

This meeting unites with the Womens meeting in Denying Unity with **Elisabeth Shepherd** [**Shepherd**]<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> --- --- ----

The friends appointed to Inform **Samuel Potter** of his Denial report, that he<sup>s</sup> been Inform,d thereof & Produced a testimony of his Denial which being approved was Signed by the Clarc and **William Gifford** is appointed to read it in the Usual publick man =nor at **Newtown** and report to next monthly meeting - -

The Committee in the case of **Nicholass Smith** reports that they have laboar,<sup>d</sup> with him both on the account of the Complaint against him also for his being in the practice of Retailing Spiritous Liquors but he Did not appear in a Disposition of mind to Condemn his outgoings, and after Solid deliberation the matter is referd to next monthly meeting under the Care of **John Howland** and **Joseph Austin** they then to report

**Chilion Wood** and **Lilis Gifford** appear in this meeting and Declar,<sup>d</sup> the Continuar,d of their Intentions of marriage desiring our Answer & no Obstruction appearing they are allowed to Proceed & **Jonathan Willbur** and **Timothy Howland** are appointed to attend their marriage to See that it be orderly Solemnized and report to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

**Thomas Allen** and **Judith Keerby** appear,d in this meeting and declar,<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking each other in marriage whereupon we appoint **Timothy Gifford** and **Luthan Wood** to Inspect **Tho**<sup>s</sup> Clearness respecting marraige and report next mo<sup>th</sup> meeting

A Testimony of **Seth Potters** Denial being presented by the friends appointed who have Inform,<sup>d</sup> him of his Denial, was read approvd and Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clark & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is appointed to read it in the usual publick mannor at **Newtown** & is as followeth

**Seth Pother** [**Potter**] having a right as a member of our Society hath by not attending to the light of the Spirit of truth placed in the hert of man so far Departed from the Testimony we profess as to attend an Entertainment where was musick & Dancing & likewise a marriage held out of our order & we have laboar,<sup>d</sup> with him to Convince him of the Evil & inconsistency of Such Condu<sup>t</sup> [conduct] but our labour of love not having the Desir<sup>d</sup> Effect therefore ~~for the~~ we give this forth as a publick Testimony Disown -ing him the S<sup>d</sup> **Seth Potter** from being any longer a member of our Society untill he Shall be favour,<sup>d</sup> with a Sight of his outgoings & Condemn the Same to our Satisfaction which is our desire

Given forth at our mo meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19 the 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1792 & Sign,<sup>d</sup> in behalf of this meete by

**Caleb Green** Clark

The Committee appointed report they have informed **Stephen Howland** of his Denial and produced a testimony of said Denials of **Stephen Howland** and **Thomas Howland** which being approv,<sup>d</sup> was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to read them in the Publick usual manner at **aponiganset** previous to which the Same Committee are requested to Inform **Tho<sup>s</sup> Howland** of his Denial

The Committee in the case of **Philip Russell** report they have taken an Oppertunity with him and think his case had best be refer,<sup>d</sup> it is accordingly refer,<sup>d</sup> under the Same friends care to next monthly meeting

A Removal Certificate was presented by the friends appointd for that Service in behalf of **Peleg Gifford** and **Alice** his wife Directed to **Saratoga** mo- meeting which being approv,<sup>d</sup> was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clark, and the Same frends are Continued to the care of preparing Certificates for **Abiel Gifford & W<sup>m</sup> Barker** and their famelies and to present when ready –

The Committee in the Case of **William Smith** inform they have made Some progress by a viset to him & think best the matter be refer,<sup>d</sup> it is accordingly continued under their care to next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

We are Inform,<sup>d</sup> through the South Preparative meeting that **Joh Barker** Requests a Certificate for him Self<sup>&f</sup>amely to **Saratoga** mo meeting he being about to remove to **Cambridge**, where upon we appoint **Zephaniah Eddy** and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** to Inspect **John**'s Clearness as respects his removal and if Clear prepare a Certificate and lay before<sup>a</sup> futer next monthly meeting

The Queries were read with Answers from Each Preparative meeting together with general Answers Compild therefrom

one of the Committee to receive Subscriptions report he has rais,<sup>d</sup> and paid the treasurer (viz) for the Quarterly mee<sup>i</sup> Stock 5<sup>£</sup>=17<sup>s</sup>=5<sup>d</sup> and for the monthly meeting Stock 1<sup>£</sup>-14<sup>s</sup>-5<sup>d</sup> and our treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly meeting<sup>s</sup> treasurer our proportion of that Stock

An account to accompany the Answers to the Queries was prepar,<sup>d</sup> which being approv,<sup>d</sup> was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Clark we appoint **Joseph Tucker James & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to attend the Insuing Quarterly meeting

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the  
 4<sup>mo</sup> 1792 16<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>mo</sup> 1792

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the accounts presented were from the South **Luthan Wood** and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** from the North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Rotch** and **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** who being called were all present Except **Tho<sup>s</sup> Rotch** whose absence a Satisfactory reason was given

The friends appointed report the acknowledgment of **Colins Smith & Samuel Giford** was read as orderd - also that the testimony of Denials of **Samuel & Seth Potter** and **Stephen Howland** and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Howland** have all been read also that **Tho<sup>s</sup> Howland** was Inform,<sup>d</sup> of his Denial as orderd

Whereas **Samuel Potter** hath had a Right of membership amongst us the people Called Quakers but through Inattention to the Spirit of truth in his own heart hath So far departed from our wholsom order asto attend a place of musick & dancing & also hath attended a horsrace & a marriage held out of the order of friends & friends having labour,<sup>d</sup> with him from time to time in order to Convince him of the Evil tendency of Such Conduct but our labour hath not had the desir,<sup>d</sup> affect therefore we give this forth as a publick testimony against all Such Conduct & can no longer own him a member of our Society untill he Shall be favour,<sup>d</sup> to See the Evil thereof and make Satisfaction by amendment of life which is our Desire  
 Given forth by our mo meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup> 1792

Signed in & on behalf of Said meeting by **Caleb Green** Clerk

Whereas **Stephen Howland** hath had a birthright among friends & under the Care of this meeting but hath So far departed from the rules of our Society as to marry out from among friends also attended a horsrace & laid a wager all which being Conterary to the principals we profess & friends having labour,<sup>d</sup> with him in love to Convince him of the inconsistancy of his misconduct but our labour not obt: =aining its Desir,<sup>d</sup> Effect therefore for the Clearing truth and friends from the reproach thereof we are Concern,<sup>d</sup> to give this forth as a publick testimony against Such Condu[ct] hereby denying unity with the Said **Stephen Howland** untill he Shall be favour,<sup>d</sup> to See the Evill tendency thereof & Condem S<sup>d</sup> misconduct to friends Satisfaction which is our Desire Given forth & Sign,<sup>d</sup> in & on behalf of our mo meeting of friends in **Dart<sup>mo</sup>** the 19 y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup> 1792 -- -- -- by --- --- **Caleb Green** Clerk -----

Whereas **Tho<sup>s</sup> Howland** hath had a birthright among friends & under the Care of this meeting, but hath So far departed from the rules of our Society as to attend a horsrace & laid a wager which being Conterary to the principals we profess & friends having labour,<sup>d</sup> with him in love to Convince him of the Evil tendency of Such <sup>^</sup>misConduct but our labour not obtaining the Desird Effect therefore for the Clearing truth & friends from the reproach thereof we are Concern,<sup>d</sup> to give this forth as a publick testimony against Such Conduct hereby Denying Unity with the Said **Tho<sup>s</sup> Howland** untill he Shall be be favourd to See the Evill thereof & Condemn the Same to friends Satisfaction which is our Desire

Given forth & Signd in & on behalf of  
 our mo meeting of friends held in **Dart**  
 the 19 - 3<sup>mo</sup> 1792 **Caleb Green** Clerk

This meeting is Inform,<sup>d</sup> that **John Howland** Son of **Benjamin** has gone to Sea wherefore his case is Continued under the care of **John Howland** and **Josep Estes** two of the former Committee in that case

The friends in the Care of **Nicholas Smith** Inform that they have had a Solid oppertunit with him & although their labours have not had the Desired Effect, yet we think best the care be Continued under the care of the Same friends untill next mo meeting they to labour further therein as way my open

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of **Chilon Wood** Report they attended accordingly and that it was orderly Conducted and the Certificate was Deliver,<sup>d</sup> to the Clerk for recording

The friends appointed to Inspect the Clearness of **Tho<sup>s</sup> Allen** respecting marriage Report they have Discover,<sup>d</sup> nothing to obstruct his proceeding in marriage

**Thomas Allen** and **Judith Kirby** appear,<sup>d</sup> in this meeting & Declar,<sup>d</sup> the Continuation of their Intentions of marriage Desiring our Answer the necessary care having been taken they are allowed to proceed, and **Luthan Wood** & **Joseph Eastes** is appointed to attend their marriage to See that it be orderly Solemnised and report next mo meeting

Removal Certificates were presented, one from **Pembrook** mo meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> mo in behalf of **Mercy Shepherd** Wife of **Barnabus Shepherd** and one from **Swanzey** mo meeting 5<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> mo in behalf of **Deborah Smith** daughter of **Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith** which were read & accepted

The Committee in the case of **Philip Russell** report they have had Several oppertunities with him to Some Satisfaction and he having presented a paper Expressing his Sorrow for having attending a place of musick & Dancing & also at a horsrace Desiring friends to pass by his Offence it was read & after Consideration is accepted for Satisfaction and **Joseph Estes** is appointed to read it in the Usual publick mannor at **aponeganset**

The Committee in the Case of **William Smith** report they have visited him but they Discoverd but little disposition to make friends Satisfation yet Considering his youth the case is Continued under the care of the Same friends the [they] to bestow Such labour as they may think best & report at a futer mo meeting & **Gideon Howland** is appointed to unite with them

A Removal Certificate from **Sandwich** mo meeting dated 21- 3<sup>mo</sup> in behalf of **Cornelas Wing** his wife **Mehitable** & Daughter **Sarah** was read & accepted.

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also a Certificate from the Same monthly meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo  
in behalf of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Gifford** placed an aprintice to **Ruben Swift** which  
was also read and Accepted

A Removal Certicate was presented from the Womens meeting in  
behalf of **Lila Wood** wife of **Chilion Wood** Directed to the monthly meeting  
at **Saratoga** which being approved was Signed by the Clerk  
**Chilion Woods** two Children namly **Charles** and **Chilion** having  
Retunr,<sup>d</sup> to live with their father a Certificate was presented on their  
behalf directed to **Saratoga mo** meeting which being approv,<sup>d</sup> was  
Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

Removel Certificates were presented by the friends appointed in behalf  
of **Abiel Gifford** his Wife **Joanna** and five Children namely **Lelis Gilbert**  
**Jeremiah Abiel** and **Joanna** - - - also **W<sup>m</sup> Barker J<sup>u</sup>** his wife **Deborah**  
and four Children namely **James Hannah Mary & Anna** all which  
being approv,<sup>d</sup> were Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

This Meeting is Informed tha **Job Lapham** has return,<sup>d</sup> to  
live a **Providence** wherefore we appoint **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hazard** and  
**Abraham Smith** to Inspect the case and if clear prepare a  
Certificate for him & Report next mo meeting

The North Preparative meeting Inform that **Zadock Maxfield 2<sup>d</sup>**  
has fallen into the Reproachfull Sin of Fornication as appears  
by his Wives having a Child So Soon after marriage whereupon  
we Deny Unity with him & Can no longer own him a member  
of our Society untill he Shall be favour,<sup>d</sup> with a Since [sense] of his  
misconduct and make Satisfaction to this meeting and  
**Abraham Smith & Joseph Austin** are appointed to Inform  
him hereof & prepare a Testimony of his Denial and  
report to next mo meeting

The time having Expired of the Overseers of the poor  
therefore we appoint **Edmond Maxfeild W<sup>m</sup> Wood Joseph Austin**  
**Joshua Potter George Smith Luthan Wood Peleg Slocum** and **Benj<sup>a</sup>**  
**Allen** to that Service for the year Ensewing or untill another  
appointment - --- -- an Endorsment was made up on the Certificate  
of **Chilion Woods** Certifying that he hath conducted in a good Degree  
orderly while here which was approvd & Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

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**Gideon Howland** Informs that himself & **abel Gifford** in Consequence of their  
appointment have had an oppertunity with **Nethaniel Howland** but the [they] discovered  
no Disposition to mak friends Satisfaction Wherefore we Deny Unity with him

and no longer Consider him a member of our Society until he shall be favour,<sup>d</sup> to return to the Satisfaction of friends and **Gideon Howland** and **Zephaniah Eddy** are appointed to Inform him thereof and prepare a Testim=ony of his Denial & report next mo meeting

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

One of the Representatives Inform they all attended the Quarterly meeting

**George Harrice** a member of **Providence mo** meeting having prop= -os,<sup>d</sup> to lay his Intention of marriage with **Martha Green** but he not being present as he lives at a Distance this meeting adjourns to the close of the meeting for Worship on 5<sup>th</sup> Day the third of next month at **Bedford**

5<sup>th</sup> month y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> mett by Adjournment at **Bedford**

**George Harris** and ~~**Martha Green**~~ Presented a Certificate from **Providence Mo** Meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> last mo expressing his Clearness to proceed in marri= with **Martha Green** and that he had Consent of parents therein **George Harris** and **Martha Green** appear,<sup>d</sup> in this meeting and Declard their Intentions of taking each other in marriage - for our answer they are refer,<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting

By Information from **Swanzy** mo meeting it appears that the Original Certificate respecting **Hannah Bowdish** and Children was omitted being Sent to that meeting with our last Certificate & Said Certificates being now present the Clerk is Desir,<sup>d</sup> to forward them to **Swanzy mo** meeting with a Copy of this minute and report next mo meeting

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>st</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1792

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1792 The Representatives from the preparative meetings were from the South **Joseph Tucker** and **Timothy Gifford** from the north **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** and **Asa Smith** all present

The friends appointed in the Case of **Nicholas Smith** Inform that they have not had an oppertunity with him Since last mo meeting and Desire it Defer,<sup>d</sup> another mo it is accordingly Continued till next mo meeting under their Care then to report

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The friends appointed report that they attended the marriage of **Tho<sup>s</sup> Alen [Allen]** and **Judith Kirby** and that it was orderly Conducted and the Certificate Deliver<sup>d</sup> to the Clerk for recording

**Gideon Howland** having been under appointment with **Abiel Gifford** to inspect the Siencerity of an Acknowledgment presented Some time past by **Lemuel Barker** now Reports that they had a Solid oppertunity with him together and he has viseted him alone in which visets a good Degree of Satisfaction has appear<sup>d</sup> whereupon Said acknowledgment is accepted for Satisfaction and **Joseph Eastes [Estes]** is appointed to read it in the Usual Publick mannor at **aponaset [Apponegansett?]** meeting as followeth

**Dartmouth** 13<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1792

Whereas I have So far been of [*sic*] my guard and Deviated from the good Rules of our Society as to go to a horsrace Some time ago which I am Sorry for and do Condemn Desiring friends to pass by my offence & let me remain under your care & I hope to be Carefull in futer from your friend

**Leamuel Barker**

**Josep Estes** Informs that **Philip Russell**<sup>s</sup> paper has been read as order<sup>d</sup> and is as followeth

To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held 19<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup> 1792

Whereas I have Inconsideratly Resorted at an Entertainment where was musick & Dancing also attended a horsrace all which misconduct I am Sorry for and do Condemn Desiring friends would pass it by and Continue me under their care Desiring to be more Carefull in futer from your friend

**Philip Russell**

**Dartm**<sup>o</sup> 19 - 3<sup>mo</sup> 1792

A Removel Certificate from **Acoakset [Acoaxet]** mo meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> this mo was received recommending to our Christian Care our friend **Stephen Buffinton [Buffington]** as an approv<sup>d</sup> Minister Likewise his two Sons **Zephaniah** and **Shphen [Stephen?]** lately remov<sup>d</sup> here which was read & Accepted

The friends appointed in the case of **Job Lapham**<sup>s</sup> Certificate not being ready to report one are Continued and to report next mo meeting

A Removel Certificate in behalf of **John Barker** & his two Sons **Abraham** & **Slocum** Directed to **Saratoga** mo meeting was presented by the Committee approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The friends appointed Last mo meeting report they have Inform<sup>d</sup> **Zadock Maxfield 2<sup>nd</sup>** of his Denial and pr<sub>o</sub>duc<sup>e</sup><sub>e</sub> a Testimony thereof

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thereof which being approv<sup>d</sup> was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **William Gifford** is appointed to read it in the Publick Usual mannor at **Newtown** & report next mo meeting

one of the Committee reports that **Nethaniel Howland** has been in =form<sup>d</sup> of his Deniel and they have prepar<sup>d</sup> a Testimony thereof which

was approv<sup>d</sup> and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed to read it in the Usual publick  
manner at **Aponeganset [Apponegansett]** & report next mo meeting

This meeting Concurs with the women<sup>s</sup> meeting in Denying unity  
with **Rebecca Chase** Wife of **Benjamin Chase** for marring out of the  
Unity of friends

The Clerk Informs the Certificates respecting **Hannah Bowdish [Bowditch]** have  
been forrow<sup>d</sup> [forwarded?] to **Swanzey** mo meeting as Directed

**George Harris & Martha Greene** appear<sup>d</sup> in this meeting Declar<sup>d</sup>  
the Continuations of their Intention of marriage and nothing  
appearing to obstruct they aer [are] allowed to proceed to take Each  
other in marriage according to good order and **Benja Taber**  
and **John Howland** are appointed to attend their marriage to  
see that it be orderly Solemnized and report next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell** Requesting an  
addition as one of the friends having Since the appointment  
remov<sup>d</sup> and we appoint **Philip Trafford** and **Joseph Estes** to  
Join them therein

The womens meeting inform they have Receiv<sup>d</sup> & accepted a  
removel Certificate from **Acoakset [Acoaxet]** mo meeting in behalf  
of **Sarah Buffinton [Buffington]** wife of **Stephen Buffinto[n]** & their Daughter  
**Sarah** with which this meeting Concurs

We Unite with the Womens meeting in Denying unity with  
**Patience Sisson** wife of **Stephen Sisson** - ———

The Committee who had the Care of the meeting in **Alens [Allens]**  
**Neck** Report they attended them and & all the mee<sup>l</sup>ings were  
kept up and attended in a good Degree Orderly

The Committee to receive Collections report they have  
receiv<sup>d</sup> and paid to the Treasurer 4<sup>£</sup> - 13<sup>S</sup> - 9<sup>d</sup> the remainder  
of the Quarters Stock

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**George Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Obediah Beard George Sandford [Sanford] Sam<sup>ll</sup>**  
**Gifford Barnabus Taber & Jethro Russell** are appointed  
to Receive Subscriptions for the mo meeting Stock for  
following Six months and pay it to the treasury and report  
the Sum receiv<sup>d</sup> & So paid each Quarter agreeable to our  
former appointment



18<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>mo</sup>  
1792 At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
the 18<sup>th</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1792

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by  
the accounts presented are from the South **Jesiah Wood**  
and **Caleb Barker** from the North **John Howland** & **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott**  
all present

The Committee in the Case of **Nicholass Smith** report that  
he Concludes to continue in the practice of retailing Liquor  
Notwithstanding the Labour that has been bestowed upon  
on that account yet this meeting feeling a Concern that  
our testimony may be Supported in a Uniform manner  
the Case is refer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting

This meeting is Inform<sup>d</sup> that the Acknowledgment of **Lemuel**  
**Barker** – and the Testimonies of Denial of **Zadock Maxfeild J<sup>u</sup>**  
and **Nethaniel Howland** have all been read according to  
Direction & are as followeth

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 21 y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>mo</sup> 179<sup>2</sup>  
**Zadock Maxfeild J<sup>u</sup>** having had a birthright among friends and  
Under the Care of this meeting but through unwatchfullness  
and inattention to the dictates of truth has so far departed from  
its Chaste principals as to fall into the reproachfull Sin of forni-  
=cation as appears by his Wives having a Child So Soon after  
marriage therefore for the Clearing of truth & friends from Such  
reproach we are Concern<sup>d</sup> to give this forth as a publick Testimony  
against Such misconduct hereby disowning him from being a member  
of our religious Society untill he may be favour<sup>d</sup> with a Sight and  
Sense of his misconduct and make Satisfaction to this meeting which  
is our Desire  
Sign<sup>d</sup> in & by Direction of s<sup>d</sup> meet by - **Caleb Green** Clerk

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Whereas **Nethaniel Howland** having had a birthright among  
friends & under the Care of this meeting, but by not adhering to  
the Dictates of truth in his own heart hath So far Departed from our  
principals as to Neglect the attendance of Religious meetings  
and attended a place where was musick and Dancing also is  
guilty of the Sin of fornication as appears by his wives having  
a Child before marriage and friends having labour<sup>d</sup> with him  
to Convince him of the Evil tendency of Such Conduct but  
our labour not Obtaining the Desir<sup>d</sup> Effect to friends Satisfaction  
therefore for the Clearing truth & friends from the reproach there  
of we are Concern<sup>d</sup> to give forth this as a Publick testimony  
against Such unwarrantable Conduct, hereby Denying Unity with  
the Said **Nethaniel Howland** untill he Shall be favour<sup>d</sup> with  
a Sight of his misconduct and by a Circumspect walking and  
an amendment of life make friends Satisfaction and return to  
the way of truth which is our Desire

Signed in & on behalf of our mo meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
21 y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>mo</sup> 1792 – \_\_\_\_\_ **Caleb Green** Clerk

To the mo meeting of **Dartmouth** -- Whereas I Some time past went to place where there was musick & Dancing & Join<sup>d</sup> therewith & also Us<sup>d</sup> prophain language all which I am Sorry for & do Condemn Desiring friends So far to pass it by as to let me remain under their care hoping I Shall be more Carefull in futer from your friend

**Ebenezer Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>**

To the mo meeting to be held 16 y<sup>e</sup> 1 mo 1792

Dear friends this may inform you that I have given way to a loose and any mind [*sic*] So far at [*sic*] to go to horsraces for which I am <sup>hertily</sup> [*heartily*] Sory for and do Condemn hoping I may be more watchfull for the fater [future] & wish friends would pass it by & let me remain under their Care this from your friend

**Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland Smith**

To the monthly meeting of **Dartmouth**

These are to Inform that I have So far deviated from the good order of friends as to attend a hors race as a Spectator and after more Deliberately Considerati<sup>n</sup>g the nature and Evil thereof all which I am Sorry for and do Condemn the Same and Desire friends to pass it by & let me remain under their Care

**Samuel Smith Juner**

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A Removal Certificate in behalf of **Job Lapham** to **Providence** Monthly Meeting was presented by the friends appointed which being approv<sup>d</sup> was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

A Removal Certificate in behalf of **Sasunah Barker** wife of **John Barker** & their <sup>^3</sup> Children namely **Benj<sup>a</sup> Isaac** & **Susanah** to **Saratoga** mo meeting was read approv<sup>d</sup> and Sign<sup>d</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Clerk

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of **George Harris** report they attended accordingly and Discovred nothing but that said marriage was Conducted orderly and the Certificate was Deliver<sup>d</sup> to the Clerk

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

The Committee in the case of **W<sup>m</sup> Smith** report they have taken a Solid oppertunity with him & did not find him in a Disposition of mind to Change his Conduct and make friends Satisfaction wherefore

it is our Judgment that he be Disown<sup>d</sup> and no longer Continue a member of our Society untill he shall be favoured to return to friends Satisfaction and the Same friends are appointed to inform him hereof Prepare a testimony of his Denial and lay before next mo meeting

The Queries were Read with answers from Each preparative meeting together with Answers Compil<sup>d</sup> therefrom which general answers being approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and forrow<sup>d</sup> [forwarded] to the Querterly meeting by our Representatives who are **James Davis Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott & W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & John Howland** they to make report next mo meeting

7 mo  
1792 At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> the 7 mo 1792

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives named are from the South **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** and **Timothy Howland** North **Abraham Smith & John Devol [Davoll]** are all present

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The case of **Nicholass Smith** being again brought under Consideration and a friend informing that it is **Nicholass** Desire the matter Should be refer<sup>d</sup> a little longer and we being desirous that our testimony may be Supported with Clearness & uniformity do again Continue it under the Care of the Committee who are Desir<sup>d</sup> to visit him and re=  
=port next mo meeting

