

This meeting united with the Womens meeting in Denyjay Unit, with Elizabeth Sheephers 2nd

The friends appointed to Inform Samuel Dotter of his Denial report that he has been Informed thereof & Produced a testimony of his Denial which being approved was signed by the Clerk and William Gifford is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at Newtown and report to next monthly meeting -

The Committee in the case of Nicholas Smith reports that they have labored with him both on the account of the Complaint against him also for his being in the practice of Retailing spirituous Liquors but he did not appear in a Deposition of mind to Condemn his outgoings, and after solid deliberation the matter is refered to next monthly meeting under the care of John Howland and Joseph Austin they then to report

Hilion Wood and Lili Gifford appear in this meeting and declare the continuation of their Intentions of having desiring our Answer & no Obstruction appearing they are allowed to proceed & Jonathan Willbus and Timothy Howland are appointed to attend their marriage to see that it be orderly Solemnized and report to next mo meeting

Thomas Allen and Judith Keerby appear in this meeting and declare their Intentions of taking each other in marriage whereupon we appoint Timothy Gifford and Luthon Wood to Inspect Tho: Clearys respecting marriage and report next mo^o meeting

A Testimony of Seth Dotter's Denial being presented by the friends appointed who have Informed him of his Denial was read approved and signed by the Clerk & Wm Gifford is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at Newtown & is as followeth

Seth Dotter having a right as a member of our Society hath by not attending to the light of the spirit of truth placed in the heart of man so far departed from the testimony we profess as to attend an Entertainment where was music & dancing & likewise a marriage held out of our order & we have labored with him to convince him of the evil & inconsistency of such conduct but our labour of love not having the desired effect therefore we give this forth as a publick testimony divorcing him that is Seth Dotter from being any longer a member of our Society untill he shall be favored with a light of his outgoings & Condemn the same to our satisfaction which is our desire

Given forth at our mo meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of Nov^r 1792 & signed in behalf of this meet^g by
Caleb Green Clerk

The Committee appointed report they have informed Stephen Howland of his Denial and produced a testimony of said Denials of Stephen Howland and Thomas Howland which being approved was signed by the Clerk and Thomas Hicks is appointed to read them in the usual publick manner at apoinyapst previous to which the same Committee are requested to Inform Tho: Howland of his Denial

The Committee in the case of Philip Russell report they have taken an opportunity with him and think his case had best be refered it is accordingly refered under the same friends care to next monthly meeting

A removal Certificate was presented by the friends appointed for that service in behalf of Pelag Gifford and Abie his wife directed to Saratoga mo meeting which being approved was signed by the Clerk, and the same friends are continued to the care of preparing Certificates for Abiel Gifford & Wm Barber and their families and to present when ready

The Committee in the case of William Smith inform they have made some progress by a visit to him & think best the matter be refered it is accordingly continued under their care to next mo meeting

We are Informed through the South Preparative meeting that John Barber requires a Certificate for him self namely to Saratoga mo meeting he being about to remove to Cambridge where upon we appoint Zephaniah Edley and Tho: Hicks to Inspect John Clearys as respects his removal and if clear prepare a Certificate and lay before next monthly meeting

The Queries were read with Answer from each Preparative meeting together with general Answers compiled therefrom one of the Committee to receive Subscriptions report he has raised and paid the treasurer (viz) for the Quarterly meeting Stock £-17-5 and for the monthly meeting Stock 1-4-5 and our treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly meeting treasurer our proposition of that stock

An account to accompany the Answers to the Quens's was prepared which being approved was signed by the Clerk we appoint Joseph Tucker James & Wm Gifford to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 16th the 4^{mo} 1792

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The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the accounts presented were from the South Lathan Wood and W^m Anthony from the North Thos Poteh and W^m Wood who being called were all present Except Thos Poteh whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

The friends appointed report the acknowledgments of Oliver Smith & Samuel Pford was read as ordered - also that the testimony of Denial of Samuel & both Potter and Stephen Howland and Thos Howland have all been read also that Thos Howland was informed of his Denial as ordered

Whereas Samuel Potter hath had a Regal of non-befripping amongst us the people called Quakers but through Inattention to the spirit of truth in his own heart hath so far departed from our wholesome order as to attend a place of merrit & dancing & also hath attended a hoivance & a marriage held out of the orders of friends & friends having laboured with him from time to time in order to convince him of the evil tendency of such conduct but our labour hath not had the desired effect therefore we give this forth as a publick testimony against all such conduct as long as we have a member of our society untill he shall be favoured to see the evil thereof and make satisfaction by amendment of life which is our desire
Given forth by our mo meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 3^{mo} 1792

Signed in & on behalf of said meeting by Caleb Green Clerk

Whereas Stephen Howland hath had a birthright among friends & under the care of this meeting but hath so far departed from the rules of our Society as to many out from among friends also attended a hoivance & laid a wager all which being contrary to the principles we profess & friends having laboured with him in love to convince him of the inconsistency of his miscondit but our labour not obtaining its desired effect therefore for the clearing truth and friends from the reproach thereof we are constrained to give this forth as a publick testimony against such conduct hereby denying unity with the said Stephen Howland untill he shall be favoured to see the evil tendency thereof & condemn his miscondit to friends satisfaction which is our desire
Given forth by our mo meeting of friends in Dartmouth the 19th of 3^{mo} 1792 by Caleb Green Clerk

Whereas Thos Howland hath had a birthright among friends & under the care of this meeting but hath so far departed from the rules of our Society as to attend a hoivance & laid a wager which being contrary to the principles we profess & friends having laboured with him in love to convince him of the evil tendency of such conduct but our labour not obtaining the desired effect therefore for the clearing truth & friends from the reproach thereof we are constrained to give this forth as a publick testimony against such conduct hereby denying unity with the said Thos Howland untill he shall be favoured to see the evil thereof & condemn the same to friends satisfaction which is our desire

Given forth by our mo meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 19th of 3^{mo} 1792 Caleb Green Clerk

This meeting is informed that John Howland son of Benjamin has gone to sea wherefore his case is continued under the care of John Howland and Joseph Estes two of the former Committee in that case

The friends in the case of Nicholas Smith inform that they have had a solid opportunity with him & although their labours have not had the desired effect yet we think best the care be continued under the care of the same friends untill next mo meeting they to labour further therein as way may open

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Elion Wood report they attended accordingly and that it was orderly conducted and the certificate was delivered to the Clerk for recording

The friends appointed to inspect the clearing of Thos Allen respecting marriage report they have discovered nothing to obstruct his proceeding in marriage

Thomas Allen and Judith Kirby appeared in this meeting & declared the continuation of their intentions of marriage Desiring our Answer the necessary care having been taken they are allowed to proceed and Lathan Wood & Joseph Estes is appointed to attend their marriage to see that it be orderly solemnised and report next mo meeting

Removal certificates were presented, one from Darnbrook mo meeting dated 7th the 3^{mo} in behalf of Mary Sheepshead Wife of Barnabus Sheepshead and one from Swansey mo meeting 5th the 3^{mo} in behalf of Deborah Smith daughter of Thos Smith which were read & accepted

The Committee in the case of Philip Russell report they have had several conferences with him to some satisfaction and he having presented a paper expressing his sorrow for having attended a place of merrit & dancing & also at a hoivance Desiring friends to pass by his offence it was read & after consideration is accepted for satisfaction and Joseph Estes is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at our next meeting

The Committee in the case of William Smith report they have visited him but they discovered but little disposition to make friends satisfaction yet considering his youth the care is continued under the care of the same friends this to Belton such labour as they may think best & report at a future mo meeting & Joseph Howland is appointed to unite with them

A Removal certificate from Sandwich mo meeting dated 28th 3^{mo} in behalf of Cornelias King his wife Whitaba & daughter Sarah was read & accepted

also a certificate from the same monthly meeting 3^d of 2^d mo
in behalf of Benja Gifford placed an epistle to Ruben Swift which
was also read and accepted

A Removal certificate was presented from the Women meeting in
behalf of Lilla Wood wife of Chilion Wood directed to the monthly meeting
at Saratoga which being approved was signed by the Clerk
Chilion Woods two Children namely Charles and Chilion having
returned to live with their father a certificate was presented in their
behalf directed to Saratoga no meeting which being approved was
signed by the Clerk

Removal certificates were presented by the friends appointed in behalf
of Abiel Gifford his Wife Joanna and five Children namely Selis, Peter,
Jeremiah Abiel and Joanna -- also Wm Barker & his wife Deborah
and four Children namely James Hannah Mary & Anna all which
being approved were signed by the Clerk

This Meeting is informed that Job Lapham has returned to
live a Providence wherefore we appoint Tho^r Hazard and
Abraham Smith to inspect the case and if clear prepare a
certificate for him & Report next mo meeting

The North Representative meeting Inform that Zadock Maxfield
has fallen into the Reprehensible Sin of Fornication as appears
by his Wives having a Child so soon after marriage whereupon
we Deny Unity with him & Can no longer own him a member
of our Society untill he shall be favored with a stone of his
mischance and make Satisfaction to this meeting and
Abraham Smith & Joseph Austin are appointed to Inform
him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial and
report to next mo meeting

The time having Expired of the Overseers of the poor
therefore we appoint Edmund Maxfield Wm Wood Joseph Austin
Joshua Potter George Smith Lathan Wood Polyzilonum and Wm
Allen to that service for the year ensuing or untill another
appointment --- an Endowment was made upon the certificate
of Chilion Woods certifying that he hath conducted in a good degree
orderly while here which was approved & signed by the Clerk

Gideon Howland Informs that himself & Abiel Gifford in consequence of their
appointment have had an opportunity with Nathaniel Howland but he discovered
no disposition to make friends Satisfaction Wherefore we Deny Unity with him
and no longer consider him a member of our Society untill he shall
be favored to return to the Satisfaction of friends and Gideon Howland and
Zephaniah Eddy are appointed to Inform him thereof and prepare a Testimony
of his Denial & report next mo meeting

Leah Shearman Requests the Assistance of friends in the settlement
of her Affairs Abraham Smith and John Howland are appointed to give
her such advice and Assistance as may be Necessary

One of the Representatives Inform they all attended the Quarterly
meeting

George Harris a member of Providence no meeting having prop-
osed to lay his Intention of marriage with Martha Green but hand
being present as he lives at a distance this meeting adjourns to the
close of the meeting for Worship on 5th Day the third of next month
at Bedford

5th month of 3^d met by Adjournment at Bedford

George Harris and Martha Green presented a certificate from Providence
No Meeting dated 25th last mo expressing his Desires to proceed in marriage
with Martha Green and that he had consent of parents thereon
George Harris and Martha Green appear in this meeting and Declared
their Intentions of taking each other in marriage for our answer
they are referred to next mo meeting

By Information from Swarrey no meeting it appears that the Original
certificate respecting Hannah Bowditch and Children was omitted
being sent to that meeting with our last certificate & said certificates
being now present the Clerk is Desired to forward them to Swarrey
no meeting with a copy of this minute and report next mo meeting

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Duxmouth the
24th day of the 5th mo 1792

The Representatives from the preparative meeting were from the
South Joseph Sucker and Timothy Gifford from the north Wm
Gifford and Alex Smith all present

The friends appointed in the case of Nicholas Smith
Inform that they have not had an opportunity with him
since last mo meeting and Desire to Defend another mo
it is accordingly continued till next mo meeting under
their care then to report

The friends appointed report that they attended the marriage of Tho^s H^e and Judith H^eby and that it was orderly conducted and the certificate delivered to the Clerk for recording

Gideon Howland having been under appointment with Daniel Gifford to inspect the serenity of an Acknowledgment presented some time past by Samuel Barker now Reports that they had a solid opportunity with him together and he has visited him alone in which visits a good degree of satisfaction has appeared whereupon said Acknowledgment is accepted for satisfaction and Joseph Estes is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at sponageet meeting as follows

Dartmouth 19th - 5th mo 1792

Whereas I have so far been of my guard and Deviated from the good Rules of our Society as to go to a horse race some time ago which I am sorry for and do condemn Desiring friends to pass by my offence & Let me remain under your care & I hope to be Carefull in future from your friend Leamuel Barker

Joseph Estes Informs that Philip Russell's paper has been read as ordered and is as followeth

To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held 19th mo 1792

Whereas I have Inconsiderately Reported at an Entertainment above was musick & Dancing also attended a horse race all which misconduct I am sorry for and do condemn Desiring friends would pass it by and continue me under their care Desiring to be more Carefull in future from your friend Philip Russell
Dartmouth 19 - 3rd mo 1792

A Removal Certificate from Acowaset meeting dated 19th mo was received recommending to our Christian Care our friend Stephen Buffinton as an approved Minister Likewise his two Sons Joseph and Stephen lately removed here which was read & Accepted

The friends appointed in the case of Jobelapham Certificate not being ready to report one are Continued and to report next meeting

A Removal Certificate in behalf of John Barker & his two Sons Abraham & Sloum Directed to Saratoga meeting was presented by the Committee approved & signed by the Clerk

The friends appointed last meeting report they have Informed Zadock Mayhew of his Denial and produced Testimony thereof

thereof which being approved was signed by the Clerk and William Gifford is appointed to read it in the publick usual manner at Dartmouth & report next meeting

one of the Committee reports that Nathaniel Howland has been informed of his Denial and they have prepared a Testimony thereof which was approved and Wm. Anthony is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at Acowaset & report next meeting

This meeting concurs with the women's meeting in Denying unity with Patsche Chase Wife of Benjamin Chase for missing out of the Unity of friends

The Clerk Informs the Certificates respecting Hannah Boardish have been forwarded to Acowaset meeting as Directed

George Harris & Martha Greene appeared in this meeting Declared the Continuance of their Intention of marriage and nothing appearing to obstruct they are allowed to proceed to take each other in marriage according to good order and Ben. Fisher and John Howland are appointed to attend their marriage to see that it be orderly solemnized and report next meeting

The Committee in the case of Tho^s Russell Requesting an addition as one of the friends having since the appointment removed and we appoint Philips Trafford and Joseph Estes to join them therein

The women's meeting inform they have Received & Accepted a removal Certificate from Acowaset meeting in behalf of Sarah Buffinton wife of Stephen Buffinton & their Daughter Sarah with which this meeting concurs

We Unite with the Women's meeting in Denying unity with Patience Wilson wife of Stephen Wilson

The Committee who had the Care of the meeting in Alers Neck Report they attended them and all the meetings were kept up and attended in a good Degree Orderly

The Committee to receive Collections report they have received and paid to the Treasurers 4-13-9 the remainder of the Quarters Stock

George Smith 2nd Obediah Beard George Sandford Sam^l Gifford Barnabus Taber & Setho Russell are appointed to Receive subscriptions for the mo meeting book for following six months and pay it to the treasury and report the sum received & so paid each Quarter agreeable to our former appointment

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
18th 6^{mo} the 18th the 6^{mo} 1792

1792 The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the accounts presented are from the South Josiah Wood and Caleb Barker from the North John Howland & Tho. Mott all present

The Committee in the case of Nicholas Smith report that he concludes to continue in the practice of retailing Liquor notwithstanding the Labour that has been bestowed upon on that account yet this meeting feeling a concern that our testimony may be supported in a uniform manner the case is refer'd to next mo meeting

This meeting is informed that the Acknowledgment of Lemuel Barber - and the Testimonies of Denial of Zadock Maxfield Sr and Nathaniel Howland have all been read according to Direction & are as followeth

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 28th of 1792

Zadock Maxfield Sr having had a birthright among friends and under the care of this meeting but through unweariedness and inattention to the dictates of truth has so far departed from its chaste principle, as to fall into the reproachful sin of fornication as appears by his Wives having a Child so soon after marrying therefore for the clearing of truth & friends from such reproach we are concern'd to give this forth as a publick Testimony against such misconduct hereby disowning him from being a member of our religious Society untill he may be favour'd with a sight and sense of his misconduct and make satisfaction to this meeting which is our Desire

Signed in & by Direction of meet by Caleb Green Clerk

Whereas Nathaniel Howland having had a birthright among friends & under the care of this meeting but by not adhering to the Dictates of truth in his own heart hath so far Departed from our principals as to Neglect the attendance of Religious meetings and attended a place where was music and Dancing also is guilty of the sin of fornication as appears by his wives having a Child before marriage and friends having labour'd with him to convince him of the Evil tendency of such Conduct but our labour not Obtaining the Desir'd Effect to friends satisfaction therefore for the clearing truth & friends from the reproach thereof we are concern'd to give forth this as a Publick testimony against such unwarrantable Conduct hereby Denying Amity with the said Nathaniel Howland untill he shall be favour'd with a sight of his misconduct and by a Circumpect walking and an amendment of life make friends satisfaction and return to the way of truth which is our Desire

Signed in & on behalf of our mo meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 28th of 6^{mo} 1792 - Caleb Green Clerk

To the mo meeting of Dartmouth - Whereas I some time past went to place where there was music & Dancing & being there with I also had profane language all which I am very for & do condemn Desiring friends before to pass it by as to let me remain under their care hoping I shall be more Circumpect in future from your friend Ebenezer Allen

To the mo meeting to be held 16th of 1792
Dear friends this may inform you that I have given way to a loose and any mind so far as to go to horse races for which I am very for and do condemn hoping I may be more watchfull for the future & wish friends would pass it by & let me remain under their care this from your friend Benjⁿ Howland Smith

To the monthly meeting of Dartmouth
These are to Inform that I have so far deviated from the good order of friends as to attend a horse race as a spectator and after more deliberate Consideration the nature and Evil thereof all which I am sorry for and do condemn the same and Desire friends to pass it by & let me remain under their care

Signed Samuel Smith Senear
Dartm: 11 of the 1^{mo} 1792

A Removal Certificate in behalf of Job Lapham to Providence Monthly Meeting was presented by the friends appointed which being approved was signed by the Clerk

A removal Certificate in behalf of Susanah Barker wife of John Barker & their children namely Ben^l. Isaac & Deborah to Saratoga no meeting was read approved and signed by the Clerk

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of George Harris report they attended accordingly and discovered nothing but that said marriage was conducted orderly and the Certificate was Delivered to the Clerk

We Concur with the womens meeting in Denying Unity with Rebeca Center late Haden for marrying a first Cousin and also out of the order of our Society

The Committee in the case of W^m Smith report they have taken a bold opportunity with him & did not find him in a Disposition of mind to change his Conduct and make friends Satisfaction wherefore it is our Judgment that he be Disowned and no longer continue a member of our Society until he shall be fawored to return to friends Satisfaction and the same friends are appointed to inform him hereof Prop are a testimony of his Denial and lay before next mo meeting

The Quories were Read with answers from each preparative meeting together with answers Compi^d therefrom which general answers being approved & signed by the Clerk and forwrd to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are James Davis Tho^s. Wall & W^m Anthony & John Howland they to report next mo meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 16th the 4^{mo} 1792

7^{mo} 1792 The accounts from the Disparative meetings being presented the Representatives named are from the South Tho^s. Hicks and Timothy Howland North Abraham Smith & John Devoel are all present

The case of Nicholas Smith being again brought ²³² under Consideration and a friend informing that it is Nicholas Desire the matter should be refer^d a little longer and we being desirous that our testimony may be supported with Clearness & uniformity do again continue it under the care of the Committee who are Desir^d to visit him again and report next mo meeting

The friends appointed to Inform W^m Smith of his Denial report he is gone to sea & they have not inform^d him wherefore they are continued to that care and report when accomplished and they having produced a Testimony of his Denial which was approved & signed by the Clerk & W^m Anthony is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at apponiquisset

We are Inform^d that the Representatives all attended the Quarterly meeting and they presented an Extract from the minutes thereof Requiring us to forward our proposition of the yearly meeting & Quarterly me^{et} to the Quarterly meeting Treasurer viz yearly meeting 4-16-2 Quarterly meeting 3-17-2 total - 8-18-2 wherefore we appoint W^m Gifford Cornelius Wing Stephen Gifford Gideon Howland to open subscriptions therefor and report when collected

A Removal Certificate from Swansey mo meeting the 4th of 5^{mo} last in behalf of Deborah Smith was read and accepted

A Removal Certificate being presented from the womens meeting in behalf of Martha Harris directed to Providence mo meeting was read approved & signed by the Clerk

Lathan Wood inform^d he has Receiv^d on this meetings account six pounds Eleven shillings 2 of Gideon Howland being part of a Leaguy due to Mary Wing

The Overseers Inform through the South Preparative meeting that Irish Smith hath been treated with on account of his attending a horse race but did not appear

appear in a state of mind to Condemn the same whereupon we appoint Joseph Laster & Lathan Wood to Labour further with him to Endeavour to convince him of the Inconsistency of his misconduct and report to next mo meeting

