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8th Month

of his speaking to **Samuel Smith** and in our M^o meeting which being read and considered is with the Women's concurrence^{^accepted} for satisfaction.

Insertion
min
of Spiritu
ous Liquors

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

Books
to be
taken

One of the Friend's appointed to make enquiry respecting the number of books proposed by the meeting for sufferings for this meeting to take – reports that he has made some enquiry.- & that a considerable number are wanted, it is therefore concluded to send for fifty of **Robert Barclay's** Catechisms & 20 of **Joseph Phipp's** Treatise & the money is to be directed at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Adj^d

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

Met

27th Day met according to adjournment.

J. Hart
&
J Chace
defer'd

The Representatives being called were all present except **William Gifford.**

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

Accot^s
Settled
with Tr^{^er}
balance
£12.6.5

The Friends appointed to settle accounts with our Tr^{^e}asurer &c, report that they have attended thereto & settled said Accounts up to the 8th m^o this year & that after payment of all the orders standing on the Minutes a balance is in the Treasurer's hand's of Twelve pounds six shillings & five pence – that by our/own/Minutes & account drawn therefrom- it appears, that this meeting has paid all that was due to the Quarterly meeting.

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Jn^o How-
land to
inform
R Isl^d Qr

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

The Clerk is desir'd to procure a suitable Book for our Treasurer's Accounts, and report to this Meeting.

Book for
Treas^r

William Anthony, John Howland & John Deval [Davoll] are appointed an Audit for one year or till others may be appointed to settle our Treasurers & all others accounts which may be presented against this Meeting they to make report as often as ~~may~~ ^{may} be necessary

Audit
for Ac
compts

Th^o Russell
to be p^d
13/3
£4.16.7
Pd^r to
forward

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

The Treasurer is directed to forward to the yearly meetings Treasurer four pounds sixteen shillings & seven pence this Meeting's proportion of yearly Meetings Stock also to pay five pounds eleven shillings & eight pence to **John Howland**

yearly
meetings
Stock
also 5.11.8
for
Books
Spirituous
Liquors

& **William Anthony**, who are desired to forward the same to **Moses Brown** for the number of Books propos'd to be taken by this Meeting.

The appointing a Committee respecting spiritous Liquors is referd to next m^o Meeting

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

B Howland 3^d
compt^d
of

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Choice of
Clerk ref^d
say Overseers
B. Allen
complains
of 1^o **Howland**

thereon & report to next M^o Meeting.

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

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

Collection
7.17.7^d

The Friends appointed to collect money for the monthly meetings Stock for the three[^] months past report that they have collected & paid to our Treasurer Seven pounds seventeen shillings and seven pence, and the same Friends except **Ben^j Howland** are continued for the ensuing three month[s] in the like service and, an addition to them is referd to next moth meeting.

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9 month

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

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

O Beard's
family

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

A choice of Overseers was referd from last m^o meeting

to

*9 month
Choice
of Over
seers*

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

*S Smith's
Paper
read
Minute
inserted
in B. Disci
pline*

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

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

*Jn^o Chace
& Jos.
Hart*

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

*Jn^o Chace
denied*

The aforesaid friends^{^ also} report that their Labours with **Joseph Hart** afforded Satisfaction-- and the said **Joseph** presented a paper of acknowledgment for his misconduct, which is accepted for Satisfaction.

*Jos Hart
presents
a Paper*

William Gifford's reason for nonattendance of the Adjournment of last Monthly meeting was satisfactory.

*Youth's
meet^s
discontin
ued*

The members of the select meeting conclude it may be best to discontinue that meeting called youth's meeting held on the sixth Day of the week before the Quarterly meeting

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

*Queries
read &
answer^d*

The Queries were read in this meeting, with the Answers from the preparative Meetings and **William Rotch jun^r** and **John Howland**, are appointed to digest said answers & bring them to the Adjourn^{^n}ment of this meeting with what acc^{ot} they may see necessary to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting.

Adj^d

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 24th Ins^t. at the

usual time of day.

Met. 9th m^o 24th met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called were all present.

Elijah Gifford, Benj^a Taber, Thomas Hicks, and W^m

*Comt^{ee}
respect^s
S. Liquors* **Gifford**, are appointed to make enquiry if there are any of our members who are or may be in Practice of importing, trading in or handing out Spirituous Liquors and to labour with such, according to the direction of last yearly meeting inserted in the Book of Discipline, -- said Committee to make report from time to time as they may find necessary.

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

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9th M^o* next m^o meeting to which said friends are to report

*I Howland
Case
continu'd* The committee appointed in the Case of **Benj^a Allen & Isaac Howland** inform that they have attended thereto but are not ready to make a conclusive report and desire it continued, with an addition to the committee it is therefore Defer'd to next m^o meeting, under the same friends Care with **Will^m Gifford & W^m Rotch & John Barker**, who are then to report together.

*L Wood
added to
Comt^{ee}
for collect^s* **Luthan Wood** is appointed in addition to the Committee for collecting money for this meetings stock.

*Digest
of An^s
& Acc^s
to Q^y
Meet^s* The Friends appointed produc'd a digest of the answers to the Queries with an acco^t to the next Quarterly meeting of **Sandwich [Barnstable Co., Mass.]** which answers & acco^t were read & signed by the Clerk.

*Repr^s to
Q^y Mee^s
10 M^o* **William Anthony Abiel Gifford & Jn^o Howland** are appointed to attend the next Quarterly meeting with our account & report to next m^o meeting.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth [Mass]** the 20th of the 10th m^o 1788

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings by the Accounts presented were from South **Luthan Wood** and **W^m Barker junr**, North **John Deval [Davoll] & Benj^m Taber**, all present.

*Jn^o Chace
inform'd* **Joshua Potter** reports that he inform'd **Jn^o Chace** of his Denial as directed by last m^o. meeting.

*B Howl^d 3
Case def^d* The Friends appointed in the case of **Benj^m Howland 3^d** report that they have not had an opportunity with him therefore the matter is refer'd to next m^o Meeting under their care they then to report.

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10 Month

*Elders
appoint^d*

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

*Certif^m
for L
Shephers
sign'd*

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

*O Beard's
Wife
Mary
&
children
receiv'd*

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

*F How
land's Case
contin^d*

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

*Repre^s
to Q^y
Meet^g*

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

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10 m^o
*P Slocum
E Ricketson's
intention*

Peleg Slocum son of **Peleg** and **Elizabeth Ricketson** declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage having Consent of Parents as this Meeting is inform'd and **Joseph Tucker Jun^r** & **Luthan Wood** are appointed to inspect the young man's clearness in respect to Marriage & Conversation & report to next m^o Meeting

11 m^o

At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth [Mass]** the 17 of the 11 m^o 1788

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

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Isaac How**

F Howland & B Allen's case dismissed **land and Benjamin Allen** report that they have duly attended thereto and cannot find that the Matter demanded by said **Allen**, can with propriety be required of said **Howland**, which report is excepted and the matter is dismissed accordingly

J Tucker & R Tucker app^d Elders The friends appointed to take a Solid opportunity with **Joseph Tucker Jun^r** and **Rhode [Rhoda] Tucker** in order to discover their Qualifications as Elders, report, that they have had a solid Conference with said friends and have unity with their Appointment that Station which this Meeting considering concludes with the Concurrence of the Women's Meeting to appoint them as Elders accordingly, and that an account thereof be sent to our next Quarterly meeting.

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E Chace's Pap^r rec^d The Women Inform that they have accepted of **Elizabeth Chace's** Paper condemning her falling into the sin of Fornication, which this meeting concurs with she causing the same to be read in the usual public manner

Certificate sign'd for R. Pearce A Removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk in behalf of **Rebecka Pearce** wife of **James Pearce** directed to the Monthly Meeting of **Swansey [Swansea/ Somerset, Mass.]** The friends appointed to inspect into the clearness of **Peleg Slocum** son of **Peleg** respecting Marriage and conversation report that having taken that care and find nothing sufficient to obstruct his procedure in Marriage having also produced consent of his Father in writing.

P Slocum & E Ricketson answer

overseers for the Marriage **Peleg Slocum** son of **Peleg** and **Elizabeth Ricketson** appeared in this Meeting for their Answer which was that we found nothing sufficient to obstruct their taking each other in Marriage at some convenient time between this and next M^o Meeting advizing with the friends that this Meeting appoints to see said Marriage orderly solemnized, who are **Joseph Tucker Jun^r** and **Luthan Wood**, they to report to next M^o Meeting.

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

C^o Howland desires Certif^m **Cornelius Howland** desires a Certificate to the M^o Meeting of **Sandwich [Mass.]**, expressive of his clearness of Marriage and Conversation. **William Anthony George Smith** are appointed to take necessary care therein and report to the Adjourn

1788 The Queries were read in this Meeting with the Answers
11 m^o from the Preparative meetings and **Luthan Wood**, and **Thoma^s**
Queries read **Hicks** are appointed to digest said Answers with drawing
such Account as they find ne^{ce}ssary to our next Quarterly
Meeting, and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting
Adj^d This Meeting is adjourned to the 26 Instant at the usual
time of Day
Met 26th Day Met according to Adjourⁿment The Represen
tatives all present
Certific^a The friends appointed produc'd a draught of a Cer
for tificate for **Cornelius Howland** to the M^o Meeting
C Howland of **Sandwich [Mass.]** signifying his clearness respecting Marri
sign'd age which was sign'd by the Clerk
B Howland The friends appointed in the Case of **Benjamin**
3^d case **Howland 3^d** report that they have ^{^had} solid Opportunities
contin^d with him, and that he gave them some degree of Satisfac
tion and presented a paper condemning his Misconduct,
yet for a further Discovery of Sincerity the Matter is
is continued under the same Friends Care with **Abiel**
Gifford & Joseph Barker, they together to report to a
future M^o meeting.
Acco^t The Friends appointed produced a Digest of the an
& Report swers to the Queries, with an account to the next Quar
to Q^y meet terly meeting, which were read & sign'd by the Clerk
g and **Joseph Tucker Jun^r John Deval [Davoll] & Benjamin Ta
ber** are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as
Representatives with said account and report to next
M^o meeting.
John Howland, Caleb Russell & Joseph Austin
are appointed to procure Hay and other necessary ac
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11th M^o ly meeting
Collection The Friends appointed to collect Money for this Meet
£5.10.10 ing's Stock for the Three Months past, report that they
have collected and paid to our Treasurer, Five pounds ten
shillings ten shillings & ten pence.
The appointment of a Committee for the further col
lecting for this Meeting's Stock is refer'd to next M^o mee
ing.

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

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

*P Slocum
&
E Ricketson
Marriage*

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

*Rep^s to
Quarterly
Meeting*

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

*Mich Wilcox
denied*

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

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

*J Rogers
Certific^a*

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

*certificate
for .P Chace*

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

*friends
in Allen's
neck's re
quest*

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

*J Rogers
&
E Kirbys
Intention of Mar-
riage*

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

Thomas Allen, Hezekiah Smith, Barna^s Mosher jun^r

Comtee to
Collect

Asa Smith & Humphrey Russell, are appointed for six months ensuing to collect Money for our Meeting's Stock, agreeably to a Minute made thereon for our Method of collecting in 5th M^o last. s^d friends to make report once a Quarter of the sum so collected after paying it to our Treasu^rer.

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At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19th of the 1st m^o 1789

The Representatives named in the Accot^s presented from the Prepar^a were from the S^o, **Peleg Gifford** and **Jesiah Wood**

North **John Tucker** & **W^m Rotch Jun^r** who on being call'd were all present.

Testimo
of Denial
of M
Wilcox

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

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

Given forth from our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 19th of 1st month 1789.

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

Received a Copy of a Testimony of the **Nine Partners [Dutchess County, N.Y.]** M^o meeting of the Denial of **Ab^m Mosher** a Member of this Meeting, which was read and is approved by this Meeting. S^d Testimony is as follows,

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1st m^o From our Monthly meeting held at **Nine Partners [Dutchess Coutny, N.Y.]** the 16th of 7th Month 1788

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

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

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

Signified in behalf of the committee by

Joseph Tucker Jun^r

Martha Gifford

which

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1989 [sic]
1st M^o which is accepted, and **Thomas Hicks, Joseph Tucker Jun^r Abi a Gifford & Phillip Trafford** are appointed to attend & have the oversight of said Meetings & report to the next Monthly after the expiration of said time or sooner if they find it necessary.

J Rogers **Joseph Rogers** and **Elizabeth Kirby** appeared for their answer

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

R Allen & **Reuben Allen & Bathsheba Kirby** declared their intention
B Kirby's Intention of Marriage of Marriage having consent of Parents in writing.- Which being noticed by this Meeting.- **Luthan Wood & Timothy Gifford**, are appointed to inspect **Reubens** clearness in respect to Marriage and conversation & report to next Monthly meeting.

Certificate of **E Russell** A Removal Certificate was signed by the Clerk in behalf of **Elizabeth Russell** daughter of **Benjamin** directed to the Monthly Meeting of **Ninepartners [Dutchess County, N.Y.]**, expressive of her being a Member & clear of Marriage Engagements.

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

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

Testim^o of **M Wilcox** read Report of **E Kirby's** of Marriage **William Anthony** reports that the Testimony of the Denial of **Micajah Wilcox** hath been read as directed. Friends appointed to oversee the Marriage of **Joseph Rogers & Elizabeth Kirby** report that they attended said Marriage & think it was orderly solemnized and have delivered, the certificate to the Clerk for Recording.

Reuben Allen The friends appointed to inspect the clearness of **Reuben Allen** respecting marriage & conversation report that on mak-

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2^d M^o making the necessary enquiry, they find nothing sufficient to obstruct his proceeding in marriage.

R Allen & **Bathsheba Kirby's** Answer **Reuben Allen & Bathsheba Kirby** appeared for their Answer which was; nothing appearing to obstruct their proceedings to take each other in Marriage according to the good order established among us. **Luthan Wood & Timothy Gifford** are appointed to see said Marriage orderly solemnized & the marriage Certificate delivered for recording & report to next Monthly meeting.

J Russell & **Edith Allen's** Intention **Joseph Russell** son of **Timothy** deceased **Edith Allen** declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage, & **Peleg Allen & Sanna Shearman** declared a like intention, they having consent of Parents concerned which being noticed by this Meeting, **Joseph Barker, & Luthan Wood** are appointed to inspect into **Joseph's** and **Benjamin Taber** and **William Rotch ju^{nr}**, into **Peleg's** clearness respecting Marriage & conversation and report to next Monthly meeting.

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

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

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

London
Epistle

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

R Allen
&
B Kirby's
Marri
age

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of **Ruben Allen & Bathsheba Kirby** report, that ^{^they} attended said Marriage --

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

M Hathaway

admitted

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

J. Russell & P. Allen's
clearness

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

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

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

Report of School Committee

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

on

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

New Bedford [Mass.]}
12th of 3^d m^o 1789 }

Benj^a Taber
John Howland
Edmund Maxfield
Caleb Greene
W^m Gifford
William Anthony
Abiel Gifford

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

William Rotch Jun^r W^m Gifford Zephaniah Edy

*App^{mt}
of
School
Comt^{ee}*

Benjamin Taber James Davis & Thomas Hicks are appointed a School Committee for the year ensuing or ‘till some others may be appointed.-- Removal Certificates were Signed by the Clerk in behalf of **Elizabeth Rogers** Wife of **Joseph Rogers** & her daughter **Sarah Kirby** directed to the Monthly meeting of **Pembroke [Mass.]**- one for **Abigail Hathaway**

*Removal
Certificate
for
Several*

wife of **Humphry Hathaway** directed to the Monthly meeting of **Sandwich [Mass.]**, one for **Elizabeth Chace** Wife of **Lemuel Chace** to Monthly meeting of **Acoaxet [Westport, Mass.]** expressive of their being members.

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

*D How
land’s*

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

on

*E Russell
compl^d of*

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

*Collection
7.13.0 ½*

The Committee for collecting Mony for this Meeting’s Stock, report that have collected £7.13^s.0^d ½ & paid to our Treasurer. The Queries were read and the Answers from the Preparative Meetings. --

*Repr^s to
Q^y Meet^s*

William Anthony, William Rotch Benjamin Taber & William Barker Jun^r are appointed to attend our next Quarterly meeting digest said Answers and draw an account to said Quarterly

meeting, & bring to adjournment of this Meeting. & report of their attendance of the Quarterly meeting to next Monthly meeting.

Adj^d This Meeting is Adjoun^rd to the 19th Instant as **Bedford [New Bedford, Mass.]** at the close of the [^]meeting for Worship.

Met 19th day Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives all present

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

4th Month At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 20th of the 4th m^o 1789.

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

The

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1789 4th Month J R & E A The Friends appointed to read the last **London** Epistle report that they were read accordingly.

& P & S Allen's Maria, The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of **Joseph Russell & Edith Allen & Peleg Allen** and **Susanna Shearman** report that they attended accordingly and that they were in good degree orderly solemnized, and the Certificates delivered to the Clerk for recording.

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

Repres^t to the Q^y Meet^s report The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended according to appointment.

W^m Russell remov'd **William Russell** having removed within the verge of **Saratoga [New York]** Monthly meeting without requesting [^]our Certificate, **Gideon Howland & Benjamin Smith** are appointed to take the necessary care & write to that M^o meeting thereon and report to next M^o meeting.

Sarah Trafford Certific^a A removal Certificate in behalf of **Sarah Trafford** directed to the M^o meeting of **Saratoga [New York]** was signed by the Clerk, expressive of her being a member, settled her outward affairs & clear of Marriage engagement.

