

We are informed by the Preparator m. that Joseph Gifford son of Gentry requests a Certificate to the m. m. of Accest expressive of his being a Member and Clearness to proceed in marriage with Mary Willour a member of that meeting we appoint Joseph Estes and Benjamin Allen to take the care therein & if clear bring one to the next m. m.

We are also informed that Sylvanus Tabor proposes to publish his Intention of marriage with Elizabeth Hart - he having produced consent of Parents for that purpose (in writing)

Also Samuel Lead informed like intentions with Peace Wing he also produced written consent of Parents.

Sylvanus Tabor & Elizabeth Hart appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage; notice being taken thereof they were desired to wait till next m. m. for Answer, and Joseph Tucker & Caleb Burker are appointed to take the care on acct of his Clearness and report at next m. m.

Also Saml. Reid & Peace Wing likewise declared their intention of marriage and were desired to wait till next m. m. for answer - Joseph Gifford Junr. and Thomas Mott are appointed to the care of his Clearness and report at next m. m.

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Deborah Smith to the m. m. of Easton was signed by the Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting held 20th of Nov. 1797 the Representatives from the South Thoman Allen and Jonathan Willour North John Tucker and Thomas Mott all present.

This Meeting being much Embarrassed by an Aged Person not a Member, who continued to hinder us from proceeding to our business by requesting an indulgence this meeting not see fit to answer therefore we conclude to adjourn to the 29th Instant after a meeting for worship.

29th day met by Adjournment.
The Representatives all present.

The 5th & 12th Querys were read and answers prepared; also an account to Quarterly meeting signed by the Clerk; which are directed to be forwarded by our Representatives who are Thomas Mott, Luthum Wood and Joseph Gifford Jr.

The Representatives to D. m. in Com: last inform, that they were directed by that meeting to insert the alteration of holding the Yearly m. & that of the Quarterly at Sandwich & New Bedford in our Books of Discipline, therefore we appoint Wm. Anthony & Joseph Estes to take the necessary care in that matter, & rpt. at next m. m.

By the Extracts from Quarterly m. held in Com: last it appear that our proportion of money for D. m. Book is twenty eight Dollars which this meeting is desired to forward to the Quarterly meetings Treasurers.

Melittable Tucker forwarded a request thro North Fore. m. for her Children Sanelly Witham Rebeca & David to be admitted into membership with us, whereupon we appoint Zephaniah Buffington & Thomas Mott to join the women, constant to visit her & family; and report at next m. m. what they think best according to D. Request.

In concurrence with the women we received and accepted the acknowledgmt of Mary Cornell of Easton to satisfaction and is as follows: to wit

whereupon we send her a certificate to that meeting signed by the Clerk

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The friends appointed to enquire into the Plea of Saml. Read & Sylvanus Gabor on account of marring report they found nothing sufficient to hinder them from proceeding.

S. Read & P. Wing S. Gabor & E. Hart app-
-eared for Answer which is that they are left at Liberty to consummate their ^{d.} Marriage at some convenient time between this & next mo. m. and Joseph Gifford Jr. Thomas Moll are appointed to the care of S. Read & P. Wing. Joseph Tucker and Caleb Barker to the care of S. Gabor & E. Hart and to forward their Certificates for recording a Certificate for Joseph Gifford son of Smoothing to the mo. m. Account expusive of his cleanness to proceed in marriage with Mary Willbourn -
Having left some of our business not acted upon which we refer to next mo. m.

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth ^{12 of Decr} 1797 the Representatives from the P. Meetings are from the South George Sanford & Timothy Howland North Joshua Potter & Wm Tripp all present.

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

The friends appointed to insert the alterations in holding the yearly & Quarterly meetings in the Books of Discipline report it is ^{not fully} accomplished they are continued to finish it and report next mo. m.

This meeting concurs with the women in accept-
-ting the acknowledg^{mt} of Eunice Wood formerly Howland

A Removal Certificate on Behalf of Patience Russell directed to the mo. m. of S. Bedford was signed by the Clerk

The comtee appointed to collect money for this meeting We are directed to make a conclusive report at next mo. m.

Our comtee in conjunction with the women appointed to take the necessary care respecting Mahitable Tuckers Request, report in writing that they had taken an oppor-
-tunity and visited ~~her~~ her and forming to a good degree of satisfaction which report being satisfactory to this meeting, her Request is granted and her ^{d.} Children namely William, Pebea, & David are received into membership with us accordingly

The friends appointed to see the marriage of Saml. Read & Sylvanus Gabor orderly conducted report they were they were, in a good degree orderly.

The comtee in care of Elijah Gifford Jr. report they had attended thereto, and that they tho' well of it, being deferred which this meeting writes with and Caleb Barker is aded with them therein & to report at next mo. m.

Two of the comtee reported they had taken a suitable opportunity with Philip Russell but did not receive any encouragement to wait longer therefore with the concurrence of the women meeting we disown him from being any longer a member of our Society, and Jonathan Willbourn is appointed to inform him thereof and report at next mo. m.

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Josiah Wood & family directed to the mo. m. of New Bedford was signed by the Clerk.

Comtee reported in writing that they had laboured with Abraham Allen and found some satisfaction, and a matter is deferred to next mo. m. for further labour with him

The comtee reported they have had another opportunity with Wm Wood & find some satisfaction yet it is that best to defer care to next mo. m.

The comtee reported they have had no opportunity with Gideon Howland Jun. altho they enquired it, as he is gone to sea as he was absent and is likely to be will not be at home again very soon therefore it is continued under their care they to report when they have obtained an interview with him

The comtee report in writing they have had another opportunity with Nicholas Lapham and that desires friend to wait longer with him and that they think it will be best to continue it accordingly, which this meeting writes with, and the comtee directed to the further care thereof and to report at next mo. m.

A Request from friends in Allens Neck for holding meeting there this winter season as usual until the mo. m. in the 4th mo. to begin at Timothy Gifford and hold there one month, then to be held the remainder of the time where the following Comtee who are appointed to have the care thereof may think best who are Benjin Allen Thomas Hicks Thomas Allen Joseph Wing Reuben Allen they to report at the mo. m. in 4th mo.

Also a similar Request from friends in Smiths Neck proposing to begin at the house of Mary Smith which is also allowed, and the following comtee are invited to vary the time & place of holding meetings as they may think best, they are to continue until the mo. m. in 3^{mo.} as they were held last winter; the Comtee are Jonathan Wilbour George Smith Wm Anthony & Benjⁿ Smith they are to report in the mo. m. in 3 month

This meeting is informed through the South Preparative m. Benjamin Puckerton late of Dartmouth Deced left a certain Request to the mo. m. of P. Dartmouth whereupon we appoint Wm Anthony & Wm Gifford to inspect the circumstance and report at next mo. m. what appears necessary for this meeting to do in that matter

Information thro the Preparative m. was had that Humphrey Russell son of Thomas, some time ago went without Certificate and that he conducts very inconsistent with our profession in particular his appearing Uniform in the military trans Band at Eastown Therefore we appoint Thos Hicks & Lophanish Buffington to take the necessary care therein & report at next mo. m.

This meeting is informed by the South Pre. m. that Abner Potter Esq. proposes laying his intentions of marriage with Sarah Wood at this time, he having produced consent of Parents &c.

Abner Potter & Sarah Wood declared their intention of taking each other in marriage, which this meeting takes notice of and desire them to wait till next mo. m. for answer.

B. Russell's
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Comtee

Thomas Mott & John Tucker are appointed to enquire into Abners Clearness respect to marriage in conversation & report at next meeting

As the ^{comtee} to prepare a Certificate for John Desaut Report there is still some obstruction, they continue to the care thereof, & to report at next mo. meeting

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 15th of 5^{mo} 1798 the Representatives from the Preparative meeting, and from the Society Cabel Barker & Luthern Wood with Joseph Gifford &c. and James Tucker all present.

The friends invited to insert the allegation in holding the yearly and Quarter by meeting, report it is accomplished.

Two of the committee report in writing that they had a sole opportunity with Elijah Gifford for some satisfaction; and it appearing agreeable to this meeting to defer said matter to next mo. It is accordingly deferred under the care of the former Comtee.

The friends appointed report in writing that they had a sole opportunity with Wm Wood and that he gave them some satisfaction, and that they are free his paper of acknowledgment should be accepted which this meeting unites with, and having the concurrence of the women meeting he is accepted into membership with an accordingly.

Jonathan Wilbour reported he informed Philip Russell of his Denial.

The committee reported they received a good degree of satisfaction from a visit to Abraham Allen; yet this meeting think best to defer said matter another month under the care of former Comtee to report next mo.

The committee reported in writing that they had a sole opportunity with Nicholas Lappan & that he is willing to condemn his misconduct; which gave us some encouragement therefore we again defer it to next mo. m. for further Labour with him.

The committee to inspect into the circumstance of Benjⁿ Puckerton gift to this meeting report they have made some progress therein; they are still continued to the care thereof and report next mo.

The friends appointed to see to the Clearness of Abner Potter respecting marriage report no obstruction to hinder them from proceeding

The committee appointed to consider what method will be best to take in the case of Humphrey Puffell son of Thomas now residing at Exeter reported that they thought it might be best to write to that meeting, and produced a letter for that purpose which was read and after several remarks were made it was returned to the committee for some amendment and bring to next monthly meeting -

Abner Potter and Sarah Wood appeared for answer and no objection appearing to hinder them they are left at Liberty to consummate their marriage at some convenient time before next m. m.

John Tucker and Wm. Anthony are appointed to see if marriage orderly conducted and report their Certificate returned to the recorder and report at next m.

The couple reported they had not procured a Certificate for John Devaul they are still continue in care thereof and make report next m.

Ava Howland produced consent of Parents to proceed in marriage with Roba Puffell -

Ava Howland & Roba Puffell appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, which was noticed and they desired to make till next m. m. for then was Lettun Wood & Benjamin Allen are appointed to inspect his cleanness and report at next m.

A complaint thro' the Preparative meeting against Jonathan Pider that he very much neglects the attendance of our Religious meetings, is out of place, uses vile and unbecoming Language and that he is accused of abusing in taking some melons without leave, all which he has been laboured with by friends, but discovered no desire in him for amendment, we therefore appoint Prince Potter & Joseph Gifford Junr. to labour for him with him for his help & recovery and report at m.

The committee to raise money for this meeting report they have collected & paid to our treasurer three Pounds, thirteen Shillings, & 4 pence which being a full & conclusive report said committee is dismissed

If appearing necessary to have a Committee to raise money for this meeting, wee whereupon we

appoint Giles Smith, Caleb Snow Humphrey Puffell James Tucker and Abner Pold, Wm Howland and Edward Tucker to proportion the sum of Eighty Dollars in the way heretofore practiced and to send to collect the same as soon as may be with conveniency and report at this meeting Quarterly; after paying it to our Treasurer.

Information thro' the S. preparative m. that Caleb Barker proposes selling his farm if friends approve thereof, whereupon we appoint Humphrey Puffell and Joseph Tucker to advise with him therein and report at our next m. meeting

A Complaint against Weston Pider thro' the Preparative m. was moved that he much neglects the attendance of our Religious meetings, being out of place in divers respects and of late hath abused himself in a scandalous manner wherefor we appoint Joshua Potter and Thomas West to take the necessary care therein and report next m.

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 19th of 2nd mo 1798. The Representatives from the South Thomas Allen & Benj. Allen North Joshua Potter and James Tucker all present.

one of the Comm^{ts} reported they have had no opportunity with Elijah Gifford Jr. they are continued in care thereof and report at next monthly meeting

Examiners of Epistles from the Yearly meeting of Philadelphia 1797 and New York 1797 and a Epistle from our Yearly meeting of Rhode Island dated 1st mo 1797 were read to satisfaction and the advices therein contained is recommended to the serious attention of friends and in particular the reading of that portion of Discipline respecting wills &c. in our meeting, for Discipline.

A Certificate on behalf of Eunice Puffell visited to the m. m. of N. Bedford was signed by the Clerk

The committee report in writing that they visited Abraham Allen and found that he and before him know in his acknowledgment yet this meeting seems most easy to defer S. matter to next m. meeting then to report.

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The Committee in case of Nicholas Lapham reported they desired it continued another month which is approved of, they then to report.

One of the Committee in case of B. Pickersons Gift to this meeting reported they had made some progress therein, and desire it may be continued, which is approved, directing Committee to proceed therein & report next m. meeting.

The friends appointed produced a Letter directed to the m. m. of Easton desiring that meeting to labour with Humphrey Buffell on our behalf and inform us inform us when done, was approved, & signed by the Clerk & Zephaniah Buffington is directed to forward the same and procure a copy thereof.

John Tucker reported he and Wm. Anthony attended the marriage of Abner Potter and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted and and the Certificate forwarded as directed.

The Committee reported they discovered no obstruction no obstruction in Asa Howland proceeding in marriage with Rhoda Buffell.

Asa Howland and Rhoda Buffell app^d for Answer which was that they were left a Liberty to consummate their marriage at some convenient time before next m. m. Luther Wood and Benjⁿ Allen are appointed to see s^d marriage orderly conducted, and their Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

Abner Potter reported they had not accommodated a Certificate for John Devaul by reason of some obstruction yet remaining, they are still continued therein and to report next month.

The Com^{tee} in the case of Jonathan Rider report they had several opportunities with him and found no satisfaction whereupon this meeting with the concurrence of the womens meeting finally conclude to disown him from being any longer a member of this meeting and Wm Gifford and Abner Potter are appointed to inform him thereof and prepare a Testimony of his denial and bring to next m. m.

Joseph Tucker & Humphrey Buffell reported they advised Caleb Barker respecting his selling agreeable to appointment and that will to leave him at liberty to sell his Interest.

The matter respecting Weston Rider coming again under consideration and we cannot find any probability of his return yet think it will be safe to defer it to next m. m. in care of former committee then to report.

Luther Wood Thomas Hicks & ^{Thomas} Benjamin Allen are appointed to advise and assist Sarah Pickerson in selling her Interest (if thot best) and also to advise with Benjⁿ Allen on his prospect of removing and report at next m. meeting.

An Acknowledgment thro the d. preparative m. signed by Wilbaur Gifford condemning his having broke a rule of Society by marrying contrary thereto; Expressing his sorrow therefor and desiring friends to pass it by whereupon we appoint Zephaniah Eddy and Benjamin Allen to take a suitable opportunity with him in order to discover his motive and state of mind and report next m. m.

Also an acknowledgment signed by Ebenezer Allen^d concerning his having married contrary to friends Rules expressing his sorrow & condemning his conducting his conduct therein & desiring to be received into membership again; Thomas Hicks & George Sanford are appointed to take an opportunity with him and report next m. m.

Likewise an acknowledgment from Gilbert Howland condemning his having kept Company and marrying contrary to friends Rules & for wearing his hair tyed with a Ribbon; and desiring out of Plainers expressing his sorrow therefor and desiring to be restored to membership again Benjⁿ Smith & Abner Potter are appointed to take an opportunity with him and report at next m. m.

Joseph Gifford requests a Certificate directed to the m. m. of Sandwich on behalf of his son Edward where he is gone an apprentice with a friend. Thomas Matt & George Tucker are appointed to take the necessary care therein and bring one to next m. m. if no obstruction appear.

We are informed

We are informed from the P. M. that Daniel Anthony desires a Certificate directed to the Mo. meeting of record expressing his being a member and clearing up to proceed in Marriage with Lydia Macomber a member of that meeting; Jonathan Wilcox & George Smith are directed to take the necessary care therein and bring one to next monthly Meeting if no objection appear.

The business of this meeting accomplished

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All a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth on the 19th of 13: 1798 the Representatives from the South are Caleb Barber and George Smith D. North Allen Russell & Thos. Mott All present - except G. Smith who we are informed is not in Health

The Duress were read, and answers prepared to go forward the Quarterly M. together with an account signed by the Clerk which our Representatives are directed to forward & report at next mo. meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to forward 28 dollars being our Proportion of yearly tithes to the Q. meeting to answer & report next m.

The Committee reported they found a pretty good Degree of satisfaction with Abraham Allen, yet it is thought best by the meeting to defer it another month then report

The committee reported they found a degree of satisfaction with N. Lapham yet the meeting think best to defer it to next mo. m.

Benjamin Ricketts Report

The Case of Benjamin Ricketts Gift to this society is again deferred under care of the committee for that purpose upon they having reported their Doings thereon, and are directed still to proceed and report next m.

The friends appointed to see to the orderly Conducting of the marriage of Asa Howland & Rhoda Russell appointed they attended thereto and that it appeared orderly conducted & the Certificate handed to the clerk for record.

The com^{tee} reported the obstruction still remains in respect of John Devault Certificate they are still continued to report next m.

The friends appointed reported they have informed Jonathan Piver of his Dismal; and produced a testimony thereof as followeth which was approved & signed by the Clerk - Wm Gifford is directed to read it at New town in the usual way and report next month.

The matter respecting Weston Piver coming again under consideration and it appearing by the Report by the report of the Committee for that purpose that there is no likelihood of his being spoken with as he is gone to a distant Country, and his Conduct having brot such a reproach upon himself and our Society that this meeting (having the concurrence of the previous meeting) hath deny him from being a Member of our Society; and the following Testimony against his Conduct was approved and signed by the Clerk Wm Gifford is appointed to read it in the usual Publick manner at New town & report next m.

Said Testimony is as followeth

Whereas Weston Piver had a birthright among friends but by straying from the Paths of Wisdom hath so far departed from our known profession as to deny much & neglect the attendance of our religious meetings and has appeared out of plainness in Divers respects for all which we have laboured with him to return to the way of truth, but our Labours did not have the desired effect and of late has Absented himself from us in a

Dishonourable manner, therefore for the clearing of our souls from such unwarrantable conduct. we are concerned to give this forth, disowning him the said Weston Rider from being any longer a member of our Society untill he may be favoured with a sense of his outgoings, and return and condemn the same to our satisfaction which is our sincere desire - Given forth at our mo. meeting held in Dartmouth 19th of 3^{mo} 1798. - - - - - J. Estes Clerk

In concurrence with the womens meeting a removal Certificate on behalf of Mary Devaul wife of John Devaul being approved and signed by the Clerk

Received a Removal Certificate on behalf of Mrs. Puseall Wife and Children namely, Phebe, Ruth, Dinah, Lydia, Abraham and Hepzibah from the mo. meeting of New Bedford dated 22^d of 8^{mo} 1797 which was read to satisfaction

Pursuant to a request from friends, in Smiths Neck they are allowed to hold meetings there (with the concurrence of the woman meeting) one month longer in case of the former Com^{tee} to report as before directed

A Certificate on behalf of Edward Gifford directed to the mo. meeting of Sandwich ^{where he is to live} where he is gone to live with a friend as an apprentice was approved and signed by the Clerk.

This meeting adjourns to the 28th Instant after a meeting for worship.

28 day met by adjournment.

Two Representatives present. The Committee appointed to advise with Sarah Pruckerson on acct. of her selling her Interest in Benjⁿ Allen on acct. of removing reported they advised Sarah not to sell at present and Benjⁿ not to remove in the Country likewise which appeared to be cordially complied with

One of the Committee reported they both had an opportunity with William Gifford according to appointment yet think best the matter be deferred another month with which this meeting consented and they desired to continue their labour therein & report next month

The Committee reported they have had another opportunity of Conference with Ebenezer Allen & find some encouragement as to think well of continuing it; this meeting approving thereof & case is deferred to next mo. meeting under their care report

The Committee in the case of Gilbert Howland reported they had another conference with him & find some satisfaction whereupon this meeting consented to defer the case to next mo. meeting under their care report

The friends appointed to inspect the clearing of Daniel Anthony to proceed in marriage with Lydia Maumba a number of report no objection and produced a Certificate for that purpose which was read approved & signed by the Clerk

The Overseers forwarded a Complaint against Henry Smith Jr. on account of his having much neglected from plainness in divers respects, and much neglected the attendance of our Religion meetings and too much frequents places of Publick Resort, has been concerned in horse racing; the Overseers have made him a visit and laboured to convince him of his error and found but little satisfaction; whereupon we appoint Wm. Anthony and James Tucker to labour further with him in order to convince him of his error and danger & report next month.

Caleb Barker requests a Removal Certificate for himself and family directed to the mo. meeting of Easton wherefore we appoint L. Buffington & Joseph Tucker to take the necessary care therein, and if clear prepare one and bring to next mo. meeting

Wm. Gifford & Joseph Tucker are appointed to visit Joseph Howland (son of Gideon) in consequence of his request and report next mo.

Luther Wood and Benjⁿ Smith are appointed in case of Humphrey Laphams paper & request they to make the necessary inspection & report next mo.

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Brice Sheppard requests a Removal Certificate to the mo. m. of Newportness; George Sampson and Abner Potter Jr. are directed to take the necessary care therein & if clear bring one to next m. m.

Sylvanus Tabor requests a Removal Certificate to New Bedford mo. m. Thomas Matt & Abner Potter Jr. are desired to take the needful care and if no objection bring one to next m.

