen & Abel Gifford to labour further with him on these accounts to endeavour to convince him of the evil of his conduct & report to our next m^o meeting.

Certificate
of
Eliza Little
of
Chilmark

A removal certificate was received from Acet m^o meeting dated 25th of present m^o in behalf of Elizabeth Little (wife of Decker Little) & their 6 Children namely Lydia, Nathaniel, Charles, Rebecca, Zerviah & Silvester, which was read & accepted.

Friends to
attend
the
Meeting

We appoint, Abel Gifford, Thomas Hazard Junr & John Howland to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting to which an account was prepared & approved & signed by the Clerk.

Committee
to build
the
meeting
house

The Committee appointed to carry on the building of the meeting House in a plantation set are requested & authorized to collect the subscriptions heretofore made or that may be hereafter made towards the building thereof, & to pay their contracts for said House & as soon as may be settle their accounts & report the state of them to this meeting.

Friends
to provide
for
Thomas

Joseph Austin & Daniel Ricketson are appointed to make the necessary Provision for Friends Horses, at our next Quarterly meeting & present an acct. of the Expence to our next m^o meeting.

It is concluded that our next m^o meeting be held at Bedford.

W^m

At our Monthly meeting of Dartmouth, held at Bedford the 18th of the 10th month 1790.

The representatives by the Acet^o presented from the Preparative Meetings, are from the South Joseph Tucker, & Benjamin Smith, North Thomas Mott, & Thomas Smith, all present.

Report
of
Wood's
Marriage

The Friends appointed to attend Marlborough Woods Marriage in form it was orderly solemnized & have returned the Certificate to the Clerk.

Pres.
Allen's
Paper
read.

W^m Rotch Junr. informs he read the Paper of Acknowledgment of Peleg & Susannah Allen as directed.

The Committee in case of W^m Hart not having any report

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report to make at this time are continued to the care of that matter to report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed in case of W^m Sanford junr's denial report they have informed thereof & produced a Testimony of his denial which on being approved was signed by the Clerk & Thomas Hicks is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Apoganset & report to next m^o meeting said Testimony is as follows. Whereas William Sanford junior having been under the care of Friends & disregarding the Testimony of Truth so far as to neglect the due Attendance of Religious meetings, had an Entertainment at his house for a Marriage out of the order of our Society & sued a friend at law & friends having laboured with him in love in order to convince him of the Inconsistency of his conduct but our Labour of Love not having the desired effect to friends satisfaction, therefore we hereby publicly disown the said W^m Sanford junr from being one of our Society & from under the care of Friends desiring that he may yet be Restored to the way of Truth given forth at our Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth the 13 of the 10th month 1790.

Testim^t
Denial
W^m Sanford Jr

Signed in & by order of said Meeting by
Caleb Greene Clerk.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Barker inform they have had an opportunity with him, but think best that it be referred to our next m^o meeting, it is accordingly referred.

The Committee in the case of Ezra Russell's denial, report they have informed him thereof & produced a Testimony of his denial which on being approved was signed by the Clerk & Thomas Hicks is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Apoganset & report to next m^o meeting. said Testimony is as follows.

From our monthly Meeting held in Bedford
Dartmouth 13th of the 10th m^o 1790.

Whereas Ezra Russell of Dartmouth has had a birthright among us the people called Quakers but for want of closely adhering

Testim^t
Denial
Ezra Russell

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adhering to the dictates of Truth in his own heart has given way to the Neglect of the due Attendance of our Religious Meetings has kept unprofitable Company & attended a Place of mirth & Dancing also has had too freely of spiritous Liquors all which being inconsistent with the Principles we profess; we laboured with him in love to show him the Inconsistency of such conduct; but he not being in a State of Mind suitable to make Friends Satisfaction we therefore for the clearing of Truth & Friends from such conduct give these forth as Public Testimony against such conduct hereby disowning the said Ezra Russell from Membership with us untill he by amore circumspet Walking & Amendment of Life manifest Repentance which is our desire, signed in behalf of our said meeting by
Caleb Greene Clerk.

Two of the committee to visit Helder Russell inform they visited him according to appointment but that he gave them no satisfaction, wherefore we deny unity with him & no longer account him a Member of our Religious Society untill he may be favoured with a sense of his Misconduct & return to satisfaction of Friends & Benjamin Allen & Hudson Howland are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before our next mt meeting.

H. Russell
denied.

One of the Representatives inform they all attended the Quaker by Meeting.

This meeting concurs with the Women's meeting in denying Elizabeth Smith Daughter of Deliverance Smith deceased.

Papers of acknowledgement were received from John Eddy & John Gifford, condemning their misconduct in having joined a Company at a place where Musick & Dancing were performed; whereupon we appoint Thomas Hicks & Joseph Tucker to take a solid opportunity with them, to discover their sincerity therein & report to next monthly meeting.

W^m Smith
denied.

Denial
Ezra Smith

John Eddy &
John Gifford
papers

One of the Committee to receive subscriptions for the m^o meeting's stock report that the time of their appointment has expired that they except W^m Howland have received & paid to the Treasurer £2. 19/3. W^m Howland being absent, his report is referred to next m^o meeting.

£2. 19. 3
paid to
Treas^r

Stephen Pater, Thomas Smith & Zephaniah Eddy are appointed to receive Subscriptions for the m^o meeting's stock for

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A Committee from the Quarterly Meeting appointed to consider ^{having attended the meeting} arranging matters of our meetings, we appoint Tho^s Hicks, Abiel Gifford, W^m Gifford, Joseph Tucker, Jon^s Hart, & W^m North Jun^r to confer with said Committee upon the Proposition they may make & report to our next meeting.

This Meeting being informed that John West late of Bedford deceased did by his last Will & Testament, bequeath the Income of his Estate to the Poor of any Denomination; & also requested this Meeting to appoint a Trustee or Trustees to fulfil his said Will as appears by the further request of Peter Fuller One of the Trustees then appointed by the Testator, this Meeting taking the same under Consideration; do appoint Stephen Hainaway one of the Trustees accordingly, for one year or till others may be appointed by this meeting in his or their place; & that the said Trustees keep a fair account of the Income of said Estate & how the same is or may be appropriated, and settle ~~with~~ the same with the Committee hereafter appointed for that purpose at least once in a year & the Clerk is desired to procure a suitable Book for the purpose all the records of the doings of this meeting, relative to this subject by themselves, & record them all therein.

The Committee appointed on the 8th m^o to open subscriptions towards the increase of the funds of Yearly Meeting School being requested to report this m^o inform they have not received any subscriptions their first charge upon said Committee is discharged.

Seth Russell & Barnabas Russell are appointed to make provision for the accomodation of friends Horses at our next Quarterly meeting

At our Monthly meeting of Dartmouth held the 20th of the 12th Month 1790.

The Accounts from the Reparatave Meetings were presented, the Representatives therein named were from the South, Jun^r Gifford, & Caleb Barker, North, Thomas Nott, & Thomas Hazard, all present.

The Committee in Case of W^m Hart not having made further progress in their appointment the case is again continued under their care to report at next mt meeting.

The Committee in case of Stephen Barker report they have informed him of his Denial & produced a Testimony thereof which read ^{and} ~~was~~ ^{and} ~~was~~ signed by the Clerk, & Abiel Gifford is appointed to read in the usual public manner at our next mt meeting said Testimony is as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held on Dartmouth the 20th of the 12th M^o 1790.

Whereas Stephen Barker has been under the care of Friends but disregarding the Testimony of Truth so far as to neglect the duty

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attendance of our Religious Meetings and using unbefoming threatening Language and being at a Place of Music & Dancing all which being inconsistent with the Principles we profess, we have laboured with him in love to shew him the inconsistency thereof but he not being in a state of mind suitable to make Friends Satisfaction we therefore for the clearing of Truth & Friends from such conduct give these forth as our public Testimony against said practice hereby disowning the said Stephen Barker from membership with us untill he by a more circumspect Walking and amendment of Life manifest a Return to the way of Truth which is our desire

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting by Caleb Greene Clerk. Tho^s Hicks informs the Testimony of Abiel Russell's Denial & John Eddy's acknowledgement have been read as directed.

The Committee in the Case of John Gifford report they have had an opportunity with him to some degree of satisfaction after solid deliberation we conclude to defer the acceptance of acknowledgement untill our next m^o Meeting.

This concurs with the Women in receiving Mary Chase a member of our Society.

W^m Howland being yet absent his report is again continued untill next m^o meeting.

Joseph Eddy informs that Joseph Gifford & himself have taken a solid opportunity with Clerk Ricketson & think it safe to accept his acknowledgement but he not being present it is refered to next m^o meeting.

The Committee in case of Othniel Trigg report that they have taken a suitable opportunity with him, but they not having discovered in him a disposition to make Friends Satisfaction we therefore deny unity with him can no longer consider a member of our Society untill he may be persuaded to walk more circumspectly & to make Satisfaction to his meeting. The same friends are desired to inform him hereof.

The Representatives inform they all attend the Quarterly meeting. A removal Certificate was presented by the Women's Meeting on behalf of Sarah & Rachel Weaver to the M^o Meeting at Accuset which being approved was signed by the Clerk.

The Committee in consider of the request of Friends in Mens. Sect report they have visited them & after mighty consideration think best their request be granted, they have therefore liberty to hold meetings on first & fifth Days untill the m^o meeting in the third M^o except the fifth

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Fifth Days of these weeks upon which our meetings for Discipline may be held, & at the following places. One Quarter of the Term at Timothy Gifford's, one Quarter at Peleg Hoccum's, one Quarter at Elijah Gifford's, & one Quarter at Swanna Allen's, under the care of the following friends Thomas Hicks, Philip Gifford, Timothy Gifford, Abel Gifford & Joseph Cole, they to report when their service shall be accomplished.