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

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The Women's Meeting inform that they conclude to deny **Rebecca Hart** which this meeting concurs with
At a Monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 18th of the the [*sic*] 5th Month 1789.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings by the Accou^t presented, were from the S^o. [South?] **W^m Barker Jun^r & Peleg Gifford** N^o. [North?] **Caleb Russell & W.^m Gifford** all present.

E Russell
case

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

Amy Rus-
sell deni-
ed

The Women's Meeting inform that they have [c]oncluded to deny **Amy Russell** wife of **W.^m [William] Russell jun^r New Bedford [Bristol Co, MA]**, with this Meeting's concurrence [*sic*] which we concur with.

Th.^o Hazard's
Certificate
rec^d

A Removal Certificate from the Monthly meeting of **Providence [RI]** dated 29 of 4th m^o last in behalf of **Thomas Hazard [Hazzard?] Jn^r** & wife **Anna** with their four children viz **Sarah Anna Elizabeth & Thomas Rodman** directed to this m^o meeting was read approved & received.

B Worth
&

Our Esteemed friend **Benjamin Worth** attended this meeting, with a certificate from **Purchase** M^o meeting held at **Mamarroneck [Westchester Co, NY]** the 9th of the 4th m^o last which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction, and his company & service acceptable & ed^{fy}ing to us.

James Mott
attended.

Or [Our?] Esteemed friend **James Mott** attend this meeting in company with our aforesaid friend with an extract of a minute of **Purchase** Mo meeting held at **Mamarroneck [Westchester Co, NY]** the 29th of 4th m^o last – which was read in this Meeting & ^{his company} acceptable to us.

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5 M^o
W^m Rus-
sell's Case
Report of
Meetg.s
in Necks

The Friends appointed in **W.^m [William] Russell's** case report that they have written to the M^o Meeting of **Saratoga [Saratoga Springs, NY]** as directed.

The Friends appointed to the Oversight of the Meeting in **Al[.]ens & Slocums neck [Dartmouth, MA]** report that it was kept up attended in a good degree orderly.

Meet^s
house
Comtee
report

The committee for building a Meetinghouse at **Aponegansett [Dartmouth, MA]**, report that they have made some progress in collecting Materials for said House, but that it appears to them impracticable to finish it this year the committee is continued to the care of, collecting Materials & otherwise to forward said House against another

year; & to repair the present House as they may think best & to report to next m^o. Meeting.

6 m^o At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 15th of the 6 m^o 1789.

The Friends named in the accounts presented are from the South **Luthun [Luthan] Wood & Abial Gifford**, from the North **William Gifford & Thomas Mott**, who being called were all Present.

Tho^s Hicks
Clerk for
the day The Clerk being absent **Thomas Hicks** is appointed Clerk for the day.

Queries
read &
answers The Queries & Answers were read considered & corrected **Abial Gifford & Joseph Tucker ^{Jr}** are appointed to Compile the Answers to the Queries & bring to adjournment of this meeting.

Sam^l
Potter's
disorder We are informed from the preparative meeting that **Samu- al Potter** is gone away, & supposed to be at **oblong [Pawling, NY]** & did not request a Certificate therefore – **William Gifford & Thomas Mott** are appointed to take the Necessary care in that matter & draught [draft] the circumstance of it & bring to the adjournment of this

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1789 meeting in order to inform that meeting.

6 M^o This Meeting is adjourned to the 22^d instant at the close of the meeting for Worship.

6 m^o 22 Met by Adjournment.

The representatives being called, all present.

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

Testim^o
ag^t
E. Russell **Elijah Russell of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol & State of Massachusetts** having had a birthright among us the people called Quakers but for ^{want of} more clos^etly [closely] adhering thereunto has so far varied from the principals [principles] which we profess as to give way to a passionate Mind & to use profane language and has been concerned in a lottery all which are inconsistent with our principals and as we have laboured with him & endeavoured to shew him ^{the} inconsistency of such conduct, but he not appearing of a disposition of mind suitable to make Friends satisfaction we therefore for the Clearing of Truth & friends give this forth as a public testimony against such conduct hereby disowning him the said **Elijah Russell** from having any right of membership with us the people aforesaid until he shall by a more circumspect walking, & amendment of life manifest repentance which is our desire given forth at our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 22^d of 6 m^o 1789

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

W^m Anthony to read it

& **W^m Anthony** is appointed to cause the same to be read in y^e usual public man[n]er & report to next m^o. Meeting.

Meet^s H. Comt^{ee}

The committee for repairing the meetinghouse at **Aponeganset [Dartmouth, MA]** report that [is] not yet completed they are continued to the care of it & report when ready.

Nicho

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6 M^o*

Nicholas Smith has return'd from the **Ninepartners [Millbrook, NY]**, with an endorsement on the Certificate from this Meeting dated at **Creek [Dutchess Co, NY]** M^o meeting 20th of 2^d M^o last.

N. Smith return'd

The Friends appointed, produced a draught [draft] of **Samuel Potter's** case to the M^o Meeting of **Oblong [Pawling, NY]** – which was, read & signed by the Clerk & **Thomas Mott** is appointed to the care of conveying it to said Meeting.

S. Potter's Case to M^o meetg Oblong

The friends appointed produc'd a digest of the Answers to the Queries which with the Queries were read with an acc^t to the Quarterly meeting expressive thereof which was by the Clerk & forwarded by our Represeⁿtatives to the Quarterly meeting who are **Benjamin Taber Seth Russell Jon^a [Jonathan] Hart John Howland** they to report to next to [sic] M^o Meeting.

Digest of Answs

Repres^t. to Q. Meetg.

Received a copy of a Minute from our Meeting for Sufferings being Proposals for reprinting – by Subscription a Quarto Edition of the Bible by the **Isaac Collins of Trenton [Trenton, NJ?]**, at the price of four Dollars, one Dollar of which to be paid at Subscription & the remainder at the delivery of the Bibles – **W^m [William] Rotch W^m Gifford Abael [Abial?] Gifford & Timothy Gifford** are appointed to receive said Subscriptions & report to the M^o Meeting in the 8th m^o next.

Proposals for printg. Quarto Bible

Comt^{ee} to receive subscrip^t

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

Comt^{ee} to assist Overseers

The Friends appointed to collect Money for this Meetings Stock report that they have collected £2.2.5 for the last Quarter & paid to our Treasurer.

£2.2.5 collected

Comt^{ee} for collecting

The appointing a Committee for collecting Money for M^o meetings Stock for the year ensuing is refered to next M^o meeting.

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7 Month*

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** the 20th of 7 m^o 1789.

*W^m Rotch
Clerk for
the Time*

The Clerk being absent **W^m [William] Rotch Ju^{nr}** is appointed Clerk for this time.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are for the South **Joseph Barker & Thomas Russell**. For the North **Benjamin Taber & Thomas Mott** who being called are all present.

*Jn^o Simp-
son*

Our beloved Friend **John Simpson** having attended this meeting ^{^with} a Certificate from **Wrightstown [Newtown, PA]** m^o meeting in **Bucks County Pennsylvania** 20th of 5th M^o last expressive of their being unity with him as a minister & in his making a religious visit to these parts.

*Rebecca
Russell
denied*

This meeting concurs with the Womens meeting in a denying unity with **Rebecca Russell** daughter of **Elijah Russell**.

*Ab^m Smith
gave in a
Paper*

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

*Testim^o
read of
E. Russell's
Denial*

W^m Anthony Reports That the testimony of **Elijah Russell's** denial [denial] has been read according to direction.

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

*Repr^t to
quart^r
Meeting
Epistles
receiv'd*

Our Epistle from Our last Yearly Meeting together with transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of **London [England] & Westbury [Nassau Co, NY]** on **Longisland** & extract from the minutes of our las[t] yearly meeting were received and read to satisfaction.

*£5.6
to be sent
to yearly
M^ss
Treas^r*

Extracts from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting was lik[e]wise read whereby we are desired to forward to the yearly meetings Treasurer five pounds Six Shillings our proportion of the Yearly meetings Stock, and our Treasurer is hereby directed to to forward that sum as soon as may be, & report ^{^to} this meeting when done.

*Rebecca
Jones*

Our beloved friend **Rebecca Jones** having attended this
meet-

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7 m^o*

meeting produced a Certificate from the m^o meeting of **Philadelphia [PA]** for the Northern Destrict [District] 2^d of 6 m^o last their unity with in her ministry & concurrence with her making a religeous Visit to friends in these parts.

*10/6
more
collected*

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

*Comt^{ee} to
Collect
Money*

We appoint **Caleb Congdon, Jethro Russell George Smith & Edward Tucker & Benjamin Allen**, to open Subscriptions for receiving money for our m^o meetings stock for the following Six Months & to proceed in the manner prescr^{ib}ed last year & report the sum collected at the expiration of each three months.

*Compl^t
against
Henry Smiths*

A Complaint was presented by the Overseers thro[u]gh the South Preparative. Meeting against **Henry Smith** for his having attended a house of entertainment where was music & dancing & that he also danced himself, also for his much neglecting the

Conduct due attendance of our Religious Meetings & likewise that he was in the practice of taking more Spiritous Liquors than they thought was best for which they had laboured with him in love & he did not give them satisfaction whereupon we appoint **Abiel Gifford John Howland & W.^m Gifford**, to take a solid opportunity with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct & report to next m^o meeting.

Th^o Allen's Paper Given in. A paper was received from the S^o [South] Preparative meeting subscribed by **Tho^s [Thomas] Allen** Condemning his misconduct in having been so far off his watch as to partake too freely of Spiritous Liquors & likewise utter some unbecoming Language, whereupon we appoint, **Bej^m [Benjamin] Allen 3^d & Timothy Gifford** to take a solid Opportunity with him, to endeavour to discover his sincerity therein & report to next m^o meeting.

Jon^a Allen son of Ob^h Certificate A Certificate from **Saratoga [Saratoga Springs, NY]** Mo meeting 28th of fifth m^o last in behalf of **Jonathan Allen** son of **Obadiah Allen** set[t]led here as an apprentice was received read and & [sic] accepted

Subscrip for Piety Promoted We received a Copy of a minute from the meeting Sufferings of the 8th instant, requesting this meeting to receive Subscriptions [sic] for a Book called Piety promoted about to be reprinted in **London [England]** at Seven & Six pence Sterling well bound org[?] Nine shillings in Calf & Lettered, the money to be

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be paid at the the [sic] arrival of the books; whereupon we appoint **Th^o [Thomas] Russell Joseph Austin Tho^s [Thomas] Mott & Timothy Howland** to receive Subscriptions therefor & report at next m^o meeting.

Comi^{ee} on Abig^l Chase's Request

Abigail Chase having requested to be admitted into membership with us, & the Women's meeting requesting a Committee from this meeting we appoint **Thomas Hicks & Peleg Gifford** to unite with them in endeavouring to find the grounds of her request [^]& report to a future meeting.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 17th of the 8th M^o 1789

The Representatives named in the Accot^s [Accounts?] presented from the Prepar^a [Preparative] meetings were from the S^o [South] **Joseph Tucker jun^r & Peleg Gifford** from the North **W^m [William] Rotch Jn^r & Joshua Potter** who were all present.

A. Smith's Case

The friends appointed to Visit **Ab^m [Abraham] Smith** report that they had an opportunity with him & that he gave them a good degree of satisfaction; yet for further proof of his sincerity the friends are continued in the Care of that matter & to report to a futur[e] m^o meeting.

H. Smith's

The Friends appointed in **Henry Smiths** Case inform that they have had an Opportunity with him;

Case yet desire the matter deferred another M^o which is accordingly continued under their Care till Next M^o meeting then to report.

Thos. Allen's The Friends appointed to visit **Thomas Allen** on *[sic]* his paper report, that they have had a solid Conference with him, & he appears sincere in condemning his misconduct; yet th[e] matter is deferred under the same Friends care who are to report to a future m^o meeting.

Subscr^s for Piety promoted. The Friends appointed to receive Subscriptions for Piety promoted inform that they have not completed it. they are desired to finish it & report to next m^o meeting.

This Meeting unites with the womens meeting in receiving the

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8 m^o Mary Sowle readmitt^d the acknowledgement of **Mary Sowle [Soule?]** for her having kept Company on acc^t [account] of Marriage with a person out of the unity of Friends & also for having a Child too soon after marriage.

Eliz^a Chace's We likewise unite with them in accepting the acknowledgment of **Elizabeth Chase** wife of **John Chase** for marrying out of the Established order of friends.

Compl^t ag^t W. Hart A complaint was presented by the Overseers thro[ugh] the North Preparative Meeting, against the Conduct of **W.^m [William] Hart** that he neglects the attendance of our religious meetings & partakes of Spirit^us liquors to excess [excess?] at times, for which they laboured with him; but he did not give them satisfaction; we therefore appoin[t] **W.^m Rotch & W.^m Barker** ^{Junr} **Gideon Howland** to labour with him & report to next Mo meeting.

G. Anthony & A. Smith declare in tention of Marriage. **Gideon Anthony & Alice Smith** declared their Intention of taking each other in Marriage having consent of parents & **Philip Trafford & George Smith** are appointed to inspect **Gideon's** clearness respect^s Marriage & Conversation & report to next M^o meeting.

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 21st of 9th M^o 1789.

9 m^o The Representatives from the Prepar^a [preparative] meetings by the Acct^s presented were from the S^o [South] **Abiel Gifford & Thomas Russell** from the North **John Howland & Jonathan Hart** all present.

Ab^m Smith readmitt^d The Friends appointed in **Ab^m [Abraham] Smith's** case report, that they have taken the necessary care therein, & it is their Judgment that his Paper ^{of Acknowledgement} may be accepted for satisfaction which report is accepted & he is accordingly accepted & **Caleb Greene** is appointed to read said Paper in the usual public manner and report to next m^o meeting. The

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*9^m
Queries read
& Ans^d --*

The Queries were read, with the answers from each Pre- parative meeting together with the ^{general} Answers from this Meeting which were approved.

*G Antho-
ny's clear
ness --*

The Friends appointed to inspect into **Gideon Anthony's** Clearness report they find nothing to hinder the [i]r proceed- ings in marriage. —

*G. Anth^o.
& Al^c Smith An-
swer*

Gideon Anthony & Alice Smith appeared & declar- ed the continuation of their Intentions of taking each other in marriage the needful care having been taken they are al[l]owed to proceede according good order [sic] & **Phillip Trafford & George Smith** are appt^d to see that their marriage be orderly conducted & that their Certificate be dilivered for Recording & report to next m^o Meeting.

*H. Smith's
Case conti^d*

The Friends app^d [appointed] in **Henry Smith's** case inform that they are not fully ready to make a conclu- sive report & desire it defered it is accordingly defered un- der their Care till next m^o meeting they then to report.

*J. Eastes
Certifica.
rec^d --*

Received a removal Certificate from the mo meet- ing of **Rhodisland [Rhode Island]** in behalf of **Joseph Eastes [Estes?]**, which was read & accepted.

*18 Setts
of Piety
Promoted
subscrib^d
for --*

By report of the Committee to receive Subscrip- tions for Piety Promoted it appears their [there] are twelve sells subscribed for & this meeting concluded to take Six more **Caleb Greene & W.^m [William] Rotch Jun^r** are appointed to forward this acco^unt to the Meeting of Sufferings.

*T. Allen's
Case
Contin.^d*

The friends appointed in **Thomas Allen's** Case report, that they have taken the necessary care (has been taken) [sic] therein, & discover nothing but that he is Sincere in condemning his misconduct, yet this meeting finding a concern for further Proof of his sincerity – the matter

is

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

*W. Hart's
Care contin^d*

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

*B. Smith
&
M. Gifford
Intention*

Benj^a [Benjamin] Smith & Martha Gifford appeared in this meet- ing & proposed their intentions of marriage with each other.- we appoint **Peleg Gifford & Gideon Howland**

to inspect the Clearness & conversation (respecting)^{^of} **Benjamin Smith** respecting marriage & to see that the rights of the Children are properly secured & report to next m^o meeting.

*A. Smith
son of Sam^l
&
C. Anthony
denied --*

The Overseers inform through the South preparative meeting that **Abraham Smith** son of **Samuel Smith & Caleb Anthony** son of **William** hav[e] both married out of the order of Friends after being laboured with & cautioned against it, wherefore it is our Judgment that the said **Abraham Smith & Caleb Anthony** be disowned & no longer accounted members of our Society untill they may be favoured to make friends satisfaction & **George Smith** is ap[pion *erased*] pointed to inform them hereof & report to next mo[.] meeting

Overseers

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

*Accot^t to
Q^y. meeting*

An account to our next Quarterly meeting was made out & Signed by the Clerk, & **Joseph Tucker Jun^r, Abiel Gifford & William Gifford**, are appointed Representatives thereto, where to f^orward the same & report to next m^o. Meeting.

*Comt^{ee} to
provide for
horses --*

John Howland & Abraham Russell & Jo^s [Joseph] Austin are appointed to make the necessary provision for friends
Horses

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Horses at the time of our next Quarterly meeting.

10th m^o

At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19th of 10th Mo. 1789.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings by the Accot^s [accounts] presented were

from the South **Joseph Eastes [Estes] & Benjamin Chase**,

North **Benja. [Benjamin] Taber & John Tucker**, who being called were all present.