Also Sam. Peab requests one to the mo. m. of accept James Incher & Zephaniah Eddy are to take the care & if no objection bring one to next m. m.

Joseph Ester Clerk

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 16 of 4th 1798 — The Representatives from the South are Wm. Howland & Zephaniah Buffington North Abner Potter Jr. & Gideon Gifford all present

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

Our Treasurer reported he forwarded 28 dollars our proportion of the yearly Stock to the L. Meeting's Treasurer as directed.

The Committee reported they had another conference with Elijah Gifford Jr. who gave them a Postgrad year of satis faction; and after being considered in this meeting conclude to defer it another month in their care (report)

The Committee in Abraham Allen's case report as last month which was that they found a good degree of Satisfaction; whereupon this meeting conclude to receive his paper of Acknowledgmt. (the women's meeting uniting thereto, it is accepted for satisfaction accordingly) Said acknowledgmt. recorded pag 331

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Ursula Wood Wife of Josiah Wood directed to the mo. m. of N. Bedford was signed by the Clerk.

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Having the concurrence of the women's meeting (or rather concurs with the women) approved and signed a Testimony of the Denial of Proba Willow and the Clerk is directed to read it publicly & report next mo. m. (the Testimony of denial recorded page 330.)

The Committee reported they had a visit of postivity with Nicholas Lapham and that he gave them some satisfaction and after due consideration thereon, this meeting think best to continue it another month under the care of the following Comm^{tee} who are Thomas Hicks and Wm. Anthony & Benjⁿ. Allen they to endeavour still to convince him of his outgoing & report at next mo. m.

Benjamin Bickerton's Report of

The Comm^{tee} in case of B. Bickerton gift to this m. report they are making what progress they conveniently can; they are directed to continue their care there in and report next monthly meeting.

The Committee reported the obstruction still remains in respect to John Sewall's certificate; they are still continued to report next mo. meeting.

Wm Gifford reported he has read the Testimonies of the Denial of Jonathan & Weston Bider as directed

The Comm^{tee} in care of meetings ^{in Smith's case} and also the Com^{tee} in care of meetings in Slown's case reported as follows

We the Comm^{tee} appointed in the 12 mo. last to have the care of meetings in Smith's case the under part report that they were generally attend and they were all kept up and attended by the most of friends, also by a number of friendly neighbours, and were generally held in a still and becoming manner to a good degree of Satisfaction

And also the report on the meetings in Slown's case nearly as the other as above to a good degree satisfaction. One of the Committee reported that he and another friend had an opportunity with Joseph Howland, and received good satisfaction but as only one of the Committee was present with him there fore it is again refer'd to next m. m. (report)

The Committee in William Gifford's case reported they had another opportunity with him, and wish it continued, it is accordingly refer'd to next mo. m. — (report)

The matter respecting Ebenezer Allen's request is again refer'd from the Committee's report for further labour with him they to report next mo. meeting

The Committee reported they have had no opportunity with Henry Smith Jr. altho they endeavoured it, said matter is again refer'd under their care to next mo. m.

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A Removal Certificate in Behalf of Caleb Bocher is again deferred to next mo. meeting. (Report)

The Committee in care of Humphrey Lapham Request report they have had another opportunity with him to some Satisfaction this meeting think best to defer it to next m. then they report

A Removal Certificate for Bruce Shepherd directed to the nine pastors were approved and signed by the Clerk.

Also one on behalf of Sylvanus Tabor directed to the mo. meeting of Sam. Bedford was likewise signed by the Clerk.

And one on behalf of Sam. Reed & his wife were directed to the mo. of Acoset or about post was also approved and signed by the Clerk.

The Comtee reported they have had an opportunity with Gilbert Howland to some Satisfaction it is again deferred to next mo. m. under care of former Comtee with Luther Wood ard who are directed to use their endeavor to convince him of his error and report next m.

The Committee appointed in the 20th mo. 21st 1793 to labor with David Sherman on acct. of his desertion from plains, &c. report they have a solid opportunity with him; found so much encouragement as to think well of continuing it, which this meeting of Joseph Tucker requests to be dismissed which is done and Jonathan Willbour ard who ards report next monthly meeting.

It appearing by a Paper signed by the overseer that Joanna Tucker is not easy under such Restrictions as guardian ships wherefore this meeting after duly considering the Circumstances think best to appoint a Committee to have the care of Rebecca & Joanna Tucker and their Interest; (as Rebecca is not in a Capacity to take care of herself or Interest;) Joseph Tucker Wm. Gifford Lephaniah Buffington & James Tucker are appointed to have the care and conducting and oversight of the P. Rebecca & Joanna Tucker their Estate & Interest from time to time and at all times as need may for that their said Estate & Interest may be secured to them for their Comfort & Support they to report from time to time as Occasion may require, or when called upon by this meeting
J. E. Clerk

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 21st of 5th 1798 the Representatives from the South preparative mtg are Joseph Wing & Benjⁿ Allen North Joseph Gifford Jr. & James Tucker. all present

The committee respecting Elijah Gifford Jr. Reported they have had another opportunity with him & rec^d. full Satisfaction, whereupon this meeting after duly considering thereon and having the concurrence of the womens meeting do receive & accept his paper of Acknowledgment for Satisfaction

The committee in the case of S. Lapham reported they received pretty good Satisfaction; yet this meeting conclude to continue another month under their care then to report.

This meeting concurs with the womens in accepting the Acknowledgment of Mary Morton; and also that of Abigail Sanford; the Letter of which the Clerk is directed to read Publickly; and report &c.

The Committee in consequence of B. Puckewson Gift to this meeting made the following report to the mo. m. of Dartmouth - By appointment we having Inspected into the Donation of given to this meeting by Benjⁿ Puckewson Dico, and find a Lot of Land given to this meeting lying in the Genesee Country and we think it expedient for further inspection into the Title thereof for which purpose we have agreed with the heirs of said Deceased to be at our proportion of cost for the better securing said Land to the true intent of the Donor.
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which is accepted and they continued to that service and are directed to report their doings at some convenient time or when called upon by this meeting

The committee in care of J. Devault Certificate Report the Obstruction still remaining; they are directed to continue their care therein & report next month

The Comtee. in Ebenezer Allen Case are continued to report at next monthly meeting

The Commit. appointed in consequence of Joseph Howlands Request reported as followeth viz:

We have had an agreeable opportunity with Joseph Howland to good Satisfaction. Gen. Tucker & Wm. Gifford which is with the concurrence of the women accepted for satisfaction & he restored to membership again with us. (his acknowledg^{mt}. recorded page 320)

The Committee made the following report respecting Willbur Gifford — We have visited W. Gifford and think that there is a prospect of his making friends Satisfaction. Loh. (Eddy & Bena. Allen) whereupon this meeting concludes to defer the matter accordingly to next mo. meeting.

The matter respecting E. Allen is from the report of the Committee continued to next m. m.

The Comm. in case of Henry Smith Jr. reported they visited him to but little Satisfaction nevertheless by their request this meeting conclude to defer it another month under their care then to report.

The Com^{tee} in case of Saleb Parkers Certificate are still continued another month.

The Com^{tee} to visit Humphrey Lapham in consequence of his acknowledg^{mt}. reported they conversed with him to a degree of Satisfaction and after considering thereon P. Case is deferred to next meeting.

The committee reported they have had another opportunity with Gilbert Howland to some degree of encouragement; therefore it is again deferred to next meeting.

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Richard Davis & wife Pruth from the mo. meeting of N. Bedford dated 17th. of 4th mo. 1798 read & reviewed to Satisfaction.

The Committee in case of David Sherman reported they have not had an opportunity with him together and desire it continued which is approved by the meeting they to report at next monthly meeting.

In consequence of a Letter sent by this meeting to the mo. meeting of Easton on acct. of Joseph Potter requesting that meeting to Labour with him on our behalf we have received the account accordingly from that meeting, that they have complied with our request and do not find him in a disposition to make satisfaction to friends; whereupon having the concurrence of the women meeting we do deny him from being any longer a member of our Society and Wm. Anthony is appointed to inform him thereof & report when done.

We are informed that Wm. Pruffell is removed back to New Bedford & requests a Certificate, Abner Potter Jr. & James Tucker are appointed to take the necessary care thereof & report next mo. meeting.

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 4. 18th. of 6 mo. 1798 — The Representatives from the South are Timothy Howland & Jo. Tucker North Wm. Gripp & Abner Potter Jr. all present.

The Queries were read and answers to the first second & 12th. were made which after several important remarks were made thereon they are directed to be forwarded to the 2. meeting by our Representatives who are Lophonah Buffington Joseph Tucker and James Tucker they to report their attendance to next monthly meeting accordingly.

An account to the 2. meeting was approved and signed by J. Clark and also forwarded.

Our friend Stephen Buffington has now returned a Certificate he had from this meeting 30. of 11. mo. 1796 with an endorsement thereon from the Yearly meeting at N. York 5. mo. 1797 and from the Quarterly meeting held at purchase 3. mo. 1797 also a Certificate from the 2. meeting of N. Bedford 8. mo. 1797 all which are very satisfactory to us.

The Com^{tee} in case of N. Lapham report the obstruction still remains; they are continued to next monthly meeting then to report.

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The Clerk inform the Acknowledgm^t of A. Sanford is not read he is continued to do it & report

The obstruction still remains respecting John Devaults Cert^s tis again continued another month

The Comm^t report they have not had opportunity with Willough Gifford since last mo. but as he has now forwarded a request to be again admitted a member; it is again continued another month in care of former Com^{tee} then to rep^t.

The Com^{tee} in case of E. Allen reported, they desire it continued; which this meeting approve and defer it accordingly

The case of H. Smith Jr. is again deferred to next mo. meeting, as the Com^{tee} had not both of them an opportunity with him. then to report

An obstruction still remains respecting John Washers Certificate tis again continued to next mo.

The Com^{tee} to visit Humphrey Lopham reported some obstruction still remains therefore tis again continued to next mo. m.

The matter respecting Gilbert Howland is continued under care of former Committee to a future mo. meeting he being gone to sea

A removal Certificate on behalf of Wm Russell & wife directed to the mo. m. of New Bedford was approved & signed by the Clerk

The Com^{tee} in case of David Sherman reported they think he is not in a suitable disposition of mind to make satisfaction to Friends at present yet he desired it still continued a while longer and it appearing to be the mind of this meeting, that he be again visited by P. Com^{tee} with George Smith added to them to report next mo.

The business being accomplished &c

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth the 14th of 7th mo. 1798 — The Representatives from the South are Benjⁿ Allen & Thomas Allen north James Tucker and Barnab^s Mosher who being called on all present.

The year of the appointment of our Clerk being expired Joseph Ester is again appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another is appointed in his stead and Wm Gifford is likewise appointed assistant &c.

An Epistle from the yearly m. held in London by Dejarment from the 22^d to 31st of 6th mo. 1797 was read to good satisfaction

This meeting concurs with the womens in accepting the Acknowledgm^t of Juda Hathaway — Also with Disowning Abigail Cornell wife of Joseph Cornell — (Easton)

It appearing needful to have a new appointment of Overseers of P^oor whereupon we appoint Benjⁿ Allen George Sanford Humphrey Russell Wm Howland James Tucker & Abner Potter Jr. to that service for the year ensuing, or until another appointment takes place.

The Com^{tee} in case of N. Lapham report some obstruction still remain; it is therefore again deferred, for report next month; the Com^{tee} is desired to use their utmost endeavours for his help & restoration.

The Acknowledgment of Abigail Sanford was read as Directed — The Committee report the Obstruction still remain on acct of John Devaults Certificate; it is continued another month for report.

The friends appointed to visit Willough Gifford report they have taken another opportunity with him and found a degree of Satisfaction, it is again deferred with the addition of Luther Wood to the Committee to report next month.

One of the friends in the case of Ebenezer Allen reported, he had an opportunity with him to a degree of encouragement, yet as but one of the Committee was present in the conference with him, it is again continued & Joseph Gifford Jr. is added to P. Com^{tee} to report next month

One of the friends appointed in the case of Henry Smith Jr. reported he had an opportunity with him but little satisfaction; & as one of the Commit^{tee} is absent Benjamin Allen & Wm. Gifford are appointed in his stead they to labour further with him for his help & report at next monthly Meeting.

The Committee report there still remain an objection on acct. of Caleb Barker's Certificate & matter is referred to a future monthly Meeting.

The Committee reported they have had another visit to Humphrey Lapham & he gave them a good degree of satisfaction; yet it is that best by the meeting to continue it another month for a further proof of his Diligence in attending meetings; they then to report.

One of the Committee in case of David Sherman Report they have had another opportunity with him and found some Degree of Satisfaction whereupon this meeting continues it another month in case of the same Case they then to report.

It appearing necessary that a Committee be appointed to have the care and oversight of friends Schools, agreeable to former instructions from Superior meetings on that subject whereupon we appoint Luther Wood Wm. Gifford Joseph Gifford Jr. Thos. Hicks Leph. Buffington Benj. Smith Wm. Howland & James Tucker to the care thereof accordingly and report Quarterly or when called upon by this meeting.

Wm. Gifford & Zephaniah Buffington are appointed to receive Subscriptions for reprinting the Journal of our friend George Fox by Isaac Pollard and to forward them to Thomas Rotch as soon as may be, and report their proceeding next month.

A Complaint was forwarded by the overseer against Cochr's Column, that he much neglects the due attendance of our religious meetings, appears out of plainness, has attended a place of Military Exercise, & some unbecoming conduct while there; on acct. of which some the Overseer have visited him to some little degree of encouragement, whereupon Z. Eddy & Thos. Hicks are appointed to labour further with him & report.

Zephaniah Buffington & James Tucker are appointed to write the ms. meeting of Easton on account of an Acknowledgment from Pleg Gifford, requesting that meeting to make the necessary inspection and inform us when done and bring a copy to next ms. m.

At a monthly m. held in Dartmouth the 20th 8th mo. 1798
The Representatives from the South are Richard Davis and Humphrey Russell & both Joseph Gifford Jr. & John Tucker

The committee reported they had a suitable opportunity with N. Lapham, & recd a good degree of Satisfaction but his paper of acknowledgm: not being satisfactory, it is returned for some amendment in care of Committee.

John Davault's Certificate deferred to next month
The Committee in case of Wilbur Gifford reported they still recd a pretty good degree of Satisfaction, Nevertheless it is the mind of this meeting that it be still deferred another month (Report)

The Committee reported they found some satisfaction in having another opportunity with E. Allen, yet that he did not attend meetings so often as they could wish it is again continued another month for report.

The committee in case of H. Smith Jr. reported report they had a suitable opportunity with him, but discovered no real inclination in him to make friends Satisfaction whereupon we apprehend ourselves clear of further Labour, and having the concurrence of the women so disown him from being any longer a member of our Society Wm. Anthony & Benj. Allen are to inform him thereof, prepare a Testimony thereof and bring to next ms. meetings.

The commit^{tee} in case of Humphrey Lapham reported they had another opportunity with him, and had so much Satisfaction as to submit his reception as a member to this meeting; which after being duly considered, & having the concurrence of the women, he is accepted into membership with us accordingly.

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Benj^r Allen Request for his Children namely William, Phoebe Humphrey and Lydia is deferred to next monthly meeting for to be cited upon

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Abigail Puffell directed to the mo. meeting of Easton was approved & signed by the Clerk.

The Committee in the case of David Sherman Report they had an opportunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction it is deferred another month under their care then to report.

The friends to receive subscription for G. Fox's Journal are continued to next month.

The Committee in case of Cook's Scum reported that they did not think he was in a suitable disposition of mind to make Satisfaction to friends for his outgoings & care is deferred another month.

The friends directed to write to the mo. m. of Easton in consequence of P. Gifford's request reported they have attended thereto but have not completed it, & desire it continued; tis deferred they to report next mo.

An acknowledgment signed by Western Howland condemning his having married contrary to our order, and also requests to be admitted into membership with us, whereupon we appoint Wm Gifford & Joseph Tucker to visit him on these accounts and report at next mo. meeting. the following acknowledgment recorded page 330

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At a monthly m. held in Dartmouth 17 of 9th mo 1798 the Representatives from the South are Benj^r Allen & George Smith North Abner Potter & Joshua Potter who being called are all present.

The Querin were read, and Answers prepared to the first, second, & 12th, and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Wm Gifford James Tucker and Thos. Mott. they to report their attendance next m. meeting

By the Extracts from the yearly meeting transmitted to us it appears that our proportion of the yearly Stock is 42 Dollars; and that of the Quarterly Stock 28 Dollars which sum we are directed to forward to the Quarterly meeting Treasurer.

It is likewise recommended to us to subscribe in freedom for the building several New meeting houses in falmouth Quarter agreeable to the recommendation from the yearly meeting & to forward the same to D. M. Deane whereupon we appoint William Howland Humphrey Puffell Wm Anthony Thos. Allen James Tucker & Abner Potter to receive Subscription accordingly & report next mo. m.

The Committee in case of N. Lapham's paper presented a New draught to Satisfaction, and having no different report since last month which was then favourable; whereupon we accept S. paper and having the women's concurrence he is restored to membership with us. Recorded page 330

The friends appointed presented a Removal Certificate on behalf of John Deveau directed to the mo. m. of Easton which was approved and signed by the Clerk.

The Committee in case of Wilbour Gifford reported that they believed he was labouring to attain a suitable Disposition of mind to make friends Satisfaction; yet it is that best by the meeting to defer it another month (report)

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Lydia Puffell widow of Stephen Puffell directed to the mo. m. of Acquet signed by Clerk

The matter respecting E. Allen 2^d is again continued to next mo. meeting then for the Committee to report.

H. Smith Jr: The friends appointed to inform H. Smith Jr of his removal reported tis done and also to prepare a Stationery thereof Presented one which was approved & signed by Clerk and Wm Anthony is desired to read it as usual & report at m.

Benj^r Allen forwarded a request for his Children namely William, Phoebe Humphrey & Lydia to be admitted into membership with us; whereupon we appoint Luther Wood & Benjamin Smith to consult with the women that may be appointed; to take the necessary care therein and make report at next monthly meeting.

The com. in case of David Sherman reported they had visited him, and received a degree of Satisfaction

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and after solid Deliberation on this subject, it is again
defer'd for his further help and our confirmation (repeated)

This meeting adjourns to the 29 Instant after a former
meeting for worship - 26 day met by adjournment
the Representatives, all present except Joshua Potter who is
desir'd to render a reason for nonattendance at next mo. m.

The committee in the case of Cook & Lamm report they
have not had an opportunity with him altho they were
several times endeavour'd it is again defer'd to next m.

The friends Directed to write to Easton mo. m. on
accounts of Peleg Gifford's Acknowledgment, produced the
Letter which was read approved & signed by the Clerk
a copy left on file.

Joseph Tucker & Wm Gifford reported they visited
Weston Howland and believe him sincere in his Acknowledgment,
and after being duly considered by this m. and having the
womens concurrence his Paper being satisfactory, he is restored to
membership with us & Wm Gifford & Joseph Tucker are appointed to
inform him thereof prepare a Certificate for him and bring to
next monthly meeting.

The Overseers forwarded a complaint against Daniel
Gifford for neglecting the attendance of our meetings
attending a horse race & being out of Plainsfield; and
that they had laboured with him therefor to best satisfaction
yet it is thought best to appoint a Committee for that
purpose whereupon we appoint Benj Allen and Benja Smith to
visit him and endeavour to convince him of his error & report at
next mo. m.

Subscriptions for G. T. Journal continued
Our Treasurer is directed to forward \$2 Dollars to the
Quarterly meetings Treasurer being our proportion of the
Yearly Aids.

An Act. to Dr. m. was sign'd by J. Clerk.

~~A meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth~~

To the mo. m. of friends at Dartmouth
Dear friends.

Having for some time past walk'd
contrary to the principles of truth as profess'd by
friends, particularly in marrying out of the good
order

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order established among them - & having been favoured
with some sight & sense of ~~our~~ the necessity of a more
circumspect conduct in all things I do feel compunction
and sorrow at my outgoing, & condemn the same,
desiring Friends may pass it by & that I may be returned
to their care and be favoured to walk in the way of truth.

Being your friend. Joseph Howland
N. Bedford 3^{mo}. 12 day 1798.

To the mo. m. of Dartmouth - Dear friends
Whereas I was so inconsiderate as to break the good
order maintained amongst you by marrying contrary
to your discipline which I am sorry for and condemn
it hoping you will so far pass it by as to let me
renew me once more under your Christian care
from your friend - Weston Howland
N. Bedford 10 of 8^{mo}. 1798.