The friends appointed to Inform **W<sup>m</sup> Smith** of his Denial report he is gone to Sea & they have not inform<sup>d</sup> him wherefore they are Continued to that care and report when accomplish<sup>d</sup>, and they having produc<sup>d</sup> a Testimony of his Denial which was approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk & **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed to read it in the Usual pubick [*sic*] mannor at **aponiganset [Apponegansett]**

We are Inform<sup>d</sup> that the Representatives all attended the Quarterly meeting and they presented an Extract from the minuets thereof Requiring us to forward our propo=  
tion [proportion] of the yearly meeting & Quarterly <sup>mo</sup> Stock to the Quarterly meeting Treasurer (viz) yearly meeting 4<sup>£</sup>-16<sup>S</sup>-2<sup>d</sup> Quarterly meeting 3<sup>£</sup>-17<sup>S</sup>-6<sup>d</sup> total - 8<sup>£</sup>-13<sup>S</sup>-8<sup>d</sup> wherefore we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford Cornelius Wing Stephen Gifford Gideon Howland** to open Subscriptions therefor and report when Collected

A Removal Certificate from **Swanzey** mo meeting the 5<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3 mo last in behalf of **Deborah Smith** was read and Accepted

A Removal Certificate being presented from the womens meeting in behalf of **Martha Harris** directed to **Providence mo** meeting was read approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

**Luthan Wood** inform<sup>d</sup> he has Receiv<sup>d</sup> on this meetngs account Six pounds Eleaven Shillings ½ of **Gideon Howland** being part of a Leagacy due to **Mary Wing**

The Overseers Inform through the South Preparative meeting that **Jireh Smith** thath [*sic*] been treated with an account of his attending a horsrace but did not appear

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appear in a State of mind to Condemn the Same wherupon we appoint **Josep Eastes** [*Estes*] & **Luthan Wood** to labour further with him to Endeavour to Convince him of the Inconsistency of his misconduct and report to next mo meeting

The North Preparative meeting inform a Certificate is requested to the mo meeting of **Swanzey** in behalf of **Edward Slaid** [*Slade*] J<sup>n</sup> he being gone there to reside with a friend wherefore we appoint **Josep Tucker** and **Zephaniah Eddy** to inquire into the case and if clear to prepare one Certificate and lay before next mo meeting

The Overseers Inform that **John Russell** (son of **Jacob**) has been treeted [*sic*] with on account of his Deviation from the plainness of our profession in Dress & address also for his having at times partaken too freely of Spiritous Liquors and Likewise on account of his being published in order for marriage out of the order of friends Wherefore we appoint **Thos Hazzard j<sup>n</sup>** and **Abraham Smith** to labour further with him and Indeavour to Convince him of the Inconsistancy of misconduct and report to next mo meeting

Our friend **Theophilass Shove** having attended this meeting produced a Copy of a minute of **Swanzey mo** meeting 7<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>mo</sup> last Expressing their Unity with him as a minister and with their Unity with his Concern to viset the meetings within our Quarter which was read and his Company acceptable to us

8<sup>mo</sup>  
1792

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>mo</sup> 1792

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by the accounts presented are from the South **Jon<sup>a</sup> Willbur** [**Wilbur**] and

**Stephen Gifford** North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Rotch** & **Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith** all present

**W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Informs that the Testimony of **W<sup>m</sup> Smith** Denial has ben read as Directed & is a [*sic*] followeth

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

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Simple plainness we profess both in Dress and Language and has been to a horsrace and friends having Labour<sup>d</sup> with him in love in order to Convince him of the Inconsistency of Such conduct but our labour of love not having the Desired effect to friends Satisfaction therefore we give this forth as a Testimony against Such Conduct hereby publickly Disowning him the Said **William Smith** from being a member of our Society untill he Shall manifest a Return to the ways of truth which is our Desire – Given forth and it [*sic*] our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>mo</sup> 1792 Sign<sup>d</sup> in & by Direction & on behalf of S<sup>d</sup> meeting by  
**Caleb Green** Clerk

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

A Certificate was presented in behalf of **Edward Slade J<sup>ur</sup>** Directed to the Monthly Meeting of **Swanzy** was approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The Committee in the Case of **John Russell** inform they have had a Solid oppertunity with him but he did not appear in a Suitable Staite of mind to Condemn his misconduct and that he also inform<sup>d</sup> them he Expected to marry out of the order of friends Wherefore it is our Judgment that he be Disown<sup>d</sup> & no longer Consider<sup>d</sup> a member of our Society untill he Shall be favour<sup>d</sup> to See the Inconsistency of his misconduct and make friends Satisfaction and the Same friends are appointed to Inform Him thereof and prepare a Testimony of his Denial and lay before next mo meeting

The Select meeting having through the South preparative meeting inform<sup>d</sup> that they had Solidly Consider<sup>d</sup> the Publick appearance of **Deborah Hick** & Unimously [unanimously] propos<sup>d</sup> for our deliberation her being Recommended as an approv<sup>d</sup> minister the Subject having been weightily before this meeting it is thought best to refer it for further Consideration to next mo meeting

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The Select meeting having through the South Preparative meeting inform<sup>d</sup> that they had Solidly Consider<sup>d</sup> of the publick appearance of **Martha Chase** and Unanimously propos<sup>d</sup> for the Consideration of this meeting her being Recommended [*sic*] as an approv<sup>d</sup> minister the Subject having been weightily before us is thought best to refer it for further Consideration to next mo meeting

**Elisabeth Howland** wife of **Tho<sup>s</sup> Howland J<sup>n</sup>** Requests through the Preparative meeting that her Sons **Asa** and **Daniel** may be admitted as members of our Society **Joseph Estes** and **Timothy Gifford** are appointed to visit the family and Endeavour to find the Suitableness thereof & report next mo meeting

A paper was presented to this meeting Signed by **Benja Russell 2<sup>nd</sup>** Condemning his misconduct in neglecting the due attendance of Religious meetings and purchasing goods taken in war Expressing his Sorrow therefor & Desiring to be receiv<sup>d</sup> again under friends Care Whereupon we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Joseph Estes** to visit him and Endeavour to find the State of his mind respecting those things & also Such others as he has been in the practice of that are Inconsistant with our profession & report to next mo meeting

Part of the Committee to Receive Quarterly Subscriptions report they have receiv<sup>d</sup> and paid to the treasurer 6<sup>£</sup>-14<sup>S</sup>-10<sup>d</sup> **George Sandford [Sanford]** one of the Committee not having reported his report is refer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell** report that they have receiv<sup>d</sup> Satisfactiony [satisfactory] information that **Tho<sup>s</sup>** Son is consider<sup>d</sup> a member of **Saratoga** mo meeting and that having often treated with him they think it Safe that his acknowledgment be accepted for Satisfact =ion it is accordingly accepted - - - -

<sup>9<sup>mo</sup></sup>  
1792

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1792  
By the accounts presented from the preparative meeting the representatives from the South were **Zephaniah Eddy** & **Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** North **Joseph Austin** & **Jon<sup>a</sup> Hart** who being Called were all present - -

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It appearing clear to this meeting that Inconvenicies and Imborisments [embarrassments?] may attend proposals from the Select meeting of friends under their

Consideration for Recommendation as ministers when more than one is proposed at the Same time Therefore after Solid deliberation with much Unanimity the two Casses [*sic*] brought forward to last mo meeting are with the Concurrence of the womens meeting refer<sup>d</sup> back to the Select <sup>meeting</sup> for their further Consideration

The friends appointed report that they have had a Solid oppertu= nity in **Tho<sup>s</sup> Howlands** famely and its their Sence & Judgment that their Children namely **Asa & Daniel** be admitted as members which being Consider<sup>d</sup> by this meeting they with the Concurrence of the women are admitted accordingly

The friends appointed report that they have had a Solid oppe= rtunity with **Benj<sup>a</sup> Russell 2<sup>nd</sup>** to good Degree of Satisfaction and that it may be Safe to receive his paper for Satisfaction which being Consider<sup>d</sup> by this meeting its Receiv<sup>d</sup> accordingly and S<sup>d</sup> friends are appointed to See it read in the Usual publick mannor inform him thereof & report next mo meeting Said paper is as followeth

**George Sandford [Sanford]** reports he has receiv<sup>d</sup> and paid into the treasury twelve Shillings in Consequence of his appointment

**Asa Smith** and **Meribah Russell** appear<sup>d</sup> in this meeting & Declar<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking each other in marriage also produc<sup>d</sup> Consent of parents whereupon we appoint **Joseph Astin [Austin]** & **Thomas Hazzard J<sup>u</sup>** to Inspect **Asa<sup>s</sup>** Clearness respecting marriage & Conversation & report next mo meeting

This meeting Adjourns by the Request of the Quarterly meet Committee to Second day, the first day of the 10 mo at the usual hour

10 mo y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Met by Adjournment  
the Representatives all present - - the Queries were read with the Answers from Each preparative meeting together with the Answers Compiled therefrom for the mo meeting an account thereof with them is directed forward to Quarter meeting by our Representatives who are **Benj<sup>a</sup> Taber Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks & Joseph Tucker** they to report next mo meeting

The friends in **Jireh Smith<sup>s</sup>** case report that they have had another oppertunity with him to Some Satisfaction and think it Safe to receive his paper for Satisfaction having made the necessary addition which being read & Consider<sup>d</sup> it is

receiv<sup>d</sup> accordingly for satisfaction and **Josep Estes** is appointed to read it in the Usual publick mannor & report next mo meeting

one of the Committee in **Nicholass Smith**<sup>s</sup> case report that they have ~~had another opportunity with him~~ attend thereto tho nothing being receivd from him, and as he is in the Smallpox the case is Deferd to next mo meeting under the Same friends care

The friend appointed produc<sup>d</sup> a Testimony of the Denial of **John Russell** (Son of **Jacob**) which they Inform<sup>d</sup> him of and Said Testimony was read approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed to read the Same in the Usual publick mannor at **aponeganset** [**Apponegansett**] and report next mo meet or Said Testimony is as followeth

Whereas **John Russell** Son of **Jacob** Deceas<sup>d</sup> having a birthright in our Society but by not adhearing to the pure principals of light and truth in his own hart or mind hath Departed from the purity of our profession by partaking at times too freely of Spiritous Liquors and widly Departed from the Simplicity of our maners in dress and address, Likewise Contracting to marry Contrary to our wholsom order for all which he has been labour<sup>d</sup> with in the Spirit of meekness and Brotherly love, but without the Desir<sup>d</sup> effect wherefore for the Clearing of truth & to testify our Disapprobation of Such Conduct we Disown him from any longer having a right in our Society untill he may be favour<sup>d</sup> to Experence a Reformation of heart & return in the way of truth to the Satisfaction of friends which is our unfeigned Desire Given forth by our mo meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** by Adjournment the 1<sup>st</sup> day y<sup>e</sup> 10 mo 1792 Signed in & by Direction of Said meeting by - - **Caleb Green** Clerk,

10 mo  
1792

At our Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 15<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 10 mo 1792 The Representatives from the preparative meetings by the accounts presented are from the South **Zephaniah Eddy** and **Jonathan Willbur** [Wilbur] North **Benj<sup>a</sup> Taber** & **Joshua Potter** who being called are all present

The Committee in case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Russell**<sup>s</sup> acknowledg report that its been read and he Informd according to appointment

The friends to Inspect the Clearness of **Asa Smith** respecting marriage report they made the necessary Enquiry and find

nothing to obstruct his proceeding  
**Asa Smith** and **Meribah Russell** appeard in this meeting and Declard the Continuation of their intention of marriage and Desiring our answer the necessary care having been taken they are allowed to proceed to take Each other in marriage according to our order and **John Davol**



and **W<sup>m</sup> Rotch J<sup>n</sup>** are appointed to attend their marriage to See that it be orderly Solemniz<sup>d</sup> & report next mo meeting

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

The Committee appointed to Viset **Dartmouth mo** meeting report that they have weightily Consider<sup>d</sup> the Subject of Dividing that meeting and think it best that the friends of **New Bedford** particular meeting be Set off & Constitute a new mo meeting which with the Concurrence of the Womens meeting is accepted and the Division Concluded upo, to take place after our next Quarterly meeting & **Paul Wing Russell Braly & John Mosher** are appointed to Confer with **Dartmouth mo** meeting respecting the line of Division as also a Suitable time for the holding Said meeting and report to our next Quarterly meeting  
Extracted from the minuets of **Sandwich** Quarterly meeting held at **Dartmouth** the 5<sup>th</sup> day of 10 mo 1792

**William Rotch J<sup>sr</sup>** Clerk

And **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Luthon Wood Jon<sup>a</sup> Hart Caleb Green John Devol [Daval] & W<sup>m</sup> Rotch J<sup>n</sup>** are appointed to Consider of a Sutable time to <sup>hold</sup> **New Bedford mo** meeting also respecting the line of Division between this & that meeting and report to nex mo meeting

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**Joseph Estes** not having read **Jireh Smiths** paper he is Continued to that Service & to report next mo meeting

Both the friends in **Nicholass Smiths** <sup>case</sup> not having had an oppertunity with him they are Continued in their appointment & to report next mo meeting

**W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Informs he has read the Testimony of **John Russell** Denial according to Direction

*11<sup>mo</sup>  
1792*

At our Monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1792

The Representatives by the accounts presented from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** and **George Smith** North **John Tucker & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hazzard j<sup>sr</sup>** all present

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of **Asa Smith** and **Meribah Russell** report that he attended it and that it was conducted in an orderly manner the Certificate deliver<sup>d</sup> to the Clerk for Recording the other friend gave a Satisfactory reason for his not attending **Joseph Estes** reports that **Jireh Smiths** paper of acknowledgment has been read as Directed & is followeth

To the Monthly Meeting of **Dartmouth**  
Whereas I have So far Disregarded the good Rules of friends as to attend a Horsrace Some time ago, and being now Sincible of the Evil thereof I am Sorry for So doing and do hereby Condemn the Same Desiring friends would pass by my offence and Consider me under their Care and desire to be more Carefull in futer  
**Dartmouth** 17 y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>mo</sup> 1792 **Jirah Smith**

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

We the Committee of ~~Dartmouth & New Bedford~~ ~~no meetings~~ appointed to ~~for dividing~~ Consider the bounds and time of holding **New Bedford** monthly meeting have mett and attended to the Subject and propose the following be the boundary line of Said meeting (Viz) begining at the South Est Corner of the land formerly belonging to **Jonathan Tucker** on the West Side of **Clarks** or **Shermans Cove** from thence in a Straight line till it goes to the Southward of **John Howlands** farm house including Said house within the bounds thence in a Straight line to the northward till it comes to the of [*sic*] **Edmond Maxfeilds** [**Maxfields**] house Including Said house to the Eastward thence Northerly to **Jethrow Allens** Sawmill and from thence North to the town line of **freetown** – And that time of holding Said monthly meeting at **New Bedford** be the third Day after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Second day in Each month at the Close of a meeting for worship to begin at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour  
**Dartmo:** 11 mo 1792 Sign<sup>d</sup> on behalf of the Committee by  
**W<sup>m</sup> Rotch J<sup>a</sup>**  
**Rhoda Tucker**

which is accepted and the Quarterly meetings Committee being present Express<sup>d</sup> their approbation & unity with S<sup>d</sup> Report

The friends appointed in the case of **Nicholass Smith** report that they have viseted him sundry times & Discharg<sup>d</sup> their duty toward him yet he doth not appear fully willing to condemn the whole of his Transgressions and Continues retailing Spiritous Liquors where=

=upon this meeting is constrain<sup>d</sup> to deny unity with him and can no longer acknowledg him a member and **John Howland & John Devol [Daval]** are appointed to inform him & prepare a Testimony of his Denial & report next mo meeting

**Gideon Howland** report that **W<sup>m</sup> Smith** has been Informd of his Denial as Directed

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The Queries were read with the Answers from the preparative meetings and Answers form,<sup>d</sup> from them for this meeting an account was made to the Quarterly meeting which with the answers to the Quries was forwarded thereto by our Representatives **Jonathan Hart Caleb Green & George Smith** who are to report next mo meeting  
**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** Inform,<sup>d</sup> he has receivd and paid to our treasurer 7<sup>s</sup>/6 balence Collected after paying this meeting<sup>s</sup> propotion of the yearly meeting & Quarterly Stock

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12 mo 1792  
<sup>12 mo</sup><sub>1792</sub> The Representatives named in the Accounts presented from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** & **Timothy Gifford** North **John Howland** and **Elihu Mosher** all present

The friends appointed in the case of **Nicholass Smiths** Denial report they have Inform,<sup>d</sup> him thereof & presented a Testimony of his Denial which being read & approv,<sup>d</sup> was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is appointed to read it in the publick Usual manner at **Newtown** & report next mo meeting Said Testimony is as followeth  
**Nicholass Smith** of **Dartmouth** having had a birthright of membership among us but for want of more closely adhearing to the dictates of truth in his own heart has departed from our well known & fixed principals in attending a place of milliitary Exercise also a marriage out of our order & a horsrace as a Spectator all which we have Labour,<sup>d</sup> to Convince him of the Inconsistency of but he not being Sufficiently Sinceble of his transgression as to be able to Condemn them to our Satisfaction and he being also in the practice of Dealing in Spiritous Liquors Conterary to our Disapline which he inclines to continue in & we have bestow,<sup>d</sup> much labour to reclaim him from that practice also but without the Desir,<sup>d</sup> effect Therefore for the Support of our Religious Testimony and the Clearing of truth we are under a Necessaty to deny Unity with him the S<sup>d</sup> **Nicholass Smith** and can no longer own him as a

member amongst us but it is still our Desire that he may yet be  
Convinc,<sup>d</sup> of his out goings & return to the way of truth  
Given forth at our <sup>mo</sup> meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
the 17 the 12<sup>mo</sup> 1792 and Sign,<sup>d</sup> on behalf of S<sup>d</sup> meeting by  
**Caleb Green** Clerk

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This meeting Concurs with the women<sup>s</sup> meeting in Denying  
unity with **Amy Slocum** Daughter of **Peleg Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup>**

A Request was receiv,<sup>d</sup> through the South preparative meeting  
from friends in **Allens neck** for liberty to hold a meeting for  
Worship in that Neighbourhood under the Care of a Committee  
from this meeting after Solid Consideration they are allow,<sup>d</sup>  
to hold meetings for Worship on first & fifth days Except the  
fifth days of those weeks in which the monthly & Preparative  
meetings may be held untill our mo meeting in the forth mo  
unless found necessary to be Discontinued by our Committee at  
the following places (viz) one month at **Elijah Giffords**  
one month at **Susanah Allens** one month at **Peleg Slocums**  
and the remaining time at **Timothy Giffords** under the care  
of the following friends, **Timothy Gifford Joseph Tucker Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks**  
**Peleg Slocum & Luthan Wood** they to report when their Service  
Shall be accomplished

**Deborah Howland** having requested through the South prepar=  
ative meeting that her Son **Peleg Slocum Howland** Should be  
received as a member of our Society which having been  
under Consideration of a Committee from the preparative  
meeting & who were well Satisfied therein he is therefore  
receiv,<sup>d</sup> accordingly

**Luthan Wood** Informs he has receiv,<sup>d</sup> on this meetings ac<sup>co</sup>.  
of the Committee appointed to receive Subscriptions  
2<sup>£</sup>-7<sup>s</sup>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>d</sup>

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

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**George Brownel [Brownell] Almy** and **Elisabeth Tucker** appear,<sup>d</sup> in this  
meeting and Declar,<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking Eachother  
in marriage having produc,<sup>d</sup> Consent of parents and **Joseph**  
**Tucker** and **Zephaniah Eddy** are appointed to Inspect Said

**Almy** Clearness respecting marriage & Conversation and report next mo meeting

As the Monthly meeting of **New Bedford** is to begin or Commence tomorrow we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Joshua Potter Joseph Tucker Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott & Joseph Estes** to attend the Establishment of that meeting and whenever that meeting may appoint a Committee to Join them to Consult together and agree upon the Settlement of all accounts that may respect the two meetings the Division of outward property & also respecting the poor of Society belonging to this meeting and report to this meeting when accomplished

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

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** <sup>1<sup>mo</sup></sup>the 21<sup>st</sup> the 1<sup>mo</sup> 1793  
1793<sup>1793</sup>The Representatives are **Timothy Gifford** and **Philip Trafford** both present

**Joseph Estess [Estes]** is appointed Clerk for the year in sewing or till Another appointment & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to assist him

**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** reports that the Testimony of **Nicholass Smiths** Denial was read as Directed and is as followeth (Said Denial recorded page **241**)

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The friends to Inspect **George B: Almy [Almy]** Clearness respecting marriage & Conversation report they have attended thereto and find nothing to hinder them from proceeding

**George B: Almy** and **Elisabeth Tucker** appear,<sup>d</sup> in this meeting and Declar,<sup>d</sup> their continuation of Intention of marriage & nthing appearing to hinder them from proceeding to take Each other in marriage they advising with those that are appointed to See S<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly Solemnized who are **Joseph Tucker & Zephaniah Eddy** they to report next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to Join with a Comm<sup>i</sup>tee from **New Bedford** mo meeting to make an Equitable settlement between the two meetings reported which is refer,d to next mo meeting for Consideration

The Committee in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>rd</sup>** report they have had Several Solid oppertunities with him to Some Satisfaction and with the womens Concurrance do receive his acknowledgment for Satisfaction & **Joseph Estes** is appointed to read it

in the Usual publick mannor & report next mo meeting

A Request through the preparative meeting from friends a **Newtown** to hold a preparative meeting there was read & Consider,<sup>d</sup> we therefore appoint **Joseph Tucker Joseph Barker Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur] & Timothy Gifford** to Viset that meet=  
=ing Set with them and Indeavour to find their Strength & the Consistency of their holding a preparative meeting and report their Sense & Judgment next mo meeting also to Consider and agree upon a line of Division and time of holding Said meeting if they think best

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At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmoth [Dartmouth]** the  
18<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1793  
2<sup>mo</sup>  
1793

The Representatives from the preparative are **Caleb Barker** and **Timothy Howland** both present

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of **George B Almy** & **Elisabeth Tucker** report they attended thereto and did not discover but that Said marriage was orderly Conducted

The Report of the Committee Respecting the Settlement between the two mo meetings Coming again under Consideration and after being Consider,<sup>d</sup> we Concluded again to Defer the matter to next mo meeting

**Joseph Eastes [Estes]** reports that **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howlands 3<sup>d</sup>** paper has not been read he is Continued to read it & report next mo meeting

An Extract from the minuets of the meeting for Sufferings was read respecting the publication of a Treatise wrote by our friend **Job Scott** intitled the Baptism of Christ or Gospel ordinances &C Requesting our Subscriptions in freedom, We therefore appoint **Luthon Wood** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to receive Such Subscriptions as may be handed to them who are to report next mo meeting

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

According to appointment of last mo meeting Several of us have attended the meeting at **Newtown** and had a Conferrance with the friend there on the

Subject of their ~~holding~~ Request to have a preparative meeting held there and they Continuing of the Same mind, & we having taken the matter into Serious Consideration and the Circumstances attending it are of opinion it may be best to grant their request for them to hold a preparative of men & women friends and that it be held on their Usual meeting day on fifth day next after our preparative & that it be denominated the North preparative meeting & of corse that ours be called the South and that the boundaries between them be as Usualy heretofore and Extend Easterly So far only as to meet the line of **Bedford mo** meeting all which we is Submitted to y<sup>e</sup> mo meeting  
the 18<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>mo</sup> 1793 Sign,<sup>d</sup> in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Comt<sup>ee</sup> by **Thomas Hicks**  
**Martha Smith**

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**Luthon Wood** Reports that he has Receiv,<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>£</sup> = 10<sup>s</sup> of one of former Committee

**Elisabeth Russell** Requests the Assistance of friends in order to recover her right of Dowry whereupon we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Wood Samuel Smith W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to afford her Such assistance as may be necessary & report the Circumstance thereof at next monthly meeting

it appearing Necessary that an audit of accounts be appointed Wherefore **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** and **George Smith** are appointed accordingly for the year Ensewing or till others be appointed they to Settle with the Treasurer and report next mo meeting

A new appointment of Overseers being Necessary but the meeting being Small it is Defer,<sup>d</sup> to next monthly meeting

At a Monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 18<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup> 1793  
the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South **Zephaniah Eddy & Luthon Wood** from the North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott & Elihu Mosher** all present

