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EAST HOOSACK MONTHLY MEETING.

(Held at Adams, Mass.)

MENS' MINUTES, 1783 - 1793.

VOL. I.

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A BOOK OF RECORDS FOR EAST HOOSUCK MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES.

To the Monthly Meeting at East Hoosuck now Setting.

We the Committee Appointed by the Yearly Meeting to Assist the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings being now mett, and haveing perrused your Minutes for Some Time past think Proper to lay before You the following Remarks and Observations as cautions and Advice with respect to Transacting the affairs of the Church.

1st When Committees are appointed to Any Service that in General they be directed to Reporte next Month in which they Should Set forth the perticular State and Circumstance of things and in Dealing with Offenders or in Visiting persons requesting to be received as Members that they indeavour to Report the disposition

and frame of the persons Minde Leaving it to the Meeting to Consider what further Step may be Necessary to take as truth may Open the way and that the Minutes in Such and all Other Cases be made Clear and Expliseit Setting forthe the Meetings Dileberation and consern with the reason for defering matters & c. In order that it may appear Plain in future Generation.

2nd That all Epistles from the Meeting^(of) Sufferings and Others directed Perticular to the Monthly Meeting be Entered at large on the Minutes.

3rd Certificates Given and Recived borth for men and Women Friends be Entered at large in a Sutable book for that purpose and Friends Appointed to Record and keep the Same.

4th That Subscriptions be referred to Preparative Meetings to Make the Necessary Appointment in Order to prevent Unnecessary business In Monthly Meetings.

5th That particular regard be had to the Extracts which Come down From the Yearly Meeting in the fore part of the Meeting in Order to (a)sist we propose that whare Representatives to attend Superiour are Appointed/Meetings with Such matters as relate there to that they be directed by the Minute to Report their attendance and what business was directed down to the Monthly Meeting and that they be Called upon to Report the Sa(me) To the Early or fore part of the succeeding Meeting like wise that The Reading Considering and Answering the Quearies be done in the fore part of the Meeting.

6th When the Meeting has Come to a Judgment in respect to the Necessity of disowning any Member that Two Friends be appointed To inform him thereof and if it be for a Matter of Public Scandal they be Directed to Prepare a Testification and produce to Next Meeting and that friends be then very careful not delay the Judgements Going forth by Requesting an opertunity with the Person without Weightily Considering the Same lest the

right Time be passed Over and weakness ensue when ^(where) By much Exercise And Trouble may be Brought on Meetings.

7th That at all Times when the women thinks it Necessary to Disown Any Member that they first Apply for and have the Concurrence of the Mens Meeting there in and the Same be Entered on Your Minutes The like care to be Observed when they Think Proper To Receive Any Member.

8th That when Papers of Condemnation are Offered to the Meeting Previous To any Complaint Against the Person So offering the Same that the Meeting Proceed Nevertheless to Take notice there of by Appointing in Some Friends to Make the nessarary enquirey into the True State of the Case and Report as they find Matters and that then the Meeting Proceed therein Till the Same is finally determined without Referring it Back either to Pre-Parative Meetings or Oversears.

9th That Overseers and other concerned Friends have a watchful Care Over their Members and when they discover any Disorderly Conduct that thay Timely labour with Such for their Restoration which will be a meanes of Preventing Still Greater disorder but when any Proves Refractory and Regard not the advice of their Friends that it be Brought to The Monthly Meeting which we desire may be done in a Proper way Signifying that the Friends by not Taking heed to the Principle of Truth in his own minde and Giving way to a libertine Spirit hath So far deviated as to fall into divers disorders and Peticularly That which appears the Most Glareing and Reproachfull Contrary to which we have Observed it to have been your Practice To Mention the Principale disorder and then to add thereto Some Lessor deviation which to us hath not appeared Proper to Come After or to be So Minutely Expressed with desires forthe Prosperity of Truth amongst you and the Advancement thereof Amongst the Inhabitance of these new Settlements that you may Conduct wisely Before Them that So that there may Be no Cause of Stumbling Caste in their way whose Eyes are upon you but that your Conduct

may have this Inviting Language Come follow us as we follow Christ in order to which we intreat you To Dwell in True love and unity one with another and Labour to discourage Every thing that would raise disesteem or Some discord amongst Brethren and allthough the Enemy may indeavour By his wiles and Stratagemms to Scatter & divide yet as you are careful to dwell in Patience and meekness forbearing one another his Design will be frusterated and you will Experience a Growth in the Unchangable Truth as well as an Addition to Your Number. We Conclude and Remain Your Friends and Brethren Signed By Direction and on behalf of the Committee afore Said By.....William Rickman.

(Capitalization not followed strictly hereafter)

AT A MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT EAST HOOSUCK Y^e 2 of the 6^mo. 1783.

The Representatives called and are all present. Edward Edmond is appointed clerk for the time.

It appears by the extracts of the Quarterly Meeting that this Meeting and the Monthly Meeting of Saratogua Is divided into two distinct Monthly Meetings Upon Probation for one year.

As it is probably there may be some minutes on the records of the Monthly Meeting before the division that may concern this Meeting Nathan Comstock and Jeremiah Smith are appointed to attend the next Monthly Meeting at Saratoga and request the asistance of that Meeting in perusing the Old Records and take off such minutes as may concern this Meeting and report to our next Meeting.

As it appears that there is now no committee appointed since the Monthly Meetings were Divided therefore this Meeting concludes to dismiss the former that was appointed and appointe George Southwick David Anthony John Wells and Adam Markness to visit on account of superfluetyes the due and wakefull attendance of Meetings

and other branches of our Christian Testimony and reporte seasonably to go up to the next Yearly Meeting.

By directions of the Quarterly Meeting for the Monthly Meeting to raise £ 25 for Repairing the Meeting house at New Milford and £ 65⁸ for finishing the Meeting house near Daniel Havilands our Preparative Meeting is directed to raise this propotion there of and pay the same to Benjamin Havaland and Jesse Lane as directed by the Quarterly Meeting and report to this Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting hath further directed that a visit be performed to negros that have been set free and the friends who have set them free in order for a ~~settlement~~ settlement between the negros and the friends who have set them free agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting the following friends are therefore appointed to that service and are desired to report seasonable to go to nexte Yearly Meeting viz John Upton & Jeremiah Smith.

Jeremiah Smith and John Wells are appointed to procure a sutable book for to enter the Minutes and proceedings of this Meeting in and produce to next Meeting with the cost thereof.

This Meeting adjourns to the usual time a greeable to direction of the Quarterly Meeting.

AT A MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT EASTE HOOSUCK YE 10th mo. 1783.

The representatives being called are present except one. Edward Edmonds is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries were read & the Usual six answered as foloweth
 Ans. 1st Our Meeting for religious worship & discipline are generally attended by most but slackness appears in others more especiey in the youth the hour appointed generally **observed** by those who stadaly attend and some advice given.

Ans. 3rd We believe there is a degree of love & unity subsists amongst us as becomes Brethren but not so fully with all as is

desired & some advice given.

Ans. 5th Where differences are known to arise endeavours are used to end them.

Ans. 14th Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know.

Ans. 17th Clear.

Ans. 20th 20th some care taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness measureably agreeable to our discipline.

The Friends appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Saratogue and desire the assistance of that Meeting in searching the old records report the appointment answered producing the Minutes (Minutes) which are as followeth. At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck by adjournments 20th ye 8 mo 1781 agreeable to the directions of the Yearly Meeting Minutes this Meeting appoints Abraham Lapham Nathan Comstock John Wells William Baker Daniel Folger Rufuss Hall Gilbert Wright Anthony Nichols Micajah Covil David Lapham & Stephen Hoag as a Committee to erect school & produce school masters for the night education of our youth & have the oversight thereof and report their progress therein seasonably to go up to the Next Yearly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck 11~~th~~ ye 4 mo. 1782.

Snow Randall is Appointed to record and keep Friends sufferings At a Monthly Meeting held by adjournments at East Hoosack ye 15 ye 8 mo. 1782.

This Meeting appoints Snow Randall & John Upton overseer for East Hoosack for the Insuing year.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosack ye 10 ye 10 mo 1782.

The school Committee not making reports to this meeting as desired therefore they are desired to report the Monthly Meeting Preceding the Nexte Quarter.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosack 12 of 12 mo 1782.

The Friends appointed to draw a certificate for Robert Nisbet to travel on a religious visit have produced one) which being read several times and solidly considered is approved of and signed by the Clerk at an adjournment of this Meeting to the 13 of this instant ~~two~~ friends appointed to visit Isaac Killey on account of his visit to Friends at Yarmouth Report they have satisfaction with his proceeding as a companion for Robert Nisbet which this Meeting concurs with & a few lines being prepared for Isaac is read and approved of & signed by the clerk: Robert Nisbet Informed this Meeting that he was desirous to be released from the appointment of speaking to those in authority to not set up papers at our Meeting house which this meeting concurs with and appoints George Southwick in his place.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 18 ye 4 mo. 1783. The Committee appointed to visit Friends Families on the account of superfluities report the appointment is not answered which report brought an exercise over this Meeting & many Friends deeply affected that so good a work should have so small progress by this Meeting. A renewed concern arose in this Meeting that the ~~work~~^{work} might go on and as it~~q~~ appears by the extracts the labour was to be continued untill otherwise directed by the Yearly Meeting:- This Meeting thinks best to add to the Committee except Abraham Lapham to proceed in the labour as they in the wisdom of truth shall be directed and report their progress at the Monthly Meeting preceeding next quarter; Isaac Leggett George Southwick David Anthony & Micajah Covil.

Robert Nisbet & Isaac Killey returned their Certificates baring date ye 12 of 12 mo. 1782 to travel on a religious visit in Newengland with several endow^sments and certificates which are as foloweth.

Our Belovd Friend Robert Nisbet within Named attended this our Meeting with the within lines which were read to satisfaction his company and labours in the love of the Gospl well approved

amongst us given forth and signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth on the 20th of the first month A D 1783 by Wm. Anthony Jr Clerk Our Belovd Friend Robert Nisbet attended this our Meeting within lines which were read to satisfaction his company & labours in the love of the Gospell was to a good degree of satisfaction amongst us signed in and by order of our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swanzey ye 3 & 4 days of the Second mo. 1783 By Moses Buffenton Clerk. Our Beloved Friend Isaac Killey attended this our Meeting with the within lines which were read to Satisfaction his company & labours in the love of the Gospel was to a good degree of satisfaction amongst us singed in and by order of our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swanzey ye 3rd & 4 days of the Second Month 1783 By Moses Baffinton Clerk. Our belovd Friend Isaac Killey attended this our Meeting with the within lines which were read to ^{our} satisfaction his compnay and labours in the love of the Gospel was to good degree of satisfaction amongst us signed in and by or order of our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swanzey ye 3 & 4 Days of the Second Month 1783 By Moses Buffinton Clerk.