The North Preparative meeting inform a Certificate is requested to the mo meeting of Swanzey in behalf of Edward Slade he being gone there to reside with a friend wherefore we appoint Joseph Tucker and Zephaniah Ledy to inquire into the case and if clear to prepare one Certificate and lay before next mo meeting

The Overseers Inform that John Russell son of Jacob has been beaten with on account of his Deviation from the plainness of our profession in Dress & address also for his having at times partaken too freely of Spirituous Liquors and Likewise on account of his being published in order for marriage out of the order of friends Wherefore we appoint Tho^s Howard J^r and Abraham Smith to Labour further with him and Endeavour to convince him of the Inconsistency of his misconduct and report to next mo meeting

Our friend Theophilus Shove having attended this meeting produced a copy of a minute of Swanzey mo meeting 7th of the 3^{mo} last Expressing their Unity with him as a minister and with their Unity with his Concern to visit the meetings within our Quarter which was read and his Company Acceptable to us

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
8^{mo} the 20th of 8^{mo} 1792
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The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the accounts presented are from the South Jon^s Wellbur and Stephen Gifford North Tho^s Rotch & Tho^s Smith all present

Wm Anthony Inform that the Testimony of Wm Smith Denial has been read as Directed & is as follows

Whereas William Smith having had a right of membership with friends but has much Departed from that simple

Simple plainness we profess both in Dress and Language and has been to a horse and friends having Labour'd with him in love in order to convince him of the Inconsistency of such conduct but our labour of love not having the desired effect to friends Satisfaction therefore we give this faith as a testimony against such conduct hereby publicly disowning him the said William Smith from being a member of our Society untill he shall manifest a Return to the ways of truth which is our Desire - Given forth and at our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 10th of 8^{mo} 1792
Sign'd in & by Direction & on behalf of mo meeting by
Caleb Green Clerk

The friends appointed in the case of Nicholas Smith report that he Discovers a Disposition to desert retailing Spirituous Liquors & Desires the matter may be Continued which also appearing necessary to the Committee the case is accordingly Continued under their Care to next mo meeting

A Certificate was presented in behalf of Edward Slade mo Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Swanzey was approved & signed by the Clerk

The Committee in the case of John Russell inform they have had a solid opportunity with him but he did not appear in a suitable state of mind to Condemn his misconduct and that he also inform'd them he Expected to many out of the order of friends Wherefore it is our judgment that he be Disown'd & no longer consider'd a member of our Society untill he shall be favour'd to see the Inconsistency of his misconduct and make friends Satisfaction and the same friends are appointed to Inform him thereof and prepare a Testimony of his Denial and lay before next mo meeting

The Select meeting having through the South preparative meeting inform'd that they had solemnly Consider'd the Publick appearance of Deborah Keck & Unanimously propos'd for our deliberation her being Recommended as an approved minister the Subject having been weigh'd before this meeting it is thought best to refer it for further Consideration to next mo meeting

The select meeting having through the South Preparative meeting inform that they had solidly considered of the publick appearance of Mr. Th. have and Unanimously proposed for the consideration of this meeting, her being Recommended as an approved minister the subject having been weightily before us is thought best to refer it for further consideration to next mo meeting

Elizabeth Howland wife of Tho. Howland Jr. Requests through the Preparative meeting that her sons Asa and Daniel may be admitted as members of our Society Joseph Estes and Timothy Pifford are appointed to visit the family and Endeavour to find the Suitableness thereof & report next mo meeting

A paper was presented to this meeting signed by Benja Russell^d condemning his misconduct in neglecting the due attendance of Religious meetings and purchasing goods taken in war & giving his sword therefor & Desiring to be received again under friends care whereupon we appoint Wm Anthony & Joseph Estes to visit him and Endeavour to find the state of his mind respecting these things & also such others as he has been in the practice of that are inconsistent with our profession & report to next mo meeting

Part of the Committee to receive Quarterly Subscriptions report they have received and paid to the treasurer £15.00 George Sandford one of the Committee not having reported his report is refer'd to next mo meeting

The Committee in the case of Tho. Russell report that they have received satisfactory information that Tho. Son is considered a member of Saratoga mo meeting and that having often treated with him they think it safe that his acknowledgement be accepted for satisfaction it is accordingly accepted

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
9^{mo} the 17th of 9th mo 1792
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By the accounts presented from the preparative meeting the representatives from the South were Zephaniah Pity & Benja Allen North Joseph Austin & Don Hart who being called were all present

It appearing clear to this meeting that Inconveniences and Embarrassments may attend proposals from the select meeting of friends under the consideration for Recommendation as ministers when more than one is proposed at the same time Therefore after solid deliberation with much Unanimity the two Cases brought forward to last mo meeting are with the Concurrence of the women's meeting refer'd back to the select for their further consideration

The friends appointed report that they have had a solid opportunity in Tho. Howlands family and in their sense & Judgment that their Children namely Asa & Daniel be admitted as members which being considered by this meeting they with the Concurrence of the women are admitted accordingly

The friends appointed report that they have had a solid opportunity with Benja Russell^d to good Degree of Satisfaction and that it may be safe to receive his paper for Satisfaction which being considered by this meeting its Receipt accordingly and the friends are appointed to see it read in the usual publick manner inform him thereof & report next mo meeting said paper is as followeth

George Sandford reports he has received and paid into the treasury twelve Shillings in consequence of his appointment

Asa Smith and Meribah Russell appeared in this meeting & Declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage also produced Consent of parents whereupon we appoint Josiah Astin & Thomas Hazard and Jo. to inspect Asa's Cleanness respecting marriage & Conversation & report next mo meeting

This meeting Adjourns by the Request of the Quarterly meet Committee to second day, the first day of the 10^{mo} at the usual hour

So mo of 5th Met by Adjournment
the Representatives all present -- the Quaries were read with the Answers from each preparative meeting together with the Answers compiled therefrom for the mo meeting an account thereof with them is directed forward to Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Benja Tisher Tho. Hicks & Joseph Tisher they to report next mo meeting

The friends in Sarah Smiths case report that they have had another opportunity with him to some Satisfaction and think it safe to receive this paper for Satisfaction having made the necessary addition which being read & considered it is

received accordingly for satisfaction and says that is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner & report next mo meeting

one of the Committee in Nicholas Smith's case report that they have had another opportunity with him attend thereto. the nothing being received from him, and as he is in the Smallpox the case is deferred to next mo meeting under the same friends care

The friend appointed produced a Testimony of the Denial of John Russell (son of Jacob) which they Inform him of and said Testimony was read approved & signed by the Clerk and Wm Anthony is appointed to read the same in the usual publick manner at a foregather and report next mo meeting - said Testimony is as follows

Whereas John Russell son of Jacob Deceased having a birthright in our Society but by not adhering to the pure principles of light and truth in his own heart or mind hath departed from the purity of our profession by partaking at times too freely of spirituous Liquors and wholly departed from the simplicity of our manners in dress and address, Likewise Contracting to marry contrary to our wholesome order for all which he has been labouring with in the spirit of meekness and brotherly love, but without the desired effect wherefore for the clearing of truth & to testify our disapprobation of such conduct we disown him from any longer having a right in our Society unless he may be favoured to experience a reformation of heart & return in the way of truth to the satisfaction of friends which is our unfeigned desire Given forth by our mo meeting of friends held in Dartmouth by Adjournment the 5th day of 10 mo 1792 signed in & by direction of said meeting by -
Caleb Green Clerk

10 mo At our Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 15 of 10 mo 1792

The Representatives from the preparative meeting by the accounts presented are from the South Zephaniah Eddy and Jonathan Willbur North Benjⁿ Taber & Josiah Potter who being called are all present

The Committee in case of Benjⁿ Russell acknowledge report that it's been read and he is informed according to appointment

The friends to support the Council of Na Smith respecting marriage report they made the necessary Enquiry and give

nothing to obstruct his proceeding

Na Smith and Meribah Russell appeared in this meeting and declared the continuation of their intention of marriage and desiring our provision the necessary care having been taken they are allowed to proceed to take each other in marriage according to our order and Schmdvor and Wm Rotch Jr are appointed to attend their marriage to see that it be orderly solemnized & report next mo meeting

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended and the following extracts from the minutes of that meeting was laid before this meeting (viz) -

The Committee appointed to visit Dartmouth mo meeting report that they have weightily considered the subject of dividing that meeting and think it best that the friends of New Bedford particular meeting be set off & constitute a new mo meeting which with the concurrence of the Womons meeting is accepted and the Division concluded upon to take place after our next Quarterly meeting & Paul Wing Russell Braly & John Mather are appointed to confer with Dartmouth mo meeting respecting the line of Division as also a suitable time for the holding said meeting and report to our next Quarterly meeting
Extracted from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at Dartmouth the 5th day of 10 mo 1792

William Rotch Jr Clerk

And Wm Anthony Luthon Wood Jonathan Taber Green John Deool & Wm Rotch Jr are appointed to consider of a suitable time to ^{hold} New Bedford mo meeting also respecting the line of Division between this & that meeting and report to next mo meeting

Joseph Estes not having read Sirch Smiths paper he is continued to that service & to report next mee meeting

With the friends in Nicholas Smiths case not having had an opportunity with him they are continued in their appointment & to report next mee meeting

W^m Anthony informs he has read the Testimony of John Russell Denial according to Direction

At our Monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
11^{mo} the 1th mo 1792
1792

The Representatives by the accounts reported from the Reparative meetings are from the South Two Hicks and George Smith North John Tucker & One Hazard all present

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Ava Smith and Moriah Russell report that he attended it and that it was conducted in an orderly manner the certificate delivered to the clerk for Recording the other friend gave a satisfactory reason for his not attending

Joseph Estes reports that Sirch Smiths paper of acknowledgment has been read as Directed & is followeth

To the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth

Whereas I have so far disregarded the good Rules of friends as to attend a Horse race some time ago, and being now sensible of the Evil thereof I am sorry for so doing and do hereby condemn the same Desiring friends would pass by my offence and consider me under their care and desire to be more careful in future
Dartmouth 17th mo 1792 Sirach Smith

The friends appointed to Confer of a time for holding the monthly meeting of New Bedford and its bounds report as followeth

We the Committee of Dartmouth & New Bedford mee meetings appointed to have met and attended to the subject and propose the following be the bounding line of said meeting (viz) beginning at the South East Corner of the land formerly belonging to Jonathan Tucker on the West side of Clarke or Shermans Cove from thence in a straight line till it goes to the Southward of John Howlands farm house including said house within the bounds thence in a straight line to the northward till it comes to the of Edmund Haskells house including said house to the Eastward thence Northerly to Vethowes Mill Sawmill and from thence North to the town line of freedom - And that time of holding said monthly meeting at New Bedford be the third Day after the 3^d second day in each month at the close of a meeting for worship to begin at the 8th hour
Dartm^o 11^{mo} 1792

Signed on behalf of the Committee by
H^m Ketch^{er}
Rhoda Tucker

which is accepted and the Quarterly meetings Committee being present Express their approbation & unity with the Report

The friends appointed in the case of Nicholas Smith report that they have visited him sundry times & Discharged their duty toward him yet he doth not appear fully willing to condemn the whole of his Transgressions and continues retailing spiritous liquors where upon this meeting is constrained to deny unity with him and can no longer acknowledge him of member and John Howland & John Devoe are appointed to inform him & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & report next mee meeting

Gideon Howland report that W^m Smith has been informed of his Denial as Directed

The Sermons were read with the Answers from the preparative meetings and Answers from them for this meeting an account was made to the Quarterly meeting which with the Answer to the Sermons was forwarded to vote by our Representatives Jonathan Hart Caleb Green & George Smith who are to report next mo meeting

Wm Gifford Informed he has received and paid to our Treasurer 7/6 Balance Collected after paying this meeting proportion of the yearly meeting & Quarterly Stock

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
12^{mo} the 17th of 12^{mo} 1792
1792

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Preparative meetings are from the South Jonathan Willbur & Timothy Gifford North John Howland and Elnu Sloper all present

The friends appointed in the case of Nicholas Smiths Denial report they have Informed him thereof & presented a testimony of his Denial which being read & approved was signed by the Clerk and Wm Gifford is appointed to read it in the publick Usual manner at Newtown & report next mo meeting Said testimony is as followeth

Nicholas Smith of Dartmouth having had a birthright of membershipe among us but for want of more closely adhering to the dictates of truth in his own heart has departed from our well known & fixed principals in attending a place of military Service also a marriage out of our order & a horour as a spectator all which we have labored to convince him of the Incon- istancy of but he not being sufficiently sensible of his transgressionable he able to condemn them to our satisfaction and he being also in the practice of Dealing in spiritous liquors contrary to our Discipline which he inclines to continue in & we have bestowed much labour to reclaim him from that practice also but without the desired effect Therefore for the support of our Religious Testimony and the clearing of truth we are under a Necessity to deny Unity with him the D^r Nicholas Smith and can no longer own him as a member amongst us but it is still our Desire that he may yet be convinced of his out going & return to the way of truth

Given forth at our mo meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 17th the 12^{mo} 1792 and signed on behalf of the meeting by
Caleb Green Clerk

This meeting concurs with the women meeting in Denying Unity with Amy Slocum Daughter of Deley Slocum

A Request was received through the South preparative meeting from friends in Altemuch for liberty to hold a meeting for Worship in that Neighbourhood under the care of a Committee from this meeting after Solid Consideration they are allowed to hold meetings for Worship on first & fifth days Except the fifth days of those weeks in which the monthly & Preparative meetings may be held untill our mo meeting in the forth mo unless found necessary to be discontinued by our Committee at the following places (viz) one month at Elijah Giffords one month at Susanah Allen one month at Deley Slocums and the remaining time at Timothy Giffords under the care of the following friends Timothy Gifford Joseph Tucker Thos Hicks Deley Slocum & Lathan Wood they to report when their Service shall be accomplished

Deborah Howland having requested through the South preparative meeting that her son Deley Slocum Howland should be received as a member of our Society which having been under Consideration of a Committee from the preparative meeting & who were well satisfied therein he is therefore received accordingly

Lathan Wood Informs he has received on this meetings acco. of the Committee appointed to receive Subscriptions 2-7-12

The Representatives inform they all attended the Quarterly meeting from which meeting the following Extracts was presented

George Brownel Almy and Elisabeth Tucker appear in this meeting and Declare their Intentions of taking each other in marriage having produced Consent of parents and Joseph Tucker and Zephaniah Eddy are appointed to Inspect said Almy Cleanes respecting marriage & Conversation and report next mo meeting

As the Monthly meeting of New Bedford is to begin or Commence tomorrow we appoint Wm Gifford Wm Anthony Joshua Potter Joseph Tucker Tho. Mott & Joseph Estes to attend the Establishment of that meeting and whenever that meeting may appoint a Committee to join them to Consult together and agree upon the statement of all accounts that may respect the two meetings the Division of outward property & also respecting the poor of society belonging to this meeting and report to this meeting when accomplished

We Concur with the womens meeting in accepting the acknowledgment of Hannah Tripp for marrying out of the order of friends

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 25th the 1^{mo} 1798

The Representatives are Timothy Gifford and Philip Trafford both present

Joseph Estes is appointed Clerk for the year ensuing or till Another appointment & Wm Gifford to assist him

Wm Gifford reports that the Testimony of Nicholas Smiths Denial was read as Directed and is as follows (said Denial recorded page 241)

The friends to Inspect George B. Almy Cleanes respecting marriage & Conversation report they have attended thereto and find nothing to hinder them from proceeding

George B. Almy and Elisabeth Tucker appear in this meeting and Declare their continuation of Intention of marriage & nothing appearing to hinder them from proceeding to take each other in marriage they Advise with those that are appointed to see & manage orderly solemnized who are Joseph Tucker & Zephaniah Eddy they to report next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to join with a Committee from New Bedford mo meeting to make an Equitable settlement between the two meetings reported which is referd to next mo meeting for Consideration

The Committee in the case of Benjaⁿ Howland's report they have had several solid opportunities with him to some satisfaction and with the womens (anurasse) do receive his acknowledgment for Satisfaction & Joseph Estes is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner & report next mo meeting

A Request through the preparative meeting from friends a Northern to hold a preparative meeting there was read & considered we therefore appoint Joseph Tucker Joseph Barker Tho. Hicks Wm Anthony Saml Smith Benjaⁿ Allen Jonathan Willson & Timothy Gifford to visit that meeting set with them and endeavour to find their strength & the consistency of their holding a preparative meeting and report their sense & Judgment next mo meeting also to consider and agree upon a line of Disfion and time of holding said meeting if they think best

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the
2nd 18th the 2nd mo 1793

The Representatives from the preparative are (aleb Boker and
Timothy Howland both present

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of George B. Almy
& Elizabeth Tucker report they attended there to and did not
discover but that said marriage was orderly conducted

The Report of the Committee Respecting the settlement between
the two mo meetings coming again under consideration and
after being considered we concluded again to defer the matter
to next mo meeting

Joseph Laster reports that Benjⁿ Howland's paper has not
been read he is continued to read it's report next mo meeting

An Extract from the minutes of the meeting for suffering
was read respecting the publication of a Treatise wrote by
our friend Job Scott intitled the Baptism of Christ or
Gospel ordinances &c Requesting our subscriptions
in freedom, We therefore appoint Luthon Wood and
Wm Gifford to receive such subscriptions as may be hand
to them who are to report next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to attend the meeting of friend
at Newtown respecting holding a preparative meeting
there report as followeth

According to appointment of last mo meeting several of us have attended
the meeting at Newtown and had a conference with the friends there on the
subject of their holding Request of to have a preparative meeting had there
and they continuing of the same mind & we having taken the matter
into serious consideration and the Committees attending it are of opinion
it may be best to grant their request for them to hold a preparative
of men & women friends and that it be held on their usual meeting
day on fifth day next after our preparative & that it be denominated
the North preparative meeting & of course that ours be called the South
and that the boundaries between them be as usually heretofore and extend
easterly so far only as to meet the line of Bedford mo meeting all which we
is submitted to y^e mo meeting

the 18th the 2nd mo 1793 Sign^d in behalf of y^e Com^{tee} Thomas Hicks
Northa Smith

Luthon Wood Reports that he has Received 2-10 of one of
former Committee

Elizabeth Russell Requests the assistance of friends in
order to recover her right of Dowry whereupon we appoint
Wm Wood Samuel Smith Wm Gifford to afford her such
assistance as may be necessary & report the circumstances
thereof at next monthly meeting

it appearing Necessary that an audit of accounts be
appointed Wherefore Tho^s Russell Jonathan Willbur
and George Smith are appointed accordingly for the
year ensuing or till others be appointed they to settle
with the Treasurer and report next mo meeting

A new appointment of Overseers being Necessary but
the meeting being small it is Defer'd to next monthly
meeting

At a Monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
the 18th of 3rd mo 1793

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are
from the South Zephaniah Ledy & Luthon Wood from the
North Tho^s North & Elisha Stegler all present

The matter respecting the Division between this and Bedford no meeting coming again before this meeting it is concluded that this meeting accept the report it is accepted accordingly and is as followeth

We the Committee of Dartmouth & New Bedford no meetings appointed for the purpose of settling & adjusting all accounts against & between D^s meetings & dividing the said meetings poor - Agree that New Bedford no meeting take and maintain the said King as their proportion of that meetings poor & to have such Clothing and household furniture as she may have & that that no meeting pay all arrearages for building the meeting house at Bedford - and also agree that all the remaining poor be maintained by Dartmouth no meeting and that D^s meeting pay all arrearages for building the meetinghouse in open against also pay all the meetings debts and to be entitled to all debts due to D^s no meeting together with all the money in the treasury and all the books belonging to D^s no meeting Except Eight Bachelors Catechisms and one set of Pistols promoted which are to belong & be the property of New Bedford no meeting likewise what money may be in Sarah Woods hands heretofore appropriated for building the meeting house at Bedford

Dartmouth 8th mo 1793

Seth Russell
Wm Anthony
Joseph Tucker
John Howland
Thos Mott
Joseph Potter
Joseph Eastes
Abraham Spaulth
Wm Gifford
Thos Hazard Jun

our Esteemed friend Elisha Thornton attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Smiths monthly meeting dated 25th of June 1793 Expressing their Unity with him in his religious life to friends in Sandwich Quarter whos company & service has been to our comfort and Edification

our Esteemed friend Benideck Arnold attended this meet with a copy of a minute from Uxbridge no meeting dated 5 day of 2nd mo 1793 Expressing their Unity with him his accompanying our friend Elisha Thornton in his religious life whose company & service has been truly acceptable to us

Joseph Estes reports the Acknowledgment of Benj^l Howland^{3rd} 248
has been read as Directed & is as followeth