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The matter respecting the Division Between this and **Bedford** mo meeting Coming again before this meeting  
it is Concluded that this meeting Accept the report it is accepted accordingly and is as followeth  
We the Committee of **Dartmouth & New Bedford mo** meetings appointed for the purpose

of Setling & adjusting all accounts against & between S<sup>d</sup> meetings & Dividing the Said meetings poor – Agree that **New Bedford mo** meeting take and maintain **Mary Wing** as their propotion of that meetings poor & to have Such Cloathing and houshold furniture as She may have & that, that mo meeting pay all Arrearages for building the meeting house at **Bedford** – and also agree that all the remaining poor be maintained by **Dartmouth mo** meeting and that S<sup>d</sup> meeting pay all are<sup>r</sup>ages for building the meeting house in **apone =ganset** also pay all the meetings debts and to be Intitled to all debts due to S<sup>d</sup> mo meeting together with all the money in the treasury and all the books belonging to S<sup>d</sup> mo meeting Except Eight Barclays Catichisms and one Set of Piety promoted which are to belong & be the property of **New Bedford mo** meeting Likwise likewise [*sic*] what money may be in **Josiah Woods** hands heretofore appropriated for building the meeting house at **Bedford**

**Dartmouth 1<sup>mo</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> - 1793**

**Seth Russell**  
**W<sup>m</sup> Anthony**  
**Joseph Tucker**  
**John Howland**  
**Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott**  
**Joshua Potter**  
**Joseph Eastes [Estes]**  
**Abraham Smith**  
**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**  
**Tho<sup>s</sup> Hazzard [Hazard] J<sup>sr</sup>**

Our Esteemed friend **Elisha Thorinton [Thornton]** attended this meeting and presented a Copy of a minute from **Smithfeild [Smithfield]** monthly meeting dated 31<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>mo</sup> 1793 Expressing their Unity with with [*sic*] him in his religious Viset to friends in **Sandwich** Quarter whos Company & Service has been to our Comfort and Edification

Our Esteem,<sup>d</sup> friend **Benideck Arnold** attended this meet with a Copy of a minute from **Uxbridg [Uxbridge] mo** meeting Dated 1<sup>st</sup> day y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1793 Expressing their Unity withith his accompanying our friend **Elisha Thorntin [Thornton]** in his religious wisit whose company & Servis has been truly Eccptabe [acceptable?] to us

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**Joseph Estes** reports the Acknowledgment of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>rd</sup>** has been read as Directed & is as followeth

To the Monthly Meeting of **Dartmouth**

Beloved friends these are to Inform that Some time past I So far departed from the profession I bare as to fall into a bodely strife with **Ebenezer Tucket [Tucker?]** & **Thomas Brownell** which Reproachfull Conduct I do hereby condemn and am Sorry for and Desire to take the Scandal thereof to my Self & would hereby Clear friends & the truth from the Same



Desiring through Divine Assistance to be more watchfull in futer  
from your friend  
this 6 day y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>mo</sup> 1792

**Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The friends appointed to Collect Subscriptions for **Job Scotts**  
treatices upon Baptism &C report they have 27 and they are  
Continued for further Subscriptions & to report next mo meeting

the Committee appointed to assist **Elisabeth Russell** report they  
are not ready to make a Conclusive report they are Continued in  
that Service & to report next mo meeting

Our audit reports they have not Setled with the treasurer  
by reason the former minuits being at **Bedford** the are  
Continued to Settle with him & report next mo meeting

Th[e] appointing Overseers coming under Consideration whereupon  
**John Devol [Daval] Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott Timothy Gifford W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jon<sup>a</sup>  
Hart Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur] & Luton Wood** are appointed for  
the year Ensuing or untill another appointment

The Queries were read and Answers from the preparatives  
from which general Answers wer Compil,<sup>d</sup> to be forow,<sup>d</sup> [forwarded] to  
the Quarterly meeting with an account from this meeting  
by our Representatives who are **W<sup>m</sup> Giffor [Gifford] Zephaniah  
Eddy & Stephen Buffinton [Buffington]** they to report next mo meeting

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The South Preparative meeting Inform that **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Requests a removel Certificate for himself and famely to the mo meeting  
of **Saratoga** whereupon we appoint **Stephen Gifford & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** to make  
the necessary inquiry and if nothing appears to hinder to prepare  
one and present to next mo meeting

**Noah Lapham** and **Rachel Russell** appear,<sup>d</sup> in this meeting and  
declar,<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage having  
Consent of parents whereupon we appoint **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** and  
**Luthon Wood** to make the necessary inquiry into **Noah<sup>s</sup>** Clearness  
respecting marriage and Conversation & report next mo meeting

we have Information through the South preparative meeting that  
**Joseph Sheepherd [Shepherd]** Son of **John** has gone to live with a friend within  
the Compass of **Vesselboroh [Vassalboro]** mo meeting and requests a Certificate **Benja  
Allen** and **Caleb Barker** are appointed to prepare one & forward to  
to next mo meeting

we are Likewise inform,<sup>d</sup> that **W<sup>m</sup> Allen** requests a removal Certificate to the mo meeting of **Saratoga Peleg Slocum** and **Timothy** are appointed to make the necessary inquiry & if Clear to present one to next mo meeting

a Complaint thro the North preparative meeting in writing against **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider J<sup>sr</sup>** Expressing his being guilty of Associateing himself in unprofitable Company & gaming at Cards & using prophain Language which he has been Labour,<sup>d</sup> with by the Overseers & not Refraining therefrom therefore **Joshua Potter Elihu Mosher** and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** are appointed to treat further and Endeavour to Convince him of his errors and report next mo meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**

the 15<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>mo</sup> 1793

<sup>4 mo</sup>The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from <sup>1793</sup>the South **Samuel Smith** & **Joseph Tucker** from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** and **W<sup>m</sup> Tripp** all present

The Clerk being Absent by reason of Sickness **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed Clerk for the day

The Committee to Collect <sup>^</sup>Subscriptions for **Job Scotts** Baptisms &C report they receivd Nine more Since last month which makes 36 in all and this meeting Conclude to take 9 more which maks 45 and the Clerk is to forward an account to the meeting for Sufferings as soon as may be

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the Committee in the case of **Elisabeth Russell** report they have attended thereto & think more care is needed therefore they are Continued in that case and to report to a futer meeting when they have accomplish,<sup>d</sup> their Service

The audit of accounts report they have not Setled with the treasurer theretofore they are Continued in that matter and to report next mo meeting

The Represen to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended

the Committee in the case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>rd</sup>** Certificate report they have attended to that matter but are not ready to make a Conclusive report they are Continued in that matter and to report next mo meeting

a Certificate from the womens meeting on behalf of **Patience Shee<sup>^</sup>Pherd [Shepherd]** to the mo meeting of **Vesselbory [Vassalboro]** was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk Likewise a Certificate for **Mary Howland** wife of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3** and their Children namely **Silvy Humphry Martha Mary & Harmony** to the mo meeting at **Saratoga** was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk as they have gone ther to live

The friends to Inquire into **Noah Lapham**<sup>s</sup> Clearness respecting marriage report they find nothing to hinder their proceeding

**Noah Lapham & Rachel Russell** appear,<sup>d</sup> in this meeting and Signifie,<sup>d</sup> the Continuation of their Intention of marriage with Each other and Desir,<sup>d</sup> our Answer which was they might proceed to take Eachother in marriage in Some Convenient time before next mo meeting advising with the friends appointed to See their marriage orderly Solemnized who are **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** and **Luthon Wood** to See S<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly Solemnized and report next mo meeting

Two of the Committee in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider J<sup>u</sup>** Inform that they had Several oppertunities with him but was not ready to make a Conclusive report they are threfore Continued to labour further with him & report next mo meeting

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This meeting was Informed that **Job Chase** Son of **Benj<sup>a</sup>** was gone to live at **Nantucket** or make Som Stay therefore we appoint **Joseph Tucker & Zephaniah Eddy** to take the necessary care & if the find things Clear to Draught a Ceretificate and present to nex<sup>t</sup> mo meeting

a Certificate in behalf of **Joseph Sheeherd [Shepherd]** Son of **John** to the mo meeting of **Vessalbory [Vassalboro]** Signifying he was gone there to liv with a friend as an apprintice

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 20<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>mo</sup> 1793  
5<sup>mo</sup> 1793 the Representatives named from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Luthan Wood & Benjamin Allen** North **Joshua Potter** and **Joseph Gifford** all Present —

The Committee appointed to Collect Subscriptions for **Job Scotts** Treatices on Baptism & C Report they have Collected thirty Six and this meeting Conclud<sup>s</sup> to take Nine more which makes 45 which are Directed to be forwarded to the meeting for Sufferings together with the money, by **Joseph Tucker** he to make report next mo meeting

The Audit of accounts report they have Setled with our Treasurer as followeth (vis)

We The Committee to Settle and Ballance accounts have Setled with the treasurer and after paying all orders that is allowed by the Audit, There remains a ballance in the treasury of £1-6<sup>s</sup>-3½  
**Dartmouth** 15<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1793

**Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]**

**George Smith  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell**

The Committee in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>rd</sup>** report they have had no opportunity with him by reason of his being gone away they are therefore Continued & to make report when they have accomplished the matter or Called upon by this meeting

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

Two of the Committee in the case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider Junior** Report they have had an opportunity with him but received, <sup>d</sup> no Satisfaction but as one of the Committee was absent & it appearing that Several friends were willing to have an opportunity with him it is therefore Defer, <sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting then they to report

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A Complaint was Received through the South preparative meeting against **Jonathat Howland** for his much neglected the attendance of Religious meetings also for partaking too freely of Spiritous Liquors and the overseers had treated with him on those accounts but found no Real Satisfaction we therefore appoint **Peleg Slocum George Smith & Philip Trafford** to take a Solid opportunity with him & Endeavour to Convince him of the Evil of Such conduct and report at next monthly meeting

A Certificate in behalf of **Job Chase** Directed to **Nantucket mo** meeting was Sign, <sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The friends appointed in the Case of **William Briggs** report they have had an opportunity with him but found but little Incouragement to wait longer yet Considering him very weak therefore Continue it to a futer mo meeting under the Same friends Care with **Stephen Gifford** [Gifford] aded to them

**George Smith** and **Joseph Eastes** [Estes] are appointed to have the Care of **John Howlands** case and mak report at next mo meeting

The North preparative meeting informs that their meeting house needs repairing we therefore appoint **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Samuel Smith John Devol** [Davol] **Jonathan Hart & William Gifford** to Exammin Said House and report next mo meeting what they think Necessary to be done to Said house

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 17<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6 mo 1793  
<sup>6<sup>mo</sup></sup> the Representatives named from the preparative meetings are from the  
<sup>1793</sup> South **Peleg Slocum & Timothy Gifford Howland**, North **Jonathan Hart**  
and **John Tucker** all present Except **Peleg Slocum**

A Complaint was presented through the South Preparative meeting against **Ebenezer Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>** for marrying out from among friends & Neglecting to attend our religious meetings & the overseers inform they have treated

with him therefor but receiv,<sup>d</sup> not much Satisfaction, We therefore appoint **Benj<sup>a</sup> Allin [Allen] & J Tucker** to take a Solid oppertunity with him and Indeavou<sup>r</sup> to Convince him of his Error and report next mo meeting

A Complaint against **John Eddy** for partaking two freely of Spiritous liquors the Overseers having treated with him but did not Discover a Dispotion to Condemn it we therefore appoint **Josep Gifford** and **Timothy Howland** to take an oppertunity with him in order to ~~discover~~ or Convince him of the evil of Such conduct and make report next mo meeting

This meeting Adjourns to the 24<sup>th</sup> instant after a meeting for Worship 24 day mett by adjournment the representatives being Called all present

**Joseph Tucker** reports that the books Subscribed for were not ready he is he is [*sic*] Continued to have the care thereof and report when ready

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The Committee in the Case of **Benjamin Rider J<sup>ur</sup>** report that they have all had an oppertunity with him and Receiv,<sup>d</sup> no Satisfaction therefore apprehend ing ourselves Clear of any further Labour with him do Disown him from being any longer a member of our Society and **Jonathan Hart & John Tucker** are appointed to Inform him thereof - Prepare a Testimony of his Denial and bring to next mo meeting

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

The friends in the case of **John Howland** report that he was gone to Sea they are Continued to the care thereof and report when ready or call,<sup>d</sup> upon by this meeting

The Committee appointed to Examin the meeting house at **Newtown** report nothing had been done they are Continued in their appointment and to report at next mo meeting

It appearing necessary that money be raised for the Use of Society we therefore apoint **William Gifford Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur] Jonathan Hart Caleb Barker John Devol [Davol] John Tucker Gideon Howland & William Anthony** to Consider what way may be best for this meeting to adopt for that purpose and report the mode they Shall think advisable at next mo meeting

The Queries and Answers were read and after Some

Necessary remarks were made Said Answers are forwarded together with an Account from this meeting to the Quarterly by our Representatives who are **George Smith William Anthony** and **Benjamin Chase** they to report next mo meeting

Our Estem,<sup>d</sup> friend **Elias Hicks** attended this meeting with his Certificate from the mo meeting of **Jerico [Jericho]** on **Long sland [Island]** dated 18<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>mo</sup> 1793 with a Concurring Certificate from the Quarterly meeting at **Newyork [New York]** 25<sup>th</sup> of S<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>mo</sup> Whose Company and Labours of love hath been to our Edification and comfort also our our Res<sup>a</sup>peted friend **James Mott** attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from the **Purchase mo** meeting in the State of **New york** held 9<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1793  
Also our Respected friend **Stephen Mendinghall [Mendenhall]** attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from **Concord mo** meeting Dated 5 of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>mo</sup> 1793 Expressing their unity with their religious viset to these parts whos Company is truly Acceptable to us

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At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 15<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 7 mo 1793  
the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South  
<sup>7 mo</sup><sub>1793</sub> **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** & **Luthan Wood** North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** & **Joshua Potter** all present

The friends in the case of **Ebenezer Allen<sup>d</sup> [Allen]** 2<sup>nd</sup> report they had a Solid Conferance with him and Desire Said mather refer,<sup>d</sup> in order to Discover his Sencerity it is therefor Continued under their care they to report next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **John Eddy** Report they had an oppertun<sup>ity</sup> with him to Some degree of Satisfaction and produc,<sup>d</sup> a paper from him Condeming his partaking of Spiritous Liquors to Access Desiring friends to pass by his offence but not being to full Satisfaction the matter is continued under the Care of **Joseph Gifford** & **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** for a further proof of his Cencerity they to report next mo meeting

The friends in the Case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider J<sup>ur</sup>** Report they have Inform,<sup>d</sup> him of his Denial and produced a Testimony of his Denial which was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is appointed to read it in <sup>the</sup> Usual Publick mannor <sup>at</sup> N town [Newtown] & report next mo meeting Said Testimony is as followeth

Whereas **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider J<sup>ur</sup>** hath had a birthright in our Society but hath So far departed from the truth as to be in the practice of gaining at Cards also Uses prophane Language at times and friends having labour,<sup>d</sup> with him from time to time to Convince him of the Evil of Such Conduct but our labour hath not had the Desired Effect therefore we give this forth as a Testimony against Such Conduct and do hereby disown him from being a member of our Society untill he Shall by true Repentance and Amend-ment of life make Satisfaction to this meeting which is our Desire

Given forth by our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth**  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1793 — **Joseph Eastes [Estes]** Clerk

The friends appointed to treat with **Jonathan Howland** reporte<sup>d</sup>  
they have had an oppertunity with him but found no Satisfactio<sup>n</sup>  
but one of the committee inform,<sup>d</sup> that he Desir,<sup>d</sup> the matter  
Continued a little longer therefore its Continued to next mo  
meeting under the Same friends Care then they to report

The Committee to Exammin the meetinghouse at **Newtown**  
report they attend thereto and propos,<sup>d</sup> to Shingle Sd  
house & glase the windows &c the cost thereof they Computed  
to be £15-0 therefore we appoint

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**Joh Devol [Davol] William Gifford Jousha Potter & Gideon Howland**  
to undertake the repairing of Said house accordingly and take in  
Subscriptions for the Same and make report to this meeting when  
accomplish,<sup>d</sup>

The Committee appointed to Consider of Some proper mode for  
raising money by this meeting made report as followeth  
according to appointment we have mett and Consider,<sup>d</sup> of  
the matter Respecting raising money for the benifet  
of this meeting and think it would be beneficial for  
a Committee to be appointed to make out Each of our  
Propotions in their Judgment to a Sum Necessary to be  
rais,<sup>d</sup> Sign,<sup>d</sup> in behalf of Commit: **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**  
11<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>mo</sup> 1793

Which is Accepted — And **Jonathan Wilbur Luthan Wood**  
**Samuel Smith Benjamin Allen John Tucker Caleb Barker**  
**William Gifford Joshu Potter & Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** are appointed  
to make out an Estimate to Every friend of his propotion  
of money to be raised as near as they can in their Judg-  
-ment & to call upon Each member to Subscribe his name  
to the Sum propotioned by Said Committee if the Sum be  
agreable if not they are at liberty to lesson or raise the  
Same to their freedom

The Representatives report that two of them attended  
the Quarterly meeting & **George Smith** renderd an Excuse for  
non attendance which is Accepted by this meeting

**Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks Samuel Smith Gideon Howland** who were appointed  
in the 5<sup>mo</sup> last to communicate a matter with a paper Sign,<sup>d</sup>

by the Clerk to the Yearly meeting in behalf of this meeting  
re<sup>s</sup>pecting the place of holding our Quarterly meeting in 10<sup>mo</sup>  
being Called upon last m<sup>o</sup> Now make report that they all  
attended and presented Said paper to the Committee which was  
favourably Accepted  
the business being gone throw we Adjourn & Conclude to mett  
at the Usual time next month

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
the 19<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>mo</sup> 1793

8<sup>mo</sup> 1793 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are  
from the South **Josiah Wood & Caleb Barker** North **Jon<sup>a</sup> Hart** and  
**Elihu Mosher** all present

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The friends appointed to the Care of **Ebenezer Allens** case reported that  
they have had another oppertunity with him & find the State of his mind  
not much differing from the report last <sup>mo</sup> meeting, and after being considered  
by this meeting we again Defer S<sup>d</sup> case under the care of the Same friends  
with **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** aded to them & they to report next mo meeting

**Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** reports that he & **Joseph Gifford** had a Solid oppertunity with  
**John Eddy** and Indevour,<sup>d</sup> to bestow Such labour as the case requir,<sup>d</sup> and think  
it best to defer the matter therefore it is Continued & **Joseph Tucker** is aded to  
them they to report next mo meeting

This meeting is Directed in the Extracts from the Q meetings minutes to  
have the Alteration in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Query as Containd in the Extracts from  
the Yearly meeting minuets Enter,<sup>d</sup> in our book of Disapline, we  
therefore appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Joseph Eastas [Estes]** to See that it be done according  
=ly and report next mo meeting

This meeting is also Directed to forward £6 - 8<sup>s</sup> - 2<sup>d</sup> our propotion  
of the yearly meeting Stock to the Treasurer which is Accepted

Receiv,<sup>d</sup> Transcrips of Epistles from the Yearly meeting of **London**  
**Philidelphia Long Island** and **RhodIsland [Rhode Island]** which wer read to Satisfaction

In our Last Yearly meeting Epistle the following Clause is  
contained

Notwithstanding Dear friends in our Epistle of 1791 We  
Earnestly recommended a due attention to that Class of friends  
who in the course of providence are not blessed with the outward  
comforts of life, A renewed concern hath possessed the minds of  
friends that an Additional Care may be Extended in Such meet=  
=ings where there has not been a full Compliance with the Reco=  
=mendation respecting them, and particularly that they be all  
Supplied with the Holy Scriptures & Such other books as may  
be adapted to their perticular Circumstances And as there were  
ways pointed out for Supplying the Indigent with books  
Suited to their promotion of piety & virtue among them (viz)



Where mo meetings might not be able to Supply their want without the Expençe of them being too Sinsibly felt by such mo meetings applying to the meeting for Sufferings for their aid & assistance to be Supplied out of this meetings Stock, Such meeting as remains indifferent to a reserch in this respect will be left without Excuse & in order that this meeting may be Clear herein we again advise to the appointing of Committees for this pur=  
=pose and request an account to the next yearly meeting of the progress therein Sign,<sup>d</sup> by Direction & in behalf of S<sup>d</sup> mee: by  
**W<sup>m</sup> Rotch** Clerk to y<sup>e</sup> meeting[?]  
year

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We therefore appoint **William Anthony Luthan Wood John Tucker & Gideon Gifford [Gifford]** to make the necessary inspection among the member of this meeting according to the Contents of the foregoing Claws and report to this meeting whe accomplished

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

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held in **Dartmouth** y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>mo</sup> 1793

We your Committee appointed to have the Care of the meeting held in **Allens neck** the preceeding Winter report we have Answer,<sup>d</sup> our appointment and as far as we have Discoverd, Said meetings were Conducted in a good degree orderly to our Satisfaction **Peleg Slocum** } in behalf  
**Hannah Wood** } of y<sup>e</sup> Committee  
Suchas attended

**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** reports that the Testimony of Denial of **Benj-Ruder [Rider] J<sup>m</sup>** was read as Directed

The Committee in the case of **Jonathan Howland** report that have had another oppertunity with him & found him a little Different minded from what appear,<sup>d</sup> the month before therefore it is again Continued to next mo meeting unde the care of the Same friend then they to report

The friends appointed to raise money report they have attended thereto but not gone throw they are Continued to that Service & to report next mo meeting

**Samuel Smith Joseph Eastes [Estes] George Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>** are appointed to Settle with **Gideon Howland** Respecting the Estate of

**Mary Wing** left in his hands and report next mo meeting  
the business being Accomplished we Conclude and Adjorn  
to the Usual time next mo

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
9<sup>mo</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> the 9<sup>mo</sup> 1793. The Representatives from the Preparative  
1793 meetings are from the South **Joseph Tucker & Gideon Howland**  
North **John Tucker & Jethrow Russell** all present

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The Queries and Answers were read & after Some amendment  
Said answers are Directed to be forwarded by our Representatives  
the Quarterly Meeting Who are **Jonathan Hart Luthan Wood**  
**Joseph Tucker & Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** they to report next mo meeting

The friends appointed in the case of **Ebenezer Allen J<sup>n</sup>** Report  
they have had another oppertunity with him find him week  
and Desire it refer,<sup>d</sup> it is refer,<sup>d</sup> accordingly under their care  
they to report next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **John Eddy** report they have  
a Sutable oppertunity with him to Some Satisfaction but  
he not being fully willing to reform in his dress it is referd  
to next mo meeting under their Care then to report

The Committee to make the alteration in the 3 Query  
Report its not fully accomplished they are continued to  
compleat it & report next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **Jonathan Howland** report  
they have had no oppertunity with him they are Continued  
in that case & to report next mo meeting

This meeting feeling a Concern that an Additional care  
was Necessary in respect to labouring with the Disorderly  
members amongst us, in order that the Deviations may  
be removed, Especially in Attending our Religious meet.  
and on account of plainness and after Solid Consideration  
we conclude to apoint a Committee to Assist the over-  
=seers in this weighty Concern to do ther Endeavours  
as truth may Direct to the removing of those Defects  
from amongst us, but this meeting having Sot long  
it is Defer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting

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

Agreable to appointment of y<sup>e</sup> mo meeting. We have Inspect<sup>ed</sup>  
into the Settlement of **Mary Wings** Estate and find that  
**Gideon Howland** who Administer,<sup>d</sup> on the Same hath  
Setled in the brobate [probate?] & find in his hands on her Estate as

allowed by the Judge y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 5<sup>£</sup>-15<sup>s</sup>-8<sup>d</sup> which we approve  
as final Settlement **Samuel Smith Joseph Estes**  
**Dart. [Dartmouth] 9<sup>mo</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1793** **George Smith**

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our Esteemed Friend **Rufus Hall** with a Certificate from the mo  
meeting of **Saratoga** dated 18 & 19 of the 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1793 also a Concurring  
one from the Quarterly meeting held at **Ninepartners [Nine Partners]** 15<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>mo</sup> 179[3]  
also **Zebulon Hoxsie** with a Certificate from **Saratoga** mo meeting  
meeting [*sic*] dated 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> days 7<sup>mo</sup> 1793 attended this meeting whose  
Company and Service hath been very Acceptable to us

This meeting is informd through the North preparative  
meeting that **Abner Sheephard [Shepherd]** hath remov,<sup>d</sup> within the compas  
**New bedford** mo meeting & Desires a Certificate to that meeting  
we therefor appoint **John Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to take the  
necessary Care & if they find no obstruction to prepare one and  
bring to next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to raise money Continued from last mo  
report they had not fully accomplish,<sup>d</sup> it they are Continued  
to Endeavour to accomplish S<sup>d</sup> business & to report next mo meet.  
it appearing Necessary that Some hay be provided for the Use  
Quarterly meeting therefore we appoint **Caleb Barker George**  
**Sandford [Sanford] & George Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>** to take the necessary Care in that  
matter & Report next mo meeting  
the business being accomplish,<sup>d</sup> we Conclude & Adjorn to the  
usual time next mo.