Our last yearly meeting having in their Epistle recommend-ed the appointment of suitable friends to exercise a godly care on be half of Society agreeably to our Discipline, which having been under solid deliberation we appoint **Abiel Gifford Benja [Benjamin]**

*Friends
appointed
to assist over
seers*

Taber Joseph Tucker Jun^r Jon^a [Jonathan] Hart & W^m [William] Rotch Jun^r to that service, and as occasion may be to assist the Overseers, & extend an early care over the Church in visiting the families of friends where there appears a want of advice, & in the ability that truth may afford by coution [caution] and counsel [counsel] labour for the advancement of our members in our several reli-

gious duties & to make report at the end of one year

Overseers appointed

The appointment of overseers being refered from last m^o meeting we appoint **John Deval [Davol] Benj^a [Benjamin] Smith W^m [William] Gifford John Tucker & Joseph Eastes [Estes]** to that service for the ensuing year or untill others may be appointed.

T. Allen's Paper rec^d

_The Friends appointed in **Thomas Allen's** Case report, that he appears sincere in condemning his misconduct, and that his acknowledgement may be received; which being considered, his paper of acknowledgement is accepted for Satisfaction & **Abiel Gifford** is appointed to read the same in the usual public manner at

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10th m^o*

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*Ab^m
Smith's
Paper
read*

Aponagaset [Apponeganset, Dartmouth, MA] & report to next m^o meeting. **Caleb Greene** informs that **Abra^m [Abraham] Smiths** paper has been publicly read agreeable to direction of last m^o meeting.

G. Anthony's marriage

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of **Gideon Anthony** report that they di[s]covered nothing but that it was orderly solomnized & the certificate sent to the Clerk for recording.

H. Smith's Case defer'd

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

W^m Harts Case continu'd

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

*Report
B. Smith's clearness*

The Friends appointed to inspect the clearness of **Benj^a [Benjamin] Smith** respecting Marriage &c report that they have taken the necessary care therein & find nothing but that he is clear.

C. Anthony inform'd

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

Friends report they att^d Qy. meetg.

The friends appointed to the attendance of the last Qa^t meeting report that they all attended according to appointment.

B Smith & M Gifford's Answer

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

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

C. Congdon
S. Taber
A. Tucker
& couple

Caleb Congdon & Susanna Taber, Abraham Tucker & Hannah Shearman appeared in this meeting & declared their intention of taking each other in marriage whereupon we appoint **Caleb Greene & W^m [William] Rotch Ju^r** to inspect the clearness & conversation of **Caleb Congdon & Abiel Gifford & Zepⁿ [Zephaniah] Eddy** to inspect the clearness & conversation of **Abraham Tucker** with respect to their proceeding in marriage & report to our next m^o meeting.

H. Shearman de-
clare inten-
tions

£5⁰⁰ 8⁰⁰ 1⁰⁰
paid to
Treasurer

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

Certificate
for Eliz^a
Chace [Chase]

A Removal Certificate was sign'd by the Clerk in behalf of **Eliz^a [Elizabeth?] Chace** wife of **Jn^o [John] Chace** to the m^o meeting of **Acoxet [Westport, MA]**.

Testim^o
ag^s Sus^a
Butts to be
read

Rec^d a Testimony of the Denial of **Susanna Butts** from the m^o meeting of **Sandwich [Barnstable Co, MA]** which **Abiel Gifford** is appointed to read in the usual Public manner at **Aponeganset [Dartmouth, MA]** & report it to next m^o meeting.

11 m^o

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

The Representatives from the Prepar^a [preparative] meetings by the Accot^s [accounts] presented were from the S^o [South] **Joseph Tucker Jun^r & Gideon Howland**. N^o [North] **John Howland & Joshua Potter**. who were all present.

Step Potter admit-
ted
a Member

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

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Testim^y ag^s
Sus^a Butts
read

a Member of our Society accorordingly [accordingly].

Abiel Gifford informs that **Thomas Allens** Paper has not been read, he is continued for that service & to report to next m^o meeting, he also informs that the testimony of the Denial of **Susanna Butts** was read according to appointment

H. Smith
denied

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Henry Smith** report, that they have had several solid Opportunit[i]es & laboured with him in the ability afforded, to bring him to a sight of his misconduct, but he did not appear sufficiently engaged to make friends satisfaction which report is accepted, & we con

clude to deny the said **Henry Smith** from a right of Membership among us, the Women's meeting concurring therewith the same friends are continued to draw a testimony of his Denial inform him thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

*W^m Harts
Case
continu'd*

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

*Clearness
of C. Cong-
don &
A. Tucker*

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

*C. Cong-
don & Ab^m
Tucker's
Answers*

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

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B. Smith'
M. Gifford's Mar-
riage*

The friends appointed to see the Marriage of **Benj^a [Benjamin] Smith & Martha Gifford** orderly solemnized report, that they attended said marriage & that it was conducted orderly & the marriage Certificate forwarded to the Cleark [Clerk] for recording.

*Quiers
Ans^d*

The Queries were read with the Answers from the Prepar [Preparative] Meetings together with the compilation of the answers from this Meeting & **Caleb Greene & W^m [William] Rotch Jun^r** are appointed to draw an acco^t [account] to the Quarterly meeting & bring to the adjournment of this meeting.

*Request
of Friends
in Allen's
Neck.*

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

Adjourn'd

This Meeting is adjourned the 7 Day of next m^o at the close of a meeting for Worship which is appointed to be held on that Day; to begin at the 11th hour. ———
12th Month 7th Met by Adjournment.

The Friends appointed produced a Testimony of the denial of **Henry Smith** which was read approved & signed by the Clerk

& is as follows.

Testim^o
H. Smiths
Denial

Henry Smith of **Dartmouth** in the **County of Bristol & State of Massachusetts** having had a birthright amongst us a people called Quakers but for want of ^{more} closely [closely?] adhering to the dictates of Truth has far departed from the principles, we profess, in resorting to a place of Musick & Dancing & Dancing himself partaking too freely of Spirit^ous Liquors & much neglecting the attendance of our religious Meetings, for which we have bestowed much Labour ([*two words crossed out*]) & endeavoured to convince him of the Inconsistency & dangerous consequence of such conduct but he not appearing enough engaged for his own Good to make Friends Satisfaction we therefore for the clearing of truth & friends give these forth as a publick testimony against such
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conduct; hereby disown[ing] him the said **Henry Smith** from a membership with us untill he shall by a more regular Life manifest Repentance, and be restored to the way of truth which [*sic*] is our desire: given forth at our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** by Adjournment the 7th of twelfth m^o 1789.

Signed by direction of said meeting by

Caleb Greene Clerk.

to be
read

& **Abiel Gifford** is appointed to cause the same to be read in the usual publick manner at **Aponegansett [Dartmouth, MA]**, after the same friends have informed him of his denial [denial] which is not yet done, they to report to next m^o meeting.

acco^t to
Quart^r
Meeting

One of the Friends appointed produced a Essay of an account to the Quarterly Meeting which was read approved & signed by the clerk & forwarded by our Representatives who are **Caleb Russell Benja. [Benjamin] Smith, & Jos. Eastes [Estes]** they to report to next M^o meeting.

Request
of Frds
in
Allen's
neck
reported

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

Provision
for
Friends
horses

Edm^d [Edmund?] Maxfeld, Cornelius Howland are appointed to make necessary Provision for Friends horses for the nex[t] quarterly meeting and present the Acc^t of the expence to the Audit.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 21st of the 12th m^o 1789.

The accou[n]t^s from the Preparative meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named were from the

South **Luthan Wood & Benjamin Smith.**

North **John Deval [Daval] & Cornelius Howland.**

who being called were all present.

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

T. Allens
Paper

Whereas I have somome [*sic*] time past so far been off my watch as to partake two [*sic*] freely of Spiritous Liquors & likewise utter

acknow^d. some unbecoming Language which I am sorrow for
and

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12th m^o and do condemn desiring that friends will so far pass it by as to continue me[?] under their care from your friend

Thomas Allen.

Dartmouth 15th of the 7 m^o 1789.

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

*Report
of C. Congdon
& A Tucker's Mar-
riages* By the Report of the Committee it appears that the Marriages of **Caleb Congdon & Abraham Tucker**, were orderly SolomORIZED [Solemnized], & their Certificates delivered to the Clerk for recording.

*H Smith
inform'd* **Abiel Gifford** informs that **Henry Smith** has been informed of his denial [denial] & the Testimony thereof has been read according to appointment, which is as follows. and is recorded **153 & 154** pages.

*Repr^s to
Q^y meet^s
report* The Representatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly meeting.

*Meetings
in Allen's
Neck
granted.* The Report of the Committee upon the request of Friends in **Allens Neck [Dartmouth, MA]**, being further considered, it is concluded, that they have the liberty of holding Meetings, in the following Times & places viz^t one on each first Day & fifth Day of the week at the 11th hour excepting those on 5th Days in the weeks of our meetings for Discipline [discipline], & to be held at the upper house of **Thomas Allen** till the Monthly meeting in the first m^o next, at **Elijah Giffords** & the remainder of the time at **Timothy Gifford's** said meetings to be thus continued 'till our M^o meeting in the 4th Mo next & **Thomas Hicks, Joseph Tucker Jun^r, Joseph Estes, Timothy Gifford & Philip Trafford** are appointed to have the oversight of said meetings & report their sense of them at our M^o meeting in the 4th m^o or sooner if they find it necessary.

*Friends
app^d to
oversee
them*

*H. Ricket-
son & W.
Gifford
married
out —* The Overseers inform that **Henry Ricketson & Wilbur Gifford** have married out of the order of Friends after be preca[u]tioned by said Overseers — We therefore with the concurrenc[e] of the Women's meeting deny the said **Heⁿry & Wilbur** from a membership in our Society & **Joseph Estes & Philip Trafford** are appointed to take a solid opportunity [to] inform them thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

*E. Tucker
declare
Intentions* **Edward Tucker & Anne Gifford** declared their Intentions of thaking [taking] each other in Marriage they having consent

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sent of parents concerned. **Zephaniah Eddy & Peleg Gifford** are appointed to enspect **Edward**'s clearness respecting Marriage & conversation & report to next m^o Meeting.

*Certificate
for
W^m Russell*

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

To the Monthly Meeting at **Saratoga [Saratoga Co, NY]** **William Russell** having sometime past removed within the verge of your meeting, & of late reque[s]ted our Certificate there may therefore Certify that he hath a right of membership in this meeting, & hath set[t]led his outward affairs to pretty good satisfaction as far appears & as such we recommend him to your Christian care desiring his growth in the Truth signed in & on behalf of our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** this 21st of 12th m^o 1789. By **Caleb Greene** Clerk.

*Compl'
against
I. Howland*

A Complaint was presented by the Overseers through the Preparative meeting against **Isaac Howland** he having been the means of commencing a Lawsuit against **Benjamin Allen** and refuses to pay said **Benjamin** for a quantity of Corn & Coopers s^uff or to submit that matter to Reference for all wich they laboured with said **Isaac** to convince him of the inconsistency of such Conduct, but he declines to condemn it to friends satisfaction, **Thomas Hazard Joshua Potter Ab^m [Abraham] Smith & Jn^o [John] Barker**, are appointed to take a solid opportunity & labour further with him thereon & report to next m^o meeting.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 18th of the 1st Month 1790.

By the Accot^s [accounts] presented from the Preparative Meetings, the Representatives from them appointed, are from the

So. [South] **Zephaniah Eddy & Thomas Russell**

North **W^m Tripp & Caleb Congdon**,

who on being called were all present.

*W^m Harts
continu'd*

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

*H Ricketson
&
W Gifford
inform'd*

The Friends appointed to inform **Henry Ricketson & Wilbur Gifford** of their Denials, report that they gave them due information.

*E Tucker's
Clearness*

The Friends appointed report that they have [*words crossed out*] taken the necessary Care respecting **Edward Tuckers** Clearness

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Ed. Tucker's

ness & conversation & find no obs^uacle to his proceeding in Marriage. **Edward Tucker** being absent on account of indisposition of Body his

ans^w deferd Answer is defer'd till next m^o Meeting.

I. Howland's Case deferd

The friends appointed in **Isaac Howlands** case report, that they have had a solid opportunity with him thereon [thereon], & that he appeared desirous to make friends Satisfaction respecting the suit at Law, which he caused to be commenced agains[t] **Benjamin Allen**, & that the matter respecting the Corn &c [etc.] is submit[t]ed to reference.

I. Howland gave in a Paper

Isaac Howland gave in a Paper condemning his misconduct in commencing a suit in Law against **Benjamin Allen** which Paper was read & the same friends who were appointed in his case last m^o meeting, together with **Edm^d [Edmund] Maxfield & Abiel Gifford** who are added to them to have another opportunity with him in order to discover his Sincerity & report to next m^o meeting.

Ab^l Chace admitt^d

We unite with the Women's Meeting in receiving **Abigail Chase [Chace?]** into membership with us.

A. Smith request for his Children

We are informed by the N^o [North] Preparative meeting tha[t] **Abraham Smith** request the admit[t]ance into membership with us, of six of his Children **Jn^o [John] Howland & Benj^a [Benjamin] Taber**, are appointed in conjunction with the Women friends to visit **Abraham's** family & report their sense of said request to next m^o meeting.

Sam Potter request Remov. Certif.

On the request of **Samuel Potter** for a Removal Certificate to the mo. meeting of **Nine Partners [Millbrook, Dutchess Co, NY]** he being about to settle there **W^m [William] Gifford & Jonathan Hart** are appointed to take the necessary care: - & report accordingly to next m^o meeting.

Overseers of Poor.

The year of the Service of the Overseers of the Poor being expired **Seth Russell, Edmund Maxfeld W^m [William] Tripp George Smith [Jr?], Caleb Barker & Benjamin Allen the 2^d** are appointed for that Service for the year ensuing or 'till others may be appointed in their stead.

Law requir acct. of Marriages

It being required by the Law of this Commonwealth that the Clerks of our M^o meetings or keepers of our records make an annual return of the marriages solemnized [solemnized] in our Society to the Clerk of the County Sessions, which being considered & sent forward to our meeting for Sufferings we are informed by a member from said meeting ^{^that it is the advice of that meeting} that we comply with said requisition [requisition]; - and our Clerk is directed to forward said returns accordingly & present

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an account of the expence attending it to the Audit [Audit].

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At a monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 15th of the 2^d month 1790. By the acct^s [accounts] presented from the preparative Meetings the Representatives therein appointed from the S^o [South] **Joseph Tucker Jun^f & John Barker** N^o [North] **W^m [William] Gifford & Seth Russell**, who were all present.

W^m Hart

Two of the committee in the case of **W^m [William] Hart** report that they have again visited him & found some degree of satisfaction, whereupon they are still continued for further labour & to report to next m^o meeting.

The committee not having visited **Ab^m [Abraham] Smiths** family thro' the Indisposition of one of them they are continued to perform that

*Ab^m Smith
request
contin^d
Ed. Tuckers
ans^r*

service & report to next m^o meeting.

Edward Tucker & Anne Gifford appeared for their Answer, & no obstacle ap[pearing] to their proceeding in Marriage they were at liberty to proceed to take each other in Marriage at some convenient time between this & next m^o meeting proceeding according to the good order established among us advising with the friends this meeting appoints to see said marriage orderly Solomnized, who are **Peleg Gifford & Benjamin Chase** they to deliver the Certificate to the recorder & report to next m^o meeting.

*Remov^l
Certific^a
for S Potter*

The Friends appointed produced a Removal Certificate for **Samuel Potter** directed to the m^o meeting of **Nine partners** [Millbrook, Dutchess Co NY] which was read & signed by the Clerk & is as follows

From our monthly Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 15th of the 2^d m^o 1790.

To the monthhly [monthly] meeting at **nine partners**.

Respected friends after our Salutation of love to you, these may inform that **Samuel Potter** hath informed us that he is about to move from hence to live within the verge of your meeting. And requested our Certificate, these may certify on his b[e]half that he is a member of this meeting, has settled his outward af[f]airs and is clear of marri[a]ge enga[g]ements as far as appears. And as such we recommend him to your christian care, desiring his Growth in the Truth, this being the Present needful we conclud[e] & remain your friends & breaherin [brethren] signed in & on behalf of our said meeting by

Caleb Greene Clerk

*I. Howlands
Case defer'd*

The committee in **Isaac Howlands** case report, that they have taken some care therein but are not ready to make a conclusive report & desire it defered, it is accordingly defered under the same friends care 'till next m^o meeting they then to report.

*Copies
London
Epistle
rec^d*

Received six printed copies of the last **London** general Epistle one of which was read the weighty & salutary advice ther[e]in contained is recommended to the consideration of our members & **W^m [William] Rotch Jn^r Abiel Gifford W^m [William] Gifford & Benjamin Allen 2^d** are appointed to take the necessary Care of them.

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*Sylvⁱ Russell
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Treasur^r
settled with
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balance*

them, respecting their being publickly read & report to next m^o meeting. We concur with the Women friends in admiting **Silvia Russell** a member of our Society.

The Audit of Accot^s report that they have settled Accot^s with our Treasurer & after all orders being paid there remains in stock Seventeen pounds three Shillings & six pence the 23^d day of last month.

The Time of the service of the Audit being expired **Thomas Russell Thomas Hazard & Edm^d Maxfeld** are appointed for that service for the year ensuing or till others may be appointed in their stead

*Audit to
accor^s*

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

*Collected
by Subscrip
£4.9.11^d*

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

*Committee
for Subscrip.*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** 15th of 3 m^o 1790.

3^d m^o The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are for the South, **Zeph^a [Zephaniah] Eddy & Luthan Wood**. North **John Devol & John Howland**, whom being called were all present.

The Clerk being absent **W^m Rotch Junr** is appointed Clerk for this time.