To the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth

Beloved friends these are to Inform that some time past I do for departed from the professiond bar as to fall into a bodely strife with Ebenezer Tucket & Thomas Brownell which Reproachfull conduct I do hereby condema and am sorry for and desire to take the scandall thereof to my self & would hereby clear friends & the truth from the same Deferring through Divine Assistance to be more walkthfull in future from your friend
this 6 day of 11th mo 1792
Benj^l Howland 3rd

The friends appointed to collect Subscriptions for Rob Scotts treatises upon Baptism &c report they have 27 and they are continued for further Subscriptions & to report next no meeting

the Committee appointed to assist Elizabeth Russell report they are not ready to make a Conclusive report they are continued in that service & to report next no meeting

our audit reports they have not settled with the breapungly reason the former minutes being at Bedford the are continued to settle with him & report next no meeting

The appointing Overseers coming under Consideration wherupon John Devol Thos Mott Timothy Gifford Wm Anthony Jon^e Hart Jonathan Willbur & Sator Wood are appointed for the year Enjuing or untill another appointment

The Queries were read and Answers from the preparatives from which general Answers wer compiled to be forward to the Quarterly meeting with an account from this meeting by our Representatives who are Wm Gifford Zephaniah Eddy & Stephen Buffinton they to report next no meeting

The South Preparative meeting Inform that Benj^r Howland of 3^d Requests a removal Certificate for himself and family to the me meeting of Saratoga whereupon we appoint Stephen Gifford & Eli^h Hicks to make the necessary inquiry and if nothing appears to hinder to prepare one and present to next me meeting

Noah Lapham and Rachel Russell appear in this meeting and declare their intentions of taking each other in marriage having consent of parents whereupon we appoint Jonathan Willbur and Luther Wood to make the necessary inquiry into Noah's ^{clearness} respecting marriage and conversation & report next me meeting

we have information through the South preparative meeting that Joseph Shepherd son of John has gone to live with a friend within the compass of Westborough me meeting and requests a Certificate Benj^r Allen and Caleb Barker are appointed to prepare one & forward to to next me meeting

we are likewise informd that W^m Allen requests a removal Certificate to the me meeting of Saratoga Deley Wood and Smooth are appointed to make the necessary inquiry & if clear to present one to next me meeting

a Complaint thro the North preparative meeting in writing against Benj^r Rider Jun^r Expressing his being guilty of associating himself in unprofitable company & gaming at cards & using profane language which he has been labourd with by the Overseer & not Repairing therefrom therefore Joshua Potter Eld^r Mather and Jos^h Mott are appointed to treat further and Endeavour to convince him of his errors and report next me meeting

Apr 20 At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
1793 the 15th of Apr 1793

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Samuel Smith & Joseph Tucker from the North W^m Wood and W^m Tripp all present

The Clerk being absent by reason of sickness W^m Anthony is appointed Clerk for the day

The Committee to Collect ^{Subscriptions} for the South Baptisms &c report they received nine more since last month which makes 36 in all and this meeting concludes to take 9 more which makes 45 and the Clerk is to forward an account to the meeting for Sufferings as soon as may be

The Committee in the case of Elisabeth Russell report they have attended thereto & think more care is needed therefore they are continued in that case and to report to a later meeting when they have accomplish'd their service

The audit of accounts report they have not settled with the Treasurer therefore they are continued in that matter and to report next me meeting

The Report to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended

the Committee in the case of Benj^r Howland's Certificate report they have attended to that matter but are not ready to make a conclusive report they are continued in that matter and to report next me meeting

a Certificate from the womens meeting on behalf of Patience Shephard to the me meeting of Westborough was sign'd by the Clerk likewise a Certificate for Mary Howland wife of Benj^r Howland & their children namely Sileny Humphrey Martha Mary & Harmony to the me meeting at Saratoga was sign'd by the Clerk as they have gone thro to live

The friends to Inquire into Noah Lapham's ^{clearness} respecting marriage report they find nothing to hinder their proceeding

Noah Lapham & Rachel Russell appear in this meeting and signify the continuation of their intention of marriage with each other and Depr^r our advice which was they might proceed to take each other in marriage in some convenient time before next me meeting advising with the friends appointed to see their marriage orderly solemnized who are Jonathan Willbur and Luther Wood to see the marriage orderly solemnized and report next me meeting

Two of the Committee in the case of Benj^r Rider Jun^r Inform that they had several opportunities with him but was not ready to make a conclusive report they are therefore continued to labour further with him & report next me meeting

This meeting was informed that Job Chase son of Benj^r was gone to live at Nantucket or make some stay therefore we appoint Joseph Tucker & John Nash early to take the necessary care & if they find things clear to draught a certificate and present to next meeting a certificate in behalf of Joseph Shephard son of John to the next meeting of Epiphany signifying he was gone there to live with a friend as an apprentice

5mo At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 20th 5mo 1793
1793 the Representatives named from the preparative meetings are from the South Luther Wood & Benjamin Allen North Joshua Parker and Joseph Gifford all present

The Committee appointed to collect Subscriptions for 100 Books Treatise on Baptism & Report they have collected thirty six and this meeting concluded to take nine more which makes 45 which are directed to be forwarded to the meeting for offerings together with the money, by Joseph Tucker he to make report next meeting

The Audit of accounts report they have settled with our Treasurers as followeth (viz)

We the Committee to settle and Balance accounts have settled with the Treasurer and after paying all orders that is allowed by the Audit, there remains a Balance in the Treasury of £1-6-3 1/2 Dartmouth 15th 5mo 1793

Jonathan Wilbur
George Smith
Thos. Russell

The Committee in the case of Benja Howland 3^d report they have had no opportunity with him by reason of his being gone away they are therefore continued to make report when they have accomplished the matter or called upon by this meeting

The friends appointed to have the care of Noah Laphams and Rachel Russell marriage reported that it was orderly conducted and their Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording

Two of the Committee in the case of Benja Rider Junior Report they have had an opportunity with him but received no satisfaction but as one of the Committee was absent & it appearing that several friends were willing to have an opportunity with him it is therefore deferred to next meeting when they to report

A Complaint was received through the South preparative meeting ²⁵² against Jonathan Howland for his much neglected the attendance of Religious meetings also for partaking too freely of spiritous liquors and the Overseers had treated with him on those accounts but found no Real Satisfaction we therefore appoint Deley Sloum George Smith & Philip Scapord to take a bold opportunity with him & endeavour to convince him of the evil of such conduct and report at next monthly meeting

A Certificate in behalf of Job Chase Directed to Nantucket next meeting was signed by the Clerk

The friends appointed in the case of William Briggs report they have had an opportunity with him but found but little satisfaction to wait longer yet considering him very weak therefore continue it to a future meeting under the same friends care with Stephen Gifford added to them

George Smith and Joseph Easter are appointed to have the care of John Howlands case and make report at next meeting

The North preparative meeting informs that their meeting house needs repairing we therefore appoint Thos. Russell Wm Anthony Samuel Smith John Deol Jonathan Hart & William Gifford to examine said House and report next meeting what they think necessary to be done to said house

6mo At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 17th 6mo 1793
1793 the Representatives named from the preparative meetings are from the South Deley Sloum & Timothy Gifford Howland, North Jonathan Hart and John Tucker all present except Deley Sloum

A Complaint was presented through the South preparative meeting against Ebenezer Allen for marrying but from among friends & neglecting to attend our religious meetings & the Overseers inform they have treated with him therefor but received not much satisfaction. We therefore appoint Benj^r Allen & J. Tucker to take a bold opportunity with him and endeavour to convince him of his error and report next meeting

A Complaint against John Ledy for partaking too freely of spiritous liquors the Overseers having treated with him but did not discover a disposition to condone it we therefore appoint Joseph Gifford and Timothy Howland to take an opportunity with him in order to discover or convince him of the evil of such conduct and make report next meeting

This meeting Adjourns to the 24th instant after a meeting for Worship 24 day meet by adjournment - the representatives being called all present

Joseph Tucker reports that the books subscribed for were not ready he is continued to have the care thereof and report when ready

The Committee in the case of Benjamin Rider ^{Esq} report that they have all had an opportunity with him and Received no Satisfaction therefore agreeing upon sufficient fear of any further Labour with him to Disown him from being any longer a member of our Society and Jonathan Hart Estlin Parker are appointed to Inform him thereof Prepare a Testimony of his Denial and bring to next meeting

Two of the Committee in the case of Jonathan Howland report they have taken an opportunity with him but did not find in him any Disposition to make Satisfaction but as one of the committee did not attend they are continued and William Gifford is aded with them and they to report next meeting

The friends in the case of John Howland report that he was gone to sea they are continued to the care thereof and report when ready or call upon by this meeting

The Committee appointed to Examine the meeting house at Newtown report nothing had been done they are continued in their appointment and to report at next meeting

It appearing necessary that money be raised for the Use of Society we therefore appoint William Gifford Jonathan William Jonathan Hart Caleb Barker John Devol John Tucker Gibson Howland & William Anthony to Consider what way may be best for this meeting to adopt for that purpose and report the mode they shall think advisable at next meeting

The Queries and Answers were read and after some Necessary remarks were made said Answers are forwarded together with an Account from this meeting to the Quarterly by our Representatives who are George Smith William Anthony and Benjamin Chase they to report next meeting

Our Esteem'd friend Elias Hink attended this meeting with his Certificate from the meeting of Jerico on Longland dated 19th of 4^{mo} 1793 with a Consenting Certificate from the Quarterly meeting at Newyork 25th of 4^{mo} whose Company and Labours of Love hath been to our Edification and Comfort also our own Beloved friend James Mott attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from the Purchase meeting in the State of Newyork held 3rd of 5^{mo} 1793

Also our Beloved friend Stephen Mendinghall attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Concord meeting dated 5 of 6^{mo} 1793 Expressing their unity with their religious wjct to these parts whose Company is truly acceptable to us

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 15th of 4^{mo} 1793
The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Jonathan Wellous & Luther Wood North the North Joshua Potter all present

The friends in the case of Ebenezer Allen ^d report they had a Solid Conference with him and Desire said matter refer'd in order to Discover his Sincerity it is therefore continued under their care they to report next meeting

The Committee in the case of John Edby Report they had an opportunity with him to some degree of Satisfaction and produced a paper from him Condemning his partaking of spiritous liquors to decess Desiring friends to pass by his offense but not being to full Satisfaction the matter is continued under the care of Joseph Gifford & Wm Hinks for a further proof of his Sincerity they to report next meeting

The friends in the case of Benja Rider ^{Esq} Report they have Inform'd him of his Denial and produced a Testimony of his Denial which was sign'd by the Clerk and Wm Gifford is appointed to read it in ^{the} usual Publick manner ^{at Newtown} report next meeting
Said Testimony is as followeth

Whereas Benja Rider ^{Esq} hath had a birthright in our Society but hath so far departed from the truth as to be in the practice of gaming at cards also uses profane Language at times and friends having laboured with him from time to time to bring him of the Evil of such conduct but our labour hath not had the desired Effect therefore we give this forth as a Testimony against such conduct and do hereby disown him from being a member of our Society until he shall by true Repentance and Amendment of life make Satisfaction to this meeting which is our Desire given forth by our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of the 4^{mo} 1793 — Joseph Easta Clerk

The friends appointed to treat with Jonathan Howland report they have had an opportunity with him but found no Satisfaction but one of the committee inform'd that he Desir'd the matter continued a little longer therefore its continued to next meeting under the same friends care then they to report

The Committee to Examine the meeting house at Newtown report they allow thereof and proposed to change the house & glass the windows &c the cost thereof they computed to be £15-0 therefore we appoint

Josh Deool William Gifford Joseph Potter & Gideon Howland to undertake the repairing of said house accordingly and take in subscriptions for the same and make report to this meeting when accomplished

The Committee appointed to consider of some proper mode for raising money by this meeting made report as follows according to appointment we have mett and considered of the matter respecting raising money for the benefit of this meeting and think it would be beneficial for a Committee to be appointed to make out each of our propositions in their Judgment to a sum necessary to be raised signed in behalf of Commit. Wm Gifford 11th moe 1793

Which is Accepted - And Jonathan Wilbur Lathan Wood Samuel Smith Benjamin Allen John Tucker Caleb Barker William Gifford Joseph Potter & Tho. Nott are appointed to make out an Estimate to every friend of his proposition of money to be raised as near as they can in their Judgment & to call upon each member to subscribe his name to the sum proportioned by said Committee if the sum be agreeable if not they are at liberty to lessen or raise the same to their freedom

The Representatives report that two of them attended the Quarterly meeting George Smith excused an excuse for non attendance which is accepted by this meeting

Tho. Hicks Samuel Smith Gideon Howland who were appointed in the 5^{mo} last to communicate a matter with a paper signed by the Clerk to the Yearly meeting in behalf of this meeting respecting the place of holding our Quarterly meeting in 18^{mo} being called upon last moe. Now make report that they all attended and presented said paper to the Committee which was favourably accepted the business being gone thro we Adjourn & Conclude to mett at the usual time next month

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 19th moe 1793 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Josiah Wood & Caleb Barker North John & Hartland John & Joseph all present

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The friends appointed to the care of Ebenezer Adams case reported that they have had another opportunity with him & find the state of his mind not much differing from the report last moe meeting and after being conversed by this meeting we again defer Dease under the care of the same friends with Benj. Smith added to them & they to report next moe meeting

Tho. Hicks reports that he & Joseph Gifford had a 3^d opportunity with John Ledy and Endeavour to obtain such labour as the case required and think it best to defer the matter therefore it is continued & Joseph Tucker is added to them they to report next moe meeting

This meeting is Directed in the Extracts from the 2^d meeting minutes to have the attention in the 3^d Query as contained in the Extracts from the Yearly meeting minutes Entard in our book of Discipline we therefore appoint Wm Gifford Joseph Easton to see that it be done accordingly and report next moe meeting

This meeting is also Directed to forward £6-8-2^d our proportion of the yearly meeting stock to the Treasurer which is Accepted

Received Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meeting of London Philadelphia Longfield and Rhode Island which were read to satisfaction

In our last yearly meeting Epistle the following Clause is contained

Notwithstanding Dear friends in our Epistle of 1791 We earnestly recommended a due attention to that Class of friends who in the course of providence are not blessed with the outward comforts of life. A renewed concern hath possessed the minds of friends that an additional care may be Extended in such meetings where there has not been a full compliance with the Recommendation respecting them, and particularly that they be all supplied with the Holy Scriptures & such other books as may be adapted to their particular circumstances, and as there were ways pointed out for supplying the Indigent with books suited to their promotion of piety & virtue among them (viz) Where moe meetings might not be able to supply their want without the expense of them being too similarly felt, by such moe meetings applying to the meeting for supplying for their aid & assistance to be supplied out of this meeting's stock, such meeting as remains indifferent to a request in this report will be left without excuse & in order that this meeting may be relieved herein we again advise to the appointing of Committees for this purpose and request an account to the next Yearly meeting of the progress therein Signed by Direction & in behalf of the moe by Wm Peter Clerk to the meeting

We therefore appoint William Anthony Lathan Wood John Tucker & Gideon Gifford to make the necessary inspection among the members of this meeting according to the Contents of the foregoing (laws and report to this meeting whe accomplished

The friends appointed to have the Care of the matting in Allens neck Repor as followeth in writing which is accepted

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held in Dartmouth 9th of 8^{mo} 1793

We your Committee appointed to have the Care of the meeting held in Allens neck the preceeding Winter report we have Answered our appointment and as far as we have Discoverd said meetings were Conducted in a good degree orderly to our Satisfaction
Peggy Storum } in behalf
Hannah Wood } of the Committee
Sulhas attended

Wm Gifford reports that the Testimony of Denial of Benj. Ruderger was read as Directed

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Howland report that have had another opportunity with him & found him a little Different minded from what appeard the month before therefore it is again continued to next mo meeting under the care of the same friend then they to report

The friends appointed to raise money report they have attended thereto but not gone thro' they are continued to that service & to report next mo meeting

Samuel Smith Joseph Easte, George Smith^{2d} are appointed to settle with Gideon Howland Respecting the Estate of Mary Wing left in his hands and report next mo meeting the business being Accomplishd we conclude and Adjourn to the usual time next mo

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 9^{mo} 1793. The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South Joseph Tucker & Gideon Howland North John Tucker & John Russell all present

The Queries and Answers were read & after some amendment said Answers are Directed to be forwarded by our Representatives the Quarterly Meeting Who are Jonathan Hart Lathan Wood Joseph Tucker & Benjⁿ. Smith they to report next mo meeting

The friends appointed in the case of Ebenezer Allen^{2d} Repott they have had another opportunity with him find him weak and desire it referd it is referd accordingly under their care they to report next mo meeting

The Committee in the case of John Eddy report they have a suitable opportunity with him to some satisfaction but he not being fully willing to reform in his dress it is referd to next mo meeting under their care there to report

The Committee to make the alteration in the Quary Report its not fully accomlished they are continued to compleat it & report next mo meeting

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Howland report they have had no opportunity with him they are continued in that case & to report next mo meeting

This meeting feeling a concern that an Additional care was Necessary in respect to labousing with the Disorderly members amongst us, in order that the Deviations may be removed, Especially in attending our Religious meet- and on account of plainness and after cold consideration we conclude to appoint a Committee to visit the overseers in this weighty concern to do their Endeavours as truth may direct to the removing of those Defects from amongst us, but this meeting having set long it is Deferrd to next mo meeting

The friends appointed to settle with Gideon Howland report as followeth which is accepted

Agreable to appointment of y^e mo meeting. We have Inpact into the Settlement of Mary Wings Estate and find that Gideon Howland who Redoubtful on the same hath sold in the Grobats & find in his hand on her Estate as allowed by the Judge of sum of 5-15-3 which we approve as final Settlement Samuel Smith Joseph Easte George Smith
Dart. 9^{mo} 12th 1793

our Esteemed Friend Ashtu Hall with a Certificate from the meeting of Saratoga dated 18th of the 4th mo 1793 also a Certificate one from the Quarterly meeting held at Nine Partners 15th mo 1793 also Lebulon Koxie with a Certificate from Saratoga meeting dated 18th 19th days 7^{mo} 1793 attended this meeting whose Company and Service hath been very acceptable to us

This meeting is inform'd through the North preparative meeting that Abner Shepherds hath removed within the compass New Bedford for no meeting & Desires a Certificate to that meeting we therefore appoint John Willmer & Wm Gifford to take the necessary Care & if they find no objection to prepare one and bring to next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to raise money continued from last mo report they had not fully accomplish'd it they are continued to Endeavour to accomplish'd business & to report next mo meeting it appearing necessary that some hay be provided for the Quarterly meeting therefore we appoint Caleb Barker George Sandford & George Smith 2^d to take the necessary Care in that matter & Report next mo meeting the business being accomplish'd we conclude & Adjourn to the usual time next mo.