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
21<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>mo</sup> 1793

<sup>10 mo</sup>  
<sup>1793</sup> The Representatives from the preparative meetings are  
from the South **Josiah Wood & Philip Trafford** North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott**  
and **William Tripp** being called all present

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting  
report they all attended Except **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** whose Excuse was  
accepted by this meeting

The friends appointed in the case of **Ebenezer Allen J<sup>a</sup>** reported  
they have had a ~~nothef~~ oppertunity with him therefor its refer,<sup>d</sup>  
to next mo meeting under their Care then they to report

The friends appointed in the case of **John Eddy** not being  
ready to repor Desire it Continued therefore its Defer,<sup>d</sup> to next  
mo meeting they then to report

The Committee in the case of **John Howland** have been long Delay,<sup>d</sup> on account of his Absence now report they find nothing to hinder his acknowledgement being accepted and he now being present it is accepted by this meeting and **Josep Eastes [Estes]** is appointed to See that it be read in the Usual publick mannon & report next mo meeting

The friends appointed to make the alteration in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Query report its not Completed they are Continued to accomplish it & report next mo mee<sup>t</sup>

The friend in the Case of **Jonathan Howland** report they Desire that matt<sup>ar</sup> Continued its accordingly Continued under their care they to report next mo meeting

The appointing a Committee to assist the overseers Defer<sup>d</sup> from last month now Coming again under Consideration and after Considering the propriety or Usfullness of Such a Committee do Conclude to appoint an additional number of Overseers to Join in labour with the former to do their Indeavour to remove the Disorders from among us and **Joseph Tucker John Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** are appointed accordingly till the year of the former appointment be Expir,<sup>d</sup> — — —————

A Removal Certificate on behalf of **Abner Sheepherd [Shepherd]** & Wife & two Sons namely **W<sup>m</sup> & David** to the mo meeting of **New Bedford** was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The Committee to rais money for this meeting report they have not fully accomplish,<sup>d</sup> that matter they are continued & to report next mo meeting and **George Smith & Gideon Anthony** are aded

**George Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> & Caleb Barker** report they provided hay for the Use of the Quarterly meeting according to appointment

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

We are Inform,<sup>d</sup> that **David Sherman** hath much Departed from that Simple plainness we profess both in Language and habit particularly in tying his hair with a Ribin;

*David Sherman* we therefor appoint **Joseph Tucker & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** to take an oppertunity with him in order to Convince him of his outgoings & report when they have had an oppertunity with him

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Also **John Howland** and **Gilbert Howland** are Complain,<sup>d</sup> of for being out of plainness both in habit & Language and the Said **John** hath attended a marriage out of the order of friends whereupon this meeting appoints **Stephen Gifford** and **Joseps Eastes** to take an opportunity with them and Endeavour to reclaim them therefrom and report when ready or Called upon by this meeting

**Noah Lapham** having remov,<sup>d</sup> within the virge of **Saratoga** <sup>mo</sup> meeting and Requested (by a friend) a removal Certificate to that meeting & **William Anthony** & **Joseph Eastes** are appoint to take the Necessary Care & if no objection bring one to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting the business being accomplished we Conclude & Adjourn to the Usual time next <sup>mo</sup>

11<sup>mo</sup>  
1793

At a Monthly Meeting of friends in **Dartmouth** 18<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>mo</sup> 1793 the Representatives from the preparative are from the South **Luthan Wood** & **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** North **John Devol** & **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** all present The friends in the Case of **Ebenezer Allen** report they have had no oppertunity with him it therefore continued to next mo meeting under their care then they to report

The friends appointed in the case of **John Eddy** report they had a Solid opportunity with him but Desire it continued it is therefore continued to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting under their care they then to report

**Joseph Eastes** reports that **John Howlands** paper has not been read by reason of his attending meetings he is therefore Continued in Said Servis & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The friends appointed to make the alteration in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Query report that its accomplish,<sup>d</sup>

The matter respecting **Jonathan Howland** is again Continued under the Same friends care they to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The committee to raise money report they have raisd and paid to treasurer 6<sup>£</sup>-8<sup>s</sup>-8<sup>d</sup> and they are Continued in this Servis & to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

**George Smith** reports he has Inform,<sup>d</sup> **Wesson Howland** of his Denial as according to appointment

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Noah Lapham** & wife not being ready they are Continued & to report next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

The Queries with the Answers were read and after being considered together with an Account from this meeting are forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott Luthan Wood** & **Jo<sup>s</sup> Tucker** they to report next <sup>m</sup>o meeting

The treasurer is Directed to Deliver £6-8<sup>s</sup>-2<sup>d</sup> our propotion of the yearly meeting Stock to the Representatives to Quarterly meeting they to forward the Same to the treasurer & report next <sup>m</sup>o meeting

A Request from friends in **Allens Neck** to hold meetings on first and fifth Days of Each week Except the week in which our monthly & Preparative<sup>^meetings</sup> are held at the following houses (viz) one month at **Peleg Slocums**, Two months at **Elijah Giffords** and the Remainder of the time at **Timothy Giffords** untill the <sup>m</sup>o meeting in the 4<sup>th</sup> month next Which Request is granted by this meeting and the meeting to begin next week under the care of the following friends **Timothy Gifford Philip Trafford Luthan Wood Joseph Estes** & **Benja Allen** who are to Indeavour that the meetings are kept up in an orderly mannor, and they to report when the time is Expir,<sup>d</sup>

It being the mind of this meeting that a Committee be appointed to Communicate our minds to the yearly meeting Committee in respect to the matter Sent forward to their Committee last yearly meeting Relating to the Quarterly held at **Aponeganset** in the 10<sup>th</sup> being removed to **New Bedford** therefore **Luthan Wood Timothy Gifford John Devol Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks Gideon Howland Joseph Eastes** are appointed accordingly report next <sup>m</sup>o meeting

12<sup>mo</sup>  
1793

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 16<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>mo</sup> 1793 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South **Joseph Tucker** & **Caleb Barker** North **John Tucker** & **Elihu Mosher** being Called all present

The friends appointed to treat with **Ebenezer Allen 2<sup>nd</sup>** report they Indeavour<sup>d</sup> for an oportunity to treat with him but he did not Comply therewith and its their mind that its not usefull to Continue him any longer a member of this meetig therefore he is Denied membership from this mee<sup>n</sup> & **Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** is to Inform him thereof & report next <sup>m</sup>o meetng

The Committee to treat with **John Eddy** report they have attended thereto but are not ready to make a Conclusive report and Desire it Continued it is therefore Defer,<sup>d</sup> under their care to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting they then to report and **Gideon Howland & John Devol** is appointed to unite with them therein

**Josep Eastes** reports that **John Howlands** paper of acknowledgment has not been read by reason of his not attending meetings & the matter having bee long continued and he not appearing Concern,<sup>d</sup> in his Said acknowledgment this meeting thinks best to appoint to appoint a Committee to viset him and let him know the Exercise of this meeting on his account with respect to his nonattendance of meeting whereupon **Joseph Tucker & Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** are appointed accordingly & to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Committee appointed to treat with **Jonathan Howland** report they have attended thereto and Labour,<sup>d</sup> in the ability afforded & find so much Satisfaction as to Desire it Continued its therefor Deferd to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting under their Care then they to report

The Committee to rais money report they have Collected Some more and they are Continued to proceed therein & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting paying what they have Collected to our treasurer

The friends appointed Report they find nothing to hinder **Noah Lapham** and Wives having a Removel Certificate to **Saratoga** <sup>mo</sup> meeting and presented one which being read & approv,<sup>d</sup> was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

This meeting being inform,<sup>d</sup> that **Leamuel Barker** hath married a member of our Society out of the unity of friends we therefore Deny unity with him and Consider him no longer a member of this meeting and **Joshua Potter** is appointed to inform him thereof & report next <sup>mo</sup> mee

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

The Committee to communicate our minds to the yearly meeting Commite report they were not Called upon they are Continued & to report When their Service is Accomplished

This meeting by request of the Select members is Adjourn,<sup>d</sup> to 25 instant after the meeting for worship  
25 Day mett by Adjournment the representatives **Josept Tucker Caleb Barker** present **Jonh Tucker & Elihu Mosher** Not present are to Desir<sup>d</sup> to render their [?] next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

This meeting is informd that our friend **Stephen Buffinton** has had it on his mint for Some time to viset friends & others as truth opens the way as far as **Lester & Bolton** & thereabouts he being a minister in Unity and we Unite with him in his Concern & the Clerk is Directed to give him a Copy of this minute  
the answeSr being accomplishd we ajourn to meet again at the usual

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1<sup>mo</sup>  
1794

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
the 20<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>mo</sup> 1794

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the  
South **Gideon Howland & Luthan Wood** North **Adam Mott & John Tucker**  
who being called are all present

Receiv,<sup>d</sup> an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in **London**  
held 28<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1793 which was read in this meeting to our  
Satisfactio<sup>n</sup> & Comfort

A Removal Certificate in behalf of **Elisabeth Jonson** to the mo  
meeting at **Saratoga** was Sign,<sup>d</sup> in Concurrence of the womens meeting

**Peleg Slocum** informd that **Ebenezer Allen** was Inform,<sup>d</sup> of his Denial  
as Directed

**Joshua Potter** reports that he Inform,<sup>d</sup> **Leamuel Barker** of his Denial  
as Directed

**William Gifford** reports that **Jonathan Howland** had not been  
visited Since Last <sup>mo</sup> meeting Desiring it Connued its therefore Deferd  
to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting they then to report

The Committee in the Case of **John Howland** report they have had  
an oppertunity with him & Desire it Continued & as he is gone to  
Sea they are Directed to report when they have accomplish,<sup>d</sup> their  
Servis

The Committee to raise money report they have Collected & paid  
to our Treasurer 3<sup>£</sup>-6<sup>s</sup>-2<sup>d</sup> and Desire to be Continued there are  
Continued & to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Committee in the case of **John Eddy** report they had an oppertu<sup>nity</sup>  
with him but receiv,<sup>d</sup> no rail Satisfactio<sup>n</sup> whereupon we appoi<sup>nt</sup>  
apprehending to be Clear of any further Labour with him do  
Disown him from being a member of this meeting and **Joseph**  
**Tucker** and **William Gifford** are appointed to inform him thereof  
prepare a Testimony of his Denial & bring next <sup>mo</sup> meeting  
**John Tucker** & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** render,<sup>d</sup> their reason for nonattendance at the Ajor  
which is accepted & **Elihu Mosher** is Desird to render reason to next mo mee  
**Zephaniah Eddy** Requested a Certificate for his Son **Job** to the <sup>mo</sup> metg  
at **Providence** as he in gone to printice there we appoint **Caleb**  
**Barker** & **John Tucker** to make the Necessary Inquiry & present one  
to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting if they find things Clear

A Certificate in behalf of **Asa Mosher** Clearness of marriage from  
<sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Acoakest** 16<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1793 was Receiv,<sup>d</sup> with Consent of  
parents



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**Asa Mosher** and **Betheah Mosher** appear in this meeting and Declar,<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage & were Desird to wait till next <sup>mo</sup> meeting for their Answers

The Clerk Informd that the year being Expir,<sup>d</sup> of his Servis therefore the representatives are requested to have it in Charge & nominate one at next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

2<sup>mo</sup>  
1794

At our Monthly Meeting of friends at **Dartmouth** 17<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>mo</sup> 1794 the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South **Timothy Gifford** and **Josiah Wood** from North **John Tucker** and **Allen Russell** being Called all present

The year of the Sevis of our Clerk being Expir,<sup>d</sup> therefore we appoint **Joseph Eastes** again to that Service for the year Ensuing or till another appointment in his Stead and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Assistant

The friends appointed in the case of **John Eddy** report they<sup>^</sup> have not informd him as Directed & produc,<sup>d</sup> a Testimony of his Denial which was approv,<sup>d</sup> & Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk who is Directed to read it in the Usual publick mannor at **Apponiganset** meeting & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting Said testimony as followeth Said Committ Continued to Inform him when oppertunity presents

**John Eddy** having had a right of membership with friends but through Disobedience & Inattention to the manifestation of truth in his own mind hath So far Deviated from our profession as to partake of Spiritous Liquors to that Degr as to be reduced to a helpless State of body, and friends having labur,<sup>d</sup> and treated with him in order to bring him to a right Sense of his misconduct but our labours of love not having the Desire,<sup>d</sup> Effect therefore we are Concern,<sup>d</sup> for the Clearing of truth and friends to bare our testimony against Such reproachfull Conduct hereby Disown-  
=ing him the Said **John Eddy** from being a member of our Society untill he Shall manifest a Sinclear repentance & be restored to the truth which is our Desire. Given forth & Sign,<sup>d</sup> at our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 17<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>mo</sup> 1794

**Joseph Eastes** Clerk

The Committee in the Case of **Jonathan Howland** report they have had another oppertunity with him & labur,<sup>d</sup> in the ability afforded and think further labur will be Usless and this meeting being like minded with the Committee do with the Concurrance of the Women meet. Disown him from being a member of this meeting and Said Committee are appointed to Inform him thereof prepare a Testimony of his Denial and

bring to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The friends appointed produc,<sup>d</sup> a Certificate for **Job Eddy** as Directed which was approv,<sup>d</sup> & Signd by the Clerk

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a Certificate in behalf of **Lemuel Howland** from the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Acoakset** 18<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>mo</sup> 1794 Seting forth his right of membership & Requesting our Care of him was read & Accepted

**Asa Mosher & Bethiah Mosher** appear<sup>d</sup> for their Answers and nothing appearing to hinder they were allowed to proceed at Some Convenient time between this & next <sup>mo</sup> meeting and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Jonathan Hart** is appointed to See S<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly Solemnized & report next <sup>mo</sup> meet

A Removes Certificate on behalf of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Howland 3<sup>rd</sup>** to the monthly <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Saratoga** was read approv,<sup>d</sup> & Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The Committee to rais money report they had not got throw & they are Continued to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

**Elihu Mosher** renderd a reason for non attendance which is accepted the business being accomplised we Conclude & Adjourn to the usual time next <sup>mo</sup>

3<sup>mo</sup>  
1794

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 17<sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>mo</sup> 1794 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are South **Joseph Tucker & Timothy Howland** North **Joshua Potter** and **Jonathan Hart** being Called all present

**Joseph Eastes** reports he has not read the Testimony of **John Eddy** Denial therefore he is Continued to accomplish it and Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The friends appointed Report they Inform,<sup>d</sup> **Jonathan Howlan<sup>d</sup>** of his Denial as Directed and produced a Testimony thereof which was read & approv,<sup>d</sup> & Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed to read it in the Usual publick manne<sup>r</sup> & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting Said testimony is as followeth

**Jonathan Howland** a member of our Society hath much Neglected the due attendance of our Religious meetings and been guilty of the Evil practice of partaking Spiritous liquors to Excess for all which we have Labour,<sup>d</sup> with him Shew him the Inconsisten<sup>cy</sup> and Evil of Such Unwarrantable practises but our labour of love not having the Desir,<sup>d</sup> Effect therefore we give this forth as a publick Testimony against Such Conduct hereby Disown =ing him the Said **Jonathan Howland** from being any longer a member of our Society and from under the care of this meeting untill he Shall be favour,<sup>d</sup> to See the Evil of his ways and return to the way of truth which is our Sinclear Desire

Given forth at our <sup>mo</sup> meeting held in **Dartmouth** 17-3 <sup>mo</sup> 1794 & Sign,<sup>d</sup> by **Joseph Eastes** Clerk

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A Removel Certificate in behalf of **Sunanah Tripp** wife of **Peleg Tripp** Directed to the monthly meeting at **Saratoga**, also a Certificate in behalf of **Mary Potter** to the Same mo meeting was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Cleark in Concurrence of y<sup>e</sup> women meet

The friends report that they attended the marriage of **Asa** and **Bethia Mosher**, that it orderly Conducted & their Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording

The Queries and Answers were read from Each preparative from which general Answers were Compil<sup>d</sup> and approv<sup>d</sup> by this meeting and forwarded with an account to the Quar<sup>r</sup>terly meeting by our Representatives who are **Gideon Howland W<sup>m</sup> Gifford W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Joseph Tucker** they to report next mo meeting

A paper Sign<sup>d</sup> by **Jonathan Taulman [Tallman]** from the South Preparative meeting Condeming his taking too frely of Spiritous Liquors an Expressing his Sorrow therefor and we appoint **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith Gideon Howland & Luthan Wood** to take a Solid oppertunity with him in order to Convince him of his Evil Conduct also to his Sincerity in Condeming the Same they to report next mo meeting

This meeting is inform<sup>d</sup> that **Benj<sup>a</sup> Chase** proposes to move with his famely to live within <sup>^the</sup> Virge of **East hoossuck [Hoosack]** mo meeting Requesting our Certificate whereupon we appoint **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks & Joseph Tucker** to take the necessary and if they find things Clear to report one at next mo meet

The Committee to rais money report they have not fully accomplish<sup>d</sup> it they are Still Continued & to report next mo meetng

the business being accomplish<sup>d</sup> we Conclude [*sic*] and adjourn to the Usual time next mo.

<sup>4 mo</sup>  
1794

At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 21<sup>st</sup> - 4 mo 1794  
The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are South **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur] & Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** North **Thomas Mott & Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith** being Called all present

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**Josep Eastes [Estes] & William Anthony** reports that the Testimonies of **John Eddy** and **Jonathan Howland** have been read as Directed

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

The friends appointed to treat with **Jonathan Taulman [Tallman]** report they attended thereto and Desire it Continued it is accordingly Defer<sup>d</sup> they to report next mo meeting

A Removal Certificate to the monthly meeting of **E hoosuck [East Hoosack]** on behalf of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Chase** his wife and Children Namely **Patience Nanna Martha Mary Benja Joseph & William** was read approv<sup>d</sup> & with the Concurrence of the womans meeting was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk –

This meeting being Inform<sup>d</sup> that **Benja Howland 3<sup>rd</sup>** Certifi=  
cate granted him Some time past being mislaid and he Desiring another therefore there was one procur<sup>d</sup> in this meeting and Sin<sup>d</sup> [Signed] by the Clerk and forwarded to **Saratog<sup>a</sup>** mo meeting on his behalf

The Committee appointed to raise money report they have Collected and paid to the treasurer 1<sup>£</sup> - 8<sup>S</sup> - 11<sup>1/2</sup><sup>d</sup> they are Still Continued & to report next mo meeting

A Removal Certificate for **Sarah Russel [Russell]** to the mo meeting at **Saratoga** in Concurrence of the women was Sign<sup>d</sup> be [by] y<sup>e</sup> Clerk

There was a Complaint handed throu[g]h the South preparativ[e] meeting by the Overseers against **James Howland** (Son of **Jonas**) that he hath been guilty of taking property from **W<sup>m</sup> Howland** in a thevish manner as appears by his own Confession therefore we appoint **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** and **Jonathan Hart** to take a Solid oppertunity with him and report their Sence of the Circumstance of the matter to next mo meeting

A New Choice of Overseers of the poor Coming under Considerati<sup>on</sup> of this meeting we appoint **Joshua Potter Stephen Gifford Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith Timothy Howland & Gideon Anthony** for that Servis for the year Ensuing or till others are appointed in their room

The business being accomplished we Adjourn to the Usual time next month

5<sup>mo</sup>  
1794

At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 19<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>mo</sup> 1794  
The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the  
South **George Smith & Luthan Wood** North **Allen Russell** and  
**Elihu Mosher** who being Called all present

The Committee in the Case of **Jonathan Taulman** [**Tallman**] report they  
paid Some attention thereto yet Desire it Continued which is  
Continued under their care they to report next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **James Howland** report that  
they all attended thereto and think him Somewhat Sin  
=sable [sensible?] of his misconduct but the matter of his Crime being  
So reproach<sup>full</sup> that wee think our Selves Constrain<sup>d</sup> to  
Deny Unity with him and no longer hold him a member  
of our Society untill a manifest reformation Shall take  
place on his mind and **Benja Allen Joseph Eastes** [**Estes**] are  
appointed to prepare a testimony of his Denial and bring  
to next mo meeting & Inform him thereof and repor[t] next  
mo meeting

Our friend **Stephen Buffinton** [**Buffington**] having return<sup>d</sup> from a  
Religious Viset to **Lester Bolten** & thereabouts with a  
Copy of a minute from this meeting Dated 25-12<sup>mo</sup> last

A Request was forwarded through the South preparative  
on behalf of **Cook Howland** Desiring to become a member  
of our Society therefore we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** and  
**Josep Tucker** to take a Solid oppertunity with him and  
report their Sence thereon at next mo meeting

Our Aged friend **W<sup>m</sup> Barker** Requested a Coppy of  
a minute Seting forth his right of membeship here  
to the mo meeting at **Saratoga** as he is going there  
to viset his friends and Relation and the Clerk is  
Directed to give him a Coppy of this minute

The Committe to raise mony report they have Collected  
and paid to the treasurer 9<sup>s</sup>/9 ½ and they are Continued  
ant [*sic*] to report next mo meeting

the business being accomplish<sup>d</sup> we Adjourn  
to mett at the Usual time next mo

6<sup>mo</sup>  
1794

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 16<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>mo</sup> 1794  
the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from y<sup>e</sup> South  
**Jonathan Willbur** [**Wilbur**] & **Gideon Howland** North **John Tucker** & **John Devol** [**Davol**]  
all Present Except **Gideon Howland** who is gone to the yearly meet:  
it appearing its not best to proceed to business by reason it is the  
time of our yearly meeting therefore this meeting adjourns to

23 Instant after the meeting for worship

this meeting mett by adjournment 23 y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>mo</sup> 1794  
the Representatives being Called all present

Our friend **Joshua Evins** [**Evans**] Attended this meeting with  
with a Certificate from the monthly meeting of **Hadinfeild** [**Haddonfield**]  
in **Newjersy** [**New Jersey**] Dated 10<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup> 1794 Seting forth their Unity  
as a minister with an Indosment [endorsement?] thereon from the Quarter  
=ly meeting held at **Hadingfield** 21 y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup> 1794 Concurring  
therewith Whose labours of gospel love has been truly  
Satisfactory to us

The matter respecting **Jonathan Taulman** [**Tallman**] is again Defer<sup>d</sup>  
to next mo meeting the the [*sic*] Committee to report

The Committee to inform **James Howland** of his Denial report  
it had been Done and produc<sup>d</sup> a testimony of his Denial  
which being approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony**  
is appointed to read it in the Usual publick mannor & report  
next mo meeting Said Testimony is all followeth

**James Howland** (son of **Jonathan**) of **Dartmouth** having had a  
Birthright among friends, but through unwatchfull and Disobe  
=diance to the leadings of truth hath So fallen into the  
Reproachfull act of theft as Evidently appears by his own  
Cofession [*sic*] of taking property from **W<sup>m</sup> Howland** without leave  
for which friends have tenderly labour<sup>d</sup> with him in order  
to Covince [*sic*] him of the inconsistancy of Such Conduct and  
having Discharged our Duty, we are Concern<sup>d</sup> for to give this  
forth as a publick testimony against Such vicious and  
Reproachfull Conduct hereby Disowning him the Said  
~~Jonathan~~ <sup>James</sup> **Howland** from being any longer a member  
of our Society untill by unfeigned repentance to amendment  
of life he Shall be favoured to return to the way of truth  
and make friends Satisfaction which is our Sinclear Desire  
Given forth at our mo meeting held at **Dartmouth** by  
adjournment 23 day 6<sup>mo</sup> 1794 **Joseph Estes** Clerk

