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At a Monthly meeting held in **Dart-Mouth**, the 18<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1785.

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

*Rich<sup>d</sup> Lapham case continued*

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

*Rhoda Sherman rec<sup>d</sup>*

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

*W<sup>m</sup> Sanford jun<sup>r</sup> inform<sup>d</sup>*

**Peleg Gifford**, reports that he hath informed **William Sanford jun<sup>r</sup>**(that he hath informed **Wm**) as desir'd last Monthly meeting.

*B. Howlan<sup>d</sup>s Case continued.*

The Committee in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howlan<sup>d</sup>s** Report, that they had the Matter under Notice, and some of them, had another Opportunity with him, and that they think best the Matter be continued; it is accordingly continued under the same Friends care 'till next Monthly meeting; they then to report.

*Hart &  
Allen defer'd*

The Committee in the Case of **Joseph Hart** and **Philip Allen** report that they have had Opportunities with them; and said Comt<sup>ee</sup> desire the Matter may be continued another Month; it is accordingly defer'd to next Monthly meeting under the

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the same Friends Care, they then to make report.

*T Akin's  
case defer'd*

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Thomas Akin**, report, that they have not had opportunity with him and desire the Matter continued, which is accordingly continued under their care 'till next Monthly meeting; they then to report.

*B. Allen  
son of Phil<sup>d</sup>  
case defer'd*

The Committee in the Case of **Benjamin Allen son of Philip** dec<sup>d</sup>, report that they have taken care of that Matter; yet desire it defer'd; which is accordingly continued under their Care 'till next Monthly meeting, they then to report.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
Reports  
wrote to  
Providence.*

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

*S. Buffington  
Certificate*

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Stephen Buffintun's [Buffington]** Certificate, report, that it is not accomplish'd, they are therefore continued in that service, and to report to the next Monthly meeting.

*Report of  
Representatives attend-  
ed Qly meet.*

Two of <sup>the</sup> Friends appointed to attend to the Quarterly-meeting, report, that they attended, but that **Jonath<sup>n</sup> Hart**, did not, by reason of Indisposition of Body, as this Meeting is inform'd; that he endeavor'd to send his Excuse in writing, which fail'd of conveyance and is to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

*S. Bunker J'*

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Shubael Bunker Jun<sup>f</sup>**. report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and it is their opinion that he may have a Certificate, they are therefore directed <sup>write</sup> to **Nantucket** m<sup>o</sup> meeting, what appears to them necessary

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1785 necessary thereon: and report to next Monthly meeting.

*James Davis  
request*

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

*Report  
com<sup>tee</sup> in  
Job Deval's  
case*

The Committee in the Case of **Job Deval**, report as follows: Pursuant to appointment of the Monthly <sup>meeting</sup>, we have inspected into the Matter of which **Job Deval** is accused, and have had a solid Opportunity of conference with him, and have deliberately considered of the same, and he declining to face the young Woman, who accused him, in order to make his innocence appear, therefore, we have to report, that he hath not satisfied us that he is clear of the Fact laid to his charge, altho' he still denies it. we therefore submit the Matter to the Meeting believing we have discharged ourselves therein.

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of 7 month 1785.

**Caleb Russell**  
**Joseph Gifford**  
**Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith**

*conclusion  
thereon.  
he denied.*

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

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1785. the same friends are desired to draw a Testimony of his Denial; inform him thereof, and report it to next Mo meeting.

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

*D. Shepherd  
jun<sup>r</sup> request  
for remov<sup>l</sup>  
Certific<sup>a</sup>* **David Shepherd Jun<sup>r</sup>** requests a removal Certificate for himself, Wife and Children, to **Sandwich** M<sup>o</sup> meeting, he having removed within the Compass of that Monthly meeting to live; **Joseph Austin** and **Benjamin Taber**, are appointed to join the Women, take the necessary Care therein, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*collection.* The S<sup>o</sup> Preparative Meeting in their Acc<sup>t</sup> inform that they have collected and paid to the Treasurer..... £ “15<sup>s</sup>-9  
The North..... “13”4.  
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*rec<sup>t</sup> of  
Epistles* The Friends to attend the Quarterly meeting produced an Epistle therefrom which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction; and the Matter respecting the Money for yearly & Quarterly meeting’s Stock. is refer’d to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting: receiv’d also the Epistle from **London** to our Yearly meeting together with our Yearly meeting’s Epistle & those from **Westbury** and **Philadelphia**, that from **London** was read to satisfaction, and the reading the others, is defer’d to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting at the open-

*7 m<sup>o</sup> 1785* opening thereof.

*Hay provided* **Abiel Gifford** and **Gideon Howland** are appointed, to provide Hay, as may appear necessary for the next Quarterly meeting, and bring an acco<sup>t</sup> thereof to this Meeting.

*8<sup>th</sup> Month* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1785.

The Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup>. meetings Are, from the South, **Joseph Barker** and **Philip Trafford**, - from the North, **John Howland**, and **Thomas Mott**, who being call’d are all present. -

*Epistles  
to be read.* The Clerk informs that the bringing the Epistles (propos’d to be read at the opening of this Meeting) slip’d his mind; - he is therefore desir’d to <sup>bring</sup> them to next monthly meeting.

*R. Lapham case contin* Two of the Friends in the Case of **Rich<sup>d</sup> Lap-**  
**ham**, report that they have had an opportunity with him; and have but little Encouragement of his leaving his Habit: - yet desire the matter defer'd, which is accordingly continued under the same friends care, who are to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meet<sup>g</sup>.

*B. Howlan<sup>d</sup>s Case.* The Committee in the Case **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>d</sup>** report, that they have continued their care, <sup>therein</sup> and that **Benj<sup>a</sup>** gave them some satisfaction, and they desire the Matter continued, which is accordingly continued under their care, who are to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

The Women inform they have concluded to deny

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*8 m<sup>o</sup> 1785.* deny **Sylvia** the Wife of **Cornelius Grinnel & Mary** Wife of **Isaac Howland 2<sup>d</sup>** which this meeting concurs with.  
*Sylvia Grinnel & Mary Howland denied. -*

*Jos. Hart & P. Allen continued* The Commt<sup>ee</sup> in the Case of **Jos. Hart** and **Philip Allen**, desire that Matter continued another month, which this Meeting acquiesces with, they to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*T. Akin's case continued* The friends app<sup>d</sup> in the Case of **Thomas Akin**, report, that they have taken a solid opportunity with him - and desire the Matter defer'd, which is accordingly continu'd under their Care, 'till next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting, they then to report.

*B Allen's son of P. Acknowled<sup>d</sup> receiv'd* The Comt<sup>ee</sup> in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** son of **Philip** dec<sup>d</sup>. report, that they have had solid opportunities with him, and are willing to accept his acknowledgment<sup>t</sup> for Satisfaction; with our Concurrence; which after considering, we conclude <sup>^so</sup> to accept, the Women at so concurring provided, **Benj<sup>a</sup>** cause his Paper of acknowledgment to be read publickly, at first day's Meeting between this and next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, he being present, and return said paper, with report to this Meeting.

*Step. Buffintun's Certificate sign'd* A removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk, directed to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Acoaxet**, in behalf of **Stephen Buffintun, [Buffington]** his Wife and their Children. namely, **Zephaniah, Stephen** and **Sarah** - expressing that they are members, and that their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears.

*S. Bunker.* The Friends appointed to write to **Nantucket** respecting **Shub<sup>l</sup> [Shubael] Bunker's** Certificate, report, that they have

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*8 m<sup>o</sup> 1785* wrote to that Meeting accordingly.

The Comt<sup>ec</sup> appointed reported a Draught of the Testimony of **Job Deval's** Denial as follows, "Whereas **Job Deval [Deval]** son of **John Deval** and **Mary** his Wife, of **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** in the County of **Bristol**, & having had his Education among friends, but by departing from the Truth and the Testimony thereof in his own heart, hath so far given way to a depraved and unstable Mind, as to fall into rude, loose unprofitable Company, and thereby hath fallen under the imputation of being guilty of the reproachful Sin of Fornication, as by the <sup>^accusation of</sup> Sarah Russell doth appear, tho' he denies the Accusation and Friends having treated with him in Love on that Acc<sup>t</sup> but he not clearing up the Matter, nor discharging himself therefrom in any manner sufficient to manifest his Innocence, to friends satisfaction. We do therefore, for the clearing and manifesting our Testimony against such reproachful conduct, hereby publickly disown him the said **Job Deval** from being a Member of our religious Society, until by repentance and amendment of life, he shall be restored to the way of Truth. Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 8 m<sup>o</sup> 1785, by **Caleb Greene** Clerk. which being approv'd and sign'd as above, the Clerk is desir'd to cause the same to be read in the usual public

8 m<sup>o</sup> 1785 public manner at **Newtown**, and the same friends are to inform **Job** thereof, and they with the Clerk are to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

One of the Friends in the Case of **Joseph Russell** son of Timothy, - informs that the Comt<sup>ee</sup> hath had an opportunity with, <sup>^him</sup> and that he appears *J. Russell* disposed to make Friends Satisfaction; - yet think *son of Tim's* it best to defer the Matter - which is accordingly *case conti'd.* continu'd under the same friends care, 'till next m<sup>o</sup> meeting, who are then to report.

The Friends appointed to draw a removal Certificate for **David Shepherd Junior**, his Wife and their Children, namely **Thomas, Reliance, John, James, herd J<sup>n</sup> & Caleb** to **Sandwich M<sup>o</sup>** meeting, produced one *Remov<sup>l</sup> Certif<sup>a</sup>* which was read and signed by the Clerk, expressing that they are Members, and that his affairs *for D. Shepherd J<sup>n</sup>* were settled to satisfaction as far as appears. *Family* *to Sandwich sign'd.*

The South Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meeting in their Acct *Collection;* inform, that they have collected & sent to the Treasurer..... 6<sup>s</sup>-10  
The North..... 19-4 1/2  
1-6- 2 1/2

It is concluded to fence our Lot of Ground, next *To make* the River, in order to accommodate friends horses *Fence* at y<sup>e</sup> Quarterly meeting - and agree to meet together *round Lot.* on the Second day of next week, if the weather is suitable, if not, the next suitable day, to accomplish the same.

*Cath<sup>e</sup> Russell.* The Women inform, that they are about to deal with **Catherine Russell** which this Meeting concurs with.

8 m<sup>o</sup> 1785. The Committee for building a Meeting house at **Bedford**, requests an additional number for that Service and to collect Subscriptions for raising Money to defray that Expence: **Abraham Howland, Giles Slocum, Peleg Gifford** and **Samuel Smith** are appointed to assist in that service *Addition to Comt<sup>ee</sup> build<sup>s</sup>. m.*

*Nanny Gifford* hath returned a Copy of a Minute of this Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> month last, she having attended the Quarterly at **Nantucket**. *return'd copy of Min.*  
*J. Davis* **James Davis** hath returned a Copy of a Minute of last Monthly meeting, he having attended **Sandwich M<sup>o</sup>** meeting *return'd copy min.*

It being recommended by the Quarterly meeting for this Meeting to raise £16.10<sup>s</sup> to supply the Yearly and Quarterly – meeting's Stock, we therefore appoint **Peleg Slocum, Timothy Russell, Barnabas Russell, Thomas Mott, William Gifford, William Barker**, to draught Subscriptions, and make collections thereon, and each Member is desired to subscribe thereto in freedom, s<sup>d</sup> Comt<sup>ee</sup> to make report of the sum total so collected to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting: and the Clerk is desir'd to give them a Copy of this Minute signed in behalf of this Meeting.

*Comtee  
to collect  
£16.10<sup>s</sup> by subscrip<sup>n</sup>*

9 m<sup>o</sup> At the Monthly meeting of **Dartmouth** held there, the 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1785.

The Representatives from the S<sup>o</sup> Prepar<sup>a</sup>. Meeting are **Peleg Gifford, and Caleb Barker**,  
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9 m<sup>o</sup> 1785 from the North, **John Howland** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**, who being called are all present.

*rem<sup>r</sup> of  
Epistles  
read.*

The other Epistles which came to hand in the 7<sup>th</sup> month, were read at this time to satisfaction, and the weighty Advices therein: - are recommended to the Consideration and observance of friends, - particularly that from our Yearly meeting, which recommends last year's Advice, respecting Spirituous Liquors, to be read in Monthly and Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings, In which is refer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting for further Consideration.

*B. Howland 3<sup>d</sup> Case  
defer'd.*

The comt<sup>ee</sup> in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland** 3<sup>d</sup> report, that they have continued their Care therein and that they have some encouragement, and desire the Matter deferd, which this Meeting concurs with and they are continued in that Servive & to report to next Monthly meeting.

*B. Allen's  
Paper read.*

This Meeting is inform'd that **Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** son of **Philip** dec<sup>d</sup>, hath caus'd his Paper to be read as directed at Last M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*T. Akin  
case deferd.*

The Friends appoined in the Case of **Thomas Akin**, report, that they have had a further opportunity with him, and think it may be best, that, the Mater be deferd, which is accordingly continu'd under the same Friends Care, they do report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*R. Lapham* The Friends in the Case of **Rich<sup>d</sup> Lapham**, report, that they have not had<sup>^</sup> further opportunity, with him, as he hath gone a Voy<sup>a</sup> to sea, they are therefore continu'd in that Service, and to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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*9 m<sup>o</sup> 1785.*  
*Testimony*  
*of Job Deval's*  
*Denial read.* The Clerk informs that the Testimony of the Denial of **Job Deval**, hath been read as directed: – and the Friends appointed reports, that **Job** hath been hath been informed of his Denial.

*Jos. Hart &*  
*Philip Allen's*  
*Case continu'd* The Comt<sup>ee</sup> in the Case of **Joseph Hart** and **Philip Allen** – desire that Matter continu'd another Month, with which this Meeting concurs, they then to report. ~~~~

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

*compt<sup>t</sup>*  
*against<sup>t</sup>*  
*Ichabod*  
*Shearman* The Overseers inform that **Ichabod Shearman** hath greatly departed from that simple Plainness professd by us, particularly in tying his Hair with a Riband, and is slack in the Attendance of our religious Meetings, that they have tenderly labour'd with him therefore, but not finding him in a Disposition of mind to refrain therefrom or to friends satisfaction, therefore we appoint **Seth Huddlestone, Zephaniah Edy, John Howland** to labour further with him thereon, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

**Henry Smith** and **Abigail Russell** de<sup>-clare</sup> their intention of taking each other in Marriage they

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*9 m<sup>o</sup> 1785* they are to wait 'till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting for their Answer: and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jun<sup>r</sup>** and **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 2<sup>d</sup>** are appointed to inspect **Henry's** clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

The South Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meeting in their Acc<sup>t</sup>  
*Collection* inform, that they have collected and sent to the  
 £1,2,3 ½ Treasurer - - - - - 0 9<sup>s</sup> 5 1/2<sup>p</sup>  
 and the North. - - - - - 12 10  
 £ 1. 2. 3 ½

*Queries answer'd* The Queries were read and answers thereto from  
 the Preparative Meetings, and **Samuel Smith &  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks**, are appointed to compile general  
 Answers to the Queries from this to the Quar-  
 terly meeting; and draw an account to said meeting  
 and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

*Prepar<sup>a</sup>  
 Meetings to  
 be held the  
 next week be-  
 fore Quarterly  
 meeting.* This Meeting having concluded in the 10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup>.  
 1782 to discontinue all our week day meetings in that  
 week the Quarterly meeting may be held here, and  
 that when the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings happens to fall  
 in that week; that it be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
 the<sup>next</sup> proceeding week of the Quarterly meeting, and in  
 addition thereto, the North Prepar<sup>a</sup> meeting, it is  
 now concluded, is to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the  
 next proceeding week of the Quarterly meeting, whenev-  
 er it may happen in the week of the Quarterly meet-  
 ing's being held here: and that there be Meetings  
 for worship on said Prepar<sup>a</sup> meeting Days

*Adjourn'd* This Meeting is adjourned to the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst  
 at the usual Time of Day.

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The Representatives being called were all  
 present.

*Represent-  
 atives to  
 Q<sup>y</sup> meeting* The Friends appointed produced a Compilation  
 of the Answers to the Queries, which with  
 the Account the Acc<sup>t</sup> to the Quarterly meeting  
 were read, (and after some alterations) signed by the  
 Clerk, and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by  
 our Representatives, **Abiel Gifford, Benj<sup>a</sup> Taber,  
 Seth Huddlestone, John Howland**, who are to  
 report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Peter Corban  
 from Oblong.* Our Friend **Peter Corban** attended this meeting  
 with Copy of a Minute of the Monthly meeting  
 of **Oblong**, dated 12<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1785. which was read  
 to satisfaction, and endorsement made thereon sig-  
 nifying the same, signed by the Clerk.

*£7.5 .5  
 collected for  
 yearly &  
 Q<sup>y</sup> meeting* The Comt<sup>ec</sup> to collect Subscriptions, for sup-  
 plying the yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock,  
 report, that they have collected and paid to our  
 Treasurer £7·5·5<sup>d</sup> who is directed, to forward it  
 to the Quarterly meetings<sup>Treasurer</sup> and the same friends are  
 continued in that Service for further Collection they  
 to make report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*propos'd  
to appoint  
visitors*

The Women inform, that they with our Concurrency, conclude to appoint some friends to join the Overseers in visiting such among us, as neglect the attendance of our religious Meetings: this Meeting concurring therewith, refereth, the appointing some men friends to join them therein, to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
to provide  
companions  
for Travelling  
friends.*

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

*Francis  
Rotch  
disowned.*

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

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At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1785.