10 mo 1793

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 25th of 10^{mo} 1793

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Josiah Wood & Philip Trapp North Tho^s Mott and William Tripp being called all present

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they all attended Except Benjⁿ Smith whose Excuse was accepted by this meeting

The friends appointed in the case of Ebenezer Allen report they have had ~~a~~ rather opportunity with him therefore its refer'd to next mo meeting under their Care than they to report

The friends appointed in the case of John Eddy not being ready to report Desires it continued therefore its Deferr'd to next mo meeting they then to report

The Committee in the case of John Howland have been long delay'd on account of his Absence now report they find nothing to hinder his acknowledgment being accepted and heard being present it is accepted by this meeting and Joseph Eastes is appointed to see that it be read in the usual publick manner & report next mo meeting

The friends appointed to make the attention in the 3^d Query report its not Completed they are continued to accomplish it & report next mo meeting

The friend in the Case of Jonathan Howland report they Desire that mate continued its accordingly continued under their Care they to report next mo meeting

The appointing a Committee to assist the overseers Depart from last month has coming again under consideration and after considering the propriety or Usefulness of such a Committee do conclude to appoint an additional number of Overseers to join in labour with the former to do their Endeavour to remove the Disorders from among us and Joseph Tucker John Tucker & Wm Gifford are appointed accordingly till the year of the former appointment be Expir'd

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Abner Shepherds & Wife & two sons namely Wm David to the mo meeting of New Bedford was Sign'd by the Clerk

The Committee to raise money for this meeting report they have not fully accomplish'd that matter they are continued & to report next mo meeting and George Smith & Gideon Anthony are add'd

George Smith & Caleb Barker report they provided hay for the Use of the Quarterly meeting according to appointment

The South Preparative meeting inform that Weston Howland hath married out of the order of friends & had married a member of our Society we therefore with the Concurrence of the women do Disown the said Weston Howland according to Discipline until he make Satisfaction to this meeting and George Smith is appointed to Inform him thereof & report next mo meeting

We are Inform'd that David Sherman hath much departed from that simple plainness we profess both in Language and habit particularly in tying his hair with a Ribbon we therefore appoint Joseph Tucker & Tho^s Hicks to take an opportunity with him in order to convince him of his out goings & report when they have had an opportunity with him

David Sherman

Also John Howland and Gilbert Howland are Complain'd of for being out of plainness both in habit & language and the said John hath attended a marriage out of the order of friends whereupon this meeting appoints Stephen Gifford and Joseph Eastes to take an opportunity with them and Endeavour to reclaim them therefrom and report when ready or called upon by this meeting

Noah Lapham having removed within the verge of Saratoga this meeting and Requested (by a friend) a removal Certificate to that meeting & William Anthony & Joseph Eastes are appoint to take the Necessary Care & if no objection bring one to next meeting the business being accomplished we conclude & Adjourn to the usual time next meeting

11 mo 1793 At a Monthly Meeting of friends in Dartmouth 18th mo 1793 the Representatives from the preparative are from the South Lathan Wood & Wm Anthony North John Devoal & Tho Wood all present

The friends in the case of Ebenezer Allen report they have had no opportunity with him its therefore continued to next meeting under their care then they to report

The friend appointed in the case of John Eddy report they had a solid opportunity with him but despite continued it is therefore continued to next meeting under their care they then to report

Joseph Eastes reports that John Howland's paper has not been read by reason of his not attending meetings he is therefore continued in said service & report next meeting

The friends appointed to make the alteration in the 3^d Query report that its accomplished

The matter respecting Jonathan Howland is again continued under the same friends care they to report next meeting

The committee to raise money report they have read and paid to treasurer 5-8-3 and they are continued in their service & to report next meeting

George Smith reports he has Inform'd Wm Howland of his Denial as according to appointment

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for Noah Lapham & wife not being ready they are continued & to report next meeting

The Queries with the Answers were read and after being conferr'd together with an account from this meeting are forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Tho Mott Lathan Wood & Wm Anthony they to report next meeting

The Treasurer is Directed to Deliver 26-4-2 our proportion of the Yearly meeting Stock to the Representatives to Quarterly meeting they to forward the same to the Treasurer & report next meeting

A Request from friends in Allen's Neck to hold meetings on first and fifth days of each week Except the week in which our monthly & preparative meetings are held at the following houses (1792) one month at Reg Blooms two months at Elijah Gifford and the Remainder of the time at Timothy Gifford until the next meeting in the 4th month next Which Request is granted by this meeting and the meeting to begin next week and for the care of the following friends Timothy Gifford Philip Trapp Lathan Wood Joseph Cole & Dony Allen who are to Endeavour that the meetings are kept up in an orderly manner, and they to report when the time is expired

It being the mind of this meeting that a committee be appointed to communicate our minds to the yearly meeting Committee in respect to the matter sent forwards to their Committee last year's meeting Relating to the Quarterly held at Aponeganet in the 10th being removed to New Bedford therefore Lathan Wood Timothy Gifford John Devoal Tho Mott Lathan Wood Joseph Eastes are appointed according to report next meeting

12 mo 1793 At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 20th mo 1793 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Joseph Tucker & Eliza Barker North John Tucker & Eliza Hagar being called all present

The friends appointed to treat with Ebenezer Allen report they Endeavour for an opportunity to treat with him but he did not comply therewith and its their mind that its not upfull to continue him any longer a member of this meeting therefore he is Dony membership from this meeting & Dony Allen is to Inform him thereof & report next meeting

The Committee to treat with John Eddy report they have attended thereto but are not ready to make a ^{conclusive} report and desire it continued it is therefore desired under their care to next meeting they then to report and Gideon Howland & Jonathan Wood is appointed to unite with them therein

Joseph Eastes reports that John Howlands paper of acknowledgment has not been read by reason of his not attending meetings & the matter having been long continued and he not appearing Concern in his said acknowledgment this meeting thinks best to appoint a Committee to visit him and let him know the Exercise of this meeting on his account with respect to his nonattendance of meeting whereupon Joseph Tucker & Benjamin Smith are appointed accordingly & to report next meeting

The Committee appointed to treat with Jonathan Howland report they have attended thereto and labored in the ability afforded & find much satisfaction as to Desire it continued its therefore desired to next meeting under their care then they to report

The Committee to raise money report they have collected some more and they are continued to proceed therein & report next meeting saying what they have collected to our Treasurer

The friends appointed Report they find nothing to hinder Noah Chapman and Wives having a Removal Certificate to Saratoga next meeting and presented one which being read & approved was sign'd by the Clerk

This meeting being informed that Samuel Barker hath married a member of our Society out of the unity of friends we therefore deny unity with him and Consider him no longer a member of this meeting and Joshua Potter is appointed to inform him thereof & report next meeting

The Representatives report they all attended the Quarterly meeting and paid the money as Directed to the Quarterly meeting by Joshua

The Committee to commemorate our minds to the yearly meeting Committee report they were not called upon they are continued & to report when their service is Accomplished

This meeting by request of the select members is Adjourn'd to 25 inst next after the meeting for worship 29 Day next by Adjournment the representatives report Joseph Tucker called Howland present Joseph Tucker & Elisha Mather Not present are to desire to read at their next meeting

This meeting is informed that our friend Stephen Buffinton has had it on his mind for some time to visit friends & others as truth open the way as far as Boston & Boston & thereabouts he being a minister in Unity and we unite with him in his Concern & the Clerk is Directed to give him a copy of this minute
The Treasurer being employed we agree to meet again at the same time next meeting

1 mo 1794

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 20th of 1st mo 1794

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings one from the South Gideon Howland & Lathan Wood North Adam North & John Mather who being called are all present

Received an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London held 28th of 5th mo 1793 which was read in this meeting to our Satisfaction & Comfort

A Removal Certificate in behalf of Elizabeth Dorson to the meeting at Saratoga was sign'd in Concurrence of the womens meeting

Deley Storum informed that Ebenezer Allen was informed of his denial as Directed

Joshua Potter reports that he Inform'd Samuel Barker of his denial as Directed

William Gifford reports that Jonathan Howland had not been visited since last meeting Desiring it continued its therefore desired to next meeting they then to report

The Committee in the case of John Howland report they have had an opportunity with him & Desire it continued & as he is gone to Sea they are Directed to report when they have accomplished their service

The Committee to raise money report they have collected & paid to our Treasurer 3-6-2 and Desire to be continued there are continued & to report next meeting

The Committee in the case of John Eddy report they had an opportunity with him but received no real Satisfaction whereupon we apprehending to be clear of any further labour with him do Disown him from being a member of this meeting and Joseph Tucker and William Gifford are appointed to inform him thereof prepare a Testimony of his Denial & bring next meeting John Tucker & Wm Gifford rendered their reason for nonattendance at the Epistle which is accepted & Elisha Mather is Desired to render reason to next meeting Zephaniah Eddy Requested a Certificate for his son Jos to the meeting at Providence as he is gone to printute there we appoint Caleb Barker & John Tucker to make the necessary Inquiring & present one to next meeting if they find things clear

A Certificate in behalf of Mrs Mather Cleomey of marriage from the meeting of Decr 16th 1793 was Read with consent of present

Asa Mosher and Bethiah Mosher appear for this meeting and Declare their Intentions of taking each other in marriage & were Defid to await till next mo meeting for their Consens

The Clerk Informs that the year being Expird of his Services therefore the representatives are requested to have it in Charge & nominate one at next mo meeting

2 mo 1794 At our Monthly Meeting of friends at Dartmouth 17th of 2^{mo} 1794 the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Timothy Gifford and Josiah Wood from North Ebenezer and Allen Russell being called all present

The year of the Service of our Clerk being Expird therefore we appoint Joseph Estes again to that Service for the year Expiring or till another appointment in his stead and Wm Anthony Adjutant

The friends appointed in the case of John Eddy report they have not him as Directed & produced a Testimony of his Denial which was approved & signed by the Clerk who is Directed to read it in the usual publick manner at a synagoga meeting & report next mo meeting said testimony as followeth said Committee Continued to 29th in when opportunity presents

John Eddy having had a right of membership with friends but through Disobedience & Inattention to the manifestation of truth in his own mind hath so far Deviated from our prof^{ss}ion as to partake of spiritous liquors to that Deg^{ree} as to be reduced to a helpless state of body, and friends having laboured and treated with him in order to bring him to a right Sense of his miscond^{uct} but our labours of love not having the Desird Effect therefore we are Concerned for the clearing of truth and friends to bare our testimony against such reproachfull Conduct hereby Disowning him the said John Eddy from being a member of our Society untill he shall manifest a sincere Repentance & be restored to the truth which is our Desire Given forth & signed at our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 17th 2^{mo} 1794

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Howland Joseph Estes Clerk report they have had another opportunity with him & laboured in the ability afforded and think further labour will be Wasteful and this meeting being like minded with the Committee do with the Concurrence of the Womeas meet^{ing} Disown him from being a member of this meeting and said Committee are appointed to Inform him thereof prepare a Testimony of his Denial and bring to next mo meeting

The friends appointed produced a Certificate for Job Eddy as Directed which was approved & signed by the Clerk

a Certificate in behalf of Samuel Howland from the mo meeting of Acobapt 18th of 1^{mo} 1794 setting for the his right of membership & Requesting our Care of him was read & Accepted

Asa Mosher & Bethiah Mosher appear for their Consens and nothing appearing to hinder they were allowed to proceed at some convenient time between this & next mo meeting and Wm Gifford & Jonathan Hast is appointed to see a marriage orderly solemnized & report next mo meet

A Removes Certificate on behalf of Benja Howland 3rd to the monthly mo meeting of Saratoga was read approved & signed by the Clerk

The Committee to raise money report they had not got thro^{ugh} & they are continued to next mo meeting

Elihu Mosher rendered a reason for non attendance which is suggested the business being accomplishd we conclude & Adjourn to the usual time next mo

3 mo 1794

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 17th 3^{mo} 1794 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are South Joseph Tucker & Timothy Howland North Josias Dotter and Jonathan Hast being called all present

Joseph Estes reports he has not read the testimony of John Eddy Denial therefore he is Continued to accomplish it and Report next mo meeting

The friends appointed Report they Informed Jonathan Howland of his Denial as Directed and produced a Testimony thereof which was read & approved & signed by the Clerk and Wm Anthony is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner & report next mo meeting said testimony is as followeth

Jonathan Howland a member of our Society hath much Neglected the due attendance of our Religious meetings and been guilty of the Evil practice of partaking spiritous liquors to Ex^{cess} for all which we have laboured with him to shed him the Inconspicuous and Evil of such Unwarrantable practices but our labours of love not having the Desird Effect therefore we give this publick Testimony against such Conduct hereby Disowning him the said Jonathan Howland from being any longer a member of our Society and from under the care of this meeting untill he shall be favoured to see the Evil of his ways and return to the way of truth which is our sincere Desire Given forth at our mo meeting held in Dartmouth 17 - 3^{mo} 1794 & signed by Joseph Estes Clerk

A Removal Certificate in behalf of Susannah Trapp wife of Peter Trapp Directed to the monthly meeting at Saratoga also a Certificate in behalf of Mary Potter to the same meeting was signed by the Clerk in Concurrence of the women near

The friends report that they attended the marriage of Abigail and Betulia Mosher that it orderly conducted & their Certificates forwarded to the Clerk for recording

The Queries and Answers were read from each preparative from which general Answers were compiled and approved by this meeting and forwarded with an account to the quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Gideon Howland Wm Gifford Wm Anthony & Joseph Tucker they to report next mo meeting

A paper signed by Jonathan Faulman from the South preparative meeting condemning his taking too freely of spiritous liquors an expressing his sorrow therefor and we appoint Benja Smith Gideon Howland & Jonathan Howland to take a solid opportunity with him in order to convince him of his evil conduct also to his sincerity in condemning the same they to report next mo meeting

This meeting is informed that Benja Chase proposes to move with his family to live within five of East Hoopuck mo meeting Requesting our Certificate whereupon we appoint Tho. Hicks & Joseph Tucker to take the necessary and if they find things clear to report one at next mo meeting

The Committee to raise money report they have not fully accomplished it they also will continue & to report next mo meeting

the business being accomplished we conclude and adjourn to the usual time next mo

4mo 1794 At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 27-4-1794/1794 The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are South Jonathan Willbur & Benja Allen North Thomas Matt & Tho. Smith being called all present

Joseph Carter & William Anthony reports that the Testimonies of John Eddy and Jonathan Howland have been read as Directed

The Representatives to attend the quarterly meeting report they all attended according to appointment

The friends appointed to treat with Jonathan Faulman report they attended thereto and Desire it continued it is accordingly Deferd they to report next mo meeting

A Removal Certificate to the monthly meeting of E Hoopuck on behalf of Benja Chase his wife and Children Namely Patience Anna Martha Mary Benja Joseph & William was read approved & with the Concurrence of the womans meeting was signed by the Clerk

This meeting being informed that Benja Howlands Certificate granted him some time past being mislaid and he Desiring another therefore there was one procured in this meeting and signed by the Clerk and forwarded to Saratoga mo meeting on his behalf

The Committee appointed to raise money report they have collected and paid to the treasurer 7-8-11^{1/2} they are still continued & to report next mo meeting

A Removal Certificate for Sarah Nussel to the same meeting at Saratoga in Concurrence of the women was signed by the Clerk

There was a Complaint handed through the South preparative meeting by the Overseers against Simeon Howland (son of Gona) that he hath been guilty of taking property from Wm Howland in a treacherous manner as appears by his own Confession therefore we appoint Benja Smith Benja Allen and Jonathan Hart to take a solid opportunity with him and report their sense of the Circumstances of the matter to next mo meeting

A New Choice of Overseers of the poor coming under Consideration of this meeting we appoint Joshua Potter Stephen Gifford Tho. Smith Timothy Howland & Gideon Anthony for that Service for the year ensuing or till others are appointed in their room The business being accomplished we adjourn to the usual time next month

5mo
1794

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth ^{the} 19th of 5mo 1794
The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the
South George Smith & Lathan Wood - North Allen Kyles and
Elihu Walker who being called all present

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Taulman report they
paid some attention thereto yet desire it continued which is
continued under their care they to report next meeting

The Committee in the case of James Howland report that
they all attended thereto and thought him somewhat sen-
sible of his misconduct but the matter of his crime being
so reproachful that we think our selves constrained to
deny unity with him and no longer hold him a member
of our Society untill a manifest reformation shall take
place on his mind and Benja Allen Joseph & Co are
appointed to prepare a testimony of his denial and bring
to next mo meeting & inform him thereof and report next
mo meeting

Our friend Stephen Buffinton having returned from a
Religious visit to Lexter Botten & thereabouts with a
Copy of a minute from this meeting Dated 25-12mo last

A Request was forwarded through the South preparative
on behalf of Cook Howland Desiring to become a member
of our Society therefore we appoint Wm Gifford and
Joseph Tucker to take a solid opportunity with him and
report their sense thereon at next mo meeting

Our Aged friend Wm Barker Requested a Copy of
a minute setting forth his right of membership here
to the mo meeting at Saratoga as he is going there
to visit his friends and Relation and the Clerk is
Directed to give him a Copy of this minute

The Committee to raise money report they have collected
and paid to the Treasurer 9th and they are continued
and to report next mo meeting

the business being accomplished we Adjourn
to meet at the usual time next mo

6mo
1794

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 16th 6mo 1794
The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the
Jonathan Willcox & Gideon Howland North John Tucker & John Dore
all present Except Gideon Howland who is gone to the yearly met.
it appearing its not best to proceed to business by reason it is the
time of our yearly meeting therefore this meeting adjourns to
28 Instantly after the meeting for worship

this meeting mett by adjournment 28 of 6mo 1794
The Representatives being called all present

Our friend Joshua Ewins attended this meeting with
with a certificate from the monthly meeting of Hadinsfield
in New Jersey Dated 10 of 5mo 1794 setting forth their liberty
as a minister with an Indorsement thereon from the quarterly
meeting held at Hadinsfield 21 of 5mo 1794 concurring
therewith whose labours of gospel love has been truly
satisfactory to us

The matter respecting Jonathan Taulman is again Deferd
to next mo meeting the the Committee to report

The Committee to inform James Howland of his Denial report
it had been done and produced a testimony of his Denial
which being approved & signed by the Clerk and Wm Anthony
is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner & report
next mo meeting said Testimony is all followeth

James Howland (son of Jonathan) of Dartmouth having had a
Birthright among friends, but through unwatchfull and Disobed-
iance to the leadings of truth hath so fallen into the
Reproachfull act of theft as Evidently appears by his own
Confessions of taking property from Wm Howland without leave
for which friends have tenderly labored with him in order
to convince him of the inconsistency of such conduct and
having discharged our Duty, we are concerned for to give this
forth as a publick testimony against such vicious and
Reproachfull conduct hereby disowning him the said
Jonathan Howland from being any longer a member
of our Society untill by unfeigned repentance to amendment
of life he shall be favoured to return to the way of truth
and make friends satisfaction which is our special desire
Given forth at our mo meeting held at Dartmouth by
adjournment 23 day 6mo 1794 Joseph Ewins Clerk

The Committee in the case of Cook Howland report that they had a suitable opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction and after being duly considered in this meeting we conclude to Defer the matter by reason of his absence to next mo meeting

The Inquiries and Answers from each preparative meeting together general Answers compiled therefrom and after several usefull remarks made thereon are Directed together with a account to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Thos. Mott Jonathan Wellborn Gideon Howland Wm Anthony & Joseph Easter they to report next mo meeting the friend appointed reports that he informed John Eldley of his Death as Directed some time past the business being accomplished we adjourn to meet at usual time next mo

7 mo
1794 At our Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 21-7 mo 1794

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the North Wm. Rider & Jonathan Hart South Timothy Howland and Isaac Wood who being called all present

The friends in the case of Jonathan Paulman report they have attended thereto & think best to continue it another month or longer if occasion require it therefore Defer under this care they to report when ready or called upon by this meeting

The Testimony of James Howland has been read as ordered one of the friends to visit Cook Howland upon his request report he continues his request and with the concurrence of the women a report is accepted but he being again absent we again Defer to next mo meeting under the same friends care

The Representatives to the Quarterly report they all attended and brought several Extracts of Epistles & Extracts from our yearly Meeting at Rhode Island the contents of which are noted as business of this meeting and Wm Gifford Thos. Hink & Joseph Easter are appointed to make the alterations in the books of Discipline as Directed in said Extracts & report next mo meeting or when done

Joseph Easter Giles Smith Timothy Howland Prince Potter Sophamoh Bassinton George White John Dewell Barnabas Mosher are appointed to collect husbandry of Gifford proceeds at

being the sum agreed to by this meeting in the months last past for the year insuing and pay the money into the treasury once in three months and report to this meeting when all paid in

The North preparative meeting Inform that Abraham Tucker Son of Jonathan Tucker was gone to live with a friend at Bedford for whom his mother requested a certificate to that meeting therefore Joshua Potter & Jonathan Hart are appointed to prepare one and bring to next mo meeting the business being accomplished we conclude and adjourn to the usual time next mo

8 mo
1794 At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 18th of 8 mo 1794

the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Caleb Barker & Timothy Gifford North Barnabas Mosher & Joshua Potter who being called are all present

The matter respecting Cook Howland coming again under consideration the Committee having nothing Disposed to report and he now being present concluded to accept his request and receive him into membership he is therefore received into membership accordingly

The friends appointed prepared a Certificate for Abraham Tucker which being approved was signed by the Clerk one of the friends in the case of Gilbert Howland report they have had an opportunity with him & both concluded to report that he appeared to have no Disposition to condemn his Deviation from friends rules and having since mortified out whereupon with the Concurrence of the Womens meeting we Disjoin the said Gilbert Howland from being a member of our Society and Wm Anthony is appointed to inform him thereof and report to this meeting when done

Samuel Gidley gave in a paper concerning his moving out of the Unity of friends & Desiring to be taken under friends care again therefore Thos. Hink & Jonathan Wood are appointed to take a solid opportunity with him in order to Discover his Sincerity and report next mo meeting

The Overseers Inform that Giles Russell much Neglects Attendance of meetings and partakes of Spiritous Liquors to excess and having labored with them but he still continues therein & we appoint Joseph Barker Gideon Howland & Wm Gifford to labor further with him & report next mo meeting