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Th Committee in the case of **Cook Howland** report that they  
had a Sutable oppertunety with him to a good Degree of  
Satisfaction and after being duly Consider<sup>d</sup> in this meeting  
we Conclude to Defer the matter by reason of his absence  
to next mo meeting

The Queries and Answers from Each preparative meeting together general Answers Compil<sup>d</sup> therefrom and after Several usefull remarks made thereon are Directed toge ther with a account to the Quarterly meeting by our Rep rsen [representatives?] who are **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur] Gideon Howland W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Joseph Eastes [Estes]** they to report next mo meet:

the friend appointed reports that he Informd **John Eddy** of his Denal [denial] as Directed Some time past

the business being accomplish<sup>d</sup> we adjourn to mett at Usual time next mo

At our Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 21–7<sup>mo</sup> 1794

7<sup>mo</sup>  
1794

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the North **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider & Jonathan Hart** South **Timothy Howland** and **Josiah Wood** who being Called all present

The friends in the case of **Jonthan Taulman [Tallman]** report they have attended thereto & think best to Continue it a nother month or longer if occation require it therefore its Defer<sup>d</sup> under their Care they to repor when ready or Called upon by this meeting

The Testimony of **James Howland** has ben read as orderd

one of the friends to viset **Cook Howland** upon his request report he Continues his request and with the Concurrence of the women S<sup>d</sup> report is Accepted but he being again absent its again Defer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting under the Same friends Care

The Representatives to the Quarterly report they all attended and brought Several Extracts of Eppistles & Extracts from our yearly Meeting at **Rhodisland [Rhode Island]** the Contents of which are Notice as business of this meeting and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford Tho<sup>s</sup> Hick & Joseph Eastes [Estes]** are appointed to mak the alteration in the books of Disa pline as Directed in Said Extracts & report next mo meeting or when Done

**Joseph Eastes [Estes] Giles Smith Timothy Howland Prince Potter Zephaniah Buffinton George Smith John Devol [Davol] Barnabus Mosher J<sup>n</sup>** are appointed to Collect the Sum of fifteen pounds it

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being the Sum agreed to by this meeting, in the meathod last practi<sup>c</sup>ed for the year insuing and pay the money into the treasury once in three months and report to this meeting when So paid in

The North preparative meeting Inform<sup>s</sup> that **Abraham Tucker**

Son of **Jonathan Tucker** was gone to live with a friend at [New] **Bedford** for whom his mother requested a Certificate to that meeting therefore **Joshua Potter & Jonathan Hart** are appointed to prepare one and bring to next mo meeting the business being accomplish<sup>d</sup> we Conclude and Adjourn to the Usual time next mo

At our Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the  
8<sup>mo</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>mo</sup> 1794  
1794 the Representatives from the preparatives meetings are from the South **Caleb Barker & Timothy Gifford** North **Barnabas Mosher J<sup>n</sup> & Joshua Potter** who being Called are all present

The matter respecting **Cook Howland** coming again under Consideration the Committee having nothing Differen to report and he now being present Conclud to Accept his request and receive him into membership he is therefore received into mem[b]ership accordingly

The friends appointed prepar<sup>d</sup> a Certificate for **Abraham Tucker** which being approv<sup>d</sup> was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk one of the friends in the Case of **Gilbert Howland** report they have had an oppertunity with him & both Concluded to report that he appear<sup>d</sup> to have no Dispotion [disposition?] to Condem his Deviation from friends rules and having Since married out whereupon with the Concurrance of the womens meeting we Disown the Said **Gilbert Howland** from being a member of our Society and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed to inform him thereof and report to this meeting when done —

**Samuel Gidley** gave in a paper Condeming his marring [marrying] out of the Unity of friends & Desiring to be taken under friends Care again therefore **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks & Luthan Wood** are appointed to take a Solid oppertunity with him in order to Discover his Sincerity and report next mo meeting

The oversers [overseers] Inform that **Giles Russell** much Nelects [neglects] y<sup>e</sup> attendance of meetings and partakes of Spiritous Liquors to Access [sic] and having labour<sup>d</sup> with [him?] therefor but he Still Continues therein & we appoint **Joseph Barker Gideon Howland & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to Labour further with him & report next mo meeting

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The Preparative meeting Inform<sup>s</sup> that **Jesiah Wood J<sup>n</sup>** Requests a Certificate to the mo meeting of **Rhodisland [Rhode Island]** Seting forth his Clearness Respecting marriage here & right of membership and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks &**



**Jonathan Wilbur** are appointed to take the Necessary Care in that matter and report one to next monthly meeting f [if] they find things Clear

the business being acomplish<sup>d</sup> we Adjourn to the Usual time next month – — –

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

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

The Committee in the Case of **Giles Russell** report they have taken an oppertunity with him and find Some Incouragment to wait longer they are Continued to a watchful care over him & to report nex mo meeting

one of the Committee to Inquire into **Jesiah Woods** Clearness the other being unwell, report they find nothing Sufficient to hinder and presented one Directed to the mo meeting of **Rhod[e] =Island** as Directed which was approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The Queries were read with answers from Each preparative meeting from which general Answers were Compil<sup>d</sup> and an Account to the Quarterly meeting Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk <sup>^</sup>& both forwarded to the S<sup>d</sup> mee: [meeting] by our Representatives who are **William Anthony George Smith Joseph Eastes [Estes] & Jonathan Hart** they to report next mo meeting

This meeting Adjourns to the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant after y<sup>e</sup> meeting for Worship  
24<sup>th</sup> Day mett by Adjournment Representatives all present

The friends to make the addition in the book of Disapline report that its accomplish<sup>d</sup> according to appointment

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The Committee appointed in the case of **William Briggs** report as followeth which is accepted

We have Several times taken oppertunities with **W<sup>m</sup> Briggs** and Indeavour<sup>d</sup> to find his Sencerity in Condeming his attending a horsrace, and also to Convince him of his inconsistancy of dress & address and not attending meetings in all which we find So little Incouragment that we do not think it Usefull to him nor the

meeting to Connue [Continue] him any longer a member of our Society which we  
Submitt to the meeting

**Stephen Gifford**  
**Joseph Eastes**  
**Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen**

And this meeting with the Concurrence of the women Doth Disown  
him the **W<sup>m</sup> Briggs** from being any longer a member of our  
Society and **Luthan Wood** is appointed to Inform him thereof and  
report next mo meeting

it is Concluded that all our midweek meetings be Discont[inu<sup>d</sup>?]  
those weeks in which our Quarterly meeting is held at [New] **Bedford**  
or at this place — this meeting Concluds & Adjourns to the  
Usual time next mo

*10<sup>mo</sup>  
1794*

At our Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 20<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>mo</sup> 1794

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from  
the South **Luthan Wood & Caleb Barker** North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** and  
**Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider** who being Called all present \_\_\_\_\_

one of the friends appointed in the Case of **Giles Russell**  
report that [they?] have attended to that matter and Still Desire  
Continued its therefore Defer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting under  
their care they then to report

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all  
attended

The Committee to Inform **William Briggs** of his Denial  
report he is inform<sup>d</sup> and presented a testimony thereof which  
was approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk who is Directed to read it in our  
Usual mannor and report next mo meeting S<sup>d</sup> Tes: [testimony] is as followeth  
**William Briggs** having had a right of membership among friends but for  
want of a faithfull attention to the Dictates of truth as our profession  
requires hath attended at a place of horsing for which we have labour<sup>d</sup>  
with him from time to time rightly to Condem the Same as also his  
neglecting of attending our Religious meetings & being out of plainness  
but our labour not having the Desir<sup>d</sup> [effect?] & beleaving ourselves Clear do  
Disown the S<sup>d</sup> **W<sup>m</sup> Briggs** from a right of membership of our Society un til  
he Shall live a more Circumspect life & return to our Satisfaction & his own—  
[?]act & Safty [safety?]

Given forth & Sign<sup>d</sup> at our mo meeting in **Dar: [Dartmouth]** 20<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>mo</sup> 1794 by  
**Joseph Eastes** Clerk

In Concurrence with the Women a Certificate on behalf of **Catherine Briggs** wife of **Cornelas Briggs** to the mo meeting of **Saratoga** also one on behalf of **Theodate Jonson [Johnson]** to the Same mo meeting also one on behalf of **Ruth Mosher** to the mo meeting **Nantucket** all which was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

**Benjamin Howland Smith** and **Silva Slocum** Declar<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage before this meet and were Desir<sup>d</sup> to wait till next mo meeting for their answers and **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** and **Luthan Wood** are appointed to inquire in his Clearness respecting marriage ingagements & report next mo meeting

The Committee appointed to the Care of the meeting in **Allens Neck** report in writing as followeth which is Accepted

We your Committee appointed to have the care of meetings in **Alens Neck**, ~~have to report~~ have all of us attended them (Except **Philip Trafford** Who has not been able thro indisposition of Body) and we think all the meetings were held in a tolerable good Degree orderly Except two or three meetings wherein some Lightness & inattention appeared among some of the youth for which Care was taken to prevent

**William Anthony** a member of this meeting Inform<sup>d</sup> that he proposes to travil to **Saratoga** to viset his friends and Relations and Desires our Approbation we Concurring therewith the Clerk is Directed to give him a Cobby of this minute

The Committe to Collect money for this meetings Use reports they have Collected and paid our treasurer Seven pounds thirteen Shillings & 9<sup>d</sup> the business being accomplish<sup>d</sup> we adjourn to the Usual time next mo

*1 mo* At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 17<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>mo</sup> 1794  
*1794* The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Timothy Howland & Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** North **John Devol [Davol]** and **John Tucker** who being Call<sup>d</sup> all present

**Josep Eastes [Estes]** reports the Testimony of **W<sup>m</sup> Briggs** Denial has been read as Directed

The matter respeiting **Giles** is again refer<sup>d</sup> by the request of the Committee to next mo meeting then they to report

The friends to inquire into **Benj<sup>a</sup> H Smith<sup>s</sup>** Clearness report they

find nothing to hinder him from proceeding

The Queries were Answer<sup>d</sup> from Each Preparative meeting from which general Answers were Compil<sup>d</sup> which together with an account to the Quarterly meeting was forwarded to S<sup>d</sup> Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **Joseph Tucker Luthan Wood** and **Jonathan Hart** they to report next mo meeting — and our treasurer is Directed to Deliver £6=8<sup>S</sup>-2 to S<sup>d</sup> Representatives to forward to Quarterly meetings treasurer it being our propo[r]tion of the yearly & Quarterly meetings Stock

**Benj<sup>a</sup> H. Smith** and **Silvia Slocum** appear<sup>d</sup> for their Answer and nothing appearing to hinder they are allowed to proceed in marriage at Some Convenient time between this & next mo meeting Advising with the friends appointed to See S<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly Solemniz<sup>d</sup> and **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** & **Gideon Howland** are appointed accordingly & to report next mo meeting

**Rescom Kirby** presented a paper Condemning his misconduct[?] in being guilty of fornication apparent by his wives having a Child Soon after marriage and we appoint **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** & **Joseph Eastes** to take a Solid opportunity with him in order to Discover his Sincerity therein & report next mo meeting

A Request from friends in **Smith<sup>s</sup> Neck** to hold a meeting there the insewing winter was read & Consider<sup>d</sup> and after Solid Deliberation thereon we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford Stephen Buffinton [Buffington]** **Joseph Tucker** **Jonathan Hart Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** & **Joseph Eastes** to Carefully viset the [parishioners?] in order to Discover the propriety & Usfullness thereof & report their Sence thereof to next mo meeting

A Request from friends in **Allens Neck** to hold meetings there the Insuing Winter was read Consider<sup>d</sup> & granted they to hold them in the mannor therein propos<sup>d</sup> (viz) one month at **Timothy Giffords** one month at **Sam<sup>el</sup> Giffords** one month at **Peleg Slocums** and the remainder of the time at **Elijah Giffords** untill the mo meeting in the 4<sup>mo</sup> under the Care of **Luthan Wood Timothy Gifford** **John Tucker** & **Peleg Slocum** they to report at the Experation of Said time how S<sup>d</sup> meeting were kept up and Attended

the business being Accomplish<sup>d</sup> we adjourn to the Usual time next mo.

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the South **William Anthony & Caleb Barker** from y<sup>e</sup> North  
**Joshua Potter & Jethrow Russell** who being Called all present

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

The friends appointed to oversee the marriage of **Benj<sup>a</sup> How** [**Howland**]  
**Smith** and **Silvia Slocum** reported they attended and See  
nothing but it was orderly Conducted and their Certificate  
Deliver<sup>d</sup> to the Clerk to record

The matter respecting **Rescom Kirby** is refer<sup>d</sup> to next mo  
meeting under the care of the former Committ. then they to  
report

The Committee appointed in the 12<sup>mo</sup> 1793 to viset  
**John Howland** on account of his non Attendance of our  
Religious meetings & his paper of Acknowlegment in  
attending a horsrace, Now make report that they have taken  
oppertunities with him and found but little Satisfaction on  
those accounts and but little incouragement of being more  
Carefull in futer [future] yet as Several friends Express a Desire  
to have it Continued it is Defer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting under  
the former friends Care & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is aded with them &  
to report next mo meeting

The friends in the Case of **Giles Russell** report that they  
Still receive Some Satisfaction or Incouragment & Desire it  
Refer<sup>d</sup> therefore its Continued under their Care to next mo  
meeting then they to report

The Committee in Consequence of a Request in **Smith**  
**Neck** to hold meetings there to report that a full report  
be Defer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting and think Safe to grant  
meetings one month in the following mannor (viz)  
the first 5<sup>th</sup> day after the mo meeting & the 3<sup>rd</sup> fifth day  
and the first day praceading [preceding] the preparative meeting  
under the Care of S<sup>d</sup> Committee they to report next mo  
meeting

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Our Esteemed friend **Rebeca Wright** attended this meeting with  
a Certificate from the mo meeting of upper **Springfeild** in **New Jersey**  
Dated 11<sup>mo</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> 1794 whose Company and Service was truly acceptably  
to us

Our friend **Stephen Buffinton** [**Buffington**] presented a Certificate from the mo  
meeting at **Richmond** [**NH**] Dated 19<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>mo</sup> 1794 Expressive of his attend  
Said meeting also Several others thereabouts to their Comfort and  
Satisfaction

a Complaint through the South pr<sup>tive</sup> [preparative] meeting against **Ephrim Gifford** for keeping Company and married out of friends Rules & orders and that his wife had a Child Soon after marriage was receiv<sup>d</sup> in this meeting and after Solid Deliberation thereon and having the women<sup>s</sup> Concurrance hereby Disown him from being a member of our Society and **Stephen Gifford & Joseph Eastes** is appointed to inform him thereof and prepare a testimony of his Denial & bring to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

an Information that **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell** had married out from friends orders and was precautioned by the overseers whereupon we hereby Disown him with the womens Concurrance from being a member of our Society & **Joseph Tucker & Jonathan Willbur** [Wilbur] are appointed to Inform him thereof & report next mo meeting the business being Ended we Adjourn to the usual time next mo

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 19<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>mo</sup> 1795 the Representatives from the Preparatives meetings are from the South **Joseph Tucker & Jonathan Willbur** North **William Tripp** and **William Wood** all present Except **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** who Sent his Excuse which is Accepted

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

This meeting was Inform<sup>d</sup> that the friends in the Case of **Rescom Kirby** had not Done anything by reason of Indispotion [Indisposition] of body Some other Diapointment [*sic*] therefor they are Dismised and do appoint **Hezekiah Smith & Gideon Howland** to labour with the Said **Rescom Kirby** as truth may open the way & report to next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **John Howland** report they had an oportunity with him to pritty good Satisfaction yet think it best to Continue S<sup>d</sup> matter to next mo meeting under the Same friends Care they then to report

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The Committee in the Case of **Giles Russell** case [*sic*] Requested that matter Continued it is Defer<sup>d</sup> accordingly till next mo meeting they then to report

**Joseph Eastes** [Estes] & **Stephen Gifford** was appointed Last mo meeting to inform **Ephrim Gifford** of his Denial & prepare a testimony

but they not being present nor any reason why its not Done therefore therefore [*sic*] **Joseph Eastes** is Dismised and **Jesiah Wood** is apointed in his room [place] to unite with **Stephen Gifford** in that matter & report to next mo meeting

The friend Report they inform<sup>d</sup> **Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell** of his Denial as Directed

The Committee in the matter Respecting holding meetings in **Smiths Neck** Request it Continued one month longer and for them to hold meetings in the Same mannor as last month at the house of **Hannah Smiths** it is accordingly Continued under their Care then they to report

Our Esteemed friend **John Wiggham** attended this meeting with a Certificate from the mo meeting of friends held at **Aberdeen North Britton [Scotland, UK]** y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>mo</sup> of the 4<sup>mo</sup> [*sic*] 1794 with a Concurring Certificate from the half years meeting of friends at **Edinborrow [Edinburgh, UK]** y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>mo</sup> 1794 also one from from [*sic*] the yearly meeting of ministers & Elders held in **London** by Adjournment from the 17<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>mo</sup> 1794 to the 29 of the Same whose Company and Labours of love is been truly Acceptable to us

**Joseph Eastes [Estes]** presented a paper to this meeting Condeming his partaking of Spiritous Liquors to Access [*sic*] so as to be Drunkn therewith and Expresing his Sorrow therefor and this meeting taking the matter into Consideration do appoint **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur] W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Joseph Tucker** to take a Solid opportun[ity] with him and report their Sence of the matter to next mo meeting

the business being being [*sic*] Accomplished we adjourn to the usual time next mo

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At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1795

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

The year of the Service of the Clerk being Expir<sup>d</sup> we apoint **William Anthony** to that Service for the year Insuing or untill another may be appointed in his Stead and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is likewise appointed to assist him

The friends appointed in the Case of **Rescom Kirby** report they visited him and found a Degree of Satisfaction and

Desire it Continued it is therefore Defer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting under S<sup>d</sup> Committees Care they then to report

The Committe in the Case of **John Howland** report they viseted him and found a Degree of Satisfaction therefore this meeting Concluds to refer S<sup>d</sup> matter under Said Committees Care till next monthly meeting then they to report

The friends appointed in the Case of **Ephrim Gifford** report they have not fully accomplish<sup>d</sup> their appointment they are therefore Continued in that matter & to report next mo meeting

The Committee that had the Care of the meeting in **Smiths Neck** Report that they attended Said meeting and think well of holding Said meeting one month longer in the Same mannor as heretofor at the house of **Mary Smith** under the care of the Same Committee they to report next mo meeting

The friends appointed in the Case of **Giles Russell** report they viseted him to a Degree of Satisfaction they are Continued to have further Care of that matter and to report next mo meeting

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**William Anthony** Reported to this meeting that he had Inform<sup>d</sup> **Gilbert Howland** of his Denial as Directed Some months past

The Committee in the Case of **Joseph Eastes [Estes]** report that they had a Solid oppertunity with him and found good Satisfaction but think best to Continue it one month longer tits [it's?] therefore Defer<sup>d</sup> under their Care till next mo meeting then they to report

this meeting is Inform<sup>d</sup> through the South preparative meeting that **Holder Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup>** is married out of the unity of friends therefore we appoint **Gideon Howland** and **George Sandford [Sanford]** to Inquire into the Circumstance of the matter and Viset him and report the Situation of his misconduct and the Steate [State] of his mind & report next mo meeting

This meeting is Inform<sup>d</sup> that **Devol [Davoll]** and famely Desirs a Remvel [Removal] Certificate to the monthly [meeting?] of **Acoakset [Acoaxet]** as



they are going to live within the Compass of that meeting and **Jonathan Hart** and **Thos Mott & Thos Smith** are appointed to take the Necessary Care in that matter and report next mo meeting

There was a Concern arose both in the preparative meeting & this Respecting the great Slackness of Some of our members in attending our Religious meetings and other Defects, and think it to be the duty of this meeting to appoint a Committee to visit and Endeavour to Stur up the minds of Such to a more faithfull Discharge & performance of their Religious Duties therefore we appoint **Joseph Tucker Jonathan Hart William Gifford** and **Luthan Wood** to Joine the women in that Service & to visit and Revisit Such of the members of this meeting as they in the wisdom of truth Shall think proper and repor[t] their Service therein when they have accomplish<sup>d</sup> the matter

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The Committee appointed to raise money report they have Collected and paid to the treasurer £5-13<sup>s</sup>-3<sup>d</sup>-1 and they are Continued in that Service & to report when ready

the business being accomplish<sup>d</sup> we Adjourn to the Usual time next mo.

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1795

the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South ~~Zephaniah Eddy~~ <sup>Jesiah Wood</sup> and ~~Luthan Wood~~ <sup>George Smith</sup> North **Thos Mott** and **Jethrow Russell** all present

Our Esteemed friend **Joseph Cloud** attended this meeting with a Certificate from the monthly meeting of **Cane Crick [Cane Creek]** in **North Carlina [North Carolina]** dated 2<sup>nd</sup> day y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1794 also a Concurring one from the Quarterly meeting at **Center [Greensboro, NC?]** the 11<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>mo</sup> 1794 whose Company and labours of Gospel love has been Edifying and truly Acceptable to us

The friends in the Case of **Rescom Kirby** Desire Said matter Continued by reason they have not fully Accomplish<sup>d</sup> their appoint<sup>ment</sup> therefore it is refer<sup>d</sup> under their Care to next mo meeting they then to report

The friends friends [*sic*] appointed in the Case of **John Howland** report they found a Degree of Satisfaction from him therefore this meeting Accepts his paper of Acknowledgment and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed to read it at the Close of a first days meeting for

worship and Report next mo meeting

The friends in the Case of **Ephrim Gifford** report they Inform<sup>d</sup> him of his Denial and a Testimony thereof is Refer<sup>d</sup> to next mo meeting

The friends appointed to have the Care of the meeting in in [*sic*] **Smiths Neck** Report that Some of them attended and think it was <sup>held</sup> orderly & to pritty good Satisfaction

The friends appointed in the Case of **Giles Russell** Report they Still Receiv<sup>d</sup> Satisfaction & from his Desire its Continued to next mo meeting under S<sup>d</sup> friends Care they then to report

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The friends in the Case of **Joseph Eastes** [**Estes**] report they have viset him and Receiv<sup>d</sup> a good Degree of Satisfaction therefore this meeting accepts his paper for Satisfaction and **Jonathan Willbur** [**Wilbur**] is appointed to See the Same publicly read at the Close of a first days meeting for worship & report next mo meeting

The friends in the Case of **Holder Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup>** report they attended to their appointment yet this meeting thinks best to refer the mather [matter] under the Care of S<sup>d</sup> Committee to next mo meeting then they to report

The friends appointed in the Case of **Abner Devol<sup>s</sup>** [**Davoll<sup>s</sup>**] Removal Certificate inform they are not ready to report one, they are Continued in that Service & to report next mo meeting

This meeting is Inform<sup>d</sup> from the Select meeting that **Jonathan Hart** is propos<sup>d</sup> by them to be in the Station of an Elder therefore we appoint **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott John Tucker & Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** to take the matter under Consideration and Report their prospect and Sence of the matter next mo meeting

**Zephaniah Buffinton** [**Buffington**] and **Lydia Tucker** appear<sup>d</sup> in this meeting, having Consent of parents, Declar<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage and were Desir<sup>d</sup> to wait till next mo meeting for their Answers, and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Jonathan Hart** are appointed to Inquire into S<sup>d</sup> **Buffinton** Clearness respecting marriage and Conversation & report next mo meeting

The Queries were Read and answers thereto prepar<sup>d</sup> and an account Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and forwar<sup>d</sup> to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are

**Stephen Buffinton Joseph Tucker & William Gifford** they  
to report next mo meeting

This meeting Adjourns to the 8<sup>th</sup> day Next mo after the meeting  
for worship

Mett by Adjournment the 8<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1795  
ther Representatives being Called all present

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This meeting being inform<sup>d</sup> from the Preparative  
meeting that **Jonathan Allen** is married out of the order  
of friends afber [*sic*] being precaution<sup>d</sup> by the Overseers therefore this  
meeting with the Concurrence of the women meeting Denies Unity  
with him as a member and **Luthan Wood** is Directed to inform him  
thereof & report to next mo meeting

This meeting is Inform<sup>d</sup> from the Preparative meeting that  
**Abner Sheeheard [Shepherd]** is married out of the order of friends and we  
appoint **George Smith Joseph Tucker & Gideon Howland Anthony**  
to treat with him for his misconduct and Report next mo  
meeting