To the mo. m. of Dartmouth
Whereas I have gone contrary to the good order of
friends in marrying out of which I am sorry for &
desire friends to pass it by so far as to receive me
under their care again - Humphrey Lapham
Dartmouth 10. of 8^{mo}. 1798

Reba Willbour wife of Stephen Willbour having her
birth right of membership and Education among friends
but thro' Inattention to the declares of Truth has so
much departed from the good order established among
us, as to attend a marriage contrary to friends rules,
and also kept company and married out of the order
of friends & likewise had a child soon after marriage
and she being laboured with, but not appearing in a
disposition of mind to make satisfaction, we think
best for the clearing of Truth to give this forth as a
Testimony of Disal against her hereby disowning
her the said Reba Willbour from being a member of
our Society &c. Given forth at our mo. m. of friends
held in Dartmouth the 16 of June 1798
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Bethiah Profell

Henry Smith Jr. having had a Brethrenship among friends and in the care of this meeting, but by not taking heed to the dictates of truth, hath so far departed from the Principles we profess, as to attend much neglect the attendance of our Religious meetings, appears far from that simple plainness we profess in dress and address, and is guilty of attending a horse racing all which we have laboured to convince him of the Evil tendency of such practices, but he not being willing to condemn said conduct to friends satisfaction therefore for the clearing of truth and friends from the reproach thereof we deny Unity with the said Henry Smith as a member of our Society until he shall return from such practices & make satisfaction which is our desire.

Given forth & signed in & on behalf of our meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 17th of 9mo. 1798

By ————— Joseph Estes Clerk

To the mo. m. of friend at Dartmouth

Whereas thro. inattention to the dictates of Truth I did some time past two much neglect attending meetings, likewise did in some measure depart from that simple plainness in apparel which the truth led into, and consequently kept company and married out of a good order subsisting among us all which upon mature consideration I am sorry for and do condemn & desire friends to pass by and let me remain under their watchful care hoping I may be favoured to walk more consistent with my profession in future

Graham Allen
the 12 of 5mo. 1798

Pleg Sanford hath had a right of membership with friends, but thro. unwatchfulness & disobedience to the Testimony of truth in his own mind hath so far departed therefrom as to fall into the sin of fornication as appears by his wife having a child so on after marriage, & friends being concerned to testify against such reproachful conduct, do hereby ~~against~~ disown him the said Pleg Sanford from being any a member of our Society, & notwithstanding it is our desire that he may be favoured with kind repentance — Signed on behalf of our mo. m. held in Dartmouth the 16 of 5th 1799 for Estes Clerk

To the mo. m. of friends held in Dartmouth 20 of 2nd 1799
Whereas thro. unwatchfulness I have fallen into the Reproachful Sin of fornication and took the Oath of infirmity from all which I am sorry for & do condemn the same and desire friends so far to pass it by as to receive me under their care

Caleb Hamner

Whereas thro. unwatchfulness I some time past so far departed from the good Rules of friends Society as to marry ^{of different} contrary therunto, and being disowned from Unity for said breach of order, which conduct of mine I do condemn and am sorry for with desiring that friends would so far pass by my offense as to admit me under their care

to the mo. m. of Dartmouth held 13 of 6mo. 1798

Wilbour Gifford

Whereas thro. unwatchfulness & inattention to the dictates of Truth I have been too remiss in attending Religious meetings and being out of that simple plainness that friends profess therefore I condemn the same and desire friends to pass by and let me remain under their care hoping to be favoured to see in future to lead a life agreeable to my profession.

to the mo. m. of Dartmouth 14 of 10th 1798

from your friend David Sherman

I some time past have gone contrary to friends Rules, so far as to keep company and married one not a member and for wearing a Ribbon round my hair & likewise for my dress for which disorder I am sorry for and desire friends so far to pass it by as to let me receive me into Membership again if I am found worthy.

to the mo. m. of Dartmouth 19 of 2nd 1798

Gilbert Howland

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A Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth held 13th. of 10 mo. 1798
The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the
South Timothy Howland & Jonathan Willbourn North. James
Tucker & Joseph Gifford Jr. - all present

It appearing necessary for a new appointment of overseers, as the year of the former is expired whereupon Sathan Wood Jonathan Willbourn Joseph Tucker Wm Gifford and John Tucker, are appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until others are appointed.

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

The friends appointed to receive subscriptions for building meeting houses in falmouth Quarter report none came to hand, they are continued for that purpose to next mo. meeting, then to report

The Committee in the case of Willbourn Gifford reported they had so much satisfaction as to think well of his paper being recd. whereupon this m. having the concurrence of the women, receive and accept of paper of Acknowledgmt. for satisfaction and he is reinstated into membership with us.

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The Committee in the case of David Sherman reported that he gave them a good degree of satisfaction whereupon it is the mind of this meeting that his paper of Acknowledgmt. be accepted, and having the concurrence of the women's meeting he is restored to membership with us.

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The committee in the case of Gilbert Howland reported they had another a good opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction whereupon this meeting conclude to accept his paper and receive him into membership with us the women also concurring therewith.

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Wm Anthony reported he read the Testimony of Henry Smith's Sermon as directed

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he also reported he had informed Joseph Potter of his Sermon as directed last (he third, Joseph resides at Easton)

Subscriptions for George Foxes Journal is still continued another month.

The Committee in case of Benjamin Allen's Request for his Children report, they in conjunction with the women appointed had attended thereto and that they did not discern but that the request might be granted whereupon the said Children are accept into membership with us.

The committee in the case of Cook & Plann reported they had some satisfaction in visiting them; yet it appears to be the mind of this meeting to have it continued under their care another month.

Johna Potter rendered an account for nonattendance of adjournment which is accepted.

Wm Gifford reported they have not accomplished a certificate for Weston Howland, tis continued.

The Committee in case of a complaint against Daniel Gifford reported they think there is some prospect of his complying with friends, advise it is therefore defd. with the addition of Joseph Wing they to report according as they find the state of his mind.

Our treasurer reported he has forwarded 42 dollars to the Quarterly meeting's Treasurer as directed.

Our Comm^s appointed same month past to collect money for this meeting report they have recd. 24 pounds five sh. 4 pence & paid to our treasurer; they are still continued to next mo. m. then to report their further progress.

Thos. Mott & Phoebe Mosher appeared in this meeting and declared their intention of marriage with each other Also Joseph Mosher & Phoebe Hart declared the like intention, which is notice and they desired to wait till next mo. m. for answer, Jos. Gifford Jr. and William Gifford are appointed to enquire into their cleanness in respect to marriage & conversation & report at next mo. meeting

David Sherman & Anna Tucker declared their intention of marriage with each other in ~~marriage~~ which is notice and they desired to wait till next mo. meeting for answer George Sanford & Wm Gifford Russell are appointed to inspect into David's cleanness respecting marriage & conversation & report next mo. m.

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting reported they all attended according to appointment.

Our Beloved friend Stephen Buffington informs this meeting that he had a prospect on his mind to make a Religious visit to friends within the compass of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting he being a Minister in good Esteem and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

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At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 19th of 11th. 1798 the Representatives from the South are Benjamin Allen & L. Gady North Joshua Potter & Wm. Tripp. all present

We have been favoured at this time with the company of our Beloved Friend Abba Thornton with a Certificate from the mo. m. of Smith field 22 of 2 mo. 1798 which Company and Gospel Labour hath been truly acceptable to us.

The Duress were read and answers to the P. 2. & 12 prepared by which we have endeavoured to represent the state of our meeting & direct them to be forwarded to the D. m. by our Representatives who are Wm. Anthony, Richard Davis & Joseph Gifford P. they to report their attendance at next mo. m. And the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy hereof to P. D. meeting.

The Committee to receive subscriptions for Building M. House in Dartmouth D. report they have recd. something on that acct. they are still continued therein to report

The committee in case of Cook Ploum report they had an opportunity with him to have little satisfaction nevertheless it is concluded to defer P. matter another month for further Labour with him. to report next mo.

We concur with the women in receiving a Certificate on behalf of Mabel Smith from the mo. m. of N. Bedford dated 21 of 8 mo. 1798. & one on behalf of Sarah Puckham from the same mo. meeting 16 of 11 mo. 1798

Three friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for Weston Howland produced one which was approved & signed by the Clerk.

The committee in the case of D. Gifford reported they had an opportunity with him to some satisfaction which after being considered it is again deferred to next mo. meeting.

The committee to receive subscriptions for Gifford's Journal Report not anything recd. since last month it is again continued another month

The com. to collect money reported they recd. of which is concluded P. D. Comtee is dissolved.

Thomas Matt and Rhoda Mosher Joseph Mosher app. for answer which is that they at liberty to proceed in Marriage at some convenient time before next mo. on they duly advising with those that may be appointed to see them P. marriage orderly conducted who are Wm Gifford & Joseph Gifford P. to the care of Thomas Matt's marriage & Joshua a P. to the care of Joseph Mosher's marriage I report at next mo. m. on them and also to see that the marriage Certificate be formed for recording

David Sherman & Anna Tucker appeared in the meeting for answer which is that they may proceed in marriage at some convenient time before next mo. m. advising with the friends that may be appointed who are Humphrey Puffell & Joseph Estes they to see the P. marriage orderly conducted & the Certificate delivered to the Clerk for record

A Removal Certificate for Jos. Howland directed to the mo. m. of New Bedford was signed by the Clerk This Meeting adjourns to the 28 Instant after making forwarding

28 Day met by adjournment - the Representatives all present

Joseph Wing laid a proposal before m. whether he & his family may not be set off to become members of Accret mo. meeting by reason it being nearer and more convenient for them to attend there, whereupon we appoint Benj. Smith & Timothy Howland to visit them on this subject & report what they think most convenient to be done in P. case at next mo. m.

Benjamin Allen P. forwarded a request to this meeting that he might be admitted into membership with us; whereupon we appoint Joseph Tucker & Luther Wood to visit him in order to find the sincerity & state of mind - report

Friends in Allen Neck request that they may have liberty to hold meeting thereabouts as usual untill the mo. meeting in the third month, which is granted by this meeting under care of the following Committee P. G. Ploum, Luther Wood, Thomas Allen, Benjamin Allen & Joseph Estes P. meeting to begin at Timothy Gifford and from thence agreeable to P. request are to make report in 3 mo.

Copy of an epistle from the Yearly meeting held in London 5th of 1797 was read very acceptably

The Committee appointed in the 12th mo. 1797 to visit Gideon Howland Jun. now report they had several opportunities with him and found but little satisfaction whereupon it is concluded by this mo. to deny Unity with him as a member of our Society (and having the concurrence of the women's meeting, he is disowned accordingly from being any longer a member of our Society & Wm. Anthony is appointed to inform him thereof (R. Report)

Received an Acknowledgmt. from Michael Puffell now residing in the Town of Sidney (Cumbria) condemning his having kept Company & marrying contrary to friends Rules, expressing his sorrow and also a desire to be restored to friends again: whereupon we appoint Wm. Anthony & Joseph Ester to write that mo. m. informing them what he presented to us, and also to request a meeting to extend the necessary care to inspect into the sincerity & State of his mind, and inform us as soon as may be, P. Letter to be bro. to next mo. meeting

Rec. an Acknowledgmt. from Philip Allen of Greenfield condemning his having given way to stain and bony mind so far as to be guilty of playing at cards & also being concerned in drawing a Letter; Expressing his sorrow & desiring friends to pass by the offence and restore him to membership again; whereupon we appoint Latham Wood and Richard Davis to write to that mo. m. (to wit) Saratoga requesting a meeting to inspect his sincerity & State of mind and inform us as soon as may be and bring the Letter to next mo. meeting

One of the Committee appointed in 10th mo. 1793 to visit John Howland Son of Gideon, reported he has not been visited he having been long at sea, but is now returned and it appearing necessary an addition be made to the P. Committee whereupon James Tucker & Wm. Anthony are aded they are to take an opportunity with him and use their endeavours for his help & restoration (R. Report)

A mo. m. of friends held in Dartmouth 17th of 12th mo. 1798 the Representatives named from the preparatory meeting, are from the South Stephen Buffington Jun. & Benjamin Allen north Thomas Mott & Jos. Gifford Jr. all present The Representatives to Dr. m. report they all attended according to appointment.

The Committee in the case of Leah Slamm report nothing done material one of them being absent S. Case is again deferred another month under their care with Jonathan Wilham aded (R. Report)

Law of the committee to visit David Gifford reported he gave them a degree of satisfaction whereupon it is again continued under their care (R. Report)

The friends who were directed to receive subscriptions for reprinting G. Foxes Journal reported they recd. one & this meeting take one more; no prospect of any more. P. matter is dismissed

The several friends to see the marriage of Joseph Mosher & Hannah Mott Jr. orderly conducted report they were in a good degree so, the certificate delivered for recording.

Also those appointed to see the marriage of David Sherman orderly conducted reported it was in good degree so; certificate forwarded for record

The Committee appointed to visit Joseph Wing & family in consequence of his request, made report they had attended thereto yet it appeared to them best to suspend P. matter another mo. for further consideration, with which this meeting approves they to give attention thereto & report next mo.

The Com. to visit B. Allen report they attended thereto they are still continued therein & to report next mo.

Wm. Anthony reported he informed Gideon Howland of his denial as Dr. m.

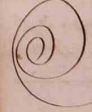
A Letter directed to the mo. m. of Newborough on account of M. Puffell was presented by the friends appointed; which being approved was signed by the Clerk. Also a similar one directed the mo. m. of Saratoga on au. of Philip Allen was approved & sign'd by the Clerk

Two of the Comm^o to visit John Howland (son of Gideon) reported they had treated with him respecting his out-going, & finding him somewhat in a tender disposition of mind, think well of friends extending further labour & this meeting nulling help him further continue it another mo.

Received a Letter from the mo. m. of Easton respecting Humphrey Russell (son of Tho.) the consideration of which is deferred to next mo. m.

Friends in Smiths neck requesting to have Liberty to hold meetings there as usual beginning at the House of Wm. Anthony, which being considered by this meeting, Liberty is granted to hold them on first & fifth day as usual till the mo. m. in 3rd mo. in care of the following Committee Wm. Anthony Benja. Smith Jonathon Wilham and George Smith, they to take the necessary care that said meetings be held in an orderly manner & report some next

The committee to collect money by subscription for building m. Houses in Salisbury Quarter report they have collected 10² Dollars for that purpose which is directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly m. Treasurer; s. l. contd.



At a mo. meeting held in Dartmouth 21st of 1st mo. 1799 The Representatives L. Buffington Luthum Wood Barnabas Mosher & Wm. Tripp, all present except Wm. Tripp who forwarded satisfactory reasons for his absence

The comm^o in care of Cook Sloum reported they had visited him and that they did not find but little Satisfaction as he did not appear to be engaged to attend religious meetings or live up to the rules of Society whereupon it is the conclusion of this meeting to disown him from being any longer a member of our Society (he women also concurring therewith, and Luthum Wood & Tho. Hicks are appointed to inform him thereof & prepare a testimony thereof and bring to next monthly meeting

This meeting concurs with the women in receiving Tho. Howland into membership.
2 Marriage Certificates forwarded by Wm. Gifford as Directed

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The matter respecting David Gifford has been attended to, and is again continued.

The matter respecting Joseph Wing & family was attended to and is continued to some future time under care of s. l. contd. to report when ready or when called upon by the meeting.

The comm^o report they have attended to Biggs Allen's case it is deferred another mo. under their care then to report

The Comm^o in care of John Howland son of Gideon reported that he appeared in some degree of a tender mind desirous that friends wait longer with him, it is therefore deferred another month for report

Rec^d a Letter from the mo. m. of Easton in answer to our Request, certifying that they have attended to the matter respecting Humphrey Russell (son of Tho.) and that they had treated with him, but discovered no Disposition in him to make friends satisfactory whereupon this meeting do deny him from being any longer a member of this meeting (the women concurring therewith) and L. Buffington & Humphrey Russell are appointed to inform him thereof when they have opportunity & report when done; Likewise prepare a Testimony thereof & bring to next mo. m.

One of the comm^o to receive subscriptions for building m. houses in Salisbury Q^r reported he had ten Shillings which is directed to the Quarterly m. Treasurer

North Preparative m. inform that Abraham Gifford was gone to reside within the charge of Kingsport m. m. & desire a certificate whereupon we appoint Wm. Gifford & James Tucker to take the needful care report

It appearing necessary that a Shed be built for this meeting's use & convenience in accommodating horses &c. whereupon Joseph Tucker Wm. Anthony Wm. Howland Luthum Wood Barnabas Mosher Jo. Thom. Matt & William Gifford are appointed to proceed in building said Shed as they shall conceive it most convenient & receive subscriptions for the same.

A Certificate in behalf of our friend Stephen Buffington from the Quarterly m. held at Easton 14th of 11th mo. 1798 was received & read to satisfaction being Expressive of his Gospel Labour in these parts &c.

18 of 2mo.

1799

At a mo. m. of Friends held in Dartmouth 18 of 2mo. 1799
 the Representatives from the South Jonathan Wilbur & Joseph
 Tucker North Allen Russell & James Tucker all present

The comtee to visit B. Allen's reported they found pretty good satisfaction believe him to be seeking after the right way which after being duly considered by this com. & having the concurrence of the warrens meeting he is received into membership with us.

The comtee report that Cook & Locum is informed of his denial; they also produced a Testimony thereof which was approved & signed by the Clerk, who is directed to read it in the usual publick manner & report m. m.

The Committee report they have had another suitable opportunity with Danl Gifford and that they believe it will be safe to continue it another mo.; which is approved by this meeting & Committee to have the care thereof (prepost)

The case of John Howland is again continued unless care of former Committee they are desired carefully to attend thereto & report at next mo. meeting

The friends appointed produced a Testimony of the denial of Humphrey Russell (son of Tho.) which was approved & signed by the Clerk. D. Testimony is directed to the mo. m. of Easton for friends there to dispose of as they may think best together with a few lines desiring that m. to inform ^{them} thereof & write us when done

Said Testimony is as followeth
 Humphrey Russell (son of Tho.) hath had a Birthright with us the people called Quakers, but for want of that he hath deviated from our known principles as to join himself with the Militia as an actor in the Military or warlike exercise, also walks wide both in Dress & address from that simple plainness which we profess to believe the Truth leads into for all which he hath been laboured with by us, as a people, but our labours of love have not had the desired effect, therefore for the maintaining of our peaceful profession, and clearing of us as a Society we do deny Unity with such conduct and can no longer own him the S. Humphrey a member with us
 until

until he returns to the way of Truth, and Satisfaction of his friends, which that he may, is our Desire
 Given forth &c. 18 of 2mo. 1799
 Signed &c. Joseph Estes Clerk

At a mo. meeting held in Dartmouth 18 of 3mo. 1799
 Representatives from the South Joseph Hamble Buffington and Joseph Tucker North Tho. Mott 2d & Joseph Gifford. Present

Joseph Estes reported the Testimony of Cook & Locum's denial was read as directed. (and is as followeth. viz)

Whereas Cook & Locum hath had a Birthright among friends and under care of this m., but for want of a watchful care hath much deviated from the principles of Truth so far as to neglect the due attendance of our religious meetings, and attended at a place of Military exercise and some unbecoming conduct while there, and friends having laboured with him from time to time in love, but our labour did not have the desired effect to friend Satisfaction, therefore for the clearing of the truth and friends from the reproach of such conduct, we do therefore give this forth as a publick Testimony against him the S. Cook & Locum disowning him from being any longer a member of our Society (until he be given forth at our mo. m. in Dartm. 18 of 2mo. 1799

Signed Joseph Estes Clerk

The comtee in the case of Belverane Smith reported that they find him thankful, and he appears to be sincere in his acknowledgmt, whereupon it is the conclusion of this meeting D. Acknowledgmt, & restore him to Membership again with us; the women also concurring therewith

The committee in case of Gadock Mayfield reported they they believe him to be sincere which was to us pretty good satisfaction, whereupon this meeting conclude to restore him to membership with us again we have also the women's concurrence. and Danl Gifford is directed to read his acknowledgmt as usual (prepost &c)

The Committee in Daniel Gifford's case reported they have not had opportunity to speak with him altho they enquired it; they are desired to attend thereto and report &c

We are informed that John Howland has not been spoken with by the comtee since last mo. by the comtee by reason of his absence they are continued in that case to report next mo. meeting

The committee report that John Howland has not been spoken with since last month by reason of his absence they are continued in that case to report &c

The committee reported they did not find anything sufficient to hinder him from proceeding in marriage in case of Saml Smith and Phoebe Howland appeared for answer (which was) that they may proceed to take each other in marriage at some convenient time before next mo. meeting they taking due care to advise with Jonathan Wilbour & George Smith who are appointed to see the said marriage be conducted in an orderly manner & report.

The com. to visit Cook Howland ^{of family} reported they think their sinners in their request whereupon their children namely Oliver and Sarah are (with the concurrence of the women) received into membership with us.

The com. reported they nothing to hinder Benjamin Allen from remaining with his family, the preparing a Certificate is deferred to next month.

The com. to collect money money report they have made some progress therein, they are continued in that service and to make report Quarterly after paying it to our Treasurer.

The Inquiries were read and answers made thereto and are directed to the Quarterly meeting (together with an account signed by the Clerk) by our Representatives who are George Smith Wm Gifford and James Fustess they to report next mo. m.

Friends in Smiths Neck desire liberty to hold meetings there until next mo. m. which is granted as they have been held heretofore.

This meeting concurs with the women in receiving Silvia Kirby & Nancy Allen wife of Benjamin Allen into membership with us.