*W^m Rotch
Clk pro Tem.*

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

W^m Hart

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

*Ab^m Smith's
Children
rec^d*

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

*Ed. Tucker's
Marri^a
attend^d*

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3 m^o ly & that ^{^it} was orderly solemnized. & that their marriage Certificate is delivered to the Clerk.

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

*Read.
Acknow^s
accep^d of* This meeting concurs with the Womens meeting in accepting the acknowledgements of **Deborah Allen, & Alice Ricketson**.

*D Allen &
A. Ricketson
Certi for
H Bowerman* A Certificate ^{^from} **Vassalborough [ME]** mo. Meeting ^{^dated} 17th of 2 mo. last in behalf of **Harper Bowerman**, certifying his clearness & consent of parents to proceed in marriage with **Elizabeth Shepherd**, was read & accepted.

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

Clks in- Our Clerk informs he has forwarded, as the Law directs to

*formation
of forward^d
Certific. of Mar-
riages Bowerman
Gidley &
Russell's
decl^d in-
tentions.*

the Clerk of the Sessions a Certificate of Marriages solemnized in our mo meet
ing.

**Harper Bowerman & Elizabeth Shepherd, Thomas Gidley
& Martha Gifford, Jonathan Russell & Zerviah Howland,**
each couple appeared in this meeting & severally declared their
Intentions of (~~taking each~~) marriage, with each other Consent
being produced in writing from the parents of **Thomas Gidley
& Jonathan Russell;** whereupon we appoint **Tho^s Hicks
& Luthan Wood** to inspect the conversation & clearness
of those young men respecting their procedure in
marriage, & report to next m^o meeting.

*Compl^t
ags C.
Congdon*

The overseers inform through the North preparative
meeting that **Caleb Congdon** is guilty of the reproch-
ful sin of Fornication, which he confessed, & that they
had a solid opportunity with him thereupon, but he
was not in a suitable disposition of mind to make satis-
faction of his reprochful conduct.- After deliberately
considerating the nature of the Offence, & the reproach
^{^brought} upon Society thereby, we are constrained to deny uni-
ty with him, & can no longer own him a member of

our

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*C Cong-
don
denied*

our Society, untill he shall be favoured with a true sense of his mis-
conduct & therein make satisfaction to friends & **John Howland
& W^m Rotch Jun^r** are appointed to prepare a publick testimony
of his denial a report to next m^o meeting.- also to take a solid
oppertunity with him, inform him of his denial, & endeavour to
leave him under the impression of the censure his conduct has
brought upon the truth.

*A Paper
rec^d signrd
by P &
S Allen*

A paper was received signed **Peleg Allen & Susanna
Allen**, condemning their misconduct in having been guilty of the
reproachful sin of fornication, & Expressing their sorrow therefor where
upon we appoint **Abraham Smith & Joseph Austin** to unite with
a Committee from the Womens meeting in labouring with
them in order to discover the grounds of their acknowledgment & re-
port their sense thereof to a future m^o meeting.

*I Howland
gave in a
Paper*

The Committee in case of **Isaac Howland** report they have had
a solid opportunity with him & received some good degree of satisfaction
& he having produced a paper condemning his misconduct in^{^the} mat-
ters complained of, expressing his sorrow therefor & desiring friends
to pass by his offence, & said committee having thought best the
same may be received, it is accordingly received for Satisfaction
& **W^m Rotch Jun^r** is appointed to read it in the usual public
manner at **Bedford** & report to next mo meeting.

Two papers were read, signed by **Gilbert Howland & Elihu**

*Papers
Given in
by Gilb^t
Howland &
E. Russell.*

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

*Addⁿ to
Meet^s H/
Comm^{tee}*

Thomas Hicks, Humphry Russell & Jn^o Barker are appointed in addition to the Committee to prepare [^]for & carry forward the building of the Meeting House in **Dartmouth**.

*Queries
read &
ans^r
acco^t to
Q^y meetg*

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

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

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the Acct^s presented were from the So **Joseph Estes & Zeph^h [Zephaniah] Eddy North Ab^{rm} Smith & Jonathan Hart**, who were all present.

*Comtte
continu'd
W Hart's
case*

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

*Isaac Smith
rec^d*

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

*J Russell
& T Gidley Clear-
ness*

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

*C Congdon in-
form'd*

The Committee to inform **Caleb Congdon** of his Denial report they have performed that service according to their appointment, & presented a Testimony of said Denial which was read approved & signed by the Clerk, who is appointed to read it in the usual Publick manner at **Bedford** & report to next mo meetg.

Said Testimony is as follows. From our monthly meeting of **Dartmouth** the 19th of 4th m^o 1790.

*Testim^o
C Congdon
Denial*

Whereas **Caleb Congdon** has been by birthright a member of our Religious society but having disregarded the manifestation of Truth, placed in the heart of man, the unerring principle whereof, would have preserved him from evil; hath been Suffered to fall into that reproachful sin of Fornication, where by he hath brought disgrace upon himself, & dishonour upon our holy profession, wherefore we are constrained for the support of our Testimony against all unrighteousness, & for the clearing our Society from the reproach his evil conduct hath brought upon us; Thus to declare that we have disowned

him & can no longer deem him a member of our society, until we may be convinced of his sincere repentance for his misconduct & he shall be favoured to condemn the same to our satisfaction, which that he may, is our desire.

Signed in & on behalf of our said meeting
by **Caleb Greene** Clerk

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*Several Couples de-
clare Inten-
tions of Marriage
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Harper Bowerman, & Elizabeth Shepherd, Thomas Gidley & Martha Gifford, Jonathan Russell & Zerviah Howlan[d] each couple (couple) appeared in this meeting & declared the continuation of their Intentions of Marriage desiring our answer, the necessary care having been taken they are allowed to proceed accordingly to good order & **Abiel Gifford & Joseph Tucker Jun^r** are appointed to attend the Marriage of **Harper Bowerman, Thomas Hicks & Timothy Gifford**, that of **Thomas Gidley & Luthun Wood & Joseph Barker** that of **Jonathan Russell**, to see that they be orderly solemnized & deliver the certificate to the Clerk for recording & Report to next m^o meeting.

*I Howland's Ac-
knowledgm^t
read ---*

Wm Rotch Jun^r informs he has read the acknowledgment of **Isaac Howland** as directed. one of the Representatives informs they all attended the Quarterly meeting.

*Hez^k Smith
&
Sylvia Russell*

Hezekiah Smith & Silvia Russell appeared in this meeting & declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage they having consent of parents, **Gideon Howland** and [^]George Smith are appointed to inspect the clearness & conversation of **Hezekiah Smith** & report to next m^o meeting.

*W^m Sandford
compl^d of*

The Overseers inform that they have Laboured with **William Sandford Jun^r** on account of his neglecting the due attendance of our Religious Meetings, & also for having made an entertainment for a marriage out of the order of Friends, but that he was not willing to condemn his conduct therein, to Friends satisfaction whereupon we appoint **Zepheniah Eddy Thomas Russell** to labour further with him, to endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct & report to next mo meeting.

*Gilbert Howland
& Elihu Russell*

The Committee in cases of **Gilbert Howland & Elihu Russell** inform they have attended to their appointment but are not ready to make a conclusive report they are accordingly continued to report to next mo meeting.

*Increase Smith
Compl^d of*

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

Step. Barker

A paper was read thro' the North Preparative meeting signed **Stephen Barker**, condemning ^{^his} misconduct in using unbecoming & threatening Language, to **Increas Smith** expressing.

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pressing his Sorrow & desiring friends to pass it by, whereupon we appoint **Jonⁿ Hart** and **Thomas Hicks**, to Labour with him to discover the sincerity thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

*conclusion
[t]aking down
meetg house*

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

*Meetings
to be held
at B Russell's
&
J Allen's
Houses.*

And it is concluded by this meeting after taking down of the house, there be held two meetings for worship, one at the house of **Barnabas Russell** & the other at the House of **James Allen**, or any other house the Committee hereafter appointed, may think best, both on first & fourth days & that the South preparative meeting be held alternately at each of the other houses, the next preparative meeting to be held at **Barnabas Russells; & Abiel Gifford, Luthan Wood, Joseph Estes, Joseph Tucker Jun^r, Thomas Hicks, Benj^a Smith, Benj^a Chace & George Smith** are appointed to attend said meetings to have the oversight of them, & report at a future meeting or when their service may be accomplished.

*M^o meeting
to be held at New-
town.*

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

*Certificate
for Rhoda How-
land
rec^d*

A Removal Certificate from the m^o meeting of **Sandwich** in 11th m^o last in behalf of **Rhoda Howland** wife of **Cornelius Howland** was read & accepted.

held at Newtown

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

The Representatives from the preparative meetings by the accounts received, are from the South **Joseph Tucker Jun^r & Gideon Howland, North Cornelius Howland & John Tucker**, who were all present.

Abraham Smith is appointed Clerk for this Time, the former Clerk not being present by reason of indisposition of Body.

W^m Hart

The Committee in the Case of **W^m Hart** Report that they have had an opportunity with him to some degree of satisfaction but are not ready to make a conclusive report, therefore the matter is deferred under the same friends care they to report to next mo meeting.

*Testim^o
Read of
C Congdon*

This meeting is informed that **Caleb Congdon's** testimony of denial has been read as directed.

Abiel Gifford & Joseph Tucker Jun^r report they
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Harper Bowerman & Elizabeth Shepherd, Thomas Gidley & Martha Gifford, Jonathan Russell & Zerviah Howland each couple

*Reports of
Marriages
attended.*

attended the Marriage of **Harper Bowerman & Timothy Giffo[rd]** that himself & **Thomas Hicks** attended the marriage of **Thomas Gidley**; and **Luthan Wood & Joseph Barker** the marriage of **Jonathan Russell** & that they saw nothing but what ^{^they were} orderly solemnized & that their Certificates are forwarded to the clerk for recording.

*H. Smiths
clearness*

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

*H. Smith
&
Sylv^a Russell
intentions*

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

W. San[d]ford Jr.

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

*Increase
Smith &
Step. Barker*

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

*E. Russell &
Gilb^{er} Howland*

The Committee in the Case of **Elihu Russell & Gilbert Howland** report that they have not had an opportunity with them, therefore they are continued to the care of that matter & report to next m^o meeting.

Step. Barker

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

*Removal
Certificate
Sam^l Potter
receiv'd*

The removal Certificate signed for **Sam^{el} Potter** the 15th of the 2 m^o 1790. to the monthly meeting of the **Nine Partners [Millbrook, Dutchess Co. NY]** is returned to this meeting

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5 m^o The Committee to collect the monthly meetings Stock, inform this meeting that they are not ready to make a conclusive report of the sum collected, therefore their report is deferred to next m^o meeting.

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

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

The Representatives named in the Accot^s presented from the Prepar^a meetings were from the South **Luthan Wood & Benj^a Chace** North **Ab^m Smith & Jon^a Hart**, all present.

Dan^l Offley Our beloved friend **Daniel Offley** attended this meeting & produced a Certificate from **Philad^a** Monthly Meeting for the Southern District dated 28th 4th m^o concurred at **Phil^a** Quarterly meeting 3d of 5th m^o last, expressing their unity with his ministry & concern to make a religious visit to friends in **New York & New England**; also his companion **John. Morton** attended & produced a Certificate of concurrence from the same m^o meeting dated 26 of 5 m^o last both which were read to our satisfaction.

W. Hart Part of the Committee in the Case of **W^m Hart** having had another opportunity with him but not being ready to make a conclusive report are again continued, to report to next m^o meeting.

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

W. Sanford Jr. The Committee in the case of **W^m Sanford Jn^r** informs they have visited him but are not prepared to make a conclusive report, they are accordingly continued to report to next monthly Meeting.

Queries read & answerd The Queries were read with the Answers as brought up from the N^o Preparative Meeting, there being none regularly brought up from the other, said Answers with an account to the Quarterly Meeting were sign'd by the Clerk, which are directed to be forwarded by our Representatives, **Benjamin Taber, Ab^m Smith, Thomas Mott, & Caleb Barker** who are to report to next M^o Meeting.

In. Smith The Committee in the Case of **Increase Smith** report they have attended to their appointments, but have not accomplished it, wherefore it is continued under their Care, & they having requested an Addition
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6 m^o to the Committee, we appoint **Jo^s Austin, Seth Russell** to unite with them agreeable to their former Appointments.

Step. Barker The Committee in Care of **Stephen Barker**, not being prepared to make a Conclusive report are again continued to report to next M^o Meet-

ing.

*37/paid
to Treas'
Subscriptions*

The Committee to receive Subsc[^]riptions made their first Quarterly report that they have received and paid our Treasurer thirty seven Shillings.

Eliz. Drinker

Our beloved Friend **Elizabet Drinker** attended our Meeting & produced a Certificate from **Phila[^]del[^]phia** M^o Meeting 30th of 4th M^o & Concurrence from **Philadelphia** Quarterly Meeting 3^d of 5th M^o expressing their Unity with her Ministry and concern to visit Friends in **New-England** also her Companion **Hannah Yerkes** attended with Certificate from **Philadelphia** M^o Meeting for Nothern District 25th of 5th m^o past expressing their Unity with her as an Elder & concern to accompany our said Friend which Certificates were read to Satisfaction.

*Mathew How-
Land & family
removal Certifi-
cate rec^d*

A removal Certificate was received from **Sandwich** M^o Meeting dated 4th of 6th M^o last in behalf of **Matthew Howland** lately removed to **Bedford**, & **Abigail** his Wife & Six Children namely, **Joseph Allen, George, Cornelius, Abigail & Wing** - which [^]was read and accepted.

*Report of
meeting in
Allen's neck*

The Committee to have the oversight of the Meetings in **Slocum & Allens Necks** reports that all the Meetings have been kept up & attended in some good degree Orderly - The Midweek Meetings not so generally attendee as those on first day.

This Meeting concludes that our M^o Meeting be held in this Place

*held at
Bedford*

At our Monthly Meeting of Friends of **Dartmouth** held at **Bedford** the 19th of 7 m^o 1790.

The Representatives by the Accounts from the Preparitive Meetings were from the S^o **Jos Tucker & Abiel Gifford North Jn^o Howland** and **Thomas Mott**, all Present.

The Committee in the Case of **W^m Hart** report that they have

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

*R. Ricketsons
paper accepted
& Judith Gifford
admitted*

The Womens Meeting inform that they have concluded to accept of **Rebeca Ricketson** Wife of **Ab^m Ricketson**'s Paper of Acknowledgement for Satisfaction, & to admit **Judith Gifford** a Member of our Society which this Meeting concurs with.

W^m Sanford

One of the Committee in the Case of **W^m Sanford Jun^r** report that they have had several Opportunities with **W^m** and desire an Addition to their Number, **Thomas Hix** and **Ab^m Smith** are therefore added to them to attend to said appointment & report to next m^o Meeting.

*Representatives
to Q^y meeting
Report*

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

In. Smith

The Committee in the Case of **Increase Smith** report they have attended thereto & that the Matter is like to settled and therefore desire it continued another Month it is accordingly continued under the same Friends Care, who are to report to next m^o Meeting.

Step. Barker The Friends in the Case of **Stephen Barker** report that they have attended thereto but are not prepared to make a conclusive report; which they are desired to do next m^o Meeting.

Epistles from the yearly meetings &c. The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting produced an extract from the minutes of s^d Meeting also the following Epistles and Extracts from our last Yearly meeting Viz.

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

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to be forward to yearly meetings Tr^s

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in **London** of Last Year Copies of the Epistles from the yearly Meeting in **Philadelphia** and **Westbyry** all which were read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction & the further Consideration of the s^d. Epistles is refered to next M^o Meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to forward to the[^]Treasr of the yearly Meeting 2[£].17^s.8^d as our proportion of the yearly Meetings Stock.

A Barker
Certif. rec^d.

A removal Certificate from **Nantucket** m^o Meeting in behalf of **Abraham Barker**, a Youth, who resides with a Friends of this meeting was read and accepted.

Prepa^d.
meetings to be held on certain Days by desire of a Comt^{ee}

In consequence of Request from a Committee of our last Quarterly Meeting appointed to attend our meetings we conclude that our Preparative Meetings for the 9th m^o be held at **Aponaganset**, the 27th at **Bedford** the 25th & our mo Meeting the 29th of s^d 9 m^o & the Clerk is requested to acquaint said Committee hereof.

Brief from
R. Newcomb

A Brief was received from **Richard Newcomb** of **Norton** soliciting relief for his Family who have been lately great Sufferers by Fire which was read & in order to render our benovolent assistance we recommend it to the Consideration of Friends, and appoint **Thomas Mott Thomas Hazzard jun^r Benjamin Allen 2^d Gidion Howland W^m Barker** to receive Subscriptions for the Relief of the Sufferers & report to next m^o Meeting The Time for which the Clerk was app^d having expired **Caleb Green** is again app^d Clerk for the Year ensuing, or until another may be appointed

C. Greene
Clerk,

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

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At a monthly meeting of Friends of **Dartmouth** held at **Bedford** the 16th of the 8th m^o 1790 ~~~~

The Representatives named in the accounts presented from the Preparative Meetings were from the South **Thomas Hicks & Joseph Estes.**

Hugh Judge
attended.

N^o **Benjamin Taber & W^m Gifford** all present.