The committee of last meeting to meet with a Committee of the Quarterly Meeting, inform they conferred with them according to appointment, but no conclusion having been made by the Quarterly Meeting's Com^{tee} they have no report to make, they are therefore desisted.

The committee in case of Elisha Russell's acknowledgement report they have taken such opportunity with him as they thought useful, & do not discover him in a state of mind to live conformable to our, without some order, wherefore we are constrained to deny unity with him & no longer account him a member of our Society, untill he may return to our satisfaction and Philip Gifford, Abel Gifford are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a testimony of his Denial & report to next m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform through the preparative meeting that Peleg Hoccum has been laboured with for his neglecting the due attendance of our Religious Meetings using unbecoming language attending a place of Music & Dancing, and also accompanying with a Woman that was not his Wife, which brought reproach upon our Society, but that he not give them satisfaction, whereupon we appoint Ben Chase, Gideon Howland, Peleg Gifford to labour further with him & endeavour to convince him of the great Inconsistency & evil of his conduct & report to our next m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform likewise that Perry Smith has neglected the due attendance of our Religious Meetings & Married out of the Order of Society for which he has been laboured with, whereupon we appoint John Howland, & John Barker to labour further with him & report to a future m^o meeting. Thomas Allen, W^m Anthony, are appointed in addition to those appointed in 10th m^o last to receive Subscriptions for this Meetings Book.

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At our Monthly meeting of Friends, held in Dartmouth the 17th of the 1st Month 1791.

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Preparative Meetings were from the South Joseph Tucker, & Benjamin Smith, North John Tucker, & John Howland, all present except Benjamin Smith.

W^m Anthony desires a Certificate signifying his cleanness in respect to Marriage to the M^o meeting of Account Timothy Howland, & Joseph Tucker, are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if they find things clear to produce one to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting being small by means of the extremity of the Weather, it is therefore adjourned to the 26th of this Inst. at the close of the Meeting for Worship.

26th. Met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called are all present. The Clerk being absent W^m Bolah Jr is appointed Clerk for this Term.

The Com^{tee} in case of W^m Hare report they have several times Laboured with him in consequence of his appointment but find of late that his practice in using spirituous Liquors to intoxication is reproachful to Truth wherefore we are constrained for the clearing of our Testimony to Deny unity with him, & can no longer own him a member of our Society untill he shall be favoured to reform his conduct & make friends satisfaction. & John Tucker, & Joseph Hart, are appointed to inform him of his Denial & prepare a Testimony thereof & lay before next m^o meeting.

Abel Gifford informs the Testimony of Stephen Barker's Denial has been read according to appointment.

The Case of John Gifford's acknowledgement being referred to the meeting it is now accepted for satisfaction & Thomas Hicks is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Apoganset.

W^m Howland having sent a verbal report that he has not received any subscriptions since the last report of Com^{tee} he is released from his appointment.

The Case of Clark Reckstrom is again referred to next mt meeting & Sept Eddy, & Abraham Smith, are appointed to take another sealed opportunity with him & report at our next mt meeting.

The Com^{tee} in Case of Othuel Dipp report they have informed him of his Denial, & that he requested a Copy thereof, the Clerk is hereby required to furnish him with a Copy of ^{the} Minute.

The Com^{tee} in case of Elishu Russell report they have informed him of his Denial & produced a Testimony thereof which being read & approved was signed by the Clerk & Tho^s Hicks, is appointed to read it in ^{the} usual Public manner at Apoganset.

Said Testimony is as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth by adjournment the 26th of the 1st Month 1791.

Whereas Elishu Russell having been under the care of Friends but disregarding the Testimony of Truth hath neglected the due attendance of our religious Meetings, & went to a Place where there was an Entertainment with Musick & Dancing and joined therein, all which being inconsistent with the Principles we profess, we have laboured with him in love to show him the Inconsistency thereof but he not being in a State of mind suitable to make Friends Satisfaction we therefore for the clearing of Truth and Friends from such conduct give forth our Public Testimony against said practices hereby disowning the said Elishu Russell from Membership with us untill he by a more circumspect walking & amendment of Life manifestly Return to the way of Truth which is our desire.

Signed in behalf of our said Meeting by

Wm Botsch Jun^r Clerk for this Time.

The Com^{tee} in Case Poley Moxum & report they have taken a Solid opportunity with him but did not receive Satisfaction from respecting his conduct, whereupon we deny unity with him and

and can no longer own member of our Society until he shall be favoured to see the evil of his conduct & make Friends Satisfaction & some Friends are appointed to prepare a Testimony of his Denial inform him thereof & report to next mt meeting.

Removal Certificate from Providence mt meeting 29th of 12th m^o last in behalf of George May lately removed here, was received ready & accepted.

A Certificate was produce in behalf of W^m Anthony satisfying his claims to proceed in Marriage with a Member of Newset mt meeting which being read & approved was signed by the Clerks.

The Overseers inform through the South Preparative meeting that Nathaniel Howland hath been laboured with for his neglect in the due attendance of our Religious Meetings & attending an entertainment where was musick & Dancing, also for his having been guilty of the Sin of Fornication, as appeared by his Wife having a Child before Marriage, but he did not appear in a Situation to make Friends Satisfaction, wherefore we appoint Judson Howland & Abel Gifford, to labour further with him to endeavour to convince him of the evil of his Conduct & report to next monthly Meeting.

Joseph Tucker, John Howland & Benjamin Chase, are appointed to look up the Books & Papers belonging to this meeting not in the Clerks hands & to report to next month meeting.

The Committee to have the care of the Meetings in Apoganset during the time of building the Meeting House report that the Meeting at James Allens was kept to pretty good Satisfaction, and that at Barnabas Russells house, was not so well attended as could be desired.

The General Quilt from the last Yearly Meeting of Friends in London was received & read to much Satisfaction, & we appoint W^m Anthony, Benja Allens, Jon Hart, and W^m Botsch Jun^r to read it at the close of our several first Day meetings.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting the 21st of 2nd m^o 1791.

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetings are

are from the South, John Barker, & Joseph Ester, from the North, Joseph...
tain, & Wm Gifford; who being called are all present, except Joseph...
tion, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was sent.

The Clerk being abson Wm Rotch Junr is appointed Clerk for this
Day.

A paper reciev'd from the 1st Jap^r meeting signed by Obadiah
& Eliphal Butcher expressing their sorrow for having fallen into the
sin of Fornication, whereupon we appoint, Caleb Rybell, & Ben-
nabias Rybell, to labour with Obadiah to endeavour to find the sinu-
lity of his acknowledgement & report at a future m^o meeting.

This meeting unites with the Womens meeting in accepting the
acknowledgements of Lydia Bator, & Silvia Lovel.

Friends appointed, report they have informed Wm Hart of his Deni-
al, & produced a Testimony thereof which being read & approved was
signed by the Clerk & Wm Gifford, is appr^d to read it in the usual
public manner at Newtown.

The Clerk informs the Testimony of Elnu Rybells Denial has
been read as directed.

The Committee in case of Clark Bickelton having had an oppor-
tunity with him, but thinking it best his case be continued
it is accordingly continued under their Care 'till next m^o Meeting.

The Committee in case of Pleg Hoomer report they have confid-
ed him of his denial & presented a Testimony thereof, which be-
ing approved was signed by the Clerk, & Wm Anthony is appoin-
ed to read it in the usual public manner at Dartmouth.

The Com^{tee} in the case of Nathaniel Howland, not having had
an opportunity with him by reason of his absence from home, this
matter is refered under the same Friends care untill a future m^o
ing. The friends appr^d to collect this meetings Books & papers not
having accomplished their appr^d are continued to report to next m^o
meeting.

The Clerk, Gideon Howland, John Barker, Samuel Smith
& Wm Anthony are appointed to have the care of the Hood, &c.
belonging to this meeting, & to take such steps for the Preservⁿ

them of from time to time as they may think best & consistent with the ad-
vice of this meeting.

This meeting being attended by a Com^{tee} from Sandwich m^o meeting who
have have something to communicate to us, we appoint Tho^s Hazard Junr,
John Howland, Wm Rotch Junr, Wm Gifford, & Benj^m Taber, to confer
with said committee to find what they may have to lay before us & also
to conclude in what manner the same be introduced into this meeting & re-
port to next m^o meeting.

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 21st of 2nd mo 1791.
The Com^{tee} from the Preparative meetings were presented the Com^{tee} present were
therein named were from the South Timothy Gifford and Wm Barker Junr.
North Thomas, Robt & Thomas Hazard who were all present.

We are informed the Testimony of Wm Harts denial, was read as directed
Which Testimony is as follows.

From our monthly meeting held at Dartmouth the 21st of 2nd mo 1791.
Wm Hart of Dartmouth, having been a member of our society, but for
adhering to the Divine principle, placed in the threat of men, which would have
preserved him from evil, hath fallen into the reproachful practice of Drunkenness to ex-
cess & even to intoxication, whereby he hath brought disgrace upon himself & dishon-
our upon our holy profession, and having laboured much with him to bring him to
right and sense of his ^{sin} ~~iniquity~~, without any prospect at present of his reform-
ation. We are constrained, for the support of our Christian testimony against all man-
ner of evil, thus to deny unity with him, & hereby certify that we can no longer
consider him a member of our society, untill he shall be favoured to reform his
conduct & make satisfaction to this meeting, which that he may is our desire.

Signed by order of said meeting and on behalf by
Wm Rotch Junr Clerk for this Day

The Committee in the case of Clark Bickelton inform they have laboured
with him, & find that since his acknowledgements was presented he has fallen into
the like transgression whereupon the same friends are continued to labour further
with him & report to next mo meeting.