Our Treasurer is directed to forward 28 dollars our proportion of Quarterly stock to the Quarterly m. Treasurer and report next mo.

The complaint against Jonathan Wood is deferred to next mo. also the matter of preserving Chare we conclude Joseph Ester C.

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth the 15th of 4th mo 1799 The Representatives from the South Benjⁿ Allen & Jonathan Wilbour North Samuel Mosher & Gideon Gifford of present Wm Gifford not having read the Acknowledgment of Zadock Maxfield he is continued to do it & report &c.

The comtee in Daniel Gifford's case reported they have attended thereto & find circumstances such as renders it necessary it be deferred again; it is deferred accordingly.

The comtee in the case of John Howland reported they have endeavored an interview with him but did not obtain it. A. C. is again deferred to next month.

The com. to attend the marriage of Saml Smith and Phoebe Howland reported they have attended thereto and think it was in a good degree orderly conducted the Certificate delivered to the Clerk for Recording.

The representatives to D. m. report they all attended according to appointment.

Our Treasurer report he forwarded the 28 dollars as directed to the Quarterly Treasurer.

We are informed thro' the South preparative m. that Jonathan Wood had kept company with a woman not a member of our Society and is married to her and it appears that he is guilty of fornication by his wife having a child soon after marriage and this meeting apprehending to be so far clear respecting him, and having the Concurrence of the women; do disown him from being any longer a member of our Society until he returns to the right way and make satisfaction for his outgoing; Jonathan Wilbour and Thos Hicks are appointed prepare a Sermon ^{of his mind} and bring to next mo. m.

The Com. appointed in 12 mo. last to the care of meeting in Smiths Neck report as follows (to wit)

According to appointment we have attended the said meeting held here and discovered nothing but that they were attended in a good degree orderly to our mutual edification and ~~the~~ satisfaction

Signed by Wm. Anthony Mercy Anthony 4 mo. 15th 1799 Jonathan Wilbour Benjⁿ Smith Wm Smith G. Smith m. m. Smith.

The committee to have the care of Meetings in Allen's Creek reported (as follows) - We the Com. being appointed to have the oversight of m. in Allen's Creek report, we have endeavored to fulfill our appointm. and have not discovered but that they were held in a good degree orderly - Signs on behalf of the Committee by Peleg Horn & Elizabeth Howland

Stephen Howland forwarded an acknowledgment (regularly) condemning his attending a Horse race; and marrying out of the care of Friends & desiring to be restored to Ministry with us again - whereupon we appoint George Sanford and James Tucker and Zephaniah Eddy to take an opportunity with him in order to find the state of his mind (& report &c)

At a m. m. of friends held in Dartmouth 20 of 5mo 1799 the representation from the South Joseph's Whig & Gile, & North Joshua Potter & James Tucker - all present -

Wm Gifford reported he read the acknowledgment of Ladoch Maxfield as directed -

The matter respecting Dand Gifford is a gain considered. The Com. having reported they found so much satisfaction they are willing to submit his being reinstated into membership, but the meeting not being sufficiently satisfied it is therefore continued another mo. for further care and inspection with the addition of Zephaniah Eddy

The com. to visit John Howland report they have attended thereto once, but little encouragement of his complying to the advice given him in desiring that he would consider his outgoings; whereupon this m. apprehending they have discharged their duty toward him & having concurrence of the women, do disown him from being any longer a member of this meeting & James Tucker is directed to inform him thereof & report accordingly.

The friends appointed produced a Testimony of the denial of Ganathan Wood as directed which being approved was signed by the Clerk & Wm Anthony is directed to inform him thereof, read it publicly after shewing D. testimony to him (report)

In concurrence with the women a certificate on behalf of Sarah Wood wife of Daniel Wood was read

The report of the School is deferred to next month after being read

The committee to visit Stephen Howland report they had an opportunity with him to some satisfaction; it is again continued under their care another month.

We are informed that Profus Gifford a member of this m. hath gone to make some stay at Dept River within the compass of Vassalborough m. m. & requests our Certificate; and the Clerk is directed to give him a copy of this minute

This m. adjourns to the 29 Instant. - - - - - 29 met by adjournment. Reports &c all present

Stephen R. Tucker forwarded a request thro' South preparative m. desiring to be admitted into a member of our Society whereupon we app. Wm Anthony and Joseph Tucker to visit him on that account & endeavor to find his motive sincerity & state of mind (report)

Recd the following copy of a minute from N. Bedford m. m. on behalf of John W. Russell, who having been recommended to this m. from Dartmouth m. m. on being placed an apprentice to a friend in this Town; and his Father having by mutual consent taken him back we recommend him to the care of Dand m. m. again and the Clerk is directed to put ^{ward} a copy of this minute to that m. Extracted from the minutes of N. Bedford m. m. 21 of 5mo 1799 @ Isaac Russell of distant Clerk -

Humphrey Russell having requested the assistance of this meeting in placing out his son John W. Russell who has returned here from N. Bedford by a copy of a minute (as above) whereupon we appoint Wm Anthony & J. Buffington to inspect into the circumstances and give him such advice as they shall think best on that account and report at next m. meeting.

John Winslow forwarded a request to come under the care of friends whereupon we appoint James Tucker & Abner Potter Jr. to take a suitable opportunity with him in order to find his sincerity and state of mind (and report)

The committee to collect money for this meeting report they have collected & paid to our Treasurer Nine pounds Eight shillings & four pence.

Zephaniah Buffington reported that Humphrey Russell (son of Thomas) is informed of his denial as directed - D. denial is as followeth viz.

6. 12. 1799

A monthly friends held in Dartmouth 17 of 6 mo. 1799
the Representatives from the South Latham Wood & Jonathan
William North West Gripp & Abner Potter all present
except Latham Wood who is gone to the yearly m.

As it is the time of the yearly m. now sitting we that meet
to adjourn to the 24 Eastward &c

Its day met by adjournment.

The Queries were read & answer proposed to the
1. 2. & 12 which are voted to be forwarded to the Yearly
meeting by our Representatives who are Latham Wood &
West Anthony & L. Buffington they to report there

An Account to D. Quarterly m. was signed by G. Clark

The matter respecting Daniel Gifford is again
deferred as the Committee report is not conclusive

James Tucker reports he had not informed John
Howland, he is still desired to do it & report &c.

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West Anthony reports he read the Testimony of
Jonathan Woods. Denial as directed

The Committee in the case of Stephen Howland
reported they had an opportunity with him to some
satisfaction; it is continue under their care another m.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Masker
reported they have attended there to, & desired it continued
another month; it is accordingly continued

The friends appointed to advise Humphrey Pringle
reported they had attended there to & desired it continued
another month which this m. approve

The Committee in case of John Winslow reported they
attended there to & desired it continued which is accordingly

The appointing overseers in addition to the former
being brot under consideration at this time was after
some time of deliberation deferred to next month.

At a monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 19 of 6 mo 1799
the Representatives from the South Jonathan Howland
& Joseph Wing North Joseph Gifford & Thos. Matt
The Committee in the case of Daniel Gifford report they
had several opportunities with him but not so much
satisfaction as desired; and this meeting ^{considering} it has been a long

time & much labour bestowed, that of disowning him
nevertheless some friends being desirous it be again
continued with which the meeting unite and it is
deferred to next m. in order that all may be clear
and report accordingly

The Committee in Stephen Howland's case report
they that best to return him his paper with which
this meeting concur & direct them to return it proper to
him according by Report

The case of Stephen Masker being reported to and
is again again deferred to next m.

The Committee to visit John Winslow made report
they found a degree of good satisfaction before him
sincere in his request which report is accepted well
by this meeting; it is that is best to continue it
to next m. under care of D. Com. (report)

The appointment of Overseers coming under
consideration at this time, and after being mightily
deliberated on L. Buffington Joseph Wing Thos. Matt
James Tucker & Latham Wood are appointed to that
service for the year ensuing or until others be appointed
in their stead

The friends appointed produced a Certificate directed
to the m. m. of A. Bedford on behalf of A. Gifford
Abraham Gifford expressive of his cleanness to
proceed in marriage with Lucy Sherman a member
of that m. which is approved & signed by G. Clark

A Removal Certificate from the m. m. of
Acornet dated 22 of 6 mo 1799 on behalf of Mary
Gifford wife of Joseph Gifford was read & accepted

A Removal Certificate on behalf of West Wood & family
directed to the m. m. of Rhode Island was signed by G. Clark

This meeting adjourns to the 28 Eastward after a m. for next night
28 day met by adjournment

The friends appointed to inform Charles & Nathaniel
Little of their denial report they informed them and
produced a Testimony thereof which being approved
signed by the Clerk & James Tucker is directed to cause
it to be read publicly & report at next m.

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(341) The matter respecting Col. Sherman being favorable
7th^o reported to is again deferred

1799 We are informed that Zadock Mansfield desires a
Removal Certificate directed to the mo. m. of N. Bedford
whom upon we appoint James Tucker & Joseph Gifford
to make the necessary enquiry & if no obstruction appear
produce one to next mo. m.

Rec: a copy of a minute from the mo. m. of
Wellsborough respecting Michael Russell being an
answer to our request in desiring that meeting to inquire
his sincerity in condemning his outgoings &c. which
being to satisfaction of this meeting whereupon he
is restored to membership with friends, and the
Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute

In concurrence with the women's meeting was signed
a removal Certificate on behalf of Susanna Smith
directed to the mo. m. of Saratoga

The School Committee are desired to proceed in
making what progress they can consistent with
their former appointment & report at next mo. m.

At a mo. m. held in Easton: 15 of 7 mo. 1799
the Representatives from the ^{South} Preparative mo.
Joseph Wing & Jonathan Wilbour North P. armab.
Moser Jr. & Joshua Peter all present

An Epistle from the yearly meeting held in
London last year was read to our satisfaction
Representatives to D. meeting report they all
attended according to appointment

The matter respecting Daniel Gifford is again
deferred to next mo.

James Tucker report he informed John Howland
as directed

The Committee reported they had an opportunity with Stephen
Howland & find some satisfaction - P. Can is again deferred.

The case of Stephen Moser being reported to; is also deferred
It appearing to be the mind of this meeting to defer the app^t
of Overseers (in addition to the former) to next mo. meeting

removed hereby

The Committee to advise Humphrey Presnell in placing out
his Son reported they attended thereto; and that the place proposed
did not appear consistent for him to be placed at; as an appropriate

The Committee in the case of John Winslow reported they had an
opportunity with him and that he appeared to be endeavoring
after the right way; It is again deferred to next mo. Meeting

A Letter from the mo. meeting of Easton, in answer to our
request respecting Pely Gifford was received & read informing
us that it was the sense of that meeting, his Paper was forwarded
too early; whereupon they returned him D. paper; and we dismit
P. matter from our Minutes.

Rec: a removal Certificate from the mo. m. of N. Bedford on
behalf of Benja. Taber Jr. his wife Rebecca & their children namely
Kannah, Allen, James, Henry, & Shubal; dated 25 of 6 mo. 1799 which
is acceptable to us.

We are informed that Wm. Wood has removed to live at
Dorseton with his family in the Congreg of Wood Island mo.
meeting whereupon we appoint Tho: Hooker & Benjamin Smith
to take the necessary care therein, and if no obstruction appear
prepare a Removal Certificate & bring to next mo. meeting

We are also informed that Abraham Gifford desires a few
lines directed to the mo. m. of N. Bedford setting forth his cleanness
to proceed in Marriage with a member of that meeting; we app^t
Wm. Gifford & Joshua Peter to make the necessary enquiry and
Report next mo. meeting.

A Complaint against Charles & Nat. Little (as followeth)
To the Preparative & M^o. Meetings 15 of 7 mo. 1799

We have to inform that Charles & Nathaniel Little has so far
deviated from our Profession as to much neglect the due attendance
of our Religious meetings, and appear out of Plainness in words
Respects Lihenris has kept Company & married out of the order of our
Society; is guilty of Fornication for all which we have labored
with them ~~for~~ without the desired effect. John Tucker } overseer
Wm. Gifford }

Whereupon this meeting apprehending to be clear of any further labor
& having the concurrence of the women do disown them of P. Charles and
Nathaniel Little from being any longer members of our Society
Tho: ~~Hooker~~ ^{Peter} & Abner Peter are appointed to inform them thereof prepare
a testimony of their denial and bring to next mo. meeting

In concurrence with the women was signed a Removal Certificate
on behalf Elizabeth Taber & her son Wm. H. Taber to the mo. m. of N. Bedford
For as a member of ^{the} meeting was placed an apprentice
in the year 1794 to Timothy Green a member of your meeting
and on his behalf we forwarded a Certificate directed to your
meeting

Meeting dated 2 mo 1794 which Certificate according to late information, hath not come to your knowledge we recommend to your watchful care & oversight; and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Providence mo. m.

Joseph Tucker and George Sanford are appointed to visit Caleb Sherman in order to find the sincerity and state of his mind respecting his being restored to membership again with us and to report at next mo. meeting.

At a mo. m. held in Dartmouth 16 of 9 mo. 1799 the Representatives from the Disparities meetings are from 7 south George Smith 2^d & Richard Davis North Wm. Tripp & Adam Mott all present.

The year of the ^{since of the} Clerk & Assistant Clerk being expired Joseph Bates is appointed Clerk & James Tucker Assistant for the year ensuing or until others be appointed in their stead

We have been favoured with the company of our beloved friend Abiel Gifford with satisfactory certificates from the monthly & Quarterly meetings of Easton whose company & labours of love is truly acceptable to us; and also his companion Matthew Rogers whose company is acceptable to us

The Queres were read and Answered to the first, second and 12th prepared by which we have endeavoured to convey the state of our meetings; and are directed to be forwarded to our Representatives to Quarterly meeting who are John Tucker Wm Anthony & Luthum Wood they to make report at next mo. meeting of their attendance thereto & the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to P. meeting.

The matter respecting Daniel Gifford coming again under consideration & the apprehending to be clear of any further Lab our with him and having the concurrence of the women so hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our Society Stephen Gifford & G. Eaton are appointed to inform him thereof prepare a Testimony and bring to next mo. meeting.

The Committee in care of Stephen Mosher report they received a good degree of Satisfaction which being duly considered by this meeting; and having the concurrence of the women he is received into membership with us

Also the Committee in the case of John Winslow reported still favourably which is to the Satisfaction of this meeting he is therefore (with the concurrence of the women) received into membership with us.

The report in Caleb Shermans care was still favourable but not fully to the Satisfaction of the meeting; it is therefore continued to next mo. m. under care of the Committee

A Removal Certificate directed to the mo. m. of N. Bedford on behalf of Sadoc Mayfield was read approved & signed.

The School Committee are desired to exert themselves in their appointment & report their doings when ready or called upon by this meeting.

The Women inform they have received & accepted a Removal Certificate from the mo. m. of Rhode Island on behalf of Mary Allen Wife of Obadiah Allen. and one on behalf of Deborah Mosher wife of Stephen Mosher from the mo. m. of Accoquet.

We are informed from the mo. m. of Easton that they have answered our request in informing Humphrey Puffrell of his denial right of appeal &c.

The transcripts of Philadelphia Epistle was read we also received Transcripts from London, & New York the reading of the 2 Latter is deferred to next mo. m. we likewise received the Extracts from the Quarterly meeting by which it appears our proportion of the yearly Stock is 33 Dolls

A Complaint against Præserted Chase was forwarded by way of the Disparities meeting (as followeth) being for neglect of Attending Meetings and so far from the rectitude of virtue or to of all into the Preproachful sin of fornication appears by his wife having a Child soon after marriage is further to be considered next monthly meeting.

Also a Complaint Lemuel Mosher for taking too freely of Spirituous Liquors in which case we appoint Richard Davis, Benjamin Smith & Joseph Tucker to visit him and endeavour to restore him to a right way by line of Conduct in condemning P. breach of order.

James Tucker reported that the Testimony of Daniel of Charles & Nathaniel was read & is as followeth.

Charles Little & Nathaniel Little who had a Brotheright of membership among friends, but for want of a due attention to the duties of South, have much neglected the due attendance of our Præligam meetings, & appear out of Proximity in divers respects and are guilty of Fornication for all which they have been laboured with in order to convince them of the inconsistency of such Conduct but our labours did not appear to have the desired effect wherefore we for the clearing of South and friends give this forth as a publick Testimony against them and do disown them from being any longer members of our Society until they return to the way of truth which is our desire that they may

Given forth at our monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 19th of 3rd mo 1799 Joseph Eaton Clerk

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A^d a mo. m. held in Dartmouth 21 of 10 mo. 1799

The Representatives from the South Preparation m. are
10 mo Benjamin Taber & Joseph Wing North John Tucker
1799 Joshua Potter all present.

Representatives to L. meeting reported they all attended agreeable to appointment.

The Committee to inform Daniel Gifford of his demand reported they informed him; they are still continued to prepare a Testimony thereof, bring to next mo. meeting

The Committee in care of Caleb Sherman reported they have had another opportunity with him to pretty good satisfaction; which is so far satisfactory to this meeting as that after some time of Deliberation conclude to restore him to membership with us, the women concurring therewith and the Clerk is appointed to read his acknowledgments publicly & report next mo. meeting.

The Complaint against Preserved Chase coming again under Consideration whereupon we appoint Tho. Mott Joshua Potter and John Tucker a Committee to labour further with him & endeavour to restore him to the right way of Truth & report next mo. meeting

This meeting concur with the women in disowning Elizabeth Allen wife of John Allen.

The Committee to labour with Samuel Mosher reported they had an opportunity with him to but very little Satisfaction nevertheless it appears to be the intent of the meeting it be deferred under care of former Committee to next mo. meeting then to report.

Jonathan Wood forwarded an Acknowledgment condemning his having been guilty of fornication &c. we appoint Tho. Hicks and Leppanah Sady to visit him and endeavour to find the Sincerity & state of his mind & report next mo. m.

Sirah Smith informed us that he had thought of going Saratoga to reside some time with in the company of that meeting and desires a few lines setting forth that he is a member of our Society whereupon Jonathan Willbaur & Benja. Taber Jr are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no obstruction appear prepare one and bring to next Monthly Meeting directed to that mo. meeting.

Concluded our meeting at this time and adjourn to the Usual time next month.

A^d a mo. m. held in Dartmouth 13 of 11 mo 1799 the Representatives from the South Preparation m. are Richard Davis & George Sanford North Thomas Mott & Wm. Briggs all present

The Queries were read and answer to the usual 3 prepared by which we have endeavored to convey the state of our meeting; and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are James Tucker Benjamin Smith & Benja. Taber Jr they to report at next mo. m. of their attendance & the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to sd Quarterly meeting; we have directed our Treasurer to forward to your Treasur 33 Dollars on payment of yearly Books.

Joseph Ester reports he has not read Caleb Sherman's Acknowledgment he is still continued to do it & report

A Testimony of the Council of Daniel Gifford was presented approved and signed by the Clerk who is directed to read it as usual & report next month.

The Committee to labour with preserved Chase reported they have attended thereto & find him to appear in a tender frame of mind is desirous to be restored to friends again; which after being considered conclude to continue the matter another mo. under care of former Com^{tee} then to report.

In concurrence with the women's meeting was signed a Certificate on behalf of Elizabeth Wood directed to mo. meeting of Dartmouth

The matter respecting Samuel Mosher is continued another month under care of former Com^{tee} then to report.

The report of the Com^{tee} in the case of Jonathan Wood not conclusive it is again continued another month then report.

The friends appointed produced a Certificate for Josiah Smith which being approved was signed by the Clerk

Joseph Gifford requests a Certificate for his son Prince who has gone apprentice to a friend at Sandwich whereupon we appoint Thomas Mott & Preserved Mosher Jr to make the necessary enquiry and if no obstruction appear prepare one to next mo. m.

Tho. Wm Gifford requests a removal Certificate directed to the mo. m. of Account for himself & family, also the advice of friends whereupon we appoint Joseph Tucker John Tucker & George Sanford to attend thereto and if there appear no obstruction prepare one & bring to next mo. meeting.

we conclude our meeting at this time and adjourn to the Usual time next month.

J. G. Clerk
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At a mo. m. held in Dartmouth 16 of 12 mo. 1800

The Representatives from the South Prop. are m. are G. Smith
12 mo. and Wm. Anthony North Adam Mott & James Tucker
1799

The Representatives to D. meeting report they attended
they have also produced an extract from D. meeting by which
by which it appear that our proportion of Quarter Stock is
thirty three Dollars.

Our Treasurer reported he forwarded the money for the
yearly stock as directed.

Joseph Ester reported the Acknowledgment of Caleb
Sherman has been publickly read; also the testimony of Daniel
Gifford of Daniel Gifford as directed. (P. Testimony recorded pag 316)

The Com. in the case of Preserved Chan reported
they have attended thereto & desire it continued; this meeting
allowing thereof it is defer. accordingly to next mo. m.

The friends appointed to visit Lemuel Mosher report
they had an opportunity with him to some degree of satis-
faction; he also forwarded a Paper condemning his mis-
conduct which is defer. to next mo. meeting for further
consideration under care of D. friends they then to rep.