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings, are,  
From the } South **Thomas Hicks & W<sup>m</sup> Barker**  
North **Caleb Russell** and **Jn<sup>o</sup> Doval**.

*Advice re-  
specting S.  
Liquors to  
be read at  
Prepar<sup>a</sup> meet<sup>s</sup>.*

who being called were all present.

The Advice from the Yearly meeting respecting spirituous Liquors, was read at this Time, and the further reading thereof, is recommended to the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings, as often as many appear useful and best.

*B. Howland's  
Case contin<sup>d</sup>*

The Committee in the Case of **Benjamin Howland 3<sup>d</sup>** report, that he has given them some Satisfaction; but think best the Matter be continued – it is accordingly continued under the same friends Care, who are to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*R. Lapham.*

The Friends in **Rich<sup>d</sup> Lapham's** Case, report, that they have not had opportunity with him, as he<sup>is</sup> not return'd, they are therefore continued in that Service, and to make report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*T. Akin*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> in **Thomas Akin's** Case report, that they have not all had Opportunity with him, and think best the Matter<sup>should</sup> be defer'd, it is accordingly continued under their Care, who are to report to next Monthly meeting.

*Jos. Hart  
paper accep-  
ted P. Allen  
continu'd.*

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

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Satisfaction, provided he cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, and return the same with report thereof to next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting: but the same friends report, that<sup>they</sup> think it best to continue **Philip's** Case, which is accordingly continued under their Care, who are to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Ich<sup>d</sup> Shear-  
man de-  
nied.*

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

*Report of  
Comt<sup>ee</sup> to*

The Friends appointed to inspect **Henry Smith's** Clearness respecting Marriage & Conversation report, that nothing appears to hinder his pro-

see *H. Smiths* ceeding in Marriage.  
*clearness.*

*Report of  
Representa-  
tives to Q<sup>y</sup>  
Meeting.*

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended, and that the Acc<sup>t</sup> from this Meeting was received and read, and that it was it was the Conclusion of the Quarterly meeting, not to communicate any thing by way of Epistle at this Time.

*H. Smith  
& Ab<sup>l</sup> Rus-  
sell's answer.*

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

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this Meeting appoints to see Said Marei- age orderly solemniz'd, who are **Benjamin Howland 2<sup>d</sup>** and **William Anthony jun<sup>or</sup>** they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting. ----

*Collection*

The South Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meeting in their Account inform they have Collected and sent to the Treasu- rer of this Meeting - - - - - .9<sup>s</sup>. 11 ½  
The North - - - - - .7. 11.  
~ .17<sup>s</sup> 10 ½

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
to repair  
M. House.*

**Peleg Gifford, Philip Trafford, Giles Slocum,** and **Thomas Russell, Barnabas Mosher, Ca- leb Russell & Gideon Howland:** are appointed a Committee to repair our Meeting house at **Aponeganset**, if they think proper, and make such repairs as they can before the the approaching Winter, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Compt<sup>l</sup> ag<sup>t</sup>  
Archp<sup>s</sup> Gifford.*

The Overseers inform that **Archippus Gif- ford**, keeps Company with a young Woman not of our Society, on account of Marriage, for which he was Labour'd with, by them: but he not giving them Satisfaction, therefore we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** and **Thomas Mott** to labour further with him s<sup>d</sup> **Archippus**, and report to next Monthly- meeting.

*Yearly &  
Q<sup>y</sup> meetg  
Stock*

The Committee to continue in Collecting for Yearly & Quarterly meeting's Stock, report, that they<sup>are</sup> about attending to that service, they are continu'd therein to accomplish that matter and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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order on treas-  
urer 5/8.*

**Caleb Greene** informs that he hath procured the Deed of the Meeting house Lot at [**New**] **Bedford**, acknowledged and recorded at the cost of 5/8<sup>d</sup> which the Treasurer is directed to pay

*appointing  
visitors  
refer'd.*

The appointing some Friends to join the Women in visiting those who neglect the attendance of our religious Meetings, and some others who are otherwise defective, is refer'd to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*11<sup>th</sup> month*

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>st</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1785.

The Representatives named in the Accounts from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Joseph Wilbur** and **Benjamin Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** – North, **Benjamin Taber** and **Jonath<sup>n</sup> Hart**, who being called were all present, except **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** who sent a satisfactory Reason of his absence.

*R. Lapham  
case contin<sup>d</sup>.*

**Richard Lapham**'s Case is continued under the same friends Care, as were appointed there in, as they have not had opportunity with him, they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*T. Akin.*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> in the Case of **Thomas Akin** report, that, they have taken solid opportunities with him, that he gave them some encouragement, and that they think best it be continued, which is accordingly, under the same friends Care, they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*B Howlands  
3<sup>d</sup>'s Case  
concluded.*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>d</sup>** report, that he seemed disposed to make friends Satisfaction that he has discontinued his Tavern agreeable to the

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

*J. Hart's  
Paper read.*

This Meeting is informed that **Joseph Hart** hath caused his Paper to be read as directed last M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P. Allen's  
continued*

**Philip Allen**'s Case is continued under the same friends care appointed therein, as they have not had opportunity with him: \_ they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Jos Russell of Tim's paper accepted.* The Friends appointed, in the Case of **Joseph Russell** /son of **Timothy**/report, that they think it best to accept of his Paper condemning his Misconduct for Satisfaction, which is accepted accordingly, provided he causes it to be read in the usual Public manner and report it to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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

*Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland to inform I. Shearman* **John Howland**, reports that the informing **Ichabod Shearman** of his Denial, slipd his Mind, he is continu'd therefor and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Sarah Russell certificate rec<sup>d</sup>--* The Women inform they have receiv'd a removal Certificate from the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Philad<sup>a</sup>**. in behalf of **Sarah Russell** wife of **Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell**.

*Removal Certificate sign'd for Ann Marshall shall* A Removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk, in behalf of **Ann Marshall** directed to the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of **New York**.

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*11 m<sup>o</sup> 1785 Comtee to Repair the Meeting H. report.* The Committee to view and repair our Meeting<sup>House</sup> at **Aponeganset**, report, that they have view ed and examined the same & find it so irreparable, that they concluded, it best to only stop some of the worst Leaks, which they did, and they are continued to make such further repairs inside or out, as they may judge best for the ensuing Winter & report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Arch<sup>p</sup> Gifford case continu'd* The Friends appointed in the Case of **Archippus Gifford**, – report, that they have taken an opportunity with him, but that he did not give them Satisfaction; yet at his desire and request the matter is continu'd another month, under the same Friends Care, who are to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Comtee continued to collect Y & Q. M. Stock.* The Committee for collecting for Yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock, report that they have not accomplish'd that service; they are therefore continued to accomplish it, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*The app<sup>s</sup> visitors* The appointing Committee to join the Women to visit those who neglect the attendance of our Religious Meetings, and some others,

*refer'd* who are otherwise defective in maintaining our Religious principles and Testimony: \_ is refer'd to next Monthly meeting.

*Collection.* The S<sup>o</sup> Preparative Meeting in their acc<sup>t</sup> inform, that they have collected and delivered to the Treasurer - - - - - 10<sup>s</sup> ---- and the North Prepar<sup>a</sup> meeting - - - 1. 1. 2 ½  
£1. 11. 2 ½

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11 m<sup>o</sup> 1785 Friends in **Allen's neck** having requested this Meeting, the priviledge or Liberty of holding Meetings there, which being considered, it is concluded, with the concurrence of the Women, that they hold one Meeting there the 3<sup>d</sup> day of next Week, at **Susanna Allen's** at the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour, and **Samuel Smith, Abiel Gifford, Thomas Hicks**, are appointed to have the Care thereof, and consider whether it may be best to hold Meetings there the ensuing Winter, how many and the Time & particular Place, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Request for Meet<sup>gs</sup> in Allen's Neck.*

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

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> to settle Acct<sup>s</sup> Treas<sup>r</sup> & revise the Minutes. Adjourn'd.*

This Meeting is adjourned to the 30<sup>th</sup> Instant at the close of the Meeting for Worship.

*Met.* 11 month 30<sup>th</sup>, Met by Adjournment, The Representatives being called were all present, except **Jonathan Hart**, no excuse or reason rendere'd of his Absence.

*12 month.* At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting held the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> Month 1785  
The Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings named in the Acct<sup>s</sup> presented are from the S<sup>o</sup> **Zephaniah Edy & Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>** from the North **Dan<sup>l</sup> Ricketson & Jn<sup>o</sup> Devol**, who being called are present

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*Jn<sup>o</sup> Harts* **Jonathan Hart's** reasons of his Absence from

*reasons of  
Absence –* the Adjournment of last Monthly meeting were satisfactory.

*Appointm<sup>t</sup>  
visitor,s to  
join the women*

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

*T. Akins  
in Care of  
friends app<sup>d</sup>  
to report when  
ready*

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

*J. Russell's  
Paper read*

Report hath been made that **Joseph Russell's** Paper, hath been read according to the Direction of last M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*I. Shearman  
Informed.*

Report was also made that **John Howland** inform'd **Ichabod Shearman** of his Denial as directed.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
repair'd O.  
Meeting H.*

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

*Report  
Comt<sup>ee</sup> to  
revise Min  
utes contin  
ued.*

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

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12 m<sup>o</sup> 1785 and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Queries  
answ<sup>d</sup>  
&  
Acc<sup>t</sup> Q<sup>v</sup>  
Meeting*

The Queries were read and the Answers thereto from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings, and **Benjamin Taber, James Davis** and **Caleb Greene**, are appointed to compile Answers there from for this Meeting, draw an account to the Quarterly meeting and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting

*Report  
of Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
for care*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> having the care of the request of Friends in **Allen's Neck** for Meetings there, make the following, report, "Agreeably to appointment, we attended the Meeting at **Susanna Allen's** the 29<sup>th</sup> of Last Month, and thereby have been the better able to consider and determine the Matter in respect to the request of holding Meetings in that

*of request  
Friends in  
Allens  
Neck.*

**Neck** the ensuing Winter, and after weightily deliberating thereon, we have agreed that there be two Meetings in each Month hold there until the Monthly meeting in the 3<sup>d</sup> month next, and that they be held on the first third day (of the week) in each Month, and on the first day of the week next after the Monthly meeting in each Month and the place holding to be at **Peleg Slocum**'s on first days, and at **Susanna Allen**'s on week days; to meet at the usual hour of Eleven, and we think it would be useful and best, that there be a Committee to have the Care thereof, who are not Petitioners, some of which Commit<sup>tee</sup> duly to attend each Meeting, and if they shall think it best, in the Course of their attending, said meeting to discontinue it before the Time Limited be expired, that  
they

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

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1785 Signed in behalf of the the Committee by "**Samuel Smith  
Mercy Slocum**"

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

*Thomas  
Russell pro-  
poses a journey  
to Oblong*

**Thomas Russell**, informs that he proposes a Journey to **Oblong [Dutchess Co., NY]** on business, which, this Meeting concurs with, – he being a Member of this Meeting, and the Clerk is desir'd to give him a Copy of this Minute.

*Hannah  
Tucker's re-  
quest for advi..*

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

*Adjourn'd*

This Meeting is adjourned to the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant at the usual time of Day.

*R. Lapham's case defer'd.* \* The Friends appointed in the Case of **Rich<sup>d</sup> Lapham**, report that they have taken further care therein, but have not all had opportunity with him, the Matter is therefore defer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, under the same Friends Care, who are then to report.  
\* this should precede the last proceeding Minute viz<sup>t</sup>.  
12 m<sup>o</sup> 28. Met by Adjournment.

*Met.* The Representatives being called were all present.

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*Archippus Gifford deni'd.*

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Archippus Gifford**, report, that they have had a further opportunity with him: – but that he did not give them satisfaction, and continues in keeping Company with a Young Woman, not of our Society: wherefore, with the Concurrence of Women friends, we do disown him the said **Archippus**, as a Member of our Society, and from under the Care of this Meeting, and **Thomas Mott** is appointed to inform him thereof, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P. Allen's Case defer'd.*

The Friends in **Philip Allen's** Case, report, that they have not accomplished that Service, and desire it continued, - it is defer'd accordingly, under the same friends Care to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting, they then to report.

*Corn<sup>s</sup>. Howland gave in a Paper.*

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

*Giles Smith's paper condemning his misconduct.*

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

*Overseers poor & S. Com<sup>tee</sup> inform there is none of 1<sup>st</sup> class of poor*

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

of the first Class of Poor as describ'd in the advice from the Meeting for Sufferings in 7<sup>th</sup> month last- which **Samuel Smith**, is desired to inform said Meeting of, and report to this Meeting.

*Comtee to collect report.*

The Committee /except **Peleg Slocum**/, appointed to collect for Yearly & Quarterly meeting's stock report, that they collected £1.15.3<sup>d</sup> in addition to what was before collected, which is directed to be paid to our Treasurer.

*A Gifford's Acc<sup>t</sup> for Hay £3.*

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

*Account & Representatives to Q<sup>y</sup>. Meeting.*

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

*rem<sup>l</sup> of Y & Q Meeting's Stock forwarded.*

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

*A Certificate rec<sup>d</sup> from S. Bunkey Jr*

Received a removal Certificate for **Shubael Bunker Jun<sup>r</sup>** from the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Nantucket [Dukes Co., MA]** dated 26<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1785 signifying he is a Member of our Society, and hath settled his affairs to Satisfaction

*collection.*

The S<sup>o</sup> Preparative Meeting in their Account inform, they have collected and paid to the Treasurer - - - - - 11<sup>s</sup>. 2 ½  
the North - - - - - 14. 3  
£1. 5. 5 ½

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1786.

The Meeting being Collected, the acct<sup>s</sup> were presented from the Preparative Meetings the Representatives named therein are from, the South **Abiel Gifford & Nicholas Lapham** North **John Howland & Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider**, who being called were all present.

*Repre<sup>ts</sup> to Q<sup>y</sup> meeting report, & Epistle from*

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting made report that they all attended agreeably to appointment, and have produced an Epistle from

*Thence read.* the same, which hath been read to satisfaction and to a degree of edification.

*London General Epistle rec<sup>d</sup> & read.* Received three Copies of the **London [England]** last general Epistle, one of which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction, and is recommended to be read at each particular Meeting belonging to this.

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

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> continued to settle Acct<sup>s</sup> Treas<sup>r</sup>.* The Committee continued to settle Accot<sup>s</sup> with the Treasurer, report that they have not accomplished that Matter, by reason that the former

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

*R. Lapham's continu'd.* The Friends in **Rich<sup>d</sup> Lapham's** Case report, that they have taken a Solid opportunity with him and that he gave them some satisfaction and as he is about going to Sea they request the matter may be continued, which is accordingly continued under the same friends Care, who are to report when ready.

*Arch<sup>ip</sup> Gifford inform'd.* **Thomas Mott** reports that he hath informed **Archippus Gifford** of his Denial as directed last Monthly meeting.

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

*Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith informed M for sufferings.* **Samuel Smith** reports, that he hath inform'd the Meeting for Sufferings, as desired last M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P. Slocum one of a Comt<sup>ee</sup> for collecting reports.* **Peleg Slocum**/one of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> for collecting for Yearly & Quarterly meeting's Stock/, reports that he hath paid to our Treasurer, what he collected which was 12/4<sup>d</sup>.

*Geo. Smith gave in a Paper.* **George Smith** gave in a Paper condemning his paying some Taxes, which were expressly for War, we therefore appoint **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks & Philip Trafford**, to take a solid Opportunity

with **George**, in order to discover his Sincerity & report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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

*Corn's Howland's Paper accepted.*

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

*Giles Smith Paper accepted..*

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

*complaint Ag<sup>t</sup> Thomas Gifford.*

The Women inform that they have received a removal Certificate from the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Oblong [Dutchess Co., NY]** in behalf of **Anne Shepherd** daughter of **David**, \_that they have concluded to put **Hannah Russell** daughter of **Benj<sup>a</sup>** under dealing which this Meeting Concurs with

*A Shepherd Certificate rec<sup>d</sup>*

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The South Prepar<sup>a</sup> meeting in their acc<sup>t</sup> in form, that they have collected and paid to this Meeting's Treasurer - - - - - 12<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup>  
the North - - - - - 7. 9 1/2  
£1 - 1 1/2

*Collection }  
20.1 1/2. }*

**Perry Smith** gave in a Paper condemning his attending an Entertainment for a Marriage out of the order of friends, we therefore<sup>^</sup> appoint **Thomas Hicks & Philip Trafford**, to take a solid opportunity

*Perry Smith gave in a Paper.*

with him to discover his sincerity, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*2<sup>nd</sup> month* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1786.

*Represt<sup>s</sup>* The Accounts from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings being presented; the Representatives therein named are from the South, **Ab<sup>m</sup> Howland** and **Luthan Wood**.

*A. Howland* North, **John Howland** and **John Tucker**, who being called are all present, except **Ab<sup>m</sup> Howland**  
*Absent.* for whose absence no excuse was rendered.

*T. Gifford.* The friends appointed in the Case of **Thomas Gifford** report that they have taken a solid opportunity with him, yet<sup>he</sup> did<sup>not</sup> give them satisfaction; – they are therefore continued to inspect & Labour further with him in that matter; and if they do not find satisfaction to draw a Testimony of his denial and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Perry Smith* The friends appointed to take an opportunity with **Perry Smith**, report that they have taken an opportunity with him, and they think it best to receive his acknowledgment, which with the concurrence of the Women is received for Satisfaction.  
*ackownl<sup>g</sup>*  
*rec<sup>d</sup>.*

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2 m<sup>o</sup> 1786 **James Davis** having a desire to attend some Meetings within Sandwich Quarter, with a prospect of visiting some families there, and the Elders uniting therewith, he being a Minister in Unity; this Meeting considering, do approve thereof, our Women's Meeting also concurring, the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this Minute.