The Committee in case of Gilbert Howland report they have laboured with
him to the sincerity of his acknowledgement to some satisfaction & think
it may be safe to accept the same his acknowledgement is accord-
ingly accepted for satisfaction, and Abel Gifford is appointed to read the
same in the usual public manner at Spangansmet.

Wm Anthony not having read the Testimony of Denial of Pleg Hoomer
for reasons assigned to this meeting, he is now ^{advised} to read, as directed.

The Friends appointed to collect this Meetings Books and papers, report that
they have not accom- ^{plished} their App^d, there being several books missing
they are continued to ^{try} to report to next mo meeting.

A Paper was received from Humphrey Rybell condemning his
conduct in attending as a spectator at a Horse Race, & desiring friend
to pass by his offence. - whereupon we appoint Tho^s Gifford, & Wm
Barker Junr to labour with him to find the sinuosity of his acknowledge-
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menty report does next mt. meeting.

A Complaint was received from the overseers thro the S^r Preparative meeting informing that the Imprey Shearman a Member of our Society, has lately attend a Horse Race, that he has been labour'd with by said Overseers to convince him of the Inconsistency of such practise, but he was not willing to conform in the manner our Discipline requires, whereupon we appoint Peleg Gifford and John Howland to labour further with him there by report to next mt. meeting.

The Queries with the Answers from the Prepar^t Meetings were read, with a Compilation of said Answers from this Meeting.

A Paper of Acknowledgement from Peleg Sanford was received through the said Preparative meeting, which condemns his keeping unprofitable company & attending places of music and dancing, whereupon we appoint Abraham Smith & Gadson Howland to labour with him thereon to discover his Sincerity & report to next mt. meeting.

Benjⁿ Allen requests that that his Children may be admitted as members of our Society whose Names are Nahali, Thorea, Heronday, Pamela, and that we appoint Timothy Gifford, & Thomas Hicks, to unite with the Women may appoint Benjⁿ responsily consider said request, & report to next mt. meeting.

Chenezer & Mary Chase desire that their Children namely Prudence, Hannah, Martha & Seabury may be admitted. Members of our Society Jonathan Hart, & John Derval are appointed to unite with the Women in visiting said Family consider the request & report to next monthly meeting.

Benjⁿ Ruler having request Certificates in behalf of his Sons Joseph & Thomas to the monthly Meeting at Nine partners, we appoint Tho^s. Holt, & John Derval, to respect circumstances & if clear prepare Certificates & return to our next mt. meeting.

This Meeting being informed that Benjamin Potter son of Prince Potter with a friend at Cumberland in Providence mt. meeting, he being a member of our Society, the Clerk is directed to forward to that meeting a Copy of this minute.

The N^o Preparative Meeting informs that Caleb Greene, is desirous of a Certificate to Providence mt. Meeting certifying his cleanness to proceed in Marriage with Amy Harris a member of that Meeting, wherefore we appoint Tho^s Hazard & Abraham Smith to make the necessary inspection & if clear prepare a Certificate & lay before our next mt. meeting.

The Committee ^{confer} with the Committee from Sandwich mt. Meeting, they are not prepared to make report at this Time they are therefore continued to report to our next mt. meeting.

We appoint Joseph Tucker, Beja Taber, & James Davis, to attend

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our next Quart^r Meeting with an account, to said meeting which being prepared was sign'd by the Clerk, & forwarded by them, who are to report to next mt. meeting.

At our N^o meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 4th moth 1791.

The records being presented from the Preparative Meetings the Representatives therein nam'd were from the S^r Peleg Gifford, George Smith, from the North Joseph Austin, & William Driggs, who were all present, except William Driggs & George Smith, the first of whom this meeting is inform'd was so much unwell he could not attend, but no account from George Smith.

The Friends appointed in the case of Clark Ricketson inform that they are not ready to make a conclusive report they are continu'd to that service, & to report to next mt. meeting.

The Friends appointed ^{to read} the Testimony of the Denial of Peleg Hoarum, & Gilbert Howland's acknowledgement report that they have been read as directed. Said Testimony is as follows.

Whereas Peleg Hoarum's having had a birthright among Friends and under the care of this meeting but by disregarding the Testimony of Truth, & giving way to the Temptations of the Enemy hath neglected the due attendance of our Religious meetings, & used Profane Language a times also accompanied with a Women ^{that was} not his Wife in a manner that has brought reproach upon our profession, all which being Inconsistent with the principles we profess, & Friends having labour'd with him in love to shew him the evil tendency thereof but our labor not obtaining the desired effect to Friends satisfaction, therefore for the clearing of Truth & Friends from the Reproach thereof we are concern'd to give this forth as a publick ^{Testimony} against such conduct here by disowning him the said Peleg Hoarum from membership with us untill he by a more circumspect walking & amendment of life enact a return to the way of truth which is our desire.

Given forth and signed in and behalf of our mt. Meeting held in Dartmouth the 27th day of the 2nd moth 1791 by Tho^s Hazard Jun^r Clerk for this Time.

The Friends appointed in Humphrey Russells acknowledgement report that they have attended thereto, and that they had so much satisfaction, that they think it may be safe to accept of said acknowledgement for satisfaction, which is accordingly accepted by this Meeting & Abiel Gifford is appointed to read the same in the usual publick manner at Aponegarset & report to next monthly Meeting.

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The Friends in the case of Humphrey Shearman report that they have had an opportunity with him, but are not ready to make a conclusive report, they are therefore continued to that Service & to report to next monthly Meeting.

The Friends appointed in the case of Peleg Sanford Junr report, that they have had an opportunity with him, he not being at home, they are continued in the care of that Matter & report to next mt^d Meeting.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Benj^m. Allen v.'s family on his request reports that they have not completed that Service they are continued to do it, by next mt^d meeting & to report to the same.

The Friends appointed on Ebenezer & Mary Chan's request, report they have considered thereof, also had an opportunity in their Family to a good degree of satisfaction & think their Request may be granted, which being considered and the Womens meeting concurring, their Children returned named in the minute of last mt^d meeting are received as Members of this Meeting accordingly.

The Friends appointed to the care of Certificates for Benj^m the Ruler's Children report, that they have taken that care and produced said Certificates which were signed by the Clerk.

And are as follows.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Duxbury the 18th of 5th mo 1791.

To the M^o meeting of Friends of the Creek in. Nine Partners.

Esteemed Friends, These may inform you that Joseph Rider a Youth, hath gone to live within the verge of your Meeting as an Apprentice with Elisha Mosher, our Certificate being desired on his behalf, these may Certify that he is a Member of our meeting & we recommend him to your christian care.

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting by Caleb Greene Clerk.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends the 18th of 5th mo 1791.

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at the great Nine Partners Beloved Friends.

These are to inform you that

Thomas Rider a youth hath gone to live within the verge of your Meeting with Jonathan Sheldon as an apprentice.

These may Certify that he is a member of our Meeting & we recommend him to your christian care.

Signed in and behalf of this Meeting by Caleb Greene Clerk.

The Friends appointed on Caleb Greene's Certificate report that they have taken the necessary care therein and produced a Certificate signifying his being a member & cleareth to proceed in Marriage which was ready, Thomas Steward Junr is appointed to sign the same in behalf of this meeting.

The Committee to confer with that from Sandwich mt^d meeting Report as follows. According to our appointment we have conferred with the Committee from Sandwich mt^d meeting, and find that some dissatisfaction has arisen in their meeting in consequence of our having taken Cognizance of the Will of the late John West which they suppose is out of our Jurisdiction. And believing that our meeting can not easily reconcile their Dissatisfaction, at the request of both Committees that it will be safer for our respective meetings to unite in submitting the matter to the decision of friends mutually agreed upon by committees of each meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by Benj^m Fisher. Bedford 1st Month 16th 1791. which being accepted and the same friends are appointed to attend to that care according to said Report, and to make report thereof to this meeting when required for.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting, Report that they attended said meeting with the Account from this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to receive the Collection for this M^o meeting the last six months report that they have collected & paid to the Treasurer seven pounds five Shillings & two pence.

Thomas Russell hath placed out his Son Daniel an Apprentice to one (not a Member among Friends) at Saratoga; & Abel Tappan is about to place a Son of his within the compass of another mt^d meeting to one not a member, and desires Friends advise therein, we appoint Joseph Wood, Phillip Trafford, Fort Hart, to confer with said Friends & consider of the Cases and report to next mt^d meeting.

Zadach Macfield Junr desires a Certificate to the M^o meeting of Accoat signifying his cleareth to proceed in Marriage with Susanna Sonle a Member of that meeting Williams Tappan & Thomas Hatt are appointed to take the necessary care therein & report to next mt^d meeting.

This Meeting having received a request from our Meeting for

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for sufferings that Friends will subscribe for the History of Friends written by J^r Gough, and also further the Subscriptions for the Bible new printing by Isaac Collins, and inform that the Books called Piety Promoted are ready to be delivered. the Friends formerly appointed to receive Subscriptions for the two last are directed to take the necessary as to their agreeable to the meeting for sufferings desire. Joseph Austin, W^m Gifford, Latham Wood, & W^m Anthony, are appointed to receive Subscriptions for J^r Gough's History of Friends & report to next m^o meeting.

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To our Monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 16th of the 5th Month 1791.

By the Act presented from the Prepar^t meetings the Repres^{ts} were from the St. Philip Trufford, & J^r Honland.