The Preparative meeting Inform that Josiah Wood Jr Requests a Certificate to the mo meeting of Rhode Island setting forth his Claims Respecting marriage here & right of membership and Tho: Hulse & Jonathan Wilson are appointed to take the Necessary Case in this matter and report one to next month's meeting if they find things Clear
The business being accomplishd we Adjourn to the usual time next month

9 mo 1794 At our Monthly Meeting of friends in Dartmouth 15th mo 1794 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South Benj: Smith & George Smith North Jonathan Hart and John Tucker being called all present

the friends in the Case of Samuel Godley report they had an opportunity with him and found a good Degree of Satisfaction and having the Concurrence of the women we admitt him into membership with us

The Committee in the Case of Giles Russell report they have taken an opportunity with him and find some Encouragement to wait longer they are continued to a watchful care over him & to report nex mo meeting

one of the Committee to Inquire into Josiah Woods Claims the other being unwell report they find nothing sufficient to hinder and presented one Directed to the mo meeting of Rhode Island as Directed which was approv'd & sign'd by the Clerk

The Queries were read with answers from each preparative meeting from which general Answers were compos'd and an Account to the Quarterly meeting sign'd by the Clerk both forwarded to the D. mee: by our Representatives who are William Anthony George Smith Joseph Eastes & Jonathan Hart they to report next mo meeting

This meeting Adjourns to the 24th Instant after y^e meeting for Worship

24th Day mett by Adjournment Representatives all present

The friends to make the addition in the book of Disciples report that its accomplish'd according to appoin^tment

The Committee appointed in the case of William Briggs report as followeth which is accept'd

We have several times taken opportunities with W^m: Briggs and Endeavour'd to find his sincerity in Condensing his attending a horse and also to convince him of his inconsistency of sleep & address and not attending meetings in all which we find so little Encouragement that we do not think it usefull to him nor the meeting to continue him any longer a member of our Society which we submitt to the meeting

Stephen Byford
Joseph Eastes
Benj: Allen

And this meeting with the Concurrence of the women Doth Disown him the W^m: Briggs from being any longer a member of our Society and Lathan Wood is appointed to inform him thereof and report next mo meeting

it is Concluded that all our midweek meetings be discontinued these weeks in which our Quarterly meeting is held at Bedford or at this place — this meeting Concluds & Adjourns to the usual time next mo

10 mo 1794

At our Monthly Meeting had in Dartmouth 24th mo 1794

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South Lathan Wood & Caleb Barker North Tho: Mott and Benj: Rider who being called all present

one of the friends appointed in the Case of Giles Russell report that have attended to that matter and still desire Continued its therefore Defor to next mo meeting under their care they then to report

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended

The Committee to Inform William Briggs of his Denial report he is inform'd and presented a testimony thereof which was approv'd & sign'd by the Clerk who is Directed to read it in our usual manner and report next mo meeting. P. rec: is as followeth

William Briggs having had a right of membership among friends but for want of a faithfull attention to the dictates of truth as our profession requires hath attended at a place of hoisting for which we have labored with him from time to time in order to Condense the same as to his neglecting of attending our Religious meetings & being out of place but our labour not having the Desir'd & believing our labors for do Disown the W^m: Briggs from a right of membership of our Society on the 24th mo 1794 he shall live a more fruitful life & return to our satisfaction & peace
Given forth & sign'd at our mo meeting in Dec: 20th mo 1794 by Joseph Eastes Clerk

In Conurrence with the Woman a Certificate on behalf of Catherine Briggs wife of Cornelius Briggs to the mo meeting of Saratoga also one on behalf of Theodate Benson to the same mo meeting also one on behalf of Ruth Walker to the mo meeting Northumberland all which was signed by the Clerk

Benjamin Howland Smith and Siloa Cloum Declare their Intentions of taking each other in marriage before this meet and were desired to wait till next mo meeting for their answers and Jonathan Wilbur and Lathan Wood are appointed to inquire in his Clearness respecting marriage engagements & report next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to the care of the meeting in Allen Neck report in writing as followeth which is Accepted

We your Committee appointed to have the care of meetings in Allen Neck, have to report have all of us attended them (Except Philip Graffard who has not been able thro' indisposition of Body) and we think all the meetings were held in a tolerable good degree orderly Except two or three meetings when in some Lightness & inattention appeared among some of the youth for which care was taken to prevent

William Anthony a member of this meeting Informed that he proposes to travel to Saratoga to visit his friends and Relations and desires our Approbation we Concurring therewith the Clerk is Directed to give him a Copy of this minute

The Committee to Collect money for this meeting. Use reports they have Collected and paid our treasurer Seven pounds thirteen Shillings & 9

the business being accomplished we adjourn to the Usual time next mo

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 17th of June 1794

1794 The Representatives from the Representative meetings are from the South Timothy Howland & Jonathan Wilbur North John Devoe and John Tucker who being called all present

Joseph Easter reports the Testimony of Miss Briggs Denial has been ²⁷⁶read as Directed

The matter respecting Giles is again referred by the request of the Committee to next mo meeting then they to report

The friends to inquire into Benja^l Smith Clearness report they find nothing to hinder him from proceeding

The Ladies were Answered from each Preparative meeting from which general Answers were Complied which together with an account to the Quarterly meeting was forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Joseph Tucker Lathan Wood and Jonathan Hart they to report next mo meeting — and our treasurer is Directed to Deliver 6-9-2 to the Representatives to forward to Quarterly meetings treasurer it being our proposition of the yearly & Quarterly meetings stock

Benja^l Smith and Silvia Cloum appear for their Answers and nothing appearing to hinder they are allowed to proceed in marriage at some convenient time between this next mo meeting Advancing with the friends appointed to see the marriage orderly Solomon and Jonathan Wilbur & Gideon Howland are appointed accordingly & to report next mo meeting

Reverend Sirby presented a paper condemning his mispent in being guilty of fornication apparent by his wives having a child soon after marriage and we appoint Benja^l Smith & Joseph Easter to take a solid opportunity with him in order to discover his sincerity therein & report next mo meeting

A Request from friends in Smith Neck to hold a meeting there the ensuing winter was read & Considered and after full Deliberation thereon we appoint Wm Gifford Stephen Buffinton Joseph Tucker Jonathan Hart Thos Hiles & Joseph Easter to carefully visit the positions in order to discover the propriety & Usefulness thereof & report their sense thereof to next mo meeting

A Request from friends in Allen Neck to hold meetings there the ensuing Winter was read Considered & granted they to hold them in the manner therein proposed (viz) one month at Timothy Gifford one month at Sam^l Gifford one month at Peleg Sloum and the remainder of the time at Elijah Gifford until the mo meeting in the mo under the care of Lathan Wood Timothy Gifford John Tucker & Peleg Sloum they to report at the expiration of said time had a meeting were kept up and a Record the business being accomplished we adjourn to the Usual time next mo

At our Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 15th of 1794
 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from
 the South William Anthony & Caleb Barker from the North
 Joshua Potter & Nathaniel Russell who being called all present

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report the
 all attended and the money paid to Quarterly meeting
 treasurer as Directed

The friends appointed to oversee the marriage of Sam^l H.
 Smith and Silvia Slown reported they attended and see
 nothing but it was orderly Conducted and their Certificate
 Delivered to the Clerk to record

The matter respecting Reuben Hixley is referred to next mo
 meeting under the care of the former Committee then they to
 report

The Committee appointed in the 12^{mo} 1793 to visit
 John Howland on account of his non attendance of our
 Religious meetings & his paper of Acknowledgment in
 attending a conference. Now make report that they have taken
 opportunities with him and found but little Satisfaction on
 those accounts and but little encouragement of being more
 Careful in future yet as several friends Express a Desire
 to have it continued it is referred to next mo meeting under
 the former friends Care & Wm Gifford is added with them &
 to report next mo meeting

The friends in the case of Giles Russell report that they
 still receive some Satisfaction or Encouragement & Desire it
 referred therefore its continued under their Care to next mo
 meeting then they to report

The Committee in consequence of a Request in Smith
 Neck to hold meeting, there report that a full report
 be referred to next mo meeting and think safe to grant
 meetings one month in the following manner (viz)
 the first 5 day after the mo meeting & the 3rd of the day
 and the first day preceding the preparative meeting
 and the care of a Committee they to report next mo
 meeting

Our Esteemed friend Rebecca Wright attended this meeting with 78
 a Certificate from the mo meeting of upper Springfield in New Jersey
 Dated Wm the 5th 1794 whose Company and Service was truly acceptable
 to us

Our friend Stephen Buffinton presented a Certificate from the mo
 meeting at Richmond Dated 19th of 1794 Expressive of his attend
 said meeting also several others hereabouts to their Comfort and
 Satisfaction

A Complaint through the South part meeting against Ephraim
 Gifford for keeping Company and married out of friends Rules
 of orders and that his wife had a Child soon after marriage was
 received in this meeting and after well Deliberation thereon and
 having the women's Concurrence hereby Disown him from being
 a member of our Society and Stephen Gifford & Joseph Easte is appointed
 to inform him thereof and prepare a testimony of his Denial &
 bring to next mo meeting

An Information that Tho^s Russell had married out from friends
 orders and was precautioned by the overseers, whereupon we
 hereby Disown him with the women's Concurrence upon being
 a member of our Society & Joseph Tucker & Jonathan Willbur
 are appointed to inform him thereof & report next mo meeting
 the business being Ended we Adjourn to the usual time next mo

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 19th of 1795
 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from
 the South Joseph Tucker & Jonathan Willbur North William
 Tripp and William Wood all present Except W^m Wood who sent
 his Excuse which is Accepted

The Clerks place being Vacant William Gifford is appointed
 Clerke for this Day

This meeting was Informed that the friends in the Case of Reuben
 Hixley had not done anything by reason of Indisposition of body
 some other Disappointment therefore they are Dismissed and
 do appoint Horekiah Smith & Gideon Howland to labour with
 the said Reuben Hixley as truth may open the way & report
 to next mo meeting

The Committee in the case of John Howland report they had
 an opportunity with him its pretty good Satisfaction yet think
 it best to continue matter to next mo meeting under the same
 friends Care they then to report

The Committee in the case of Giles Russell case Requested that matter continued it is Deferd accordingly till next meeting they then to report

Joseph Easter & Stephen Gifford was appointed Last meeting to inform Ephim Gifford of his Denial & prepare a testimony but they not being present nor any reason why its not done therefore therefore Joseph Easter is Dismissed and Joseph Wood is appointed in his room to unite with Stephen Gifford in that matter & report to next meeting

The friend Report they inform Tho: Russell of his Denial as Directed

The Committee in the matter Respecting holding meetings in Smiths Neck Request it continued one month longer and for them to hold meetings in the same manner as last month at the house of Hannah Smiths it is accordingly continued under their care then they to report

Our Esteemed friend John Wigham attended this meeting with a certificate from the meeting of friends held at Aberdeen North Britton of 4th of the 4^{mo} 1794 with a concurring certificate from the half years meeting of friends at Edinburgh of 28th of the 7^{mo} 1794 also one from the yearly meeting of ministers & Elders held in London by Adjournment from the 17th of 7^{mo} 1794 to the 29th of the same whose company and Labour of love is been truly acceptable to us

Joseph Easter presented a paper to this meeting concerning his partaking of spiritous liquors to Rucess so as to be drunk there with and Expressing his sorrow there for and this meeting taking the matter into consideration do appoint Jonathan Willson Wm Anthony & Joseph Tucker to take a solid appeal with him and report their sense of the matter to next meeting

the business being being Accomplished we adjourn to the usual time next meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of friends Held in Dartmouth 28^o
the 16th of 2nd mo 1795

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South Zephaniah Eddy and Luther Wood from the North Thomas Smith and Adam Mott all present Except Zephaniah Eddy

The year of the service of the Clerk being Expir we appoint William Anthony to that service for the year Injuring of untill another may be appointed in his stead and Wm Gifford is likewise appointed to assist him

The friends appointed in the case of Rejon Kirby report they visited him and found a Degree of Satisfaction and Desire it continued it is therefore Deferd to next meeting under sd Committee (are they then to report

The Committee in the case of John Howland report they visited him and found a Degree of Satisfaction therefore this meeting concluded to refer sd matter under said Committee (are the next monthly meeting then they to report

The friends appointed in the case of Ephim Gifford report they have not fully accomplishd their appointment they are therefore continued in that matter to report next meeting

The Committee that had the care of the meeting in Smiths Neck Report that they attended said meeting and think well of holding said meeting one month longer in the same manner as heretofore at the house of Mary Smith under the care of the same Committee they do report next meeting

The friends appointed in the case of Giles Russell report they visited him to a Degree of Satisfaction they are continued to have further care of that matter and to report next meeting

The friends in the case of Joseph Estes report they have visited him and Received a good Degree of Satisfaction therefore this meeting accepts his paper for Satisfaction and Jonathan Willbur is appointed to see the same publicly read at the close of a first days meeting for worship & report next meeting

The friends in the case of Holder Stoum report they attended to their appointment yet this meeting thinks best to refer the matter under the care of the Committee to next meeting then they to report

The friends appointed in the case of Abner Devol's Removal Certificates inform they are not ready to report one, they are continued in that service & to report next meeting

This meeting is informed from the select meeting that Jonathan Hart is proposed by them to be in the station of an Elder therefore we appoint Tho^s Matt John Tucker & Ben^y Smith to take the matter under consideration and Report their prospect and sense of the matter next meeting

Zephaniah Buffinton and Lydia Tucker appear in this meeting, having consent of parents, Declare their intentions of taking each other in marriage and were desir^d to wait till next meeting for their answers, and Wm Gifford & Jonathan Hart are appointed to Inquire into S. Buffinton's claims respecting marriage and conversation & report next meeting

The Queries were Read and Answers thereto prepared and an Account signed by the Clerk and forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are Stephen Buffinton Joseph Tucker & William Gifford they to report next meeting

This meeting Adjourns to the 8th Day Next after the meeting for worship

Mett by Adjournment the 4th of the 4th mo 1795
their Representatives being called all present

This meeting being informed from the Preparative meeting that Jonathan Allen is married out of the order of friends after being precautions by the Overseers therefore this meeting with the concurrence of the women's meeting Desires Unity with him as a member and Lathan Wood is directed to inform him thereof & report to next meeting

This meeting is informed from the Preparative meeting that Abner Shepheard is married out of the order of friends and we appoint George Smith Joseph Tucker & Gideon Howland Anthony to treat with him for his mispent and Report next meeting

This meeting is informed that Stephen Smith has been gone several years to Urope and While there married out of the order of friends therefore we appoint Jonathan Willbur & Gideon Howland to take a bold opportunity and treat with him for his outgoing and report next meeting

Seth Hart informs that he has a prospect of Removing within the compass of Saratoga monthly meeting held at Eastown and Requests our Certificates for him self and family therefore we appoint Joshua Potter & Tho^s Mott to join the women and take the necessary care therein & Report one to next meeting if they think proper

The Overseers of the poor Inform they Desire some assistance respecting some Difficulty that comes under their consideration therefore we appoint Wm Anthony Jonathan Howland & Gideon Howland to lend them such assistance as they may think proper

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 20th of 4th mo 1795
the Representatives from the preparatives meetings are from South Ben^y Smith Joseph Tucker North John Tucker and Allen Russell who being called all present

William Gifford is appointed Clerk for the day

The Committee in the Case of Rejeom Pirby reports they had an opportunity with him to good Satisfaction therefore this meeting Accepts his paper of Acknowled^{ment} for Satisfaction and Jonathan Willbur is appointed to read it at the Close of a first days meeting for worship and Report next me meeting

Jonathan Willbur reports that Joseph Estes paper has been read as Directed said paper is as followeth

To the monthly meeting of friends in Dartmouth

Forasmuch as I being of my watch and have given way to the temptation of the Enemy so far as to goe to a place where I with others was and drinking Company both other did purchase and partake thereof so as to be interpreted therewith, whereby truth & friend may be evilly spoken of, but being desirous to clear friend and truth from the reproach thereof I desire to talk to my self therefore am Concerned thus to declare to condemn my said misconduct and am sorry for it Desiring forgiveness from the father of mercies and friends so far to pass it by as as to suffer me to remain under their watchfull eye which is my sincere desire

Joseph Estes

Dartmouth 12 the 3rd 1797

The friends appointed in the Case of Giles Russell not being ready to make a conclusive Report therefore they are continued in that matter and to report next me meeting

The Committee in the Case of Holder Sloum^r Report that they Discharge themselves in that Case and found no Satisfaction Likewise Labour with him for being guilty of the sin of Fornication which he acknowledged therefore this meeting Denies Unity with the said Holder Sloum and Benjamin Smith by Thos Tucker is appointed to inform him thereof and draught a testimony of his Denial and Report to next me meeting

A Removal Certificate was sign'd in Concurrence of the women to the monthly meeting at East town for Ruth Hart

Also one sign'd in Concurrence of the women for Bethiah Mosher to East town monthly meeting

The friends appointed in the Case of Jonathan Harts being appointed to the station of an Elder Report they had answer'd their appointment and had good Satisfaction in the matter therefore with the Concurrence of the womens meeting he is appointed to the Station of an Elder

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended

Lathan Wood Reported that he Inform'd Jonathan Allen of his Denial as Directed

The Committee in the Case of Abner Shepheard report they had an opportunity with him to some Satisfaction and handed a paper from him condemning his misconduct and said matter is continued under said friends care till next me meeting they then to report

Zephaniah Buffinton and Lydia Tucker appear for their Answer which was they might proceed (nothing appearing to hinder) to take each other in marriage at some convenient time between this & next me meeting advising with the friends this meeting appoints to see said marriage orderly solemnized and Jonathan Hart & Wm Gifford are appointed to that service & to report next me meeting

The Committee in the Case of Stephen Smith reports they had ~~no~~ suitable opportunity with him therefore they are continued in that matter & to report next me meeting

A Removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk in behalf of Abner Deorf his wife and their children namely Elizabeth, Mary, Gordon Wm Sarah & Rhoda to the me meeting of Hoakstet Expressing their right of membership here

A Removal Certificate was signed by the Clerk for Seth Hart his wife Abigail and their Children namely Humphry, Caleb, Philip & William Anthony to the next meeting at East Town Expressing their right of membership her

Received a Certificate in behalf of Salomon Taler from the next meeting of Sandwich he being come as an apprentice to Jonathan Hart

James Allen Requests a Removal Certificate to the next meeting of N. Bedford for him self and family therefore we appoint Nathan Wood & Thos. Hutes to take the necessary care in that matter and Report one to next meeting if they find things clear

Jonathan Sloum gave in a paper Condemning his outgoing and Requesting to come under friends care again therefore we appoint Timothy Gifford & Benj. Smith to take an opportunity with him in order to Discover his Sincerity in that matter and Report next meeting

The Overseers Inform that Deborah Smith has married out of the order of friends with a woman a member of our Society therefore with the concurrence of the women we duty unity with him the said Smith untill he may come to a sense of his outgoings and Benj. Smith is appointed to Inform him thereof & Report next meeting

Elihu Mosher Requests a Removal Certificate to the next meeting of N. Bedford for himself and family therefore we appoint Thos. Smith & Jonathan Hart to take the necessary care therein & Report one to next meeting if they find things clear

This meeting was Informd that John Howlands paper of Wed. has been read as debated last meeting said paper as followeth
To the next meeting of Dartmouth they may inform that I have so far departed from the good order of truth to be prepared as a Spectator at a house and having duly considerd the business of such a private as fordam the same & desire friends to pass it off let me remain under their care
Dartmouth 16 of 3 mo 1799
John Howland

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 18 of 3 mo 1795
The Representatives from the Preparative meetings were from the South Timothy Gifford and Joseph Tucker from the North John Devoe and Benj. Hild - all present

Jonathan Willbur Reports that Rejom Kirby Acknowledgment has been read as Directed -- said acknowledgment as followeth

To the monthly meeting at Dartmouth the 15th the 3^{mo} 1794
Beloved friends I some time past so far departed from the truth as to fall into the Reproach full sin of fornication which I evidently appeard by my wives having a Child soon after marriage for which Evil I am very sorry & condemn it Desiring friends would pass by my offense and Receive me again as a member of your Society from your friend
Rejom Kirby

The Committee in the case of Giles Russell report they still receive Satisfaction in waiting & visiting him and desire said matter referd is therefore continued under their care they to report next meeting

the friends appointed Reported a Testimony of Holder Sloum Denial which was signed by the Clerk and Thomas Hutes is appointed to read it at the close of a first days meeting and report next meeting and said friends not having informd him of his Denial by reason he is gone to sea they are continued to inform him thereof & report when done

The friends in the case of Abner Sheaphard report they had no opportunity with him since last meeting therefore they are continued in that matter & to report next meeting

The friends appointed Report that they attended the marriage of Zephaniah Buffinton & Lydia Tucker and saw nothing but what it was orderly solemnized and a Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for Record