*Collected* Collected by the South Prepar<sup>a</sup> meeting by their  
£1- 3- 4 acc<sup>t</sup> - which is paid to the Treas<sup>r</sup> - - - - 8. 7<sup>d</sup>  
The North - - - - - - - - - 14. 9  
£1 .3 .4

*Adjourn<sup>d</sup>* This Meeting is adjourned to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of next Month, after the Meeting for Worship

*Met,* 3d month 1<sup>st</sup> Met by adjournment.

*C. Howland's* The Representatives being called are all present  
*Paper read.* This Meeting is informed that **Cornelius Howlands** Paper hath been read as directed last m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P. Allen's* The Friends appointed in **Philip Allen's** case, case con-  
*cluded.* report, that they have had another<sup>opportunity</sup> with him, but that he did not give them satisfaction, and that they also treated with him on assisting in drawing a Lottery, therefore/ the Women's meeting concur-

ring/ the same friends are continued to draught a Testimony of his Denial, inform him of it, and report it to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*Concur<sup>e</sup>  
to Denial  
of H. Russell*

The Women inform that they have concluded to deny **Hannah Russell** daughter of **Benj<sup>a</sup>** which we concur with.

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*2 m<sup>o</sup> 1786  
Removal  
Certificate  
in behalf of  
Deb<sup>h</sup> Potter.*

A Removal Certificate in behalf of **Deborah Potter**, wife of **Sam<sup>l</sup>** - directed to Monthly-Meeting of **Oblong**, was sign'd by the Clerk.

*Geo Smith  
acknow<sup>t</sup> rec<sup>d</sup>.*

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

*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup>*

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1786.

The Meeting being collected, and the Accounts from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings presented, the Representatives therein named, are from

the South, **Giles Slocum** and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell**,  
North, **Caleb Russell** & **John Deval**;  
who being called are present.

*Geo Smith  
Paper read.*

This Meeting is informd that **Geo. Smith's** Paper hath been read as directed last M<sup>o</sup> meeting & is now returned.

*James Davis  
returned.*

**James Davis** hath returned from his visits into **Sandwich** Quarter. and has returnd the Copy of a Minute of this Meeting.

*reason of  
Ab<sup>m</sup> Howland's  
absence satisfy.*

**Abraham Howland's** reason of his absence at first sitting of last Mo meeting is Satisfactory.

*Tho<sup>s</sup> Gifford  
denied.*

The friends appointed in the Case of **Thomas Gifford** report that they have further inspection therein, and have produc'd a Testimony of his Denial, which was read and with the Concurrence of the Women was sign'd by the Clerk, who is desired to cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, & report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting **Luthan Wood** is appointed to inform **Thomas** thereof

3<sup>d</sup> mo 1786. and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, said Testimony is as follows.

*Testimony  
of Denial  
of T. Gifford.*

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

Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of Friends, held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1786 by **Caleb Greene** Clerk.

*Testim<sup>o</sup>  
P. Allen's  
Denial*

The Friends appointed have produced a draught of a Testimony of **Philip Allen**'s denial, which was read and with the Women's concurrence signed by the Clerk, who is desired to cause the same<sup>^t<sup>o</sup>bc</sup> read, in the usual public manner, and report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting said Testimony is as follows.

Whereas **Philip Allen** son of **Philip Allen** deceased and **Susanna** his Wife, of **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** having had a birthright among friends, and under  
the

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the care of this Meeting: but by not adhering to the dictates of Truth in his own heart, and giving way to a vain and airy mind, hath so far departed from the Principles we proress, as to be

guilty of playing at Cards, as also being concerned in drawing a Lottery, all which being inconsistent with our profession and contrary to the Rules and orders of friends, for which he hath been Labour'd with in order to show him the Evil of such practices; but he not appearing in a disposition of condemning his misconduct to friends satisfaction, therefore this Meeting is concern'd to give this forth as a public Testimony against him the said **Philip Allen** hereby disowning him from any right of membership with us untill by unfeigned repentance and amendment of Life, he shall be restored in the Truth, which is our sincere desire. – Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> day of 3<sup>d</sup> month 1786 by

**Caleb Greene** Clerk

*Queries and  
Ans<sup>d</sup> from  
Prep<sup>a</sup> Meet-  
ings.*

The Queries were read and answers thereto, from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings and **Samuel Smith** and **Abiel Gifford** are appointed to compile general answers and draw an account to the Quarterly meeting, and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

*Report .  
Comtee for  
overseeing  
Meeting's  
Allen's*

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

*Adjourn'd*

This Meeting is adjourned to the 29<sup>th</sup> Instant after the Meeting for worship.

*3 m<sup>o</sup> 1786  
Met.*

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3 m<sup>o</sup> 29 Met by Adjournment.  
The Representatives being called were all present, except **John Deval**, who sent a satisfactory reason of his absence.

*Jo Wilbur  
requests  
removal  
certif<sup>a</sup>*

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

*W. Gifford  
requests  
removal  
Certific<sup>a</sup>*

**Wilbur Gifford** requests a removal Certificate to **Rhodeisland** M<sup>o</sup> meeting, he having gone to learn a Trade there, **Thomas Hicks** and **Benjamin Allen**/ Son of **Philip**/ are therefore appointed to take the necessary care therein, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.



**Ruth**, which after being read, was approved by this and the Women's meeting, and signed by the Clerk of each meeting.

*Represent<sup>s</sup>  
to Q. Meet<sup>g</sup>* The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended agreeable to appointment, and have produced an Extract from said Quarterly meeting's minutes, recommending to the several Monthly meetings, to subscribe in freedom, toward building the addition  
to

1786 to **Providence** Meeting house, and  
4 m<sup>o</sup> that there was upwards of £150, remained yet unpaid, which matter is refer'd to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Collection  
-18''7 1/2* Collected and forwarded to this meeting's Treasurer by the S<sup>d</sup> Prepar<sup>a</sup> meeting - - - 8. 9  
by the North - - - - - 9. 10 1/2  
Total 18. 7 1/2

*rec<sup>d</sup> of  
Job Lapham's  
certificate* Received a Certificate from the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Providence**, recommending, **Job Lapham**, to our care, he being put an Apprentice to our friend **Joseph Austin**, which is accepted.

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

*The  
choice of  
clerk re-  
fer'd* The Time of the Service of the Clerk now being expired, and he not being present, by reason of not being in Health, the matter of a new choice is refer'd to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Choice  
of Overseers  
refer'd.* It having been proposed to make a new Choice of Overseers the time of their annual Choice is expired; this Meeting taking it into consideration do<sup>^</sup> yet continue the same in that service, until a new Choice shall be made, which is refer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, to be entered upon, at the opening of s<sup>d</sup> meeting.

*Report  
Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
settled w<sup>h</sup>  
Tr<sup>s</sup>* The Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed some months past to settle accounts with the Treasurer, now report that they have accomplished that matter and that there remained<sup>^</sup> in Stock the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1786  
the

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*1786*  
*4 m<sup>o</sup>* the sum of £7. -. 2d after all orders are paid that are given by this Meeting, including here-with 15 Dollars, paid by **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony j<sup>r</sup>**. for wood, as per account, or Bill may appear, they also report that they revised this Meeting's minutes, down<sup>^</sup> to the date above said, and left them with **Caleb Greene** to be recorded: but as a Book for records is wanting to Record them in, **Caleb Russell** is desired to procure a blank Book for that purpose, and bring to this Meeting as soon as he conveniently can, and to draw money from our Treasury for that purpose.

*5 m<sup>o</sup>* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1786. -

The meeting being collected, the Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings named in the acc<sup>ts</sup> presented are from South **Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>** & **Abiel Gifford**, – North **John Howland** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** who being called, were all present

*choice of overseers.*

The Choice of Overseers being referd from last monthly meeting to this, after weightily considering thereon, we appoint **Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>**, **Joseph Austin**, **Zephaniah Eddy**, **Jonathan Hart**, **Elijah Gifford** and **Benjamin Smith jun<sup>r</sup>** for that Service, for the year ensuing, or 'till others may be appointed in their stead.

*Eliphah Slead. Admitted.*

The Women inform that they have concluded to receive **Eliphah Slead**, wife pf **Edward Slead**, into membership, with our concurrence which we concur with.

*Daniel Taber denied.*

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

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*1786*  
*5 m<sup>o</sup>* a member after being precaution'd and advis'd we do therefore, with the concurrence of the Women's meeting, disown the said **Daniel Taber**, from being a member with us, and from under this meeting's care and **Seth Russell** is desir'd to inform him thereof, and report to next monthly meeting.

*Caleb Greene  
reappointed  
Clerk.*

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

*B Butler  
Jun<sup>r</sup> married  
disorderly.*

The Overseer's inform that **Benjamin Butler jun<sup>r</sup>** hath married out of the order of Friends/previous to their having knowledge of it/ to one not a member, - that they labour'd with him on that account; but he did not give them satisfaction, **Benjamin Taber** and **Caleb Russell** are appointed to labour further with him thereon, and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Collection  
15/8.*

The Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings in their acct<sup>s</sup> inform that the South hath collected - - - - - 8.5<sup>d</sup>  
North - - - - - 7.3  
which was sent to the Treasurer 15.8

*com<sup>tee</sup>  
to res<sup>g</sup>  
subscrip<sup>t</sup>  
for addition  
Providence  
M. house*

The Matter referd from last monthly meeting to this, which came from the Quarterly meeting respecting the Subscription towards the addition to **Providence** meeting house, coming under consideration, we appoint **Seth Russell, John Deval, W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jun<sup>r</sup>** and **Giles Slocum** a Committee to take in Subscriptions for that purpose and report the sum subscrib'd to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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*1786  
5<sup>th</sup> month  
Com<sup>tee</sup> for  
B Bedford  
meeting h<sup>o</sup>  
Report -  
£4. 10 orderd  
paid them.*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> for building **Bedford** Meeting house, informing, that there is considerable now due toward it, - therefore the Treasurer is directed to pay the £4.10. which was paid for Wood, and the Committee for selling the Wood, belonging to this meeting, are directed to pay said Meeting house Comt<sup>ee</sup>, such sums as they have or may receive for wood, as soon as may be, and make report thereof, to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*9 to be  
paid to  
N. Lapham  
for  
carting hay.*

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

£ 1..16. directed to be paid **Geo.Sanford.** The Overseers of the Poor inform that they agreed with **George Sanford**, for the hire of part of his house to **Mary Wing**, one of this Meeting's poor, for six dollars per year, one year is now due, which the Treasurer is directed to pay to **George**.

6 m<sup>o</sup>} At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth.** the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month, 1786.

The Representatives, from the Preparative Meetings are from the South, **Abiel Gifford & Elijah Gifford**, from the North **Jn<sup>o</sup> Deval** and **John Howland**, all present.

*W<sup>m</sup> Anth<sup>o</sup>. clerk for the day* Our Clerk being absent **Wm Anthony J<sup>n</sup>** is chosen Clerk for the day.

*Queries read & answers from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings* The Queries being read and answers prepar'd from each Preparative meeting, **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jun<sup>r</sup> Thos Hicks & Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith** are appointed to compile said Answers into general answers and bring them to the adjournment of the

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1786 Meeting.  
6 mo

*adjourn'd* This Meeting adjourns to the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant after the Meeting for worship.

*Met* 28<sup>th</sup> day Met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called, are all present

*Seth Russell not reported* **Seth Russell** not being present to make report, of his informing **Daniel Taber**, (as directed last monthly meeting) of his Denial, said **Seth**, is still continued for that Service, and to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting, & to give his reasons for not reporting to this.

*B. Butler j<sup>r</sup> denied membership.* The Friends appointed to treat further with **Benjamin Butler jun<sup>r</sup>** on account of his disorderly marriage, report, that they have accomplished that service, and that he gave them no satisfaction, therefore this meeting with the concurrence of the Women's, doth disown him from being a Member of our Society, and **Caleb Russell** is desired to inform him thereof and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*W<sup>m</sup> Antho-  
ny j<sup>r</sup> Clerk  
for the time.* Our Clerk being still absent, **Wm Anthony ju<sup>r</sup>** is  
chosen clerk for this Time

*friends to  
collect  
Subscrip-  
tions.  
contined* The friends appointed to collect money for **Provi-  
dence** meeting house, not being fully ready, they are  
continued for that Service, and to report, when  
they are ready.

*Geo San-  
ford paid  
him £1. 16* The Treasurer reports, he hath paid **George  
Sanford** six dollars as ordered, last monthly meet-  
ing and the Overseers of the Poor inform that  
they employ'd **Abiel Gifford**, to provide some Wood  
for **Mary Wing**'s use, which he saith he hath  
done to the amount of nine shillings, which the  
Treasurer is orderd to pay, and report to next  
m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

The Commit<sup>ee</sup> for selling wood, report that  
they

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*6 month  
1786.  
6.2.8. paid  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland}* they have paid to **John Howland**, for the use  
of building the meeting house at **Bedford**, the  
sum of six pounds two shillings & eight pence

*Collection  
- 17<sup>s</sup>. 10<sup>d</sup>.}* The accounts from the Preparative Meet-  
ings inform, they have and forwarded to the  
Treasurer, as follows, South- - - - 4..9<sup>d</sup>  
North - - - 13..1<sup>d</sup>  
- - 17.10

*The Treas<sup>r</sup>  
not paid  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland.* The Treasurer not having paid to **John How-  
land**, the £4.,10, as ordered, he is yet desired to  
do it and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Answers  
to Queries  
& acc<sup>ts</sup>  
to Q<sup>y</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup>.* The friends appointed to compile the answers to  
the Queries, produc'd a Compilation, which being  
read, were corrected and they with an Epistle  
sign'd by the Clerk, and forwarded to the Quar-  
terly meeting, by our Representatives, who are  
**Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks, Giles Slocum & Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott**, they to  
report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*7<sup>th</sup> month.* At a monthly meeting held in **Dartm<sup>t</sup>**  
the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1786.

The Representatives named in the accounts  
presented, from the Preparative meetings are  
from the South **Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>** and

**Thomas Russell, North Joseph Austin & John Deval**, who being called were all present.

*Report of Representatives to Q. meeting.*

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

*Epistles read*

*1786 7<sup>th</sup> month Seth Russell's report. inform'd D. Taber.*

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

*B. Butler j<sup>r</sup> informed of his denial. 1/4 to be by Treas<sup>r</sup>. for Book & Paper.*

**Caleb Russell** reported, that he hath inform'd **Benj<sup>a</sup> Butler jun<sup>r</sup>** of his denial according to appointment

**Caleb Russell** also reports, that he hath according to appointment procur'd a Book suitable for Recording this Meeting's minutes, at the cost of thirteen shillings, which the Treasurer is directed to pay, as also 1/4<sup>d</sup> to **Caleb Green** for Paper.

*Collection 15/6. .*

The Preparative meeting.s by their Accounts inform that they have collected & sent to the Treasurer viz. the South - - - - 7.1  
North - - - - 8.5  
- 15. 6

*app<sup>t</sup> Overseers of Poor*

The year of the Service of the Overseers of the Poor being expired, we therefore appoint, **John Deval, Gideon Howland, Thomas Russell, Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott. John Howland, and Caleb Barker**, for that service for the year ensuing, or 'till others may be appointed in their stead.

*Ab<sup>l</sup> Gifford paid. 9/.*

The Treasurer reports that he hath paid **Abiel Gifford** as directed last m<sup>o</sup> meeting

*Report of Com<sup>tee</sup> for collect<sup>g</sup> Money for Poor. M. House.*

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

*£10.8.5} to be ras'd} for yearly } & Q meet<sup>g</sup>. }*

The Quarterly meeting concluding to raise the sum of £63.3<sup>s</sup> for the yearly and Quarterly meeting's stock, of which we have by our Representatives to raise £10.8.5, the raising of which is refer'd to the Consideration of next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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

The Representatives named in the Accounts  
presented from the Prepara Meetings are from  
South Benjamin Howland and Joseph Tuck-  
er junr from the North, Jno Howland &  
Thomas Mott, who, on being called were all pre-  
sent.

*Epistles  
read.* The Epistles which were read last Monthly  
Meeting, were again^ read and advises therein, are  
recommended to the practical observance of the Mem-  
bers of this Meeting.

*collection  
- 19s.11d 1/2.* The Preparative Meetings in their accounts  
inform: that they have collected and sent to the  
Treasurer of this Meeting vizt.

The South - - - - - .10.1  
North - - - - - . 8.11/2  
19 - /2

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

The Women inform, that they have with our Con-  
currence, concludid to accept of Abigl Gidley's Pa-  
per for satisfaction, which we concur with.

*Comtee to  
take in  
subscripts  
for Yr  
& Qy Meet-  
ing's Stock.* On considering of the raising the sum agreed  
on by this Meeting, for the Yearly and Quarterly  
Meeting's Stock being £10.8.5d is concluded to  
collect it by Subscription, we therefore appoint I-  
saac Howland, Joshua Potter, Daniel Gifford, Ben-  
jamin Howland 2d & Joseph Gifford, to collect such  
sums as friends may subscribe toward the same,  
and report to next mo meeting.

*2d order'd  
to be paid  
Dr. Perry.* The Overseers (inform) have given in an Acct from  
Doctor Perry, for doing for Rose Russell deceas'd  
one of our poor, to the amount of 2 shillings, which the

*1786  
9th mo* the Treasurer is directed to pay, and make report  
to next mo Meeting.