N^o John Tucker, & W^m Smith, who being called were all present. George Smith informed this Meeting of the cause of his Absence from last m^o meeting which was accepted.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Clark Ricketson, report that they have attended to their Appointment and think it may be best that it should be continued another Month, it is accordingly deferred till next m^o meeting, under the same Friends care who are then to report.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Humphrey Rusbells Acknowledgment has been read as directed.

The Friends in the Case of Humphrey Shearman report that one of them hath had an opportunity with him on that Actⁿ & desire the Matter continued which is accordingly continued under their care till next m^o meeting they then to report.

The Friends in the Case of Poley Sanford Junr report that they have endeavoured to attend to their Appointment, but that he was a considerable distance from home, the Case is therefore continued till next m^o meeting under the same Friends Care.

The Friends appointed to visit Benjⁿ Allen & family, report that they have attended thereto & had a solid opportunity in the former by & think there is a prospect of a religious Education of the Children which meeting the approbation of this Meeting, & that of the Women concurring, the Children who are named in the m^o of the 3rd last are received as Members of this Meeting.

Gideon Anthony, John Barker, Josiah Wood, Seth Rayball Junr, & Prince Potter, are appointed to collect money for the M^o meeting Books.

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lock in the manner we have lately practis'd, paying it to the Treasurer & report the sum so collected at the expiration of each of the next succeeding Quarters.

The Friends app^d in the Case of Thomas Russell, & W^m Gifford's placing out their Sons have made some progress therein but not being compleas'd to the Satisfaction of this meeting, they with John Honland are continu'd to the further care and accomplishment of those Matters report to next m^o meeting.

George Smith informs he has acquainted M^or Smith (son of Sam^l) of his Denial.

The N^o Prepar^t meeting requests that our M^o meeting may be held the part of the Time in future at Bedford, Joseph Barker, James Davis, Joseph Estes, Benjⁿ Smith, Timothy Gifford, Benjⁿ Taber, Jonathan Sturt, & Tho^s Hicks, are appointed to unite with those the Women may appoint, consider of said Request & report their sense ^{thereon} to next m^o meeting.

The friends appointed report a Certificate for Zadock Maxfield directed to the m^o meeting of Socact signifying his right of Membership's clearness to proceed on Marriage, with Susanna ^{Soule} a member of this meeting which was read & signed by the Clerk.

Two of the committee app^d some time ago to labour with Thomas Allen to inspect ^{the} sincerity of his acknowledgment. Report they have taken several solid opportunities with him, that he seldom attends our Religious meetings, & that it appears he frequently partakes too freely of Spiritous Liquors, which causes refered to next m^o meeting.

The committee receive Subscriptions for J^r Gough's History of Friends in that service to report to a future m^o meeting.

There being six sets of the Books called Piety promoted belonging to this meeting John Honland is directed to sell three sets of them & return the money to our Treasurer & report the amount to this meeting.

At our M^o meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 20th of 6th Month 1791.

The Repres^{ts} from the Prepar^t Meetings by the Socact presented, were from the South Gideon Honland, & Joseph Barker, with Benjⁿ Taber, & Thomas Abot, all present.

The friends app^d in the case of Clark Ricketson inform they ^{are not} fully ready to make report, altho' some care has been taken ^{there}.

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therein, whereupon its refered under ^{their} care to our next m^o meeting.

Humphrey Shearman having presented a paper concerning his misconduct in having attended as a spectator at a Horse Race, was read, & John Howland, & Philip Trufford, are appointed to inspect the sincerity thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

A removal Certificate from Nantucket m^o meeting dated 25th last in behalf of Thomas Rutch, & Charity his Wife was presented & read & accepted.

Also removal Certificates from Saratoga m^o meeting of 12th & 13th Month last, in behalf of the Children of Obadiah Allen namely Thomas, James, Prince, & Sylvanus, & the Children of Oliver Allen namely Charles, Ruth, Chilion, Elizabeth, & Elisha, which were read & accepted.

The Friends in the case of Peleg Sanford Junr. inform they had not known of his return from sea wherefore they are continued in view of that matter to report to next m^o meeting.

Our beloved Friend Sarah Lundy on her way to Nova Scotia attend this meeting with a Certificate from Kingswood m^o meeting for Thrensbury, & Rahway, Quarterly meetings of 10th Month last, expressing their unity with her as a minister, & with her present concern. Also her Companion Eliza Martin attended & presented a minute of concurrence of Rahway & Plainfield m^o meeting of 5th m^o last also expressing their unity with her as an Elder.

Likewise our friend W^m Shotwell attend with a Certificate from Rahway, & Plainfield m^o meeting, expressing their unity with him as an Elder & with his ^{accompanying} ~~companion~~ our friends Sarah Lundy & Companion, all which were read to acceptance, & their company satisfactory to us.

The Committee apply to have the care of the Meeting in Allen's report that all the meetings were kept up & attended by the greatest part of friends in some good degree orderly, which was accepted.

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at the meeting report they have attended thereto & request further time for do liberation, they are continued therefore to report to next m^o meeting.

The matter reported last m^o respecting Thos. Allen coming again under deliberation with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we deny unity with him, & can no longer continue him a member of our Society until he may be persuaded to ~~return~~ return & make friends satisfaction, & Caleb Greene & W^m Royal Junr are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Serial & lay before our next m^o meeting.

A Letter was rec^d from Saratoga m^o meeting of 12th m^o last informing that they had received a Complaint against Obadiah Allen lately removed within the verge of this meeting for having been guilty of using profane Language & requesting our labours with him therefore on their behalf. Whereupon we appoint Jonathan Wilbur & Benja Chase to labour with him on that account & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct & report to our next m^o meeting.

The Committee in case of Thos. Russell's Abiel Gifford's placing out their Sons report they have attended to their appointment & have wrote to Saratoga M^o Meeting requesting their advice as to the suitable mess of the place for Thos. Russell's son to remain at - they are also requested to apply to Nantucket m^o meeting to request their advice upon the suitability of the place to which Abiel Gifford's son is placed, & when accomplished report to this meeting.

This meeting concurs with the women's meeting in denying unity with Sarah Howland Daughter of Joseph.

The Overseers inform through the Preparative meeting that they have Laboured with John Gifford to convince him of the Inconsistency of his late conduct in having attended a place where was music & Dancing & joined therein himself, & also for his having been concerned in a Lottery, but not disposed to make friends Satisfaction, whereupon we appoint Luther Wood, & Jonathan Wilbur to labour further with him, & report to our next monthly meeting.

A paper was presented thro' the Preparative Meeting signed Stephen Lison, acknowledging his misconduct in various instances of transgression express his sorrow & desiring friends to help them by, whereupon we appoint Joshua Potter and

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and John Devel, to labour with him to endeavour to find the sincerity thereof & report to next mo^o meeting.

The Com^o app^d to confer with the Com^o from Sandwich mo^o meeting & likewise to refer the matter of their Disputation to indiffer^o persons in person they proceed^d according to appointment & produced an ~~award~~ award from the friends mutually agreed upon which was rec^d & is accepted by us.

The Queries were read & answers compiled from those of the two Preparative meetings which being approved are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting also an act to said meeting, which being prepared was signed by the Clerk. we appoint Benjamin Taber, W^m Anthony & Jeremiah Eddy to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting.

7^m. At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 18th of 7^m month 1791.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings were presented the Representatives therein named were from the South William Barker Jun^r & Luther Wood North John Deval & Thomas Hazard Jun^r all present.

The committee in the case of Clark Ricketson report they have had several opportunities with him & find that he has since fallen into the like transgression, & also he has departed from the simplicity of our profession in his dress, which they have endeavoured to show him his inconsistency of, but he did not appear in a situation to make personal satisfaction. Therefore with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we deny unity with him & can no longer esteem him a member of our society until he shall be favoured to return to the satisfaction of this meeting, & the same committee are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a testimony of his denial & lay before our next monthly meeting.

The committee in the case of Humphrey Shearman report they have laboured with him in consequence of his acknowledgement & think may be best that it be accepted, but his acknowledgement not present it is referred until next monthly meeting.

Caleb Greene & Abraham Smith are appointed in addition to the com

mittee heretofore appointed to visit Obadiah & Elphel Butler to inspect the sincerity of their acknowledgement.

The Committee on the request from the North preparative meeting report that after solidly considering the matter they think it best to drop it for the present which having been deliberated upon in this meeting we refer it to next month by meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Thomas Skinn of his report that he hath been informed thereof, & produced a testimony of the same which being approved was signed by the Clerk & Caleb Greene is appointed to read in the usual public manner at Bedford. said Testimony is as follows.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 18th of 7^m 1791.

Thomas Skinn of New Bedford having been a Member of our religious Society; but for want of a due adherence to the Divine & preserving Purity placed in the Heart of man; he hath given way to the reproachful & destructive vice of drinking to Excess, even to Intoxication at times and neglected the due attendance of our religious Meetings, whereby he hath brought Disgrace on himself & reproach upon our profession; & friends having laboured much with him from Time to time to convince being him to a sight & sense of his dangerous Situation; but without the desired effect of Reformation.

We are therefore concerned for the Support of our Christian Testimony against such evil Practices, constrained to deny unity with him; & hereby certify that we can no longer consider him as a Member of our Society until he shall be favoured to reform his Conduct & make satisfaction to this Meeting, which is our Sincere desire.

Signed by order & in behalf of said Meeting

Caleb Greene Clerk

The friends appointed to visit Peleg Sampson Jun^r report that one of them only has had an opportunity with him, & an account of his frequent absence from home they have not been able to complete the service of their appointment they are still continued in care of that matter & George Smith is added to them.

The committee in the case of Obadiah Allen report they have had an opportunity with him but not having accomplished their service are continued to report to next monthly meeting.

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This meeting concurs with the Women's meeting in denouncing unity with Babelshela Barney wife of Griffin Barney jun^r.