Our beloved Friend **Hugh Judge** attended this Meeting & presented

a Certificate from **Wilmington** m^o Meeting dated 13th of 1 m^o last & concurred at **Chester** Quarterly Meeting 8th of 2^d m^o last expressing their Unity with his Ministry & concern to visit Friends in **New England** also his Companion **James Mott** attended with him and produced a Copy of a Minute from **Purchase** M^o Meeting 10th of 6 m^o last expressing their Unity^{^with him} as an Elder & concern to accompany our s^d Friends

*J. Mott
attended*

*W.Hart
&*

The Committee in the care of **W^m Harts** Acknowledgement not being prepared to make report are again continued to make report at next m^o Meeting.

*W.Sanford
continu'd*

The Committee in the care of **William Sanford jun^r** not having accomplished the service of their appointment are continued to next m^o Meeting. ~~~

*Report
settled Con-
trovesy*

*J. Smith &
S. Barker*

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

S. Barker

The Committee in case of **Stephen Barker** inform they have bestowed such labour as they have thought useful, but are not ready to make a conclusive report, they are accordingly continued to report to next m^o meeting.

*Y meet^s
Epistle*

The Yearly meeting Epistle being again under consideration & friends being requested to contribute in their freedom towards the Fund of the Yearly Meeting

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

*Lydia Wood's
Certificate
rec^d.*

A removal Certificate from **Rhode Island** Monthly Meeting the 27 of 7th m^o last. in behalf of **Lydia Wood** was read & accepted.

*Y. Meeting
on
Education
&
Schools*

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

essary, and apply for the advice of this meeting wherein it may be needful.

R. Newcomb The Committee to receive subscriptions for the relief of **Rich^d Newcomb** & family, not being ready to report, they are continued to ^{report to} next m^o meeting.

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

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

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

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the Accot^s presented were from the South **Abiel Gifford & Bnj^a Allen 2^d North Daniel Ricketson & Edmund Maxfeld** all present.

M. Wood's clearness The Friends appointed to inspect the Clearness of **Marlborough Wood** respecting Marriage & conversation report that they have taken the Necessary Care & find no obstacle to his proceeding in Marriage.

A Removal Certificate in behalf of **Abigail Briggs** and one of **Oliver Briggs** directed to the m^o meeting of **Saratogo** was approved & signed by the Clerk.

M Wood & R. Briggs Ans. **Marlborough Wood** and **Rhobe Briggs** appeared for their Answer, & were left at liberty to proceed to take each other in Marriage at some Convenient^{time} before next M^o Meeting according to good order advising with **Thomas Hicks, & Benjamin Allen 2^d**. the Friends appointed to see said Marriage orderly solomnized & the Certificate delivered to the Clerk for recording & who are to report to next M^o meeting.

Adjourn'd This Meeting is adjourned to the 29th instant to be held at the New meeting House at **Aponegaset** at the close of a meeting for Worship to begin at the 11th Hour.

Met

29th day met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called are all present
The Clerk being absent, **W^m Rotch Jun^r** is appointed
Clerk for this day.

*P. Allen
&
Wife* The Committee appointed to visit **Peleg Allen & Wife** in
order to discover the sincerity of their Acknowledgment
report they have made^{th^m} several visits, which were to
their

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their Satisfaction wherefore with the concurrence of the women's meeting
it is received for Satisfaction & **William Rotch Jun^r** is appointed to read
it in the usual public manner.

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*Queries
read &
Answers
forwarded
to Q^y. Meet^g*

The Queries were read with the Answers complied from those received
from the Preparative meetings, which Answers are directed to be forward
ed to the Quarterly meeting.

*W. Harts
Case contin^d.*

The Committee in the case of **W^m Hart** inform they have had a
late opportunity with him to some Satisfaction but think best his case be
continued, it is accordingly continued under their care to next m^o meet-
ing. The Committee in the Case of **W^m Sanford Jn^r**. inform they have
had a solid opportunity with him respecting his neglecting in the due
attendance of^{our} religious meetings also his having an entertainment at
his house on accompt of a disorderly Marriage & likewise for hav-
ing Sued a friend at law without obtaing liberty from Friends,
but their Labour had not the desired effect, wherefor it is our judge
ment that he be disowned & no longer continued a member of our
Society untill he shall be favored with a sense of his miscon-
duct & return to friends satisfaction & **Thomas Hicks & John Bar-
ker** are appointed to inform him of his denial & prepare a Tes-
timony thereof & lay before our nex m^o Meeting.

*W^m Sanford J^r
Denied.*

The Committee in the case of **Stephen Barker** not being
prepared to make report on accp^t of Sickness of one of^{the} **Commit-
tee**, whereupon we appoint **Zepheniah Eddy, & Joseph Tuck-
er**, in addition to said Com^{tee} to Labour furt^{her} with him &
report to next m^o meeting.

S. Barker

The Committee to receive Subscriptions for **Rich'd Newcomb
& Family**, report they have received £4, 3/7 ½ which **Thomas
Hazard Junr** is desired to forward to him as soon as may be.

*£4.3.7 ½
sent to
R. Newcomb
by Subscrip^t*

The Committee in case of **Ezra Russell** report they have had
a solid opportunity with him & endeavoured to shew him the
Inconsistency of his conduct complained of & also for his having
been in practice of taking Spiritous Liqors to excess, but did
not receive any satisfaction wherefore it is our judgment that he be
disowned & no longer continued a member of our society
until he shall be favoured with a sense of his misconduct
& return to friends satisfcation & **Joseph Tucker & John How
land** are appointed to inform him of his Denial & prepare

*Ezra Rus-
sell
disown'd.*

a testimony thereof & lay before next m^o meeting.

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The Overseers inform through the South preparative meeting that **Holder Russell** has been laboured with for his having been at entertainment & joining in music & dancing also his being charged with the crime for fornication which he did not deny & for his neglect in attending our religious meetings but that he did not appear in a state of mind to condemn the same, whereupon we appoint **Philip Trafford, Benjamin Allen 2^d & Abiel Gifford** to labour further with him on these accounts to endeavour to convince him of the evil of his conduct & report to our next m^o meeting.

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Compt^e
ag^t **Holder
Russell.**

Certificate
rec'd **Eliz^a Little
& Children**

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

Friends to
attend Qy
Meeting

We appoint, **Abiel Gifford, Thomas Hazard Jun^r & John Howland** to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting to which an account, was prepared & approved & signed by the Clerk.

Committee
to build
meeting H.
to settle their
accot^s.

The Committee appointed to carry on the building of this meeting House in **aponaganset** are[^]hereby requested & authorized to collect the Subscriptions heretofore made or that may be hereafter[^]be made towards the building thereof & to pay their contracts for said House & as soon as may be settle their accounts & report the state of them to this meeting.

Friends
to provide
for Horses

Joseph Austin & Daniel Ricketson are appointed to make the necessary Provision for Friends Horses at our next Quarterly meeting & present an acco^t. of the Expence to our Audit of Accot^s.

10 m^o

It is concluded that our next m^o meeting be held at [New] **Bedford.**

Report
M. Woods
Marri^a

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

P.&S.
Allen's
Paper
read.

The representatives by the Accot^s presented from the Preparative Meetings, are from the South **Joseph Tucker, & Benj^a Smith**, North **Thomas Mott & Thomas Smith** all present.

The Friends appointed to attend **Marlborough Woods** Marriage inform it was orderly solomnized & have returned the Certificate to the Clerk.

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

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

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10th m report to make at this time are continued to the care of that matter to report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed in case of **W^m Sanford Jun^rs** denial report they have informed^{him} thereof & produced a Testimony of his denial which on being approved was signed by the Clerk, & **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at **Aponaganset** & report to next m^o meeting said Testimony is as follows. Whereas **William Sanford Jun^r** having been under the care of Friends & disregarding The Testimony of Truth so far as to neglect the due Attendance of Religious meetings, had an Entertainment at his house for a Marriage out of the order of our Society & sued a friend at law & friends having Laboured with him in love in order to convince him of the Inconsistency of his conduct but our Labour of Love not having the desired effect to friends satisfaction therefore we hereby publickly disown the said **W^m Sanford Jun^r** from being one of our Society & from under the care of friends desiring that he may yet be Restored to the way of Truth given forth at our Monthly Meeting of **Dartmouth** the 18 of the 10th month 1790.

Testim^o.
Denial
W. Sanford Jr.

Signed in & by order of said Meeting by

Caleb Greene Clerk.

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

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

Testim^o
Denial
Ezra Russell From our monthly Meeting held in [New]**Bedford** for **Dartmouth** 18th of the 10th m^o 1790.

Whereas **Ezra Russell** of **Dartmouth** has had a birthright among us the people called Quakers but for want of^{more} [^]close^{ly} adher-

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

H. Russell

denied.

Caleb Greene Clerk.

Two of the Committe to visit **Holder Russell** inform they visited him according to appointment but that he gave them no Satisfaction, wherefore we deny unity with him & no longer account him a Member of our Religious Society untill he may be favoured with a sense of his Misconduct & return to satisfaction of Friends, & **Benjamin Allen 2^d** & **Gideon Howland** are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before our next m^o meeting.

Q^o meeting attended

Denial Eliza. Smith

One of the Representatives informs they all attended the Quarterly Meeting.

Jn^o Eddy & Jn^o Gifford papers

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

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

£2.19.3 paid to Treas^r.~

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

Subscription Comt^{ee} -

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

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for the following Six months, who are desired to make report of the sum received at each three months after paying it to the Treasurer.

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The appointment of Overseers is referred to the next monthly meeting. It is concluded that our next m^o meeting be held at the New Meeting House at **Aponaganset**.

11 m^o

At our Monthly Meeting held at **Dartmouth** the 15th of 11th month 1790.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from the South **Peleg Gifford**, & **Philip Trafford**, & from the North **Joseph Austin**, & **W^m Tripp**, who being called are all present.

W. Hart

The Clerk being absent **W^m Rotch Jun^r** is appointed Clerk for this day. The Committee in case of **W^m Hart** inform they have bestowed further labour in that matter, but are not prepared to make a conclusive report, wherefore it is continued under their care to next m^o meeting.

A removal Certificate from **Saratoga** m^o meeting 15th of 7th m^o last in behalf of **Ebenezer Allen** was re^ad. & accepted.

*Testim^o of
Denial read against
Wm
Sanford &
E. Russell ~*

Thomas Hicks informs the Testimony of the Denial of **W^m Sanford Jun^r & Ezra Russell** have been read according to direction.

*Stepⁿ Barker
denied.*

The Committee in the case of **Stephen Barker** inform they have had several solid opportunities with him to convince him of inconsistency of his conduct in using, unbecoming threatening Language & being at a place of Music & Dancing, but he is not free to condemn the same to satisfaction, whereupon we deny unity with him & can no longer consider him a member of our Society untill he may be favoured with a sense of his Misconduct & make friends Satisfaction **Thomas Hicks & Joseph Tucker** are appointed to inform him thereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & return to next m^o meeting.

*Holden Rus-
sell inform^d*

The Committee in case of **Holder Russell**'s Denial report they have informed him thereof, & produced a Testimony of his Denial, which on being read & approved was signed by the Clerk & **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at **Aponaganset** which Testimony is as follows.

*Testimony
his Denial*

Holder Russell having had a Birthright of membership among us the People called Quakers hath much neglected the due attendance of our religious meetings, & attend a place of musick & dancing, & also has been Guilty of the Sin of Fornication for which unwarrantable & evil practices he hath been Laboured with in love and forbearance, in order to convince him of the Inconsistency of his said conduct, but our labour not appearing to have the desired effect on his mind, we therefore for the clearing of Truth, & our Christian Testimony do disown him the said **Holder Russell** from being^{any longer} a member of our Religious society

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ty, untill he shall amend his life and practice and make satisfaction for his misconduct.

Given forth at our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 15 of the 11th m^o 1790.

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by **W^m Rotch Jun^r** Clerk
for this Time.

*John Eddy's
acknowled-
gment ac-
cepted.*

The Committee in case of **John Eddy & John Gifford**, repor they have bestowed the needful Labour & think the acknowledgement of **John Eddy** may with safety be accepted to satisfaction, it is accordingly accepted, but it being their judgment that the Case of **John Gifford** be defered one month, more it is referred under their care to next m^o meeting – and **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to read **John Eddy's** acknowledgement in the usual public manner.

W^m Hawland not being present his report is again refered to nex m^o meeting.

*appointm^e.
Overseers.*

The appointment of Overseers being refered from last m^o meeting, we appoint **Joseph Eastes, Benj^a Taber, Thomas Mott, Timothy Gifford, Joseph Tucker, Benj^a Smith, John Tucker, Thomas Hicks, & W^m Rotch J^r** to that service for the year ensuing.

A paper signed **Clark Ricketson** was read expressing his sorrow for haveing attended at a place of music & dancing & desiring Friends to pass by his offence, whereupon we appoint **Joseph Gifford & Zephⁿ Eddy** to take

a solid opportunity with him in order to discover the sincerity of his acknowledgement & report their sense at next m^o meeting.

*Othniel
Tripp
under
Sculing*

The Overseers inform through the North Preparative meeting that **Othniel Tripp** had so far departed from the Rules of our Society as to neglect the due attendance of our Religious Meetings, & hath greatly deviated from the Plainness of our Profession both in Speech & Habit for all which he has been laboured with, but doth not appear in a Disposition^{of mind} to amend those defects; whereupon we appoint, **Joseph Barker & Abiel Gifford**, to labour further with him & report to next m^o meeting.

The Queries were read with the Answers compiled from those of the Preparative Meetings, which Answers being approved are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting with an account which was also approved & signed by the Clerk & we appoint **Benj^a Taber**, & **Joseph Tucker**, our Representatives to said Meeting.

This Meeting received a request from^{Friends} in **Allen's Neck** for liberty to hold Meetings for worship on first & fifth Days of the week whereupon we appoint **Jo^{na} Hart**, **W^m Gifford**,^{Abiel Gifford}, **Benj^a Smith** & **Tho^s Hicks**, in company with the Women friends who may be appointed to take a solid opportunity with those friends & report their sense thereof at our next m^o meeting.

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A Committee from the Quarterly Meeting appoint to consider some arraignments of our meetings^{having attended this meeting} we appoint **Tho^s Hicks**, **Abiel Gifford**, **W^m Gifford**, **Josep Tucker**, **Jon^a Hart**, & **W^m Rotch Jun^r**, to confer with said Committee upon the Proposition they may make & report to our next m^o meeting.

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

The Committee appointed in the 8th m^o to open subscriptions towards the increase of the funds of Yearly Meeting School being requested to report this m^o inform they have not received any Subscriptions their for, whereupon said Committee is discharged.

Seth Russell & Barnabas Russell are appointed to mak provision

for the accomodation of friends Horses at our next Quarterly meeting.

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

The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings were presented, the Representatives therein named were from the South **Tim^o Gifford, & Caleb Barker**, North, **Thomas Mott & Thomas Hazard**, all present.

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

The Committee in the case of **Stephen Barker** report they have informed him of his Denial & produced a Testimony thereof which^{being} read and approved was signed by the Clerk, & **Abiel Gifford** is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at **Aponaganset**, said Testimony is as follows

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

Whereas **Stephen Barker** has been under the care of Friends but disregarding the Testimony of Truth so far as to neglect the due
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attendance of our Religious Meetings and using unbecoming threatening Language and being at a Place of Music & Dancing all which being inconsistent with the Principles we profess, we have laboured with him in love to shew him the inconsitancy thereof but he not being in a State of mind suitable to mak Friends Satisfaction we therefore for the clearing of truth & Friends from such conduct give these forth as our public Testimony against said practice herby disowning the said **Stephen Barker** from membership with us untill he by a more circumspect Walking and amendment of Life manifest a Return to the way of Truth which is our desire.

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

Tho^s Hicks informs the Testimony of **Holder Russell's** Denial & **John Eddy's** acknowledgement have been read as directed.

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

Mary Chace admitted This^{Meeting} concurs with the Women's in receiving **Mary Chase** a member of our Society.

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

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

The Committee in Case of **Othniel Tripp** report that they have taken a suitable opportunity with him, but they not having discovered in him a disposition to make Friends Satisfaction we therefore deny unity with him can no longer consider a member of our Society untill he may be favoured to walk more circumspectly & to make Satisfaction to this meet-

ing. The same friends are desired to inform him hereof.

The Representatives inform they all attend the Quarterly meeting.

A removal Certificate was presented by the Women's Meeting in behalf of **Sarah & Rachel Weaver** to the M^o Meeting at **Acoaxet** which being approved was signed by the Clerk.

The Committee to consider of the request of Friends in **Allens Neck** report they hay visited them & after weightly consideration think best their request be granted, they have therefore liberty to hold meetings on first & fifth Days untill the m^o meeting in the third M^o except the
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fifth Days of those weeks upon which our meetings for Discipline may be held & at the following places, One Quarter of the Time at **Timothy Gifford's**, one Quarter at **Peleg Slocum's**, one Quarter at **Elijah Gifford's** & one Quarter at **Susanna Allen's**, under the care of the following friends **Thomas Hicks, Philip Trafford, Timothy Gifford, Abiel Gifford & Joseph Estes**, they to report when their service shall be accomplished.

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

The Committee in Case of **Elihu Russell's** acknowledgement report they have taken such opportunity with him as they thought useful & do not discover him in a state of mind to live comfortable to our who[le] some order, wherefore we are constrained to deny un[^]ty with him & no longer account him a member of our Society untill he may return to our Satisfaction and **Philip Trafford, Abiel Gifford** are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a testimony of his Denial & report to next m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform through the S^o preparative meeting that **Peleg Slocum 3^d** has been laboured with for his neglecting the due attendance of our Religious Meetings using unbecoming Language attending a place of Music & Dancing, and also accompanying with a Woman that was not his Wife, which brought reproach upon our Society, but that he not give them Satisfaction, whereupon we appoint **Ben Chase, Gideon Howland, Peleg Gifford** to labour further with & endeavour to convince him of the great Inconsitancy & evil of his conduct & report to our m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform likewise that **Perry Smith** has neglected the due attendance of our Religious Meetings & Married out of the Order of Society for, which he has been laboured with, whereupon we appoint, **John Howland, & John Barker** to labour further with him & report to a future m^o meet-

ing. **Thomas Allen W^m Anthony**, are appointed in Addition to those appointed in 10th m^o last to receive Subscriptions for this Meetings Stock.