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

The Representatives named in the Accounts  
presented from the Prepara Meetings, are from  
the South Elijah Gifford & Philip Trafford,

*collection*  
*£1-- 6d* North Benja Taber and Thomas Mott, who  
on being called were all present.

The Prepara Meetings in their accounts in-  
form, that they have collected and sent to our  
Treasurer as follows

The South - - - -7s. 10d  
North - - - 12.8  
£1. - . 6

*Queries*  
*read &*  
*answd.* The Queries were read and Answers as prepar'd  
by the Preparative Meetings, and James Davis  
Caleb Greene & Joseph Austin, are appointed  
to compile Answers from them, as from this  
Meeting, with an Account to the Quarterly-  
meeting, and bring to the Adjournment of  
this Meeting.

*To provide*  
*Hay* Gideon Howland, Thomas Russell and Hum-  
phrey Russell, are appointed to take the necessary  
care for providing Hay for our Next Quarterly  
Meeting and report to next Mo meeting.

*Adjd* This Meeting is adjourned to the 27th Inst  
at the close of the Meeting for worship.

*Met.* 9 mo 27th. Met by Adjournment.

*acct to*  
*Qy Meet*  
*g. ---* The Representatives were call'd and all Present.  
The Friends appointed to compile the Answers  
to the Queries & draw an acct to the Quarterly  
Meeting produc'd them, which were read & sign'd by  
the Clerk, and forwarded to the Quarterly Meet-  
ing.

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*9 m<sup>o</sup>* Meeting by our Representatives, who are **Abi-  
el Gifford, Caleb Russell & John Deval**, they  
to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Report*  
*of Comt<sup>ee</sup>*  
*to receive*  
*Subscrip<sup>ts</sup>* Part of the Committee appointed to receive  
the Subscriptions for Yearly and Quarterly meet-  
ing's Stock, report that they have not fully ac-  
complish'd that business, they are therefore con-  
tinu'd in that service, and to report to next  
Monthly meeting.

*Dr Perry*  
*paid.* The Treasurer reports that he hath forward-  
ed the money to **Dr Perry** as directed last M<sup>o</sup>  
meeting.

10<sup>th</sup> month At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>**  
the 16<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1786.

The Representatives, by the Accounts presented from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings, are from South **Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>** and **Thomas Russell**; North, **Joseph Austin** and **John Tucker**, who are all present on being called.

*Epistle from the Q<sup>y</sup> meet<sup>g</sup>.*

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended, and produc'd an Epistle from the last Q<sup>y</sup> meeting, which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction.

*advice on Wills*

The advice Communicat<sup>^</sup>from last Quarterly meeting in their Epistle, respecting the Neglect of some in making their Wills, is recommended to the attention of the Members of this Meeting; and the Comt<sup>ee</sup> formerly appointed by this Meeting on that Subject are desired to make further inspection and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> to advise those who may use or sell spiri<sup>t</sup> liquors.*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> formerly appointed by this Meeting to advise with those, who may use frequently, or Deal in Spirituous Liquors, are desired to make further inspection therein, agreeable to the advice of the Quarterly Meeting, and make report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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10 m<sup>o</sup>

The Overseers inform that **Joseph Howland** son of **Gideon** hath kept Company and married out of the Unity of friends, sometime past, for which said ~~said~~ Overseers labour'd with him; but he was not free to condemn it: – and is now gone on a Voyage to sea – we therefore, with the Concurrence of the Women, do disown the said **Joseph Howland**, from a right of Membership among us, and from under the care of this Meeting and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** is appointed to inform him thereof, and make report when accomplished.

*Denial of Joseph Howland, son of Gid<sup>m</sup>*

*Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland/ son of Benj<sup>r</sup> & Anna Howland's intention of marriage.*

**John Howland**(son of **Benja**) and **Anna Howland**, declar'd their intention of taking each other in Marriage, - and are desir'd to wait till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting for their Answer, and **George Smith** with **Thomas Russell** are appointed to inspect into **John**'s clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation, and report to next monthly meeting.

*H. Lapham denied.*

The Overseers inform that **Humphrey Lapham**, hath married out of the Unity of Friends, after being precautioned; we therefore with the Women's Concurrence; disown the said **Humphrey Lapham**, from having a right of Membership among us, and from under the care of this Meet-

ing, and **Thomas Russell** is appointed to inform him thereof and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*William  
Bowdish j<sup>r</sup>  
offender*

The Overseers inform that **William Bowdish jun<sup>r</sup>** is very slack in attending our religious Meetings that he allows himself more Liberty in talking and contriving in the Commotions about outward Government, than is consistent with our peaceable Profession, for all which the s<sup>d</sup> overseers have Labour'd with him; but he not giv-

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10 month* giving them satisfaction, **Benjamin Taber, John Deval** are appointed to treat further with him thereon, and report to the next Monthly meeting.

Collect<sup>d</sup> The Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meeting in their acct<sup>s</sup> in-  
£-- 13-8 form, that they have colletcted and paid to our  
Treasurer viz<sup>t</sup> the South - - - 7<sup>s</sup>-3<sup>d</sup>  
The North - - - .6-5  
13-8

*£1.11.6  
to be paid  
for Hay.* The Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed to provide Hay for the Quarterly meeting, report, that they have procur'd three Quarter of a Ton, amounting to £1.11.6, which the Treasurer is directed- as soon as he is supplied with sufficiency of Money<sup>to pay</sup> and report to this Meeting.

*£5.6.10  
rais'd to-  
wards Y  
& Q meet  
Stock.* The Committee appointed to receive Subscriptions for yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock report that they have collected £5.6.10. which is paid to the Treasurer, who is desired to forward it to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer, and the same Friends are continued in that service in order that the sum due from this Meeting on that account may be raised, and they with the Treasurer to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*To repair  
Fence  
round  
Meet house* Friends purpose to repair the Fence round our Meeting house therefore we app<sup>t</sup> our friends **Peleg Gifford, W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>, William Gifford, Humphrey Russell, Joshua Potter, Daniel Gifford, Edmund Maxfeld, Elijah Gifford, John Tucker** to consult in what manner and to complete said business, as they may think Proper, and to make report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

Friends at **Bedford** request the Priviledge of

*Friends  
at Bedford  
request for  
more Meetn<sup>g</sup>.*

holding two Meetings a day on each first day of the week throughout the year, (excepting in the 1<sup>t</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> & 12 months); as also a week day Meeting, in the Week of each of our M<sup>o</sup> meetings, which this Meeting, considering they have Liberty to hold their Meeting

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11<sup>th</sup> month*

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

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 11 m<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1786. -----

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from the South, **Peleg Gifford**, <sup>^</sup>and **Phillip Trafford** North **Caleb Russell**, and **Thomas Mott** all present.

*W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk  
for this day.*

Our Clerk being absent, **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** is chosen in his Stead for this Time.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
in respect  
to Wills.*

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> in regard to Wills, not being ready for a Report, they are desired to pursue that Service, and to report next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
continu'd  
respectg  
Spiritu<sup>s</sup>  
Liquors.*

Part of the Comt<sup>ee</sup> in respect to spirituous Liquors report that they have made some Progress therein, and that a farther service may be useful, they are therefore desired to pursue their appointment therein, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland  
son of Benj<sup>n</sup>  
Clearness*

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

The Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed to labour with **W<sup>m</sup> Bowdish jun<sup>r</sup>** for nreglecting the due attendance of our Religious Meetings, and acting too much concernd in outward Government: – have reported, that they have fullfill'd their appointm<sup>t</sup> and that <sup>^</sup>he gave them no satisfaction, they are therefore continued to

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labour further with him, on them Matters aforesd & all other disorderly conduct of his, that may come to their knowledge, and if he doth<sup>not</sup> give them satisfaction, to draw a Testimony of Denial against him, and bring it to next Monthly meeting

**J. Howland**  
& **Anna Howland**  
Answer

**John Howland** and <sup>^</sup>**Anne Howland**, appearing & communicating their <sup>^</sup>continu'd intention of taking each other in Marriage; their answer was that nothing appearing to Obstruct, they might proceed to take each other in Marriage, in some convenient Time between this and next Monthly meeting, advising with the Friends that this Meeting may app<sup>t</sup> to see their said Marriage orderly solemniz'd, who are **George Smith** and **William Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>**.-and they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

The monry  
forwarded  
to Q<sup>r</sup> meeting's  
Treasurer

The Treasurer reports that he hath forwarded the Mo-ney to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer agreeable to the direction of last M<sup>o</sup> meeting, and the Commit<sup>e</sup> appointed to receive subscriptions for a farther seem not having fully gone thro' that Matter, they are still continued in that Service, and to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

Comtee  
continu'd to  
repair Fence

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

**Bedford** friends  
req<sup>t</sup> refer'd

The request of **Bedford** friends is referd to next Monthly meeting

Collection  
£1-3-8

Collected at the S<sup>o</sup> Prepa meeting . . . 6<sup>s</sup>-11  
At the North . . . . . 16-9  
£1.3.8

12<sup>th</sup> month

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 18<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 1786  
The Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings are from the North **Wm Gifford** and **Jonath<sup>n</sup> Hart** all present from the So **Abiel Gifford** & **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell**

Our

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12 month  
**Wm Anthony**  
Clerk for the  
time--

Our Clerk being yet absent **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony j<sup>r</sup>** is chosen, in that Service for this Time.

**Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell** reports

**Thomas Russell**, reports that he hath inform'd **Humphrey Lapham** of his Denial, as order'd, and renderd a sufficient reason for his not reporting to last M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*a Certif<sup>e</sup>  
for Ruth  
Hathaway* A removal Certificate for **Ruth Hatha-  
way** Widow, was signed by the Clerk, directed  
to the Monthly meeting at **Nine Partners**, she  
being gone there to dwell

*Anne Sher  
man* The Women Inform, that they have accepted  
of the Acknowledgement of **Anne Shearman**, which  
this Meeting concurs with.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
continu'd  
for W Bow-  
dish jun<sup>r</sup>  
Case* The Committee appointed in respect to **W<sup>m</sup>  
Bowdish Jun<sup>r</sup>**, inform they have not accom-  
plished their appointment, by reason of some  
disappointment, they are therefore continued  
in that service and to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meet-  
ing

*Report that  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland's  
Marriage* The Friends appointed to have the oversight  
of the Marriage of **John** and **Anne Howland**  
report, that they attended the same, and saw  
nothing, but that it was orderly solemniz'd

*Comtee  
for using  
Spirituos  
Liquor* The Committee appointed, respecting Friends  
using and selling spirituuous Liquors, not being  
fully ready to report, they are continued in that  
Service, and to report next Monthly meeting

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

*Allen's  
neck friends request* The Friends in **Allen's** or **Slocum's Neck**, request  
Liberty to hold Meetings there in s<sup>d</sup> neck the en-  
suing Winter Season, therefore this Meeting ap-  
points **John Deval, Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup> & Abiel Gif-  
ford** to take said Request into Consideration

and

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12 mo* and Report their sense and Judgment there  
upon to the Adjournment of this Meeting

*Answers  
to Queries* Answers to the Queries from each Prepa-  
rative meeting being presented, this Meeting  
appoints **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** and **Jonathan Hart** to  
compile said Answers and bring them to  
the adjournment of this Meeting

*Collecting* Collected at the S<sup>o</sup> Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meeting 9<sup>s</sup>.7<sup>d</sup>  
at the North none

*Adjourns* This Meeting adjourns to the 27<sup>th</sup> instant after  
the Meeting of worship

*Met.* 12<sup>th</sup> month 27<sup>th</sup> Met by Adjournment

The Representatives were all present.

Part of the Committee in respect to Wills, report that they have made some progress in exciting

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
respecting  
Wills*

Friends, to an active Compliance in that part of our Discipline, that some have complied therewith, that there are some backward and many deficient therein, the same friends are continued in that service with the Addition of **Caleb Russell, Abiel Gifford** and **Joseph Barker**, and they together are desired to make such further Progress, as may be necessary and make report next 2<sup>d</sup> month

*Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell  
son of Tho<sup>s</sup>  
denied*

The Overseers inform that **Abraham Russell** (Son of **Thomas**) hath kept Company and married with one not a Member of our Society, for which they have labour'd with and cautioned him;- but he persisted therein, wherefore we do, with the Women's Concurrence disown him the said **Abraham**, as a member of our Society and from the Care of this Meeting & **Gideon Howland** is desired to inform him thereof and report to next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*Rich<sup>d</sup> Lapham  
denied*

The Committee appointed sometime past in the Case of **Rich<sup>d</sup> Lapham**, report that they have had several Oppor-

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12 month*

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

*Meeting's  
in Allen's  
Neck -*

The Friends appointed to consider the request of Friends in **Allens Neck**, report that they think it may be safe to grant said request, which being considered is granted accordingly, and we appoint **Zephaniah Edy, Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>, Giles Slocum Benjamin Allen 2<sup>d</sup>** and **Elijah Gifford**, to have the oversight of said Meeting, which is to be held every first day of the week, except that preceeding the Monthly meeting, and each 3<sup>d</sup> Day, except in the Week there may be a Meeting for Discipline, from this Time till the M<sup>o</sup> meeting in the 4<sup>th</sup> month next, said Meeting to begin at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, and to be thus continued at the House of **Susanna Allen**, unless the said Committee shall think it best to have it discontinued, or the Place of holding it alter'd, in such case they to Report to this Meeting:- as also when the Time of holding said Meeting is expir'd.

*acc<sup>t</sup> to  
Q<sup>y</sup> meeting* The Friends appointed, produc'd the compiled Answers to the Queries, which with the Queries were read in this Meeting, and an acc<sup>t</sup> drawn Sign'd by the Clerk, and forwarded with said Answers to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are **Abiel Gifford, W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith** who are to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

*Comtr<sup>e</sup>  
continu'd  
to collect  
Subscrip<sup>i</sup>* Part of the Comtr<sup>ee</sup> continued to receive Subscriptions for a further sum for yearly & Q<sup>y</sup> meeting's Stock, report that they are not yet ready they are continu'd to go thro' that matter and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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1<sup>st</sup> month* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 15<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1787 the Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings are from the South are **Giles Slocum** and **Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>** from the North **Joseph Austin** and **Seth Huddleston** all present

*W<sup>m</sup> Anthony  
Clerk for  
the Time* Our Clerk being absent **William Anthony j<sup>r</sup>** is chosen Clerk for this Time

*W<sup>m</sup> Bow-  
dish deni-  
ed* The Committee appointed in the Case of **W<sup>m</sup> Bowdish jun<sup>r</sup>**, report that they have fullfill'd their appointment in that Matter and receiv'd no satisfaction from him, and draughted a Testimony of his Denial, which the Concurrence of the Women, hath been signed by the Clerk, and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** is desired to read s<sup>d</sup> Testimony in the usual manner and report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting; the Testimony is as follows.

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

Given forth and Signed in and on behalf  
of our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dart-**

mouth the 15<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1787 by

£1·6·1}  
Collected }

**William Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** Clerk for the day  
Collected by S<sup>o</sup> Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meeting 9<sup>s</sup>·8<sup>d</sup> North 16<sup>s</sup> · 5<sup>d</sup> Total 1·6·1

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1<sup>st</sup> month  
Comitte  
in respect  
to S Liquors  
Report of  
Repres to  
Q<sup>y</sup> meetg  
Comtee on  
yearly &  
Q<sup>y</sup> Stock

The Committee that had the Care of the Matter in respect to using & selling spirituous Liquors, not being <sup>ready to</sup> report the matter is defer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting they then to make report.

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

The Committee or part of them continued to

receive Subscriptions for the Yearly & Quarterly Meeting's Stock report that they have not fully accomplish'd that Matter; they are therefore continued in said Service, and to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P. Howland  
request*

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

*Nanny Gifford's paper  
of acknowl'*

**Nanny Gifford** hath given in a Paper of acknowledgment as follows,

To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held in **Dartmouth** 20<sup>th</sup> of 11 Month 1786

Dear Friends, Some Matter of Disatisfaction having arose between **Seth Huddlestone** and myself, respecting some outward Property which thro' unwatchfulness, I spake to him about openly before several Persons not<sup>^</sup> of our Society, carrying the Matter further that was best, accusing him of taking some Cedar stuff off the Land, which was in dispute between my Son **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**, and some of the **Wings**, without proper leave, or consent of the Owner: for<sup>^</sup> all which I have known much, Sorrow, and sensible of my error therein, which I hope friends will find freedom to pass by and continue their affectionate Care & regard toward me **Nanny<sup>+her</sup>mark Gifford**, And this Meet-

Dartmo 10 mo 16 1786.

ing doth concur with the Women's Meeting in accepting the same for satisfaction.