Sucham Wood & Jonathan Wilbur inform they have had an opportunity with John Gifford in consequence of their appointment & that he did not discover any mind to make satisfaction for his misconduct. - wherefor it is our judgment with the concurrence of the women's meeting, that he be disowned & no longer continued a member of our society, until he shall be favoured with a sense of his Misconduct, & return to our satisfaction & the same friends are appointed to inform him thereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & return to next m^o meeting. The friends in the Case of Thomas Russell & Abel Gifford not having accomplished the service of their appointment, are continued to report to next m^o meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Stephen Spohn having had an opportunity with him to some satisfaction, they are continued to visit him again & report to our next monthly meeting.

The Representatives Report they all attended the Quarterly meeting. A paper signed Joseph Hart was presented through the preparative meeting expressing his sorrows for having attended a place of Military Exercise, whereupon we appoint Joshua Dotter, Joseph Barker, & Thomas Hazard jun^r to labour with him to endeavour to find the sincerity thereof, & report to a future monthly Meeting.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 8th Month 1791.

The Account from the North preparative Meeting was presented the Representatives therein named were Abraham Smith and John Tucker, and by information those from the South were Joseph Estes and William Barker jun^r all presents.

The Committee in the case of Clark Ricketson report that they have taken an Opportunity with him & informed him of his Denial & produced a Testimony thereof which was read approved & signed by the Clerk, & is as follows.

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From our monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 8th Month 1791.

Clark Ricketson son of John Ricketson just having had his sight amongst Friends, and under the care of this meeting, but through unwearfulness hath so far departed from the good order of Friends, as to resort to places where was musick & dancing, and joining therein himself; also departed from that simplicity in his dress, which we profess; Friends having laboured in love to convince him of the evil thereof, but our labour not having the desired effect, therefore for the clearing of truth, we give this fact as a testimony against such conduct, hereby disowning him from being a member of our society, & from under the care of this meeting, yet that he may be favoured to come to sense of his outgoings, and return to the way of truth is our desire.

Signed in and on behalf of our said meeting by
Caleb Greene Clerk.

Thomas Hicks is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at Sponegunsett & report to next monthly meeting.

Humphrey Incurman's acknowledgement being present was read & with some correction accepted. Thomas Hicks is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at Sponegunsett.

The Clerk informs that the Testimony of the Denial of Thomas Hickin was read as directed.

The Committee in the Case of Chadiak & Eliphah Butler report that they have taken an Opportunity with them; but are not ready to make a conclusive report & desire it deferred another month, it is accordingly continued till next Monthly Meeting.

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting together with the Extracts from said Meetings minutes was read; - And the Salutation, & Heighly Advice thereby communicated; meets the solid Attention of this Meeting which we desire may remain in mind.

Caleb Greene & Abraham Smith are appointed to visit in all the Books of Discipline belonging to this meeting, under the Head Marriage, the matter comprized in the Extracts from the Yearly meetings minutes as Discipline & report to this meeting when accomplished.

William Rotch jun^r & William Anthony are appointed to read the aforesaid Quilt from our last Yearly meeting, in each of the Preparative meetings belonging to this meeting.

The Matter referred from our last Meeting respecting the request from the North preparative Meeting being brought again under consideration, after solid deliberation, it is dismissed.

The Friends appointed in Obadiah Allen's Case report that they have had had a solid Opportunity with him to some satisfaction, yet they are continued with Benjamin Allen & William Anthony, take a solid opportunity with, improve his conduct for further proof of his Sincerity & report to next Monthly meeting. The Friends appointed to inform John Gifford of his Dismissal report that they informed him accordingly to appointment & produced a Testimony thereof, which was read & signed by the Clerk. & is as follows

John Gifford having had a Right of membership with Friends but has so far departed from the principles we profess, as to join a Company where was music & Dancing, & was concerned in a lottery, & friends having laboured with him in Love in order to convince him of the inconsistency of such conduct, but our labour in Love not having the desired effect to our satisfaction, there we give this forth as a Testimony against such conduct, hereby publickly disowning him the said John Gifford from being a member of our Society until he shall manifest a return to the way of Truth which is our desire. Given forth at our Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 8th Month 1791.

Signed in and by order of said meeting.

Calo Greene Clerk.

And William Anthony is appointed read it in the usual public Manner at Spencertown.

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The Committee in the Case of Abel Gifford's placing out his Son report that they have attended. Several Monthly meetings & conferred with them on the suitability of the place, & they with a Committee from said meeting were united in judgment that the place was suitable for the Youth to remain at, which is to the satisfaction of this Meeting.

Abel Gifford gave in a Paper acknowledging his misconduct in so far proceeding in placing out his Son to one not a member without the Meetings Advice, & it appearing that he is sincere in condemning it, his paper is received for satisfaction.

The Friends in the case of Stephen Spoon having again visited are of opinion that it had best continued, it is accordingly referred under their care to our next Monthly Meeting.

The Friend in the case of Joseph Hart Report they have had an opportunity with him but think it necessary to visit him again, wherefore they are continued to that service to report to next Monthly Meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer £s. 16/6, our proportion of the Yearly Meeting dues & report to the Meeting.

Through the 8th Preparative meeting was received a paper subscribed Samuel Potter expressing his sorrow for having attended a place of Music & Dancing & a Marriage out of our Order also for having attended a Horse race & desiring Friends to pay for his Offence, whereupon we appoint Mr Dripp, Joseph Barker & Jonathan Hunt to visit him & endeavour to find his sincerity therein & report at our next Monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed in 12th Moth last in case of Perry Smith reported they have visited him & think the state of his mind is such that he will not be likely to be condemned, his misconduct to friends satisfaction, the further consideration whereof is referred to next Monthly meeting.

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The Representatives from the Preparative meeting by the accounts presented were From the South Joseph Tucker, & Joseph Estes from the North. Abraham Smith & Jonathan Hart all present.

Thomas Hucks informs that the Testimony of Clark Ricketson's Daniel & Humphrey Shearman's acknowledgment, has been read as directed.

The Committee in the case of Obadiah & Chappel Beutler's acknowledgment, report they have had several solid opportunities with to some satisfaction, & think considering all the circumstances their acknowledgment may be received, of a deliberate consideration with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we receive it, for satisfaction & Caleb Greene is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Bedford.

The Committee in the case of Obadiah Allen report that they have had a solid opportunity with him, & received so much satisfaction, that they think he is sincere in his acknowledgements, wherefore it is our judgment it may be safe to be asserted for our satisfaction, & the Clerk is directed to forward said acknowledgment with a copy of this Minute to Saratoga Monthly Meeting in Answer to their Letter.

William Anthony informs that the Testimony of ^{Daniel} John Gifford was read as directed.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Tjesson report that they are not yet ready to make a conclusive report, wherefore the same Friends are continued to the care of that matter, & report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in case of Joseph Hart's acknowledgment report they have taken a solid opportunity with him respecting the matter he was charged with & likewise some other deviations which came to their knowledge, such as gaming & attending places of Meriment but did not find him in a state of

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mind to condemn those Transgressions, whereupon with the concurrence of the Women's meeting it is our judgment that he be disowned, no longer esteemed a member of our Society, until he shall be favored to see the evil of his misconduct & condemn the same to our satisfaction; & the same Friends are appointed to inform hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before next monthly meeting.

A Certificate granted by this meeting 8th mo 1788 in Behalf of Hannah Bronchish & Children directed to Saratoga m^o meeting was returned to this meeting with an endorsement from said meeting 9th mo 1790 informing that she from the difficulty of her circumstances she was about to go to reside with her Friends at Swinsey, & we being informed that she & her Children reside there, William Gifford & Jonathan Hart, are appointed with a Committee from the Women's meeting to prepare a certificate to accompany that returned from Saratoga to Swinsey m^o meeting & lay before our next Monthly Meeting.

The Friends appointed to visit Samuel Pitter informs they have had a solid opportunity with him but think to be continued, it is accordingly under the same Friends, they report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Consideration of the matter respecting Perry Smith referred from last m^o meeting coming before us, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, we deny unity with & can no longer own him a member of our Society, until he shall be favoured to friends satisfaction & John Flourens, & John Barker, are appointed to inform hereof & prepare a Testimony of his denial & lay before our next Monthly meeting.

The Treasurer informs he has forward our proportion of the yearly meetings Stock to their Treasurer.

The Inquiries were read with answers from the preparative meetings with others compiled therefrom which with an account from this meeting is directed to the Year

Quarterly meeting.
 William Anthony, Thomas Hicks, John Howland, Jonathan Hart, & Thomas Hazard, Junr are appointed our Representatives to the next Quarterly Meeting with our accounts they to report to next Monthly Meeting.

The Overseers inform through the South Preparative meeting that Christopher Hocum Junr hath much neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings & used profane Language at times, & has fallen into the sin of Fornication which appears by his wife having a Child so soon after Marriage for all which he has been laboured with but he did not discover a disposition to make Satisfaction. Wherefore in conformity to the direction of our last Yearly meeting, & with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we deny unity the said Christopher Hocum Junr, & can no longer esteem him a member of our Society, untill he shall be favoured to make Satisfaction to this Meeting & Subur Wood, & Jonathan Milbur are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before our next m^o. Meeting.

A paper was presented through the South preparative meeting, signed Jedediah Allen Condemning his having inconsiderately taken an Oath in form, expressing his sorrow therefor & desiring friends to pass by his offence. Wherefore after solid deliberation his acknowledgement is accepted for Satisfaction & Thomas Hicks is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Hopkinton.