The friends in the case of Stephen Smith report they had an opportunity with him & desire it continued it therefore referd under their care they to report next meeting

The friends appointed Reported a Removal Certificate for James Allen his wife Sarah & their Children Namely William Susannah Joseph Gideon & Gilbert with their parente Prinne Allen to the mo meeting of N Bedford which was signed by the Clerk

The friends appointed in the case of Jonathan Sloum Report they had a solid opportunity with him to a good Degree of satisfaction yet the matter is refered under the care of said friends to next mo meeting

Benjamin Smith Reports he hath not Inform'd Deliverance Smith of his Denial by reason of his being gone to Sea he is therefore Continued to Inform him & Report when done

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for Ebenezer Mosher Report they have not accomplish'd it they are Continued to that matter & to Report next mo meeting

Zephaniah Eddy gave in a paper condemning his taking the oath in Common forme before a magistrat therefore we appoint John Devol and Jonathan Hunt Tho' Mott to inspect into the matter and Endeavour to Discover his Sincerity and Report next mo meeting

Hezekiah Smith Requested a Removal Certificate for him self and famely to the mo meeting of Saratoga and we appoint Jonathan Willbur and Zephaniah Buffinton to take the Necessary Care in that matter and Report one to next mo meeting if they think proper

The friends Reported a Testimony of Ephraim Gifford Denial which was approv'd & signed by the Clerk and Tho' Hicks is appointed to read it Publickly at the close of a first days meeting according to our Usual manner & Report next mo meeting

Jonathan Willbur George Smith & John Devol are appointed to Audit accounts of this meeting for the year Survey or till called are appointed in their room

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 17th of 5^{mo} 1795 290
the Representatives are from the South Benj^r Smith & Jonathan Willbur North John Tucker and Joshua Peller all present

Tho' Hicks is appointed Clerk for the day

A Removal Certificate for Joseph Gifford and his Children Namely Abraham Joseph Edward Prinne John & Hannah was Received from the mo meeting of Sandwich and Accepted by this meeting

Benj^r Smith Reports he Inform'd Deliverance Smith of his Denial as Directed

Tho' Hicks Reports that the Testimonies of Holder Sloum^d and Ephraim Gifford Denials has been Read as Directed said Testimonies is as followeth

Whereas Holder Sloum^d having had a right of membership among friends but hath much Neglected the due attendance of our Religious meetings and hath fell into the sin of fornication which appears by his wives having a Child so soon after marriage which brought a Reproach on our Religious Society therefore we Disown him the said Holder Sloum from any right of membership with friends Nevertheless we desire he may yet find mercy and be Restor'd to the way of truth which is our Desire Given forth at our mo meeting held in Dartmouth 18th of 5^{mo} 1795 and signed in & on behalf of mo meeting by W^m Anthony Clerk

Whereas Ephraim Gifford having a birthright among friends and under the care of this meeting but through unwatchfulness hath so far Deviated as to keep company with one not a member & he being guilty of fornication as appears by his Wives having a Child so soon after marriage - Therefore for the clearing of truth and friends from the Reproach of such conduct we are Concern'd to give this forth as a publick Testimony against him the said Ephraim Gifford hereby Disowning him from being any longer a member of our Society until he shall be favour'd with a sight & some of his outgoings and be Restor'd to the way of truth which is our Desire Given forth at our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 18th day of 5^{mo} 1795
by William Anthony Clerk

Joseph Gifford Jr Requests a Certificate to the next meeting of Acolapset, setting forth his Cleareness of marriage and Conversation, therefore we appoint Joseph Tucker and Thomas Mott to take the Necessary Care in that matter and if they find things Clear to prepare one & bring to next the Journment of this meeting - -

This meeting being small on account of our yearly meeting now sitting we Adjourn to the 22nd Instant at the Close of the meeting for Northwth

Mett by Adjournment the 22nd of 8^{mo} 1795
the Representatives being called all present

The Committee in the case of Giles Russell report that they still find a Degree of Satisfaction in waiting with him and he much Refrains from partaking Spirituous Liquors therefore said matter is referd to next mo meeting under the same friends Care then they to report

The Committee in the Case of Abner Sheeherd Report they found a Degree of Satisfaction from him therefore this meeting Receives his paper Condemning his marring out of the Unity of friends for Satisfaction

The friends appointed in the case of Stephen Smith report they have had no opportunity with him since last mo meeting they are therefore continued in that matter & to report nex mo meeting

The friends in the Case of Jonathan Storum Request Reports, they found a good Degree of Satisfaction from him therefore his paper of Acknowledgment is accepted & the Clerk is Directed to read it in the usual publick manner at the Close of a first day meeting & report next mo meeting

The Committee in the case of Elisha Mosher & Wives Certificate report they are not ready to Report one they are continued in that business and to report next mo meeting

The Committee in the case of Zephaniah Edly report they found a good Degree of Satisfaction yet his paper not being present said matter is Referd to next mo meeting under their Care then they to Report

The Committee in the Case of Hesechiah Smith & family Certificate reported one, which with the Concurrence of the womens meeting was signed by the Clerk - - -

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Joseph Gifford Jr Respecting Cleareness of marriage Divided to the mo meeting of Acolapset mo meeting Reported one which was sign^d by the Clerk

David Hart of Gallaway forwarded a paper to this meeting Condemning his attending meetings held out of the Unity of friends, therefore we appoint Tho^s Smith & William Gifford & Zephaniah Bullinton to take the Necessary Care and write to Saratoga mo meeting in order to Discover his Sincerity in that matter & Report to this meeting when Accomplish^d

The Queries were Read and Answers thereto from each Preparative meeting from which general Answers were Comply^d and forwarded with an Account sign^d by the Clerk to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Joseph Tucker Wm Anthony & Jonathan Hart they to report next mo meeting

This meeting hath been favoured with the Company of our beloved friends Deborah Darby and Rebecah Young from Great Britton with Satisfactory Certificates from their Particular meetings whose Labours of love has been Acceptable to us

The women Inform they have Received a Removal Certificate from the mo meeting of Rhode Island in behalf of Philidelphia Wood wife of Sajah Wood & which we Concur with

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
the 20th of 7^{mo} 1795

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are
from the South Joseph Tucker and Timothy Howland North
John Tucker and Thos. Mott all present

This meeting has been favored with the company of our
beloved friend Henry Hull with a certificate from the
Crick mo meeting in the Nine partners certifying their
unity with his ministry and his Religious life with us
Whose Labour of Gospel love has been truly satisfactory
among us

Also our friend Paul Upton attended as Companion to
Henry Hull with a certificate of Concurrence of Concurrence
therein from the B. Crick mo meeting whose Company is
truly acceptable to us

The Committee in the case of Stephen Smith Reports they
attended to their appointment but are not ready to make a
conclusive Report there on said matter is Refer'd to next mo meeting
under their care they then to report

The friends in the case of Giles Russell Desire the matter Refer'd
therefore its Refer'd under their care to next mo meeting they then
to report

The Clerk Reports that Jonathan Sloum's paper has been Read
as Directed -- said paper is as followeth

To the Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 17th 3^{mo} 1795
Respected friends I have fell into the Reproachfull sin of
fornication which appear by my wives having a child
before marriage which I am Vorny for and do condemn
and Desire friends to pass it by and Receive me under their
Care again this from your friend

Jonathan Sloum

The Committee Report a Removel Certificate for Elizea Mott and
Wife Ruth to the mo meeting of N. Bedford which was signed by
the Clerk

The friends appointed to write to Saratoga mo meeting on account 294
of David Hart Reported a letter to go to said meeting which was signed
by the Clerk and forwarded to said meeting

The friend appointed some time past to visit Jonathan Saulman on
account of his partaking spiritous Liquors to assist is as to Intoxicate
there with report they have several times visited him but found no
Real Satisfaction yet the matter is Refer'd to next mo meeting for further
Consideration

The Committee in the case of Zephaniah Eddy produce his paper
condemning his misconduct which was Received for satisfaction and
the Clerk is Directed to read it at the close of a fast day meeting for worship
in the usual manner and Report next mo meeting

In Concurrence with the Women meeting a Removel Certificate in
behalf of Margaret Peter widow Directed to the mo meeting of New Light
was signed by the Clerk

A Complaint from a friend of Rhoadsland mo meeting in behalf
of his Neighbour Benjamin Willbur against Sarah Rickett for wantonly
Novell for Refusing or neglecting to settle accounts with said
Willbur, and the Overseers Inform they have taken much pains
with her but she still Neglects to settle said Account therefore
we appoint John Tucker Joseph Carter Thos. Hulse & Gideon Howland
to Labour with her on that account and Report next mo meeting

Edward Wing Sr of Sandwich Produced a Certificate from that
mo meeting certifying his right of near kinship & Clearance of money
there also consent of parents to proceed in marriage with Sophia
Howland

Edward Wing and Sophia Howland Declared their Intentions of
taking each other in marriage and were Desire to wait till next
mo meeting for their answer

the Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all
attended Signed Wm Anthony Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 17th 3^{mo} 1795
the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the
South Gideon Howland & Zephaniah Eddy Buffinton
from the North Thos. Mott and Jonathan Hart all present
Except L. Buffinton who Rendered a sufficient Reason for his
Absence

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
the 17th the 8^{mo} 1795

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are
from the South Gideon Howland & Zephaniah Buffinton
from the North Jonathan Hart & Tho. Mott all present
Except Zephaniah Buffinton who rendered a sufficient Reason for
his absence

The friends in the case of Stephen Smith Report
they found not any real Satisfaction from him by waiting
upon him yet this meeting thinks best to wait therefore
said matter is referred to next mo meeting under said Committee
and Jonathan Hart is acted to learn they to report
next mo meeting

The friends in the case of Giles Russell Report they
have Disputed him and found a good Degree of Satisfaction
and he giving in a paper Condemning his misconduct
which this meeting accepts for Satisfaction and the Clerk
is directed to Read it in the usual publick manner
at the Close of a first day meeting & report next mo meeting

The friends in the case of Jonathan Faulman report
they found no Satisfaction in his Condemning his mission
therefore this meeting Denies Unity with him the said
Jonathan Faulman and said Committee is directed to
Draw a testimony of his Denial and Inform him thereof
& bring said testimony to next mo meeting

The Clerk Reports that Zephaniah Eddy's paper has
been Read as directed and is as followeth

To the monthly meeting held 18 of 7th mo 1795
Where as I some time past have broke in the good
order of friends having inconsiderably taken the
Oath before a Magistrate in Common form which
I am heartily sorry for and do condemn
Desiring friends to pass it by Zephaniah Eddy
from thy friend

The Committee appointed in the case of Sarah Ricketson
Report that she gave Incouragement of selling the matter
with Benjamin Willbur as soon as she can conveniently
therefor said matter is referred under the care of said Committee
and they to report when said matter is Ready

The Women Inform they have Received Abigail Shephard and
under their care which this meeting concurs with

Edward Wing and Lydia Howland appear in this meeting
for their Answer which was they might proceed to take
Each other in marriage between this & next mo meeting
advising with the friends appointed to see it marriage
orderly solemnized And William Anthony & Jonathan
Willbur are appointed for that purpose & to Report next mo
meeting

Our Esteemed friend Theophilus Shove attended this meeting
with a Copy of a minute from Swanzoy mo meeting setting
forth their Unity with his Disfeling friends among us whose
Gift and Gospel Love hath been satisfactory to us

Jonathan Hart Inform'd this meeting that he has thought
of selling his Interest & Removing and Requests friends
advise therefore Joseph Tucker & Wm Gifford are appointed to
take said Hart's proposal under Consideration and Advise
him as they shall think proper & report next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to raise money Report they have
accomplish'd their Appointment and have paid £1.15.6 more
to the Treasurer
the business being Accomplish'd
Signed Wm Anthony Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the
27th the 9^{mo} 1795

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the
South George Smith & Zephaniah Buffinton North Tho. Mott & Sophia
Potter all present

The Queries were read and Answers thereto prepared from each Preparative meeting from which general Answers were prepared and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting also an Account signed by the Clerk & forwarded thereto by our Representatives Who are Lathan Wood Joseph Tucker & Wm Gifford they to Report next meeting

The Committee in the case of Stephen Smith Report they have visited him and had a solid opportunity with him and he gave them no Real Satisfaction in Condemning his misconduct, therefore we Deny unity with him the said Stephen Smith and said Committee are to Inform thereof

The Clerk Reports he has Read Giles Russell's paper of Acknowledgment as Directed

The friends appointed to draw a Testimony of Jonathan Taulman's Denial Reported one to this meeting and Inform'd him thereof, said Testimony was signed by the Clerk who is Directed to Read it at the Close of a first day meeting in our usual manner & Report next meeting

The friends Appointed to see Edward King & Lydia marriage solemnized Report they attended said marriage and saw nothing but it was in a good Degree conducted orderly & a Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for Record

The friends appointed to advise with Jonathan Hart Report they have fulfilled their appointment and left him at liberty to proceed if he thinks proper

Zephaniah Eddy Inform'd that he has thought of going to Saratoga on business & to visit his Relations, we consenting therewith he being a member of this meeting and the Clerk is Directed to give him a Copy of this minute

We appoint Wm Gifford Wm Anthony Lathan Wood & Joseph Easter to Consider what sum of money is necessary for this meeting to raise for this meeting Use & report next meeting

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th day of the 11th mo 1796 298

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South Benj: Smith & Timothy Howland North John Tucker and Schandool all present

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting Report they all attended and produced Transcripts of Epistles from London Philadelphia & New York also Extracts of the minutes from our last yearly meeting which was read to satisfaction and the matter Respecting Schools & raising money for the yearly meeting School Concerning ^{and} Consideration we appoint Tabe Hicks Wm Gifford Giles Howland Wm Anthony & Lathan Wood a Committee to take said matters under Consideration and Report their prospect how it may be best for this meeting to proceed & Report next meeting

The friends appointed Report they inform'd Stephen Smith of his Denial as Directed

The Clerk Reports the Testimony of Jonathan Taulman's Denial has been read as Directed which is as follows

Jonathan Taulman having had a right of membership with friends but having so far got of his wits after he intoxicated with spiritous Liquors and friends having labored with him in love to convince him of the Inconclusiveness of such Conduct but friends labored not having the desired Effect to satisfaction therefore we give this faith as a Testimony against such Conduct hereby publicly disowning him the said Jonathan Taulman from being a member of our society untill he shall manifest a Return to the ways of truth which is our desire - Given forth and signed at our meeting held in Dartmouth 21st the 9th mo 1795 by Wm Anthony Clerk

The friends appointed last meeting Report they think the sum of fifteen pounds is best to raise and paid to the Treasurer for this meeting Use therefore we appoint Humphrey Russell Wm Howland Thos. Allen George Smith and Abner Potter & Thos. Motter to Receive Collections of the members of this meeting according to the proportion made last year, Except where metrical alterations is necessary to be made which is committed to said Committee to alter as they may think proper they to pay said money to the Treasurer & Report one in three months to this meeting

Jethro Russell Informs that he Expects to Remove with his family within the Compas of Easttown ^{no} meeting and Requests our Certificate therefore we appoint Wm Gifford & Jonathan Hart to take the Negatory Care in that matter and Report one to next ^{no} meeting if the find thing Clear

The friends appointed to have the Care of the meeting in Allen North East Winter made the following report which was Accepted

To the Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed to have the Care of the meetings in Allen North the winter past ~~and past~~ report that they were attended by a considerable number and held in a pretty good Degree orderly except a few in which too much Liberty appeared at times among some of the youth which was discontinued by friends signed by

Samuel Gifford }
Elizabeth Howland } in behalf
of the Committee

(Caleb Barker and Sarah Eddy Declare their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and were Desired to wait till next ^{no} meeting for their Answers and John Tucker and Joseph Tucker are appointed to Inquire into Caleb Barkers Concerns Respecting marriage and Conversation and report next ^{no} meeting

The Women Inform they have Received Elizabeth Tucker widow under their Care which this meeting ^{concluded} the business being Accomplish'd
Signed Wm Anthony Clark

At a Monthly Meeting held in Donmouth the 16th of 1st mo 1795 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South Joseph Tucker & Ben^{ja} Allen North Benj^{am} Rider and Joseph Gifford ^{are} all present

The Committee to Consider the matter Respecting schools Report they thought well of this meeting appointing a School Committee to Regulate schools according to former advice as far as our situation will admit of. Also to Receive Collections or Donations for the Support of the Yearly meeting school which report the meet Concurr with - Therefore we appoint Jonathan Willson George Smith & Lathan Wood Wm Gifford John Tucker & Jonathan Hart a Committee for that purpose they to report their progress therein to the ^{no} meeting in the 3rd mo next

The Committee to prepare Certificate for Jethro Russell reports they are not ^{fully} Read to report one therefore they are Continued and to Report next ^{no} meeting

The friend to Inquire in Caleb Barker Concerns report they find nothing to hinder his proceeding

The Queries were read and Answer thereto prepared from each Preparative meeting from which general answers were prepared also an Account to the Quarterly signed by the Clerk and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Joseph Ester, Tho. Hunk & Jonathan Hart they to report next ^{no} meeting

Gideon Howland Informs this meeting that he Expects to go to Saratoga to visit his Relations this meeting Concurring therewith he being a member in ^{the} Society and the Clerk is Directed to give him a Copy of the minutes

Received a Letter from friend of the ^{no} meeting at Saratoga Dated 15th the 10th mo 1795 Informing that Daniel Russell had Neglected the attendance of Religious meeting appeared out side of plainness of habit and attended a marriage out of the order of friends for which Disorders after Labouring with him from time to time have Disowned him - which we Concurr with

Caleb Barker and Sarah Eddy agreed for their Answers which was they might proceed to take each other in marriage before next ^{no} meeting advising with the friends this meeting appoints to be ^{the} marriage order solemnized

Joseph Tuke and Luther Wood are appointed to sacred marriage orderly solemnized & report next meeting

The Women inform they received a Removal Certificate from Succowat monthly meeting on behalf of Elizabeth Gifford Wife of Joseph Gifford Jun. which we concur with.

This meeting signed a removal Certificate in behalf of Amy Winslow wife of John Winslow to the mo. meeting of N. Bedford.

The Committee to raise money for this meeting, use the report they have collected and ^{paid} to our Treasurer Nine Pounds fifteen Shillings & 3/4.

The Treasurer is Directed to forward our proposition of the yearly meeting back to the Quarterly meeting Treasurer and report at next mo. meeting

This meeting adjourns to the 25 Instant after a meeting Meeting for Worship.

The 26 day met by adjournment Representatives present Joseph Tucker & Benjamin Allen the other Absent.

The Friends in Allens Neck requests the liberty of holding Meetings there this Winter and Spring Season which this meeting with the Womers Concurrence Grants and they to hold 2 meetings according to their request (viz) till the monthly meeting ~~in the manner following~~ - In the 12th mo at Thomas Allens, and one month at Timothy Gifford, one month at Sam^l. Giffords and one mo. at Elijah Gifford said meetings to be held on first and 5th Days as usual until the mo. m. in the 4 mo. next: And we appoint Timothy Gifford, Peleg Sloum, Joseph Tucker and Benjamin Allen a committee to have the Care and Oversight of said meetings; and also to consider of the places suitable for holding them and make report at next mo. meeting, the expiration of said term.

Our Friend Stephen Buffington informed this meeting that he has had it on his mind for some time to make Religious Visit to friends meeting within the Verge of New York yearly meeting (viz) Saratoga & Newport & thereabouts and he having of the Select meeting members and we having the concurrence of the Womers m. do unite with them thereon and we appoint Wm. Tuck, & Joseph Tucker to prepare a Certificate and bring

and bring to the adjournment of this meeting. This meeting adjourns to the 2 day of Next mo. after a meeting for Worship.

Second Day met of 12 mo. met by adjournment Representatives present Joseph Tucker & Benjamin Allen.

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for our friend Stephen Buffington produced one which being approved was signed by the Clerk.

The Women produced an acknowledgment signed by Deborah Barlows (formerly Wilbours) Condemning her mis conduct for which she was Disowned by this meeting which we conclude to accept of provided her late Conduct & Circumstances render her worthy of admission into membership at Saratoga (she being with in the compass of that meeting) and there was a Letter signed in this meeting & forwarded there for their insertion into the matter and inform us thereof return a copy of which is left on file.

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 13 of 5th 1796 the Representatives from the Preparative meeting one from the South Emily Gifford & Thom. Allen north Wm. Wood & Thomas Mott all present but Timothy Gifford who we are informed is indisposed in Body.