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

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

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

This Meeting being small by means of the Extremity of the Weather, it is therefore adjourned to the 26th of this Ins^t. at the Close of the Meeting for Worship.

26th Met by adjournment.

The Representatives called are all pres[^]ent.

The Clerk being absent **W^m Rotch Jn^r** is appointed Clerk for this Time.

The Com^{tt} in case of **W^m Hart** report they have Several times Laboured with him in consequence of their appointment but find of late that his practice in using Spiritious Liquors to intoxication is reproachful to Truth w[^]herefore we are constrained for the clearing of our Testimony to Deny unity with him, & can no longer own him a member of our Society untill he shall be favoured to reform his conduct & make friends Satisfaction & **John Tucker**, & **Jon^a Hart**, are appointed to inform him of his Denial & prepare a Testimony thereof & lay before next m^o meeting

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

The Case of **John Gifford**'s acknowledge^{ment} being refered to this meeting it is now accepted for Satisfaction & **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to read, it in the usual public manner at **Aponaganset**.

W^m Howland having sent a verbal report that he has not received any Subscriptions since the first report of Com^{te} he is released from his appointments. The

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The Case of **Clerk Rocketson** is again refered to next m^o meeting & **Zep^a Eddy & Abraham Smith**, are appointed to take another siolid opportunity with him & report at our next m^o meeting.

The Comm^{ee} in Case of **Othniel Tripp** report they have informed him of

his Denial & that he requested a copy thereof, the Clerk is hereby requ[est]ed to furnish him with a Copy of^{the} Minute.

The Com^{tt} in case of **Elihu Russell** report they have inform[ed] him of his Denial & produced a Testimony thereof which being read & approved was signed by the Clerk & **Tho^s Hicks** as appointed to read it in^{the} usual Public manner at **Aponaganset**.

Said Testimony is as follows.

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

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

Signed in behalf of our said Meeting by

W^m Rotch Jun^r Clerk

for this Time.

The Com^{tt} in Case **Peleg Slocum 3^d** report they have taken a Solid opportunity with him but did not receive Satisfaction from respecting his conduct , whereupon we deny unity with him
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and can no longer own member of our Society untill he shall be favoured to see the evil of his conduct & make Friends Satisfaction & same Friends are appointed to prepare a Testimony of his Denial inform him thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

A removal Certificate from **Providence** m^o meeting 29th of 12th m^o last in behalf of **Gorge Almy** lately removed here, was received read & accepted.

A Certificate was produce in behalf of **W^m Anthony** certifying his clearness to proceed in Marriage with a Member of **Acoaxet** m^o meeting which being read & approved was signed by the Clerke.

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

Joseph Tucker, John Howland, & Benjamin Chase, are appoint-

ed to look up the Books & Papers belonging to this meeting not in the Clerks hands & to report to next mont^h meeting.

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

The General Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting of Friends in **London** was received & read to much Satisfaction & we appoint **W^m Anthony, Benj^a Allen 2^d, Jon^a Hart,** and **W^m Rotch Jun^r** to read it at the close of our several first Day meetings.

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

The Representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetings
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2 M^o are from the South, **John Barker & Joseph Estes**, from the North, **Joseph Austin, & W^m Gifford**; who being called are all present except **Joseph Austin** for whose absence a Satisfactory reason was sent.

The Clerk being absent **W^m Rotch Jun^r** is appointed Clerk for this Day.

A paper receiv'd from the N^o prep^a meeting signed by **Obadiah & Eliphel Buttler** expressing their sorrow for having fallen into the sin of Fornication, whereupon we appoint, **Caleb Russell & Barnabas Russell** to labour with **Obadiah** to endeavour to find the sincerity of his acknowledgement & report at a future m^o meeting.

This meeting unites with the Women's meeting in accepting the acknowledgements of **Lydia Potter & Silvia Sowl**.

Friends appointed, report they have informed **W^m Hart** of his Denial & produced a Testimony thereof which being read & approved was signed by the Clerk & **W^m Gifford**, is app^d to read it in the usual public manner at **Newtown**.

Tho^s Hicks informs the Testimony of **Elihu Russell's** Denial has been read as directed.

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

The Committee in case of **Peleg Slocum 3^d** report they have informed him of his denial & presented a Testimony thereof, which being approved was signed by the Clerk & **W^m Anthony** is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at **Dartmouth**.

The Com^{tt} in the case of **Nathaniel Howland**, not having had an opportunity with him by reason of his absence from home, that matter is refered under the Same Friends care untill a future m^o meet

ing. The friends app^d to collect this meetings Books & Papers not having accomplished their app^t are continued to report to next m^o meeting.

Tho^s Hicks, Gideon Howland, John Barker, Samuel Smith & W^m Anthony are appointed to have the care of the Wood Lot, belonging to this meeting, & to take such steps for the Preservation

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2^d M^o vice of this meeting.

This meeting being attended by a Com^{ee} from **Sandwich** m^o meeting who have have something to communicate to us: we appoint **Tho^s Hazard Jn^r John Howland, W^m Rotch Jun^r, W^m Gifford & Benj^a Taber**, to confer with said committee to find what they may have to lay before us & also to conclude in what manner the same be introduced into this meeting & report to next m^o meeting.

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 21st of 3^d 1791.

3^d m^o The Acct^s from the Preparative meetings were presented the Representatives therein named were from the South **Timothy Gifford** and **W^m Barker Jun^r**. North **Thomas Mott & Thomas Hazard** who were all present.

We are informed the Testimony of **W^m Harts** denial was read as directed Which Testimony is as ffollows.

From our monthly meeting held at **Dartmouth** the 21st of the 2^d m^o 1791.

W^m Hart of **Dartmouth**, having been a member of our Society, but for^{want} of adhering to the Divine principl^e placed in the Heart of man, which would have preserved him from evil, hath fallen into the reproachful practice of Drinking to excess & even to intoxication, whereby he hath brought disgrace upon himself & dishonour upon our holy profession, And having laboured much with him to bring him to sight and sense of his [???]ation, without any prospect at present of his reformation, We are constrained, for the support of our Christian testimony against all manner, of evil, thus to deny unity with him & hereby certify that we can no longer consider him a member of our society, untill he shall be favoured to reform his conduct & make satisfaction to this meeting, which that he may is our desire_

Signed by order of said meeting and on behalf by

W^m Barker Jun^r Clerk of this Day.

The Committee in the case of **Clark Ricketson** inform they have laboured with him & find that since his acknowledgement was presented he has fallen into the like Transgression whereupon the same friends ar continued to labour further with him & report to next mo meeting.

The Committee in Case of **Gilbert Howland** report they have laboured with him to the sincerity of his Acknowledgement to some satisfaction & think it may be safe to accept the same his acknowledgement is acord-ingly accepted for satisfaction, and **Abiel Gifford** is appointed to read the same in the usual publick manner, at **Aponaganset**.

W^m Anthony not having read the Testimony of Denial of **Peleg Slocum** for reasons assigned to this meeting, he is now^{desired} to read^{it} as directed.

The Friends appointed to collect this Meetings Books and papers, report that they have not accomplished their App^t, there being several books missing they are continued to^{that} Case, & to report to next m^o meeting.

A Paper was received from **Humphrey Russell** condemning his

Conduct in attending as a spectator at a Horse Race & desiring friends to pass by his offence: - whereupon we appoint **Abiel Gifford, & W^m Barker Jun^r** to labour with him to find the sincerity of his acknowledgment

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3^d m^o ment & report at our next m^o meeting.

A Complaint was received from the overseers thro the S^o Preparative meeting informing that **Humprey Shearman** a Member of our Society, has lately attend^{ed} a Horse Race, that he has been laboured with by said Overseers to convin[ce] him of the Inconsistency of such practice, but he was not willing to condemn it in the manner our Discipline requires, whereupon we appoint **Peleg Gifford and John Howland** to labour further with him thereon & report to next m^o meeting.

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

A Papper of acknowledgment from **Peleg Sanford Jun^r** was received through the South Preparative meeting & read which condemns[’] his keeping unprofitable company & attending places of music and dancing, whereupon we appoint **Abraham Smith & Gideon Howland** to labour with him thereon to discover his Sincerity & report to next m^o meeting.

Benj^a Allen 2^d requests that that his Children may be admitted as members of our Society whose Names are, **Mahala, Thersa, Merinda & Pamala**, we therefore appoint **Timothy Gifford & Thomas Hicks**, to unite with[^]those the Women may appoi[nt] to visit **Benj^a** & family consider said request & report to next m^o meeting.

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

Benj^a Rider having requested Certificates in behalf of his Sons **Joseph & Thomas** to the monthly Meeting at **Nine partners**, we appoint **Tho^s Mott & John Deval** to inspect circumstances & if clear prepare Certificates & return to our next m^o meeting.

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

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

The Committee to[^]confer with the Committee from **Sandwich** m^o Meeting[^]inform they are not prepared to make report at this Time they are Therefore continued to report to our next m^o meeting.

We appoint **Joseph Tucker, Beⁿj^a Taber, & James Davis** to attend

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our next Quar^{tl} Meeting with an account, to said meeting which being prepared was signed by the Clerk, & forwarded by them, who are to report to next m^o meeting.

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At our M^o meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 18th of the 4th m^o 1791. -----

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

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Clark Ricketson** inform that they are not ready to make a conclusive report they are continued to that service & to report to next m^o meeting. ----

The Friends appointed^{^to read} the Testimony of the Denial of **Peleg Slocum 3^d & Gilbert Howland**'s acknowledgement report that they have been read as directed. Said Testimony is as Follows.

Whereas **Peleg Slocum 3^d** havi^{ng} had a birthright among Friends and under the care of this meeting but by disregarding the Testimony of Truth & giving way to the Temptations of the Enemy hath neglected the due attendance of our Religious meetings, & used Prophane Language a times, also accompanied with a Women^{^that was} not his Wife in a manner that has brought reproach upon our profession, all which being Inconsistant with the principles we profess, & friends having laboured with him in love to shew him the evil tendency thereof but our labor not obtaining the desired effect to friends satisfaction, therefore for the clearing of Truth & friends from the Reproach thereof we are concern'd to give this forth as a publick^{^Testimony} against such conduct hereby disowning him the said **Peleg Slocum** from membership with us untill he by a more circumspect walking & amendment of life maifest a return to the way of truth which is our desire.

Given forth and signed in and behalf of our m^o } by **W^m Rotch Jun^r** Clerk
meeting held in Dartmouth the 21st day of the 2^d m^o 1791 } for this time.

The Friends appointed in **Humphrey Russell**'s acknowledgment report that they have attended thereto, and that they had so much Satisfaction, that they think it may be Safe to accept of said Acknowledgment for Satisfaction which is accordingly accepted by this Meeting & **Abiel Gifford** is appointed to read the same in the usual public manner at **Aponeganset** & report to next monthly Meeting.

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

The Friends appointed in the case of **Peleg Sanford Junr** report, that

they have^{not} had^{an} opportunity with him, he not being at home, they are continued in the care of that Matter & report to next m^o Meeting.

One of the Friends appointed to visit **Benj^a Allen 2^d**'s family on his request reports that they have not completed that Service they are continued to do it, by next m^o meeting & to report to the same.

The Friends appointed on **Ebenezer & Mary Chase**'s request, report[t] they have considered thereof, also had an opportunity in their Family to a good degree of Satisfaction & think their Request may be granted, which being considered and the Womens meeting concurring, their Children who were named in the minute of last m^o meeting are received as a Members of this Meeting accordingly.

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

And are as follows.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Daermouth**.
18th of 4th m^o 1791.

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

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

Signed in & on behalf of our said

Meeting by **Caleb Greene** Clerk.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends the 18th of 4th m^o 1791.

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at the great **Nine Partners**

Beloved Friends.

These are to inform you that

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Thomas Rider a youth hath gone to live within the Verge of your Meeting, with **Jonathan Sheldon** as an Apprentice.

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

Signed in and in behalf of this

Meeting by **Caleb Greene** Clerk.

The Friends appointed on **Caleb Greene**'s Certificate report that they^{have} taken the necessary care therein and produced a Certificate signifying his being a member & clearness to proceed in Marriage which was read, & **Thomas Hazard Jun^r** is appointed to sign the same in behalf of this meeting.

The Committee to confer whith that from **Sandwich** m^o meeting & Report as follows.

According to our appointment we have confer'd with the Committee from **Sandwich** m^o meeting, and find that some dissatisfaction has arrisen in their meeting in consequence of our haveing taken Cognizance of the Will of the late **John West** which they suppose is out of our Jurisdiction. And beleaving that our meeting can not easily reconcile their Dissatisfaction it^{is} the united^{sense} of both Committees that it will be safest for our respective meetings to unite in submitting the matter to the decision of friends mutually agreed upon by committees of each meeting.

Sign on behalf of the Committee by

N[ew] Bedford 4th Month 16th 1791.

Benj^a Taber.

which being accepted and the same friends are appointed to attend to that care according to said Report,- and to make report thereof to this meeting when ripe therefor.

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

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

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Thomas Russell hath placed out his Son **Daniel** on Appretice to one (not a Member among Friends) at **Saratoga; & Abiel Gifford** is about to place a Son of his within the Compass of another m^o meeting to one not a member, and desires Friends advice therein, we appoint **Josiah Wood, Phillip Trafford, & Jon^a Hart**, to confer with said Friends & consider of the Cases and report to next m^o meeting.

Zadock Maxfeld Jun^r desires a Certificate to the M^o meeting of **Accoaxet** signifying his cleanness to proceede in Marriage with **Susanna Sowle** a Member if that meeting **William Gifford, & Thomas Mott** are appointed to take the necessary care therein & report to next mo meeting.

This Meeting having received a request from our Meeting
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for Sufferings that Friends will Subscribe for the History of Friends written by **Jn^o Gough**, - and also further the Subscriptions for the Bible now printing by **Isaac Collins**, and inform that the Books ca[l]led Piety Promoted are ready to be delivered,- the Friends formerly appointed to receive Subscriptions for the two last are directed to take the necessary as to them agreeable to the meeting for Sufferings desire, & **Joseph Austin, W^m Gifford, Luthan Wood, & W^m Anthony**, are appointed to receive Subscriptions for **Jn^o Gough's** H[is]tory of Friend & report to next m^o meeting.

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

By the Acct^s presented from the Prepar^a meetings the Repre^{tis}. were from the S^o **Philip Trafford, & Tim^o Howland**.

N^o **John Tucker, & Ab^m Smith**, who being called were all present **George Smith** inform'd this Meeting of the cause of his Absence from last m^o meeting which was accepted. -----

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

The friends appointed informs that **Humphrey Russell's** Acknowledgement has been read as directed.

The Friends in the Case of **Humphrey Shearman** report tha[t] one of them hath had an opportunity with him on that Acco^l & desire the Matter continued which is accordingly continued under their Care ‘till next mo meeting they then to report.

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

The Friends appointed to visit **Benj^a Allen 2^d** & family, report that they have attended thereto & had a solid opportunity in the family & think their is a prospect of religious Education of the Children which meeting the approbation of this Meeting & that of the Women concurring, the Children who are named in the mint of the 3^d m^o last are received as Members of this Meeting.

Gideon Anthony, John Barker, Jesiah Wood Seth Russell Jun & Prince Potter, are appointed to collect money for the M^o meetings
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1791 Stock in the manner we have lately practis’d, paying it to the Treasurer & report
5 m^o the sum so collected at the expiration of each of the next succeeding Quarters.

The Friends app^{td} in the Case of **Thomas Russell, & Abiel Gifford**’s placing out their Sons have made some progress therein but not being completed to the Satisfaction of this meeting, they with **John Howland** are continued to the further care and accomplishment of those Matters & report to next m^o meeting.

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

The N^o Prepar^a meeting requests’ that our M^o meeting may be held part of the Time in future at [New]Bedford. **Joseph Barker, James Davis, Joseph Estes, Benja Smith, Timothy Gifford, Benj^a Taber, Jonathan Hart & Tho^s Hicks**, are appoint’d to unite with those the Women may appoint, consider of said Request & report their sense^{thereon} to next m^o meeting.

The friends appointed report a Certificate for **Zadock Macfeld Jun^r** directed to the mo meeting^{of} **Acoaxet** signifying his right of Membership & clearness to proceed in Marriage, with **Susanna^{Sowle}** a member of that meeting which was read & signed by the Clerk.

Two of the Committee appoin^{ted} some time ago to labour with **Thomas Akin** to inspect^{the} sincerity of his acknowledgement. Report they have taken several solid opportunities with him, that he seldom attends our Religious meetings, & that it appears he frequently partakes too freely of Spiritous Liquors, which case is refered to next m^o meeting.

The Committee to receive subscriptions for **Jn^o Gough**’s History of Friends in that service to report to a future m^o meeting. -----

There being six setts of the Books called Piety promoted belonging to this meeting **John Howland** is directed to sell three setts of them & return the money to our Treasurer & report the ammount to this meeting.