The North Preparative meeting having made a Representation to this Meeting for our application to the Quarterly Meeting for a division of our Monthly meeting, which having been in been solidly deliberated upon, the further consideration thereof is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

The South Preparative meeting informs that Benjamin Gidley has been Guilty of the sin of Fornication, but the

women's meeting, concluded this matter is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

Gideon Howland the^d requested the advice of this meeting respecting placing out his son we appoint Joseph Austin, John Howland & Benjamin Taber to confer with him, give him such advice therein as they may think necessary, report to this meeting when ready.

Caleb Barker requesting to be dismissed from the Office of Treasurer, it is referred to next Monthly Meeting.

This Meetings Audit report they have settled our accounts with the Treasurer & find a balance in our favour on the 7th of the present Month B. 2. 9.

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held on Dantmouth 17th of 10th month 1791.

The Accounts from the Preparative meetings be presented the Representatives thereby appearing are Abiel Gifford & Mrs Barker Junr from the South, & from the North John Howland, & Edmund Maxfield, all present.

Caleb Greene informs that the paper of acknowledgement of Obadiah Elphel Beutler has been read as directed, & that he has forward the minute of our last monthly meeting respecting Obadiah Allen with his acknowledgements as directed.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Lyson Report that since they had an opportunity with him he has gone out in marriage contrary to our order. Whereupon with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we deny unity with him & can no longer own him a Member of our Society untill shall be favoured to return to the Satisfaction of this meeting & the same friends are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before our next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed for that service report that Joseph Hart has been informed of his denial, & produced a Testimony thereof, which being approved was signed by Clark, and William Gifford is appointed to read in the usual public manner at Newtown, and report to next m^o meeting.

A removal Certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting 25th of 8th Month in behalf of Amy Greene wife of Caleb was received read & accepted.

A Certificate in behalf of Hannah Bowditch & her children namely, Nathaniel Joseph, & Ruth, was produced by the Committee appointed read approved & signed by the Clerk.

The Committee in the case of Samuel Peter inform that they are not prepared to make a conclusive report & think it best to defer it, it is referred under their care to our next Monthly Meeting they then to report.

The complaint respecting Benjamin Godley being again brought under consideration with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we deny unity with him & can no longer continue him a member of our Society until he shall be favoured to return to Satisfaction of this meeting & Jonathan Wilbur are appointed to inform him of his denial & prepare a Testimony thereof a lay before our next m^o meeting.

The Committee not having informed Perry Smith of his Denial they are continued to that service & to prepare a Testimony thereof a lay before our next M^o meeting.

By the Report of the Representatives it appears they all attended the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed report that Christopher Hocum Jun^r has been informed of his Denial & Testimony thereof being produced, was approved & signed by the & William Anthony is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Ananagamset.

Said Testimony is as follows.

Christopher Hocum the^r having had a Right of Membership with Friends, hath so far departed from the principles we profess as much to neglect the attendance of our Religious Meetings, used profane Language at times, & has fallen into the sin of Fornication as appears by his Wife having a Child so soon after marriage, for all which transgressions Friends having laboured

ed with him in love to convince him of his ~~evil~~ of such conduct without the desired effect, whereupon we are constrained to deny unity with him, for the clearing of our Testimony, & can no longer own him a member of our Religious Society until he shall be favoured to return & make Satisfaction to this Meeting, which that he may wish to desire.

Signed by orders on behalf of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting the 17th of 10th Month 1791 - Caleb Greene Clerk.

Thomas Hicks not having read the Acknowledgement of Jacob Allen is continued to that service.

The Consideration of the proposal for Dividing our M^o meeting coming again before us, the further consideration thereof is referred to our next M^o meeting.

By information through the So. Preparative Meeting & to this meeting, are informed that Barnabas Shephard requests a Certificate of his cleanness to proceed in marriage with Mercy Hagon to the M^o meeting at Bembridge, whereupon we appoint Jonathan Wilbur & Thomas Hicks, to inspect his cleanness respecting Marriage & if clear prepare a Certificate & lay before our next m^o meeting.

The appointment of a Treasurer being refused to this meeting, we appoint Luther Hood to that office, & Caleb Barber is desired to deliver him the Books & Papers belonging to the Office, & pay him the balance due to this meeting as reported last month say £ 13, 2, 1 & our Audit are requested to see to the proper transferring of them all from the former to the present Treasurer & report when so done.

This meeting is informed through the So. Preparative meeting that Rowcome Kerby has fallen into the sin of Fornication, whereupon we deny unity with & can no longer own him a member of our Society until he shall be favoured to return to a sense of his erring & make Satisfaction to this meeting & Benjamin Allen & Luther Hood are appointed to inform hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before our next M^o meeting.

A paper was received through the South Preparative meeting signed Ebenezer Allen & condemning his mis conduct in attending a place where was music & Dancing & joining therewith also for having used profane Language & Desiring Friends to pass it by, wherefore we appoint

William Anthony & Philip Gifford to visit him & endeavour to find the Sincerity of his acknowledgements & report to a future m^d meeting.

Through the South's Preparative meeting was presented two papers one from Collins Smith expressing his sorrow for having attended a Dance place wher was musick & dancing & joining therewith, the other from Samuel Barker condemning his misconduct in attending a Dance & both desiring friends to pass by their offences, whereupon we appointe Shiel Gifford & Gideon Howland to visit them & endeavour to find the Sincerity of their Acknowledgements & report to a future m^d meeting.

The year for which the Overseers were appointed being expired the same are continued untill our next meeting & the appointment of others is referred to that time.

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 21st of the 11th month 1791

By the votes presented from the Preparative meetings the Representatives named therein were from the South George Smith & Caleb Barker from the North Abraham Smith & John Devol, who being called were all present.

William Rotch Junr, Jonathan Hart, Jonathan Willers, Joseph Tucker, Benjamin Taber, Timothy Gifford, John Tucker, & William Anthony, are appointed Overseers for the year ensuing or till others may be appointed.

The Committee in cases of Collins Smith & Samuel Barker Report they have taken opportunity with each of them to some Satisfaction, but desiring that they may be benighted by further Labour, they are continued to their services & to report at next m^d meeting.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Stephen Johnson report that they have informed him of his Denial, & produced a Testimony thereof which was read, & after some amendment signed by the Clerk, & Tho^s Hicks is appointed to read the same in the usual publick manner at a Spone gamset & report to next m^d meeting.

said Testimony is as follows, vizt.

Whereas Stephen Johnson having had his Education among us the People called Quakers but he having so far departed therefrom as to attend a Horse Race & has been concerned in a Lottery & attend a place where was Musick &c. also gambled Cards, also hath married out of the order Established among us for which he hath been censured with, but he not giving satis faction, therefore this Meeting gives this forth as a publick Testimony against him desiring him a right membership with us, desiring that he may come to a true sight & sense of his present State & be favoured to find a place of true repentance.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 21st of 11th m^o 1791

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting
Caleb Greene Clerk.

William Gifford informs that the Testimony of Joseph Hart's denial has been read.

The Committee in the Case of Samuel Potter, not yet being prepared to make a concluding report, are continued to the Case of that matter to report at our next m^d meeting.

The Friends appointed in the Case of Ben^t Gidley report that he has been informed of his Denial, & produced a Testimony thereof, which being approved was signed by the Clerk & W^m Anthony & signed to read it in the usual publick manner at Spone gamset & report to next m^d meeting. - which Testimony is as follows

Whereas Benjamin Gidley having had a right of membership among Friends under the Care of this Meeting but by not adhering to the dictates of Truth & giving way

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to the Temptations of the Enemy, hath fallen into the reproach-
ful Sin of Fornication as appears by the accusation of
Sarah Howland he not clearing himself therefrom the care
for the clearing of Truth & Friends from the Reproach
of this meeting is commended to give forth this Testimony against
such unwarrantable conduct hereby denying unity with him
& can no longer own him as a Member of our Religious Society
untill he shall be favoured to return & make (Friends) Satisfaction
to this meeting which is our desire.

Signed in and on behalf of Dartmouth meeting this
21st Day of the 11th mo. 1791. Caleb Green Clerk.

John Howland informs that Perry Smith has been informed
of his Denial, & Produced a Testimony thereof which
being approved was signed by the Clerk.

W^m Anthony & Thos. Hicks inform that the Testimony of G^o
Sherwin Jun^r Denial, & Acknowledgement of J^o Allen
has been read as directed.

The proposed for a Division of our m^o meeting being again brought
under consideration, after solid Deliberation, we conclude to sub-
mit the matter to the advice of the Quarterly Meeting.

A Certificate in Behalf of Barnabas Shepheard to the m^o meet-
ing at Pembroke certifying his cleanness respecting marriage
was presented by the Friends app^r read approved & signed
by the Clerk.

The Friends app^r in the case of Roxcomb Kirby report he has
been informed of his Denial & produced a Testimony there-
of, which being approved was signed by the Clerk & Thos
Hicks is apt to read it in the usual Publick manner
and report to next m^o meeting. said Testimony is as follows

It was Roxcomb Kirby having had his Education among
Friends in membership with this meeting, but by
disregarding the Testimony of Truth in his own mind & giving
way to the Temptations of the Enemy, hath so far de-
parted from the Profession & the Testimony we bear as to
fall into the reproachful sin of Fornication as appears

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by his Wifes having a Child so soon after marriage that there
for the clearing of Truth & Friends from the Reproach of such
enemies this meet^{ing} is concerned to give this forth as a Pub-
lick Testimony the same hereby disowning him the said Rox-
comb Kirby from being any member of this meeting, untill
by unfeigned repentance he shall be restored to the way of
Truth. Given forth at our monthly meeting of Dartmouth
21st 11th mo 1791. & signed on behalf thereof
Caleb Green Clerk.