This meeting is Inform<sup>d</sup> that **Stephen Smith** has been gone Several  
years to **Urope [Europe]** and While there married out of the Order of friends  
therefore we appoint **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur] & Gideon Howland** to  
take a Solid oppertunity and treat with him for his outgoings  
and report next mo meeting

**Seth Hart** Informs that he has a Sprospect [*sic*] of Removing  
within the Compas of **Saratoga** monthly meeting held at  
**Eastown [Easton, NY]** and Requests our Certificate for him Self and famely  
therefore we appoint **Joshua Potter & Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** to Joine  
the women and take the Necessary Care therein & Report one  
to next mo meeting if they think proper

The Overseers of the poor Inform they Desire Some assistance  
Respecting Some Diffitunt [Difficulty?] that comes under their Considera<sup>tion</sup>  
therefore we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony ~~Gideon Howland~~ Jonathan Wilbur & Gideon  
Howland** to lend them Such Assistance as they may think  
proper

At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 20<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>mo</sup> 1795  
the Representatives from the preparatives meetings are from  
South **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith & Joseph Tucker** North **John Tucker** and  
**Allen Russell** who being Called all Present

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**William Gifford** is appointed Clerk for the day

The Committee in the Case of **Rescom Kirby** reports they had an opportunity with him to good Satisfaction therefore this meeting Accepts his paper of Acknowledg<sup>ment</sup> for Satisfaction and **Jonathan Willbur [Wilbur]** is appointed to read it at the Close of a first days meeting for worship and Report next mo meeting

**Jonathan Willbur** reports that **Joseph Eastes [Estes]** paper has been read as Directed Said paper is as followeth

To the monthly meeting of friends in **Dartmouth**  
For as much as I being of [off?] my watch and have given way to the temptation of the Enemy So far as to goe to a place where Spiritous Liquors was Sold and Joining Company with others did purchase and partake thereof to Access [*sic*] So as to be Intoxicated therewith, whereby truth & friends may be Evilly Spoken of, but being Desirous to Clear friends and truth from the reproach thereof Desire to take it to my Self therefore am Concern<sup>d</sup> thus Publickly to Condemn my Said misconduct and am Sorry for it Desiring forgiv[e] =ness from the father of marcies [mercies] and friends So far to pass it by as as [*sic*] to Suffer me to remain under their watchfull Care which is my Sincear Desire  
**Joseph Estes**  
**Dartmouth** 12 the 3<sup>mo</sup> 1795

The friends appointed in the Case of **Giles Russell** not being ready to make a Conclusive Report therefore they are Continued in that matter and to repo[r]t next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **Holder Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup> Repor<sup>t</sup>** that they Discharg<sup>d</sup> themselves in that Case and found no Satisfaction Likewise labour<sup>d</sup> with him for being guilty of the Sin of Fornication which he Acknowledged therefore this meeting Denies Unity with the Said **Holder Slocum** and **Benjamin Smith & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** is appointed to inform him thereof and draught a testimony of his Denial and Report to next mo meeting

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A Removel Certificate was Sign<sup>d</sup> in Concurrence of the women to the monthly meeting at **East Town [Easton, NY]** for **Ruth Hart**

Also one Sign<sup>d</sup> in Concurrence of the women for **Bethiah Mosher**

to **East Town** monthly meeting

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

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended

**Luthan Wood** Reported that he Inform<sup>d</sup> **Jonathan Allen** of his Denial as Directed

The Committee in the Case of **Abner Sheepher<sup>d</sup> [Shepherd]** report they had an opportunity with him to Some Satisfaction and handed a paper from him Condemning his misconduct and Said matter is Continued under Said friends Care till next mo meeting they then to report

**Zephaniah Buffinton [Buffington]** and **Lydia Tucker** appear<sup>d</sup> for their Answer, which was they might proceed (nothing appearing to hinder) to take Each other in marriage at Some Convenient time between this & next mo meeting advising with the friends this meeting appoints to See Said marriage orderly Solemniz<sup>d</sup> [solemnized] and **Jonathan Hart & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** are appointed to that Service & to report next mo meeting

The Committee in the Case of **Stephen Smith** reports they had no Suitable opportunity with him therefore they are Continued in that matter & to report next mo meeting

A Removal Certificate was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk in behalf of **Abner Devol [Davoll]** his wife and their Children Namely **Elisabeth Mary Pardon W<sup>m</sup> Sarah & Phebe** to the mo meeting of **Acoakset [Acoaxet]** Expressing their right of membership here

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	A Remov <sup>l</sup> Certificate was Sign <sup>d</sup> by the Clerk for <b>Seth Hart</b> his wife <b>Abigail</b> and their Children namely <b>Humphry: Caleb: Philip &amp; William Anthony</b> to the <sup>mo</sup> meeting at <b>East Town</b> Expressing their right of membership her
	Receiv <sup>d</sup> a Certificate in behald of <b>Salvenus Taber</b>

from the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Sandwich** he being Come as an  
apprentice to **Jonathan Hart**

**James Allen** Requests a Removal Certificate to the <sup>mo</sup>  
meeting of **N. Bedford** for him Self and famely therefore  
we appoint **Luthan Wood & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** to take the necessary  
Care in that matter and Report one to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting  
if the find things Clear

**Jonathan Slocum** gave in a paper Condeming his outgoings  
and Requesting to come under friends Care again therefore  
we appoint **Timothy Gifford & Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** to take an  
Solid opportunity with him in order to Discover his  
Sincerity in that matter and Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Overseers Inform that **Deliverance Smith** has  
married out of the order of friends with a woman  
a member of our Society therefore with the Conurance  
of the women we Deny unity with him the S<sup>d</sup> **Smith**  
untill he may Come to a Sence of his outgoings and  
**Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** is appointed to Inform him thereof &  
Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

**Elihue Mosher** Requests a Removal Certificate to the  
<sup>mo</sup> meeting of **N: Bedford** for himself and famely therefore  
we appoint **Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith & Jonathan Hart** to take the  
necessary Care therein & Report one to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting  
if they find things Clear.

this meeting was Informd that **John Howlands** paper of Ack.  
has been read as Directed last <sup>mo</sup> meeting Said paper as followet  
To the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Dartmouth** these may inform that I have So far  
departed from the good order of truth as to be present as Spectator  
at a horsrace and having duly Consir<sup>d</sup> the Consider<sup>d</sup> of Such a practice  
do Condemn the Same & Desire friends to pass it by let me remain under  
their Care

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**John Howland 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 18<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>mo</sup> 1795  
the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the  
South **Timothy Gifford** and **Joseph Tucker** from the North **John Devol**  
and **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider** all present.

**Jonathan Willbur** Reports that **Rescom Kirby** acknowledgment  
has been read as Direcred - - Said acknowledgment as followeth

To the monthly meeting at **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> the 9<sup>mo</sup> 1794  
Beloved friends I Some time past So far Departed from the truth  
as to fall into the Reproachfull Sin of fornication which Evidently  
appear<sup>d</sup> by my wives having a Child Soon after marriage for

which Evil Conduct I am very Sorroy & Condemn it Desiring friends would pass by my offence and Receive me again as a member of your Society from your friend  
**Rescom Kirby**

The Committee in the Case of **Giles Russell** report they still receive Satisfaction in waiting & viseting him and Desire Said matter refer<sup>d</sup> its therefore Continued under their Care they to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

the friends appointed Reported a Testimony of **Holder Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup>** Denial which was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **Thomas Hicks** is appointed to read it at the Close of a first days meeting and report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting and said friends not having inform<sup>d</sup> him of his Denial by reason he is gone to Sea they are Continu<sup>d</sup> to inform him thereof & report when done

The friends in the Case of **Abner Sheapherd** report they had no oppertunity with him Since last <sup>mo</sup> meeting therefore they are Continued in that matter & to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

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

The friends in the Case of **Stephen Smith** report they had an oppertunity with him & Desire it Continued it therefore referd under their Care they to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

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The friends appointed Reported a Removal Certificate for **James Allen** his wife **Sarah** & their Children Namly **William Susanah Joseph Gideon & Gilbert** with their prentice **Prince Allen** to the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **N Bedford** which was signd by the Clerk

The friends appointed in the Case of **Jonathan Slocum** Report they had a Solid oppertunity with him to a good Degree of Satisfaction yet the matter is refer<sup>d</sup> under the care of said friends to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

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

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Elihu Mosher** Report they have not accomplish<sup>d</sup> it they are Continued to that matter & to Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

**Zephaniah Eddy** gave in a paper Condemning his taking the oath in Common forme before a majestrat therefore we appoint **John Devol** and **Jonathan Hart Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** to Inspect into the matter and Indeavour to Discover his Sincerity and Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

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

The friends Reported a Testimony of **Ephrim Gifford**, Denial which was approv<sup>d</sup> & Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** is appointed to read it Publickly at the Close of a first days meeting according to our Usual mannor & Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

**Jonathan Willbur George Smith & John Devol** appointed to audit accounts of this meeting for the year Insuing or till other are appointed in their room

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At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 15<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>mo</sup> 1795 the Representatives are from the South **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith & Jonathan Willbur** North **John Tucker** and **Joshua Potter** all present

**Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** is appointed Clerk for the day

A Removal Certificate for **Joseph Gifford** and his Children Namely **Abraham: Joseph: Edward: Prince John: & Hannah** was Receiv<sup>d</sup> from the mo meeting of **Sandwich** and Accepted by this meeting

**Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith** Reports he Informd **Deliverance Smith** of his Denial as Directed

**Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks** Reports that the Testimonies of **Holder Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Ephrim Gifford** Denials has been Read as Directed Said Testimonies is as followeth

Whereas **Holder Slocum 2<sup>nd</sup>** having had a right of membership among friends but hath much Neglected the due attendance of our Religious meetings and hath fell into the sin of fornication which appears by his wives having a Child So Soon after marriage which brought a Reproach on our Religious Society therefore we Disown him the Said **Holder Slocum** from any Right of membership with friends Nevertheless we Desire he may yet find



mercy and be Restor,<sup>d</sup> to the way of truth which is our Desire  
Given forth at our <sup>mo</sup> meeting held in **Dartmouth** 18<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>mo</sup> 1795  
and Sign,<sup>d</sup> in & on behalf of S<sup>d</sup> meeting by **Wm Anthony** Clerk

Whereas **Ephrim Gifford** having a birthright among friends  
and under the care of this meeting but through unwatchfulness  
hath So far Deviated as to keep Company with one not a member  
& he being guilty of fornication as appears by his Wives having  
a Child So Soon after marriage - Therefore for the Clearing  
of truth and friends from the Reproach of Such conduct  
we are Concern,<sup>d</sup> to give this forth as a publick Testimony aga-  
-inst him the Said **Ephrim Gifford** hereby Disowning him  
from being any Longer a member of our Society untill  
he shall be favour,<sup>d</sup> with a Sight & Some of his outgoings  
and be Restor,<sup>d</sup> to the way of truth which is our Desire  
Given forth at our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth**  
the 18<sup>th</sup> day y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>mo</sup> 1795

by **William Anthony** Clerk

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**Joseph Gifford J<sup>r</sup>** Requests a Certificate to the <sup>mo</sup> meeting  
of **Acoakset**, Seting forth his Clearness of marriage and  
Conversation, therefore we appoint **Joseph Tucker** and  
**Thomas Mott** to take the Necessary Care in that matter  
and if they find things Clear to prepare one & bring to next  
the Journment of this meeting --

This meeting being Small on account of our Yearly  
meeting now Siting we Adjourn to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Instant at  
the Close of the meeting for Worship

Mett by adjournment the 22<sup>nd</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>mo</sup> 1795  
the Representatives being Called all present

The Committee in the Case of **Giles Russell** report that  
they Still find a Degree of Satisfaction in waiting with  
him and he much Refrains from partaking Spiritous  
Liquors therefore Said matter is referd to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting  
under the Same friends Care then they to report

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

The friends appointed in the Case of **Stephen Smith** report

they have had no opportunity with him since last <sup>mo</sup> meeting they are therefore Continued in that matter & to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The friends in the Case of **Jonathan Slocum**<sup>s</sup> Request Reports, they found a good Degree of Satisfaction from him therefore his paper of acknowledgment is accepted & the Clerk is Directed to read it in the Usual publick manner at the Close of a firstdays meeting & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

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The Committee in the Case of **Elihu Mosher** & Wives Certificate report they are not ready to Report one they are Continued in that Service and to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Committee in the Case of **Zephaniah Eddy** report they found a good Degree of Satisfaction yet his paper not being present Said matter is Refer,<sup>d</sup> to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting under their Care then they to Report

The Committee in the Case of **Hezekiah Smith** & family Certificate reported one which with the Concurrence of the women<sup>s</sup> meeting was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Joseph Gifford J<sup>r</sup>** Respecting Clearness of marriage Directed to the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Acoakset** <sup>mo</sup> meeting Reported one which was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

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

The Queries were Read and Answers thereto from Each Preparative meeting from which general Answers were Compil,<sup>d</sup> and forwarded with an Account Signd by the Clerk to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **Joseph Tucker W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** & **Jonathan Hart** they to report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

This meeting hath been favour,<sup>d</sup> with the Company of our beloved friends **Deborah Darby** and **Rebecca Young** from **Great Britton** with Satisfactory Certificates from their Particular meetings whose labours of live has been Acceptable to us

The women Inform they have Receiv,<sup>d</sup> a Removal Certificate from the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Rhodusland** in behalf

of **Philidelphia Wood** wife of **Josiah Wood J<sup>r</sup>** which we Concur with

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At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>mo</sup> 1795

The Representatives from the Preparatives meetings are from the South **Joseph Tucker** and **Timothy Howland** North **John Tucker** and **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott** all present

This meeting has been favour,<sup>d</sup> with the Company of our beloved friend **Henry Hull** with a Certificate from the **Crick<sup>mo</sup>** meeting in the **Ninepartners** Certifying their Unity with his ministry and his Religious Viset with us Whose Labour of Gospel love has been truly Satisfactory among us

Also our friend **Paul Upton** attended as Companion to **Henry Hull** with a Certificate of Concurrence of Concurrence therein from the S<sup>d</sup> **Crick<sup>mo</sup>** meeting whose Company is truly Acceptable to us

The Committee in the Case of **Stephen Smith** Reports they attended to their appointment but are not ready to make a Conclusive Report therefore Said matter is Refer<sup>d</sup>, to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting under their Care they then to report - -

The friends in the Case of **Giles Russell** Desire the matter Refrd therefore its Refer,<sup>d</sup> under their Care to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting they then to report

The Clerk Reports that **Jonathan Slocum<sup>s</sup>** paper has been Read as Directed - - Said paper is as followeth

To the Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 15<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>mo</sup> 1795 Respected friends I have fell into the Reproachful Sin of fornication which appears by my wives having a Child before marriage which I am Sorry for and do Condemn and Desire friends to pass it by and Receive me under their Care again this from your friend

**Jonathan Slocum**

The Committee Report a Removel Certificate for **Elihue Mosher** and Wife **Ruth** to the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **N. Bedford** which was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

The friends appointed to write to **Saratoga** <sup>mo</sup> meeting on account of **David Hart** Reported a Letter to goe to Said meeting which was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and forwarded to Said meeting

The friends appointed Some time past to viset **Jonathan Taulman** on account of his partaking Spiritous Liqours to excess so as to Intoxicated there with report they have Several times viseted him but found no Real Satisfaction yet the matter is Refer,<sup>d</sup> to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting for further ~~Satisfaction~~ Consideration

The Committee in the Case of **Zephaniah Eddy** produced his paper Condeming his misconduct which was Receiv,<sup>d</sup> for Satisfaction and the Clerk is Directed to read it at the Close of a first day meeting for worship in the Usual mannor and Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

In Concurrence with the Womens meeting a Removel Certificate in behalf of **Margeret Potter** widow Directed to the <sup>mo</sup> meeting of **Acoakset** was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk

A Complaint from a friend of **Rhodisland** <sup>mo</sup> meeting in behalf of his Neighbour **Benjamin Willbur** against **Sarah Ricketson** formerly **Morell** for Refusing or neglecting to Settle accounts with Said **Willbur** and the Overseers Inform they have taken much pains with her but She Still Neglects to Settle Said Account therefore we appoint **John Tucker Joseph Eastes Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks & Gideon Howland** to Labour with her on that account and & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

**Edward Wing J<sup>r</sup>** of **Sandwich** Produc,<sup>d</sup> a Certificate from that <sup>mo</sup> meeting Certifying tis right of membership & Clearness of marring there also Consent of parents to proceed in marriage with **Lydia Howland**

**Edward Wing** and **Lydia Howland** Declar,<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage and were Desir,<sup>d</sup> to wait till next <sup>mo</sup> meeting for their answers

the Representative to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended --- -----

Signd W<sup>m</sup> **Anthony** Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 17<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>mo</sup> 1795 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Gideon Howland & Zephaniah Eddy Buffinton** from the North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott 2<sup>nd</sup> & Jonathan Hart** all present Except **Z. Buffinton** who Renderd a Sufficient Reason for his Absence

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth**  
the 17<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>mo</sup> 1795

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are  
from the South **Gideon Howland & Zephaniah Buffinton**  
from the North **Jonathan Hart & Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott 2<sup>nd</sup>** all present  
Except **Zephaniah Buffinton** who render,<sup>d</sup> a Sufficient Reason for  
his absence

The friends in the Case of **Stephen Smith** Report  
they found not any real Satisfaction from him buy wating  
upon him yet this meeting thinks best to wait therefore  
Said matter is Refer,<sup>d</sup> to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting under Said Committ<sup>ee</sup>  
Care and **Jonathan Hart** is aded to them they to report  
next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The friends in the Case of **Giles Russell** Report they  
have Viseted him and found a good Degree of Satisfaction  
and he giving in a paper Condeming his misconduct  
which this meeting axcepts for Satisfaction and the Clerk  
is Directed to Read it in the Usual publick mannor  
at the Close of a first days meeting & report next mo meeting

The friends in the Case of **Jonathan Taulman** report  
they found no Satisfaction in his Condemning his miscon  
therefore this meeting Denies Unity with him the Said  
**Jonathan Taulman** and Said Committee is Directed to  
Draw a testimony of his Denial and Inform him thereof  
& bring Said testimony to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Clerk Reports that **Zephaniah Eddy<sup>s</sup>** paper has  
been Read as Directed and is as followeth

To the monthly meeting held 18 of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1795  
Whereas I same time past have broken the Good  
order of friends having inconsiderably taken the  
Oath before a Magistrate in Common form Which  
I am heartily Sorry for and do condemn  
Desiring friends to pass it by  
from Thy friend ----- **Zephaniah Eddy**

The Committee appointed in the Case of **Sarah Ricket<sup>son</sup>**  
Report that She gave Incouragment of Setling the matter  
with **Benjamin Willbur** as Soon as She can Coveniently  
therefore Said matter is Refer,<sup>d</sup> under the Care of Said Committee  
and they to report when Said matter is Ready

The Women Inform they have Receiv,<sup>d</sup> **Abigail Sheepher<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
under their Care which this meeting Concurs with

**Edward Wing** and **Lydia Howland** appear,<sup>d</sup> in this meeting for their Answer which was they might proceed to take Each other in marriage between this & next <sup>mo</sup> meeting advising with the friend<sup>s</sup> appointed to See S<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly Solemniz,<sup>d</sup> And **William Anthony & Jonathan Willbur** are appointed for that purpose & to Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

Our Esteemed friend **Theophilis Shove** attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from **Swanzay** <sup>mo</sup> meeting Setting forth their Unity with his Visiting friends among us, whose visit and Gospel love hath been Satisfactory to us

**Jonathan Hart** Inform,<sup>d</sup> this meeting that he has thoughts of Selling his Interest & Removing and Requests friends advice therefore **Joseph Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** are appointed to take Said **Harts** proposal under Consideration and Advise him as they shall think proper & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Committee appointed to raise money Report they have accomplish,<sup>d</sup> their appointment and have paid £1-15<sup>s</sup>-6<sup>d</sup> more to the Treasurer

the business being accomplish,<sup>d</sup>  
Signd **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>st</sup> the 9<sup>mo</sup> 1795

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South **George Smith & Zephaniah** <sup>^Buffinton</sup> North **Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott & Joshua Potter** all present

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The Queries were read and Answers thereto prepar,<sup>d</sup> from Each Preparative meeting from which general Answers were prepar,<sup>d</sup> and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting also an Account Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk & forwarded thereto by our Representatives Who are **Luthan Wood Joseph Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** they to Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Committee in the Case of **Stephen Smith** Report they have Visited him and had a Solid opportunity with him and he gave them no Real Satisfaction in Condemning his misconduct, Therefore we Deny unity with him the Sa<sup>d</sup> **Stephen Smith** and Said Committee are to Inform thereof

The Clerk Reports he has Read **Giles Russell**<sup>s</sup> paper of Acknowledgment as Directed

The friends appointed to draw a Testimony of **Jonathan Taulman**<sup>s</sup> Denial Reported one to this meeting and Inform,<sup>d</sup> him thereof Said testimony was Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk who is Directed to Read it at the Close of a first day meeting in our Usual manner & Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The friends appointed to See **Edward Wing & Lydia** marriage Solemniz,<sup>d</sup> Report they attended Said marriage and Saw nothing but it was in a good Degree Conducted orderly & a Certificate forwar<sup>d</sup> to the Clerk for Record. –

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

**Zephaniah Eddy** Inform,<sup>d</sup> that he has thoughts of going to **Saratoga** on business & to visit his Relation, we Concurring there with he being a member of this meeting and the Clerk is Directed to give him a Cobby of this minute

We appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Luthan Wood & Joseph Eastes** to Consider what Sum of money is Necessary for this meeting to raise for this meeting Use & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

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At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 19<sup>th</sup> the 10<sup>mo</sup> 1796  
The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith & Timothy Howland** North **John Tucker** and **John Devol** all present

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting Report they all attended and produc,<sup>d</sup> Transcrips of Epistles from **London Philadelphia & New York** also Extracts of the minuets from our last yearly<sup>^Quarterly</sup> meeting which was Read to Satisfaction and the matter Respecting S<sup>^c</sup>hools & raising money for the yearly meeting School Comeing<sup>^under</sup> Consideration we appoint **Tho<sup>s</sup> Hicks W<sup>m</sup> Gifford Gideon Howland W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Luthan Wood** a Committee to take Said matter under Consideration and Report their prospect how it may be best for this meeting to proceed & Report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The friends appointed Report they inform,<sup>d</sup> **Stephen Smith** of his Denial as Directed

The Clerk Reports the Testimony of **Jonathan Taulmans** Denial has been read as Directed which is as followeth – –

**Jonathan Taulman** having had a right of membership with friends but having So far got of his watch as to be Intoxicated with Spiritous Liquors and friends having Labour,<sup>d</sup> with him in love to Convince him of the Inconsistency of Such Conduct but friends Labour not having the Desir,<sup>d</sup> Effect to Satisfaction therefore we give this forth

as a Testimony against Such Conduct hereby Publicly Disowning him the Said **Jonathan Taulman** from being a member of our Society untill he shall manifest a Return to the ways of truth which is our Desire - Given forth and Signed at our <sup>mo</sup> meeting held in **Dartmouth** 21<sup>st</sup> the 9<sup>mo</sup> 1795 by **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Clerk

The friends appointed last <sup>mo</sup> meeting Report they think the sum of fifteen pounds is best to rais,<sup>d</sup> and paid to the Treasurer for this meeting<sup>s</sup> Use therefore we appoint **Humphry Russell W<sup>m</sup> Howland Tho<sup>s</sup> Allen George Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Abner Potter J<sup>u</sup> & Tho<sup>s</sup> Mott 2<sup>d</sup>** to Receive Collections of the members of this meeting according to the propotion made last year, Except where meteral alterations is Necessary to be made which is Committed to Said Committee to alter as they may think proper they to pay Said money to the Treasurer & Reporte once in three months to this meeting

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**Jethrow Russell** Inform,<sup>d</sup> that he Expects to Remove with his famely within the Compass of **Easttown** <sup>mo</sup> meeting and Requests our Certificate therefore we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Jonathan Hart** to take the Necessary Care in that matter and Report one to next <sup>mo</sup> meeting if the find things Clear

The friends appointed to have the Care of the meeting in **Allens Neck** last Winter made the following report which was accepted

To the Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed to have the Care of the meetings in **Allens Neck** the winter past ~~dearm~~ past report that they were attended by a Considerable number and held in a pritty good Degree orderly Except a few in which two much levity appear,<sup>d</sup> at times among Some of the youth which was Discontinued

by friends Sign,<sup>d</sup> by **Timothy Gifford** } in behalf  
**Elizabeth Howland** } of the Committee

**Caleb Barker** and **Sarah Eddy** Declar,<sup>d</sup> their Intentions of taking Each other in marriage and were Desir,<sup>d</sup> to wait till next <sup>mo</sup> meeting for their answer and **John Tucker** and **Joseph Tucker** are appointed to Inquire into **Caleb Barkers** Clearness Respecting marriage and Conversation and report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting



The Women Inform they have Receiv,<sup>d</sup> **Elizabeth Tucker** widow under their Care which this meeting Concur with the business being Accomplish,<sup>d</sup>  
Signd **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 16<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup> 1795 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Joseph Tucker & Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** North **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider** and **Joseph Gifford J<sup>u</sup>** all present

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The Committee to consider the matter Respecting Schools Report they thought well of this meeting appointing a School Committee to Regulate Schools according to former advice as far as our Situation will admitt of, Also to Receive Collections or Donations for the Support of the Yearly meeting School which report this meet Concurs with - Therefore we appoint **Jonathan Willbur George Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Luthan Wood W<sup>m</sup> Gifford John Tucker & Jonathan Hart** a Committee for that purpose they to report their progress therein to the mo meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> mo next

The Committee to prepare Certificate for **Jethro Russell** reports they are not<sup>fully</sup> Read to report one therefore they are Continued and to Report next mo meeting

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

The Queries were read and Answer thereto prepar'd from Each Preparative meeting, from which general answers were prepar<sup>d</sup> also an Account to the Quarterly Sign,<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **Joseph Eastes Tho<sup>s</sup> Hick & Jonathan Hart** they to report next mo meeting

**Gideon Howland** Inform<sup>d</sup> this meeting that he Expects to goe to **Saratoga** to Viset his Relations this meeting Concurring therewith he being a member in Unity and the Clerk is Directed to give him a Cobby of this minute

Receiv,<sup>d</sup> a Letter from friends of the mo meeting at **Saratoga** Dated 15<sup>th</sup> the 10<sup>mo</sup> 1795 Informing that **Daniel Russell** had Neglected the attendance of Religious meeting appear'd out of plainness of habit and attended a marriage out of the order of friends, for which Disorders after Labouring with him from time to time have Disown,<sup>d</sup> him - which we Concur with

**Caleb Barker** and **Sarah Eddy** appear'd for their Answer which was they might proceed to take Each other in marriage before next mo meeting advising with the friends this meeting appoints

to see S,<sup>d</sup> marriage order Solemniz,<sup>d</sup>

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**Joseph Tucke** and **Luthan Wood** are appointed to see said marriage orderly Solemnized & report next <sup>mo</sup> meeting

The Women Inform they received a Removal Certificate from **Accoaxet** monthly meeting on behalf of **Elizabeth Gifford** Wife of **Joseph Gifford Jun<sup>r</sup>** which we concur with. –

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

The Committee to raise money for this metings use Use report they have Collected and<sup>paid</sup> to our Treasurer Nine Pounds fifteem Shillings & 5<sup>d</sup>.