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

The Repres^{vs}, from the Prepar^a. Meetings by the Accots present ed, were from the South **Gideon Howland, & Joseph Tucker**,

North **Benja Taber**, & **Thomas Moot**, all present.

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

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Humphrey Shearman having present a paper condemning his misconduct in having attended as a spectator at a Horse Race^{lt} was read, & **John Howland**, & **Philip Trafford**, are appoint to inspect the sincerity thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

A removal Certificate from **Nantucket** m^o meeting dated 25th 4 m^o, last in behalf of **Thomas Rotch** & **Charity** his Wife was presented read & accepted.

Also removal Certificates from **Saratoga [NY]** m^o meeting of 12th & 4th Month last, in behalf of the Children of **Obadiah Allen** namely **Thomas, James, Prince** & **Sylvanus** & the Children of **Chilion Wood** namely **Charles, Ruth, Chilion, Elizabeth** & **Elisha**, which were read & accepted.

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

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

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

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

The Com^{tee} upon the request of the North Preparative

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ative meeting report they have attended thereto & request further time for deliberation, they are continued therefore to report to next m^o meeting.

The matter reported last m^o respecting **Tho^s Akin** coming again under deliberation with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we deny unity with him, & can no longer continue him a member of our society until he may be favoured to [words erased] return & make friends Satisfaction & **Caleb Greene & W^m Rotch Junr** are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before our next m^o meeting.

A Letter was rec^d from **Saratoga** m^o meeting of 4th m^o last informing that they had received a Complaint against **Obadiah Allen** lately removed within the verge of this meeting for having been guilty of using prophane Language & requesting our labouring with him, therefore on their behalf. Whereupon we appoint **Jon^{ath} Wilbur & Benja Chase** to labour with him on that account & endeavour to convince him of the Inconsistency of his conduct & report to our next m^o meeting.

The Committee in case of **Tho^s Russell & Abial Gifford**'s placing out their Sons report they have attended to their appointment & have wrote to **Saratoga** M^o Meeting requesting their advice^{as} to the suitability of the place for **Tho^s Russell**'s Son to remain at – they are also request'd to apply to **Acoaxet** m^o meeting to request their advice upon the suitability of the place to which **Abiel Gifford**'s son is placed, & when accomplished report to this meeting. -----

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

The Overseers inform through the S^o Preparative meeting that they have Laboured with **John Gifford** to convince him of the Inconsistency of his late conduct in having attend'd a place where was musick & Dancing & joined therein himself, & also for his having been concerned in a Lottery; but^{was} not disposed to make friends Satisfaction, whereupon we appoint **Luthan Wood & Jon^a Wilbur** to labour further with him & report to our next monthly meeting.

A paper was presented thro' the S^o prepa^r Meeting signed **Stephen Sisson**, acknowledging his misconduct in various instances of transgression express his sorrow & desiring friends to pass them by, whereupon we appoint **Joshua Potter**

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and **John Devol**, to labour with him to endeavour to find the sincerity thereof & report to next m^o meeting.

The Com^{ee} app'd to confer with the Com^{tt} from **Sandwich** m^o meeting & likewise to refer the matter of their Dissatisfaction to indifferant Person inform they proceeded according to appointment & produced an **award** from the friends mutually agreed upon which was read & is ac-

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cepted by us. -----

The Queries were read & Answers compiled from those of the two Prepar^a meetings which being approved are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting also an acc^t to said meeting, which being prepared was signed by the Clerk. we appoint **Benj^a Taber, W^m Anthony** & **Zepahniah Edy** to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting. ~

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At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 18th of 7th month, 1791. -----

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thomas Akin of **New Bedford** having been a Member of our religious Society; but for want of a due adherence to the Divine & preserving Principle placed in the Heart of man; he hath given way to^{the} reproachful & destructive Vice of drinking to Excess, even to Intoxication at times and neglected the due attendance of our religious Meetings, whereby he hath brought Disgrace on himself & reproach upon our profession; - & friends having laboured much with him from Time to time to convince & bring him to a sight & sense of his dangerous situation; but without the desired effect of Reforma-

tion.

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

Signed by order & in behalf of said Meeting

Caleb Greene Clerk.

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

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

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Luthan Wood & Jonathan Wilbur inform they have had an opportunity with **John Gifford** in consequence of their appointment & that he did not discover any mind to make satisfaction for his misconduct. - wherefor it is our judgment with the concurrence of the women's meeting, that he be disowned & no longer continued a member of our Society untill he shall be favoured with a sense of his Misconduct & return to our satisfaction & the same friends are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & return to next m^o meeting.

The friends in the Case of **Thomas Russell & Abiel Gifford** not having accomplished the service of their appointment, are continued to report to next m^o meeting.

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

The Representatives Report they attended the Quarterly meeting.

A paper signed **Joseph Hart** was presented through the N^o preparative meeting expressing his sorrow for having attended a place of Military Exercise, whereupon we appoint **Joshua Potter, Joseph Barker, & Thomas Hazard Jun^r**, to labour with him to endeavour to find the sincerity thereof & report to a future monthly Meeting.

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

The Account from the North preparative

Meeting was presented the Representatives therein nam'd were **Abraham Smith** and **John Tucker**, and by information those from the South were **Joseph Estes** and **William Barker jun^f** all present.

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

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

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

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

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

Humphrey Shearman's Acknowledgement being present was read & with some correction accepted & **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to read it in the usual publick manner at **Aponegansett**.

The Clerk informs that the Testamony of the Denial of **Thomas Akin** was read as directed.

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

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting together with the Extracts from said Meeting's minutes was read; - And the Salutary & Weightly Advices thereby communicated; meets the solid Attention of this Meeting which we desire may continue with us.

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

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

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

The Friends appointed in **Obadiah Allen's** Case report that they have had had a solid Opportunity with him to some Satisfaction, yet they are continued with **Benjamin Allen 2^d & William Anthony**, take a solid opportunity with, inspect his conduct for further proof of his Sincerity & report to next Monthly meeting.

The Friends appointed to inform **John Gifford** of his Denial report that they Informed him accordingly to appointment & produced a Testimony thereof, which was read & signed by the Clerk & is as follows.

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

Signed in and by order of said meeting.

Caleb Greene Clerk.

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

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The Committee in the Case of **Abiel Gifford's** placing out his Son report that they have attended **Acoaxet** Monthly meeting & conferred with them on the suitability of the place & they with a Committee from said meeting were united in Judgment that the place was suitable for the Yoth to remain at, which is to the Satisfaction of this Meeting.

Abiel Gifford gave in a Paper acknowledging his misconduct in to far proceeding in placing out his Son to one not a mem-

ber without the Meetings Advice, & it appearing that he is sincere in condemning it, his paper is received for Satisfaction.

The Friends in the care of **Stephen Sison** having again visited are of opinion that it had best^{be} continued, it is accordingly referred under their care to our next Monthly Meeting.

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

Our Treasurer is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer £4, 16/2 our proportion of the Yearly Meeting Stock & report to this Meeting.

Through the N^o Preparative meeting was received a paper subscribed **Samuel Potter** expressing his Sorrow for having attended a place of Musick & Dancing & a Marriage out of our Order also for having attended a Horse race & desiring Friends to pass by his offence, where upon we appoint **W^m Tripp, Joseph Barker & Jonathan Hart** to visit him & endeavoured to find his sincerity therein & report at our next Monthly meeting.

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

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** 19th of 9th Month 1791. The

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The Representatives from the Preparative meeting by the Accounts presented were From the South **Jseph Tucker & Josep Estes** from the North **Abraham Smith & Jonathan Hart** all present.

Thomas Hicks informs that the Testimony of **Clark Ricketson's Deniel & Humphrey Shearman's** Acknowlegment have been^{both} read as directed.

The Committee in the Case of **Obadiah & Eliphel Butler's** Acknowledgement report they have had several solid opportunitys with to some Satisfaction, & think considering all the circumstances their Acknowledgement may be received, after deliberate consideration & with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we receive it for Satisfaction & **Caleb Greene** is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at **Bedford**.

The Committee in the Case of **Obadiah Allen** report that they have had a solid opportunity with him & received so much Satisfaction, that they think he is sincere in his acknowledgement

wherefore it is our Judgment it may be safe to be accepted for satisfaction & the Clerk is directed to forward said Acknowledgement with a copy of this Minute to **Saratoga** Monthly Meeting in Answer to their Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Consideration of the matter respecting **Perry Smith** reffered from last M^o meeting coming before us, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, we deny unity with & can no longer own him a member of our Society untill he shall be favoured to^{make} friends Satisfaction & **John Howland** & **John Barker** are appointed to inform hereof & prepare a Testimony of his deniel & lay before our next Monthly meeting.

The Tresurer informs he has forward our proportion of the yearly meeting's Stock to their Treasurer.

The Queries were read with Answers from the prepar-

ative meetings with others compiled therefrom which
with an account from this meeting is directed to the
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Quarterly meeting.

William Anthony, Thomas Hicks, John Howland, Jonathan Hart, & Thomas Hazard Jun^r, are appointed our Representatives to the next Quarterly Meeting with our account they to report to next Monthly Meeting.

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

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

The North Preparative meeting having made a Proposition to this Meeting for our application to the Quarterly Meeting for a division of our Monthly meeting, which having here in been Solidly deliberated upon, the further Consideration thereof is refered to next Monthly Meeting.

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

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women's meeting^{having} concluded this matter is refered to next Monthly Meeting.

Gideon Howland the 2^d requested the advice of this meeting respecting placing out his son we appoint **Joseph Austin, John Howland**

& **Benjamin Taber** to confer with him & give him such advice therein as they may think necessary & report to this meeting when ready.

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

This Meetings Audit report they have settled our accounts with the Treasurer & find a balance in Our favour the 7th of the present month 13[£]..2^s..1^d.

10th Month

At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** 17th of the 10th month 1791.

The Accounts from the Preparative meetings be presented the Representatives thereby appearing are **Abiel Gifford** & **W^m Barker Jun^r** from the South & from the North **John Howland** & **Edmund Maxfeld** all present.

Caleb Greene informs that the paper of acknowledgement of **Obadiah** & **Eliphel Butler** has been read as directed & that he has forward the minute of our last monthly meeting respecting **Obadiah Allen** with his acknowledgement as directed.

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

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

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A removal Certificate from **Providence** Monthly Meeting 24th of 8th Month in behalf of **Amy Greene** wife of **Caleb** was received read & accepted.

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

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

The complaint respecting **Benjamin Gidley** being again broug under consideration with the concurrence of the Women's meeting we deny unity with him & can no longer continue

him a member of our Society untill he shall be favoured to return to^{the} Satisfaction of this meeting & **Jonathan Wilbur**[^] & **Luthan Wood**[^] are appointed to inform him of his denial & prepare a Testimony thereof a lay before our next m^o meeting.

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

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

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

Said Testimony is as Follows.

Christopher Slocum the 2^d having had a Right of Membership with Friends, hath so far departed from the principles we profess as much to neglect the attendance of our Religious Meetings, used prophane Languag at times, & has fallen into the sin of Fornication as appears by his Wife having a Child so soon after marriage, for all which Transgressions, Friends having Labour-
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ed with him in love to convince him of the evil of such conduct without the desired effect, whereupon we are constrained to deny unity with him, for the Clearing of our Testimony, & can no longer own him a member of our Religious Society untill he shall be favoured to return & make Satisfaction to this Meeting, which that he may is our desire.

Signed by order & on behalf of **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting the 17th of the 10th Month 1791. **Caleb Greene** Clerk
Thomas Hicks not having read the Acknowledgement of **Jedediah Allen** is continued to that service.

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

By information throug the So Preparative Meeting & to this meeting, are informed that **Barnabas Shepherd** request a Certificate of his clearness to proceed in marriage with **Mercy Magoon** to the M^o meeting at **Pembroke**, whereupon we appoint **Jonathan Wilbur** & **Thomas Hicks**, to inspect his clearness respecting Marriage & if clear prepare a Certificate & lay before our next m^o meeting.

The appointment of a Treasurer being refered to this meeting, we appoint **Luthun Wood** to that office, & **Caleb Barker** is desired to deliver him the Books & Papers belonging to this Office & pay him the balance due to this meeting as reported last month say £13.2.1. & our Audit are request-
ed to see to the proper transferring of them all from the

former to the present Treasurer & report when so done.

This meeting is informed through the So. Preparative meeting that **Rescome Kerby** has fallen into the sin of Fornication. Whereupon we deny unity with & can no longer own him a me[m]ber of our Society untill he shall be favoured to return to a sense of his outgoing & make Satisfaction to this meeting & **Benjamin Allen** ^{2d} & **Luthun Wood** are appointed to inform hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & lay before our next M^o meeting.

A paper was received through the South Preparative meeting signed **Ebenezer Allen** ^{2d} condemning his misconduct in attending a place where was music & Dancing & joning therewith also for having used prophane Language & Desiring friends to pass it by wherefore we appoint

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William Anthony & Philip Trafford to visit him & endeavour to find the sincerity of his acknowledgement a report to a future m^o meeting.

Through the South Preparative meeting was presented two papers one from **Collins Smith** expressing his Sorrow for having attended a place wher was musick & dancing & Joining therewith, the other from **Lemuel Barker** condemning his misconduct in attending a Horse Race & both desiring friends to pass by the[ir] Offence; whereupon we appoint **Abiel Gifford, & Gideon Howland** to visit them & endeavoured to find the Sincerity of their Acknowledgments & report to a future m^o meeting.

The year for which the Overseers were appoint^d being expired the same are continued untill our next meeting & the appointment of others is refered to that Time.

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

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

William Rotch Jun^r, Jonathan Hart, Jonathan Wilbur, Joseph Tucker, Benjamin Taber, Timothy Gifford, John Tucker, & William Anthony, are appointed Overseers for the Year ensuing or till others may be appointed.

The Committee in cases of **Collins Smith & Lemuel Barker** Report they have taken opportunity with each of them to some Satisfaction, but desiring that they may be benifitted by further Labour, they are continued to those

services & to report at next m^o meeting.

The Friends appointed in the Case of **Stephen Sisson** report[t] that they have informed him of his Denial, & produced a Testimony thereof which was read, & after some amendment signed by the Clerk, & **Tho^s Hicks** is appointed to read the same in the usual public manner at **Aponeganset** & report to next m^o meeting.

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said Testimony is as follows, vizt.

Whereas **Stephen Sisson** having had his Education among us the People called Quakers but he having so far deviated therefrom as to attend a Horse Race & has been concerned in a Lottery & attend^{ed} a place where was Musick &c, also gamed at Cards, also hath married out of the order Established among us for which he hath been laboured with, but he not giving Satisfaction, therefore this Meeting gives this forth as a public Testimony against him denying him a right of membership with us, desiring that he may come to a true sight & sense of his present State & be favoured to find a place of true repentance.

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

Signed on & on behalf of said Meeting

Caleb Greene Clerk.

Wm Gifford informs that the Testimony of **Joseph Harts** denial has been read.

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

The Friends appointed in the Case [of] **Benj^a Gidley** report that he has been informed of his Denial, & produced a Testimony thereof which being approved was signed by the Clerk & **W^m Anthony**^{is} app^{oint}ed to read it in the usual publick manner at **Aponeganset** & report to next m^o meeting - which Testimony is as follows

Whereas **Benjamin Gidley** having had a right of membership among Friends [&] under the Case of this meeting but by not adhering to the dictates of Truth, & giving way
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to the Temptations of the Enemy, hath fallen into the reproa[ch]
ful Sin of Fornication as appears by the Accusation of
Sarah Howland he not clearing himself therefrom therefore
for the clearing of Truth & Friends from the Reproach there
of, this meeting is concernd to give forth this Testimony again[st]
such unwar^antable conduct hereby denying unity with him
& can no longer own him as Member of our Religious society
untill he shall be favoured to return & make(Friends) Satisfaction
to this meeting which is our desire.

Signed in and on behalf of **Dartmouth**[^]monthly meeting this
21st Day of the 11th M^o 1791. **Caleb Greene** Clerk.

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

W^m Anthony & Thos Hicks inform that the Testimony of **Chri^t**
Slocum Jun^r's Denial, & Acknowledgement of **Jed^h Allen**
has been read as directed.

The proposal for a Division of our m^o meeting being again broug[ht]
under consideration, after solid Deliberation, we conclude to sub
mit the matter to the advice of the Quarterly Meeting.

A Certificate in Behalf of **Barnabas Shepherd** to the m^o meet-
ing at **Pembroke** certifying his clearness respecting marriage
was presented by the Friends appt^d read approved & signed
by the Clerk.

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

Whereas **Restcome Kirby** having had his Education a-
mong Friends in membership with this meeting, but by
disregarding the Testimony of Truth in his own mind & giv-
ing way to the Insinuations of the Enemy, hath so far de-
parted from his Profession & the Testimony we bear as to
fall into the reproachful sin of Fornication as appears

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by his Wife's having a Child so soon after marriage therefore
for the clearing of Truth & Friends from the Reproach of such
enormities this meet^{ing} is concerned to give this forth as a Pub-
lic Testimony[^]against the same hereby disowning him the said **Rest-**
come Kerby from being any[^]longer a member of this meeting untill
by unfeigned repentance he shall be restored to the way of
Truth, given forth at our monthly meeting of **Dartmouth**
21st 11 m^o 1791 & signed on behalf thereof

Caleb Greene Clerk.

The Com^{tee} in Case of **Eben Allen** 2^d report they have had an
opportunity with him to some degree of Satisfaction but think
he case had better be continued, it is accordingly continu-

ed under the same Friends care to report at next m^o meeting.