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(A) The within named Robert N. Nisbet attended this & our laste Monthly Meeting with the within certificate which now read in this our Meeting & was with his labours of Gospel Love Truely Satisfactory to us signed in behalf of this our Monthly Meeting held at Acoakset on the 15th of the 2 day 1782 by Philip Tripp Clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Coaksett ye 15th of the 2 mo. 1783.

To the Monthly Meeting of East Hoosack & Saratoga These may certafye that Isaac Killey attended this Meeting with this your certificate to our satisfactiön signed on behalf of said Meeting by Philip Tripp Clerk.

Our belovd Friend within named Isaac Killey attended this Meeting in company with our beloved Friend Robert Nisbet whose vesil

and company hath ben truly satiffactory given forth and signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Dartmouth on the 17th and by adjurnment on the 18th of the 2 mo. 1783 by Wm. Anthony Jr. Clerk. Our beloved Friend Robert Nisbet attended this Monthly Meeting of Friends held at ^{Pembroke} Penbrook ~~(sic)~~ ye 5 of 3^d mo 1783 in company with our beloved Friend Isaac Killey whose company & labours of love hath ben truely satisfactory to this Meeting signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Bailey Clerk. **T**o the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosuck. Our beloved Friend Isaac Killey attended this Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Pembrake ye 5 of the 3rd mo. 1783 in company with our beloved Friend Robart Nisbet whose Visit & Company & Labour of Love hath ben truly satisf^factory to this Meeting signed in & by order of our said Meeting by John Bailey Clerk. **T**o the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosack and Saratoga.

From Our Monthly Meeting held at Salem New England the 10th of the 4th mo. 1783. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosack & Saratoga Dear Friends Our beloved Friend Robert Nisbet having a attended our laste Monthly Meeting & moste of the particular Meetings belong^g to this Meeting and produced your certificate dated ye 17 of ye 12 mo. (faded)

These therefore may certify on his behalf that his visit is acceptable to us his ministry being sound and edifying and his conduct and conversation exampalary and becoming a Gospel Minister with desires that his ardent labours amongst us borth in the ministry and discipline of the church may be crowned with success and that when his visit is over he may return to his famerly with the answer of peace we conclude and are your Friends Brethern & Sisters. Signed in and on behalf of our said Monthly Meeting by Samuel Collins Clerk.

By.....Anne Breed, Clerk

From our Monthly Meeting held at Salem New England the 10th of the 4th mo. 1783. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosack & Saratoga Dear Friends, Our beloved Friend Isaac Killey having attended our laste Monthly Meeting in company with our beloved Friend Robert Nisbet also moste of the perticular Meetings belonging to this Meeting and produced your certificate dated the 12 of the 12 mo. 1782. These therefore may certify on his behaf that his visit is acceptable to us his labours amongst us in the discipline of the Church being edifying and instructive to us and his publick appearences amongst us to satisfaction, with desires for his preservation and support throthe corse of his visit and that when itis over he may return to his famerly with the answer of peace we conclude & are your Friends Brethren & Sisters, Signed in and on behalf of our said Monthly Meeting by Samuel Collins Clerk.

By.....Anne Breed Clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Amsbury ye 20th of the 3mo. 1783. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Easte Hoosack, Dear Friends this Meeting has ben favoured with the company of our estemed Friend Robert Nisbet with your certificate dated the 12 of the 12 mo 1782, whose labours in the Gospel with us is to edification and his conduct exemplary with desires for his preservation and safe return to you again with the reward of peace in his bosom, we conclude and remain your Friends and Brethren, Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by Moses Rowell Clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Amsbury ye 20th of ye 3rd mo. 1783. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Easte Hoosuck & Saratoga. Dear Friends we have ben favoured with the company of our estemed Friend Isaac Killey with your certificate dated the 12 of ye 12 mo. 1782 whose labours amongst us in the Gospel hath ben to edification & comfort his conduct exemplary with desires for his preservation and safe return to you again with the reward of peace

in his bosom we conclude & remain your friends and brethren signed in and on behalf of our sd Meeting, by Moses Rowell Clerk. From our Monthly Meeting held at Dover in New Hampshire New England ye 19th of the 4 mo. 1783 To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosuck Beloved Friends Where as our beloved Friend Isaac Killey in company with our Friend Robert Nisbet hath attended this Meeting with several others in our parts with your certificate whose company with his publick testimony appeared to satisfaction we conclude with desires for prosperity and groath in the truth your affectionate Friends and Brethren Signed in & on behalf of our sd Meeting by Enoch Hoag Clerk.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Falmouth ye 26 of ye 4th mo. 1783. To the Monthly Meeting at Easte Hoosuck Dear Friends After our salutation of love we have to inform you that our esteemed Friend Robert Nisbet having visited too of our Monthly Meetings who produced a certificate from your Monthly Meeting dated ye 12 of the 12th mo. 1782 which was read in this our Monthly Meeting to good satisfaction Now these are to certifye whilst amongst us his labours of love in the Gospel and discipline hath ^(been) truly acceptable to us so with desires that the supporting arm which has hitherto preserved him may still support him through his verious alotments that when his service is over he may return to his family with the answer of peace in his bosom so we conclude and remain your Friends & Brethren and Sisters, Signed in and on behalf of our said Monthly Meeting by William Winslow Clerk Elisabeth Moriel Clerk.

P.S. Likewise have' visited all the meetings belonging to this Meeting to the Eastward of Falmouth.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Falmouth ye 26 of the 4th mo. 1783. To the Monthly Meeting at East Hoosuck Dear Friends after our salutation of love we hereby inform you that our esteemed Friend, Isaac Killey having visited two of our Monthly Meetings with your

certificate dated the 12 of the 12 mo. 1782 which was read in our Monthly Meeting to good satisfaction now these are to certify that whilst amongst us his labours in the love of the Gospel & discipline hath ben truly acceptable to us so with desires that the supporting arm which has hither to preserved him may still support him through his various allotments that when his service is over he may return to his famerly with the answer of peace in his bosom so we conclude and remain your Friends & Brethren & Sisters Signed in & on behalf of our sd Monthly Meeting by Willm Winslow Clerk.

P.S. Likewise have visited all the Meetings belonging to this meeting to the eastward of Falmouth Elizabeth Morrel Clerk. From our Monthly Meeting held at Barwick for Dover the 17 & 18th of the 5th mo. 1783 To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosuck beloved Friends our beloved Friend Robert Nisbet hath attended this Meeting as allso one of our Monthly Meetings before and all our Preparative Meetings with several other Meetings for worship wherein his lab(ours & services have (been) truly edifying & helpful to us with desires for his prosperity in the truth & safe return to you when his service is over with the reward of peace in his own bosom we conclude your Friends signed in & on behalf of our said Monthly Meeting by Enoch Hoag Clerk, by Hannah Austin Clerk.

From our Quarterly Meeting at Salem New England the 6 & 7th of the 6th mo. 1783 To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosuck Dear Friends Our beloved Friend Robert Nisbet having on his religious visit attended moste of the perticular meetings in this Quarter and many famerlies of Friends in Divers places also the several sitings of this Meeting and produced your certificate dated the 12th of the 12 mo. 1782 These therefore may certify on his behalf that his visit has ben acceptable to us his labours amongst us borth in the ministry & discipline: edify ing

and instructive and his conversation & conduct exemplary and becoming his station in the church with desires that his ardent labour may be blessed with success & that when his visit is over he may have for his reward the answer of peace We conclude with our salutation of endeared love & are your Friends Brethren & Sisters Signed in and on behalf of our said Quarterly Meeting by Jeremiah Hacker Clerk By Anne Breed Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting held at Newport for New England From the 13 of the 6th mo. 1783 to the 17 of the same. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosuck Dear Friends Our Friend Robart Nisbet attended this Meeting with your certificate dated the 12th of the 12th mo. 1782 and his company and christian labours have been to our satisfaction desiring when his service amongst us may be accomplished that he may be favoured to return with the comfort of a peaseful mind We are your Friends and Brethren signed in and behalf of our Meeting a foresaid by Samuel Roadman Clerk this year Mary Brown Clerk this year.

Our Friend Isaac Killey having attended this Meeting with the with-in certificate These are to certify that his company and labours amongst us were truly acceptable signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Smith Field the 29th and 30th of the 5 mo. 1783 By Thomas Arnold Clerk.

The matter respecting schools coming again under consideration this Meeting thinks beste to discharge the former Committee who were appointed before the Monthly Meeting was divided from that service (and) appoints the folowing Friends as a Committee to have the oversight and charge of the education of our youth and report their proceeding to the Monthly Meeting preeeding our nexte Quarterly Meeting in the 10th month Edward Edmonds Adam Harkness Samuel Cooper John Wells Snows Randal John Upton Abraham Lapham & Caleb Braley.

A copy of a Minute has been presented to this Meeting signifying

that Gedien Anthony was about to reside some time at Easte Hoosack which we now return to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting with an Indorsement.

This Meeting appoints the following Friends to attend our nexte Quarterly Meeting and carry up and bring down such accounts as may concern this Meeting Abraham Lapham John Upton Jeremiah Smith & Enous Curtious.

The Friends appointed to procure a book and produce it to this Meeting reporte the appointment not answered therefore they are continued in that service and to reporte at our nexte Meeting. Our preparative Meeting hath raised the some of £ 2:18:4 New York curenacy the sum demanded by our Quarterly Meeting and this Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith to carrey it whare directed and reporte to our next Meeting This Meeting adjourns to be held here at the usual time in nexte month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easte Hoosack ye 14 of the 8 mo 1783 The representatives called and all present Jeremiah Smith is appointed clerk for this time received a certificate of removal from Easte Greenwich baring date ye 2 of the 6 mo 1783 for Isaac Upton which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction and excepted. Two of the Friends who were appointed to attend our Laste Quarterly Meeting reported thay attended but missed of bring down the extracts of that Meeting & other business directed to the Meeting by trusting to some other Friends and this Meeting considering the same desire that representatives or other Friends appointed by this Meeting into servicies may be more careful to answer their appointment in full for the future The other two Friends gave a reason which this Meeting excepts of. The Friends appointed to procure a book for recording our Monthly Meetings Munites report the appoint not answered and desire the Meeting to wait a little longer: Which this Meeting grantes and desires them to produce the book if they can to next Meeting.

Jeremiah Smith reported that he had delivered the money where directed according to appointments at our last Meeting: A minute came up from our Preparative Meeting signifying that George Southwick Adam harkness and John Upton was Anominated as oversears for() after a solid consideration there on this Meeting app(*oints them*) for one year.