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

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

The 26 day met by adjournment Representatives present **Joseph Tucker & Benj<sup>n</sup> Allen** the other Absent.

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

Our Friend **Stephen Buffington** informed this meeting that he has had it on his mind for some time to make Religious Visit to friends meeting within the Verge of **New York** Yearly meeting(Viz.) **Saratoga & Ninepartners** & thereabouts and he having of the Select ~~meeting~~ members and we having the concurrence of the Womens mo. do unite with him therein and we appoint **Thos Hicks & Joseph Tucker** to prepare a Certificate and Bring to

and Bring to the adjournment of this meeting.

This meeting adjourns to the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Next mo. after a meeting for Worship. ----

Second day met of 12 mo. met by adjournmt Representing present **Joseph Tucker & Benjamin Allen.** ---

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

The Women produced an aknowledgmt. Signed by **Deborah Barlow** (formerly **Wilbour**) Condemning her misconduct for which She was Disowned by this meeting which we Conclude to accept of provided her Late conduct & Circumstances render her worthy of admittance into membership at **Saratoga** (She living with in the compas of that meeting) and there was a Letter Signed in this meeting & forwarded there for their Inspection into the matter and inform us there of ~~when~~ a copy of which is Left on file. -----

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At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 18 of 1<sup>st</sup> 1796 the Representatives from the Preparative meeting, one from the South **Tom<sup>y</sup> Gifford & Thom<sup>s</sup> Allen** north **W<sup>m</sup> Wood & Thomas Mott** all present but **Timothy Gifford** who we are informed in Indesposd. in Body.---

The Committee in the case of **Jethro. Russells** Certificate report they are not ready to report one by reason matters are not fully Clear they are Continued in that Case & to report at next mo. meeting--

The Committee in the case of **Rob<sup>t</sup>. Allen** reports they visited him and recved a good degree of satisfaction Therefore his paper of Acknowledgm<sup>t</sup>. is excepted with the Concurrence of the womens meeting said **Allen** is accepted under the care of this m. and **Joseph Tucker** is appointed to inform him thereof -----

**Benjamin Bowerman & Phebe Shepherd** appeared for answer which was that might proceed to take each other in marriage at some convenient time before next mo. m. advising with the friends appointed to See said marriage orderly solemnized who are **Hump.<sup>y</sup> Russell & Jonathan Wilbour** they to report at next mo. meeting---

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This meeting is informed that **Chilon Wood** requests Certificates for two of his young Children namely **Ruth & Elisha** to the m<sup>o</sup> m. of **Saratoga** they being gone there to live with their father whereupon we appoint **Stephen**

**Gifford & Benjamin Allen** to Join with the women and take the Necessary Care and report at next m<sup>o</sup> meeting

This meeting is also informed that **Lemuel Howland** Apprentice to **Jethro Sowle** has removed to Live within **Accoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m. wherefore we appoint **Joshua Potter & Thomas Mott** to take the Necessary Care in that matter and report next m<sup>o</sup>. and forward a Certificate if thought best. — -----

At a Monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 21<sup>st</sup> of 12<sup>mo</sup> 1795 the Representatives from the south Preparative meeting is **Joseph Estes & Benj<sup>n</sup> Allen** from the North **John Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Tripp** all present. -----

The Committee appointed in the Case of **Jethro Russell**'s Removal certificate report they have been in a progress but are not ready to report one they are Continued to report at next mo. meeting. -----

The Representatives to Quarterly meeting report they all attended except **T. Hicks** who rendered a Sufficient reason for not attending. -----

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

the Treasurer reports he forwarded 7<sup>£</sup>;5<sup>s</sup> to the Quarterly m. Treasurer being our proportion. -----

**Benjamin Bowerman** produced a Certificate from **Vassalborough** m. meeting setting forth his Clearness respecting marriage & Consent of Parent to proceed in marriage with **Phebe Shepherd** a member here. -----

**Robert Allen** of **New Bedford** gave in a paper Condemning his marrying out of the order of friends, for which he was disowned some year past, requesting the care of friends again and we appoint **Joseph Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to take an opportunity with him to discover his sincerity & report at next monthly meeting -----

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**Benjamin Bowerman & Phebe Shepherd** declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage were desired to wait till next mo. m. for Answer. -----

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

A removal Certificate for **Bathsheba Russell** was signed in Concurrence of the women to the mo. m. of **Saratoga** as she is gone there to live as an apprentice. -----

Friends in **Smiths Neck** requests liberty to hold meetings there and this meeting after solid consideration thereon

gran<sup>t</sup> them liberty to hold meetings on first & fifth days of the week in each following week untill the mo. m. in the 3<sup>d</sup> mo. next Except the day <sup>^</sup>in the weeks on which meeting for Discipline are held in Course, and to begin at the widow **Mary Smiths** we appoint **Jon<sup>n</sup> Wilbour Benj<sup>n</sup> Smith Joseph Estes W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Gideon Howland & Jonathan Hart** to see said meetings kept up and conducted in an orderly manner and to hold them where they Shall think Proper & report ~~at next Mon~~ this meeting at the expiration of said Term. -----

A new choice of overseers of the Poor coming again under consideration whereupon we appoint **Thomas Allen Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith Gideon Howland W<sup>m</sup> Wood Joseph Gifford Jun<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** for year ensuing or till others be appointed. -----  
the business being accomplished - Conclude  
Signed by **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Clerk

N.B. the minuts of the 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 1796 are on the page on Leaf Back by mistake  
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At A monthly mo. held in **Dartmouth** 15<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>mo</sup> 1796 the Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South **George Smith & Stephen Gifford**, north **John Devaul & Adam Mott** all present. -----

The Committee in the Case of preparing a Certificate for **Jethro Russell** & family reported one to this meeting which after being read & approved was Signed by the Clerk & ordered to be recorded  
**Joseph Tucker** reported he informed **Robert Alln** as Directed -----

The friends appointed to see **Benj<sup>n</sup> Bowerman** and **Phebe Shepherd**'s marriage orderly Solemnized report they attended s<sup>d</sup> marriage and that it was orderly Conducted, & the Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording. -----

The Committee to prepare<sup>a</sup> Certificate for **Chilon Wood**'s Children reported one which after being read was approved & Signed by the Clerk -----

The committee in Case of **Lemuel Howland**'s Certificate reported they find nothing to hinder his

said Certificate from being endorsed: wherefore it was accordingly done & directed back to **Accoxet** mo. m.

**Robert Alen** requests a Certificate to the m. m. of **New Bedford** wherefore we appoint **John Devaul** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to take the necessary Care therein and report at next mo. meeting. -----

**Jonathan Hart** requests a removal Certificate for himself & family to the mo meeting of **Easton** as he has thot<sup>s</sup> of Going there Live therefore we appoint **John Tucker & William Wood** to Join the Women that may be appointed in that Case they together to take the Necessary Care therein and report at next mo. meeting and forward <sup>one</sup> to this m. if they think proper -----

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**Gideon Howland** returned a Copy of minut he had to got to **Easton & Saratoga** to the Satisfaction of this meeting

At a Monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>mo</sup> 1796 ~~ the representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South **Humphrey Russell & Caleb Barker**, north **Joseph Gifford J<sup>ur</sup>.** & **Abner Potter J<sup>urr</sup>** all present -----

The Queries were read and Answers from each Preparative meeting from which General Answers were Compild & forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Joseph Tucker & Gideon Howland** and also an account to s<sup>d</sup> meeting was signed by the Clerk

The Committee appointed in the 11 mo last advice and regulate Schools & receive money for the Yearly m. School made report as followeth to wit – We the Committee appointed in the 11 mo Last for the regulations of Schools and to receive Collections & Donations for the Year meeting School, Now make report that we have given such Advice as we tho't best in our present Circumstances; but have not rec<sup>d</sup> any Collections or donations for that Purpose.

21<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>mo</sup> 1796

**Jonathan Wilbour**  
in behalf of Committee

In concurence of the womens meeting received a Certificate in behalf of **Peace Wing** from **Sandwich** mo. m. also a Certificate in behalf of **Lydia Shepherd** Directed to the mo.m. of **New Bedford** was signed by the Clerk

The friends in the Care of **Robert Allen** Certificate presented one which was signed by the Clerk -----

The matter respecting **Jonathan Harts** Certificate is Defred to nex mo meeting.  
**Luke Hart** requests a Removal Certificate to the mo. m. of **Easton** therefor we appoint **Joshua Potter** & **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** to take the Care thereof and report one to next mo, m. if they find things Clear ----

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**Humphrey Shearman** requests a removal Certificate for himself and family to the mo. meeting of **Easton** therefore we appoint **Jonathan Wilbour** & **Humphrey Russell** to take the Necessary Care & report one to next monthly meeting if they find matters clear. -----

At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 18<sup>th</sup> of 4 mo. 1796 the Representatives from the pre[?] meetings are from the South **Esters Joseph** & **Benjamin Allen** North **John Tucker** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** all present - - - - -

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

The Committee in Case of **Jonathan Harts** & Wife's Experience Certificate reported one for them and Sister **Mary** & their Children Namely **Martha Thomas, Anna Phebe** & **Jonathan** which was signed by the Clerk & directed to the mo. m. of **Easton**.

The Committee in Case of **Luke Harts** Certificate Reported one which was Signed By the Clerk and also directed to **Eastown** - - --- --- ----

The Women inform they have denied Unity with **Hannah Packard** formerly **Smith** which we Concur With - - - - -

**Stephen Russell** requests a Certificate to the mo. m. of **Accoaxet** Experience of his right of membership & Clearness of marriage engagements therefore we appoint **Jos. Esters** & **Luthum Wood** to take the Necessary Care therein and report next mo. meeting

**W<sup>m</sup> Wood** requests a removal Certificate to the mo. m. of **Accoaxet** for himself & family Wife therefore we appoint **John Tucker** & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**

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to take the Necessary Care therein and report at next monthly meeting

In concurence of the women's meeting we signed a

Removal Certificate for **Abigail Hathway** wife of **Lemuel Hathway** to the mo. m. of **Vasselborough**.

We appoint our friends **Jonathan Wilbour Joseph Esters, & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to Endeavour to Collect the Books Belong =ing to this meeting in order to make out a list thereof for friend, Use & report at next mo. m. ~~or when ready~~

The Committee appointed to raise money for this meetings Use report they have Collected 2<sup>£</sup>..11<sup>s</sup>.1<sup>d</sup> and paid to our Treasurer.

We appoint **Jonathan Wilbour G. Howland, Humphry Russell & W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** to take the Necessary Care Respecting the Keeping our meeting m. House the year ensuing also to have the Care of fence & feed round the the House. - - - - - Signed **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** Clerk

At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 16 of 5<sup>mo</sup> 1796 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South **Luthum Wood & Thomas Allen** north **Benjamin Rider & Adam Mott**, all present

The year of the Clerks appoinm<sup>t</sup> being expired the Representatives were called upon to nominate one for that Service and they nominated **Joseph Esters** for that service & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** Assistant and after a Solid Consideration thereon they are appointed by this meeting accordingly to that Service for one year or untill others be appointed in their rasm[?]------

The friends appointed to the care of **W<sup>m</sup> Woods** Certificate desired to be Continued which is compiled with with they then to report

A Certificate for **Stephen Russell** to **Accoxet** mo. m. seting forth his Clearness of marriage engagem.<sup>ts</sup> & Consent of Parents to proceed in marrige with **L. Howland** was Signed By the Clerk.....

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**205[305]**

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6<sup>th</sup> mo. The Committee to have the care of meetings in ~~Allen~~ **Smiths Neck** presented the following report

We the committee appointed in the 12 mo. Last to have the care of the meetings in **Smiths Neck** Report that we have generally attended said meetings which were all kept up and attended by most of friends also by a Number of friendly Neighbours and were held in a Still Quiet & bcoming manner as far as we have Discovererd



to a good degree of Satisfaction which is accepted by this Meeting.

A New choice of Overseers coming under consideration at this meeting, whereupon we appoint **Joseph Tucker John Tucker Luthun Wood Jonathan Wilbour W<sup>m</sup> Gifford Benj<sup>n</sup> & Timothy Gifford**, to that Service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment. -----

**James Tucker & Phebe Tucker** appeared in this meeting and prepared their intentions of marriage with each other which was Noticed and they desired to wait till next mo. m. for Answer, **Humphrey Russell & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** are appointed to take the necessary Care respecting his Clearness of marriage in Conversation & report at our next mo. m.

The Committee appointed to hire a man to keep the meeting house & yard have prepared and agreed with **Humphrey Russell** to keep it accordingly for one year from the 18 of 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1796 for the sum of Eleaven Dollars which this meeting Concurrs with. **Joseph Estes** Clerk

At our monthly meeting of Friends held in **Darm<sup>th</sup>** the 20<sup>th</sup> of 6 mo. 1796

The Representatives from the preparative M. are from the South **Timothy Howland & Benjamin Allen** north **John Tucker & Joseph Gifford** all present.

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The Queries were read and answers from each preparative meeting from which general answers were compiled was also read and approved and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly m. by our Representatives who are **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Zephaniah Buffington & Joseph Tucker** they are also directed to forward an account from this to y<sup>e</sup>. Q. meeting Said account is prepared & signed by the Clerk.

Our beloved friend **John Loyd** attended this meeting with a Copy of a minite **Grey nedd** mo. m. dated 26 of 4 mo. 1796 whose company & Labour of Love is very exceptable to us.

Also our belove<sup>d</sup> friend **Hannah Barnard** attended with a copy of a minite from **Hutson** mo. m. dated 28 of 4 mo. 1796 whose company and Service has been also acceptable to us -----

A Removal Certificate in behalf of **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** & Wife directed to the mo. m. of **Accoaxet** was Sign<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk.

The friends appointed to the care of **James Tucker's** Clearness reported they found nothin sufficient to hinder him from proceeding in marriage with **Phebe Tucker.**

A Removal Certificate in behalf of **Edward Slaid Jun.<sup>r</sup>** formerly directed to **Swansey** mo. meeting in now returned ~~with~~ by the said **Edward** with an Endorsment Satisfactory to this meeting.

An acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> Signed by **John Gifford** (now at **Cambrige**) was read in this meeting expressing his sorrow for his Conduct some year past desiring to be restored to the Unity of friends whereupon we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Joseph Tucker** to take the necessary Care on his account and make report at next mo. m. what they find most expedient to be done. ~~~~~

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<sup>6mo</sup><sub>1796</sub> **James Tucker and Phebe Tucker** appeared for Answer nothing appearing to hinder them from proceeding accordingly – **Humphrey Russell** and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** are appointed to See their S<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly Conducted & their Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for record & report at next mo. m.-----

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

Sign.<sup>d</sup> **J. Esters** Clerk

At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** 18: 7<sup>mo</sup> 1796 the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Benjamin Allen** north **John Devaul & Thomas Mott** all present. -----  
except **Thomas Mott** whose absence we are inform<sup>d</sup> is on account of indisposition of Body ----

Two of the Representatives to Quarterly meetng reported they all attended s.<sup>d</sup> meeting. ---

**Zephaniah Buffington** rendered a Satisfactory excuse for him not attending.-----

The committee in the case of **John Gifford**, Acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> presented a Letter directed to **Eastown** mo. m. requesting friends there to inspect his Sincerity on this meetings account and inform us as soon as may be, which being approv<sup>d</sup> was Signed by the Clerk

A removal Certificate on behalf of **Mahetible Smith** Wife of **Deliverance Smith** directed to the mo. m. of **New Bedford** was Sign.<sup>d</sup> the Clerk

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The womens meeting inform that they have accepted into membership **Sarah Wood** wife of **Daniel Wood** with which this meeting Concur

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

A Certificate on behalf of **Deborah Barlow** directed to the monthly meeting of was signed by y<sup>e</sup> Clerk --- her Acknowledgmet not being present **Thomas Hicks** & **Joseph Esters** are appointed to see that it is procured for recording and report at next monthly meeting--

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

**Humphrey Russell** & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** reported they attended the marriage of **James Tucker** and **Phebe Tucker** and that it was in a good degree orderly Conducted & the Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording. -----

Received Epistles from **London, Philadelphia** and **Newyork**; also Transcrips of Epistles & Extracts from the yearly & Quarterly meeting, the reading of which is defered to next monthly meeting. -----

Sign,<sup>d</sup> By **Jos. Esters** Clerk

At out monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> of 8 mo. 1796 The Representatives are from South **Humphrey Russell** and **Luthan Wood** north **John Tucker** & **William Gifford**, all present. -----

The several Epistles (the reading of which was refer<sup>d</sup>

from last meeting) was read in this to wit, one printed Epistle from **London** dated 5 mo. 1795 one written to the yearly meeting of **Rhode Island** dated 5 mo 1795 –

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*8 mo.*  
*1796* also one from **Pensylvania** dated 10 mo. 1795 & one from **New York** dated 5 mo. 1796, the several important communications therein contained were to our Satisfaction and Comfort. ----

A removal certificate on behalf of **Rufus Gifford** and wife **Ruth** from the mo. meeting of **New Bedford** dated 17<sup>th</sup> of 5 mo. 1796 was read & accepted. ----

**Thomas Hicks & Joseph Esters** reported that **Deborah Barlows** acknowledgmt was procured for Redarding. -----

By the Quarterly meeting Extracts it appears that our proportion of the yearly meeting stocks is Seven pounds. -----

At our monthly meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of 9 mo 1796 the representatives were from the South **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Luthan Wood** north **William Tripp & Joseph Gifford Jun.<sup>r</sup>** who being Called are all present -----

The Queries were read and Answers prepared in this meeting which being approved are directed to be forwarded to the Q. meeting together with an account to S.<sup>d</sup> meeting being also approved & sign.<sup>d</sup> by the Clerk we appoint **Joseph Tucker Jonathan Wilbour** and **Joseph Gifford Jun.<sup>r</sup>** to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting as Representatives. -----

This meeting Concur with the women in accepting **Edith Sisson**'s Acknowledgment Also in accepting **Mary Hart** into membership.

Our Treasurer is directed <sup>^10</sup> forward Seven pounds to the Quarterly m.s. Treasurer being our proportion of the yearly meeting Stock. -----

The committee to receive Donations for Schools and to regulate them in Society as far as circumstance will admit, Report, they have received nothing on that

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

A Removal Certificate on behalf of **Silva Grinnell** Wife of **Cornelius Grinnell** directed to the monthly meeting of **Newbedford** dated 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>mo</sup>. 1796 was Signed by the Clerk. ----

Also a removal certificate on behalf of **Rebeca Milk** directed to the mo. m. of **Accoaxet** dated 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>mo</sup> was Signed By the Clerk. -----

The Committee in the care of meetings in **Allens Neck** report as followeth. -----

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which is accepted by this meeting. -----

The Committee to Collect money for the meetings are report they have collected and Delivered to our Treasurer £3<sup>''</sup>12<sup>''</sup>2<sup>d</sup> which is a conclusive report and they Dismissed. -----

**Joseph Tucker W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & William Anthony** are appointed to Settle Accounts with the Trustees accepted & Appointed by a former minite of this meeting to the care of the Estates of **John West** Late of **Newbedford** Deceased who are to report their progress to next mo. meeting. -----

This meeting is informed through the <sup>south</sup> prepa-  
=ritive meeting that **Peleg Sanford** is married out of the Unity of friends and that the woman was a member of socity. the further consideration is referd to next mo. m.

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<sup>10 m<sup>o</sup></sup>  
<sup>1796</sup> At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmo.<sup>t</sup> [Dartmouth]** the 17 of 10 mo. 1796. —

The representatives from the Preparitive meetings are from the South **Thomas Allen & Timothy Gifford** north **Adam Mott & Abner Potter Jun<sup>r</sup>** all present

One of the Representatives to the Quarterly meeting they all attended Said meeting —

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

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

A Removal Certificate for **Phebe Bowerman** to the monthly meeting of **Vasselborough** [Vassalboro] was Signed by Both Clerks —

At a monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 21 of 11 m<sup>o</sup> 1796

The Representatives from the preparitive meeting are from the south **George Smith** & **Jonathan Wilbour** [Wilbur] North **W<sup>m</sup> Tripp** & **John Tucker** all present

The committee to settle accounts with the Trustees **John Wests** Estate reported they have Used their endeavours to accommodate said Settlement; but the Trustees not being

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

This meeting Concurs with the womens in accepting the Acknowledgment of **Mariah Smith** Wife **John Smith**. —

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

The Queries were read and Answers prepared also an Account Signed by the Clerk which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **Benjamin Smith** **John Tucker** & **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** they to report at next mo meeting.