1787  
2d month At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1787

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

*London Epistle rec<sup>d</sup> & read.* Received four printed Copies of the last **London** Epistle, one of which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction and the others are directed to be read in our several Meetings in the usual Public Manner, and return'd to this Meeting. –

*Testimony Wm Bowdish jun<sup>r</sup> read.* **William Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** informs, that the Testimony of **William Bowdish jun<sup>r</sup>**'s Denial hath been read as directed last m<sup>o</sup> meeting, and as he requests a Copy of it, the Clerk is directed to give him s<sup>d</sup> Copy, and report of it to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

*Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell Son of Tho<sup>s</sup> inform'd.* **Gideon Howland** reports, that he had a Solid opportunity with **Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell** son of **Thomas**, and inform'd him of his Denial

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> on acc<sup>t</sup> Spirt<sup>s</sup> Liquors* The Committee in the Case of using and Selling Spirituous Liquors, not being fully ready to make report, they are therefore, desir'd to accomplish it, and report to next meeting

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> of Wills.* The Committee in respect to Wills report that they have made further progress in that Service; but have not fully accomplish'd, they are therefore continued to accomplish it, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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

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2d month same friends care, together with **Caleb Greene**; - they to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting  
The Committee appointed sometime past to visit such as neglect the attendance of our Religious Meetings, &c, now present the following

*Report of  
Committee  
for visiting  
negligent  
Members*

Report, "To the Monthly meeting to be held at **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of 2d month 1787  
"We of your Committee appointed sometime past to visit such as neglect the due attendance of our religious Meetings, and for other Deficiencies have proceeded from time to time as way opened, and laboured as Strength and ability was given, which was to our Satisfaction, and now finding ourselves clear, make this Report and remain your friends

**James Davis**  
**Martha Gifford**  
**Abiel Gifford"**

which was read, and is Satisfactory.

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

*J. Russell  
Son of Wm dec<sup>d</sup>*

*Collection  
£1-3-6 1/2*

The So Preparative meeting in their acc<sup>t</sup> inform, that they have collected & sent to our Treas- 14/4 the North 9/272 is £1·3·6½

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*1787  
2d month*

The Overseers inform that **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>** much neglects the attendance of our religious Meetings, and hath sometimes resorted in Company, not becoming our Profession, and partook too much Spirituous Liquors, for all which, they labour'd with him, but he did not give them Satisfaction, **John Deval & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**, are therefore appointed to labour further with him thereon, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P Slocum  
2<sup>d</sup>*

*Micajah  
Wilcox*

The Overseers also inform that **Micajah Wilcox**, much Neglects the Attendance of our Religious Meetings, and that it is reported he partakes too freely of Spirituous Liquors/on

which they labour'd with him; but he not clearing himself to their Satisfaction; We therefore appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Tripp, Philip Trafford and Giles Slocum**, to treat further with him thereon, and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

*Committee  
for collecting  
for Y & Q<sup>y</sup>  
Meeting's  
Stock  
report  
£1·2·5  
2·7·11  
4·10·4*

The Committee continued to receive Subscriptions, for Yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock report that they have collected £1·2·5. since first collection, and paid to the Treasurer, which with £2·7·11. paid and subsrib'd at this Time, together with acc<sup>t</sup> of £1·11·-3<sup>d</sup> supplied the Q<sup>y</sup> meeting with Hay, with what was paid before will make this Meeting's apportion of yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock, being £10·8·-5 \_ and the Treasurer is directed to forward the s<sup>d</sup> acc<sup>t</sup> with the Balance to the Q<sup>y</sup> meeting's Treasurer & report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*3<sup>d</sup> month*

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1787

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings

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3d month*

Meetings, named in the Acc<sup>t</sup> presented are from the South, **Joseph Barker** and **Abiel Gifford**; from the North, **Joseph Austin** and **Jonathan Hart**, who on being called are all present

*a Copy  
W<sup>m</sup> Bowdish jun<sup>r</sup>  
Denial  
Sent him*

The Clerk informs that he hath forwarded a Copy of the Testimony of **W<sup>m</sup> Bowdish jun<sup>r</sup>**'s <sup>Denial</sup> to him.

*Report  
of Com<sup>tee</sup>  
on acc<sup>t</sup>  
Spir<sup>ts</sup>  
Liquors  
& Sleeping  
in  
Meetings.*

The Committee in the Case of Treating with those who may unguard<sup>edly</sup> deal in spirituous Liquors &c. make report which is accepted, and is as follows. “ We afr your Committee appointed sometimepast; to treat with such as may be in the Practice of sleeping in our Meetings, as also to advise those <sup>who</sup> may unguardedly deal in spirituous Liquors, now report; that we have attended in some respect thereto; and have tenderly treated, with those who have been so defective: and think, that a Committee to treat with such among us as may be in the practice of Sleeping in Meeting would be useful:- and that we should be dismiss'd from our Appointment, which we submit to the Meeting

To the Monthly meeting  
to be held in 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1787

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

and said Committee are dismiss'd accordingly

*Comtee  
to treat  
with Sleep-  
ing mem-  
bers.*

**Abiel Gifford, Benjamin Taber, Thomas Mott, John Deval, Caleb Greene, Benjamin Allen/Son of Philip/** are appointed to treat tenderly with such of our Members, as may be overtaken with Sleep, nodding or other Signs of Sleep, in our religious Meetings, and make re-

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3d month* report from Time to Time as may be necessary.

*P Howland* The Committee in Case of **Peleg Howland's** request, report that they have had a solid opportunity with him, and think best the Matter be defer'd, which is defer'd accordingly, under the same friends Care, who are to report, to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>* One of the Friends in **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>** Case reports, that he with the other friends had a Solid opportunity with **Peleg**; that he gave them some encouragement; - and that it is best the Matter be defer'd, it is accordingly continued under the same friends Care, who are to report to next Monthly meeting.

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

*J Russell  
Son of W<sup>m</sup>  
denied.* The Committee appt<sup>d</sup> in the Case of **Joseph Russell /Son of William Dec<sup>d</sup>/**- report that two of them have had an opportunity, with him, that he gave them no Satisfaction; nor did he desire friends to wait with him, they therefore produc'd a draught of a Testimony of his Denial which was read and with the Women's Concurrence sign'd by the Clerk, and is as follows  
Whereas **Joseph Russell** Son of **William**/late of **Dartmouth** deceased/ having had a Birthright among

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3d mo

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

Given forth and signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of 3d mo 1787 by **Caleb Green** Clerk.

to be read.

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

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

*J Davis  
proposes  
to go to  
Sandwich*

*A Shep-  
herd Son  
of Jn<sup>o</sup>  
request for  
a few lines*

**Abner Shepherd** son of **Jn<sup>o</sup>** informs that he is about to travel into **Pennsylvania, Virginia** or places adjacent, to look<sup>^</sup> for a settlem<sup>t</sup> and desires a few lines, signifying his right as

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3<sup>d</sup> month a Member; this meeting considering and approving thereof, he being a Member of this Meeting; the Clerk is desired to give him a Copy of this Minute.

*Jn<sup>o</sup> Shephd Jun<sup>r</sup> & David Wood request for R Certificates--* **John Shepherd jun<sup>r</sup>**, desires a Removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting of **Falmouth Caseo Bay**, as he proposes to move there to dwell and **David Wood** requests a removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting of **Saratoga**, as he is gone with in the Compass of that Meeting to dwell: **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup> Giles Slocum Peleg Gifford**, are therefore appointed to take the necessary care & if they find no sufficient obstacle, to bring the Certificates to the Adjournm<sup>t</sup> of this Meeting.

The South Prepar<sup>d</sup> meeting in their acc<sup>t</sup> inform that they have collected and sent to the Treasurer

	_ .11 <sup>s</sup> .4 <sup>d</sup>
The North	_ .12.11
Total	£ 1·4·3

*Answers to Queries to be compil'd* **Caleb Greene** and **Joseph Austin** are appointed to compile the Answers to the Queries from the Preparative meetings, with an acco<sup>t</sup> to the Quarterly meeting, and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting

*Adj<sup>d</sup>* This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> after the Meeting for Worship.

*Met* 28<sup>th</sup> day Met by adjournment.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> for Wills* The Representatives being called were all present The Committee in respect to Wills report, that they have made further inspection therein; that they find great deficiency among friends in making wills the same Committee are continued to labour further thereon, as way may open, and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> for Certificates* The friends app<sup>d</sup> to draw Certificates for **John Shepherd jun<sup>r</sup>** and **David Wood** \_ report that they are not fully

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3<sup>d</sup> month fully accomplished - they are continued - they are continued to accomplish them and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Queries read & Answ<sup>d</sup>* The Queries were read, with the Answers from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings, also,

*Acct & Represents to Q<sup>y</sup> meetg* The Compilation of said Answers produc'd by the friends appointed, and an Accot to the Quarterly meeting, which was sign'd by the Clerk, and forwarded by our Representatives, who are **William Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>, Caleb Barker** and **Cor-**

**nelius Howland**, appointed therefor, they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Treas<sup>r</sup> to forward the Bal<sup>e</sup> due Y meetg* The Treasurer reports that he hath not had Opportunity to forward the Balance due for the Yearly and Quarterly Meeting's Stock he is desired to forward it by the Representatives, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*4<sup>th</sup> month* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1787 -----

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

*P Howland* The Committee in the Case of **Peleg Howland's** Request, report, that they have not all had opportunity with him, since last Monthly meeting & think it best, to be defer'd; it is accordingly defer'd under the same friends Care till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, they then to report

*P Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>* The friends appointed in **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>'s** Case report, that they have not all had opportunity with him; and desire the Matter continued- it is accordingly continued under their Care.

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*1787 4<sup>th</sup> month* Care, who are to report to next monthly meeting One of the Committee appointed in the Case of

*M. Wilcox* **Micajah Wilcox**, report, that they have not had opportunity with him, they with **William Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** who is added in that appointment, are continued to take a solid opportunity with said **Micajah** and report to next Monthly meeting

*Testim<sup>o</sup> Jos Russell read* **William Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** reports, that the Testimony against **Joseph Russell /Son of W<sup>m</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>**/ hath been read as directed and that he was informd of his Denial

*Certific<sup>e</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Sheph<sup>d</sup>* The Friends appointed produced a draught of a removal Certificate for **John Shepherd jun<sup>r</sup>** directed to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting held at **Vassaborough** on **Kennebec** signifying he is under our Care, has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and is clear of Marriage engagements, as far as

appears, which was sign'd by the Clerk: - that the

*D Wood's  
defer'd* Certificate for **David Wood** is not yet accomplish'd they are therefore continued to complete it and report to next monthly meeting

*B Shepherd  
returns  
a Certificate* **Barnabas Shepherd** has returned his Certificate, which he had from this Meeting to **Sandwich** in 1781 with an Endorsement thereon signifying that his outward Affairs were settled there, to satisfaction, and that he was clear of Marriage engagement as far as appear'd

*R Lapham  
inform'd* **Thomas Hicks** reports that he hath inform'd **Richard Lapham** of his Denial agreeable to appointment.

*J Davis  
return'd* **James Davis** hath return'd the copy of a minute of last Monthly meeting, having return'd from his Visit to **Sandwich**

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4<sup>th</sup> month* The Committee in respect to Wills report, that they have not made any further

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
in resp<sup>t</sup>  
to Wills* progress therein, they are therefore continued, with **Seth Huddleston** and **Barnabas Mosher**, who are now added to them, to labour as way may open, and report to next Monthly meeting.

*Repres<sup>vs</sup>  
to Q<sup>y</sup> meet-  
ing.* The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended said Meeting with the account from this Meeting

*Treas<sup>r</sup>  
Reports* The Treasurer reports that the Balance due from this Meeting, for the Yearly & Quarterly Meeting's Stock, was forwarded as directed.

*Collection  
13/6* The Preparative Meetings in their acct<sup>s</sup> inform that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer viz the South 7<sup>s</sup>·-6  
North 6  
13·6

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
to Attend  
Burials.* **John Howland, John Deval, Abiel Gifford Benjamin Taber, Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Mott, Elijah<sup>a</sup> Gifford and William Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>**, are appointed <sup>^</sup>to attend the burials of deceased friends according to the Advice of the yearly Meeting in the Book of Discipline thereon.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
to attend  
Meetg<sup>s</sup>  
Allen's  
Neck* The friends appointed to attend the Meetings in **Allen's Neck** report, that tho' the Time is expir'd of holding them, yet they are not ready to make a full report, they are continued to finish one and bring to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

5 m<sup>o</sup> At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth**  
the 21<sup>st</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1787  
The Representatives named in the acct<sup>s</sup> pre-

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5 month  
1787 presented from the Preparative Meetings  
are from the South **Zephaniah Edy** and **Peleg Gifford**, North **Thomas Mott** and **Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland**, who are called and all present.

*P Howland* The Committee in the Case of **Peleg Howland**,  
request, Report, that they have all had opportunity with him, to a degree of satisfaction; yet from some Circumstances, think best that the Matter be defer'd one Month longer, it is accordingly defer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, under the same Friends Care, they then to report.

*P Slocum*  
*2<sup>d</sup> case*  
*contin<sup>d</sup>* The Friends appointed in **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>'s**  
Case, report, that they have not had opportunity with him, since last Monthly meeting, and desire the Matter continued, it is accordingly continu'd under the the same Friends care, who are to report to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*M Wilcox* The Friends appointed in the Case of **Micajah Wilcox**, report that they have not all had opportunity with him and desire the Matter defer'd, which is continu'd accordingly under their Care, who are to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*David Wood*  
*Certificate* The friends appointed produc'<sup>d</sup> a Draught  
of a Certificate for **David Wood**, directed to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Saratoga**, signifying he is a Member, that he hath settled his outward Affairs to satisfaction, and clear of marriage Engagements as far as appears, which was sign'd by the Clerk.

*making*  
*Wills* Part of the Committee in respect to Wills, report, that they have had opportunities with friends on that Subject, but that there are yet the greater part deficient therein, the same friends are continued to excite the negligent, to a speedy and active compliance in that Duty, and report to the Monthly meeting in 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> next.

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1787 The Committee having the oversight  
5 mo of the Meetings in **Allen's Neck**, report, that  
Report they were attended, and kept up to pretty good

*Meet<sup>s</sup> in  
Allen's neck*

Satisfaction.

*App<sup>t</sup>  
Elders.*

The Appointing more Elders being proposed to this Meeting by the Select meeting, who have had it under Consideration and named **Benjamin Taber** and **Deborah Davis** for that place for the Consideration of this and the Women's Meeting, and no Objection appearing to the friends named, we app<sup>t</sup> **Abiel Gifford, Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>** and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup>** a Committee in conjunction with those the Women may appoint to take a solid Opportunity, with said friends in order to discover the Qualifications for that weighty Service, and report their Sense thereon to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Certife  
for S Hud-  
dleston.*

**Seth Huddleston** informs that he is about to remove to **New Garden in North Carolina**, with his Family, and desires our Certificate, therefore we appoint **John Deval, Wm Gifford** and **Thomas Mott** in conjunction with those the Women may app<sup>t</sup> to make the necessary enquiry, draw one for them, if suitable and bring to the adjournm<sup>t</sup> of this Meeting.

*Report  
T Akin's  
Case*

The friends appointed sometime past, in the Case of **Thomas Akin** report, as followeth, "To the Monthly meeting, to be held the 21<sup>st</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1787.

We your Committee appointed sometime past, in the Case of **Thomas Akin**, now have to report, that we have had divers and solid Opportunities with him on that Matter; and had some inspection, on his Conduct;- and tho' he hath not therein given us the desired Satisfaction in full; yet we believe the Labour extended toward him, hath had some good Effect, at least in

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restraining from that habitual and excessive use of spirituous Liquors, and we think the Matter may be still continued under the Care of a Committee tho' we submit it to the Meeting.

**Dartmouth** 19 of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1787 **David Shepherd**  
**John Howland**  
**Caleb Greene.**

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



Joseph Austin  
Benjamin Howland 2<sup>d</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Wood  
Caleb Greene

which is accepted, and they are dismissed accordingly: the appointment of another Committee for that Service, is refer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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1787 At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>**  
6 m<sup>o</sup> the 18<sup>th</sup> of the 6 month 1787.

The Representatives named in the Accounts presented, from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings, are from the South, **Abiel Gifford** and **Joseph Tucker j<sup>r</sup>**;- North, **John Howland** and **W<sup>m</sup> Tripp**, who being called were all present.

*P Howland  
Recd*

The Friends appointed in **Peleg Howland**'s Request, report, "that they have had several solid opportunities, with him, to some degree of Satisfaction tho' not with so deep a Sense of True Conviction in him as they desire; but on considering all circumstances, think it best, that he be admitted as a Member",- which being considered by this and with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting; he is admitted as a Member of this Meeting accordingly.

*P Slocum  
2<sup>d</sup>'s*

The friends appointed in **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>'s** Case, report, that tho' they have taken considerable pains, they did not obtain an Opportunity with him;- they are continued therefore in the Case of that Matter to take an Opportunity, labour further with him; and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Mica<sup>h</sup> Wilcox*

Two of the friends appointed in the Case of **Micajah Wilcox**, report, that they have not had opportunity with him; tho some endeavours were us'd by them for that purpose, and as **Giles Slocum** one of the Friends on that Appointment, is not likely to attend thereto, he is dismissed, and **Timothy Gifford**, is added and they together are continued & desir'd to attend to that Case, and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

The Committee appointed to take an Opportunity  
with



as **Mott** appointed to<sup>^</sup> attend the same, they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting. ---

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

7<sup>th</sup> month At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 16<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month 1787.

The Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings <sup>^</sup> by the Accounts presented, are from the South **Joseph Barker** and **Obadiah Beard**, North **Benjamin Taber** and **Barnabas Russell**, who on being called are all present.

*Report of Repr<sup>v</sup> to Q<sup>v</sup> meeting* The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended, and produc'd an E-pistle from s<sup>d</sup> meeting, together with Transcripts from the **London, Philadelphia & Long Island** E-pistles, which were read in this Meeting, to our Comfort and Edification.

*Choice of Overseers* The Choice of Overseers, being refer'd from last monthly meeting to this **Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mott**, **Benjamin Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>** and **John Deval** are appointed for that Service; and as<sup>^</sup> a further Choice is Necessary, it is refer'd to next mo meeting.