This Meeting taken into consideration that there has been no Friends appointed to take an account of Friends sufferings & thinking it nesasary that there should be a Committee for that service we therefor appointe Jeremiah Smith & John Wells for one year a Committee to take an account of & inspect the suffrings of Frinds & bring the same up each Monthly Meeting before each Quarterly Meeting and Friends are desired to bring in their accounts of their sufferings as they suffer to the said Committee. This Meeting desires the Preparative Meeting to open subscriptions in order to raise a suffincey to settle with the school master for the year past. Agreeable to a request from the Monthly Meeting of Woman Friends this Meeting ^(appoints) Robert Nisbet & Snow Randal to asist them in visit to Grace Parish in regard to her ~~regusting~~ to come under the care of Friends & report to our next Meeting.

We have been favoured with the company of our beloved Friend Mekitobel Jinkins with a certifiycate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Barwick for Dover ye 17th of the 15th mo 1783 which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction. A few lines has allso been signed on the behalf of this Meeting by the clerk and directed to the Monthly Meeting of Dover signifying our unity and satisfaction with our said Friend and her service amongst us. There was also a certificate read in this Meeting on behalf of Abner ^(sic) Hill: and Sarah Barney her companion and certificate sent to Dover & Nantucket signifying our

satisfaction with there conduct whilst amongst us from this Meeting Being Signed by the Clerk.

This Meeting adjourns to be held at the usual time in next Month. At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosack the 11th of the 9th mo. 1783 the representatives called are all present except one John Upton is appointed Clerk until the eighth Month Next This Meeting received the extracts of the Yearly Meetings Minutes with the advice therein as also the extracts of the Quarterly Meeting Minutes received. Directions from the Quarterly Meeting directing this Meeting to open subscription for raising money for the building a Meeting house at Danby.

This Meeting directs the Preparative Meeting to open subscriptions for that purpose It appears from the extracts of the Quarterly Meeting minutes that the Meeting of Ministers & elders is divided and that the holding their Meeting at the Oblong as usual and at the Ninepartners the day before the Quarterly Meeting and to ~~and to set~~ at the eleventh hour the clerk is desired to hand a copy of this Minute to the select Preparative Meetings It appears by the extracts of from the Quarterly Meeting directing this Meeting to raise money for suffering cases and other purposes and direct the Preparative Meetings to open subscriptions for *(this purpose)* and report to next Meeting.

The Friends that was appointed to procure a book to record the Monthly Meetings Minutes report the appointment is answered & produced a book with the cost four shillings which is directed to the preparative Meeting.

This Meeting Received an Apistale from the Yearly Meeting held in London by Adjournments from the 20th of the 5th mo 1782, to the 25 of the same.

As also one from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia by adjournment from the 23th of the 9th mo. 1782 to the 28 of the same, and one from the Yearly Meeting held at Newport from the 14 of the 6th mo 1782 to the 18 of the same which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction. The Friends that was appointed to assist the Woman Friends in regard to visiting Grace Parish report that the appointment is answered Stephen Smith informs this Meeting that he hath desires to go to Dartmouth to visit his Friends & relations which this Meeting concurs with he being a Member of our Society and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this Munité.

The woman Friends informs this that they having soledly considered the requeste of Grace Parish in her desere to come under the care of Friends we conclude to receive her and after our deleberate consideration thereon therefore she is received a member of Our Society.

This Meeting adjourns to be held at the usual time in next Month. At a Monthly Meeting held at Easte Hoosuck ye 9 of ye 10th mo. 1783. The Representatives cald are all present. The quearies red and the answers are as followeth.

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline are generally attended by moste but grate slackness appears in some the hour appointed mostly^e observed by those that stidely attend we are not alltogether clear of sleeping in Meetings and some care taken as for other indesent behaviour mostly clear.

2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity subsists amongst some as becomes Brethren but grate want of it in others and when differences are known to arise indeavours are used to ende them.

3rd Not all clear in the several branches of this queary and some advice given:

the 4th There is too much slackness in coming up in the way of our duty in keeping ourselves and those under our tuition to plainness of speach and apperell and allso in reading the holy Schriptides.

the 5th Clear except one or two instances of freequating places of diversion and some care taken.

the 6th Mostly clear and some care taken it appears otherways.

the 7th Not alltogether clear of keeping company without consent of parents clear in the other part of this queary as far as we know.

the 8th Clear as far as we know.

the 9th Clear as far as we know of in the severall branches of this queary.

the 10th There hath been some advice given respecting wills as to the other parts clear as far as we know.

the 11th clear.

the 12th Not alltogether clear in performing our promices and paying our just debts clear in the other part as far as we know & some care taken.

the 13th Clear in this queary except one instance noted last quarter.

the 14th There is a concern rests upon the minds of some friends to deal with offenders measureably agreeable to our decipline. Agreeable to directions of the Quarterly Meeting this Meeting hath ordered subscription for raising money for building a Meeting House at Danby but for want of time they are not completed therefore they^e are desired to compleat the same and reporte to next Meeting: The Preparative Meeting^a reporte that they have opened subscriptions for raising money for suffering cases and other purposes but they are not completed therefore they are desired to compleate the same and reporte to nexte Meeting.

The Friends that had the care of schools report as followeth:

We the Committee appointed to have the care of schools propose three schools this winter under the care of the Monthly Meeting if sutable teachers can be procured viz one at this place & one over the river and one at Gagebourah & each place pay their own schooling except such as are not able, and they be schooled by the expence of the Monthly Meeting & to build one school house in this place the other places their is room provided Abraham Lapham Snow Randall John Wells Samuel Cooper Edward Edmonds Adam Harkness & John Upton.

Which report being read is concured with by this Meeting and the same friends are continued in that service and proceed as may open in building a school house by the expence of the Monthly Meeting and report the Monthly Meeting preceeding nexte Quarter in the first month and to continue in that service for one year and report quarterly.

Received a certificate for George Vaughn Jr from the Monthly Meeting of Easte Greenwich and it appearing that the Fiend now ^(r) resides within the verge of Saratoga. Monthly Meeting, therefore we recomand it to your Christian care and the Clerk is deisred to hand a copy of this munite to that Meeting.

This Meeting apoints the following Friends to attend the Service of the nexte Quarterly Meeting and carry up and bring down such Munites as concern this Meeting and report to the nexte (Meeting) John Wells Isaac Upton George Suthwick & Edward Edmonds.

This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easte Hoosuck ye 13th of the 11th mo. 1783., The representatives called are all present. This Meeting adjourn to the 20 of the month at the close of the Meeting for warship. The Meeting mett according to adjournment the 20 of this instant the representatives cald are all present: Isaac Upton and anna Shearman appeared at this Meeting

and offered proposals of marriage with each other, they producing consent of parents: Jeremiah Smith & George Southwick are appointed to make enquirey into the mans clearence in relation to marriage and report to next Meeting where they are desired to come for an answer. The Friends that was appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and produced the extracts of that Meeting.

This Meeting recived the extracts of the Quarterly Meeting Munites the substance of which we have allready proceeded in.

A Munite was handed down from the Quarterly Meeting which authorises the Monthly Meeting to adjourn to a convenient time when it interfears upon the Quarterly Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting report that they have not compleated their subscriptions for raising ~~ma~~oney for building a Meeting house at Danby therefore that Meeting is desired to compleat the same and report to next Meeting: The Preparative Meeting report that they have not compleated their subscriptions for raising money for suffering Friends and other purposes therefore that Meeting is desired to compleat the same and report to next Meeting Stephen Smith returned his copy of a Munite that he had to go to Dartmouth. This Meeting recived 64 books from the Meeting for suffering and appoints the folowing Friends to take the nesara care of them and take an account of every sort and make report to next Meeting viz Edward Edmonds Jeremiah Smith Robert Nisbet & Samuel Cooper and the same Friends are desired to distribute them where they think proper.

David Anthony & David Baker produced papers of acknoledgements to this Meeting which are as followeth.

Dear Friends These are to inform you that tmrough unwachfullness I was inadvertently concerned with others in taking up a sworn of bease and at the same time there was a scruple in our minds of the trees being found by reason of some mark we found on it

and although I am conscientious to my self I never intended to wrong any person yet I am sensible I ought not to have meddled with it and do fully condemn the same being sensible I have thereby given occasion to cause the truth to be ^{evily} spokn of which has caused me much sorow of heart and heavy exercise (and I am) desirous to be more on my wach for the future, David Anthony.

The 13 of the 11th mo. 1783 To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Easte Hoosuck Dear Friends I have been under an exercise on accounte of a peice of my conduct in being concerned with some others in taking up a swarm of bees not being at that time satisfied to my own mind whether the tree had been found by any body also or not it being so blindly marked and alltho I had no desire of doing any man an injury yet I acknolige I did wrong in cuting the tree so inconsiderately as I did as also in talking inconsiderately and varably about it after words all which said misconduct of mine I am sorrey for and do condemn hoping for the future to be preserved from giving occasion for the truth to be reproached this from your Friend David Baker.

Which this Meeting excepts of and appoints George Southwick to read them at the close of our first day Meeting and reporte to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to be held here at the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easte Hoosuck ye 11th of the 12th mo. 1783 the representatives called & all present The Friends that was appointed to make enquirey into Isaac Upton clearness in respect to marriage reporte that they have made the nesseray enquirey and donte finde any thing to hinder his proceeding. Isaac Upton and Anna Shearman appeared at this Meeting and renewed their proposials of marriage with each other. Nothing appearing to hinder therefore they are left att their liberty to accomplish the same according to the good order used amongst

Friends between this and the next Monthly Meeting Jeremiah Smith & George Southwick are appointed to see if the marriage is decently consummated and report to next Meeting producing their marriage Certificate.

The Preparative Meeting report that they have not completed their subscription for raising money for Danby Meeting House therefore that Meeting to desire to complete the same and report to next Meeting. The Friends that was appointed to take the care of the Books that came from the Meeting for sufferings not being ready to make report therefore the same Friends are continued in that service and report to next meeting. The Friend that was appointed to read the acknowledgments of David Anthony and David Baker report the appointment answered. This Meeting being informed by the way of the Preparative Meeting that Caleb Braley proposing purchasing a settlement within the verge of Seritoga Monthly Meeting and desires the advice of this Meeting therefore after a deliberate consideration ~~(thereof)~~ this Meeting appoints Snow Randall John Wells John Upton and Robert Nisbet to confer with him on that account and report to next Meeting. The Meeting taking into consideration that it is necessary to proceed in furnishing the Meeting House which is referred to Next Meeting consideration. John Wells informs this Meeting that he hath desires of a fne lines to go as far as Easte Greenwich to visit his Friends and relations which this Meeting concurs with this he being a member of our Society and the Clerk is desired to give him a copy of the Munite. This Meeting adjourns to be held here at the usual time in next month. At a Monthly Meeting held at Easte Hoosuck ye 8 of the 1 mo. 1784 the representatives called and all present. The queries read and the answers are as followeth.

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and deceptline are attended by most although grate slackness appears in others and some care taken. The hour generally observed by those that stidely attend

not altogether clear of drowiness in Meetings and some care taken as for other indeseent behaviour mostely clear.