The Comtee in case of G^o Allen's report they have had con-
sultation with him to some degree of Satisfaction but think
the case had better be continued, it is accordingly contin-
ued under the same Friends care to report at next m^o meet-
ing. The Friends appointed Report that the matter which
is inserted in each of the four books of Discipline
came from the last Yearly meeting as Discipline, belong-
ing to this Meeting.

This Meeting is adjourned to the 20th inst, at the close
of the Meeting for worship.

30th Day met according to adjournment.

The Representatives all present.

The Auditors report that the Books & Papers together
with the Balance of £13. 2. 1 have been all transferred from
the last to the present Treasurer.

Friends in Allen's sick request to hold Meetings thro
the ensuing Winter season, which being considered we
app^r Caleb Russell W^m Gifford Joseph Estes Jas
Barker, & W^m Reich Jun^r a committee to visit the Re-
questers, consider further of said Request & report to next
m^o meeting.

The 4th Preparative meeting having proposed that two
meetings be held on each first Day at Bedford, throughout
the year, after solid consideration, it is with the concurrence
of the Womens Meeting, concluded thereupon, said meeting
to begin in the Morning at the 10th Hour & in the afternoon
at the 3rd hour, except the meetings in the 11th 12th 1st 2nd
months to begin at the 2nd hour.

A Removal Certificate from the m^o meeting of Stand-
wick dated 5th of 10th m^o in behalf of Reuben Swift
& Ruth his Wife lately settled at Bedford was received
read & accepted. Tho.

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The 5th Preparative Meeting in their account in person that David Biggs hath Married out of the Order of Friends after being pre-conditioned by the Overseers, whereupon we deny unity with him & can no longer consider him a Member of our Society & Thomas Hicks is appointed to inform him hereof & report to next m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform through the 4th Preparative meeting that Shijah Shurman hath proceeded in Marriage with one not a Member of our Society & his absence from home prevented their treating with before Marriage that they have since had an opportunity with him: but did not find him in a suitable Situation to make Friends Satisfaction, for his Departure from our wholesome order, which Case is deferred till next m^o meeting for further Consideration.

A Certificate from Providence No. Meeting of 10th m^o in behalf of Benjⁿ Potter returned from Smithfield was read & accepted. The Overseers inform through the 4th Preparative meeting that Nicholas Smith hath attended a place of Military Exercise & also a Marriage out of the Order of our Society also that Benjⁿ Potter has attended a Marriage out of the Order of Friends for which they have been treated with, but they did not appear disposed to condemn their disorderly Conduct; Whereupon we appoint W^m Gifford, John Dewal, & Joseph Barker, to visit them & endeavour to convince them of the Inconsistency of their conduct and report to our next m^o meeting.

A Letter was received from Saratoga a m^o meeting for the 9th m^o last, informing that they had by request of our Committee inspected the place where Daniel Rybell son of Thomas is placed as an Apprentice, & do not think it a suitable place for him to remain at, also give care towards him is much wanting; Whereupon we appoint Latham Wood, Tho^s Gifford & Peleg Gifford, to consider the Case & report their Judgment thereupon to next m^o meeting.

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The Committee for Collection report they have collected & paid the Treasurer L^s. 18. 3.

The Quarterly Meeting having concluded to establish a fund on Stock for its use have requested us to forward our proposition thereof L^s. 15. Whereupon we appoint Jos^{ph}. Austin, Gideon Howard, John Dewal, Sam^l. Howard, & Benjⁿ. Allen to open Subscriptions for the said sum also for the m^o Meetings stock for the six succeeding Months.

The Queries were read with answers from each preparative meeting & General answers compiled therefrom which being approved are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting which being approved was signed by the Clerk, they to pay the money to our Treasurer & report the end of each three Months.

We appoint Benjⁿ Taber, Thomas Matt, & W^m. Anthony to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting as Representatives. Abraham Smith Edmund Maxfield, & Joseph Austin are appointed to make provision of Hay for Friends Horses at the time of our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our friend Abel Gifford informs this Meeting that he has thought of going as far as Andover on business to visit his Relations, he being a Member in unity; this Meeting approves thereof the Clerk is requested to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute. Tho^s Hicks is appointed to join the Committee in the case of Benjⁿ Howard & in the place of Abel Gifford who is bound from home.

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held on Dartmouth the 19th of the 12th m^o 1791.

By the Accounts presented from the Preparative Meetings the Representatives therein named were from the 1st Philip Dewal, & Joseph Barker. 4th Thomas Hazard jun^r & John Rybell who were called & all present. One of the Friends appointed in the Case of Collins Smith & Lemuel Barker reported that he had an opportunity with Lemuel only, and as the other friend is gone from home the Case are deferred till next m^o meeting under the same friends care to gather with John Howard they to report to next m^o meeting. Tho^s of the Com^o in Case of Samuel Potter not being present that Case is continued under their care to report at next m^o meeting. Thomas Hicks & W^m. Anthony report that

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the Testimony of the denial of Stephen Sison, Benja Giddens & Rowome Kirby have been read as directed.

The Consideration of the Testimony of Prory Smiths Denial being referred to this meeting, it is concluded that under the circumstances of that matter there be no Testimony published.

The Committee in the case of Thom^s. Allen & desiring a continuation of that matter, the case is continued under their care to report to next m^o meeting.

The Com^o to visit Friends in Allen's Neck, report that they have had a solid opportunity with most of the Friends in the way of holding meetings and that it will, in some respects, be requested to be granted, when for they have liberty to hold meetings on each first & fifth days except the fifth days of the week in which our monthly & preparative meetings be held.

With the m^o meeting in the 5th of the month, one month to each of the remaining time at such house or houses as the Committee may think; & one approved Joseph Tucker, Timothy Gifford, Joseph Barber, Tho^s Shaw & Philip Trafford, & Joseph Ester, to have the care of said meeting & to report, when their service may be accomplished.

We are informed that all the Representatives attended the Quarterly Meeting.

An Extract from the Minutes of the last Quarterly meeting was read & is as follows.

A concern being manifested in this meeting on account of the many deficiencies which still prevail among us, after several deliberations; we recommend to the several Monthly meetings, to take this subject under mighty consideration & if may should open, that they appoint solid & exemplary Friends to proceed in the ability that such may afford to visit friends in their several Families, & endeavour to stir up our Members to more solid attention to the several branches of our Christian Testimony, and the weighty consideration thereof is referred to our next m^o meeting.

Tho^s Hicks reports he has informed David Briggs of his duty according to appointment.

The consideration of the case of Abijah Thaxman coming again before us, with the Concurrence of the

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Womens meeting we deny unity with him & can no longer own him as a member of our Society until he shall be favoured to return to our faction, & Abraham Smith is appointed to inform him of his Denial & report to next m^o meeting.

Two of the Committee in the case of Nicholas Smiths Sons Petition inform that they had solid opportunities with them & think it best that cases be referred, they are accordingly continued to the care thereof to report to next m^o meeting.

The Committee appointed last m^o meeting, produced a Letter for the Monthly meeting of Senatoga, which being approved was signed by the Clerk, & is as follows.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 19th of the 12th month 1791.

To the Monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth.

Dear Friends We received your letter dated 23rd 25th of the 9th mo last; & observe your kind care respecting Daniel Russell, and have considered that case; and it is our desire, that you will further extend your brotherly care over him and labour with him as you may see necessary, on our behalf, and inform us of your care & labour thereon as soon as may be.

With affectionate regard we are your Friends & Brethren

Signed on behalf your said meeting by

Joseph Greene Clerk.

The 3rd P^o meeting informs that the Overseers have treated with Samuel Gifford on account of his laying a wager upon a Horse Race, but did not give them satisfaction, whereupon we appoint Tom^s Hayward, Philip Trafford & Lulham Wood to labour further with him, to endeavour to convince of the inconsistency of his conduct & report to next m^o meeting.

Tho^s Russell presented a paper of acknowledgment his having Inconsiderately consented to his son Daniels going to live with another son who is not a Member of Society without the advice of Friends also for having been at a House where a marriage was out of the order of Friends condemning those disorders & desiring Friends to pray for his offence, whereupon we appoint Wm^m Smith, Tho^s Hicks, Peter Gifford & Lulham Wood to take a solid opportunity with him to inspect the sincerity thereof & also to see that he does what is in his Power to have his son Daniels returned or removed to a more suitable place, & report to next m^o meeting.

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At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth
the 16th of June 1799.

The Representatives named in the. Secret presented from the
Preparative meetings were from the the South John Barber
& Josiah Wood. North John Howland, & John Dorsal,
who being called were all present.

The Representatives of last monthly agreeable to direct
proposed the Appointment of Caleb Greene Clerk & H^m
Roch Jun^r Assistant. they are accordingly appointed
to those services for the ensuing Year or till another appoint-
ment.

And this meeting considering the labour that will fall
upon the Clerk in keeping our Records in proper Order
we appoint H^m Smith H^m Gifford, Gideon Howland & H^m
Roch Jun^r to take this subject under Consideration & report
the mode they may think the most advisable for this
meeting to adopt at our next m^o meeting.

The Subject recommended from our last Quarterly Meet-
ing being again brought under Consideration, & after solid
deliberation thereon, we appoint Ben^j Taber, Joseph K^oon
James Davis, Jonathan Flint, H^m Anthony, John Howland, Caleb
Greene, H^m Roch Jun^r, & Thomas H^obin, to visit the members of
this Meeting in their Families and to labour as Truth may open
the Way, & as far as that may open, & Ability afforded to stir up
Friends to more solid attention to the several branches of our Chris-
tian Testimony. & to encourage & strengthen the labours among
us, in order that the Deficiencies which still prevail may be reme-
di.