The friends appointed to visit Jonathan Wood
reported they had a good opportunity with him and
find some tender ness; yet this meeting think best to
defer it again in care of the Com. to next mo. meeting

Thos. Mott & Barnabas Mosher Jr. Produced a Certificate
on behalf of Prince Gifford directed to the mo. m. of
Sandwich which was approved & signed by the Clerk

The Committee to confer with William Gifford
Report they attended thereto and do not find best that he
may have the Liberty to remove according to proposal
they are still continued in the care of his having a Cert.
and produce one to next mo. m. if they find it best

In concurrence with the women was signed a Certificate
on behalf of Patience Mosher directed to account.

Recd a copy of a minute from the mo. m. of Uxbridge
in Answer to our request respecting Phileas Allen that
they had visited him and found a good degree of satisfaction
and that he appeared sincere in his Acknowledgment, which being
satisfactory to us, and having the concurrence of the women he is
restored to membership with us and James Tucker & Joseph E. are
appointed to read his paper & produce a Certificate for same
directed to Uxbridge mo. m. and report accordingly

Friends in Allen Neck are allowed to hold meetings in
that neighbourhood the ensuing winter season agreeable to the report
which is as followeth - we the subscribers Respectfully request to
have the privilege of holding meetings as usual 4 months of
one month at Timothy Gifford, one at Resome Harbor, one at Thomas
Howland, & one month at Pelys Cove hoping we may be
favoured to hold them in a commendable manner. Signed by
a number of friends of S. Allen Neck

John
where will end at the mo. m. in 4 months under care of the
following Committee Luthien Wood Thos. Allen for writing
and Caleb Plam they to report in 4 months next ensuing

We receive a Request from friends in Smiths Neck to hold
meetings there is also granted D. meetings to be gin at 20. m. fasting
and to be varied as the following Committee shall find expedient
until the mo. meeting in 1800 and Benj. Smith Benj. Plam
Tabor Jr. George Smith and Jonathan Wilbur are appointed a
Committee to have the care and oversight thereof Report to our next

This meeting adjourns to 25 Instant.

25. Met by adjournment.

A transcript of an Epistle from the yearly meeting held in
London last year was read to good acceptance.

We are informed by our ears that Ebenezer Allen is
very Neglectful in attending Religious meetings; and that it
appears he is addicted to using profane & unbecoming
Language; and that the overseers have laboured with him for
his misconduct to but little satisfaction whereupon we
appoint Jonathan Wilbur & George Sanford to visit
him and endeavor to convince him of his error & danger
in order that he may be restored to a regular way and
line of conduct and report next mo. m.

We are like wise informed that William Gifford has
been so unguarded in his conduct as to partake of spirituous
Liquor so freely as to be incapable of helping himself
and that he appeared to be in a weak state of mind whereupon
we appoint Wm. Anthony & Giles Smith to take a suitable
opportunity with him in order that he may also be restored
to a more watchful ~~state~~ care in conduct

The Overseers having requested some assistance from the mo.
whereupon we appoint Wm. Anthony Benjamin Smith
Benjamin Tabor Jr. & Joseph Ester to assist them as need
may require

Stephen Buffington returned a copy of a minute dated
15 of 10 mo 1798 having not fully accomplished his intended
visit to Phos Island Quarter

We at the same time requested another copy of a minute for
the purpose of fully accomplishing his intended visit and the Clerk
is directed to furnish him with a copy of the following Minutes

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Our beloved friend Stephen Buffington informed this meeting that he had a prospect on his mind of making a Religious Visit to friends within the compass of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting; and this meeting taking it under consideration to approve thereof, he being a Minister in Unity and good Esteem - and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this account.

① A mo. m. held in Dartmouth 20 of 1st mo. 1800 -
the Representatives from the Proprietors meeting, are from the South Josiah Wood & Rufus Davis North Barnard Mosher Jr. & Allen Puffell who being called are all present.

The Committee in the case of Preserved Chase report they have had another opportunity with him and that he appears sensible of his misconduct & in a condescending disposition nevertheless it appears to be the mind of this meeting the matter be again continued under care of P. Com. (prop.)

The Women inform they have recd. a Removal Certificate on behalf of Rebecca Akin wife of Thomas which is acceptable to us.

The case of Samuel Mosher is again continued to next mo. m. under care of the Committee then (prop.)

The Committee in case of Jonathan Wood report they had a suitable opportunity with him and he appeared in a good disposition of mind; his Paper not being present it is again continued to next month.

The friends appointed produced a removal Certificate for William Gifford & family produced one was approved & signed by the Clerk.

Joseph Ester reported he has not read Philip Allen's paper, he is continued to do it & report next mo.

The committee in the case of Ebenezer Allen's report they had an opportunity with him, and find him in a weak state of mind: it is continued another month, month (then report)

The com. in case of Wilbourn Gifford reported they have attended thereto and believe him sensible of his outgoing the matter is again deferred under the care of the Committee to next mo. m. for his help & assistance to them (prop.)

Wm. Howland (son of Thomas) having informed us that he desired a few lines directed to the mo. meeting of Acoset, setting forth his Clearness to proceed in marriage with Innuent Wilbourn a member of that meeting, whereupon we appoint Tho. Hades and Jos. Ester to ^{make} enquire and if no objection appear bring one to next monthly Meeting.

Moses Baker produced a Certificate from the mo. meeting of Acoset setting forth his Clearness to proceed in marriage with Rhoda Mott, the having produced Consent of Parents.

Moses Baker & Rhoda Mott. appeared in this meeting published their intention of marriage which was noticed and they are desired to wait till next mo. m. for answer - Conclude & adjourn to the Usual time next mo.

① A mo. m. held in Dartmouth 17 of 2nd mo. 1800 -
the Representatives from the Proprietors meeting, are from South are Caleb Klamm & Saml. Gifford North Joshua Patter & Edward Shaw Jr. who being called are all present except Saml. Gifford who one are informed is Sick.

The matter respecting Preserved Chase coming again under consideration the Committee report still favorable as last month; yet the meeting not appearing easy to accept his paper of acknowledgment at this time; it is again continued under care of the Committee another mo. for further proof of reformation and amendment of life Abner Patter Jr. and Benj^o Pater Jr. are appointed addressees to former Com.

Joseph Ester reported he has read the Acknowledgment of Philip Allen & also produced a Certificate directed to the mo. meeting of Acoset on his behalf which was approved and signed by the Clerk.

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The Committee in care of Jonathan Wood report they think him gaining in the best things, yet it appears to be the prudent conclusion to defer it another month for further consideration and Labour if needed then to report.

The Committee to visit Lemuel Mosher reported they had attended thereto & think him Labouring for recovery; they are still contented & desire to give their attend once in 2nd Con (next)

The Comtee in care of Ebenezer Allen report they have attended to their appointment and same Satisfaction (next)

The Committee to visit Willbur Gifford report they had enquired with him to a good degree of satisfaction yet it is the conclusion of this meeting he shall be deferred another month then report.

The Community to enquire into the cleanness of S^r Hestons reported they attended thereto and produced a Certificate for him which was read approved & signed by the Clerk

Moses Baker & Rhoda Mott appeared for answer no objection appears to hinder them from proceeding; they are allowed to take each other in marriage at some convenient time before next mo. meeting, Joshua Potter and Joseph Tucker are appointed to see their marriage orderly conducted and their Certificate forwarded for recording & report

E. Woodland We are informed that Gilbert Woodland requests a Certificate request for himself directed to Concord mo. meeting we appoint Jonathan Willbur & Abner Anthony to take the necessary care therein and produce one to next mo. meeting if no objection appears to prevent.

Adam Mott also requests a removal Certificate for himself and Scrimly to the mo. meeting of Waffborough we appoint James Tucker & Allen Russell to make the needful enquiry and if no objection appears produce one to next mo. meeting.

This Meeting Collected thirteen Dollars for the relief of the Indian Natives agreeable to recommendation from the Meeting for Sufforing; and forwarded accordingly

Testimony of Jonathan Wood & Daniel as follows

Where as Jonathan Wood hath had his Education among friends and under the care of this meeting, but for want of attending to the dictates of Truth in his own mind, hath fallen into the sin of fornication as appears by his wife having a Child soon after marriage for which conduct we give this forth as a publick Testimony against him from being any longer a member of our Society until he shall be found to return to our Satisfaction - Given forth this 20 day of 9th mo. 1799
A true and correct copy held in D^{nt}mouth signed Joseph Ester Clerk

Whereas Daniel Gifford (son of Elizabeth) who had his Education among friends and a right of membership, but by not adhering to the dictates of Truth hath so far deviated from the principles we profess, as much to neglect the attendance of our religious meetings, attended a Thore race, and being out of that simple plainness we profess, for which conviction he hath been often spoken to, and Labour'd with in order to show him the evil tendency of such practices but he not appearing enough engaged in his mind to amend the error of his ways, and make satisfaction to friends; therefore this meeting is concerned to give this forth as a Testimony against him disowning him from being any longer a member of our religious Society until he return to the way of Truth - Given forth at our mo. meeting held in D^{nt}mouth 13 of 11th 1799 Joseph Ester Clerk

A monthly meeting held in Dartmouth 17 of 3rd mo 1800
The Representatives from the Preparatory ^{meeting} are from South
17. 3rd mo. Lophamiah Buffington & Joseph Tucker north Benjamin
1800 Rider & Gideon Gifford — All present

The Committee in the case of Preserved Chan report they
are not ready to make a conclusive report; it is again deferred
under their care to next mo. meeting

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Wood inform
they are not ready to make a conclusive report; it is again
deferred to next mo. meeting they then to report.

The Committee in Lemuel Mosher's case report they think
the matter requires more time for consideration; this is
likewise continued to next mo. meeting (then to report)

The Queries were read and answers made to them by
which we have endeavored to convey the state of our meeting
and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by
our Representatives who are Lophamiah Edsby James Tucker
and Luther Wood. (The Clerk is directed to forward a copy
of this Minute ^{to them}) they to make report at next mo. of
their attendance of said Quarterly meeting;

The matter respecting Ebenezer Allen being reported
to; is considered & concluded it be deferred another month
under their care with Richard Davis added (then to report)

The Committee in the case of Wilbur Gifford report
they believe him sincere in condemning his misconduct
which report is accepted; and having the concurrence
of the Womens meeting his Acknowledgment ^{is read} for
satisfaction and the Clerk is directed to read it publicly
and report next mo. meeting.

In concurrence with the Women 2 Certificate's was
signed; directed to the mo. meeting of Vassalborough on
behalf of Rhoda Baker and Sarah Mott.

A removal Certificate on behalf of Caleb Barker
and family was read and signed by the Clerk

One of the friends appointed to see the marriage of Moses
Baker widely conducted reported he attended, and it was so; the
Certificate is forwarded to the Clerk for recording.

A Removal Certificate on behalf of Adam Mott
and family directed to the mo. meeting of Vassalborough
was read, approved and signed.

A removal Certificate on behalf of Gilbert Howland
was also approved & signed directed to J. M. meeting of
New Bedford.

An Acknowledgment signed by Stephen Howland
was forwarded, condemning his having attended a horse
keeping Company & marrying out of the rules of friends;
and desiring to be restored again; whereupon Benjamin
Tabor Jr. and Wm. Anthony are appointed to visit
him in order to find the sincerity & state of his mind
and report at next monthly meeting

Mufus Gifford informed this meeting that he desires
a Removal Certificate directed to the Mo. Meeting of
Vassalborough for himself and Family Wife whereupon
James Tucker and Thomas Mott are directed to make
the careful inspection and if no objection appear
prepare one and bring to next mo. meeting.

Humphrey Russell requests a Certificate for
his son John W. Russell directed to the mo. meeting
of New York. — Wm. Anthony and Joseph
Tucker are appointed to prepare one and bring
to next mo. meeting if no objection appear
sufficient to prevent

Concluded & adjourn to the usual time
next month.

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At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
21 of 11th mo. 1800 the Representatives from the Preparation
21 of 11th meetings are from the South Jonathan Willbaur & Pickers
1800 Davis North Edward Stead Jr. & Abner Potter Jr. — all present

The Committee in the case of Providence Chase reported, they have attended to him and visited him; and think it best to defer it another month; (which this meeting thinks well of they then report.)

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Wood report they have attended to their appointment and are willing that he be restored and after deliberating thereon, it appears to be the sense of this meeting his acknowledgment be received for satisfaction and having the concurrence of the women meeting, he is restored to membership again with us; and Wm Anthony is directed to read his paper publicly inform him thereof & report accordingly

The Committee to Labour with Lemuel Mosher report they have attended to their appointment, and that he gave them encouragement to believe his conduct will be more circumspet in future; and after some time of consideration, it appears to be the mind of this meeting to accept his acknowledgment for satisfaction; (the Women also concurring herewith) he is restored to his seat with us again James Tucker is directed to read D. paper & usual inform him thereof & report next mo.

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

The Comm^{tee} in the case of Ebenezer Allen report they attended to their appointment, and think well of it being deferred which is agreed to by this meeting they report next monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Stephen Howland reported they have paid attention thereto but are not ready for a conclusive report; it is deferred under their Care to report next mo. meeting.

The Committee to inspect the circumstances of Peter Gifford's having a certificate report they think one is not necessary at present.

The friends to prepare a Certificate for John M. Puffin report, it is not yet accomplished they are still continued to do it and report accordingly next monthly mo.

The Committee in case of Meeting in ~~at~~ Allen's Neck report as follows — We the Committee to have the care of meeting in Allen's Neck report that they have all been attended by a considerable number and we think in a good degree orderly
Signed by D. Committee &c

The Committee to have the care of meeting, in the other neck Report as follows. — We the Comm^{tee} in care of holding meetings in Smith's Neck Report that we or some of us have attended all the meetings held there & we think they were held in a good degree orderly and to good satisfaction — Signed in behalf of Com^{tee} by
Benj^l Smith and
Mary Smith
Dartmouth 21st Mo. 1800

The Com^{tee} to collect money for this meeting, Mr. appointee Lth 1799 make a conclusive report and have ~~the sum~~ paid to our Treasurers Eighty three Dollars & ten cents; and the year being some time past expired D. Committee are dismissed.

It is concluded to raise one hundred & fifty Dollars for the year ensuing for this Meeting Mo; and it appearing necessary to have another Committee to collect money whereupon we appoint Wm Anthony Caleb Slamm Edward Stead Jr. Thos Mott & Humphrey Puffinall Josiah Wood Asa Howland and Abner Potter Jr. For that purpose the year ensuing to proceed as heretofore & report Quarterly after Remitting the money to our Treasurers.

The year of appointment of Overseers of Poor being expired Richard Davis, Giles Smith, Caleb Slamm James Tucker Allen Puffinall Humphrey Puffinall & George Sanford are appointed for the year ensuing.

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At a Mo. Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth 16 of 5 month 1800. The Representatives from the South Preparation meetings are Zephaniah Buffington and Jonathan Willows North Benjamin Biser & Bernaldes Mosher all present.

The matter respecting Preserved Chase being now favourably reported to; and after deliberating thereon it appears to be the mind of this meeting that he be restored to Ministry again with us; (and having the concurrence of the women) his Acknowledgment is accepted for satisfaction & James Tucker is directed to read it as usual & report next mo. m.

W^m Anthony informs he has read Jonathan Woods Paper according to appointment.

James Tucker likewise informs that of Lunt Mosher is also read & he informed as directed.

The Committee reported they had an opportunity with ~~him~~ Ebenezer Allen and that he gave them some encouragement to wait still longer with him; it is again continued under their care to next mo. meeting then to report.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Howland report they have visited him & received a good degree of satisfaction; which being deliberated on it is the mind of this meeting to continue it to next mo. meeting for further consideration and Labour then to report.

A Certificate directed to the mo. meeting of New York on behalf of John W. Russell was approved and signed by the Clerk.

Also one on behalf of Elizabeth Howland in concurrence with the women was signed, directed to the mo. meeting of New Bedford.

Benjamin Tucker for waded a paper to this meeting concerning his having been concerned in a Horse race and desiring friends to pass it by and continue him under their care whosoever we appoint Richard Davis & Abner Potter to visit him in order to the vicinity and state of his mind & report at next mo. meeting.

W^m Gifford one of the Committee to collect money appointed 2mo 1799. forwarded to our Treasurer Ten Dollars & one cent.

At a Mo. Meeting held in Dartm: 16 of 6mo. 1800.

The Representatives from the Preparation meetings are from the South Zephaniah Buffington & George Smith & North Joshua Potter & W^m Triff; two gone to the yearly meeting.

James Tucker reported the acknowledgment of Preserved Chase was read as directed.

It being the time of our yearly meeting therefore the meeting is adjourned to the 23. Instant after a meeting for worship.

23 day met by adjournment; Representatives all present.

We have been favoured with the company of our beloved friend Hugh Judge from N. York & Nathan Hurst from North Carolina with satisfactory Certificates from their respective meetings, whose company and Labour of Love is acceptable to us.

The Queres were read and answer to the 1. 2. & 12. prepared by which we have endeavoured to convey the state of our meeting, which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly m. by our Representatives who are W^m Anthony Luther Wood and James Tucker they to report their attendance at next mo. m. — We have also directed our Treasurer to forward thirty three Dollars our proportion of Quarterly Stock to your Treasurer & report accordingly the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute.

The Committee to visit Ebenezer Allen report they have not had any ^{farther} opportunity with him; they are directed to attend seasonably to their said appointment and report at Next monthly meeting.

The Committee to visit Stephen Howland report they find him still in a Labour to make Satisfaction for his outgoings; Nevertheless we think it may be safe to continue it another month in care of D. Committee they then to report.

The Committee appointed to visit Benjamin Tucker report they think him sincere in condemning his being Coured in a horrace; whereupon his acknowledgmt. is accepted, & Abner Potter is appointed to inform him read it Publickly as usual & report next month.

Our mo. m. held in Dartm. 21 of 7th mo. 1800 the Representatives from the South G. Smith & Jonathan Willbour North Edward & Lead Junr. & Tho. Matt. 2. all present Representatives from Quarterly report they all attend according to appointment.

The Treasurer report he forwarded 33 dol. as directed The Committee in care of Ebenezer Allen report they have had a solid opportunity and conference with him, and that he still appears to have amind to remain among friends and it appearing to be the mind of the meeting to again continue it yet longer and the Committee is desired to pray the needful attention to him and report next month.

The Committee appointed to visit Stephen Howland report still favourable on his behalf, and after being deliberated by this meeting his Acknowledgmt. is accepted and having the concurrence of the women m. he is restored to membership again with us, and W^m Anthony is appointed to inform him and read his Acknowledgmt. as usual & report next month.

Abner Potter report he informed Benj^r Tucker as directed and Abner read his Paper. Benj^r Allen presented an acknowledgmt. condemning his having attended at a place where was music and dancing, Josiah Wood & Benjamin Smith are appointed to take a suitable opportunity with him in order to discover the sincerity and State of his mind and report next mo. m.

At a Monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 18 of 8th mo. 1800 the Representatives from the South preparative meeting are Benjamin Taber J. & Caleb Shuman North Benjamin Pider & Barmabas Mosher Jr. — All present except B. Taber absent on account of sickness as we are informed.

Two of the Committee to visit Ebenezer Allen report they have taken another opportunity with him & that he is still desirous of remaining among friends, and gave some encouragement of amendment, which being well considered by this meeting it is again deferred to next mo. meeting in order for a full report from the Committee.

The Committee to visit Benj^r Allen report they believe him sincere in his Acknowledgments, whereupon it is accepted and W^m Anthony is directed to inform him & read D. Paper as usual and report next m.

W^m Anthony reported that the Acknowledgmt of Stephen Howland has been read as directed.

Received the Extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly m. by which it appears our proportion of yearly Stock is 33 Dollars

Also a transcrip of an Epistle from the yearly meeting held Last year which was read to good acceptance.

The Recommendation mentioned in the Extracts from the yearly m. respecting Schools is taken Cognizance of and referred to a Committee now standing for that purpose.

A Complaint against Joseph Keefull forwarded by the Overseers for being Coured in Craftling or Betting for Liquor & partaking thereof in consequence of it's being called in whereupon we appoint Benjamin Smith Richard Davis L. Eddy & George Sanford to visit him and endeavour to convince him of the Evil thereof and report next mo. the business of this meeting is accomplished

At a mo. m. held in Dartm. 16 of 9th mo. 1800 Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the South Josiah Wood & J. Buffington North John Winslow & Joshua Potter — all Present

Our Friend Stephen Buffington has now returned a copy of a Minute granted him for purpose of making a Religious Visit, in the Campus of Rhode Island Decr. dated 25 of 12th mo. 1799 not having accomplished his intended visit by reason of some obstruction.

The first, second, & twelfth Quers were read and answers made to them by which we have endeavoured to describe the state of our meeting; which are directed to be forward to the Quarterly meeting; by our representatives, who are Luthum Wood Benjamin Taber & Benjamin Smith & John Tucker. they to make report of their attendance thereto at next mo. m. — and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the

The Committee in the case of Ebenezer Allen report they have taken another opportunity with him and that he appears desirous to remain among friends, and gave encouragement of being more careful for the future and after deliberating thereon it appearing to be the sense of this meeting (having the concurrence of the women) to accept accept his paper of Acknowledgment, and the Clerk is appointed to inform him read his paper publicly & report at next mo. meeting.