Ans. 2nd A good degree of love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes Brethren although there is greate want ⁽⁷⁾ it in some others and some care taken and when differences are known to arise indeavours are used to end them.

ans. 3rd. We think not altogether clear in the several branches of this queary and some advice given,

ans. 4th. We belive that their is a consern rests upon the minds of som to keep themselves and those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and apperariel and in reading the holy Scripturies alltho a grate slackness appears in others and some care taken.

ans. 5th. We know of none that unneseeraly frequants the use of spiritous liquors or that frequent taverns not altogether clear of going to places of devertion and some care taken. Clere in the other part as far as we know.

Ans. 6th. Care is taken to inspect the necessities of the poor alltho there is a slackness in giving their children learning: we know of none placed from amongst Friends.

Ans. 7th. Clear in the several Branches of this queary except one instance of keeping company with one not of our Society which has lately come to our knowledge.

Ans. 8th. Clear as far as we know.

Ans. 9th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as we know.

Ans. 10th. Some advice hath been given respecting wills. Clear in the other parts of this quera.

Ans. 11th. We have none amongst us.

Ans. 12th. We beleive not altogether carefull in preforming our promices and paying our just debts and some advice given.

Mostely carefull in the other parte of this queary,

Ans. 13th. We know of none removed from or come amongst us without certificates.

Ans. 14th. Some care hath been taken to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline.

The Friends that was appointed to see the marriage of Isaac Upton and Anna Shearman report that they attended and did not see but what it was decently consumated & produced their marriage Certificate.

The Preparative Meeting report that they have compleeted their subscription for raising money for building a Meeting House at Danby which is the sum of £4 - 0 - 6 New York currency the sum demanded by our Quarterly Meeting and appoints Isaac Upton to convey the money where directed and produce a receipt for the same and report to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting report they have not compleated their subscription for raising money for suffering cases and other purposes therefore that Meeting is desired to compleat the same & report to Next Meeting. The Friends that was appointed to take care of the books that came from the Meeting for sufferings report that they have attended to their appointment. The Friends that were appointed to confer with Caleb Braley on accounte of his purchasing a settlement within Saratoga Monthly Meeting report that they have had an oportunity with him and the matter not being properly disgeasted therefore the same Friends are continued in that service and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to be held ^(here) to morrow and to set at the first hour in the after noon. This Meeting mett near the time according to adjournment ye 9 of this instant. The representatives called and all present. The matter coming again under consideration concerning furnishing this Meeting House and the matter waying heavy and way not opening

to go forward therefore this Meeting posponds it for the present. The Friends that had the care of the schools report that way hath not opened for any school to be set up as was directed by the Monthly Meeting except some provision made for one school. An information came to this Meeting by way of the Preparative Meeting signifying that Majiour Smith is neglectfull in attending our Meetings as allso for going to a plce of diversion he being laboured with from time to time therefore this Meeting appoints Samuel Cooper John Wells & Snow Randall to treat with hom on that account and report the state of his minde to nexte Meeting. This Meeting appoints the folowing Friends to attend the Service of the next Quarterly Meeting and take the nessary care to carry up and bring down such accounts as shall concern this Meeting and report their service to next Meeting *vj*. John Upton informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a fue lines to go as far as Swanzee to visit his Friends and Relation which this Meeting concurs with; He being a member of this Meeting and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this Munite. This Meeting adjourns to be held here the third fifth day in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easte Hoosuck ye 19 of the 2 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present: Three of the Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report that they attended and produced the extracts of that Meeting the other not making report is desired to report to next Meeting: The Friends that was appointed to confer with Caleb Braley on account of his proposing purchasing a settlement within Seritogue Meeting report an oportunity with him and advises him to endeavour to settle himself within the verge of this Meeting as soon as may be: except sence of duty should lead him within the verge of Seratoga Meeting which report this Meeting excepts of and gives him liberty to proceed. The Friends that was

appointed to treat with Major Smith on account of his out goings report that they have had an opportunity with him and found him very unsensible of his transgressions in many respects which after a solid deliberation thereon This Meeting continues the same Friends with the addition of Samuel Wells to labour with him to endeavour to bring him to a sense of his out goings and report the State of his mind to next Meeting. The matter that was postponed last Meeting coming again under consideration concerning furnishing this Meeting House and way opening to go forward therefore this Meeting appoints Isaac Upton Snow Randall John Wells Jeremiah Smith & John Upton as Trustees for that service and bring in an account of the cause when so done. This Meeting received a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 30 of the 1 mo 1784 for Deborah Aldreg which this Meeting excepts of: The Friend that was appointed to convey the money for Danby Meeting house report the appointment answered. The Preparative Meeting report that they have not completed their subscription for raising money for suffering Friends and other purposes that Meeting is desired to complete the same and report to next Meeting. A Minute was handed down from the Quarterly Meeting wherein it is recommended this Meeting with the Monthly Meeting of Serratoga to make further trial to discharge the debt in building the Meeting House at White Creek therefore this Meeting directs the Preparative Meeting to open subscriptions for that purpose and report when completed. Isaac Upton returned his copy of a Minute that he had to go to Swanzey. This Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith to record and keep: Removal and Marriage Certificates. This Meeting adjourns to be held here the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 11th of the 3 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present. One of the Friends that was appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting not

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before making report now report that he attended to that service
Three of the Friends that was appointed to treat with Major Smith
on account of his out goings report that they have had an
oportunity with him: and they thought that he was in an easy
indifferent state of minde concerning his transgresions and
after a deliberate consideration there on this Meeting continues
the same Committee with the adition of Isaac Upton & Robert
Nisbet and report their sence to next Meeting. An information
came to this Meeting by way of the Preparative Meeting Signifying
that Willis Killey hath been laboured with several times on account
of his deviation from our christian disepline in attending places
of devertion and dansing therefore this Meeting appoints Enos
Curtis Edward Edmonds and Samuel Cooper to visit him on that
account and report their sence of the state of his minde to next
Meeting. The Preparative Meeting report that they have not
compleated their subscription for raising money for suffering
Friends and other purposes that Meeting is desired to compleat
them and report to next meeting. The Preparative Meeting report
that they have ^{not} compleated their subscription for raising a
sofinicency to pay the school Master his wages for schooling.
This Meeting appoints Isaac Upton to record and keep friends
sufferings. We have been favoured with the Company of our
beloved friend. Thomas Comstock with a Certificate from the
Monthly Meeting of friends at the Oblong bearing date ye 15 of
the 12 mo. 1783, which was red in this meeting to satisfaction.
Also a few lines hath been prepared for Thomas in behalf of
this Meeting signed by the Clerk signifying our unity and con-
currence with him in the said visit: This Meeting adjourns to the
usual time in next month. The folowing Minute was one that
was omitted in its proper place is as foloweth: A request came
to this Meting by way of the Preparative Meeting Signifies that

that Amos Carpenter hath a desire to come under the care of Friends therefore this Meeting appoints John Wells and Adam Harkness to visit him on the account and report the sence of the state of his minde to next Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of the 4 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present. The quearies were red and the answers are as foloweth:

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are generally attended by most but there appears a slackness in some and some care taken the hour appointed generally observed by those that attend we are not alltogether clear of drowsings in Meetings and some care taken as to other indesent behaviour mostely clear.

Answer. 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst some as becomes Brethren but a want of it in others and some advice given and whare differences are knowne to arise indeavours are used to end them.

the 3rd. Not alltogether clear of talebaring and spreding evil reporte and some advice given.

the 4th. We believe there is a concern rests upon the minds of some to keep them selves and those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and allso in reading the holy Scriptures but a defincency appears in others and some advice given.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this queary except one or two instances frequanting places of devartion and some care taken.

the 6th. There is care taken to inspect the necessities of the poor but there is a neglect in giving their children learning to fitt them for business. We cannot answer that part clear concerning placing children amongst Friends by reason of one

Friends child learning afraid of one not a Friend.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches as far as we know.

the 10th. Some advice hath been given respecting wills as to the other part clear as far as we know.

the 11th. Clear.

the 12th. Not so fulley carefull of performing our promises and paying our just debts as could be desired and some care taken as to the other part mostely clear.

the 13th. We know of none removed from us without Certificate one instance of one come amongst us without a removeal certificate and some care taken.

the 14th. Some care hath been taken to deal with ofenders in the spirit of meekness measurably agreeable to discipline.

The Committee that was appointed to treat with Majour Smith on account of his outgoings report an opertunity with him and could not finde any disposition in him to condemn any of his outgoings nor make friends satisfaction for the same and after a solid deliberation thereon this Meeting appoint Jeremiah Smith and Isaac Upton to inform him that the Meeting hath come to a conclusion to testify against his misconduct and draw a testifcation and produce it and report to next Meeting.

The Committee that was appointed to treat with Willis Killey concerning his outgoings report that they have had an opertunity with him and found his minde some what unsteady but owned himself guilty of the complaint against him and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting continues the same Committee to labour with him and report their sence the State of him Minde to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to visit Amos Carpenter on account of his requesting to come under the

care of Friends report that they have visited him on that account and according to their sence he seemed to be tender and concerned to conduct according to knowleg^d and after a deleberate consideration thereon he is received a member of our Society. The Committee that was appointed to labour on account of superfluties and the neglect of the due attendance of our Meetings and other defitiencies make report which this Meeting concurs with which is as followeth. We the Committee appointed to labour on account of superfluties and the due attendance of our Meetings and other defienties report that we have proceeded therein as way opened and have visited and laboured with several familyes and some individuals and in- deavoured as we ware enabled to stir them up to a living (con)- cerne and to bring them to a due sense of the weight and great importency of those testimonyes given to us as a people to bare and alltho but little impression was made on some yet we hope it has been of cosiderable service to others we may also say that we have had a good degree of satisfaction therein. Signed in and on behalf of the Committee by Adam Harkness. The committee that was appointed to make a visit to negroes set free and the Friends that have set them free and found but one friend that freed a Negro and did not finde but that there was a just settlement between them. The Committee that was appointed to arrect schools for the right education of our youth report that they have made several trials but way hath not opened for but one school and that to begin soon. The four annueal quearies were red and the answers as foloweth:

- Answer the 1. No Ministers nor elders diseased since last year.
- the 2nd. No new Meeting house built nor new Meeting settled since last year.
- the 3rd. Some small convincement since last year.
- the 4th. They are, The Womans Meeting informed this that

they have come to a conclusion to testify against Elizabeth Howland misconduct and after our deleberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints John Upton to asist the Woman friends in drawing a testifcation against her misconduct and report to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to take an account and inspect the sufferings of Friends since last year report the appointment answered and produced it hear which amounts to the sum of £ 57 - 5 - 0 lawful money. The womans Meeting informed this that they have come to a conclusion to disown Jemimah hatherway formerly Jamimah Comstock for marring out of the unity of Friends after being precortioned and after a deliberate consideration thereon. this Meeting appoints John Upton to asist the woman Friends in drawing a testifcation against her misconduct and report at next Meeting. A fue lines hath been presented to this Meeting for our Friend Robert Nisbet signyfyng that he had a concern to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Oblong and to appoint some Meetings within that Quarter if way opened which after being red is signed by the Clerk in behalf of this Meeting signifying our concurrance with him in his visit. The Preparative Meeting report that the subscription for raising money for suffering Friends and other purposes is compleated which is the sum of £ 3 - 17 - 0 newyork currency which was this Meetings proportion and appoints Isaac Upton to convey the money where directed and produce a receipt for the same and report when so don. The matter coming under solid consideration concerning holding our Monthly Meeting as it is now and request liberty of the Quarterly Meeting that it be continued as it hath been the year past if thay should think proper. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness Enos Curtes Robert Nisbét and Isaac Upton to attend the next Quarterly

Meeting and carry up and bring down such matters as shall concern this Meeting and report their service to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the third fifth day in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 20 of the 5 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present. The Friends that was appointed to attend the last quarterly Meeting report that they attended to that service and produced the extracts of that Meeting. It appears by the extracts of the Quarterly Meeting that that Meeting continues this Monthly Meeting for one year. Part of the Committee that was appointed to labour with Willis Killey concerning his out goings report that they have had an oportunity with him; and could not finde any disposition in him to condemn any of his misconduct. Therefore this Meeting solidly considering the same think best that the Committee be continued with the addition of John Wells to treat with him on that account and report their sence the State of his minde to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to inform Major Smith that the Meeting was under a nessatey (necessity) to testify against his miss conduct report the appointment answered and produced the testifycation which is as foloweth: Whereas Major Smith having been a Member of our Society but by not taking head to the divine principal of light and truth in his own hert which would have preserved him in inocencey and from bringing a sin on him self and a reprech and scandal on our profession but contrary thereunto he hath given way to an indifferent state of mind which hath led him into divers disorderly practices that is for his slackness in attending our religious Meetings also for going to a place of diversion he being laboured with from time to time in order to reclaim him which proved ineffectual therefore for the

clearing of truth and our profesion of such a reproach and scandal after a solid deliberation thereon this meeting doth find a nesity to testifiye against his said misconduct and doeth disown him from being any longer a Member of our Society until he from a sence of his error doth make satisfaction to this our Monthly Meeting which he may do is our sencere desire signed in and on behalf of our said Monthly Meeting, By John Upton Clerk. And appoints George Southwick and Samuel Cooper to inform him that this Meeting hath disowned him from being a Member and his aright to an appeal and give him a copy of his denial and if he signifiyes no mind an appeal to read it at the close of a first day Meeting and report to next meeting. The friend that was appointed to asist the Woman Friend in drawing a testification against Elizabeth Howland misconduct report the appointment answered and produced it here which is as foloweth: Whereas Elisabeth Howland formerly Elisabeth Lapham having had a right of membership amongst Friends but by not taking heed as she aught to have don to the pure principile of truth in her own heart which would preserved her in innocency and from bring a sin on her self and a reproach on our profesion but contarary there unto hath given way to a libertine spirit so far as to be guilty of the sin of fornication which was made manifest by her having a child soon after marriage: allso hath married out of the unity of Friends she being laboured with on those accounts which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the clearing of truth and our holy profesion of such reproch and scandall we do hereby testify against her misconduct and disownes her from being any longer a member of our Society untill she from a sence of her error shall condemn the same to the satisfaction of this Meeting which she may do is our sincere desire: Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting, By John Upton, Clerk. and appoints John Upton and George Southwick

to assist the Woman Friends informing her Elisabeth Howland that this Meeting hath disowned her from being a member and to give her a copy of her denial if she request it and inform her of her aright of an appeal and to read it at a close of a first day Meeting unless she signifye a desire of an appeal and report to next Meeting. The Friend that was appointed to assist the Woman friends in drawing a denial against Jemimah Hatherway report the appointment answered wich is as foloweth. Whereas Jemimah Hatherway formerly Jemimah Comstock having had aright of Member ship amongst friends but hath so far diviated from our christian discipline as to marry out of the unity of Friends: after being precortioned. Therefore this Meeting doth testifye against her said miss conduct and disownes her from being any longer a member of our society untill she from a sence of her error shall condemn the same to the satisfaction of this Meeting: which she may do is our desire signed in and on behalf of our said meeting by John Upton, Clerk and appoints Edward Edmonds and Adam Harkness to assist the woman friends informing her that this meeting hath disowned her from being a member and inform her of her aright to an appeal and furnish her with a copy of her denial if she request it and to read it at a close of a first day Meeting unless she signifie any mind of an appeal and report to next Meeting. Way not opning for Robert Nisbet to proceed in his visit returned to this Meeting his certificate that he had to attend the Quarterly Meeting at the Oblong. The Friend that was appointed to convey the money that was collected for suffering friends answered his appointment and produced a receipt for the same. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of the 6 mo. 1784.

The representatives called & all present. Isaac Upton is appointed Clerk for the day. The Committee that was appointed to labour with Willis Killey report that they have had an opportunity with him and could not find a disposition in him to make friends satisfaction and after a solid deliberation thereon this Meeting appoints Samuel Wells & Stephen Smith to inform him that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to testifye against his miss conduct and to draw a testification and produce it; and report to next Meeting. The Friends that was appointed to assist the Woman Friends the case of Elisabeth Howland answered their appointment. The Friends that was appointed to assist the Woman Friends in the case of Jamimah Hatherway answered their appointment. An information came to this Meeting by way of the Preparative Meeting signifying that Umphy^(Humphrey) Smith hath been laboured with on account of his neglecting of the attendance of our religious Meetings therefore this Meeting appoints Caleb Braly and Abraham Lapham to visit him on that account and report their sence of the state of his minde to next Meeting. An information came to this Meeting by way of the Preparative Meeting against John Russel for the sin of Fornication according to his own confession and keeping company with one not of our Society, and also attending a place of diversion he being labour with several times on those accounts therefore this Meeting appoints David Anthony Snow Randall and John Wells to visit him on that account and report their sence of the state of his minde to next Meeting. The Womans Meeting informed this that they have come to a conclusion to testifye against Mary Smith misconduct: after our deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith and Isaac Upton to assist the woman Friends in drawing a testification against her misconduct and informing her thereof and report to next Meeting. The Friends that was appointed to inform Major

Smith of his denial not fully answering their appointment therefore they are continued for that service and report to next Meeting.

This Meeting adjourn to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of the 7 mo. 1784.

The representatives called and all present.

The queries were read and the answers are as foloweth.

Answr the 1 All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended generally by most but slackness appears in others the hour appointed mostely observed by those that stidily attend we are not altogether clear of. Drowsiness in Meetings and some care taken as to other indecent behaviour mostely clear.

the 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes Brethren but it appears there is a want of it in some and some care taken where differences are known to arise indeavours are used to end them.

the 3rd. Not alltogether clear of tale baring and spreding of evil the reports and some care taken.

the 4th. There is a concern rests upon the minds of some to keep them selves and those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel but a slackness appears in others and some care taken and friends are advised to the frequent reading the Holy Scriptures.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as we know except that of some going to a place of diversion which has lately come to our knowledge.

the 6. There is care taken to inspect the nesities of the poor but a dificency in not giving their childrin learning to fit them for business. No children placed out from amongst Friends

except one instance menchoned last quarter.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as we know.

the 10th. Some advice given respecting of wills no misaplication to publick gifts and legercies as we know of.

the 11th. Clear.

the 12th. Not alltogether clear in the several branches of this queary and some advice given.

the 13th. We no of none removed from us without Sertificate but there is two Friends come amongst us which have not produced certificates and some advice given.

the 14th. Some care taken to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness measurably agreable to disipline.

The Friends that was appointed to inform Willis Killye that the Meeting hath come to a conclusion to testifye against his misconduct and draw a testification report. The appointment answered and produced it here which is as foloweth:

Whereas Wiles Killey haith had by birth a right of membership in our Society but for want of taking heed to the ~~divine~~ principile of light and truth in his own hert which would have preserved him in the straight and narrow way that leads to life he hath given way to a liberetine Spirit which hath led him into divers disorderly practices suchas frequanting places of devertion and dancing he being laboured with on these accounts which hath not had the desired effect therefore for the clearing of truth and our proffession of such reproached do we hereby testefy to the worldthat he is no longer a Member of our Society untill by repentance and amendment of life he shall be enabled to make satisfaction to this Meeting which we desire may be his happy case signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Upton Clerk and appoints Abraham

Lapham and Jeremiah Smith to inform him that the Meeting hath disowned him from being any longer a Member and give him a copy^e of his denial and inform him of his aright to an appeal and if he signifies no minde for an appeal to read it at a close of a first day Meeting and report to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to visit Humphry Smith on account of his neglecting attending our Meetings report that they have visited him on that account and found him to be in an indifferent state of minde towards making friends satisfaction therefore this Meeting considering the matter thinks best that the ^{matter} be continued under the care of the same committee with the addition of John Wells and Isaac Upton to labour with him on that account and report the state of his minde at next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to visit John Russel on account of his outgoings report that they have visited him on that account and did not finde him in a sutable disposition of minde sutiblee to make Friends satisfaction and confessed that he had been in the practice of keeping company with those not of our Society as also attending places of diversion he being laboured with on those accounts therefore after a deleberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints George Southwick and Samuel Cooper to inform him that the meeting is under a nesesity to testefye against his misconduct and draw a testifycation and produce it and report to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointe to asist the Woman Friends to drawing a testifycation against Mary Smith misconduct and inform her thereof report the appointment answered and produs it here which is as followeth. Whereas Mary Smith having had a right of membership amongst Friends by birth but by not taking heed to the pure principile of truth in her own heart which would have preserved her in innocency and from bringing a sin on her self and a reproach on our pfeesion but contarary thereunto hath given way to a libertine spirit so far as to publish with

one not of our Society (~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~) as also attending places of diversion he being laboured with on those accounts therefore after a deleberate consideration/ thereon this Meeting appoints George Southwick and Samuel Cooper to inform him that the meeting is under a nessesity to testefye against his misconduct and draw a testification and produce it and report to next meeting. The Committee that was appointed(d) to asist the Woman Friends to drawing a testification against Mary Smith misconduct and inform her thereof report the appointment answered and produse it here which is as followeth. Whereas Mary Smith having had a right of Membership amongst Frineds by birth but by not taking heed to the pure principle of truth in her own heart which would have preserved her /in innocency and from bringing a sin on her self and a reproach on/our pfeesion but contarary thereunto hath given way to a libertine spirit so far as to publish with one not of our Society (i.e. publish banns of marriage) as also for the sin of fornication which appears by her having a child in an unmarried state she being laboured with from time to time on those accounts which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the clearing of truth and our holy profesion of such a reproach and scandal we do /hereby testifye against her said misconduct and disowns her from/being any longer a Member of our Society untill she from a sence of her error shall condemn the same to the satisfaction of this meeting which she may do is our sencere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Upton Clerk and appoint George Southwick and Isaac Upton to assist the Woman Friends in ~~in~~forming here that the meeting hath disowned here from being a Member and inform here of her aright to an appeal and if she signifyeth no mind to read it at a close of a first day Meeting and report to next Meeting. The Friends that was appointed to inform Major Smith of his denial report the appointment answered. The Committee that was appointed to have the care of schools report

that their hath been one school kept under the care of the Monthly Meeting since last quarter. This Meeting appoints Snow Randal George Southwick Jeremiah Smith David Anthony and John Wells to attend the next Quarterly Meeting and take the nessary care to carry up and bring down such matters to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting report as shall concern this Meeting and report that they have raised the sum of £ 3 - 4 - 0 for White Crick Meeting house This Meeting appoints Edward Edmonds to convey the money to the Trustee of that Meeting House and produce a receipt for the same and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the third fifth day in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 19 of the 8 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present except one and a satisfactory reason given for his absence. John Upton is appointed