The Friends appointed Report that the Matter which came from the last Yearly meeting as Discipline^{is} inserted in each of the four Books of Discipline belonging to this Meeting.

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

30th Day met according to adjournment.

The Representatives all present.

The Auditors report that the Books & Papers together with the Balance of £13.2.1 have been all transferred from the last to the present Treasurer.

Friends in **Allen's Neck** request to hold Meetings there the ensuing Winter Season, which being considered we app^t **Caleb Russell Wm Gifford, Joseph Estes, Jos. Barker & W^m Rotch Jun^r** a Committee to visit the Requesters, consider further of said Request & report to next m^o meeting.

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

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

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The S^o Preparative Meeting in their accon[^]ut in form, that **David Briggs** hath Married out of the Order of Frien[ds] after being precautions by the Overseers, whereupon we deny unity with him & can no longer Consider him a Member of our Society & **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to inform him hereof & report to next m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform through the N^o Preparative meeting that **Ahijah Shearman** hath proceeded in Marriage with one not a Member of our Society & his absence from home presented[prevented] their cheating[treating] with before Marriage that they have since ha[d] an opportunity with him; but did not find him in a suitable Situation to make Friends Satisfaction for his Departure from our wholesome order which Case is deferred till next m^o meeting for further Consideration.

A Certificate from **Providence**[**Providence RI**] Mo Meeting 26th of 10th m^o in behalf of **Benj^a Potter** returned from **Smithfield**[**Woonsocket, Providence Co RI**] was read & accepted. The Overseer inform through the N^o Preparative meeting that **Nicholas Smith** hath attended a place of Military Exercise & also a Marriage out of the Order of our Society also that **Seth Potter** has attended a Marriage out of the order of Friends for which they have been treat'd with, but they did not appear disposed to condemn their disorderly Conduct; Whereupon we appoint **W^m Gifford, John Deval & Joseph Barker** to visit them & endeavour to convince them of the Inconsistency of their conduct and report to our next m^o meeting.

A Letter was received from **Saratoga**[**Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co NY**] m^o meeting for the 9th m^o

last, informing that they had by request of our Committee inspected the place where **Daniel Russell** son of **Thomas** is placed as an Apprentice & do not think it a Suitable place for him to remain at, also^{^that} our care towards him is much wanting: Whereupon we appoint **Luthan Wood, Tho^s Hicks, & Peleg Gifford** to consider the Case & report their Judgment thereupon to next m^o meeting.

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The Committee for Collection report they have collected & paid the Treasurer £5.18.3.

The Quarterly Meeting having concluded to establish a fund or Stock for its use have requested us to forward our proportion thereof £7.15. Whereupon we appoint **Jo^s Austin, Gideon Howland, John Deval, Tim^o Howland, & Benja Allen 2^d** to open Subscriptions for the said sum also for the M^o Meeting's stock for the Six succeeding Months.

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

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

Our friend **Abiel Gifford** informs this Meeting that he has thoughts of going as far as **Saratoga**[**Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co NY**] on business to Visit his Relations, he

being a Member in Unity; this Meeting approves thereof & the Clerk is requested to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute.

Thos Hicks is app^{^oint}ed to join the Committee in the case of **Benj^a Howland 3^d** in the place of **Abiel Gifford** who is bound from home.

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mouth the 19th of the 12th m^o 1791.

By the Accounts presented from the Preparative Meetings the Representatives therein named were from the S^o **Philip Trafford, & Joseph Barker** N^o **Thomas Hazard jun^r & Jethro Russell** who were called & all present.

One of the Friends appointed in the Case of **Collins Smith & Lemuel Barker** reported that he had an Opportunity with **Lemuel** only, and as the other friend is gone from home the Cases are deferred 'till next m^o meeting under the same friends Care together with **John Howland** they to report to next m^o meeting Two of the Com^e in Case of **Samuel Potter** not being present that case is continued under their case[care] to report at next m^o meeting.

Thomas Hicks & W^m Anthony report that
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The Testimony's of the denial of **Stephen Sisson, Benja Gidley, & Rastcome Kirby** have been read as directed.

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

The Committee in the Case of **Eben^r Allen 2^d** desiring a continuation of that matter: the Case is continued under their Care to report at next m^o meeting.

The Com^{tee} to visit Friends in **Allen's Neck** report that they have had a Solid opportunity with most of the Friends who requested [^] the liberty of holding meetings and think it may be safe for their request to be granted, wherefore they have liberty to have[hold]

meetings on each first & fifth Days except the fifth Days of the Week in which our monthly & Preparative Meetings^{^may} be held; ^{^until[with] the mo meeting in the 4th mo to be holden} one Month at **Elijah Giffords** & the remaining time at such

house or houses as the Committee may think: & we appoint **Joseph Tucker, Timothy Gifford, Joseph Barker, Tho^s Hicks & Philip Trafford & Joseph Estes** to have the care of said meeting & to report when their service may be accomplished.

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

An Extract from the Minutes of the last Quarterly meeting was received & is a[as] follows.

A concern being manifested in this meeting on account of the many deficiencies which still prevail among us after solid deliberation; we recommend to the Several Monthly Meetings to take this subject under weighty consideration & if way should open, that they appoint solid

& exemplary Friends to proceed in the Ability that Truth may afford to visit friends in their several Families & endeavour to stir up our Members to more solid attention to the several branches of our Christian Testimony. And the weighty consideration thereof is referred to our next m^o meeting.

Thos Hicks reports he has informed **David Briggs** of his Denial according to appointment.

The consideration of the case of **Ahijah Shearman** coming again before us, with the Concurrence of the

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

Two of the Committee in the Cases of **Nicholas Smith** & **Seth Potter** inform that^{they} have had solid opportunities with them & think it best their Cases be deferred, they are accordingly continued to the Care thereof to report to next m^o meeting.

The Committee appointed last mo. meeting produced a Letter for the Monthly meeting of **Saratoga[Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co NY]**, which being approved was signed

by the Clerk & is as follows,

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

To the Monthly meeting of Friends held at **Saratoga[Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co NY]**.

Dear Friends

We received your Letter dated 22^d & 23^d of the 9th M^o last, & observe your kind care respecting **Daniel Russell**, and have considered that Case; and it is our Desire that you will further extend your brotherly Care over him and labour with him as you may see necessary on our behalf and inform us of your care & Labour therein as soon as may be.

With Affectionate Regard we are your Friends & Brethren
Signed on behalf of our said Meeting by

Caleb Greene Clerk.

The S^o Prep^a meeting informs that the Overseers have treated with **Samuel Gifford** on account of his laying a Wager upon a Horse Race but did not give them Satisfaction, whereupon we appoint **Tim^o Howland, Philip Trafford & Luthan Wood** to labour further with him, to endeavour^{him} of the inconsistency of his conduct & report to next m^o meeting.

Tho^s Russell presented a paper^{of} acknowledgement his having Inconsiderately consented to his Son **Daniels** going to live with another Son who is not a Member of Society without the advice of Friends also for having been at a House where was a Marriage out of the order of Friends condemning those disorders & desiring Friends to pass by his offence, whereupon we appoint **Ab^m Smith, Thos Hicks, Peleg Gifford, & Luthan Wood**, to take a solid opportunity with him to in-

spect the sincerity thereof & also to see that he does what is in his Power to have his son **Daniel** returned or removed to a more suitable place & report to next m^o meeting.

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1st Mon^t At our Monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 16th of 1st m^o 1792.

The Representatives named in the Accot^s presented from the Preparative meetings were from the the South **John Barker & Jesiah Wood**. North **John Howland & John Deval**. who being called were all present.

The Representatives of last monthly agreeable to direction proposed the appointment of **Caleb Greene** Clerk & **W^m Rotch Jun^r** assistant, they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing Year or 'till another appointment.

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

The Subject recommended from our last Quarterly Meeting being again brought under Consideration & after solid deliberation thereon, we appoint **Benj^a Taber, Joseph Tucker James Davis, Jonathan Hart, W^m Anthony, John Howland, Caleb Greene, W^m Rotch Jun^r & Thomas Hicks**, to visit the members of this Meeting in their Families and to labour as Truth may open the Way, & as far as that may open & Ability afforded to stir up Friends to more solid Attention to the Several branches of our Christian Testimony,- & to encourage & strengthen the labourers among us, in order that the Deficiencies which sill[still] prevail may be removed.

The Friends in the Case of **Ebenezer Allen Jun^r** report that that they have had another solid opportunity with him to some degree of Satisfaction, & felt a willingness his acknowledgement should be accepted, but he not being present the Case is refered under the same Friends care to next m^o meeting.

Ab^m Smith reports he has wrote to **Ahijah Shearman**

man informing him of his Denial.

The com^{tee} in the cases of **Nicholas Smith & Seth Potter**, not having had an opportunity with them are continued to that service to report to next m^o meeting and **Zepheniah Edy** is appointed to unite with them.

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

The com^{tee} in the Case of **Collins Smith** report that two of them have had an opportunity with him, but think it best to visit him again wherefore they are continued to that service & to report at next m^o meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of **Samuel Potter** report they have had several opportunities with him & think the State of his mind is such that it is not safe for his acknowledgement to be accepted wherefore we deny unity with him & can no longer own him a Member of our Society untill he may be favoured to return to our Satisfaction & the same Friends are appointed to inform him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & return to next M^o meeting.

Acknowledgements were received thro' the S^o Preparative Meeting signed by **John Howland** son of **Benj^a W^m Smith** **Benj^a Howland Smith & Samuel Smith Jun^r** condemning their misconduct for having attended Horseraces & desiring to pass by their offences whereupon we appoint **Abiel Gifford, Joseph Estes, Benjamin Allen 2^d John Barker & John Howland**, to visit them & endeavour to find the sincerity of their acknowledgement & report to next m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform thro' the So Preparative Meeting that they have laboured with **Stephen Howland** on ac^t of his having attended at a Horserace & laid a Wager thereon, also his being published in order for Marriage out of the order Friends - Also that they have laboured with **Tho^s Howland** son of **Abner** dec^d. on acc^t of his having attended a horserace & likewise laid a Wager thereon but found no Satisfaction from them, whereupon we appoint **George Smith & Zeph^h Eddy** to visit them & endeavour to convince them of the

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Inconsistency of their Misconduct & report thereon to next m^o meeting.

The Overseers inform through the So Preparative Meeting that **Philip Russell** hath so far departed from the Good or order established among us, as to attend a place where was Musick & Dancing at

so at a Horserace but did not appear in a State of mind to condemn his misconduct, whereupon we appoint **Peleg Gifford, & W^m Barker** to labour further with him, & endeavour to convince him of the Inconsistency of his conduct therein & report to next m^o meeting.

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20 of the 2^d month 1792.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings were from the South **Joseph Estes & Caleb Barker, N^o Seth Russell & John Tucker** all present except **John Tucker** who is absent thro' Indisposition of Body. The Com^{tee} in the Case of **Samuel Gifford** report that they have hath a solid opportunity with him to good Satisfaction & he having presented a paper condemning his misconduct for having laid a Wager upon a Horserace & desiring Friends to pass by his Offence the further consideration thereof is refered to next m^o meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of **Peleg Sanford** report they have visited him to good Satisfaction & think his acknowledgement may be safely received whereupon it is accepted for Satisfaction & **W^m Anthony** is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at **Aponaganset** & report to next m^o meeting.

The Case of **Ebenezer Allen 2^d** being refered to this meeting & he being now present his paper is accepted for Satisfaction & **Thos Hicks** is appointed to read it in the usual public manner at **Aponaganset** & report to next m^o meeting.

Two of the Com^{tee} appointed last mo report they have visited **Benj^a Howland Smith & Samuel Smith Jun^r**. & found so much Satisfaction that they think the m^o meeting may receive their acknowledgements whereupon after deliberation we accept them for Satisfaction & **Jon^a Wilbur** is appt^d to read them in the usual public manner at **Aponaganset** & report to next m^o meeting.

Two others of said Com^{tee} report they have had an opportunity with
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W^m Briggs but did not find much Satisfaction from the State of his mind. & that he is now gone to Sea, wherefore that matter is refered under their care they to report at a future m^o meeting.

The Com^{tee} in the Case of **Collins Smith** report they have visited him & laboured in much love to show the Inconsistency of his conduct both with respect to his former transgression & also in having since attended a Horserace & that their Visit was attended with Satisfaction & he having presented another paper condemning both transgressions but he not being now present his case is refered under the same Friends care they to visit him again if they think needful & report at next m^o meeting.

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

The Com^{tee} appointed last m^o recommend the appointment of a Committee to have the care & directions of having such Epistles & papers

as are necessary recorded at this meetings expence whereupon we ap-
point **Benj^a Taber, Abm Smith, Benj^a Allen 2^d, Luthan Wood &
W^m Rotch Jun^r.**

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

A Certificate from **Saratoga[Saratoga Springs,Saratoga Co NY]** m^o meeting dated 19th last
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received in behalf of **Chilon Wood** expressing his clearness respect
ing marriage engagement with them.

Chilon Wood & Lelis Gifford appeared in this meeting and declared their
intentions of Marriage with each other they having consent of Parents are
referred to next m^o meeting for Answer,

The Comt^e in the Case of **Samuel Potter** not having informed
him of his Denial are continued to accomplished the service of their
appointment & report to next m^o meeting.

The Committee in the Cases of **Stephen Howland & Jo^s Howland** inform
they have laboured with them but found no disposition to make Satis-
faction & that **Stephen** has married out of the order of Friends, wherefore
its our Judgment that they be disowned & no longer considered mem-
bers of our Society untill they shall be favoured to return to friends

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Sisfaction & the same friends are appointed to prepare Testimonies
of their denial inform them thereof and report to next m^o meeting.

The Committee in the care of **Nicholass Smith & Seth Potter**
inform they have had an opportunity with **Nicholass Smith** but
desire Continuance of his case, it is accordingly Continued under their
care, they to report next m^o meeting they likewise inform they have
had an oppertunity with **Seth Potter** and Indeavour,^d to Convence him
of the inconsistancy of his Conduct and also for his having attending
a place of Entainment where was musick and dancing, but that
he did not in any dispostion to Condemn his misconduct, wherefore
it is our judgment that he be Disowned and no longer deemed a
member of our Society untill he shall be favour,^d to return to our
Satisfaction and the same friends are Desired to Inform them[him] hereof
and prepare a Testimony of his Deniel and lay befor next m^o meeting.

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

The South Preparative meeting Informs that **Peleg Gifford**

Abiel Gifford and **W^m Barker Jr.** requests Removel Certificates to the monthly meeting of **Saratoga**[**Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co NY**], in behalf of themselves and famelies at **Cambrig**, within which **Peleg Giffor**[**Gifford**] has removed and the others about to Remove, wherefore we appoint **Joseph Tucker Gideon Howland Luthan Wood** and **Jonathn Willbur** to Inspect the Clearness of those friends as respects their removels and if clear prepare Certificates therefor and lay before next monthly meeting.

This meeting is Inform,^d through the South preparative meetng that **William Smith** hath attended a horsrace and deviated from the plainness of our profession in his dress, for all which he has been labour,^d with, without the Desired whereupon we appoint **Luthan Wood** and **Philip Trafford** to labour further with him and endeavour to covince him of the inconsistancy of Such practices and report to next m^o meeting.

John Howland Informs he has Sold the three Setts of Piety promoted left with him for that purpose and has paid the amount thereof to the treasurer which was £1-14^s-0^d

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At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 19th of 3rd mo 1792 the accounts from the preparative meetings being present the Representatives are from the South **Zephaniah Eddy** & **Timothy Giffor**[**Gifford**] N: **Abraham Smith** & **W^m Gifford** all present

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The case of **Samu^{^e}l Gifford** and **Collins Smith** coming again under consideration and they being both present their acknowledgments are received for satisfac[^]tion and **William Anthony** is appointed to read them in the usual publick manner at **Ponaganset**.

To the monthly meeting to be held 20th 2^{mo} 1792
Beloved friends whereas I Some time past did inconsiderately lay a wager on a hors race which I am now Sorry for and do Condemn it Desiring friends may pass by my offence and let me remain under your watchfull care from your friend **Samuel Gifford**

To the Monthly Meeting of friends to be held in **Dartmouth** the twentieth Second month A:D:1792
Whereas I Some time past hapen^{'d} to a house where there was musick and Dancing and likewise to a horsrace and I Joined with them in it which conduct I am very Sorry for and do Condemn hoping that I shall be So far favoured as not to be guilty of the like again Desiring friends to pass it by So far as to let me remain under their care these from your well wishing friend **Collins Smith**
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John Howland son of **Benj^a** not being present his case is refer,^d to or continued unto next m^o meeting under the Same friends care.

The friends who were appointed, Inform that Several papers of acknowledgment of **Peleg Sandford Ebenezer Allen 2nd Benja Howland Smith & Samuel Smith J^{ur}** have been all publickly read.

E. Allen

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~~At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**
the 16th the 4th month 1792.
the Representatives from the Preparative meeting by the
accounts presented were from the South **Luthan Wood** and
W^m Anthony from the North **The^s Rotch & W^m Wood** who
being Called were all present Except **The^s Rotch** for whose absence
a satisfactory reason was given~~

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

To the monthly meeting of friends in **Dartmouth**.
Whereas Sometime past I inconsideratly kept too much unprofitable
company & was Several times where there was musick & Dancing thereby
brought a reproach upon truth and our profession for which misconduct
of mine I am sorry for & do Condemn Desiring friends would so far pass
it by as to bet[let] me remain under their Care Desiring that I may be
preserved in fater[later] in a more blameless conduct.

Dartmouth 3^{mo} 1791

Peleg Sandford

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