The Committee in the case of Jethro, Puffells Certificate report they are not ready to report one by reason matter are not fully clear they are contented in that case & to report at next mo. meeting

The Committee in the case of Robt. Allen report they visited him and received a good degree of satisfaction therefore his paper of Acknowledgt. is accepted with the Concurrence of the women meeting said Allen is accepted under the care of the m. and Joseph Tucker is appointed to inform him thereof

Benjamin Boverman & Pebe Shepherd appeared for answer which was that might proceed to take each other in marriage at some convenient time before next mo. advising with the friends appointed to see said marriage orderly solemnized who are Humph^y Puffell & Jonathan Wilbours they to report at next mo. meeting

This meeting is informed that Children Wood requests Certificates for two of his young Children namely Ruth & Eliza to the m. m. of Saratoga they being gone there to live with their father whereupon we appoint Stephen Gifford & Benjamin Allen to join with the women and take the necessary care and report at next meeting.

This meeting is also informed that Lemuel Howland Apprentice to Jethro Cowle has removed to live within Accaxet m. m. wherefore we appoint Joshua Potter & Thomas Mott to take the necessary care in that matter and report next m. and forward a Certificate if thought best.

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 21st of Novr 1795 the Representatives from the South Preparative meeting is Joseph Eton & Benja Allen from the North John Tucker & Wm Grippie all present.

The Committee appointed in the case of Jethro Puffoll's Removal certificate report they have been in a progress but are not ready to report one they are continued to report at next m. meeting.

The Representatives to Quarterly meeting report they all attended except A. Hicks who rendered a sufficient reason for not attending.

The friends appointed to see Caleb Barker and Sarah Eddy's marriage order by Solemnized report they attended said marriage and saw nothing ~~nothing~~ but that it was orderly conducted & the Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

The Treasurer reports he forwarded 1st to the Quarterly m. Treasurer being our proposition.

Benjamin Bowerman produced a Certificate from Newborough m. meeting stating both his cleanness respecting marriage & consent of Parents to proceed in marriage with Phebe Shephard a member here.

Robert Allen of New Bedford gave in a paper concerning his marrying out of the order of friends for which he rendered some reason but requesting the care of friends again and we appoint Joseph Tucker & Wm Gifford to take an opportunity with him to discover his reasons & report at next monthly meeting.

Benjamin Bowerman & Phebe Shephard declared their intention of taking each other in marriage were desired to wait till next m. m. for answer.

A removal Certificate for Lydia Wing wife Edward Wing to the m. m. of New Bedford was with the women's Concurrence signed by the Clerk.

A removal Certificate for Bathsheba Puffoll was signed in Concurrence of the women to the m. m. of standing as she is gone there to live as an apprentice.

Friends in Smiths Neck requests liberty to hold meetings there and their meeting after solid consideration thereon grant them liberty to hold meetings on first & fifth days of the week in each following week untill the morning in the 3rd next except the days ^{in the week} on which meeting for discipline are held in course, and to begin at the widow Mary Smiths we appoint Jan^l Wilbur Benja Smith Joseph Eton Wm Anthony Gideon Howland & Jonathan Hart to see said meeting kept up and conducted in an orderly manner and to hold them where they shall think proper & report ~~at next~~ at this meeting at the expiration of said term.

A new choice of overseers of the Poor coming again under consideration whereupon we appoint Thomas Allen Saml Smith Gideon Howland Wm Gifford Joseph Gifford Jun^r Wm Anthony & Wm Gifford for the year ensuing as till others be appointed.

The business being accomplished conclude

Signed by Wm Anthony Clerk

N.B. the minutes of the 5th mo. 1796 are on the next one leaf back by mistake

At a monthly m. held in Dartmouth the 15th of 2nd moe 1796
the representatives from the Preparative meetings are
from the South George Smith & Stephen Gifford, north
John Devaul & Adam Mott all present.

The Committee in the case of preparing a
Certificate for Gethers Russell & family reported
one to this meeting which after being read & approved
was signed by the Clerk & ordered to be recorded.

Joseph Tucker reported he informed Robert
Allen as Directed.

The friends appointed to see Benj^r Wowerman
and Prue Shepherd's marriage orderly solemnized
report they attended & marriage and that it was
orderly conducted, & the Certificate forwarded to the
Clerk for recording.

The Committee to prepare Certificate for Ceilon
Wood's Children reported one which after being
read was approved & signed by the Clerk.

The Committee in case of Lemuel Howland's
Certificate reported they find nothing to hinder his
said Certificate from being endorsed; wherefore it was
accordingly done & directed back to Accept mo. m.

Robert Allen requests a Certificate to the m. m.
of New Bedford wherefore we appoint John Devaul
and W^m Gifford to take the necessary care therein
and report at next mo. meeting.

Jonathan Hart requests a removal Certi-
ficate for himself & family to the m. meeting of
Easton as he has thot of going there live therefore
we appoint John Tucker & William Wood to
join the Women that may be appointed in that case
they together to take the necessary care therein and
report at next mo. meeting and forward ^{one} to this m.
if they find things proper.

Gideon Howland returned a copy of a minist he had
to got to Easton & Saratoga to the satisfaction of this meeting.

At a Monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st of 3rd moe 1796 —
the representatives from the Preparative meetings are from
the South Humphrey Russell & Caleb Barker, north
Joseph Gifford jun^r & Abner Patten jun^r all present.

The Quers were read and answers from each
Preparative meeting from which general answers were compiled
& forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives
who are W^m Anthony Joseph Tucker & Gideon Howland
and also an account to Q^r meeting was signed by the Clerk.

The Committee appointed in the 11^{mo} last advise and
regulate Schools & receive money for the Yearly m. School
made report as followeth to wit — We the Committee
appointed in the 11^{mo} last for the regulation of Schools
and to receive Collections & Donations for the year meeting
School, Now make report that we have given such
Advise as we thot best in our present Circumstances;
but have not rec^d. any Collections or donations for that
purpose.

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Jonathan Willou
in behalf of Committee

In concurrence of the womens meeting received a
Certificate in behalf of Peace Wing from Sandnush mo. m.
also a Certificate in behalf of Lydia Sheppard Directed
to the m. m. of New Bedford was signed by the Clerk.

The friends in the case of Robert Allen Certificate
presented one which was signed by the Clerk.

The matter respecting Jonathan Harts Certificate
is deferred to next mo. meeting.

Luke Hart requests a Removal Certificate to the
m. m. of Easton therefore we appoint Joshua Patten
& W^m Wood to take the care thereof and report one to
next mo. m. if they find things clear.

4 Mo. 18. Humphrey Shearman requests a removal Certificate
1796 for himself and family to the mo. meeting of Easton
therefore we appoint Jonathan Willbour & Humphrey
Russell to take the necessary care & report one to next
monthly meeting if they find matter clear.

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 18th of Apr. 1796
the Representatives from the previous meetings are from the
South Esten Joseph & Benjamin Allen North John Sutter
and Wm. Gifford all present.

The Representatives to Quarterly meeting reported
they all attended as Directed.

The Committee in case of Jonathan Harro
& Wife's Expense Certificate reported one for them
and Sister Mary & their children Name by Martha
Thomas Anna Phibe & Jonathan which was signed
By the Clerk & directed to the mo. m. of Easton.

The Committee in case of Luke Hunt's Certificate
reported one which was signed by the Clerk and also
directed to Easton.

The Women inform they have desired Unity with
Hannah Packard formerly Smith which we consent
with.

Stephen Russell requests a Certificate to the
mo. m. of Acceaxet Expressive of his rights of
membership & clearness of marriage engagements
therefore we appoint Jos. Esten & Luthum Wood
to take the necessary care therein and report
next mo. meeting.

Wm Wood requests a removal Certificate
to the mo. m. of Acceaxet for himself & family
therefore we appoint John Sutter & Wm Gifford

to take the necessary care therein and report at next
monthly meeting.

In concurrence of the women's meeting we sign a
Removal Certificate for Abigail Hathway wife of Lemuel
Hathway to the mo. m. of N. S. F.borough.

We appoint our friends Jonathan Willbour Joseph
Esten & Wm Gifford to endeavor to collect the Books belong-
ing to this meeting in order to make out a list thereof
for friends Use & report at next mo. m. or subsequent.

The Committee appointed to raise money for this
meeting, Use report they have collected 2¹¹/₁₁ and paid
to our Treasurer.

We appoint Jonathan Willbour G. Howland, Humphrey
Russell & Wm Anthony to take the necessary care
respecting the keeping our meeting m. House the year
ensuing also to have the care of fire & feed round the
the House. Signed Wm Anthony Clerk

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 16th of 5th mo 1796
the Representatives from the previous meetings are
from the South Luthum Wood & Thomas Wm north
Benjamin Bidor & Adam math. all present.

The year of the Clerks appointment being expired
the Representatives were called upon to nominate one
for that service and they nominated Joseph Esten for
that service & Wm Gifford Assistant and after a
sole consideration thereon they are appointed by this
meeting accordingly to that service for one year or
untill others be appointed in their room.

The friends appointed to the care of Wm Wood's
Certificate desired to be continued which is complied with
with they then to report.

A Certificate for Stephen Russell to accept
mo. m. voting forth his clearness of marriage engagements
& consent of Parents to proceed in marriage with L. Howland
was granted By the Clerk.

1796 The Committee to have the care of meetings, in the
6th mo. Smith's Neck presented the following report

We the committee appointed in the 12 mo. last to have the care of the meetings in Smith's Neck Report that we have generally attended said meetings which were all kept up and attended by most of friends also by a number of friendly neighbours and were held in a still quiet & becoming manner as far as we have discovered to a good degree of satisfaction. which is accepted by this Meeting.

A new choice of Overseers coming under consideration at this meeting, whereupon we appoint Joseph Tucker John Tucker Luther Wood Jonathan Willbourn Wm Gifford Benjn & Timothy Gifford, to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

James Tucker & Phebe Tucker appeared in this meeting and proposed their intentions of marriage with each other which was voted and and they desired to wait till next mo. m. for answer, Humphrey Russell & Wm Gifford are appointed to take the necessary care respecting his clearance of marriage in conversation & report at our next mo. m.

The committee appointed to hire a man to help keep the meeting house & yard have proposed and agreed with Humphrey Russell to keep it accordingly for one year from the 18 of 4th mo. 1796 for the sum of Eleven Dollars which this meeting concurs with.

Joseph Estlin Clerk

At our monthly meeting of Friends held on Darlth the 20th of 6 mo. 1796

The Representatives from the preparatives M. are from the South Timothy Howland & Benjamin Allen with John Tucker & Joseph Gifford all present.

The Queries were read and answers from each preparative meeting from which general answers were compiled were also read and approved and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly m. by our Representatives, who are Wm Anthony Joseph & Joseph Tucker they are also directed to forward an account from this to 4. 2. meeting said account is prepared & signed by the Clerk.

Our beloved friend John Loyd attended this meeting with a copy of a minute grey need mo. m. dated 26 of 4 mo. 1796 whose company & Labour of Love is very acceptable to us.

Also our beloved friend Hannah Barnard attended with a copy of a minute from Hutton mo. m. dated 28 of 4 mo. 1796 whose company and service has been also acceptable to us.

A Removal Certificate in behalf of Wm Wood & Wife directed to the mo. m. of account was sign by the Clerk.

The friend, appointed to the care of James Tucker's Clearance reported they found nothing sufficient to hinder him from proceeding in marriage with Phebe Tucker.

A Removal Certificate in behalf of Edward Plaid Junr. for m. by directed to Swansy mo. meeting in new returned with by the said Edward with an Endorsement satisfactory to this meeting.

An acknowledgment signed by John Gifford (now at Cambridge) was read in this meeting expressing his sorrow for his conduct some years past desiring to be restored to the Unity of friends whereupon we appoint Wm Anthony Wm Gifford & Joseph Tucker to take the necessary care on his account and make report at next mo. m. what they find most expedient to be done.

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James Tucker and Phebe Tucker appeared for Amner nothing appearing to hinder them from proceeding accordingly - Humphrey Russell and Wm Gifford are appointed to see their S. marriage orderly conducted & their Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for record & report at next mo. m.

We are informed by a Letter from Danby mo. m. respecting Deborah Barlow that they have taken the necessary care according to our request and that they believe her acknowledgmt to be sincere; whereupon we accept it for satisfaction with the concurrence of the Womens meeting and appoint Thomas Hicks & Joseph Esters to prepare a Certificate and bring to next mo. meeting. -

Sign. J. Esters Clerk

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th 7^{mo} 1796 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Wm Anthony & Benjamin Allen north John Devaul & Thomas Mott all present - except Thomas Mott whose absence we are inform'd is on account of indisposition of Body -

Two of the Representatives to Quarterly meeting reported they ~~did~~ attended S. meeting.

Lephaniah Buffington rendered a satisfactory excuse for his not attending -

The committee in the case of John Gifford's Acknowledgmt. presented a Letter directed to ~~the~~ a Cartown mo. m. requesting friends there to inspect his sincerity on this meeting's account and inform us as soon as may be, which being approved was signed by the Clerk.

A removal Certificate on behalf of Mahitable Smith wife of Deliverance Smith directed to the mo. m. of New Bedford was sign'd by the Clerk.

The womens meeting inform that they have accepted in to membership Sarah Wood wife of Daniel Wood with which this meeting concurs.

They also inform they have concluded to accept the acknowledgmt. of Lydia Gifford Wife of Stephen Gifford for satisfaction this meeting concurring therewith.

A Certificate on behalf of Deborah Barlow directed to the monthly meeting of near signed by ~~the~~ Clerk her Acknowledgment not being present Thomas Hicks & Joseph Esters are appointed to see that it is procured for recording and report at next months meeting.

Our friend Stephen Buffington having returned with the Certificate obtained for the purpose of making a Religious Visit to friends at Haverock, Warataga, & Ninepartners dated 2 of 12 mo. 1795 which is to our Comfort & Satisfaction. -

Humphrey Russell & Wm Gifford reported they attended the marriage of James Tucker and Phebe Tucker and that it was in a good degree orderly conducted & the Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording. -

Received Epistles from London Philadelphia and New York; also Transcripts of Epistles & Extracts from ~~the~~ yearly & Quarterly meetings, the reading of which is deferred to next monthly meeting.

Sign'd by Jos. Esters Clerk

At our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of 8 mo. 1796 The Representatives are from the South Humphrey Russell and Lutham Wood north John Tucker & William Gifford, all present. -

Several Epistles (the reading of which was refer'd from last meeting) was read in this to wit, one printed Epistle from London dated 5 mo. 1795, one written to the yearly meeting of Rhode Island dated 5 mo. 1795 -

also one from Pennsylvania dated 10 mo. 1795 & one from New York dated 5 mo. 1796, the several important communications therein contained were to our satisfaction and comfort.

A removal Certificate on behalf of Puffer Gifford and wife Ruth from the mo. meeting of New Bedford dated 17th of 5 mo. 1796 was read & accepted.

Shanna Hicks & Joseph Dexter reported that Deborah Barlow's acknowledgment was procured for recording.

By the Quarterly meeting Extracts it appears that our proportion of the yearly meeting stock is seven pounds.

At our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 9 mo 1796 the representatives one from the south Wm Anthony & Lutton Wood north William Gripp & Joseph Gifford Junr who being called on all present

The Quinis were read and answers proposed in this meeting which being approved and directed to be forwarded to the Q. meeting together with an account to Q. meeting being also approved & signed by the Clerk we appoint Joseph Tucker Jonathan Wilbur and Joseph Gifford Junr. to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting as Representatives.

This meeting concurs with the women in accepting Edith Byson's Acknowledgment Also in accepting Mary Hart into membership.

Our Treasurer is directed to forward seven pounds to the Quarterly m. Treasurer being our proportion of the yearly meeting stock.

The committee to receive Donations for schools and to regulate them in Society as far as circumstances will admit, report they have received nothing on that

that account they are continued in that Service and to endeavour to stir up the minds of friends therein and report in the mo. m. in the third month next.

A removal Certificate on behalf of Silvia Grinnell wife of Cornelius Grinnell directed to the monthly meeting of New Bedford dated 19th of 9 mo. 1796 was signed by the Clerk.

Also a removal Certificate on behalf of Rebecca Milk directed to the mo. m. of Acornet dated 19th of 9 mo was signed by the Clerk.

The committee in the care of meetings in Allen Ash report as followeth.

which is accepted by this meeting.

The Committee to collect money for the meetings we report they have collected and delivered to our Treasurer B. L. 2 which is a conclusive report and they Dismissed.

Joseph Tucker Wm Gifford & William Anthony are appointed to settle accounts with the Trustees accepted & appointed by a former minister of this meeting to the care of the Estate of John West late of New Bedford Deceased who are to report their progress to next mo. meeting.

This meeting is informed through the ^{south} previous meeting that Peleg Sanford is married out of the Unity of friends and that the woman was a member of unity. the further consideration is referred to next mo. m.

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At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 17 of 10 mo. 1796. —

The representatives from the Preparative meeting, are from the South Thomas Allen & Timothy Gifford North Adam Mott & Abner Potter Junr. all present

One of the Representatives to the Quarters, meeting they all attended said meeting —

The Committee appointed to settle accounts with the Trustees of John Wests Estate reported they have made some progress therein, they are continued in that service to Use their utmost endeavours to accomplish said Business and make report at next mo. meeting —

The matter respecting Pelag Sanford coming again under consideration and it appearing that he is guilty of fornication and married out of the Unity of friends; wherefore after solid Deliberation and having the concurrence of the womens meeting conclude to deny Unity with him & Humphrey Russell and Joseph Tucker are appointed to inform him thereof, prepare a Testimony of his Denial and report at next monthly meeting

A Removal Certificate for Phelis Bowerman to the monthly meeting of Vassilborough was signed by Both Clerks —

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 21 of 11 mo. 1796

The Representatives from the preparative meeting are from the South George Smith & Jonathan Willbours North Wm Tripp & John Tucker all present

The committee to settle Accounts with the Trustees John Wests Estate, reported they have Used their endeavour to accommodate said Settlement, but the Trustees not being

being fully ready prepared to make a Settlement with our said Committee as further appears by writing from them to this meeting as also a request that said matter may be transferred to New Bedford mo. m. with which we Write and our Committee is continued to Confer with that meeting on that account and report at next mo. m.

This meeting concurs with the womens in accepting the Acknowledgment of Mariah Smith wife John Smith. —

The case of Pelag Sanford having not been attended to by reason of his Absence; they are continued to the care thereof and to report at next mo. meeting

The Queres were read and Answer prepared also an Account signed by the Clerk which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Benjamin Smith John Tucker & Wm Gifford they to report at next mo. meeting.

This meeting concurs with the women in accepting a removal Certificate on behalf of Lydia Russell wife Stephen Russell, also an endorsement in favour of Shira Allen both from the monthly meeting of Accoxet.

Our friend Stephen Buffington mightily pressed before this meeting a concern that had rested on his mind to Make a Religious Visit to friends as far as the Oblong, Kingspastures & there abouts, and after solid Deliberation thereon we Unite with him therein; he having laid a prospect before the select members in due order; whereupon we appoint Thomas Tucker Joseph Tucker to prepare a Certificate for that purpose and bring to the adjournment of this meeting

This meeting adjourns to the 30 Instant after meeting for worship.

30th day met according to adjournment. —

A Certificate for our friend Stephen Buffington was read approved by this and also the womens meeting and signed by the Clerk in order to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for Concurrence. —

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Which said return being approved by this and also the Women meeting; it is satisfactory, and his said Acknowledgment is accepted by this meeting, and he restored to membership again with us, and the Clerk is appointed to read it as usual & report to next mo. m.

Luther Wood & Jos. Esters are directed to prepare Removal Certificate & bring to next mon. if found best.

This meeting is inform'd thro' the H. preparative, that Adam Mott requests a removal Certificate for his son Adam to the mo. m. of Walsborough where upon we appoint John Devaul & Joshua Potter to take the care thereof and bring one to next mo. m. if found best.

Information is received from the m. for Suffring that the valuable Journal of our Beloved friend Job Scott Secar, is about to be printed, & desiring forward to forward Subscriptions therefor to Moses Brown as soon as is convenient, whereupon we appoint Wm. Anthony Joseph Gifford Junr. Thomas Mott Timothy Howland & Zephaniah Buffington to receive them & report to next mo. meeting. Signed Jos. Esters Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 20th. of 2^{mo}. 1797 the Representatives from south preparative meeting are Joseph Sucher & Jonathan Willbour North Thom. Mott & Joshua Potter - all present -

The matter respecting the Estate John West is again deferred to next mo. meeting under care of the former Committee they then to report

The Clerk reports that the Testimony of Peleg Sanford's Denial - And John Gifford's Acknowledgment has been read as directed

Luther Wood & Jos. Esters produced a removal Certificate for John Gifford to the mo. meeting of East¹⁰ which being approved was signed by the Clerk

The committee to prepare a Removal Certificate for Adam Mott Junr. reported they had taken the necessary care and produced one which being approved was signed by the Clerk.