*P Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>.* The Friends appointed in **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>**'s Case report that they have taken an Opportunity

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1787 opportunity with him; but that he did not  
7 m<sup>o</sup> give the Satisfaction; yet they are continued in the Case of that Matter, and if they do not find Satisfaction, to draw a Testimony of his Denial and report it to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Mic<sup>th</sup> Wilcox . . . }* The friends appointed in **Micajah Wilcox's** Case, report that they have had a solid Conference with him, tho' to little real Satisfaction; but at the desire of some friends, the Matter is defer'd under the care of the friends appointed, who are to report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Ruth Lapham denied}* The Women inform that they have concluded to deny **Ruth Lapham**, Wife of **Humphry Lapham**, which this Meeting concurs with

*appt of School Com* The Additional appointment of the School-Committee, being refer'd to this Meeting, **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jun<sup>r</sup> William Gifford Caleb Greene, Benjamin Taber, Edmund Maxfeld and Elijah Gifford**, are appointed for that Service, for the year ensuing or till some others may be appointed.

**James Rogers** produced a Certificate from the M<sup>o</sup>

*J Rogers Certificate read* meeting of **Pembroke**, signifying his right of membership and clearness of marriage Engagements, which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction, as also a Certificate of his Parents, Consent to proceed in Marriage with **Deborah Smith**.

*W<sup>m</sup> Slocum complained of* The Overseers inform that **Williams Slocum** is guilty of the Sin of Fornication, as appears by the Accusation of **Phebe Russell**, and also by his own Confession, for which they laboured with him; but not finding satisfaction; we therefore appoint, **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hicks** to  
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*1787 7<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup>* labour further with him, thereon and if he doth not give them satisfaction to draw a Testimony of his Denial and report it to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

*J Rogers D Smith & B Taber<sup>jur</sup> & R Akin Intentions of Marriage--* **James Rogers** and **Deborah Smith**, and **Benjamin Taber Jun<sup>r</sup>** and **Robey Akin** , having each Couple, declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, were desir'd to wait till next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting for answer, they having consent of Parents, and **Seth Russell** and **Barna<sup>s</sup> Russell**, are appointed to inspect **Benjamin**'s Clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

*Collection 18/4.* The Preparative Meetings in their Acct<sup>s</sup> inform, that they have collected, and sent to the Treasurer - the South - - - £\_-7-2d  
North - - - - 11-2  
18-4

*£8-8<sup>s</sup> to be rais'd for Yearly & Q<sup>y</sup> Meet<sup>gs</sup>* The Quarterly meeting in their last Epistle, inform that they have concluded with agreement of our Representatives, for this Meeting to raise the Sum of £8-8<sup>s</sup> for the use of yearly and Quarterly Meeting's Stock, which is concluded by this Meeting to be collected in each of our Preparative Meetings, who are to forward s<sup>d</sup> Sum to our Treasurer & an Acct to this Meeting.

*8 month* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1787.

*Repres<sup>ves</sup>* The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings are from the South, **Elijah Gifford**, and **Benjamin Allen** /Son of

**Philip**/, North, **Jonath<sup>a</sup> Hart** and **John Howland**, who on being called were all present.

*Choice of Overseers finished.* The further Choice of Overseers being refer'd to this Meeting, **Jonathan Hart & Wm Anthony Jun<sup>r</sup>** are appointed for that Service /in Addition to those appointed

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*8 m<sup>o</sup> 1787* appointed last monthly Meeting/ for the year ensuing, or till others may be appointed in their Stead; the said Overseers to report to this Meeting, at least Once a Quarter.

*P Slocum denial} defer'd}* The Friends appointed in **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>**'s Case reported a Draught of a Testimony of his Denial, yet at the desire of some friends, the signing it, is defer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, for further Consideration.

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

*W<sup>m</sup> Slocum's Case defer'd.* The Friends appointed in **William Slocum**'s Case desire it continued, it is accordingly continued under their Care, till next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting, then they to report.

*a Certif for W Gifford rec<sup>d</sup>* A Certificate from **Rhodeisland** M<sup>o</sup> meeting in behalf of **Wilbour Gifford**, signifying he has settled his<sup>^</sup> *outward* affairs to satisfaction & is clear of Marriage Engagements, was read and accepted, he having return'd from serving at a Trade.

*Collection £1-1-8* The Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings in their Acct<sup>s</sup> inform that they have collected & paid the Treas<sup>r</sup> viz<sup>t</sup>

the South . . . .	£ - 10·2
North . . . . .	<u>11·6</u>
	1·1·8

*B Taber Jr clearness* The friends appointed to inspect into the clearness of **Benjamin Taber jun<sup>r</sup>** respecting Marriage and Conversation, report, that they do<sup>^</sup> *not* find any thing sufficient to obstruct his proceeding in Marriage.

*J Rogers D Smith & R Taber jr R Akin Answer* **James Rogers & Deborah Smith** also **Benjamin Taber jun<sup>r</sup>** and **Robey Akin** appeared for their Answers, which were, that we do not find any thing to hinder each Couple's proceeding to take each other in Marriage, between this and next M<sup>o</sup> meeting advising with the friends this Meeting may appoint to<sup>^</sup> *see* their Marriages orderly Solemnized, who are **Abiel Gifford** and **Benjamin Howland 2<sup>d</sup>** to attend that of

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8<sup>th</sup> month

of **James & Deborah**, and **Seth Russell & Barna<sup>b</sup> Russell** the other;- they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

Prepar<sup>a</sup>  
Meetings  
to collect  
for Y & Q<sup>y</sup> Meeting's  
Stock

This Meeting is inform'd that the Preparative Meetings are in a progress to collect the Money for Yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock, the Representatives therefrom are desir'd to inform s<sup>d</sup> Meetings of this Meeting's desire, that they<sup>^</sup> endeavour to accomplish, that Matter, & forward the Money to our Treasurer and an Acc<sup>t</sup> to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

£5 be  
sent to  
our friend  
E Pope

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

6<sup>s</sup>.8<sup>d</sup>  
to be paid  
B Russell

**Barnabas Russell** informs that he paid 6<sup>s</sup>.8<sup>d</sup> for shoeing travelling friends horses, sometime past, which the Treasurer is directed to pay, when supplied with Money, and report to this Meeting.

9<sup>th</sup> Month

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1787 –

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings by the Acco<sup>ts</sup> presented, are from the South **Caleb Barker** and **Elijah Gifford**, North **Benjamin Taber** and **Thomas Mott**, who being called are all present.

Micajah  
Wilcox's  
Case  
defer'd

**Micajah Wilcox**'s Case is defer'd till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting as the Friends appointed therein have had no Opportunity with him

P Slocum  
2<sup>d</sup> denied

The Friends who desir'd **Peleg Slocum 2d**'s Case defer'd report, that they have taken an Opportunity with him, and read the Testimony of his Denial to him; but nothing appearing to the satisfaction of Friends;-- the said Testimony was sign'd by the Clerk, with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting;  
and

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9 M<sup>o</sup>

and **Benjamin Smith jun<sup>r</sup>** is appointed to cause the same to be read in the usual public Manner, and report it to next Monthly meeting said

Testimony is as follows.

*Testim<sup>o</sup>  
Denial  
P Slocum*

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

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

*Phebe  
Russell  
disown’d*

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

*Report  
of Com<sup>tee</sup>  
on  
Marriages--*

The Friends appointed to see the Marriages of **James Rogers** and **Deb<sup>h</sup> Smith**, and **Benjamin Taber jun<sup>r</sup>** and **Rhobe Akin** orderly solemnized, report, that they attended them according to Appointment, and nothing appear’d but that they were orderly solemnized and conducted. –

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*1787  
9 month  
Report  
Money  
s<sup>d</sup> Eb Pope*

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

*Queries  
ans<sup>d</sup>*

The Queries were read with the Answers from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings, and **Benjamin Taber**, **James Davis** and **Caleb Greene**, are appointed to compile said Answers, draw an Account to the Quarterly Meeting, and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

*P Howland & M Tucker Intention marriage* **Peleg Howland** and **Mary Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>** declar'd their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, having Consent of Parents, and were desire'd to wait till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, for Answer, & **Benjamin Taber** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** are appointed to inspect **Peleg's** clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*Adjourn'd* This Meeting is adjourned to the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant at the close of the Meeting for worship. –

*Met:* 26<sup>th</sup> day, met by Adjournment

*W. Slocum Case defer'd* The Representatives being called were all pres<sup>t</sup> The Friends appointed in **Williams Slocum's** Case, report that they have attended somewhat to it; yet desire it defer'd;- it is therefore continued under the same friends Care, together with **Benjamin Taber & Philip Trafford**, who are added in that appointment, they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Addition Comt<sup>ee</sup> for Burying Grounds.* **Jonathan Hart & Thomas Russell** are added to the Committee appointed in the 9<sup>th</sup> month 1778: - to have the Care of our burying grounds; and allowing such as they think proper, who may be not Members of our Society<sup>^</sup> on Application to be inter'd in them ----

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*1787 9 M<sup>o</sup>* The friends appointed produc'd the Compilation of the Answers to the Queries with an Account

*Reprt to Q<sup>y</sup> Meeting & Acco<sup>s</sup>* to the Quarterly Meeting, which were read & sign'd by the Clerk, and forwarded by our Representatives who are **Joseph Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>**, **Benjamin Taber** and **John Deval**, they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

*respecting old Meet<sup>g</sup> House* This Meeting concludes to inform the Quarterly meeting that our Meeting house at **Aponaganset** is old and out of Repair and request their advice respecting the building a new One or repairing this,- and **Peleg Gifford, Abiel Gifford, Gideon Howland, Thomas Russell** and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jun<sup>r</sup>** are appointed, to confer with and inform the Committee the Q<sup>y</sup> meeting may appoint there on, and report to next Monthly meeting.

*Hay to be procur<sup>ed</sup>* **Thomas Russell, Caleb Barker** and **Zephaniah Edy**, are appointed to provide what Hay they may think necessary, for the next Quarterly Meeting and to procure some person to attend on the Horses and Gates and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

*The £8-8<sup>s</sup> collected for Y & Q<sup>v</sup> Meeting & paid* The Preparative Meetings have collected the £8·8; for the yearly and Quarterly meeting's Stock, and paid to our Treasurer, who is desir'd to forward it to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer and report to next Monthly meeting.

*10<sup>th</sup> Month* At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth**, the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1787.

*Repres<sup>ve</sup>* The Representatives appointed by the Accounts presented from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings are from the South, **Peleg Gifford & Zephaniah Eddy**, from the North **Benjamin Taber & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**, who on being called are all present. –

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*10 m<sup>o</sup> 1787* The Friends appointed in **Micajah Wilcox's** Case, report, that, they have not all had Oppor-

*M Wilcox case defer'd* tunity with him, since his return from Sea, they are therefore continued, to take a full Opportunity with him, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*P Slocum's Testimony of Denial read.* **Benjamin Smith jun<sup>r</sup>** reports that the Testimony of the Denial of **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>d</sup>'s** or son of **Holder** has been read as directed.

*P Howland's clearness in Marri<sup>a</sup>* The Friends appointed to inspect **Peleg Howland's** Clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation, report that they find nothing sufficient to Obstruct his Procedure in Marriage.

*W<sup>ms</sup>'s Slocum denied* The Friends appointed in **Williams Slocum's** Case, report that they have attended thereto, and have taken a solid Opportunity with him, but that he did not give them Satisfaction, friends now being clear, having discharg'd themselves toward him, and said Comt<sup>ee</sup> having produc'd a Draught of the Testimony of his Denial as directed, which with the Concurrence of the Women was sign'd by the Clerk and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Junr** is appointed to <sup>cause it to be</sup> read, in the usual public Manner, inform s<sup>d</sup> **Williams** thereof & report to next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting s<sup>d</sup> Testimony is as follows,

*Testimony W Slocum's Denial.* Whereas **Williams Slocum** son of **Peleg Slocum** and **Elizabeth** his Wife of **Dartmouth**, having had a Birthright among us the people called Quakers, and under the Care of this Meeting, <sup>^</sup>but by not adhering to the Dictates of Truth, which appear in the Heart, hath fallen into the reproachful Sin of Fornication, with **Phebe**

**Russell**, as appears by his Confession, and friends, having labour'd in much Tenderness to shew him the Evil thereof, and the bad Tendency of his Conduct in that Matter; but not having received Satisfaction from him; therefore for the clearing Truth and Friends  
from

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from the Reproach of such evil Conduct, this Meeting is concern'd to give forth this Testimony until he shall find a place of sincere Repentance and be restor'd in the Truth, which is our sincere against him the said **Williams Slocum** hereby disowning him from any right of Membership with us, and from under the Care of this Meeting,

Desire. Given forth and sign'd in and on behalf of our Monthly<sup>^</sup> Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1787

**Caleb Greene** Clerk.

*P Howland  
&  
M Tucker j<sup>r</sup>  
Answer.*

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

*Repres<sup>v</sup>  
to Q<sup>y</sup> Meet-  
ing report*

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

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
on acc<sup>t</sup>  
Aponeg.  
M<sup>o</sup>. House.*

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

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
to procure  
Hay report  
cost 36/-*

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

*M<sup>o</sup> for  
Y & Q<sup>y</sup>  
Meet<sup>g</sup>  
Stocks derd*

The Treasurer, reports that the Money for Yearly and Q<sup>y</sup> Meeting's Stock was forwarded as directed by last M<sup>o</sup> meeting. -----

10 m<sup>o</sup>  
1787  
*E Mosher &  
Ruth Bowdish  
Intention.*

**Elihu Mosher** and **Ruth Bowdish** declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, having consent of Parents in Writing, and were desir'd to wait till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting for Answer, and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** and **John Deval** are appointed to inspect **Elihu's** Clearness in respect to Marriage and Conversation and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

*Dr Mercy  
paid by  
Overs<sup>ers</sup> of  
Poor & charge  
£2.6.8 -  
to be p<sup>d</sup> by  
Treas<sup>r</sup>*

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

*Collection  
9/5/2.*

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

Treasurer viz	South - - - -	£- 3.7
	North - - - -	5.10½
		-9.5½

*11<sup>th</sup> Month*

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1787 ---- The acct<sup>s</sup> from the Preparative Meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are, from the South **Caleb Barker** and **Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>** from the North **John Tucker** and **Caleb Russell**, who being called are all present

*London  
Epistle  
rec<sup>d</sup> & read*

Rec<sup>d</sup> Three Copies of the **London** general Epistle of this Year, one of which was read to satisfaction.

*Mic<sup>a</sup> Wilcox's  
Case  
contin<sup>d</sup>*

The Friends appointed in **Micajah Wilcox's** Case report that they have all had Opportunity with him, that he seemed desirous to give friends Satisfaction, and gave in a Paper condemning his Misconduct, and the same friends are continued to take the Matter under their Care in order to discover his Sincerity and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*11 m<sup>o</sup>  
1787  
Certific<sup>a</sup>  
D Rogers*

A Removal Certificate in behalf of **Deborah Rogers**, Wife of **James Rogers**, directed to the Monthly meeting of **Pembroke**, was sign'd by the Clerk.

*Testi<sup>v</sup> of  
W<sup>m</sup> Slocum's  
Denial  
read*

**William Anthony** reports that the Testimony of the Denial of **Williams Slocum**, has been read as directed, and he inform'd thereof, and that he desir'd a Copy of s<sup>d</sup> Testimony, which the Clerk is directed to give.

*req<sup>d</sup>*  
*Copy of*  
**D Chase's**  
*Denial*

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

*P How*  
*land's*  
*Marriage*

The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of **Peleg Howland & Mary Tucker jun<sup>r</sup>**, report that they attended accordingly at the Solemnization & one of them at the Houses of the Parties, and that it appear'd to them the Marriage was conducted in a good Degree orderly.

*36<sup>s</sup> paid*  
*for Hay.*

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

*E Mosher's*  
*Clearness*

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

**Elihu Mosher & Ruth Bowdish** appear'd for their Answer, which was, that we did not find any thing to hinder their proceeding to take each other in Marriage, at some convenient Time between this & next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, advizing with the Friends this Meeting may appoint, to see s<sup>d</sup> Marriages orderly solemniz'd who are **William Gifford & Jno Deval**, they to report to next Mo meeting

*P Giffords*  
*acc<sup>t</sup> 7/-*  
*allow'd*

**Peleg Gifford** gives in an account to this Meeting for Work in some repair of our house at **Apo-neganset** amounting to seven Shillings which the Treasurer is directed to pay & to report <sup>^to</sup> this Meeting

*E Chace's Certif<sup>a</sup>*  
*rec<sup>d</sup>*

A Removal Certificate from the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of **Swanzey** in behalf of **Ebenezer Chase Jun<sup>r</sup>** <sup>^</sup> dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of the

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*1787*  
*11 m<sup>o</sup>*

of the 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last was read & received,

*Collins*  
*Smith*  
*& Han<sup>h</sup>*  
*Tucker*  
*also*  
*G Smith*  
*&*  
*R Howland*  
*Intention*  
*Marri<sup>a</sup>*

**Collins Smith & Hannah Tucker** declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, & also **Giles Smith** and **Ruth Howland**, they having Consent of parents, and were desir'd to wait till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting for Answer; and **Benjamin Smith & Ab<sup>m</sup> Howland** are appointed to inspect **Collins's** clearness respecting Marriage and Conversation; and **George Smith** and **Gideon Howland** that of **Giles**, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meet<sup>g</sup>.