The Friends in the Case of H^mer Miller Jun^r report that
that they have had another solid opportunity with him to
some degree of Satisfaction, & felt a willingness his acknowl-
edgement should be accepted, but he not being present the
Case is referred under the same Friends care to next m^o
meeting.

H^m Smith reports he has wrote to Abijah Shear
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man informing him of his Denial.
The Com^o in the case of Nicholas Smith, & Seth Patten, not
having had an opportunity with them are continued to their ser-
vice to report to next m^o meetings. Zephaniah Ely is appointed
to unite with them.

The friends in the Case of Samuel Gifford report also indisposition
they have not had an opportunity with him, wherefore they are
continued to the service of their appointments & report to next
m^o meeting.

The Com^o in the Case of Gollins Smith reports that two
of them have had an opportunity with him, but think it
best to visit him again wherefore they are continued to their
service & to report at next m^o meeting.

The Com^o in the Case of Samuel Patten report they have had sever-
al opportunities with him & think the state of his mind is such
that it is not safe for his acknowledgement to be accepted, so
wherefore we deny unity with him & can no longer own
him a Member of our Society until he may be favoured to
return to our Satisfaction & the same Friends are appointed
to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial
& return to next m^o meeting.

Acknowledgements were received thro' the S^c Preparative
Meeting, signed by John Howland son of Ben^j H^m Smith
Ben^j Howland Smith & Samuel Smith Jun^r condemning
their Misconduct for having attended H^oseraces & desiring
to pass by their offences whereupon we appoint Abiel
Gifford, Joseph Estee, Benjamin Allen, John Barber,
& John Howland, to visit them & endeavour to find the sin-
cerity of their acknowledgement & report to next m^o meet-
ing.

The Overseers inform thro' the S^c preparative Meeting that they
have laboured with Stephen Howland on acct of his having attend-
ed at a H^oserace & laid a H^oger thereon, also his being published
in order for Marriage out of the order Friends. - Also that they
have laboured with Tho' Howland son of H^mer Jun^r, on acct of his
having attended a h^oserace & likewise laid a H^oger thereon, but
found no Satisfaction from them, whereupon we appoint George Smith
& Zeph^o Ely, to visit them & endeavour to convince them of the

Inconsistency of their Misconduct & report thereon to next mt meeting
The Overseers inform through the So. Preparative Meeting, that Mr
Ryebell hath so far departed from the Good or Order established
among us, as to attend a place where were Musick, & Dancing as
so at a Thorsrace but did not appear in a State of mind to consider
his misconduct, whereupon we appoint Poley Gifford, & Wm Parker
to labour further with him, & endeavour to convince him of the In-
consistency of his conduct therein & report to next mt meeting.

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At our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Darnmouth the 20th
of the 2nd month 1792.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings were from the Church
Joseph Ester, & Caleb Parker. At said Ryebell's John Parker, all
present except John Parker, who is absent thro' Indisposition of Body.
The Com^{tee} in the case of Samuel Gifford report that they have had
a solid opportunity with him to good Satisfaction & he having presented a pa-
per condemning his misconduct for having laid a Wager upon a
Thorsrace, & desiring Friends to pass by his Offence the further con-
sideration thereof is referred to next mt meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Poley Sanford report they have visited
him to good Satisfaction & think his acknowledgement may be safely
received, whereupon it is accepted for Satisfaction & Wm Anthony
is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Aponegan-
set & report to next mt meeting.

The Case of Ebenezer Allen's being referred to this meeting &
he being now present, his paper is accepted in Satisfaction, & Wm Allen
is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at Aponegan-
set & report to next mt meeting.

Two of the Com^{tee} appointed last mt report they have visited Benj
Howland Smith & Samuel Smith Jun^r & found so much Satisfac-
tion that they think the mt meeting may receive their acknowledg-
ments, whereupon after deliberation we accept them for Satisfaction
& Ben^r Willur is app^ointed to read them in the usual public manner at
Aponeganset & report to next mt meeting.

Two others of said Com^{tee} report they have had an opportunity with

Ben Duggs but did not find much Satisfaction from the State of his mind,
& that he is now gone to Sea, wherefore that matter is referred under this
care they to report at a future mt meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Collins Smith report they have visited him
& laboured in much love to shew the Inconsistency of his conduct with
respect to his former transgression, & also in having since attend-
ed a Thorsrace, & that their Visit was attended with Satisfaction, & he hav-
ing presented another paper condemning both transgressions but he
not being now present his case is referred under the same Friends
next they to visit him again, if they think meetful & report at next
mt meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of John Howland (son of Benj^r) report they
have had a suitable opportunity with him to so much Satisfaction, they
think his acknowledgement may be received, but he not being now present
his case is referred under the same Friends care, to bestow further labour
if they think best, & report to next mt meeting.

The Com^{tee} appointed last mt recommend the appointment of a Com-
mittee to have the care & directions of having such Epistles & papers
as are necessary recorded at this meetings expence, whereupon we ap-
point Benj^r & Fisher, Adam Smith, Benj^r Allen & Luther Wood's
Wm Reed Jun^r.

To have the care in collecting the missing papers, & to have such
of them together with such of our minutes Certificates & other Papers as
they may think best recorded, at our expence they to report
when done, or within one year from this time.

A Certificate from Saroga mt meeting dated 19th last mt, was
received in behalf of E. H. Wood expressing his disavowal respect-
ing marriage engagements with them.

Chibon Wood & Lelis Gifford appeared in the meeting & declared their
intentions of Marriage with each other they having consent of Parents
referred to next mt meeting for answer.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of Samuel Pater not having informed
him of his Journal are continued to accomplish the service of their
appointment, & report to next mt meeting.

The Committee in the Cases of Stephen Howland & Ben Howland inform
they have laboured with them but found no disposition to make satis-
faction & that Stephen has married out of the order of Friends, wherefore
it is our judgment that they be disowned, & no longer considered Mem-
bers of our Society until they shall be favoured to return to friends
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Satisfaction & the same friends are appointed to prepare Testimony of their denial inform them thereof and report to next meeting

The Committee in the case of Nicholas Smith & Seth Potter inform they have had an opportunity with Nicholas Smith but desire continuance of his case it is accordingly continued under their care they to report next meeting they likewise inform they have had an opportunity with Seth Potter and endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct and also for his having attended a place of Entertainment where was music and dancing but that he did not in any disposition to condemn his misconduct wherefore it is our judgement that he be Disowned and no longer deemed a member of our Society until he shall be favoured to return to our Satisfaction and the same friends are desired to Inform him hereof and prepare a Testimony of his Denial and lay before next meeting

William Barker informs that himself with another friend have had an opportunity with Philip Russell and thinks it best the case be continued wherefore as Deley Gifford has removed, Zephaniah Eddy is appointed in his place, they to take another opportunity with Philip and report next meeting

The South Preparative meeting informs that Deley Gifford, Ariel Gifford and Wm. Barker in requests Removal Certificates to the monthly meeting of Saratoga, in behalf of themselves and families at Cambridge, within which Deley Gifford has removed and the others about to remove, whereon we appoint Joseph Tucker, Gideon Howland and Luther Wood and Jonathan Williams to inspect the Character of these friends as respects their removals and if clear prepare Certificates therefor and lay before next monthly meeting

This meeting is informed through the South preparative meeting that William Smith hath attended a house and deviated from the plainness of our profession in his dress, for all which he has been laboured with without the desired success whereupon we appoint Luther Wood and Philip Sanford to labour further with him and endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of such practices and report to next meeting

John Howland informs he has sold the three Sets of Bibles promoted left with him for that purpose and has paid the amount thereof to the treasurer which was £1-14-0

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At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 17th Decr 1792 the accounts from the preparative meetings being present the Representatives are from the North Zephaniah Eddy & Timothy Gifford N. Abraham Smith & Wm Gifford all present

The case of Samuel Gifford and Colins Smith coming again under consideration and they being both present their acknowledgments are received for Deley and William Anthony is appointed to read them in the usual publick manner at paragraph

To the monthly meeting to be held 20th Decr 1792 Beloved friends whereas I some time past did inconsiderately lay a wager on a horse race which I am now sorry for and do condemn it Desiring friends may pass by my offense and let me remain under your watchfull care from your friend Samuel Gifford

To the Monthly Meeting of friends to be held in Dartmouth the twentieth second month A. D. 1792

Whereas I some time past hapend to a house where there was music and dancing and likewise to a horse race and I joined with them in it which conduct I am very sorry for and do condemn hoping that I shall be so far favoured as not to be guilty of the like again Desiring friends to pass it by as far as to let me remain under their care these from your well wishing friend

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Colins Smith

John Howland Son of Benj not being present his case is refered to or continued unto next meeting under the same friends care

The friends who were appointed Inform that several papers of acknowledgment of Deley Sanford Ebenezer Howland Benja Howland Smith & Samuel Smith had been all publickly read

Deley Sanford Ebenezer Howland Benja Howland Smith & Samuel Smith papers etc received Decr 23^o

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At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 20th 4 month 1792

the Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the accounts presented were from the South Luther Wood and Wm Anthony from the North Thos Rotch & Wm Wood who being called were all present Except Thos Rotch for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

The friends appointed report that the acknowledgments of Colins Smith and Samuel Gifford hath been read as orders

To the monthly meeting of friends in Dartmouth Whereas sometime past I inconsiderately kept too much unprofitable company & was boozed times where there was music & dancing there by brought a reproof upon truth and our profession for which independent of mine I am sorry for & do condemn Desiring friends would so far pass it by as to let me remain under their care Desiring that they all preserved in favor in a more blameless conduct

Dartmouth 3 mo 1792

Deley Sanford