Wm Anthony reported he read Benj. Allen Paper as directed

The School Committee now standing are directed to report at next mo. meeting.

The Committee to visit Joseph Russell report they have attended thereto, and that he gave them encouragement of being more careful in future and forwarded ~~and~~ forwarded an Acknowledgment which it deferred to next mo. m. under care of the Committee they then to report.

The North Preparative meeting Inform that Isaac Army proposed publishing his Intention of marriage with Hannah Tucker at this meeting; he also produced a satisfactory Certificate from the mo. meeting of Rhode Island dated 28th of 8 mo 1800.

It appearing necessary that a Committee be appointed to have the care of Burials in general that are Entered in friends burying ground, to direct who of such as are members should be buried there, and also to direct the time and Order of all such funerals, whether members or not and that they be applied unto for that purpose and that two or more of sd. Committee take care to at all funerals where friend company is desired whereupon

whereupon we appoint James Tucker Humphrey Russell G. Buffington Barnabas Mosher Jr. Caleb Slawson Benjamin Taber Jr. Daniel Anthony Thos. Mott. 2^d Abner Potter Jr. Thos. Allen Joseph Wang George Smith 2^d Joseph Estes ~~John~~ John Tucker & Luthum Wood for the purpose above described, and they are directed seasonably to give their Advice & Assistance thereon.

Isaac Army and Hannah Tucker appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage; which was noticed, and they desired to wait till next mo. meeting for answer.

The North Preparative meeting forwarded a Complaint against Gideon Gifford for having said, and still continues to stand in that which appeared to the Overseers to be an untruth whereupon we appoint William Anthony John Tucker Joseph Estes & Benjamin Taber to endeavour to convince him of the Evil thereof, ~~that~~ & report next mo.

Humphrey Russell requested a few lines directed to the Mo. meeting of Newport on behalf of his Son Gilbert who is going there to school; these may certify that he is a Member of our Society who we recommend to your Christian Care — And the Clerk is directed to give him a copy of this Minutes

At a monthly m. held in Dartm. 20 of 10 mo 1800 Representatives from the South are Giles Smith & Joseph Wang North Allen Russell & Abner Potter Jr. all present

The Representatives to the Quarterly m. report they all attended as directed. — Joseph Estes reported he informed Ebenezer Allen & read his paper as directed.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of Schools, now make report, ~~that~~ it is their united sense, that it is both necessary & expedient that a School or Schools be set up & established agreeable to the recommendation from the yearly meeting, and also that this meeting is of sufficient ability to set up such a School or Schools, which report is accepted by their raising, and after deliberating thereon said Committee is reappointed as a standing school Committee to set up such a School or Schools; procure a suitable Person or persons for Teachers, and to have the care, Direction & oversight thereof

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thereof from time to time, as occasion may require, and to make report of their Proceedings to the next meeting Quarterly (said Committee are as follow) Thomas Hicks Benj Smith Luther Wood Wm ~~Anthony~~ Howland Ephaniah Buffington James Tucker Joseph Gifford Junr. with the addition of Joseph Wing Wm Anthony Abner Potter and George Smith &c.

The matter respecting Joseph Russell is still continued under care of the Committee to next mo. m. then to report Isaac Abney & Hannah Tucker appeared for answer no obstruction appearing to hinder them, they are left at liberty to proceed in marriage with each other at some convenient time before next mo. m. advising with those that are directed to see their P. marriage orderly conducted who are James Tucker & Joseph Gifford Jr. & also that their Certificate be forwarded for recording.

The matter respecting G. Gifford is deferred to next meeting under care of the Committee then to report.

An acknowledgment signed by Increase Allen condemning his having married out of the unity of friends, or wife, his sorrow therefor, & desiring to be restored to membership and friends; whereupon we appoint Luther Wood & Joseph Ester to prepare an Essay of a Letter to the mo. meeting of Canton requesting friends there to visit him in order to assist his sincerity & state of mind & inform us accordingly.

It is proposed to appoint overseers in the early part of next mo. m.

At a monthly meeting held in Canton, 17 of 11. mo. 1800 the Representatives from the South preparative mo. are Luther Wood & George Sanford North Barnabas Mosher Jr. & Wm. Tappan all present.

We received Transcripts of Epistles from the last year's meetings of Philadelphia & New York the former of which was read to our Edification & Comfort.

The appointment of overseers coming again under Consideration at this time, whereupon James Tucker Luther Wood Joseph Wing Benjamin Taber Jr. & Abner Potter Jr. are appointed for that service for the year ensuing or until others may be appointed in their stead.

The Queries were read and Answered to the usual three made whereby we have endeavoured to describe the state of our meeting which are directed to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives Benjamin Taber Jr. James Tucker and Caleb Lamm (who are to make report of their attendance at our next mo. m.) & the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the Quarterly meeting.

We have directed our Treasurers to forward 33 dollars, the Quarterly meetings Treasurers being our proprietors of yearly Stock.

The matter respecting Joseph Russell is again continued to next mo. m. as the Committee inform they are not ready for a conclusive report.

The friends appointed report they attended the marriage of Isaac Abney & Hannah Tucker, that it was orderly conducted & their Certificate delivered for recording.

The Committee in the case of Gideon Gifford's reported they have attend thereto but are not ready to make a conclusive report, it is deferred to next mo. m.

The friends appointed produced a Letter directed to the mo. meeting of Canton respecting Increase Allen which was read ^{and signed in the Camp} and copies of his Denial & Acknowledgment was there with directed to be sent to S. meeting.

The Overseers inform that Job Gifford hath kept Company and married out of unity & order of our Society, and that he was duly cautioned & admonished reformed; whereupon we disown him (with the concurrence of the women) from being any longer a member of our Society & Joseph Ester is directed to inform him thereof & report next mo.

At a mo. m. of Friends held in Dartmouth 15 of 12 mo. 1800 Representatives from the South Richard Davis Jr. John Shaw North Edward Glad Jr. & John Suther all present the year of the Clerk's appointment being expired Joseph Ester is reappointed Clerk & James Tucker Assistant for the year ensuing. The Epistle Transcripts of New York Epistle was read to good acceptance. The Representatives to Quarterly meeting report they all attended as directed. Our Treasurers report they forwarded the money (that is 33 dollars) according to direction.

The Committee appointed to visit Joseph Russell on account of his Acknowledgt. Report they concluded to accept it if the meeting approve & having the morning conference it is accepted & the Clerk is directed to read it publicly & inform him thereof & report for

The Comm^{tee} in the case of Gideon Gifford inform they have not sufficiently attended thereto to make a conclusive report return it is therefore continued under their care to next mo. m.

If Ester reported he informed Job Gifford of his sin as directed. A Request from friends in Allen Neck for Liberty to hold meetings there as usual, was laid before us; and after deliberating thereon, was granted under the care of the following Committee B. Smith W^m Anthony George Smith Benja^m Taber & J. Willbore who are directed to take due care therein & report 7th mo. m.

A Request also from friends in Allen Neck was presented for holding Meetings there Likewise which is also granted accordingly under care of the following Com^{tee} Joseph Wing Tho^s Allen Elijah Gifford Caleb Plummer who are to report in 4th mo. next.

Joseph Howland & Deborah appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage; which is noticed & Desire you write till next mo. meeting for answer.

At a mo. m. held in Dartmth 19th of 5th mo 1800
The Representatives from the South George Smith & Humphrey Russell with Abner Potter & W^m Griffth present
Joseph Russell's Paper not read.

The Committee in the case of Gideon Gifford report they have attended thereto think it safe to dismiss the matter & that the complaint be made null & void which this meeting came with & James Tucker is directed to inform him thereof & report for.

Joseph Howland produced a Certificate from the mo. m. of N. Bedford stating forth his cleanness to proceed in marriage with Deborah Howland

Joseph Howland & Deborah Howland appeared for answer, no objection appearing they are left at liberty to proceed in their marriage advising with the pair appointed to see their marriage orderly conducted who are

Joseph Ester & Richard Davis they to report at next mo. m. and also that their be forwarded for recording

A Complaint against Abner Potter (son of Primmer) forwarded by the Deacons, for having attended at a train-
ing, he has been laboured with by D. Overcom, to but little effect whereupon we appoint Zephaniah Eddy & Richard Davis & Joseph Tucker to labour further with him in order for his restoration (Report)

In consequence of Proposals for printing a selection of Patience Braytons Journal we appoint James Tucker Jon Ester Caleb Plummer Benja^m Taber & Tho^s Matt^h to receive such subscriptions & make return with the Number and the money to next mo. m.

An acknowledgment, signed by Sam^l. Peter of Galloway condemning his mis. conduct & Desiring to be restored to membership again was presented to us whereupon we appoint W^m Anthony & Jonathan Willbore to write to the mo. m. of Saratoga requesting D. meeting to visit him in order to find his sin &c. and inform us, and bring D. Letter to next mo. m.

At a mo. m. held in Dartmth 16th of 2nd mo 1801
The Representatives from the South are Stephen Buffington & Benja^m Taber & North Barnabas Mosher Jr. & Edward Head Jr. all present

Joseph Ester reported he read Joseph Russells Paper as directed. James Tucker reported he informed Gideon Gifford as directed.

The Committee to attend the marriage of Joseph Howland & Deborah Howland, orderly conducted

The Committee in the case of Abner Potter, ^{son of Primmer} inform they are not ready to make a conclusive report at this time they are continued in care thereof & report next month.

The Committee matter respecting Sam^l. Peter is referred for further examination of our Record, to next mo. meeting

The Committee to receive subscriptions for selections of Patience Braytons Journal report, they have rec^d. 67 Copies, & this meeting subscribe for 33 more, (Total 100) and said Committee are directed to forward them together with the money as proposed, to next

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Richard Davis requests a Removal Certificate for himself and wife to the mo. meeting of N. Bedford we therefore appoint George Sanford & Benjamin Taber to take the necessary care therein; prepare one and bring to next mo. m. if clear.

A Removal Certificate was signed by the Clerk (in concurrence with the women) on behalf of Hannah Almy directed to the mo. meeting of Rhode Island

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At a mo. m. of Friends held in Dartmouth 16. 3. 1807 the Representatives from the South-Preparative are Benjamin Taber Jr. & L. Buffington, besides Allen Russell & John Tucker all present except Allen Russell.

The Queries were read and answers made to them by which we have endeavoured to convey the state of our meeting and are directed to be forward to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Joseph Estes William Anthony and John Tucker they to report their attendance to next mo. m.

The School Committee report they have not been unmindful respecting Schools agreeable to the recommendation, but are not yet accommodated with a school immediately under that head, but have taken care that children were put to school and the Clerk is directed to forward Extracts of the above minutes to S. Quarterly meeting

We received six reprinted Copies of Epistles from the yearly meeting in London dated 5th 1800 one of which was read and the important advices therein contained recommended to friends serious attention

The Committee in the case of Abner Potter reported they have not had opportunity with him it is deferred under their care to next mo. m.

The friends directed to prepare a Removal Certificate for Richd. Davis & wife produced one which was read and signed by the Clerk

A Certificate was signed (in concurrence with the women) on behalf of Esther Potter directed to Accoet mo. meeting

The women inform they recd a Certificate on behalf of Silva Soule from the mo. m. of Accoet 14 of 3. 1807 which is concurred with.

We are informed that Timothy Athin has gone to live with Abial Athin as an apprentice these are to certify he is a member of our society and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the mo. meeting of Sandwich

Also a like minute on behalf of Stephen Hart to the mo. m. of N. Bedford where he is gone approve

Moses Gifford is about to remove with his family to live within the compass of Eastern mo. m. and requests a Certificate James Tucker & Thomas Mott are appointed to take the necessary care and produce one to next mo. m. if clear

The same in the case of Saml. Potter are directed to write the circumstances as they find it and bring to next mo. m.

An Acknowledgm^t signed by Lebedee Gifford was forwarded to us condemning his having attended and been concerned in a horse race whereupon we appoint Luther Wood & Joseph Estes to visit him in order to discover his sincerity & state of mind & report next month.

At a mo. meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 23rd of 4. 1807 the Representatives are Jonathan Wilbow & Benja. Taber Jr. besides Edward Stand & John Tucker all present

The Representatives to Quarterly m. report all attended The Committee in the case of Abner Potter report they had an opportunity with him, and that he did not appear in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction for his misconduct not hoping that he may be helped conclude to continue it under their care another mo. for further advice to him

The friends appointed in the case of Moses Gifford, Certificate produced one which was read approved & signed by the Clerk

The matter respecting Saml. Potter deferred to next mo. The Committee to visit L. Gifford report they had an opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction and after deliberating thereon conclude to accept his acknowledgm^t & the Clerk is directed to read it as usual and report here and accepted Report from Smiths & Allen, Tucker respecting meetings held there the last quarter season as follows

From Smiths Neck

We the Committee to have the care of meetings in Smiths Neck Report that they have been generally attended by the greatest part of friends that are members and in a good degree of order. (Signed by Wm Anthony P. Smith J. Willow G. Smith Benj. Taber Mary Smith & Sarah Howland)

From Allen, Neck

We the Committee to have the care of meetings in Allen, Neck Report they have been attended by most of friends, and we think in a good degree of order by (Signed by) Eliza Gifford P. Allen G. Wing Caleb Howland Sarah Howland & Mchtable Howland

In concurrence with the women meeting we signed a Removal Certificate on behalf of Mary Marton directed to the monthly Meeting of N. Bedford

Wm Howland having requested a removal Certificate on behalf of himself & family directed to N. Bedford Wm Anthony & J. Ester are appointed to take the necessary care respecting the settlement of his outward affairs & produce one to the com. m. if no objection appear

Also Wm. Howland son of Thos requests a Removal Certificate directed to the mo. meeting of Rhode Island Caleb Howland & Thos Allen are directed to take the necessary care and bring to next mo. meeting if clear

Joseph Mosher (son of Lemuel) requests a removal Certificate to the mo. m. of Danby whereupon we appoint James Tucker & Edward Lead Jr. to take the needful care in that care & produce one to next mo. m. if they find no objection

We are inform that Caleb Sanford hath kept company and married out of the order of friends and that he was duly cautioned before marriage whereupon he is disowned from being a member of our Society the women also concerning this with Humphrey Russell is directed to inform in N. Bedford

The Committee to collect money report they have merely collected what they expect where upon they are dismissed after paying in what they may have on hand, & a new committee is appointed as follows Benjamin Paper

Tucker Eliza Howland Stephen Burdettson Geo. Sell Wm Smith Thomas Mott 2 Caleb Howland & Daniel Howland to proportion the sum of 2000 Dollars as Equitably as they can among our members & collect the same in our usual way & report quarterly to this Meeting Signed by J. Ester Clerk

At a mo. Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 18 of 6 mo. 1801 the representatives from the South preparative Meeting are Jonathan Willows & Stephen Gifford North Rameses Mather Junr & Edward 18 all present

One of the friends appointed in the case of Samuel Potts reported he had an opportunity with him but did not find much encouragement of amendment yet it is again deferred & the committee desired to attend seasonably in order to fully discharge the trust reposed in them & report next month.

The Committee in the case of Samuel Potts reported they have examined our records & find he had a removal Certificate to the monthly Meeting of New pasture in the year 1790 where upon this Meeting concludes to send him the following Letter with his request enclosed & Joseph Ester is appointed to the care of sending the same forward to him

Joseph Ester is still continued to read Zedekiah Jords paper & report next month

The friends appointed produced a removal Certificate on behalf of Wm Howland & family directed to the monthly Meeting of N. Bedford which being read was approved & signed by the Clerk

Also one on behalf of Wm Howland (son of Thos) to the monthly Meeting of Rhode Island was

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approved & signed.

The committee appointed produced a removal Certificate on behalf of Joseph Mather directed to the monthly Meeting of Dap by which was approved & signed by the Clerk.

Humphrey Russell reported he has not informed Caleb Sanford of he is continued to us it when an opportunity presents and report accordingly.

The representative Meeting inform that Job Allen forwarded a request to this Meeting to be admitted into membership with us where upon we appoint Luther Wood & George Smith 2^d to visit him in order to find his motive & the state of his mind & report accordingly to next monthly Meeting.

By a copy of a Minute from the Quarterly meeting held 3^{mo} last it appears this Meeting is left at liberty to hold the same one week earlier in the 6^{mo} than heretofore which alteration is agreed to by us & concurred by the women for this present year - Signed Joseph Ester Clerk

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 8th of 6^{mo} 1801 the representatives from the South prepared to be are Jonathan Wilcox & George Smith North Thomas Mott & Abner Patten all present the papers were read & answers to the 5th 12th made to them in order to set forth the state of our Meeting, which are directed to be forwarded into the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives namely Jonathan Wilcox Caleb Bacon & George Smith 2^d who are to report their attendance there to at our next monthly Meeting & the Clerk is directed to

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forward a copy of this minute to 2^d Quarterly Meeting

The Committee in the case of Abner Patten not being ^{visited} him are still continued to take a suitable opportunity with him & report accordingly to next m. m.

Joseph Ester not having read Deborah Gifford's paper is still continued in that case & to report next m. m.

This meeting concurs with the women in moving into membership the two Daughters of Stephen Mather namely Cynthia & Hannah.

The Committee in the case of Job Allen report they had an opportunity with him but are not ready to make a full report, they are continued to the care thereof & report next month.

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 20th of 7^{mo} 1801 the representatives from the South prepared to be are Humphrey Russell & Joseph Mather from the North John Hinckley & John Wilcox being called we all present representatives to the

Quarterly Meeting report they all attended

The committee in case of Abner Patten report they had an opportunity with him, but not receive satisfaction he not appearing in a suitable disposition to make satisfaction for his outgoings. This Meeting with 2^d report & concluded to direct him from being a member of this Meeting with which the women's Meeting doth concur and James Tucker & Joseph Tucker are appointed to inquire from him whether he prepare a testimony of his faith in C & bring to next m. m.

Joseph Ester reported he has not read Deborah Gifford's paper by reason of it's being mislaid

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20th of
1801

or not to be found there fore the mazing of
it is dismissed

The Committee in the case of Job Allen
reported they had an opportunity with
him & think him sincere in his request
& after deliberating the matter it is the Conclusion
of this meeting to except & request & receive
him into membership the warrant concerning
therewith & Luthen Wood is directed to in-
form him thereof & report accordingly.

Humphrey Russell reported he inform
Calib Sanford of his denial as directed

By a Copy of a minute from the Quarterly
Meeting held at Newburgh 30th of June 1801
it appears that our proportion of yearly and
Quarterly stock is \$56

Del. S. D.
Our Treasurer report he received 132:2:6
of the Committee appointed in the year 1800
which was conclusive & they dismissed 4 mo last
Barnabas Mather Jr. Joseph Estlin & Samuel Sm.
are appointed to settle with the treasurer
and report to next monthly Meeting

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1801

At a monthly Meeting of friends held in
Dartmouth 19th of Decr 1801 - the Representatives
from the preparative Meetings are from
the South George Sanford & Joseph Wing from
the North Thomas Matt & Abner Potter Jr.
all present

The Friends appointed reported they info-
rm Abner Potter of his Denial also Produced a
Testimony thereof which was read approved and
denied by the Clerk & James Finches is ap-
pointed to make it as usual at Newtown report
accordingly & is as follows

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Abner Potter Son of Abner having so long
devoted from our beautiful profession as to
appear at training & answer to his Name as a
Soldier for which we have laboured
with him Endeavouring to convince him of the in-
-conspicuity of such Proceedings but our labours
& Love has not had the desired effect. Therefore
for the clearing of Truth & Peace we do dis-
-own him from being any longer a member of our
Society, untill he should be favoured to see
the Emptiness of such conduct return and exten-
-sively condemn the same which is our main
-given forth at our Monthly meeting held in
Dartmouth the 19th of Decr 1801 -

By Joseph Estlin Clerk

The Committee appointed to settle accounts with
our treasurer report they have accomplished the same
& find a Balance Due to meeting 12 Cents.

Luthen Wood reported he informed Job Allen
as directed

We have received ^{the} Collections from the ye-
-arly Meeting held some last respecting Schools
which was read for the general attention of
Friends on that Subject

We received a removal Certificate from the
me Meeting of New Bedford held 7 mo 1801 on
Behalf of Mirabel Howland and his Wife Patience
& their ^{two} Sons Nathaniel & Philip
which is satisfactory to us.

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1801

At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth
the 21st of 9 mo 1801 the Representatives from the
preparative Meetings are from the South
Giles Smith & Benjamin Baber North

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John Tucker & Barnabus Mathis for all present

The Quorum were read in this Meeting & answers made to them the 1st & 12th in order to decide the State of our meeting which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives Luther Wood & James Tucker who are to make report of this attendance at our next m.c.m. & the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minutes to the Quarterly meeting

James Tucker reported the Testimony of Abner Patterson & was read & directed

The preparative m. inform that Lebedus Gifford proposes Laying his intention of marriage with Rachel Slocum (Daughter of Elisha Slocum) they having produced consent of Parents. Therefore Lebedus Gifford & Rachel Slocum approved and declared their intentions of taken each other in Marriage, & were directed to wait till next m.c.m. for answers Luther Wood & George Smith & are appointed to inspect his cleanness respecting marriage & conversation & report next m.c.m.