*H Hathway & A Smith also L Chace & E Potter intention of Marria* **Humphrey Hathway** a Member of **Sandwich M<sup>o</sup> Meeting & Abigail Smith** declar<sup>d</sup> their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, also **Lemuel Chase** a Member of **Acoaxet M<sup>o</sup> Meeting & Elizabeth Potter** declared their Intention-- & were each desired to wait till next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting for Answer, ~ said Men Friends produced Certificates from their several M<sup>o</sup> Meetings, signifying they are Members & clear of Marriage - Engagement, they also produced Consent of their Parents in Writing.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> H. at Aponeganset.* The Comt<sup>ee</sup> appointed in on acc<sup>t</sup> of our Meeting house at Aponeganset, report that they have attended thereto, but have not got quit through, having some obstructions, & desire it continued; it is accordingly continued under their Care, who are to report to next Monthly Meeting.

*Prepar<sup>a</sup> Collection £1.4.1.* The Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings in their acc<sup>ts</sup> inform that they have collected & sent to our Treasurer

viz<sup>t</sup> South -- ..8.. –  
North        ..16..1  
                  £1.4.4

*S Bunker requests Certific<sup>a</sup>* **Shuback Bunker** desires a removal Certificat for him ~~Wife~~ self Wife & Child to the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting for the **Nothern District** of **Phil<sup>ad</sup>** he having removed ~~their~~ with his family there, **Barnabas Russell & Caleb Greene** are appointed in Conjun-c tion with the Friends whom the Women may appoint to take the necessary care therein & report to it to next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

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*1787 11 m<sup>o</sup> Subscription from M. House.* The Committee in on acct of our Meeting house at **Aponaganset** report that they have not quite accomplish'd their appointment, but have draughted a Subscription for that purpose which they are desired to proceede with to friends of this Meeting & report to next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*12 m<sup>o</sup>* At a M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1787.

*Rep.* The Representatives named in the Acct<sup>s</sup> presented from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings are from the South **Peleg Gifford & Gideon Howland**, North **Caleb Russell & John Tucker**, who on being called were all present

*M. Wilcock's Case* The Friends appointed to the Care of **Micajah Wilcox's** Paper, & to inspect & discover his Sincerity, desired continued, which is accordingly continued under their care, who are to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

- E Mosher's marriage* The Friends appointed to see the Marriage of **Elihu Mosher & Ruth Bowdish** orderly solemniz'd, report that they attended said Marriage & one of them<sup>^</sup> at **Elihus's** House that nothing appeared but that it was in a good Degree, orderly
- P Gifford Paid.* The Treasurer reports that **Peleg Gifford's** acc<sup>t</sup> is paid as directed by last Monthly Meeting,
- Collins Smith's clearness* One of the Friends appointed to enquire into the Clearness ~~respecting~~<sup>^</sup> of **Collins Smith** respecting Marriage & Conversation, reports that he & the other Friends made enquiry & find no sufficient obstacle to his proceeding in Marriage.
- G Smith* The Friends appointed to inspect into the Clearness of **Giles Smith** respecting Marriage & Conversation, report that they made Enquiry & find nothing sufficient to obstruct his proceeding in Marriage.
- S Bunker Certif<sup>d</sup>* The Friends appointed produc'd a Removal Certificate for **Shubael Bunker** his Wife and

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- 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1787* and young Son **James** directed to the Monthly Meeting for the **Northern District of Philadelphia** signifying they are Member<sup>^</sup> and settled their outward affairs to satisfaction, which was read, & signed by the Clerk of each Meeting.
- C Smith & H Tucker G Smith & R Howland answers* **Collins Smith & Hannah Tucker**, also **Giles Smith & Ruth Howland** appeared for their Answers which was that we do not find any Thing sufficient to hinder each Couple ~~from~~ proceeding in Marriage, at some convenient Time between this and next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting, advising with the Friends ~~that~~ that this Meeting appoints to see said Marriages orderly Solemnized, & the Certificate thereof recorded – who are **Elijah Gifford & Philip Trafford**<sup>^</sup> for the first, & **Gideon Howland**<sup>^</sup> <sup>George Smith</sup> the latter Couple they to report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.
- H Hathaway & A Smith L<sup>mel</sup> Chace & E Potter answer'd* **Humphrey Hathaway & Abigail Smith**, also **Lemuel Chase & Elizabeth Potter** appeared for their Answer, which was that nothing appeared to obstruct each Couples proceeding to take each other Marriage at some proper Time between this & next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting advising with the Friends, that this Meeting

may appoint to see said Marriages orderly solemnized & the Certificate thereof recorded, who are **Caleb Russell & Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>** to that of the first Couple & **Tho<sup>m</sup> Mott & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** that of the latter – they to report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*Copies of Denial given.*

The Clerk informs that that he hath forwarded **David Chase** a Copy of the Minute of his Denial but that the Testimony of **Williams Slocum**'s Denial slip'd his Mind, he is continued to do it and report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting

*Request for a Meeting in Allen's Neck*

Friends in **Allen's Neck** request to hold Meetings in the four succeeding Months; at the following Houses viz at **Susanna Allen's Timothy Gifford's Elihu Slocum's & Samuel Gifford's** one month at each House, one on each first Day & fifth

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

*Queries Ans<sup>d</sup>*

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

*Collection*

The preparative meetings in their acct<sup>s</sup> inform that they have collected & sent to this Meeting Treasurer viz<sup>t</sup>

South – – 13<sup>s</sup>..9<sup>d</sup>  
North – – 11..1  
£1..4..10

*Adj<sup>d</sup>*

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

The 26<sup>th</sup> Day met by Adjournment

The Representative being called are all present; The Clerk<sup>^</sup> being absent **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed Clerk for the Day.

*Certif-i cates re-quested*

A Certificate for **David Williams** son of **John Williams** to the m<sup>o</sup> Meeting of **Rhodeisland** is requested also one for **Daniel Wing** who is gone to

*for* live with a Friend at **Smithfield** to learn a Trade &  
*D Williams* therefore our Friends **Jo<sup>s</sup> Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup> & W<sup>m</sup>^ Barker Jun<sup>r</sup>** are  
& appointed to take<sup>^</sup> the necessary Care therein & bring Cer-  
*D Wing.* tificates for them to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting if they find  
things Clar.

## Eliphal

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12 m<sup>o</sup> 1787 **Eliphal Slade** requests her Children may be  
*E Slade's* receiv'd under Friends Care, whose Names are **Ed-**  
*request for* **Ward, Samuel, Caleb, Zephaniah, Sherman, &**  
*Children* **Mary**, therefore our friends **Zephaniah Eddy &**  
**John Tucker** are appointed to join the Women  
& take the necessary Care in that Matter, & report  
their Sense & Judgment thereof to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*Comt<sup>ee</sup> on* The Committee on acc<sup>t</sup> of our meeting house re-  
*Acc<sup>t</sup>* port that they prepos'd an House about the Bigness  
*M House* of that at **Bedford** & the Cost to be about £300, & have  
made out Subscriptions to the amt of £241<sup>''</sup>18<sup>s</sup> which  
they are directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting's  
committee on that Matter.

*Acc<sup>t</sup> to* The Answers to the Queries being compiled into  
*Q<sup>y</sup> Meet<sup>gs</sup>* general Answ<sup>s</sup> & an Epistle signed to s<sup>d</sup> quarterly  
*Repres<sup>s</sup>* Meeting all which were directed to be forwarded  
to said quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who  
are **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony, Abiel Gifford, Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>**  
& **Caleb Barker**, they to report next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

1 m<sup>o</sup> 1788 At a m<sup>o</sup> Meeting held in **Dart<sup>m</sup>** the 21<sup>st</sup> of the  
1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1788.

The Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings,  
by<sup>^</sup> the acct<sup>s</sup> presented are from the S<sup>o</sup> **Benj<sup>a</sup> Chace &**  
**Abiel Gifford** from the North **Benjamin Taber** and **Tho-**  
**mas Mott**, who being called were all present.

*Rep<sup>s</sup> to* The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that  
*Q<sup>y</sup> Meet<sup>gs</sup>* they all attended according to Appointment, and produc'd  
*Report.* an Epistle from s<sup>d</sup> Quarterly meeting, which was read in this  
to our Satisfaction

*Jos Dela-* Our Esteemned Friends **Joseph Delaplaine &**  
*plaine &* **Solomon Underhill** attended this Meeting, with their Cer-  
*S Under* tificates, viz<sup>t</sup> **Joseph**'s dated from the M<sup>o</sup> meeting at  
*hill.* **Flushing on Long island**, the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Mo 1787  
and **Solomon**'s from the M<sup>o</sup> meeting at **Westbury** the 26<sup>th</sup> of  
the 12<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1787 which were read in this Meeting to Satis-

1788 Satisfaction and their Company and Labours of Love  
*LM<sup>o</sup>* acceptable & Comfortable to us.

*G Seaman* Our friend **Gideon Seaman** also attended this Meeting as Companion to our s<sup>d</sup> friend **Solomon Underhill**: – with a Copy of a Minute from the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of **Westbury** of the 26<sup>th</sup> of 12 mo 1787, being read to Satisfaction & his Company acceptable to us.

*W Slocum's* The Clerk reports that the Copy of the testimony of **Wm's Slocum's** Denial has not been forwarded to him as the Minutes were not in his Possession, he is continued to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

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

*Overseers of C. Smith & W. Tucker G. Smith & R. Howland Marri<sup>e</sup> report.* The friends appointed to oversee the Marriages of **Collins Smith & Hannah Tucker** and of **Giles Smith & Ruth Howland** report that they all attended according to Appointment, and that they discovered nothing but what was orderly conducted therein, and that the marriage Certificates were delivered to the Clerk to be recorded.

*also H Hathaway & A Smith L Chase & E Potter* The friends appointed to oversee the marriage of **Humphry Hathaway** and **Abig<sup>l</sup> Smith**, also that of **Lemuel Chace** and **Elizabeth Potter** report that they all attended thereto; that they were solemniz'd in a good degree orderly; and the marriage Certificates were forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

*Collection £1-11/* The Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings in their acct<sup>s</sup> informs that they have collected & sent to our Treasurer viz<sup>t</sup>

South	- - - - -	9.8 <sup>d</sup>
North	- - -	<u>1.1.4</u>
		£1.11- ---

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1787 The friends appointed produc'd a Draught of Certificate for **David Williams** son of **John Williams** directed to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **R. Island**, also another for **Daniel Wing**, directed to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Smithfield**, signifying their Rights of Membership,  
*LM<sup>o</sup>*  
*Certificates for D. William & D Wing.*

which were read and sign'd by the Clerk.

*E Slade's  
Request  
Contin'd.* The friends appointed on **Eliphah Slade's** request, desire it defer'd till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, it is accordingly continued under their Care and **William Gifford's** who is added to them, they to report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup>

*£2.2 –  
rec'd from  
Q<sup>y</sup> meeting.* One of the Representatives to the Q<sup>y</sup> Meeting reports, that he has receiv'd £2.2 from the Q<sup>y</sup> Meeting's Treasurer, and paid it to our Treasurer it being for the Expences of the Quarterly meeting held here last Year.

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

*2<sup>d</sup> Month* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 18<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> Month 1788

The Representatives from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings by the Accounts presented are from the South **Thomas Russell** and **Peleg Gifford**, North **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** and **John Howland** who being called were all present.

*Copy  
W Slocum's  
Denial given* The Clerk informs that the Copy of the Testimony of **Williams Slocum's** Denial is forwarded to him.

*E Slades  
Request  
defer'd.* The Friends on **Eliphah Slade's** Request, report that they have visited the Family of the Petitioner and considered the matter, and think said Request may be granted, yet this Meeting feeling some Obstruction: the Matter is de-

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2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup>* defer'd to next Meeting; under the same friends Care, who are then to report.

*E Gifford  
&  
D Sheph<sup>d</sup>  
Disown'd* The Meeting of Women friends inform this that they are about to disown **Elizabeth Gifford**, now wife of **David Kemphon**; and **Deborah Shepherd**, now Wife of **Benjamin Howland**, for marrying out of the Unity of Friends; which this Meeting concurs With.

*Z Eddy  
Return'd* **Zephaniah Eddy** return'd from his Journey with the Copy of the Minute for him, of last M<sup>o</sup> meeting

*J Estes  
Certif.  
from  
R Island.* **Joseph Estes** produc'd a Certificate from the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of **Rhodeisland** of 31<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last setting forth his Right of Membership and Clearness in respect to Marriage; also written consent of his Parent to proceed in Marriage with **Edith Wood**

*E Allen's  
gave in  
Paper* ~  
**Ebenezer Allen** gave in a Paper condemning his unguard<sup>ed</sup>ly taking so much spirituous Liquor as to be disguised therewith whereupon **Zephaniah Eddy** and **Abiel Gifford**, are appointed to take a solid Opportunity with him in order to discover his Sincerity, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*J Estes  
&  
E<sup>d</sup> Wood's  
Intention*  
**Joseph Estes** and **Edith Wood**, declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage, and were desir'd to wait till next monthly meeting for Answer

*W Gifford  
give in a  
Paper*  
**Wilbour Gifford** gave in a paper condemning his attending a Marriage consumated out of the Order of friends; desiring friends to pass by his Misconduct, which being consider'd, is accepted for Satisfaction.

**John Chace** /son of **Jacob**/ having remov'd within this M<sup>o</sup> meeting and produc'd a Certificate from the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Rhodeisland**, dated 27<sup>th</sup> of 11 m<sup>o</sup> last signifying he is a Member his outw<sup>d</sup> affairs, settled to satisfaction & clear of Marriage Engagements,  
which

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which is accepted

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2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup>  
Collection  
18/1*  
The Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings in their Acc<sup>t</sup> inform that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer viz<sup>t</sup>  
South - - - - 8<sup>s</sup>.3<sup>d</sup>  
North - - - - 9.10  
£ 18.1

*choice of  
Overseers  
Poor refer'd*  
A new Choice of Overseers of the Poor is propos'd & refer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Adj<sup>d</sup> -* This Meeting is adjoun'd to the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>a</sup> \_

*Met -* 27<sup>th</sup> Day Met by Adjournment.  
The Representatives called were all present.

*M Will-  
cox's  
Case  
continu'd*  
Two of the Friends appointed in **Micajah Wi-l  
cox**'s Case desire it continued till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, which is accordingly continued under their Care, they then to report.

*J Austin  
presents  
an acc<sup>t</sup>  
allow'd*  
**Joseph Austin** presented an Acc<sup>t</sup> to this Meeting for shoeing Travelling friends horses and some Expence on the Road in getting them to **Falmouth**, amounting to ten shillings & six pence, which the Treasurer is directed to pay & report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*3<sup>d</sup> Month* At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 3d Month 1788

The Accounts from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings were presented; the Representatives therein, named were from the South **Zephaniah Eddy** and **Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>** from the North **Joshua Potter** and **Barnabas Russell**, who on being<sup>^</sup> <sup>called</sup> were all present.

*Ebr Allen* The Friends appointed to take an Opportunity with **Ebenezer Allen** in order to discover his Sincerity in condemning his Misconduct, report that they have had a solid Opportunity with him, and that he gave them a good <sup>^</sup> <sup>degree</sup> of Satisfaction, appearing sincere in condemning his Misconduct, which is accepted for Satisfaction, he causing his Paper to be read in the usual public manner and  
re-

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*1788* return it with Report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting

*3<sup>d</sup> month  
Choice of  
Overseers  
Poor.*

A new Choice of Overseers of the Poor being refer'd from last M<sup>o</sup> meeting to this, **William Gifford, Joshua Potter, John Tucker, George Smith, Jesiah Wood** and **Caleb Barker**, are appointed for that Service, for the year ensuing or till others may be appointed in their stead.

*M Willcox's  
Case defer'd.*

The friends appointed in **Micajah Willcox's** Case report, that he still remains negligent in attending our religious Meetings and are doubtful of his Sincerity in condemning his Misconduct; yet at the desire of **Gideon Howland & Thomas Russell**, who desire to have an Opportunity with him, the Matter is defer'd till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting under their Care, they then to report.

*J Austin  
paid.*

The Treasurer Reports that he has paid **Joseph Austin** as directed by last M<sup>o</sup> meeting 10/6

*J Estes &  
Edith Wood's  
answer*

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

*Queries read  
& answer'd*

The Queries were read and the Answers from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings and **Caleb Greene** and **Benjamin Taber** are appointed to compile said Answers from this Meeting, with an Acco<sup>t</sup> to the Quarterly meeting, and report to the Adjournm<sup>t</sup> of this Meeting.

The Overseers inform in Writing that **Caleb Slocum** hath taken an Oath in form, that he had carnal knowledge of **Rebecca Russell**; – yet they

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

*Collection  
£1·3·1* The Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings in their accounts inform that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer  
viz<sup>t</sup> the South - - - - 8<sup>d</sup>·11<sup>d</sup>  
North - - - - 14·2  
£1·3·1

*Adjourn'd* This Meeting adjourns to the 26 Int<sup>t</sup> after the Meeting for worship.

*Met* 26 Day Met by Adjournment.

*Repres<sup>s</sup> &  
acco<sup>t</sup> to  
Q<sup>y</sup> meet<sup>g</sup>* The Representatives being called were all Present The friends appointed produc'd the Compilation of the Answers to the Queries; and an Essay of an Acc<sup>t</sup> to the Q<sup>y</sup> meeting;\_ which were read in this Meeting and sign'd by the Clerk and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony, Caleb Greene Zephaniah Eddy**, are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as Representatives with said Acco<sup>t</sup> and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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

*Bedford  
meeting  
alter'd* Friends of the North Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meeting propose to hold **Bedford Meeting** on the fifth Day which is held on the

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

*N Mosher desires a Certificate<sup>a</sup>* **Nath<sup>l</sup> Mosher** a Member of this Meeting has remov'd to **Ninepartners** and desires our Certificate on his behalf **John Deval, Abiel Gifford** are appointed to take the necessary Care therein and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth**, the 21<sup>st</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1788.