Clerk for the insuing year. The Friends that was appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended except one and produced the extracts of that Meeting the other one gave a reason of his none attendance which this Meeting exceptes of. This Meeting recived two written epistels from the Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournments from the 9 of the 6 mo. 1783 to the 16 of the same and one from the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia for Pelsoveny and New Jersey by adjournments ye 29 day of the 9 mo to the 4 of the 10 mo. 1783 as also one from the Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhoadisland for Newingland held by adjournments from the 13 of the 6 mo. 1783 to the 17 of the same inclusive all which was red in this Meeting to good satisfaction. A Munite was handed down from the Yearly Meeting through the quarter directing the Monthly Meetings to continue their care respecting a just settlement betwen the Friends who have sit negroes free and the negroes set free in order for a just settlement^e between them therefore this Meeting appoints John Wells & Snow Randol for that Service and report seasonably to go up to next Yearly Meeting. The folowing minute was also handed down from the Quarterly Meeting signifying that their is an adition and an alteration made in several of the queries viz. The Yearly Meeting also directs the following minute viz. The Committee appointed to take under their consideration an alteration of an adition to the quearies as proposed by westbury Quarter produced their report with several alterations made in the queries and an addition to one of the annuel queries which being read and carefully considered the following being altered were approved and addapted with the adition made to the annuel query and are as foloweth,

1st are all Meeting for religious worship & discipline attended the hour observed and are friends preserved from

sleeping and other indecent behaviour therein.

6th. are poor friends necessities duly inspected they relieved and assisted in such business as they are capable of do their children freely partake of learning to fitt them for business and are friends children placed amongst Friends.

8th. Do any make proposals of marriage too early after the decease of former husband or wife and are not the rights of children by former marriages neglected: and the 1st anual query what Minister and elder desesed and when and what Memorials concerning them or other decesed friends worthy of being preserved. and further directs that the words advised to the in the 4 query be struck out and the words in the practice of be incerted: and also that the words advised in the 10 query be likewise struck out and the word careful inserted and our Quarterly Meetings are desired to recommend the same to the futer practice and observence of the Monthly and Preparative Meetings and each Meeting for discipline is directed to have the alteration made entered in their respective books of discipline and send up a report hereon to our next Yearly Meeting which this Meeting directs to the Monthly & Preparative Meetings observence and that they proceed accordingly & a report thereon be made seasonable to be handed up to next Yearly Meeting and this meeting appoints Isaac Upton & George Southwick ^{to assist the clerk} in making the propped alteration & report to nex Meeting. The Friends that was appointed to read the Testifycation against Willis Killey misconduct and inform him of his aright to an appeal report the appointment answered. The Committee that was appointed to treat with Humphry Smith concerning his neglecting of the attendance of our religious Meetings report that they have visited him on that account and found his minde in some preparation towards making Friends

satisfaction which after a deliberate consideration thereon
This Meeting continues the same Committee to labour with him
on that account and report their sence the state of his minde to
next Meetings. One of the Committee that was appointed to
inform John Russel that the Meeting was under a nesity to testify
against his misconduct report that they have answered their
appointment and produced the testification which is as foloweth.
Whereas John Russel hath had by birth a right of membership in our
Society but by not taking heed to the divine principile of
light and truth in his own heart which would have preserved him
in innocency and from bringing a sin on himself and a reproach
on our profession and hath contary to the dictates therof
starayed away in the broad parth of vanity and foley which hath
led him ~~step~~ by ^{step} from one disorderly practice to another such
as attending places of diversion keeping company with those not
of our Society and at length to be guilty of the of the sin of
fornication he being laboured with from time in order for his
restoration to the path of peace, which hath not had the desired
effect therefore for the clearing of truth and our profession of
such reproach and scandal we do hereby testefy against his said
misconduct and do disown him from being any longer a Member
of our Society untill by repentence and amendmant of life he
may be enabled to make satisfaction to this Meeting which he
may do is our sincere desire signed in and on behalf of our
said Meeting by John Upton Clerk. And appoints John Wells and
Jeremiah Smith to inform him that the Meeting hath disowned
him from being a member and his aright to an appeal and to
read it at a close of a first day Meeting unless he signifies a
minde ~~for~~ an appeal and report to next Meeting. The Committee
that was appointed to assist the Woman friends in informing
Mary Smith that the Meeting hath disowned her from being a Member

and reading the testification report the appointment answered. A Minute was handed up from the Preparative Meeting signifying that George Southwick Adam Harkness and Isaac Upton was aneminated oversears which after a deleberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints them oversears the insuing year. The Friend that was appointed to convey the money for White Creek Meeting house report the appointment answered. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next Month.

At a Mentlly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of the 9 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present. The Friends that was appointed to asist the clerk in making an alteration and an addition in the queries report the appointment answered. Three of the Committee that was appointed to labour with Humphry Smith an account of his neglecting the attendence of our religious Meetings report that they have not visited him on that account since last Month therefore after a solid deleberate consideration thereon this Meeting continues the same Committee to labour with hãm on that account and report their sence the state of his minde to next Meeting. The other friend not making report is desired to give a reason to next Meeting for his neglect. The Committee that was appointed to inform John Ruseel that the Meeting hath disowned him from being any longer a member; and of his aright to an appeal and to read the testification at a close of a First Day Meeting report the appointment answered. This Meeting appoints George Southwick and Edward Edmonds to procure a book to record births & Burials and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of the 10 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present. This Meeting is

favoured with the company of our friend John Hoag and Paul Hoag a part of the Committee appointed by our Quarterly Meeting to assist this Meeting. This Meeting received a Certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting held at Long plain for Sandwich bearing date the 8 of the 8 mo. 1784 for Amaziah Allen which after being read is excepted of. Amaziah Allen and Judeth Killey appeared at this Meeting and offered proposals of marriage with Each other therefore this Meeting appoints John Wells and George Southwick to make enquiry into the young mans clearence in relation to Marriage and report to next Meeting where they are to come for an answer. This Meeting received an epistle from the Meeting for sufferings which was satisfactory to this Meeting that a concern remains for the help of the lesser Meetings which is as followeth. From our Meeting for Sufferings held at New York ye 19 of the 8 mo. 1784, To our several Monthly Meetings: Dear Friends: Feeling our mindes impressed at this time with an ardent desire for the preservation of all in profession with us from every thing which may have a tendency to cause the way of truth to be evel spoken of and having grounds to fear that some amongst us have and others may be induced to except of places of office in Government in the execution whereof they may not only be led into practices inconsistant with our religious principles but also be instrumental in bringing sufferings on their brethren and thereby bring a burden on them selves and give occasion of grief and anxiety to those who are concerned above all things for the prosperity of our church and the advancement of our Christian Testimony. . And dear Friends let us remember that Israel formerly was to dwell alone and be a seperate people: and it is our desire that all Friends may stand upon their guard against mixing with the spirit of this world which hath a tendency to leven us into the nature of it: and labour for an

uniformity of conduct that no occasion of stumbling may be given to those who are inquiring the way to sion thus shall we be enabled to watch over one another for good and when any inadvertently step aside be ready to afford an hand of help: And thus Dear Friends from an apprehension of danger are we engaged at this time to give a word of caution hoping the same may prove profitable and effectual as Friends keep under the exercise of their proper gifts for a removing such disorders if any there be or should happen with the salutation of love we remain your Friends & brethren, Signed in and by order of sd Meeting Jas. Mott Clerk. The queries were read and the answers are as followeth.

Answer the 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended generally by most but slackness appears in others and some care taken the hour appointed mostly observed by those that stidely attend we are not altogether clear of sleeping in Meetings and some advice given as to others indecent behaviour mostly clear.

Ans. the 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity subsists amongst some but a want of it in others & some care taken: where differences are known to arise endeavours are used to end them.

the 3rd. We know of none in the practice of backbiting or spreading evil reports.

the 4th. We believe a concern rests upon the mindes of some to keep them selves and those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and apperrieth and allso in reading the holy Scriptures but a slackness appears in others and some advice given.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know.

the 6th. We dont know of any Friend in suffering surcumstance amongst us at present we know of no Friends children placed from amongst Friends.

the 7th. Clear as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know except one instance of one being concerned in a clandestine traid which is under notice.

the 10th. We believe friends are not alltogether carefull to make their wills seasonably no missapplication to publick gifts and legerses as we know of.

the 11th. We have none amongst us.

the 12th. Mostely carefull in those respects and advice given

the 13th. We know of none removed from amongst us without Certificate but their is one come amongst us that hath not produced a Certificate and some care taken.

the 14th. There is a concern rests upon the minds of some to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness measurable agreeable to discipline.