The North Preparative meeting inform that Edward Sleade proposes Publishing his intention of Marriage with Elizabeth Potter they having Consent of Parents for that purpose Edward Sleade & Elizabeth Potter appeared & declared their intentions of Marriage with each other which was noticed and they directed to wait till next m.c.m. for answer. Joseph Tucker & James Tucker are appointed to see to his cleanness in respect to marriage &c. and report next monthly Meeting

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Also Abel: Hayer with Ruth Peck by Abner have produced Consent of parents for that purpose Abel Moker & Ruth Peck appeared also & signed the other Intentions and were likewise referred to next m.c.m. for answer & John Tucker & Jeremiah Cady are appointed to see to his Cleanness & report accordingly

Joseph Joseph Ester Clark

29th 10^{mo}
1801

At a m.c. Meeting of young men in Dartmouth the 19th of 10^{mo} 1801 the representatives named from the preparative meetings are from the South George Sanborn & Joseph Wing from the North John Gifford & Edward Chase all present.

The year of the Clerk appointment being out James Tucker is appointed to that service for the year ensuing or untill another is appointed in his stead & Abner Joseph Ester an assistant

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly M. report they attended according to appointment We received Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia dated the 28th of 4^{mo} 1801 also from N. York dated 25th of 5^{mo} 1801 which was read to our satisfaction.

The Friends appointed to see into Lebedus Gifford's Cleanness in respect to marriage report. they do not find any thing to hinder his proceeding therein - Lebedus Gifford & Rachel Slocum appeared in this Meeting for answer & nothing appearing to hinder their proceeding therefore they are left at liberty to take each other in Marriage at home provided time before next m.c.m. advising with Luther Wood & George Smith & who is appointed to see their marriage solemnly conducted & the certificates for words to the Clerk for recording & report next m.c.m.

The friends appointed to see into Edward Sleade

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clearness in respect to marriage report they find nothing to hinder his proceeding therein
 Edward Slade & Elizabeth Patten appeared in this Meeting for answer & nothing appearing to hinder them from proceeding accordingly Joseph Tucker & James Tucker are appointed to see their Marriage orderly Conducted & this Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for Recording & report next month.

The friends appointed to see into Abel Mappes Comings in respect to marriage report they find nothing to hinder his proceeding accordingly - Abel Mappes & Martha Prides appeared in this meeting for answer and find nothing to hinder their proceeding Abner Patten & Lephaniah Eddy is appointed to see their Marriage orderly Conducted & Certificate forwarded for recording and report next m^o.

In Concurrence with the women we signed a remove Certificate on behalf of Sarah Hutchinson & her Daughter Sarah Pube and a Signel directed to the M^o. M. at New Bedford.

The following Certificate on behalf of Job Eddy being now returned to this Meeting without an indorsement it not having reached Providence M^o. M. is as follows -

Job Eddy a member of this Meeting was placed an apprentice to Timothy Gove in the year 1794 and on his behalf we followed a Certificate dated 2 m^o. 1794 which Certificate according to late information hath not come to your knowledge we recommend him to your watchfull care & oversight.

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the M^o. M. of Providence.

Copy Examined by Joseph Estes Clerk
 Dartmouth Monthly Meeting 15 of 7 m^o. 1799.

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At a monthly Meeting held in Dartmouth 362
 the 16th of 11 m^o. 1801 The representatives from the South preparatory Meeting are Gideon Howland and Luthur Wood North Joshua Patten & Abner Patten all present -

The names were read & answers made to the usual queries & are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Samuel Smith W^h. Anthony & Joseph Tucker they to make report of their attendance to our next M^o. M. & are here ordered our Treasurer to forward 56 Dollars to the Quarterly Meeting, Treasurer being our own possession of the yearly and Quarterly Stock and report accordingly

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Letitia Gifford report they attended them too, & saw every thing but that it was orderly Conducted and Certificate forwarded for recording

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Edward Slade report it was orderly Conducted & Certificate lodged with the Clerk for recording.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Abel Mappes report they attended the marriage & saw nothing but it was orderly Conducted & Certificate forwarded for recording.

We are informed through the South preparatory M^o. that Humphrey Anthony & Benja Smith is about to remove within the compass of Peru M^o. M. & request our Certificate we appoint Jonathan Willson George Smith & Giles Smith to take the necessary care thereof & prepare each of them one & bring to next M^o. M. if no objection appears.

We are informed through the North preparatory M^o. that George Handy a member of this Meeting hath married with a member out of the order of Unity therefore with the concurrence of the

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women we do disown from the D^r George Handy
from being any longer a member of our Society until
he should be convinced to see his sinning, & re-
turn & make satisfaction we appoint Thomsen
to inform him thereof & report next month.

In Concurrence with the women we signed a
removal Certificate on behalf of Deborah Howland wife
of Joseph Howland
directed to the M^o. M. at N. Bedford.

Also signed a Testimony of Denial against Mary
Mickelson

Wherein we concur with the women in disown-
ing of Delphia Handy for allowing with a member
out of the order of Society

We are informed through the North proprietors
M^o that Barnabas Masher & his son Barnabas
has a prospect of settling their Interest & removing

Therefore we appoint Joseph Tucker Esq^r James
Cobby & James Tucker to give them such ad-
vice as appears necessary & report next meeting

W^m Anthony informs this Meeting that he
has a prospect of going Westward as far as Peru on
Sunday & to visit his Friends there may certify on
his behalf that he is a member in unity amongst
us & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with
a Copy of this minutes:

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1801

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth
the 21st of 12th 1801 the Representatives from the
South proprietors meetings ^{are} George Smith & J^oseph
Smith & North Edward Reed & Henry Potter
all Present ^{the} Representatives to attend the quarterly
Meeting report they all attended by whom this
Meeting concluded with London General Epistles one of
which was read to our Care & Education -

The friends appointed to prepare Certificates for
Humphrey Smith & Benjamin Smith & present
them which was read approved & signed by the Clerk

In Concurrence with the women we signed a new
over Certificate on behalf of Rachel Case Widow directed
to the M^o. M. at New Bedford.

Thomas Mather reported that he informed George
Handy of his Denial according to appointment.

The treasure informed that he forwarded \$60 to the
Quarterly meeting Treasurers being our portion of the yearly
& Quarterly meeting stock.

The Committee to advise with Barnabas Mather
and his son Barnabas report they attended thereon
& leave them at Liberty which this Meeting approves
of. The Friends requested in Allen said to hold

meetings there until the 4th next in the usual
manner as heretofore held which is granted them & we
appoint Caleb Stearn Samuel Gifford Thomas Allen
Joseph Wing & Joseph Ester to have the care of S^t meetings
& report in the 4th next.

Wherein a similar request from Friends in Jones
New was presented for to hold meetings there in the usual
manner which is granted them & we appoint Giles
Smith Jonathan Wilbur W^m Anthony Jean Howland
& George Smith to have the care of S^t meetings and
report at the mem. in the 4th next.

A new Chain of overseers coming before the mem.
Therefore we appoint Joseph Wing Caleb Stearn Jonathan
Wilbur W^m Anthony James Mather Thomas Potter &
James Tucker for the year ensuing or until others
are appointed in their stead

The year being expired for which the Overseers
of the Poor were appointed therefore we appoint
Giles Smith Samuel Smith Samuel Gifford
Thomas Mather & Humphrey Magill John

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Windsor & Delawane Smith for that Service
the year ensuing - Signed by James Tucker
Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth
the 18th of 1^{mo}. 1802 the representatives from the South
preparative meeting are George Smith & Peter Smith
North Benjamin Pades & Thomas Matt. all present.

We are informed by a Letter from Eastern
meeting that they have ~~been~~ according to savings
not held. Amuse Allen but did not find
full Satisfaction as is desired. There fore
matter is dismissed

We received & accepted a removed Certificate
on behalf of Pelly White & his wife Eunice & their
son James from account monthly meeting D^{td}
18th of 10^{mo}. 1801

In concurrence ^{with} the women we signed a
removed Certificate on behalf of Lydia Sangord
Wife of Pelly. directed to the monthly meeting
at Northford.

We are informed through the South preparative
meeting that Job Eddy desires a removed certificate
to New Bedford monthly meeting. we appoint
Benjamin Pades Jr & Humphrey Russell to prepare
one & bring to ^{our} next m^o. meeting if no obstruc-
tion appears

Signed by James Tucker Clerk

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1802

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dart-
mouth the 15th of 2^{mo}. 1802 the representatives from
the South preparative meeting are Daniel
Anthony & Joseph Wing North Edward Heath
& Gideon Gifford who being cold are all present

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The friends appointed to prepare a removed 366
Certificate of Job Eddy presented one to this meeting
Which was read approved & Signed by the Clerk

We are informed through the North preparative
meeting that Benoni Moses Jr. & his family
is about to remove within the limits of Hudson
monthly meeting & request our Certificate; we ap-
point ^{the meeting in preparation} of Benjamin Rugginton & James Tucker to pre-
pare one & bring to our next monthly meeting
if no objection appears; & also to prepare one for his
son Abel & Wife directed to the same m^o. m.
if nothing appears to obstruct.

Leicester Benjamin Prider request a removed
Certificate for himself to the monthly meeting
at Hudson we appoint John Tucker &
Abner Potter Jr. to have the care thereof &
produce one to our next m^o. m. if nothing
appears sufficient to hinder.

This meeting concurs with the women
in receiving into membership two Daughters
of Jonathan Sloun Namely Melubah & Bethiah
Signed James Tucker
Clerk

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1802

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held
in Dartmouth the 15th of 3^{mo}. 1802
The Representatives from the South
preparative meeting are Zephaniah Ruy-
fenton & Caleb Sloun North Thomas
Matt^r & John Tucker all present

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15th 3rd
1802

The names have been read in this way and answers prepared to them & are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly m. by our Representatives who are Luther Wood Joseph Ester & James Tucker they to make ^{report} of their attendance at our next m. meeting

This meeting received & accepted a removal Certificate on behalf of Abigail Akin from New Bedford monthly Meeting

The friends appointed to prepare Certificates for Barnabas Mather Jr. & his Son Abiel presented them which was read approved and signed by the Clerk

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for Benjamin Wicks reported they have attended thereto. But are not fully ready, they are continued in that case & to report next month

This meeting accepted a removal Certificate on behalf of Lophemah Gleade from the monthly Meeting of Swaney Dated 1st of 3rd m: 1802

Signed James Tucker Clerk

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17th 4th

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 17th of 4th m: 1802 the representatives from the South, Representative was Luther Wood & Gedion Anthony North

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19th 4th

Abner Pater Jr. & Edwara Gleade Jr. 368
all present.

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported they attended according to appointment; Ensign Luther Wood whose absence was occasioned through indisposition of body

The Committee to have the care of Benjamin Wicks Certificate presented one to this meeting which perhaps was approved & signed by the Clerk

The Committee to have the care of the study in Athens Neck reported that they did not discover any but that they were kept up & attended in a good degree orderly

Also the Committee to have the care and oversight of the Meetings in South Neck reported that they have been attended by the greater part of friends to a good degree of Satisfaction

In Concurrence with the women we accepted a removal Certificate on behalf of Mary Cornell Wife of Peltig from the monthly meeting of Acornet.

This Meeting in Concurrence with the women meeting signed a removal Certificate on behalf of Susannah Wicks Daughter of Benjamin Wicks presented to the monthly meeting at Hudson

We are informed through the North Representative Meeting that of Abner Pater is

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about to dispose of his Interest & desires the advice of this friends Meeting Therefore we appoint Joseph Tucker & James Tucker to advise with him therein & report at our next monthly Meeting. -

This Meeting is informed by the news that Joseph Gifford Jr has so far departed from our Profession as to partake so fully of Spiritous liquors as to be disinguised therewith. - We appoint John Tucker & Luther Wood to Labour & advise with him Endeavouring to Convince him of the Evil of such Conduct. & report next month

The Comitte appointed in the 4th m^o. Last to Collect money for this meetings we have Collected & paid to our Treasurer \$160⁰⁰:20 Cents -

Gideon Shephard & Abigail Athin appeared in this meeting & Declared their intentions of marriage which was notice & they desired to wait until next m^o. meeting for answer -

It being Necessary that a new Committee be appointed to audit accounts with the treasurer we appoint Giles Smith & Samuel Smith for that service the year ensuing or until another appointment

Signed by James Tucker Clerk

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19th 5th

a monthly Meeting held in 270
Dartmouth the 17th of 5th m^o: 1802

The Representatives from the South preparative meeting are George Smith 2^d & Giles Smith North Gideon Gifford and John Tucker all Consent -

The Committee appointed to advise with Abner Patten concerning his disposing of his Interest reported that they ^{they} gave him such advice as appeared to them Necessary & leave him at Liberty therein. -

The Committee in the Case of Joseph Gifford Jr inform that they attended to the Service but are not ready to report they are Continued with the addition of Lefford Ruffinton: to report next month. -

Gideon Shephard produced a Certificate from Newbury monthly Meeting held by us the 13th of 5th m^o: 1802 Expressing his cleavage to proceed in marriage with Abigail Athin - She also produced Consent of Parents for that purpose -

Gideon Shephard & Abigail Athin appeared in this meeting for answer. - nothing appearing to hinder this proceeding accordingly at some suitable time before next monthly Meeting. advising with Jonathan Wilbur & Joseph Estes who is appointed to see their Marriage solemnized & Certificate forwarded for recording. they to report next m^o.

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A Certificate was presented from the partners Dated 2nd 18-1802 on behalf of Anne Shepherd also one from Easton on behalf of Elizabeth Shepherd his wife Dated 25th of 2nd 1802 which was read & executed

This meeting having taken into Consideration of holding the monthly meeting in the 6th month earlier than the usual course having Liberty from the Quarterly meeting for that purpose.

With the Concurrence of the women it is agreed in future, our monthly meeting in the aforesaid month be held the 2nd day before the 2nd Sabbath Day in the 6th month -

It being necessary that a new committee be appointed to have the care & oversight of the Wood Lot belonging to this meeting we appoint George Smith & Luther Wood & Joseph Estes to have the care thereof

Signed by James Tucker Clerk

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6 m^o

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 7th of 6th m^o 1802 the representatives from the South preparative meeting are Caleb Stearns & Humphrey Russell North John Winflow & Edward Head jun^r all present

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6 m^o

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers prepared to the 1st & 2nd and 12th queries which we think descriptive of the State of our meeting & are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Edward Head jun^r Samuel Smith & Humphrey Russell. They are directed to per-
~~ceive~~ desired to make report of their attendance at our next monthly m. & the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the meeting

The Committee in the case of Joseph Gifford jun^r report that they attended to the Service & it appeared that their Labours of Love had not the desired effect on his mind yet it is the mind of this meeting to refer J. matter until next monthly meeting for Consideration under the Care of the Committee to report next month -

The Committee to have the care of James Shep-
herds marriage report that they discussed nothing but it was orderly Conducted & the Certificate forwarded for recording

A Concern hath arisen in friends minds & revised again in this meeting whether it would not be usefull & advantageous that a Committee be appointed to make a general Visit to the members of this meeting which is desired to meet monthly m. for Consideration | The Treasurer informed that he has received \$21.36 Cents of the committee appointed

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in the AM. 1801. The committee is dismissed
 & we appoint Samuel Smith Stephen Howland
 Junr. Caleb Gifford Caleb Stead
 Thomas Allen Caleb Stearns & George Smith
 2 to proportion the Sum of 200 \$ as Expedi-
 tably as they can & Colled the same report
 Quarterly to this meeting

Stephen Howland informed this m.
 that he had a Prospect Selling his Int-
 erest & removing we appoint Giles Smith
 & George Smith & Jonathan Willbourn to
 advise with him therein & report at
 next meeting

Signed James Tucker Clerk

1802
7 m.

At a Monthly meeting of friends held in
 Dartmouth the 19th of 7 m. 1802 the represen-
 tatives from the South preparative meeting
 are Caleb Stearns & Humphrey Russell
 North Edward Stead Junr & Jedon Gifford all
 Present

The Representatives appointed to attend
 the Quarterly meeting reported, that they atten-
 ed; except Samuel Smith for whose ab-
 sence Satisfaction reasons was rendered to this
 Meeting

The Committee in the case of Joseph
 Gifford Junr inform this meeting, that they all
 attended to that Service & have nothing differ-
 ent to report than what ^{was} reported Last month
 they are ~~expected~~ ^{desired to have} the care thereof
 to report next month

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This meeting unites with the women 374
 meeting in excepting the acknowledgement of
 Lorian Sheldon now Living in the Town of
 Coemans -

We Concur with the women in Disown-
 ing of Silvia Bacher wife of Stephen

The matter respecting appointing of a Solid
 Committee to visit the members belonging to
 this meeting is agreed to next monthly meeting

The Committee in the case of Stephen How-
 land reported that they attended to their appoi-
 ntment & Left him at Liberty therein; which
 this Meeting Concurs with...

Benjamin Taber Junr request a removal Cer-
 tificate for himself & family decated to the m.
 meeting at New Bedford we appoint Jonathan
 Willbourn & Samuel Smith to take the necessary
 care & produce one to our next m. m. if no
 obstruction appears

We appoint Joseph Ester & Luthien Wood
 to prepare Certificates for Thomas & Sylvanus
 Allen decated to New Bedford monthly meeting

Signed James Tucker Clerk

For Pardon Howland requests a Certificate
 to New Bedford monthly Meeting in resp-
 ect to marriage we appoint Giles Smith &
 George Smith 2 to inspect his Clearance in
 marriage & Conversation & Produces one
 to our next m. meeting if no objection
 appears Signed by James Tucker Clerk

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^{of friends}
At a monthly meeting, held in Dart.
the 16th of Jan. 1802.

The Representatives from the South
preparative Meeting are Thomas Allen &
Resolved Howland North John Tucker &
Abner Potter ^{all Present.}

One of the Committee in the case of
Joseph Gifford Jun. informed this meeting that
he ~~is~~ attended to that Service & ^{Nothing} appearing different
then what was heretofore reported & after it being
deliberated upon it appearing to be the mind
of this meeting to defer P. matter another
month with the addition of Jonathan Wil-
-low.

The Committee to prepare a
Certificate for Benjamin Taber Jun. & Children
produced one to this meeting which was
approved & Signed by the Clerk.

The friends appointed to prepare Cer-
tificates for Thomas & Sylvanus Allen pro-
sented them which was approved &
Signed.

In Concurrence with the wo-
men we signed a removal certificate on
behalf of Gessian Sheldren wife of Jathro-
an directed to Coernans monthly meeting.

We concur with the women ^{signing} a removal
Certificate on behalf of Lydia Potter directed
to Gaston m. m. also one on behalf of Pris-
cilla Abin wife of Thomas directed to S. m. m.

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The friends appointed made the musing 376
inspection; & produced a Certificate for
Pardon Howland which was approved &
Signed

The matter deferred from last month
ly meeting respecting an appointing a Committee
to visit the members of this meeting being
again warmly spread before us at this time &
after deliberation thereon it appearing to be the
mind of this meeting to defer P. matter ano-
-er month.

We received & exempted a removal Certificate
from Rhode Island m. m. on behalf of Job Denney
& his wife Phile Dated 27th of Jan. 1802

We concurred with the women's meeting
in signing a removal Certificate of Elizabeth
Hampton wife of David directed to N. H. m. m.
meeting.

We are informed that Benjamin
Tucker proposed to Publish his Intention of
Marriage with Lucretia Russell they having
produced Consent of Parents for that purpose
-se - Benjamin Tucker & Lucretia Russell
appeared in this meeting & declared their
Intentions of Marriage, which was noticed
& they desired to wait untill next monthly
M. for answer, - we appoint Abner Potter &
Thomas North to inspect his cleanness in re-
-spect to marriage, report next month.

J. G. James
Clerk

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At a monthly meeting of friends held
in Dartmouth the 20th of 9m: 1802. —

The Representatives from the South
preparative meeting are George Sanford
& Lephaniah Buffinton north Gideon Gifford
ord & Thomas Matt 2. all Present. —

We Received Transcripts of Epistles from
London Dated 28 of 5m: 1801. which
was read to our Comfort & Edification.

Also one from Philadelphia dated 19 of 4m:
1802 & one from ^{Savannah Dated 4th} 24 of 5m: 1802. — the
reading of the two latter is deferred to next
meeting. —

This meeting received Extracts
from the Quarterly meeting held at Warrington
the 29 of 6m: 1802. by which it appears
our participation of the yearly ^{ms.} Stock is 31.50 6.