The Accot<sup>s</sup> from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> Meetings were presented; the Representatives therein named were from the S<sup>o</sup> **Peleg Gifford** and W<sup>m</sup> **Anthony**, North **Caleb Russell & John Tucker**; who being called were all present.

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

*M Wilcox* The friends who desir'd the deferring **Micajah Willcox's** Case- report, that they have had a Solid Opportunity with him, that they had so much Encouragement, as they desire the Care continu'd, which is accordingly continued under their care till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting they then to report.

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

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

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4<sup>th</sup> month sorry for his Transgressions, and has a Desire to make friends satisfaction, giving in a paper condemning his misconduct, which being considered by this Meeting, we appoint W<sup>m</sup> **Wood, Caleb Russell, Benj<sup>a</sup> Taber & Seth Russell**, to take a solid Opportunity with s<sup>d</sup> **Slocum**, in order to discover his Sincerity & if he doth not give them satisfaction to draw a Testimony of his denial inform him thereof and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

Repre<sup>st</sup>  
to Q<sup>y</sup>  
Meeting  
report.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting reports that they attended s<sup>d</sup> Meeting, agreeably to appointment, and produc'd a Copy of a minute of the Q<sup>y</sup> Meet<sup>g</sup> which was read in this, \_ the Contents of which is refer'd to the Consideration of next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

Certificate  
sign'd for  
N. Mosher.

The friends appointed produc'd a Certificate for **Nath<sup>l</sup> Mosher** directed to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Nine partners**, signifying his right of membership, settling his outward affairs & clearness of marriage engagement which was sign'd by the Clerk.

Collection  
£1·3~

The Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings in their Accot<sup>s</sup> inform that they have collected and sent to our Treasurer, viz<sup>t</sup>

The South	- - - - -	£ 12·9
North	- - - - -	<u>10·3</u>
		1·-3

A Shep-  
herd &  
Apphia  
Mott's  
proposal

**Abner Shepherd** and **Apphia Mott** declar'd their intention of taking each other in Marriage, having consent of Parents, and were desired to wait 'till next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting for Answer; and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** with **John Tucker** are appointed to inspect **Abner's** clearness respecting marriage and conversation and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

L. Hart  
gave in  
a Pap<sup>r</sup>.

**Luke Hart** gave in a Paper condemning his Marrying out of the Unity of Friends, therefore we appoint **Abiel Gifford** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to take a solid opportunity with him, in order to discover his sincerity, and report to next monthly meeting.

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Inform<sup>ed</sup>  
of  
J Shepherd  
Jun<sup>r</sup> dis-  
order -

This Meeting is inform'd that **Jn<sup>o</sup> Shepherd Jun<sup>r</sup>** who lately remov'd to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting of **Vassalbor<sup>o</sup>** has lately married here out of the order of friends, \_ **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** and **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith jun<sup>r</sup>** are appointed to write to said Meeting, informing them thereof, and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

Comt<sup>ec</sup>  
for  
M House  
at  
Aponeg<sup>t</sup>

It appearing necessary that a Committee be appointed for planning, and therein regulating the size of a Meeting house at **Aponeganset**, as concluded on and directed by the Quarterly meeting, \_ the collecting materials, sitting, erecting, building and finishing s<sup>d</sup> House, as they may find best, and make report from time to time as they may see necessary, \_ therefore **Thomas Russell, Joshua Potter, Gideon Howland, W<sup>m</sup> Anthony, Peleg Gifford & Caleb Russell** are appointed for that Service, and a further addition to them is to be considered of ^ by next M<sup>o</sup> meeting ~~~

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

Report  
of Com<sup>tee</sup>  
to attend  
Meet<sup>gs</sup>  
in Allen's neck

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

“We the Committee appointed to have the Care and Over-  
sight of the Meetings held in **Allen's neck** the Winter  
past, report that we have attended according to appoint-  
ment and they have been conducted orderly and generally  
attended by most of friends in a good degree to<sup>our</sup> satisfac-  
tion, signed by order of said Committee **Elizabeth  
Slocum** only excepted” ~~~~~

**Elija Gifford  
Mary Slocum**

5<sup>th</sup> month

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth**  
the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1788. \_

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

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

Rec<sup>d</sup> of  
W<sup>m</sup> **Rotch**  
**Jun<sup>r</sup>** &  
Wife's  
certific<sup>ate</sup>

Received a removal Certificate from the Monthly-  
meeting of **Nantucket** of 4 m<sup>o</sup> last, in behalf of **W<sup>m</sup>  
Rotch** and **Elizabeth Rotch Juniors** and their daugh-  
ter **Sarah**,\_ expressive of their being members in Unity  
and settling their outward affairs to satisfaction, which  
Certificate was read and accepted.

**L Hart**  
Paper ac-  
cepted.

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

**M Wil**  
cox's case  
continu'd.

The friends having the Care of **Micajah Wilcox's** case  
report that they have had opportunities with him there  
on, that his attention to our religious Meetings is not  
so encouraging as they could desire,- it is therefore con-  
tinued under the same friends care till next m<sup>o</sup> Meet-  
ing they them to report. ~~~

**A Shep-**  
**herd's**  
clearness.

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

Friends to  
visit to  
**Vassabor<sup>o</sup>**

The friends appointed, report that they have not yet  
communicated to the Monthly meeting of **Vassabor<sup>o</sup>** what  
was directed by last Mo meeting, they are continued to ac-  
complish it & report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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

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yield such satisfaction as they desired;\_ they therefore drew a Testimony of his Denial, which was read corrected and signed by the Clerk; and **William Anthony** is appointed to cause the same to be read in the usual public manner, and report to next monthly meeting and as the Committee did not inform s<sup>d</sup> **Slocum** of his Denial, **Benjamin Allen** (son of **Philip**) is appointed for that service & to report to next Mo meeting ~~~ said Testimony is as follows, vis<sup>t</sup> –

*Testimony Denied Caleb Slocum*

**Caleb Slocum** son of **Peleg** and **Elizabeth Slocum**, of **Dartmouth**, having a right of membership among us the People called Quakers; but this unwatchfulness and disregard to the Principles of Truth and Righteousness in his own heart, and our known Principle against Oaths, has taken an Oath in ~~the~~ Law form, that he has had carnal Knowledge of **Rebecca Russell**;\_ which reproachful and defamatory Conduct, friends have laboured in Love to convince him of the Heinousness of; but their Labour not having the desired effect, to friends Satisfaction; therefore for the clearing of Truth and Friends from such Conduct we are concerned to give forth this Testimony, disowning him the said **Caleb Slocum** from being a Member of our Society, and from under this Meeting's Care, untill he may find forgiveness from the Lord, which is our Desire.

Given forth from our Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth**, the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1788. –

Signed on behalf of said Meeting by  
**Caleb Greene** Clerk.

**Abner**

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*5<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>*  
*Ab<sup>r</sup> Deval gave in a Paper.*

**Abner Deval** gave in a Paper condemning his fal falling into Company and being overtaken with the Intoxication of strong Drink\_ **William Wood** and **John Tucker** are appointed to take an Opportunity with him to discover his Sincerity, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*A. Sheph<sup>d</sup>  
& A Mott's  
Answers.*

**Abner Shepherd & Apphia Mott** appear'd for their Answer, which was, that we did not find any thing to obstruct their Proceeding to take each other in Marriage at some convenient Time between this and next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, advising with the Friends this Meeting app<sup>t</sup> to see their (their) Marriage orderly solemniz'd. ~

**William Gifford & John Tucker** are appointed to oversee said Marriage and the Certificate delivered to be recorded and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.---

*Collection  
£1-3-7.*

The Prepara<sup>a</sup> Meetings in their Accounts inform that they have collected and forwarded to our Treasurer viz<sup>t</sup>

South	- - - - -	6 <sup>s</sup> -
North	- - - - -	<u>1-3-7</u>
		1-9-7

*Comm<sup>tee</sup>  
On  
a difference*

The Contents of a Copy of a Minute from last Quarterly meeting respecting some difference subsisting in this Meeting, being again consider'd, **John Howland, W<sup>m</sup> Gifford, Caleb Greene, Abiel Gifford** and **Benjamin Taber**, are appointed to assist the Overseers in endeavouring to compose said difference and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Method  
of collect-  
ing mony.*

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

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make proper Lists of the Names of such friends as they think proper to Collect for the support of Society, that said List be read at or near the close of each Preparative meeting, and the Friends present to answer thereto in such a sum as<sup>^</sup> they are free to contribute for one quarter of a Year, and that such friends as do not Answer thereto, or are not present, be called upon by said Committee till the end of the Three months when report is to be made to the Preparative meeting and the sum so collected, be minuted & reported to the next M<sup>o</sup> meeting whereupon **Edmund Maxfeld Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell, Joshua Potter & Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 2<sup>d</sup>** are appointed for that Service, who are to report, at the Expiration of three Months. -----

*6<sup>th</sup> Month*

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 16<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> Month 1788. ~

The Accounts from the Prepara meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are from the South **Joseph Barker** and **Abiel Gifford** from the North **Joseph Gifford & Barnabas Russell**, who on being called were all present.

The Clerk being absent, **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is appointed Clerk for the day.

*Queries read* The Queries were read and the Answers as presented from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings and **Benjamin Taber, Caleb Russell** and **Jn<sup>o</sup> Howland** are appointed to take and<sup>^</sup> make out a digest<sup>^</sup> of them, and draw an account from this to the Quarterly meeting.

*Acco<sup>t</sup> for a Coffin &c.* An Account was presented to this Meeting for making a Coffin and digging a Grave for

**Maria**

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**Maria Hoxy** one of this Meeting's Poor to the amount of Ten shillings & eight pence, which the Treasurer is directed to pay to **William Gifford** & report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Adjourn'd* This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 23<sup>d</sup> Inst at the close of worship

*Met.* 23<sup>d</sup> Met according to Adjournment.  
The friends appointed in **Micajah Wilcox's** Case, inform

*M Wilcox* that they have not had opportunity with him since last M<sup>o</sup> meeting, and that he has gone to sea; it is continu'd therefore under their Care, who are to report, as soon as he may return. ~~

*Vassabor<sup>o</sup>  
M<sup>o</sup> meet<sup>g</sup>  
wrote to* The friends appointed, report that they have written to **Vassabor<sup>o</sup>** Mo meeting as directed.

*C. Slocum  
inform'd  
& Testi<sup>v</sup> read.* The friends<sup>^</sup> app<sup>d</sup> report that **Caleb Slocum** is inform'd of his Denial, and that the Testimony has been read as directed.

*Abner Deval* The friends appointed to have Opportunity with **Abner Deval** inform, that they have attended thereto but are not ready to make full report, and desire the Matter defer'd, which is accordingly defer'd under their Care 'till next m<sup>o</sup> meeting they then to report. ~~

*Report  
Abner  
Shepherd's  
Marriage.* The Overseers of the Marriage of **Abner Shepherd & Apphia Mott**, report that they attended thereto, that it was in a good degree orderly Solemniz'd, and the marriage Certificate delivered to the Clerk to be recorded.

*To compose  
a difference* The friends appointed to assist the Overseers of this Meeting in Composing a Difference, subsisting between some Members of this Meeting inform that they have attended to their Appointment, but have not yet been able to  
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6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> get thro' Satisfactorily and desire it defer'd another Month, which is accordingly continu'd till next m<sup>o</sup> meeting they then to report.

The Friends appointed produced a Compilation of the Answers to the Queries from the Prepar<sup>a</sup> meetings and an Account to the Quarterly meeting which were read and after some Alterations sign'd by the Clerk, and forwarded by our Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, who are **William Anth<sup>on</sup>y, John Howland & Benjamin Smith J<sup>r</sup>** they to report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Acco<sup>t</sup> & Repres<sup>s</sup> to Q<sup>v</sup> Meeting.*  
*N Smith has gone to N Partners*  
This Meeting is informed that **Nicholas Smith** has gone to the **Ninepartners** without Certificate and like to continue a considerable time there, W<sup>m</sup> **Gifford** and **Thomas Mott** are appointed to take the necessary Care therein, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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

*Clerk.* The year of the Service of the Clerk being expired, a New choice is refer'd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

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7<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>st</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1788. ~~~

The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings were presented, the Representatives named therein were **Joseph Tucker Jun<sup>r</sup>** and **Gideon Howland**; from South, and from the North, who were all present. –

*Treas<sup>r</sup> p<sup>d</sup> W.G. 10.<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>.*  
The Treasurer, reports that he has paid **William Gifford** as directed by last Monthly meeting 10<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup>

*Ab<sup>n</sup> Deval.*  
The friends appointed, report that they have had several opportunities and Conferences with **Abner Deval** who gave them some good degree of satisfaction which is accepted and his Paper condemning his Misconduct is accepted by this Meeting for Satisfaction, provided he cause the same be read in the usual public Manner

returning it with report thereof to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Report  
Repres<sup>s</sup> to  
Q<sup>y</sup> meeting.*

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

*Committee  
to assist  
overseers  
continued.*

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

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O. Beard  
& family  
to be visited.*

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

*Abteration  
of Quarter-  
ly meeting  
by the yearly  
meeting.*

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

*Min.  
respect<sup>s</sup>  
Spirituos  
Liquors  
to be  
inserted  
in Disci-  
pline.*

The yearly meeting having directed in the Extracts from its Minutes, that the Monthly meetings have the Minute respecting spirituous Liquors inserted in their Books of Discipline, under the Head spirituous Liquors; the Clerk is desir'd to have it inserted accordingly in each Book of Discipline belonging to this Meeting & report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Books*

The Meeting for Sufferings having communicated to the M<sup>o</sup> meetings their desire for friends to take a number of **Joseph Phipps's** Treatise on the Original and present State of Man, as also of **Robert Bar-**

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Barclay's Catechism, which Book's friends of **N.York** and **Philadelphia** are about reprinting - **William Anthony** and **John Howland** are appointed to make the necessary enquiry respecting the number of each which may be wanting in each Preparative meeting & report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*Certificate  
for  
Nich<sup>s</sup> Smith  
to Nine Part-  
ners.*

The friends appointed produc'd a draught of a Certificate for **Nicholas Smith**, directed to the Monthly meeting of **Nine Partners**, signifying he is a Member of this meeting & clear of marriage Engagement as far as appears – which Certificate was signed by the Clerk.

*Jn<sup>o</sup> Chace  
&  
Jos Hart's  
Case defer'd*

The friends appointed in **John Chace's** & **Joseph Hart's** Cases report that they have attended to their appointment, and have had a solid opportunity with the youngmen, – yet desire the Matter defer'd which is defer'd accordingly under the same friends care, 'till next M<sup>o</sup> meeting they then to report.

*Clerk.*

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

*Committee  
to inspect  
Acct<sup>s</sup> with  
Quarterly  
meeting  
& our  
Treas<sup>r</sup>.*

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting inform that this Meeting is in Arrears £2.19.8 with the Quarterly meeting as appears by their Treasurers, upon which **John Howland**, **Caleb Greene** & **W<sup>m</sup> Rotch Jun<sup>r</sup>** are appointed to take the necessary Care, to find the cause thereof, to settle Accounts with our Tresurer, and if needful to inspect this Meeting's minutes, and report to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting.

*T. Russell*      **Thomas Russell** presented an acc<sup>t</sup> to this Meeting for some  
*acc<sup>t</sup> to*      repairs about our Meeting house at **Aponeganset** to the amount  
*be s<sup>d</sup> 13/3*      .of Thirteen shillings and three pence which the Treasurer  
                  is directed to pay and report to next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting.  
*yearly*      The Quarterly meeting in their Epistle advise that this Meet  
*stock.*      ing will forward £4..16..7 to the yearly Meetings Treasurer

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*7 month*      yearly Stock , the Manner of rasing said Money is refer'd to  
                  next M<sup>o</sup> meeting. At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth**  
*8 m<sup>o</sup>*      the 18<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1788

The representatives from the preparative meetings by  
the acct<sup>s</sup> presented are from the S<sup>d</sup> **Zeph<sup>h</sup> Eddy &  
Benjamin Chace.**

N<sup>o</sup> **Caleb Russell & William Gifford** who being cal-  
led were all present.

*Ab<sup>nr</sup> Deval*      Report hath been made that **Abner Devals** pa-  
*Paper read.*      per has been read as directed last M<sup>o</sup> Meeting and  
                  is returned to this meeting.

*O Beard's*      The friends appointed to join the Women in visiting  
*visiting*      **Obadiah Beard** and Family report that they have  
*his family*      attended thereto but yet desire said matter continued  
                  which is deferd to next M<sup>o</sup> meeting they then to report.

*Com<sup>tee</sup>*      The friends appointed to assist the Overseers in compos-  
*to assist*      ing a difference between some members of this meeting  
*overseers*      report that they have attended thereto; and tho they found  
*report.*      it a difficult case yet at the close of their Labour therein, they  
                  found so much satisfaction that they hope the matter will  
                  subside and end.

*S. Smith's*      **Samuel Smith** gave in a paper to this meeting con-  
*Paper*      demning his misconduct in an Arbitration with **Rob-  
                  ert Barker**, which was read and considered and/with  
                  the concurrence of the women's meeting/ accepted for satis-  
                  faction provided **Samuel** cause the same to be read in  
                  the usual public manner & report to next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

*J. Austin's*      **Joseph Austin** gave in a paper condemning the manner  
                  of