The receiving Subscriptions for Job's Journal is continued to next mo. meeting & Thomas Allen is added to the committee for that purpose. then to report

A Certificate in behalf of our beloved friend Stephen Buffington from the Quarterly meeting held at Easton the 16 of 11^{mo}. 1796 Expressive of his Religious Visit and Gospel Labours of Love together with his Exemplary Conduct & Conversation being truly acceptable and Edifying was received & read here the reception whereof is very agreeable to us and comfortable

Abner Shepherd requesteth a removal Certificate for himself and family to the mo. meeting of New Bedford: we appoint Zephaniah Buffington & Caleb Barker to take the necessary care prepare one and bring to next mo. meeting if found best.

Caleb Stoum presented a paper by way of the Preparative meeting Condemning his misconduct & requesting friends care again wherefore we appoint Luther Wood & Jonathan Willbour to take a suitable opportunity with him and Endeavour to find his Sincerity & report at next mo. meeting -

By the preparative meeting we are informed that Elizabeth Johnson requests a removal Certificate for herself and son James to the monthly meeting of Easton whereupon we appoint Thom. Hicks & George Smith to prepare one and forward to next mo. meeting if that best.

Rec'd. an Extract of a minute from the Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford 3rd of 12^{mo}. 1796 by which it appears that our proportion of the money to be raised for the Quarterly meeting stork is Eighty Seven dollars & one half; and as we have a committee for the purpose of collecting money for this meeting, they are directed to collect the S. Sum in the usual way as the sums have been heretofore collected and make report at the mo. meeting after paying it to our Treasurer - Conclude

Signed Jos. Esters Clerk

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At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 20. of 3 mo 1797
The Representatives from the South Zephaniah Buffington
& Jonathan Wilbour North Thomas Mott & James
Sucker - All Present.

The Committee reported; no account from N. Bedford
respecting the Estate of John West that matter is
again Defered to next mo. meeting; then to report

The Queries were read and Answers from each
Preparative meeting from which General Answers were
compiled which being approved (was) together with an
account of the Quarterly meeting signed by Clerk
was directed to be forwarded by the Representatives
who are Benjⁿ Smith Wm Anthony Jor. Sucker
& Abner Potter Jun^r they to report their attendance
at next mo. meeting.

In concurrence with the women's meeting was
signed a Removal Certificate on behalf of Esther
Lisson wife of Jonathan Lison directed to the
monthly meeting of N. Bedford

Rec^d. Subscriptions for Job Scotts Journal the
number of 39 Books it is still continued to next
month; then to report what addition is made

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Abner
Shepherd and family directed to the mo. meeting
of New Bedford was signed by the Clerk; also
one on behalf of Elizabeth Johnson & son James
to the mo. meeting of Easton.

The Committee reported they have had another
opportunity with Caleb Locum and that they had
received a degree of Satisfaction, we think it may
be well to defer it to next mo. meeting under their
Care then to report.

By the South Preparative m. we are informd that
Philip Russell hath kept company and married out
of the Unity of friends with a woman not a member
of our Society whereupon

Thomas Mott & George Smith to take an oppor-
tunity with him & report according to what they find
to next mo. meeting.

Collected and Paid to our treasurer 19: 5: 8
the Committee are still continued & to report at next mo. m.
Jor. Esters Clerk

At a monthly Meeting held 17th of Jan 1797
The representatives from the South Humphrey Russell
& George Smith North Joshua Potter & Joseph Gifford;
all present

The committee in care of the matters respecting
the Estate of John West report that s^d. matter is
accomodated with New Bedford monthly meeting
and that they have accepted the trust & care thereof
as appears by the following copy of a minute
from that meeting. The Committee appointed accord-
ing to the Request of Dartmouth mo. meeting report
that they think it may be safe for this meeting to
Receive the care of John Wests Estate; this meeting
writes therewith and the Committee is directed to send
Dartmouth mo. meeting a copy of this minute Abraham
Smith & Thomas Hazard Jun^r are appointed to have
the care of said Estate for the year ensuing

Extracted from New Bedford mo. meeting Minute
By Tho^s. Potte Clerk

The Representatives to Quarterly meeting reported they all
attended Except B. Smith who gave to this meeting a satisfact^y
reason for not attending.

The Committee in care of meetings in Smeths Neck
reported in writing as followeth-

To the m. m. of Friends in Dartm. 17 of 4 mo. 1797 according to appointment several
of us attended all the meetings held in smeths neck the winter past, also all
attended when & favoured with health & discover nothing but that s^d. meeting
was generally kept in a good order & to good satisfaction for which favour
and also the mutual consolation witnessed at times, then in we desire to render
humble acknowledg^{mt} to the Author of all favours herein signed by
Jorⁿ. Wilbour Wm Anthony J. Smith Benjⁿ Smith Marcy Anthony S. Howland M^d Smith

4mo

Which is accepted by this meeting to good Satisfaction

The committee to receive subscriptions for Job Scotts Journal report they have four to add which make total 43 Books. — Humphrey Buffell and Wm Gifford are appointed to take the care of forwarding said number of Books & also the money to mrs Bacon as soon as may be agree able to direction from the Meeting for suffering and to report at next mo. m.

The friends in the case of Caleb Ploum report they taken another opportunity with him and found good Acknowledgment satisfaction whereupon this meeting in concurrence with the Women conclude to accept his paper of acknowledgment & receive him into membership with us again & the Clerk is directed to read it in the usual way and report at next mo. meeting

Acknowledged
recorded
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Humphrey Buffell returned a copy of a minute obtained for the purpose of traveling with our friend Stephen Buffington to satisfaction

The friends to visit Philip Puffell report they have had no opportunity with him, they are still continued & Jonathan Willour is aded with them they to report at our next monthly meeting

The committee to raise money report nothing material done — They are continued & desired to make report at next mo. m.

The time of Humphrey Buffells keeping the meeting House & year being expired; the South Preparative m. is directed to pay him the sum of Eleven Dollars for said Service which is complied with

Wm Howland & Timothy Howland are appointed to agree with a friend for that service for the year ensuing & report at next mo. meeting

The committee appointed to see to a Settlement being accommodated between Sarah Pickerson and Benjamin Willour of new port now report it is settled to Satisfaction

Signed J. Ester Clerk

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held 15 of June 1797

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting, are from the South Thomas Allen & Josiah Wood north W. Gripp & Thomas Mott all Present

This meeting is informed that Subscriptions for Job Scotts Journal & also the money for printing the same is sent forward as directed

The Clerk reports that Caleb Ploum acknowledgment has been read as directed the friends to visit Philip Puffell report, he has not been much at home they are therefore continued to the necessary care of and report at next mo. m.

this meeting concurs with the women in receiving and accepting the acknowledgment of Lydia Sanford wife of Pely Sanford

The committee report they have agreed with Timothy Howland to keep the m. house & to have the care of paying from the 17th of June the ensuing year for Eleven Dollars & half or 50 Cents which is agreeable to this meeting

Noah Gifford and Martha Hathway appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage they having produced consent of Parents and he also produced a certificate from the mo. meeting of accept setting forth his Clearness to proceed in marriage with the said Martha Hathway; this meeting takes notice thereof and desire them to wait till next mo. m. for answer

Osman Wood hath obtained Consent of Parents to proceed in marriage with Sarah Tucker and they appear and Declare their intentions of taking each other in marriage this meeting takes notice thereof & desire them to wait till next mo. m. for Answer

Timothy Howland & Joseph Ester are appointed to take the necessary care respecting Osman Woods Clearness in marriage & conversation & report at next mo. meeting

Zephaniah Sted requests thro' the North Preparative meeting a Certificate directed to the mo. meeting of women when he is going to reside as an apprentice Caleb Barker & Zephaniah Buffington are appointed to make enquiry prepare on & bring to next mo. m. if nothing sufficient appears to them

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 19 of June 1797 the Representatives are from the South Humphrey Buswell & Luther Wood north John Devaul & Joshua Potter all present.

The year of the Clerks appointment being expired Joseph Estes is again appointed for the ensuing year or untill another is appointed in his Stead and William Gifford is again appointed Assistant.

The Queries were read and answers prepared which being approved, were together with an account from this to the Quarterly meeting signed by the Clerk directed to be forwarded by our Representatives who are Lophaniak Buffington Thomas Mott Joseph Gifford Junr. they to report of their attendance at next mo. m.

The committee to visit Philip Buswell report no opportunity with him it is again deferred to next mo. m.

Our Beloved friend Nathaniel A. Smith attended this meeting with a Certificate from the mo. m. of Philadelphia northern District dated 23 of 5 mo. 1797 when company & Gospel labour hath been edifying & satisfactory to us.

The committee report they have taken care on account of Osman Woods find nothing sufficient to hinder him from proceeding.

The women inform they have concluded to accept Patience Potter wife of Wm H. Potter into membership with which this meeting concur

Noah Gifford & Martha Hathaway and Osman Wood & Sarah Tucker appeared for answers nothing appearing sufficient to hinder them from proceeding they are left at Liberty solemnize their marriage at some convenient time before next mo. m. and Luther Wood & Joseph Estes are appointed to see Noah Gifford, marriage orderly conducted and the Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

Humphrey Buswell & Wm Anthony are appointed to see that of Osman Woods, marriage conducted orderly deliver their Certificate to the Clerk & report at next mo. m.

A Certificate directed to the mo. m. of Swansea on Behalf of Lophaniak Stead was read approved and signed by the Clerk.

Our Treasurer is directed to forward 87 Dollars and 50 Cents to the Quarterly meeting, Treasurer being our proposition of of yearly Stock

The North Preparative meeting forwarded a paper signed Garner Potter condemning his having been guilty of fornication which is referred to next mo. under the care of John Devaul & Thomas Mott they to endeavour to find the sinerary of his mind

This meeting conclude to appoint a meeting to morrow at the 11 hour for the Consumation of the marriage of Noah Gifford & Martha Hathaway Collected and paid to our Treasurer 26 Dollars
Joseph Estes Clerk

At our monthly m. of Dartmouth 19 of June 1797 the Representatives from the South Benjamin Allen & Humphrey Buswell North Benjamin Rider & Ebenezer Potter Jr. all present

The Representatives to Quarterly m. report they all attended according to appointment.

The comm. to visit Philip Buswell report they have not had opportunity with him by reason of his absence it is again deferred to next mo. meeting.

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Noah Gifford report it was orderly conducted, and their Certificate forwarded to the recorder.

One of the friends to see to Osman Woods marriage Reported they attended thereto and that it was conducted in a good degree orderly; (the other friend rendered a room satisfactory for his nonattendance) the Certificate handed to the recorder as directed.

The comm. to visit Garner Potter reported they had an opportunity with him and that he gave them some satisfaction, they are still continued in that service to report at next mo. meeting.

Our Treasurer reported he has forwarded 87 Dollars & 50 Cents to Quarterly m. Treasurer as directed

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Walter Shearman produced a certificate from the m. m. of Rhode Island expressive of his being a member and Cleared to proceed in marriage with Hulda Willbour also consent of Parents in writing.

Walter Shearman & Hulda Willbour appeared in this meeting and manifested their intentions of taking each other in marriage, which is noted and they desired to wait till next m. for answer.

A new appointment of Overseers coming under consideration whereupon we appoint Per. Mott Luther Wood Lephaniah Buffing John Tucker William Gifford and Joseph Tucker to attend to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment takes place.

Through the North P. m. came a request signed by Patience Potter wife of Wm Hulda Potter in behalf of her Children's being admitted into membership with us whereupon we appoint Thomas Smith and John Davaul Joseph Gifford Junr to join the women and take a suitable opportunity with them on that account and report at next m. m.

The com. to have of meetings in Abenack reported they were attended and conducted in a good degree orderly signed Joseph Ester Clerk

A monthly meeting held in Dartm. 4th of 8: 1797 the Representatives from the South Joseph Wing and Lephaniah Buffington North Adam Mott and James Tucker all present.

The com. reported they have had no opportunity with Philip Russell by reason of his absence they are desired to continue their care to him and make return at next m. m.

Wm Gifford reported he delivered Osman Wood Certificate for record as directed

The com. report they have had another opportunity with Garner Patter & found good satisfaction, whereupon we accept his paper of Acknowledgment and receive him into membership again with us

Wm Gifford is appointed to read said Paper as usual and make report at next m. m.

The Com. appointed to have the care and inspection of Patience Potters Request report they have had a suitable opportunity with them and discovered nothing but that it may be safe to receive them into membership; and having the womens Concurrence they are accepted and received into membership accordingly; their names are Elisabeth, William Ruby, Benjamin, Ruth, & Sarah.

Walter Shearman & Hulda Willbour appeared for answer & nothing appearing to hinder them from proceeding; they are left at Liberty to take each in Marriage at some convenient time before next monthly m. George Smith & Wm Anthony are appointed to see that their Marriage be orderly conducted, and the Certificate delivered to the records and report at next m. m.

Wm Wood forwarded a Paper thro. the Proprietors m. condemning his having married out of the approved Rules & order of Society; & expressing his sorrow therefor & desiring to be restored to Unity again wherefore we appoint Thom. Hicks and Benjn Allen to endeavour to find his sinners therein and report at next m. m. meeting accordingly

Humphrey Russell requests a Certificate for his son John Wada Russell directed to the m. m. of Huxford where he is gone to reside as an Apprentice with a friend wherefore we appoint George Sanford & Caleb Barker to prepare one and bring to next m. m. if no objection appear

We are informed that Joseph Poble sometime Past removed within the compass of Exton m. m. without Certificate; wherefore we appoint James Tucker & Thomas Mott to write to that meeting what they think Proper & bring to next m. m.

The com. to raise money report they have paid to our treasurer Nineteen Dollars four Shillings and two pence 19th Feb: 4/10 here

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9th A Certificate for George B. Albany wife
and Child from New Bedford mo. m. was read
and excepted — signed J. Cole Clerk

D At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth
the 18th of 9^{mo}. 1797 the Representatives
The Representatives from the South Timothy Howland
Leophaiah Buffington North Thomas Smith and
William Tripp — all present

The Queries were read and Answers to 2^d, 3^d, & 4th
were prepared & are directed to the Quarterly m.

The Comtee report they endeavoured for an opportunity
with Philip Russell but did not obtain it, they
are still continued and to report next mo.

Wm Gifford reported he had read Garner
Potter Paper as directed (it being for fornication)

The friends appointed to the Care of Walter
Mcneaman marriage reported they allowed them to
and that it was orderly conducted & the Certificate
forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

The Comtee report they have had an opportunity
with Wm Wood, and think best if he refer to
next mo. m. for further Labour with him, which
the meeting writes with they then to report.

A Certificate on Behalf of John Wada
Russell directed to the mo. m. of New Bedford
was approved & signed by the Clerk.

The Comtee appointed produced an Essay of a
Letter directed to the mo. m. of Easton as directed
which being read was approved and signed by
the Clerk & James Sucker is directed forward the
same to that meeting & preserve a copy thereof
and Lodge with the Clerk.

A Complaint against G. Howland jr was bro't
through the Preparative m. on account of his being
out of Plaines in behaviour & Apparel, and that
the Overseers had laboured with him on those accounts
but red. but little Satisfaction therefore this m. by
appoints Jos. Gifford jr & James Sucker to take a
suitable opportunity with him and endeavour to convince
him of his deviation from the way of truth & report the

like wife a Complaint against Nicholas Lapham for
his being out of plaines, neglecting to attend our Religious
meeting, & is married out of the Unity of friends, for which
the Overseers also laboured with him; found but little
Satisfaction; yet this meeting being desirous to be fully
clear do appoint Thomas Hether & Benj^r Allen to
visit him and endeavour to reclaim him if it may
be done, and report next mo. m.

In concurrence of the women's meeting was signed
a Certificate on behalf of Dinah Howland wife
of Wm Howland to the mo. m. of Easton.

We write with the women in receiving
Alice Smith Daughter of John Smith into membership.

This m. is informed that Thomas Smith has
a prospect of removing with his family to Live
within the compass of Easton mo. m. & requests a
our Certificate for himself & P. family his Children's
names Joseph, Howland, Rebecca & Rachel therefore
we appoint Wm Tripp & Wm Gifford to make
necessary inspection and if they find nothing to
hinder him from having a Certificate from the
women and prepare one & bring to next mo. m.

Wm Gifford Lathan Wood & James Sucker
are appointed to attend our next Quarterly meeting
and make report at the mo. m. next month.

This meeting concurs with the women in doing
with Elisabeth Potter wife of Garner Potter.

An Account was prepared & signed by the Clerk
directed to the Quarterly m.

We are informed by York Preparative m.
that John Devaul requests a Certificate for
himself & wife to the mo. m. of Easton; Joseph
Gifford jr & Abner Pella jr are appointed to take
the necessary care to inspect the Legality of his
disposing of his Interest; and if no objection
appear gain the women prepare one and bring to
next mo. m.

At a monthly meeting held in
Dartmouth 16 of 10 mo. 1797

The Representatives from the North Wm.ripp and
James Tucker South Humphrey Russell & George Wensford
all present.

The friends appointed in the case of Philip Russell
Report; they have not had opportunity to speak with him on
account of his absence, they are still continued to the care
thereof and to report next mo. m.

The Comtee appointed to the care of Wm. Wood
Case reported, they had attended thereto and found some
satisfaction and that they that well of its being defend
another month, which is approved, they then to report

James Tucker informed that he had forwarded
the Letter to Canton as directed; and also handed a copy
thereof to the Clerk.

The Comtee appointed to take an opportunity with
Gideon Howland Jr. reported, they endeavoured, but
did not obtain it by reason of his absence; they are
continued to the care thereof, and to report next mo. m.

The Comtee in the case of N. Lapham reported,
in writing &c. To the ma. m. to be held 16 of 10 mo. 1797
we have had a suitable opportunity with N. Lapham
and laboured to convince him of his error and endeavour
to evince to him the necessity of condemning it, but our
labour has not had the effect desired, he is not willing to
condemn his marrying out of the order of Society, and
has not requested friends to wait Concer with him

And after sole Deliberation thereon [J. Hicks
it is concluded to defer the matter a- [Benj. Allen
nother month under the care of the
former Comtee they to use their endeavours to reclaim
him & report accordingly at next mo. m.

This meeting Concer with the woman in ac-
cepting & receiving the acknowledgment of Ruth
Lapham wife of Humphrey Lapham

Also in accepting the acknowledgment of Lemie
Russell wife of William Russell of N. Bedford.

A Removal Certificate for Hilda ~~Wensford~~
Shearman to the mo. m. of Rhode Island was
signed by the Clerk

The friends appointed to procure a certificate for
Thomas Smith and family reported they have taken
the necessary care in that case, and have produced
one which was approved and signed by the Clerk

This meeting Concer with the woman in re-
ceiving Metitable wood wife of Wm Wood into
membership.

The Representatives to Q. Meeting report they
they all attended and had in charge to remind this
meeting that our future Representatives take due care
to meet at the hour where D. meeting is held at
the sixth hour of the day on which the meeting is
held in order to make out a Summary of the answer
to the Overseer.

The friends in the case of John Devaul Cottiff
Reported they think best to continue it another month
which is complied with they then to report

An acknowledgment signed by Elijah Gifford Junr.
(was read) condemning his marrying out of the Unity of friends
and desiring friends to pass by D. office and to be restored
to membership; wherefore we appoint Joseph Gifford &
Benj. Allen to take an opportunity with him and
endeavour to find the sincerity of D. request & return
and report next mo. m.

Thus the Pre. m. we are informed that Josiah Wood
Junr. Requests a Removal Certificate for himself & family
to the mo. m. of N. Bedford Josephiah Buffington
& Caleb Barker in conjunction with the women are
appointed to take the necessary care, prepare one and
bring to next mo meeting if no objection appears

Also that Abraham Allen hath much neglected
the due attendance of our Religious meetings, is out of
Plains, kept company and married out of the Unity
of friends, and that the Overseers have laboured with
him and that appeared desirous to make friends satis-
faction for his so Deviating whereupon we appoint
Jonathan Wilbour & James Tucker to take a suitable
opportunity with him in order for his help and
restoration; and report at next mo. m.

It appearing & necessary to appoint a Comtee
to have the care of the burying ground and also of ~~the~~
such as are not members shall be entored there in, we
therefore appoint Wm Gifford Joseph Tucker John Tucker
Joseph Gifford Jr. Tho. Matt Lutham Wood & Jos. Lotes
and Humphrey Russell to attend to that service