The Committee that was appointed to visit Humphrey Smith on account of his neglecting the attendence of our religious Meetings report that they have had an oportunity with him on that account and did not finde little or no alteration since the last time they visited him. therefore this Meeting considering the matter thinks best that the Committee be continued to visit him and report their sence the disposition of his minde to next Meeting. The Friend that was ~~appointed~~ desired to give a reason for his neglecting to report gave one which this Meeting excepts of. The Friend that was appointed to procure a book to record Birthe and Burials report the appointment answered. This Meeting appoints George Southwick and Robert Nisbet to have the care of the book and record all Friends

Births and Burials belonging to this Meeting that can be found. This Meeting received a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting held at Sandwich bearing date the 26 of the 3 mo. 1784. for hannah Killey wife of Ruben Killey which after being read is excepted of. A few lines was presented to this Meeting for our Friend Robert Nisbet to go within the verge of Oblong Quarter which was signed by the Clerk in behalf of this Meeting signifying our unity and concurrence with him in his proposed visit. The Committee that was appointed to have the care of schools report that way hath not opened for but one school kept under the care of the Monthly Meeting nor any school house built as was proposed. This Meeting appoints Samuel Wells Adam Harkness and Isaac Upton to have the care of erecting schools for the right education of our youth and report the Monthly Meeting proceeding each quarter and to be continued in that service for one year. A paper of acknowledgement was handed up to this meeting by way of the Preparative Meeting from Nathan Comstock which this Meeting taking into consideration and appoints Samuel Cooper Enos Curteous Samuel Wells and David Anthony to inspect into the circumstance of the case and the sincerity of the acknowledgement and report their sense the true state of the matter to next meeting. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness John Upton Enos Curteous & David Anthony to attend the next Quarterly Meeting and take the necessary care to carry up and bring down such business as shall concern this Meeting and report their service to the Monthly Meeting in the twelfth month next. This Meeting appoints Edward Edmonds and George Southwick to settle with the trustees that was appointed to finish this Meeting House and report to next Meeting. Our Friend John Wells informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as East Greenwich to visit his friends and

relations which this Meeting concurs with: These are to certifye on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 11 of the 11 mo. 1784. The representatives called and all present. The Friends that was appointed to make enquirey into Amaziah Allen clearness respecting marriage report they donte finde anything to hinder his proceedin. Amaziah Allen and Judieth Killey appeared at this Meeting and renewed their proposal of marriage with each other nothing appearing to hinder their proceeding therefore they are left at their liberty to accomplish the same between this and the next Monthly Meeting according to the good order of Friends. This Meeting appoints Snow Randal & George Southwick to see if the marriage is decently consumated and produce their marriage certificate and report to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to visit Humphrey Smith on the account of his neglecting the attendence of our religious Meetings report that they have had other oportunity with him on that account and did not finde much alteration in the state of his minde and he requested that the Meeting would weight upon him a little longer: which after a deliberate consideration thereon: This Meeting continues the same Committee to labour with him on that account and report their sence the State of his minde to nex Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to inspect into the acknowledgment of Nathan Comstock and the Sircumstance of the cace report that they have visited him on that account: Therefore after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting continues the same Committee with the addition of George Southwick and Stephen Smith: to

and Stephen Smith: to inspect the true surcumstance of the case and to bring a more explect report to next Meeting. The Womans Meeting informed this that they have appointed a Committee to visit Abigael Upton on account of her being a nominated an elder and desired the assistance of this Meeting which after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appointe George Southwick and Samuel Wells to assist the Woman Friends on that account and report to next Meeting. The Trustees that was appointed to finish this Meeting House report that they have proceeded as far as appeared nessary for the present by considerin the surcumstance of Friends thought best not to finish the house at this time and produced an account of the cost which is the sum of £ 33 - 10 - 8 which this Meeting refeires to the Quarterly Meeting for their assistance. The Friends that was appointed to settle with the trustees that was appointed to finish the Meeting House report the appointment answered. This Meeting hath been favoured with the company of our esteemed Friend John Simson with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Buckingham Bucks County in Pensolveny bearing date ye 4 of the 10 mo. 1784 which was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction and a fue lines was prepared for him and is signed by the Clerk signifying our unity with: and concurence with him in his said visit. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next Month.-

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of the 12 mo. 1784. The representatives that was appointed ffrom the Preparative Meeting to attend this: being called and all preasent. Three of the Friends that was appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting report that they attended to that service and produced the extracts of that meeting: the other gave a satisfactory reason for his none attendance. One of the friends that was appointed

to see if the marriage of Amaziah Allena and Judeth Killey decently consumated report that he did not finde but that it was conducted orderly and produced the marriage certificate the other not attending gave a reason which this Meeting exceptes of. The Committee that was appointed to visit Humphry Smith report that they have had another oportunity with him and it was their sence that he was desires that friends would wright upon him a little longer and that Meeting weightely considering the matter continueth the same Committee to labour with him on that account and report their satisfaction the state of his minde to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to enspect into the acknowledgement of Nathan Comstock and the Sircumstance of the case reports which this Meeting exceptes of and is as foloweth We of the Committee appointed in the case of Nathan Comstock report that we have had an oporturnity with him and as to the State of the case it appears to be a dark hiden matter and it does not appear to us that he is willing that the trugh of the matter should come to light as there is not much of his conduct in the matter that the letter of the disipline will reach that can be proved by outward evidence it being so connected and mixed with his Partners which shift or evasion given us to believe there cannot be much sincerity in his acknowledgement he seames more in reality to try to justefye then to condemn his conduct and this Meeting after weightely considering the matter continues the same Committee to labour with him: on that account; and report their satisfaction the state of his minde to next meeting. The Friends that was appointed to assist the Woman Friends respecting Abigail Upton being annominated an elder report the appointment answered. Our Friend Robert Nisbet returned to this Meeting his Certificate that he had to travile within the verge of Oblong Quarter with several indorsements which are as followeth. Our friend Robert Nisbet attended this Meeting in which his company and service hath been

acceptable: Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting held at Oblong 4th of the 11 mo. 1784, by James Mott Clerk. Our Friend Robert Nisbet attended this our Monthly Meeting of Purchase this 11th of the 11 mo. 1784, in which his company and service was acceptable signed by order of said Meeting by Joseph Carpenter Clerk. A minute was handed from the Quarterly Meeting directing the Monthly Meetings to raise money towards defraying the expence of this Meeting House therefore this meeting directes the preparative meeting to open subscriptions to raise money to pay our proportion thereof and report seasonably to go to next Quarterly Meeting. Our Friend Adam Harkness signified to this meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as Smithfield to visit his friends and relations which this meeting concurs with he being a member of this Meeting and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Amos Carpenter informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as East Greenwich to see his friends and relations and do some business which this meeting concurs with he being a member of this meeting and the clerk is desired to furnish him with with a copy of this minute. This Meeting received a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Serratogua signifying that there is money wanting towards^{ls} building the Meeting house at white Creek therefore this Meeting directes the Preparative Meeting to make another tryal by subscription to discharge said debt and report to next meeting. This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of the 1 mo. 1785. The representatives that was appointed from the Preparative Meeting to attend this being called and all present: this meeting is favoured with the company of our friend Tripp Mosher and

Solomon Barton a part of the Committee that was appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to visit and assist this meeting. The queries were read and the answers are as followeth:

Ans'd. the 1. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended generally by most but slackness appears in others and some advice given but a deficiency appears in observing the hour by some; and some advice given; not all clear of drowsiness in Meetings; and some care taken; as to other indecent behaviour mostly clear.

the 2nd. there is a good degree of love and unity subsists among us as becomes brethren altho a want of it in some and some advice given & where differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

Ans'r. the 3rd. we are not altogether clear in the several branches of this query and some labour hath been extended.

the 4th. We believe that a concern remains upon the mind of some Friends to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and in frequent reading the holy scriptures altho there is a slackness appears in others in those respects, and some advice given.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know.

ans'r. the 6th. The necessities of the poor are not enough inspected and some care taken to give their children learning. Clear of praising friends children from amongst friends except one instant.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. We know of no friends that take oaths or pay priests wages or military services; one instance of one being concerned in a clandestine trade which is under care; we know of none concerned in lottries nor in dealing in prize goods.

the 10th. Friends are not all carefull to make their wills seasonably and some advice given; no misaplication respecting of publick gifts and legersies.

the 11th. Clear we have none amongst us.

the 12th. We believe that friends are not so carefull to perform promices and pay their just debts as is desired mostely carefull about lanching into trade and business.

the 13th. none removed from us without Certificates; there is one come amongst us who hath not produced a certificate that was noted last Quarter and some care taken.

the 14th. Some care hath been taken to deal with offenders measu measureably agreeable to discipline.

The Committee that was appointed to visit Humphry Smith report that they have had an other oportunity with him and the Committee desireth that the matter may be continued another month which this Meeting grants; and they are desired to report their satisfaction the state of his minde to next Meeting. Five of the Committee that was appointed to treat with Nathan Comstock reports which is as foloweth We the Committee in the case of Nathan Comstock report that we have had an oporturnity with him and laboured with him accordin to our ability and as to our satisfaction in the state of his minde we think that it is not much if any different from what we signified in our report last month. And this Meestng weightely considering the matter and it appearing that more labour is nessary therefore this meeting continues the same Committee to treat with him on that account and report their satisfaction the state of his minde to next meeting. The Committee that was appointed to arrect schools for the right education of our youth report that some further progress hath been made thereon and there is three schools kept under the

care of this Monthly Meeting. It appears that the Preparative Meeting hath proceed in opning subscriptions towards defraying the expence of White Creek Meeting house but not compleated this Meeting directs the Preparative Meeting to continue their care therein and report when compleated. David Baker signified to this Meeting that he hath a desire of a fue lines to go as far as Swanzey to see his Friends and relations which this Meeting concurs with he being a Member of this Meeting and the clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Our Friend Adam Harkness returned to this meeting his copy of a Minute that he had to go as far as Smithfield. This Meeting appoints Snow Randall Samuel Wells Isaac Upton and David Anthony to attend the service of the next Quarterly Meeting and to carry up to that and bring down to this all business that concernes this Meeting and report their service the Monthly Meeting in the third month. This Meeting adjourns to be held here the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of the 2 mo. 1785. The representatives called and all present. The Committee that was appointed to labour with Humphry Smith on account of his neglecting the attendance of our religious Meetings report that they have had an other oppertunity with him and signified that they were in some degree satisfied with the state of his minde towards attending our Meetings. Which after a time of great exercise this Meeting refeares the matter to the consideration of next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to labour with Nathan Comstock report which is as foloweth. According to appointment we have again laboured with Nathan Comstock in order to bring him to a sence of his misstept but with sorrow have to inform that he still appears to be in a state of insencibility with respect to his giving occasion of reproach to us as a people.