This meeting concurs with the Women in accepting a removal Certificate on behalf of **Lydia Russell** Wife **Stephen Russell**, also an endorsment in favour of **Thirza**

**Allen** both from the monthly meeting of **Accoaxet** [**Acoaxet**]

Our friend **Stephen Buffington** weightily spread before this meeting a concern that had rested on his mind to make a Religious Visit to friends as far as the **Oblong, Ninepartners** [**Nine Partners**] & there abouts, and after solid Deliberation thereon we Unite with him therein; he having Laid s<sup>d</sup> prospect before the Select members in due order; where upon we appoint **Thomas Hicks Joseph Tucker** to prepare a Certificate for that purpose and bring to the adjournment of this meeting

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

30<sup>th</sup> day met according to adjournment. —

A certificate for our friend **Stephen Buffington** was read approved by this and also the womens meeting and Signed by the Clerk in order to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for Concurrence: —

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<sup>1st m<sup>o</sup></sup>  
1797 Which Said return being approved by this and also the Womens meeting; it is Satisfactory, and his said Acknowledgment is accepted by this meeting, and he restored to membership again with us, and the Clerk is appointed to read it as Usual & report to next mo. m., —

**Luthun Wood & Jos. Esters** [**Estes**] are directed to prepare Removal Certificate & bring to next mo. m. if found best

This meeting is inform<sup>d</sup> thro' the N. preparitive m. that **Adam Mott** requests a removal Certificate for his Son **Adam** to the mo. m. of **Vasselborough** [**Vassalboro**] where upon we appoint **John Devaul** [**Davol**] & **Joshuay Potter** to take the Care thereof; and bring one to next mo. m. = if found best. — — — — — — — — —

Information is received from the m. for Sufferings that the Valuable Journal of our Beloved friend **Job Scott** Decas,<sup>d</sup> is about to be printed, & desiring friends to forward Subscriptions therefor to **Moses Brown** as soon as is convenient; whereupon we appoint **Wm. Anthony Joseph Gifford Jun.**<sup>f</sup> **Thomas Mott Timothy Howland & Zephaniah Buffington** to receive them & report to Next mo. meeting.. Sign.<sup>d</sup> **Jos. Esters** [**Estes**] Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 20th. of 2 m<sup>o</sup> 1797 the Representatives from South preparitive meeting are **Joseph Tucker & Jonathan Wilbour** [**Wilbur**]

North **Thom.<sup>s</sup> Mott & Joshua Potter** — all present —

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

The Clerk reports that the Testimony of **Peleg Sanford**'s Denial --- and **John Giffords** Acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> has been read as directed - - -----

**Luthun Wood & Jos. Esters** produced a removal Certificate for **John Gifford** to the mo. meeting of **Easton** which being approved was Signed by the Clerk. -----

The committee to prepare a Removal Certificate for **Adam Mott Jun.<sup>f</sup>** reported they had taken the necessary care and produced one which being approved was Signed by the Clerk. -----

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The receiving Subscriptions for **Job Sotts [Scotts]** Journal is continued to next mo. meeting & **Thomas Allen** is added to the committee for that purpose. then to report -----

A Certificate in behalf of our beloved friend **Stephen Buffington** from the Quarterly meeting held at **Easton** the 16 of 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1796 Expressive of his Religious Visit and Gospel Labours of Love together with his Exemplary Conduct & Conversation being truly acceptable And Edifying was received & read here the reception where of is very agreeable to us and Comfortable -----

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

**Caleb Slocum** presented a paper by way of the Preparative meeting Condemning his misconduct & requesting friends Care again wherefore we appoint **Luthun Wood & Jonathan Wilbour [Wilbur]** to take a suitable opportunity with him and Endeavour to find his Sincerity & report at next mo. meeting - -----

By the preparative meeting we are informed that **Elisabeth Johnson** requests a removal Certificate for herself and Son **James** to the monthly meeting of **Easton** whereupon we appoint **Thom<sup>s</sup> Hicks & George Smith** to prepare one and forward to next mo. meeting if that best. -----

Rec.<sup>d</sup> an Extract of a minute from the Quarterly meet<sup>g</sup> held at **New Bedford** 9<sup>th</sup> of 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1796 by which it appears that our proportion of the money to be raised for the Quarterly meeting Stock is Eighty Seven dollars & one half; and as we have a comt<sup>ee</sup> for the purpose of Collecting money for this meeting, they are directed to Collect the S<sup>d</sup> Sum in the usual way as the sums have been heretofore collected



and make report at the mo. meeting after paying it to our Treasurer — Conclude  
Signed **Jos. Esters [Estes]** Clerk

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3 mo. At a monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** 20.<sup>th</sup> of 3 mo 1797  
the Representatives from the South **Zephaniah Buffington**  
& **Jonathan Wilbour [Wilbur]** North **Thomas Mott.** & **James**  
**Tucker** - All Present. -----

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

The Queries were read and Answers from each  
Preparitive meeting from which General Answers were  
compiled which being approved (was) together with an  
account to the Quarterly meeting signed by Clerk  
was directed to be forwarded by the Representatives  
who are **Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jos. Tucker**  
& **Abner Potter Jun.<sup>r</sup>** they to report their attendance  
at next mo. meeting. -----

In concurence With the womens meeting was  
Signed a Removal Certificate on behalf of **Edith**  
**Sisson** wife of **Jonathan Sisson** directed to the  
monthly meeting of N. [New] **Bedford.** -----

Rec<sup>d</sup> Subscriptions for **Job Scots [Scotts]** Journal <sup>^to</sup> the  
number of 39 Books it is still continued to next  
month; then to report what addition is made

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

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

By the South Preparitive m. we are informed that  
**Philip Russell** hath kept company and married out  
of the Unity of friends with a woman not a member  
of our [?] we ~~appoint~~ Society whereupon

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

Collected and Paid to our treasurer £19:5<sup>s</sup>:8<sup>d</sup>  
the Committee are Still contin[u]ed & to report at next mo. m  
**Jos. Esters [Estes]** Clerk

At a monthly Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>m</sup>. 1797  
the representatives from the south **Humphrey Russell**  
& **George Smith** North **Joshua Potter** & **Joseph Gifford J.<sup>r</sup>**  
--- all present - -----

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

Extracted from **Newbedford** m<sup>o</sup> meeting minutes  
By **Thos. Rotche** Clerk

The Representatives to Quarterly meeting reported they all  
attended Except **B. Smith** who gave to this meeting a satisfactory  
reason for not attending. - - - - -

The Committee in care of meetings in **Smiths Neck**  
reported in writing as followeth - -----  
To the m. m. of Friends in **Dartm<sup>h</sup>** 17 of 4 mo. 1797 according to appointment several  
of us attended all the meetings held in **Smiths Neck** the Winter past - also all  
attended when & favoured with health & discover Nothing but that s<sup>d</sup> meetings  
was generally kept in a good degree orderly & to good Satisfaction for which favours  
and also the mutual consolation witnessed at times there in we desire to render  
humble Acknowledgmt to the authur of all favours rec[e]ived - signed by  
**Jon.<sup>n</sup> Wilbour W<sup>m</sup> Anthony G. Smith Benj.<sup>n</sup> Smith Mary Anthony S. Howland M. Smith**

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Which is accepted by this meeting to good Satisfaction  
The committee to receive Subscriptions for **Job**  
**Scotts Journal** report they have four to add which  
make total 43 Books — **Humphrey Russell** and

*Caleb Slocum*  
*Acknowledgmt*  
*recorded*  
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**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** are appointed to to [*sic*] take the care of forwarding  
Said number of Books & also the money to **Moses Brown**  
as soon as may be agreeable to direction from the  
Meeting for Suffering and to report at next mo. m. --

The friends in the case of **Caleb Slocum** report  
they taken another opportunity with him and found good  
Satisfaction whereupon this meeting in concurence with the  
Women conclude to accept his paper of acknowledgmt. &  
receive him into membership with us again & the  
Clerk is directed to read it in the Usual way and  
report at next mo. meeting. - - - - -

**Humphrey Russell** return<sup>d</sup> a Copy of a minute  
obtained for the purpose of traveling with our friend  
**Stephen Buffington** to Satisfaction. - - - - -

The friends to Visit **Philip Russell** report they  
have had no opportunity with him, they are still con-  
=tinued & **Jonathan Wilbour [Wilbur]** is aded with them they to repot  
at our Next monthly meeting - - - - -

The Committee to raise money report nothing  
materal done - They are continued & desired to mak[e]  
report at next mo. m. - - - - -

The time of **Humphrey Russells** keeping the meetng  
House & yard being expired; the South Preparitive m  
is directed to pay him the Sum of Eleaven Dollars  
for said Service which is complied with - - - - -

**W<sup>m</sup> Howland & Timothy Howland** are appoin  
appointed to agree with a friend for that service for  
the year ensuing & report at next mo. meeting. ----

The Committee appointed to see to a Settlement  
being accommodated between **Sarah Rickerson [Ricketson]**  
and **Benjamin Wilbour [Wilbur]** of newport now report  
it is sittled to Satisfaction - - - - -

Signed **J. Estes** Clerk

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>mo</sup>. 1797

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from  
the South **Thomas Allen & Jesiah Wood** north **W.<sup>m</sup> Tripp**  
& **Thomas Mott** all Present - - - - -

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

the Clerk reports that **Caleb Slocum** acknowledgm<sup>t</sup>.  
has been read as Directed - - - - -

the friends to Visit **Philip Russell** report, he has not been  
much at home they are therefore continued to the necessary  
care thereof and report at next mo. m. - - - - -

this meeting concur with the women in receiving  
and accepting the acknowledgmt. of **Lydia Sanford** (wife  
of **Peleg Sanford**) - - - - -

the committee report they have agreed with **Timothy Howland** to keep the m. house & to have the care of y<sup>e</sup> yard from the 17<sup>th</sup> of 4 mo. the ensuing year for Eleaven dollars & ½ half or 50 Cents which is agreeable to this meeting ---

**Noah Gifford** and **Martha Hathway [Hathaway]** appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage they having produced consent of Parents and he also produced a certificate from the mo. meeting of **accoxet [Acoaxet]** seting forth his Clearness to proceed in marriage with the said **Martha Hathway [Hathaway]**; this meeting takes notis thereof and desire them to waite till next mo. m. for answer. -----

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

**Timothy Howland** & **Joseph Estes** are appointed to take the necessary care respecting **Osman Woods** Clearness in marriage & Conversation & report at next mo. meeting. -----

**Zephaniah Slade** requests (thro' the North preparitive meeting) a Certificate directed to the mo. meeting of **Swansey** where he is going to reside as an apprentice **Caleb Barker** & **Zephaniah Buffington** are appointed to make enquiry prepare one & bring to next mo. m. if nothing Sufficient appears to hinder

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1797  
6 mo- At a monthly Meeting held in **Dartmouth** the 19 of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1797 the Representatives are from the South **Humphrey Russell** & **Luthin Wood** north **John Divaul [Daval]** & **Joshua Potter** all present. -----

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

The Queries were read and answers prepared which being approved, were together with an Account from this to the Quarterly meeting signed by the Clerk directed to be forwarded by our Rep=  
=representatives who are **Zephaniah Buffington** **Thomas Mott** **Joseph Gifford Jun.**<sup>r</sup> they to report of their attendance at next mo. m. -----

The committee to visit **Philip Russell** report

no opportunity with him it is again deferd to next m. m.

Our Beloved friend **Nathan A. Smith** attended this meeting with a Certificate from the mo. m. of **Philadelphia** nothern Destrect dated 23 of 5 mo. 1797 whose company & Gospel Labour hath been edyfiing & satisfactory to us. -- -----

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

The women inform they have concluded to accept **Patience Potter** wife of **W<sup>m</sup> H. Potter** into membership with which this meeting Concurs

**Noah Gifford & Martha Hathway [Hathaway]** and **Osman Wood & Sarah Tucker** appeared for answer nothing appearing sufficient to hinder them from proceeding they are left at Liberty Solemnize their marriage at some convinent time before next mo. m. and **Luthun Wood & Joseph Estes** are appointed to se **noah Giffords** marriage orderly conducted and the Certificate forwarded to the ~~Clek~~ Clerk for recording.

**Humphrey Russell & W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** or appointed to see that of **Osman Woods** marriage Conducted orderly deliver their Certificate to the Clerk & report at next mo. m.

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A Certificate Directed to the mo. m. of **Swansey** on Behaf of **Zephaniah Slead [Slade]** was read approved and Signed by the Clerk. -----

Our Treasirer is direted to forward 87 Dolars and 50 Cents to the Quarterly meetings treasurer being our proportion of of yearly Stock -----

The North Preparitive meeting forwarded a paper signed **Garner Potter** condemning his having been guilty of fornication which is referd to next mo under the Care of **John Devaul [Daval]** & **Thomas Mott** they to Endeavour to find the sinericy [sincerity] of his mind

This meeting conclude to appoint a meeting to =morrow at the 11 hour for the Consumation of the marrage of **Noah Gifford & Marthaa Hathway [Hathaway]**

Collected and paid to our Treasurer 26 dol<sup>s</sup>. ¼<sup>d</sup> —

**Joseph Estes** Clerk

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At a monthly m. of **Dartmouth** 17 of 7<sup>mo</sup>. 1797  
th[e] Representatves from the South **Benjamin Allen & Humphrey Russell** North **Benj<sup>a</sup> Rider & Abner Potter J<sup>r</sup>** all present

The Representatves to Quarterly m. report they all attended according to appointment. -----

The comm.<sup>te</sup> to visit **Philip Russell** report they have not had opportunity with him By reason of his absence, it is again deferd to next mo. meeting. -----

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

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

The comm<sup>tee</sup> to Visit **Garner Potter** reported they had an opportunity with him and that he gave them some Satisfaction, they are still continued in that Service to report at next mo. meeting. -----

Our Treasurer reported he has forwarded 87 dollars & 50 Cents to Quarterly m<sup>o</sup> Treasurer as directed

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<sup>797</sup>  
<sup>7<sup>mo</sup></sup> **Walter Shearman [Sherman]** produced a Certificate from the mo. m. of **Rhode Island** expressive of his being a Member and Clearness to proceed in marriage with **Hulda Wilbour [Wilbur]** also consent of Parents in Writing. --- --

**Walter Shearman [Sherman] & Hulda Wilbour [Wilbur]** appeared in this meeting and manifested their intentions of taking each other in marriage, which is notified and they desire to wait till next mo. m. for answer

A new appointment of Overseers coming under consideration whereupon we appoint **Thos. Mott Luthun Wood Zephaniah Buffing [Buffington] John Tucker William Gifford and Joseph Tucker** to attend to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment takes place. --- --

Through the North P. m. came a request Signed by **Patience Potter** wife of **W<sup>m</sup> Holida Potter** in behalf of her Children's being admitted into membership with us whereupon we appoint **Thomas Smith and John Devaul [Davol] Joseph Gifford Jun<sup>r</sup>** to join the women and take a Suitable opportunity with them on that account and report at next mo. m. --- --

The com.<sup>tee</sup> to have of meetings in **Allens neck** reported they were attend and conducted in a Good degree orderly ----- Signed **Joseph Estes** Clerk

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At a monthly meeting held in **Dartm.<sup>h</sup> [Dartmouth]** 21 of 8:1797 the Representatives from the South **Joseph Wing and Zephaniah Buffington North Adam Mott and James Tucker** all present. -----

The comm.<sup>tee</sup> reported they have had no opportunity with **Philip Russell** by reason of his absence they are desired to continue their care to him and make return at next mo. m. -----

**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** Reported he delivered **Osman Woods** certificate for record as directed -----

The Comm.<sup>tee</sup> report they have had another opportunity with **Garner Potter** & found Good satisfaction; whereupon we accept his paper of Acknowledgmt and receive into membership again with us

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**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is appointed to read said Paper as Usual and make report at next mo. m. -----

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

**Walter Shearman [Sherman] & Hulda Wilbour [Wilbur]** appeared for answer & nothing appearing to hinder them from proceeding; they are left at Liberty to take each in Marriage at some convenient time before next monthly m. **George Smith & W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** are appointed to see that their Marriage be orderly conducted, and the Certificate delivered to the recorder and report at next mo. m- -----

**W<sup>m</sup> Wood** forwarded a Paper thro. the Preparitive m. condemning his having married out of the approved Rules & order of Society; & epresing his sorrow therefore & desiring to be restored to Unity again wherefore we appoint **Thom<sup>s</sup> Hicks** and **Benj.<sup>n</sup> Allen** to endeavour to find his sincerity therein and report at next mo meeting accordingly

**Humphrey Russell** requests a Certificate for his son **John Wada Russell** directed to the mo. m. of **New Bedford** where he is gone to reside as an Apprintce with a friend wherefore we appontt **George Sanford & Caleb Barker** to prepare one and bring to next mo. m. if no obstruction appear -----

We are informed that **Joseph Potter** sometime Past removed within the compas of **Easton** mo. m. without Certificate; wherefore we appoint **James Tucker & Thomas Mott** to write to that meeting what they think Proper & bring to next mo. m. -----

The com.<sup>tee</sup> to raise money report they have paid to our treasurer Nineteen Dollars four shil[l]ings and ten pence  
19 dol<sup>s</sup>. 4/10 penc-----

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<sup>9 m<sup>d</sup></sup> A Certificate for **George B. Almy** [**Almy**] wife and Child from **New-Bedford** mo. m. was read and excepted ----- Signed **J. Estes** Clrk

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At a monthly meeting held in **Dartmo[u]th** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>mo.</sup> '797 the Representatives

The Representatives from the South **Timothy Howland** **Zephaniah Buffington** North **Thomas Smith** and **William Tripp** — all present -----

The Queries were read and Answers to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> were prepared & are directed to the Quarterly m. ----

The com<sup>tee</sup> Report they endeavoured for an opportunity with **Philip Russell** but not obtain it, they are still continued and to report next mo. -----

**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** reported he had read **Garner Potters** Paper as Directed (it being for fornication)

The friends appointed to the Care of **Walter Shearmans** [**Shermans**] marriage reported they attended thereto and that it was orderly Conducted, & the Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording. -----

The Com<sup>tee</sup> Report they have had an opportunity with **W<sup>m</sup> Wood**, and think best it be referd to next mo. m. for further Labour with him, which the meeting Unites with they then to report. -----

A Certificate on Behalf of **John Wada Russell** directed to the mo. m. of **New Bedford** was approv'd & Signed by the Clerk. -----

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed produced an Essay of a Letter directed to the mo. m. of **Easton** as directed which being read was approved and signed by the Clerk & **James Tucker** is directed forward the Same to that meeting & preserve a Copy thereof and Lodge with the Clerk -----

A Complaint against **G. Howland J<sup>r</sup>** was bro<sup>t</sup>, through the Preparative m. on account of his being out of Plainness in behaviour & Apparel, and that the Overseers had Laboured with him on those acc<sup>t</sup>, but rec<sup>d</sup> but litle Satisfaction therefore this meetg appoints **Jos. Gifford J<sup>r</sup>** & **James Tucker** to take a suitable opportunity with him and endeavour to convince him of his deviation from the way of truth & report [&?]

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Likewise a Complaint against **Nicholas Lapham** for his being out of plainness, neglecting to attend our Religious



meetings, & is married out of the Unity of friend, for which the Overseers also Laboured with him; found but little Satisfaction; yet this meeting being desirous to be fully Clear do appoint **Thomas Hicks & Benj.<sup>n</sup> Allen** to Visit him and endeavour to reclaim him if it may be done, and report next mo. m. -----

In concurence of the womens meeting was Signed a Certificate on behalf of **Dinah Howland** wife of **W<sup>m</sup> Howland** to the mo. m. of **Easton**. -----

We Unite with the Women in receiving **Alice Smith** Daughter of **John Smith** into membership

This m. is informed that **Thomas Smith** has a prospect of Removing with his family to Live within the compas of **Easton** mo. m. & requests a our certificate for himself & s<sup>d</sup> famly his children's Names **Joseph, Howland, Rebeca & rechel** therefore we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Tripp & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to make necessary inspection and if they find Nothing to hinder him from having a certificate (Join the Women) and prepare one & bring to next mo. m.

**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford Luthun Wood & James Tucker** are appointed to attend our Next Quarterly meeting and make report at the mo. m. next month-----

This meeting concur with the women in denying[?] with **Elisabeth Potter** wife of **Garner Potter**

An account was prepared & signed by the Clerk directed to the Quarterly m. . -----

We are informed by Nor[t]h Preparative m. that **John Devaul [Daval]** requests a Certificate for himself & wife to the mo. m. of **Eastown; Joseph Gifford J<sup>r</sup> & Abner Potter J<sup>r</sup>** are appointed to take the Necessary Care to inspect the Legality of his disposing of his Interest; and if no obstruction appear Join the women prepare one and bring to next mo. m. -----

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At a monthly meeting held in  
**Dartmouth** 16 of 10 mo '797 -----

The Representatives from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Tripp** and **James Tucker** South **Humphrey Russell & George Sanford** all present. - - - - -

The friends appointed in the case of **Philip Russell** Report; they have not had opportunity to Speak with him on account of his absence, they are Still continued to the care thereof, and to report next mo. m. - -----

The Commt<sup>ee</sup> appointed to the care of **W<sup>m</sup> Woods** case reported, they had attended thereto and found Some Satisfaction and that they tho't well of its being defered another month, which is approved, they then to report -----

**James Tucker** informed that he had forwarded the Letter to **Easton** as Directed; and also handed a Copy thereof to the Clerk.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to take an opportunity with **Gideon Howland J<sup>r</sup>** reported, they endeavoured; but did not obtain it by reason of his Absence; they are continued to the care thereof, and to report next mo. m.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> in the case of **N. Lapham** reported, in writing Viz. To the mo. m. to be held 16 of 10 mo '797 We have had a suitable opportunity with **N. Lapham** and laboured to convince him of his error and endeavor to evince to him the necessity of condemning it, but our labour has not had the Effect desired, he is not willing to condemn his marrying out of the order of society and has not requested friends to waite loncer with him

And after solid Deliberation thereon [**T. Hicks** it is concluded to defer the matter a= [**Benj<sup>n</sup> Allen** nother month under the care of the former com<sup>tee</sup> they to use their endeavours to reclaim him & report accordingly at next mo. m. -----

This meeting Concur with the women in acc= epting & receiving the acknowledgmt of **Ruth Lapham** wife of **Humphrey Lapham**-----

Also in accepting the acknowledgment of **Eunice Russell** wife of **William Russell** of N. [New] **Bedford**. ---

A Removal Certificate for **Hulda Wilbour Sherman** [**Sherman**] to the mo. m. of **Rhode Island** was Signed by the Clerk

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The friends appointed to procure a Certificate for **Thomas Smith** and family reported they have taken the necessary Care in that Case, and have produced one which was approvd and signed by the Clerk ----

This meeting concur with the women in re= ceiving **Meh<sup>t</sup>able wood** wife of **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** into membership. -----

The Representatives to Q. Meeting report they they all attended and had in charge to remind this meeting that our future Representatives take due care to meet at the house where S<sup>d</sup> meeting is held at the Ninth hour of the Day on which the meeting is held in order to make out a Summary of the answ= ers to the Queries. -----

The fr[i]ends in the case of **John Devaul** [**Davol**] Certifi<sup>t</sup>. Reported they think best to continue it another month which is complied with thn them to report

An acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> Signed by **Elijah Gifford Jun<sup>r</sup>**  
(was read) Condemning his marrying out of the Unity of frinds  
and desiring friends to pass by s<sup>d</sup> offence and to be restored  
to membership; Wherefore we appoint **Joseph Gifford &  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Allen** to take an opportunity with him and  
endeavour to find the Sincerity of S<sup>d</sup> request & return  
and report next mo. m. -----

Thro' the Pre<sup>e</sup> m. we are informed that **Josiah Wood  
Jun.<sup>r</sup>** Requests a Removal Certificate for himself & family  
to the mo. m. of N. [New] **Bedford Zephaniah Buffington  
& Caleb Barker** in conjunction with the women are  
appointed to take the necessary care, prepare one and  
Bring to next mo meeting if no obstruction appears

Also <sup>^</sup>that **Abraham Allen** hath much neglected  
the due attendance of our Religious meetings, is out of  
Plainess, kept Company and married out of the Unity  
of fri[e]nds, and that the Overseers have Laboured with  
him and that appeared desirous to make friends satis  
=faction for his so Deviating whereupon we appoint  
**Jonathan Wilbour & James Tucker** to take a suitable  
opportunity with him in order for his help and  
Restoration; and report at next mo. m. -----

It appearing Necessary to appoint a Comm<sup>tee</sup>  
to have the care of the burying Ground and who of [?] ]  
such as are not members Shall be Entared [Interred] there in; we  
therefore appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford Joseph Tucker John Tucker  
Joseph Gifford Ju<sup>r</sup> Thos. Mott Luthun Wood & Jos Estes**  
and **Humphrey Russell** to attend to that Service

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