The Committee in the case of Joseph
Gifford J^r. inform this meeting that they
have had another opportunity with him
& have nothing different to report than
what has been heretofore reported & after it
being waitly & Solidly Considered in this m.
do conclude with the concurrence of the
women to deny unity with him & the J^r.
Joseph from being any longer a member of
our Society; untill he should be favoured
to see his outgoings, return & condemn the
same, which is our desire. we appoint —

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to inform him thereof & prepare a testimony
of his denial. produce it at our next meeting

The matter respecting an appointing a Com-
mittee to visit the members ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ absence of this
meeting. coming again under consideration
we appoint Joseph Cates & Abner Potter to un-
ite with the women, to make a general
visit, within the compass of this meeting to
proceed therein as truth may open the way

The friends appointed to inspect into Ben-
jamin Tuckers cleanness ~~make~~ ^{make} the necessary
inquisition & find nothing to hinder his pro-
ceeding in marriage.

Benjamin Tucker & Laetitia ^{m.} Buffinton
appeared in this ^{m.} for answer & nothing appa-
ring to hinder their proceeding accordingly

This meeting leaves them at Liberty to take
each other up marriage at some suitable
time before next m:m. advising with
Abner Potter & George Sanford who is ap-
pointed to see said marriage order by
conducted & Certificate forwarded for
recording. —

^{usual three} The ^{m.} minutes have been read in this ^{m.} & answer
are prepared to the 1. 2. & 12 in which
we have endeavoured to convey the State
of our meeting & are desired to be for-
warded to the Quarterly meeting by our repre-
sentatives who are Joseph Tucker Sam-
uel Whrey Prupall & Lephaniah Buffinton.

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The Clerk returns a Copy of this minute

also the said Henry appears in return a Copy of this minute

they to make report of their attendance at our next meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to P. meeting. - Elhu Gifford a member of this meeting informed us that he is about to go to Norwich within the compass of Purchase monthly meeting to work at his trade & desired a few lines expressive of this being a member - and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to P. meeting } and also a similar one for Henry

We are informed that ^{Benjamin} Henry Willbous has gone to live at Cippis within the compass of Saratoga m. m. we appoint W. Anthony & Joseph Estes to make the necessary inspection & produce a Certificate to our next meeting if no Obstruction appears.

We appoint Caleb Hecum Humphrey Russell Luthum Wood George Smith & Gordon Hawland Stephen Gifford & Samuel Gifford to have the care of fencing the Meeting House yard, they to have the liberty if they think proper to cut & dispose of Cord wood to Purchase materials for doing the same.
James Tucker Clerk

At a monthlie meeting of friends held in ³⁸⁰ Dartmouth the 18th of Nov: 1802.

The Representatives from the South presentatives meeting are Stephen Gifford & Daniel Anthony North, Thomas Mott and Abner Potter all Present.

The Transcripts of Epistles disapproved at last meeting are now read to good satisfaction.

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The Committee appointed informed Joseph Gifford Jun of his denial and produced a ^{which was read approved} testimony thereof, and signed by the Clerk who is appointed to read it Publicly at Newtown & report when done.

The Committee reported they attended the marriage of Benjamin Tucker & Lunaticus Russell, and discovered nothing but it was orderly conducted & Certificate forwarded for recording. - The friends appointed made the necessary inspection, ^{and} produced a Certificate to this meeting on behalf of Benjamin Willbous which was approved & signed by the Clerk Directed to Saratoga monthly meeting

This meeting is informed by the overseers that Jabez Washer has left Company & married out of the order of Society, he being procured by the overseers; and after it being deliberated upon is appears to be the mind of this meeting with the concurrence of the women to deny unity with him the S. Jabez from being any longer a member of this meeting

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untill he should be favoured to see his acc.

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goings return and make Satisfaction, & Joseph Estes is appointed to inform members of and report next month,

The year being expired for which the Overseers & Clerk were appointed, a New Choose is deferred to the Early part of next meeting.

1302

15 of 11m

A monthly meeting held in Dartmouth the 15 of 11m 1802.

The Representatives from the South preparative meeting are Thomas Allen & Stephen Buffinton jun. North Edward Sleade jun. & Gedion Gifford all present.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being expired, James Tucker is reappointed for that service the year ensuing, & Joseph Estes an assistant.

The queries have been read in this meeting & answers prepared to the 1st Q. & 12th. which we think descriptive of the state of Society, & are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly on. by our representatives who are Thomas Allen Giles Smith and Joseph Wing.

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15 of 11m

This meeting orders our treasurer to forward \$31.50-Cents to the Quarterly meeting treasurer not being our portion of the yearly meeting's stock. they are desired to make report of their attendance at our next mo. meetings. And the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the above minute to S. meeting

This meeting having information by a copy of a minute from the quarterly meeting held at Sandwich the 1st of 10m 1802. that institutes at our Quarterly meetings are to begin at the 10th hour of the day

The matter referred from Last meeting respecting of appointing of overseers, coming before this meeting whereupon we appointed Lathan Wood, Joseph Wing, Jonathan Wilbur Wm. Anthony, James Tucker & Edward Sleade j. for the year ensuing or untill another appointment.

Joseph Estes reported that he informed ^{James Tucker of his arrival} Wm. Anthony returned a copy of a minute to this respecting which was granted him in the 11m 1801

We are informed through the South preparative meeting that Stephen Howland on his return from a religious meeting pretook of some spontaneous liquor after which he fell of his Horse and behaving like a man Intoxicated & also behaved before unbecom

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becoming to his Neighbours Children some of which he was beaten with stripes for which reproachfull and unbecoming behaviours the overseers have laboured with him, but he not appearing in a Disposition to make Satisfaction whereupon we appoint John Tucker George Sanford John Shepherd & Oliver Potter to Labour further with him endeavouring to Convince him of the Evil of such conduct & report next month.

James Tucker Clerk

1802

20th 12/12

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 20th of 12^{mo}. 1802 the representatives from the South preparative meeting are Humphrey Russell & George Smith 2^d. North Ebenezer Chase & Thomas Mott 2^d. all present.

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended according to appointment.

The Treasurer reported that he forwarded our proportion of the yearly meeting Stock as directed

Pelley Gifford a paper through the South preparative meeting Condemning his outgoings & desiring to be reinstated into membership again. And after it being deliberated upon, it appears to be the mind of this meeting, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, to except his paper for Satisfaction, and he is received into membership with us.

& Joseph Exels is appointed to read his paper publicly & report next month

Pelley Gifford
paper
acknowledged
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A removal Certificate was presented on behalf of Catharine Sanford directed to Sidney monthly meeting which was approved & signed.

The Committee in the Case of Stephen Tucker informed that they attended to the service, & are not ready to report, they desired to report next month. Charles & John desire a removal Certificate to New Bedford m^o. meeting, we appoint Jonathan Willbourn and Giles Smith to make the necessary inspection & produce one at our next monthly meeting if no objection appears.

A request from friends in Allens neck to hold meetings there was usual until the 4th m^o. next to begin & to held in the following manner 1 m^o. to Pelley Sloums 1 m^o. to Thomas allens 1 m^o. to Thomas Howlands, 1 m^o. to Timothy Gifford we appoint Caleb Sloum Thomas Allen Samuel Gifford Willbourn Gifford & Oliver Potter and Joseph Wing to have the care thereof & report in the 4th m^o. next.

Also a similar request from friends in Smith neck to hold meetings there as usual which was granted them, and to be held where the Committee shall think Proper we appoint W^m. Smith Jonathan Willbourn Gideon Howland George Smith Giles Smith & James Tucker to have the care & ordering the same, to report in the 4th m^o. next.

A removal Certificate was signed on behalf of Pelley Gifford directed to Saratoga m^o. m.

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dan-
-mouth the 17th of 11th mo. 1803. the represen-
-tatives from the South preparatives meeting
-are Ebenezer Potter & Joseph Wing North Edward
-Slade Jun. & John Winslow, all present.

Joseph Estes informed this meeting that
-Pelig Gifford's paper of Acknowledgement has
-not been read, he is desired to read it & report
-next month.

The Committee in the case of
-Stephen Howland reported ^{that} they have had an oppor-
-tunity with him and received some satisfact-
-ion. yet it is the mind of this meeting to defer
-said matter another month under the care
-of the committee ^{for} ^{the} ^{month} they then
-to report.

The Committee appointed produced a removal
-Certificate for Charles Adkin directed to New Bedford
-m^e. meeting which was approved & signed by
-the Clerk.

A removal certificate from Danby m^e.
-meeting dated 9th of 12th mo. 1802 on behalf of Joseph
-Moshier was read & accepted.

A new Choir of overseers of the poor coming
-before this meeting whereupon we appoint
-George Smith 1st Giles Smith Clerk Hoo-
-land Stephen Gifford Humphrey Russell
-Thomas Mott 2^d Samuel Gifford & John Win-
-slow for that service the year ensuing.

The Clerk reported that he read the testimony
-of Joseph Gifford ^{Jun.} as directed

Joseph Gifford Jun. having had his
-education amongst the people called Quakers, but
-through inattention to our known principles hath
-deviated so far therefrom as to justify too freely of
-Spiritus Big Dors from time to time contrary to
-the advice of his friends: thereby violating the discipli-
-ne we profess to live under inasmuch that he
-hath given occasion for some to speak reproachfully
-on his account; for which disorder we have re-
-peatedly laboured with him, but he appearing too
-insensible thereof, our Labours of love did not
-have their desired effect, he manifesting a disposition
-rather to cover than Condemn his outgoings; Where-
-fore for the maintenance of that principle which
-we profess — do give this forth as a testimony
-against such intemperance. — And no longer own
-him a member of our Religious Society until he man-
-ifest true sorrow of heart therefor and Condemn
-the same to the satisfaction of his friends —
-which that he may is our sincere desire

Given forth at our monthly meeting of
-Friends held in Dartmouth the 18th of 10th mo. 1802
- & signed by order of the same by
-James Tucker Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dan-
-mouth the 21st of 2nd mo. 1803 the representative
-from the South preparatives meeting are
-Caleb Ploum & Asolved Howland North Edu-
-ard Slade Jun. & Ebenezer Chase all present

Joseph Estes reported that Pelig Gifford's
-paper of acknowledgement has been read

The Committee in the case of Ste-
-phen Howland reported that they have had
-several opportunities with him & that he

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21st of 2nd mo

appears too insensible of the propriety of Loan
diminishing his outgoings to friends Satisfaction.

Nevertheless it is the mind of this meeting to
defer S. matter another month under the
care of the committee they then to report

We are informed through the South pre-
parative m. that Samuel Barber has been
so unguarded in his Conduct as to fall into
a bodily Strife with Amson Macomber
to that of blow. The overseers having Labour'd
with him but did not receive Satisfaction where-
upon we appoint Joseph Estes and Joseph
Tucker to labour & advise with him Endeavouring
to convince him of the Evil of such conduct
& report next m.

This meeting is informed by the next
preparative meeting that Gideon Mosher has
kept company with a woman not a member
& married contrary to the order of Society. ^{which} ^{is} ^{prohibited}
-ence he was duly ^{re}monstrated by an overseer.

whereupon this meeting apprehending to be clear
of further labour do with the Concurrence
of the women do disown him the S. Gideon
from being any longer a member of this meeting
un he should be favoured to see his outgoings
return & make Satisfaction to this meeting.

Mr Mosham Tucker is appointed to inform him there of & report
next month. An acknowledgment signed by John
Howland son of Gideon Condemning his outgoing
& desiring to be reinstated into membership again
was presented.

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27th of 3rd mo

whereupon we appoint Wm Anthony & James
Tucker to visit him & endeavour to find his
Sincerity & report next month.

Signed James Tucker Clerk

John
Gifford

To the preparative & monthly meeting of
friends to be held at Dartmouth the 15th and 20th
of 12th mo. 1802

Beloved friends whereas in
the time of the late war, I thought it my duty
to take arms & stand guard for the Common
Safety which conduct gave friends just occasion
to disown my Continuing a member of this religious
Society. - But being since clearly convinced that
Christian profusion leads out of all wars and
bloodshed even defensive. I feel engaged to dis-
cuss my disapprobation thereof and do hereby
bear Testimony against the same much desiring
friends on their parts to revive me into unity
as one who has transgressed ignorantly in un-
belief

John Gifford

Dartmouth the 12th of 12th mo. 1802.

At a monthly meeting of friends held in
Dartmouth the 21st of 3rd mo. 1803. - The rep-
resentatives from the South preparative meeting
are Joseph Tucker & George Safford North
Gideon Gifford & Thomas Mott. all present

The names were read in this meeting & an-
swers thereto prepared, which we think ^{are} ^{deserve} ^{to} ^{be} ^{forwarded} ^{to} ^{the}
Quarterly meeting by our representatives who
are Joseph Tucker Humphrey Russell &

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12th mo
21st 1803

James Tucker they are desired to make reports of their attendances at ^{our} next m. m. and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to S. meeting

The Committee in the case of Stephen Howland informed this meeting that they have nothing different to report than what has been heretofore reported, yet it is the mind of this meeting to defer S. meeting another month in order that he may come to a right sense of his outgoings; they then to report.

The Committee in the case of Sam^l. Barber informed this meeting that they attended to the service but are not ready to report, they are continued in the care thereof to report next month.

We concur with the women in executing a removal Certificate from New Bedford m. m. Dated 2nd mo. 1803 on behalf of Edith Sison wife of Jonathan.

Abraham Tucker reported that he informed Gideon Noyes of his denial

The Committee in the case of John Howland reported that they received a degree of satisfaction Nevertheless it is concluded another month for further proof of his sincerity to report next month.

Deliverance Smith with his ^{wife} forwarded a request to this meeting for their two children namely Sarah & William to be admitted into membership with us whereupon we appointed Joseph Estes & Jonathan Wilbour to visit the

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12th mo
21st 1803

Family & Children and report next month 388
Job Anthony request a removal Certificate for himself & family to Rhode Island monthly, Joseph Estes & Caleb Stearns is appointed by the Society inspection & produce one at our next monthly m. if no objection appears James Tucker Clerk

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12th mo
18th 1803

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 18th of 4th mo. 1803

The representatives from the South part antislavery meeting are Samuel Gifford & Jonathan Wilbour north Gideon Gifford & Ebenezer Chase. all present except Samuel Gifford

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Stephen Howland informed that they have nothing different to report, ^{than} what has been heretofore reported; they are continued in the care thereof with addition of George Smith & J. Jonathan Wilbour to report next month

The Committee in the case of Samuel Barber reported that they have had another opportunity with him, and that he did not appear in a disposition of mind to condemn his outgoings to friends satisfaction therefore this meeting apprehending to be clear of further Labour do with the consensus of the women disown him the S. meeting from being any longer a member of this m. meeting he should be favoured to see his outgoings, return & sincerely condemn the same

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we appoint Humphrey Russell & Joseph Coates to inform him thereof & prepare a testimony of his denial & present, next month

In Conuence with the women we sign a removal Certificate for Mary Ellen Woodman one on behalf of Job Anthony & family, both directed to Rhode Island monthly meeting

Also In Conuence with the women we signed removal Certificates for Hannah Woodman, Mary, Elizabeth & Mercy Stead all directed to Acarant monthly meeting

The Committee in the Case of John Howland reported that they attended to their appointments to a good degree of Satisfaction & do with the concurrence of the women Exhibit his acknowledgement & receive him into membership with us - we appoint Wm. Anthony & James Tucker to inform him thereof prepare a certificate & present, at our next m. m.

The Committee appointed to visit Deliverance Smith & family reported, that they are of good Satisfaction & do In Conjunction with the women receive his two Children Namely Sarah & Wm. into membership with us

The Committee to have the care & visits of the meetings in Ellens & Smiths Neck made the following report which was satisfactory to this meeting

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held in Dartmouth the 18 of 2. m. 1803

The Committee appointed to have the care

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of the meetings in Ellens neck inform that they have all been attended & we think in a good degree orderly to the Satisfaction & encouragement of many that attended them

Signed on behalf of the C. H. By Thomas Allen

To the monthly meeting Elizabeth Howland writing. We your C. H. appointed to have the care of the meetings in Smith neck report that we generally attended s. meetings, which was all kept up & attended by most of friends the hour generally observed & in a good degree devout & orderly therein to our mutual Comfort & Satisfaction for which favours we are to be humbly thankful. Signed in behalf of the Com. 1803. Wm. Anthony Sarah Howland

David Howland presented an acknowledgement through the South Preparative meeting condemning his sleeping company & marring out of the order of Society whereupon we appoint Abner Steeter & Humphrey Russell to visit him & endeavor to find his motive in so doing & report next m. m.

our friend Zephaniah Coley informed this meeting that he is about to make a visit among his relations & friends at Easton in the State of New York & prays there a way there may testify on his behalf that he is a member of the meeting in unity with us & the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

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At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 16 of 2. m. 1803 the representatives from the South Preparative meeting are Benj. Siskind & Joseph May North Thomas Matt & John Tucker all

Samuel Gifford rendered a satisfactory reason for his not attending at our last monthly m.

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76. 5. m.

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The Committee in the Case of Stephen Howland informed that they have had another opportunity with him & think it best to continue it another month: it is accordingly continued under their care they then to report.

The Committee appointed, reported that they informed Samuel Barker of his denial and presented a testimony thereof which was approved & signed by the Clerk and ^{Wm. Anthony} ~~South~~ is appointed to read it publicly in our usual manner, and report next month. Said testimony is as follows

Whereas Samuel Barker who had a right of membership among friends, but for want of a due regard to the dictates of truth & rules of our Society did fall into a bddy strife with one of his neighbours to that of blows which being inconsistent with our profession, we have from time to time rebuked him the evil of such conduct & condemn the same but he not appearing in a disposition of mind to con- make satisfaction to friends, therefore we disown him from being any longer a member of our religious Society until he more cordially comply with the advice of his friends & make satisfaction for his outgoings. Given forth at our monthly m. of friends held in Dartmouth the 15th of Decr. 1803.

The Committee reported that John Howland is informed of his reprobation and produced a Certificate directed to New Bedford m. meeting which was approved and signed by Clerk

The Committee in the Case of Daniel Howland informed that they attended to their appointment and think it best to continue it another month, it is accordingly continued under their care to report next month

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184. 5. m.

In concurrence with the women we signed a remove certificate for Ruth Wadsworth wife of Gasham decided to attend monthly meeting.

To the preparative & monthly meeting of friends in Dartmouth

Esteemed Friends
Whereas I have so far departed from the good order of friends as to attend a marriage Ceremony to S^r order also appeared out of Plains for which I was justly disowned by friends since taking the matter under solid consideration find a concern on my mind to make satisfaction therefore I hereby condemn my said misconduct disowning friends to help by offence and receive me again under their care if upon inspection they shall find me worthy
yours assured Friend John Howland
New Bedford D. M. 15. 1803

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76. 6. m.

At a monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth the 6th of Decr. 1803. The representatives from the South preparative meeting are Joseph Wing & Zephaniah Buffingtons North Ebenezer Chase & John Parker all present

Joseph Curtis appeared in this meeting and publicly condemned his consenting to let his children go as Spouters where was perfect shows with music, which acknowledgment is satisfactory & Wm. Anthony is appointed to read a copy of the foregoing

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Nov. 6th

minute Publicly in our usual manner report
next month. ^{eo}

In Concurrence with the women we signed a
removal Certificate for Meriah Smith Widow dire-
cted to Saratoga m: m. also one for her two Dau-
ghters Ruby & Abigail Smith directed to the same m.

This meeting Concludes that in future to atten-
the holding of our m: m. in this month to the
usual Course to wit the 3rd 2nd day of the month

This meeting adjourns to the 20th of this month
after a meeting for worship

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20 day met by adjournment The represen-
tatives being called are all present

The papers were read in this meeting &
answers to the usual Three prepared which are
descriptive of the state of our meeting & are dire-
cted to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by
our Representatives who are Caleb Hallow Thomas
Allen & James Tucker. They are desired to report
their attendance at our next m: m. & the Clerk is
directed to forward a Copy of this minutes to S: m.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Howland
report that they attended to the service from time to
time and received some satisfaction. Nevertheless
it is deferred another month under the care of the Com-
mittee they then to report,

The Committee in the case of Daniel Howland
report that they attended to the service and belie-
ve have come to a sense of this outgoing & re-
ceived good satisfaction yet it is continued another
month for the further proof of his Sincerity. ^{S: m.}

Samuel Barber's testimony of denial not having 394
been read W: m. Anthony is continued to read it
report next month.

Resolved & enacted a removal Certificate from
Acraunt m: m. meeting on behalf of Samuel Head & his
Wife Pease with their Children Edward King &
W: m. dated the 5th 1803.

A Complaint was forwarded through the South
preparative meeting against Benj: Allen for his
having kept Company & married with ^{one} a member
and his wife having a Child soon after marriage
whereupon this meeting apprehending to be clear of
for the labour do with the Concurrence of the women
deny unity with him the S: m. King's from being
any longer a member of our Society untill he shall
be favoured to see his outgoings return & make
satisfaction. Jehannah Buffington & Humphrey
Kempell is appointed to inform him thereof & pre-
pare a testimony of his denial & present next
month.

Signed on behalf of S: m. meeting by
James Tucker Clerk