And this Meeting after a solid consideration there on continueth the same committee to labour with him and report their service the State of his minde to next Meeting. A Minute was handed up from the Preparative to this which is as fcloweth. This Meeting some time past taken into consideration that there was needed of a stable for Friends horses thought proper to proceed to build one which accordingly is finished as it is done by the expence of this meeting for the use of society therefore this Meeting thinks proper that it be handed up to the Monthly Meeting for approbation in order to be put upon record. It appears that the Preparative Meeting hath proceeded to raising our preportion of money toward fineshing this Meetinghouse but not compleated. This Meeting being informed that some time past the Meeting for sufferings conveyed some money into the hands of one of our Members who was then a Member of that Meeting in order to relieve a Friend of this Meeting and while the money was in the Friends custoday the collector took the same for taxes this Meeting thinks proper to appoint Adam Harkness Robert Nisbet Edward Edmonds and John Wells to make enquirey into the matter and report how it was conducted and prepare something to send to inform the Meeting for sufferings thereof and report to next Meeting. The Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of the 3 mo. 1785. The representatives that was appointed from the Preparative Meeting to attend this being called and all present. This Meeting is favoured with the company of our friends Isaac ^(Vail) Veal and Paul Upton apart of the Committee that was appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to visit and assist this Meeting. Three of the representatives that was appointed to attend the service of the last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced

the extracts of that Meeting the other not attending gave a satisfactory reason which this Meeting excepts of. This Meeting received a Minute from the Quarterly Meeting which is as followeth. By the ~~extracts~~ accounts from the Monthly Meetings some progress is made respecting schools for the right education of our youth and that several schools are taught by friends and this Meeting desires the exertion of the Monthly Meeting in that intrested accation and report to next Meeting. The matter was again revived in this meeting respecting of Humphry Smith neglecting the attendance of our religious Meetings which after a deliberate consideration thereon, This Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith and David Anthony to visit and labour with on that account and report their satisfaction the state of his minde to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to labour with Nathan Comstock on account of his out goings report and is as foloweth; We the Committee in the case of Nathan Comstock report that we have again laboured with him in order to bring him to a sense of his out goings but with sorrow we have to inform that he still appears in a disposition of minde not sutable to make Friends satisfaction and where as there has been a report of his drinking too much at a certain time of spiriteous liquors we quearied with him to know the truth of it which he owned to be the case. And this Meeting after a solid consideration thereon appoints John Upton and John Wells to inform him that this Meeting is under a nessatesity to testify against his misconduct and draw a testification and report to next Meeting. The Friends that was appointed to enspect the matter that was taken into consideration last month respecting some money that was taken from a friend and draw something to send to the Meeting for sufferings produced it here which is approved of and signed by the Clerk. This Meeting received a letter which was signed by two friends by directions of the

Creek Monthly Meeting at the Nine Partners requesting this meeting to take nesarey care to deal with Jonathan Juel ^(Isaac Jewell) they inform us at a certain time he dranc^k two much strong liquor and in that situation took hold of a man in anger and came down from East Hoosuck in a secret manner and kept secret from his friends and credetors and went away in the same manner and hath since moved his famerly which this Meeting taking into consideration and appoints Isaac Upton and Snow Randall to labour with him on these respects and report the satisfaction of the matter to next Meeting. John Wells returned to this meeting his copy of a minute that he had to go to East Greenwich. David Baker returned to this Meeting his copy of a minute that he had to go to Swanzey. It appears by a minute from the Preparative Meeting that the subscription for raising our proportion towards finishing this Meeting House as compleated. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of the 4 mo. 1785. The representatives that was appointed from the Preparative Meeting to attend this being called and all present. The quearyes being red and the answers are in substance as foloweth.

Answer the 1st. All Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended generaly by most altho slackness appears in some the hour not so well observed at all times as is desired not all clear of sleeping in Meetings labour hath been extended where defitiences appear in the sevrall branches of this queary.

the 2nd. There is a good degre of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes Brethren but a want of it appears in some and some advice given: care hath been taken to end differences when any appear.

the 3rd. Mostely clear of backbighting talebaring and spreding evil reports altho some weakness hath been amongst some in those

respects and care taken.

the 4th. A concern remains upon some Friends to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and they are in the practice of reading the holy scriptures but an apparent neglect appears in others and some care taken.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know except ones using spiritous liquor to excess which is under care.

the 6th. We think the necessities of the poor are not ~~amongst~~^{enough} inspected some small care hath been taken to give their children learning we know of no friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear in this query as far as we know.

the 9th. We know not but we are clear in the several branches of this query.

the 10th. Friends are not enough carefull to make wills seasonably and some advice hath been given clear respecting publick gifts and legesces.

the 11th. Clear as to having slaves having none amongst us.

the 12. We believe that friends are not enough carefull to perform their promises and pay their just debts and some care taken. Generally carefull respecting launching into trade and business.

the 13. We know of none removed from us without certificate but there is some come amongst us who have not produced Certificate and some care taken.

the 14. We believe a good degree of concern remains upon the minds of some to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline.

The answers to the 4 annuel quearies are in substance as foloweth.

Ansr the 1st. No Minister nor elder deceast since last year nor any memor^{al} concerning any friend worthy of being preserved.

the 2nd. No new Meeting House built no new Meeting settled since last year.

the 3rd. None joined in society by convinsement since last year.

the 4th. They are

This Meeting is favoured with the Company of our friends Solomon Height and Tripp Mosher a part of the Committee that was appointed to visit and assist this Meeting. As also our friends Fiddeman Hull and Zopher Green in company with them. A Minute was handed to this Meeting from the select Preparative Meeting of Ministers and elders signifying that George Southwick and Adam Harkness being anominated to the station of elders which this Meeting taking under solid consideration and appoints John Upton Snow Randall and John Wells to make inquirey into their lives and conversation; and report to their Monthly Meeting proceeding next quarter. The Committee that was appointed to labour with Humphry Smith report that they have ~~two~~ had two appertunities with him and he appeared as though his concern was very small as to the attendance of our religious Meetings and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon appoints Samuel Wells and Amaziah Allen to inform him that this Meeting is under a nessatey to tesify against his misconduct and draw an assay of denial produce it and report to Next Meeting. The friends that was appointed to inform Nathan Comstock that this Meeting was under a nessatey to testifye against his misconduct and draw a testification report the appointment answered and produced it here which after being read is approved of and signed by the Clerk and is as foloweth. From our ^{Monthly} Meeting of friends held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of the 4 mo 1785. Whereas Nathan Comstock

hath had a right of Membership amongst us but for want of taking heed to that principle of light and truth in his own heart which would have preserved and kept him from evil and from bringing guilt on him self and reproach on our profesion out contrary thereto he hath from time to time given way to a libertine spirit which hath drawn him into several disorders, Peticularly his entering into an unwarrantable meathad of barganing for and purchasing of Benjamin Reads Mill and as a contravercey followed wherein he made severall very unsavory unguarded and unchristian speaches and also drank spiritous liquor to excess for all which he hath been laboured with from time to time which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the clearing of truth and our Society of such reproach we finde our selves under a nessatey to give forth this testimony against his said misconduct and disownes him from being any longer a member of our Society untill he from a sence of his error and amendment of life may be enabled to make satisfaction to this our Monthly Meeting which he may do is our sincear desire. Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Upton Clerk. And appoints Edward Edmonds and jeremiah Smith to inform him that this Meeting hath disowned him from being any longer a member of this Meeting and serve him with a copy of his denial and inform him of his right of an appeal and read the testification at a cloas of a first day Meeting unless he mannifests a minde of an appeal and report to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to visit Jonathan Jewels concerning an information that came from the Creek Monthly Meeting report that they have had an appertunity with him and it appears that the matter was not rightly understood therefore this Meeting continueth the same Committee with the adition of John Wells to labour with him and report the sircumstance of the case to next Meeting. A request came to this Meeting by way of the Preparative Meeting from Benjamin Briggs desiring to come under the care of Friends

which this taking into consideration and appoints David Anthony and John Upton to visit him on that account and report their sense the disposition of his mind to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to have the care of school for the right education of our youth report that there is no school under the care of the Monthly Meeting at present the time being expired that the masters were hired for. The Committee that was appointed to inspect the matter concerning friends that set negroes free and the negroes ^{with} ~~still~~ free report that they do not find but there is a just settlement between them. This Meeting taking into consideration that it is necessary to appoint some friends to have the care of and inspect the necessities of the poor and appoints Isaac Upton and John Wells to that service for one year and to make application to the Preparative Meeting from time to time as occasion may require. This Meeting taking into consideration the matter respecting the debt that was contracted in building of the Meeting House at White Creek and as there is of said debt that is yet due £ 3 - 13 - 0, N.Y. money which being a part of what was thought properly lay upon this Meeting to pay and ^{as we} have made several trials to discharge said debt as requested by the Quarterly Meeting we seem to be unable to discharge it to the reputation of truth we therefore request the assistance of the Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting taking into consideration respecting the holding of this Monthly Meeting as the time is expired and requests that it may be continued if the Quarterly Meeting should think best. This Meeting appoints John Upton Isaac Killey Jeremiah Smith Robert Nisbet and Adam Harkness to attend the service of the next Quarterly Meeting and take the necessary care to carry up to that and bring down to this all such matters as shall concern this Meeting and report to next Meeting. The Friends that was appointed by the Preparative Meeting to complete the

subscription for White Creak Meeting House report compleated which is the sum of £ 1 - 15 - 10 Lm and appoints Galeb Braly to convey it to the Trustees of that Meeting and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the third fift, day in next month.

(The following was on a loose sheet pinned in with this months' minutes) the friends appointed to settle with the trustees of white Creek Meeting house reports they find 62 - 13 - 7 now in debt and seposed to need 20 - 0 - 0 more to finish the house and the money much wanting therefore the preparitive Meetings are directed to open subscriptions to rase money for the above purport and report to next meeting and the Clerk is ^{said} ~~deprived~~ to forward a copy to East Hoosock Monthly Meeting. A copy exs~~r~~acted from the munites of the Monthly meeting held at Saratoga ye 25 & 26 of the 11 month 1784, by James Sowl Clerk.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 19 of the 5 mo. 1785. The representatives being called and all present. The representatives that was appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended and produced the extracts of that Meeting and are as followeth. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners ye 12 of 5 mo. 1785. By the reports from the Monthly Meetings some advancement hath been made in promoting schools for the right education of the youth and that divers schools are taught by the directions of Friends and the Monthly Meetings are desired to continue their care therein and report to next Meeting. The Committee appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting of East Hoosuck report they attended to some degree of satisfaction and that Meeting requesting the continuation thereof under consideration continues that Meeting one year longer as held the year past and appoints Isaac Hallark William Michel Charles Colmon Tiddemon Hull Jur

William Wobley Trustram Russel Benjamin Mosher and Levi Hoag to attend that Meeting once a quarter and report their Service and the circumstance of said Meeting to the quarter proceeding the Yearly Meeting by the accounts from the Monthly Meeting of East Hoosuck the expence that yet remains due towards finishing the Meeting House at White Creek is £ 30 - 13 - 0 to which the Monthly Meetings are directed to raise the money and a report thereon be made to our next Meeting. , The Committee that was appointed to inform Humphry Smith that the Meeting was under a nessaty to disown him and draw an assay of denial produced it here which after being red is approved of and signed by the clerk and is as followeth. Whereas Humphry Smith hath had a right of Membership amongst us but for want of taking heed to the principles of truth in his own hert hath given way to a lukeworm and indifferent State of mind. Wherein he hath been much neglectfull in attending our religious meetings for which he hath been laboured with from time to time which hath not had the desired affect therefore we find our selves under a nessaty to testifiye against his said misconduct and disowns him from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he from a sence of his error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting the which he may do is our sencere desire signed in and on behalf of our said Monthly Meeting by John Upton Clerk. And appoints George Southwick and Samuel Cooper to inform him that this Meeting hath disowned him and serve him with a copy of his denial and inform him of his aright to an appeal and read it at close /of a first day Meeting unless he manifests on inclination of an appeal and report to our next Meeting. The Committee that ware appointed to inform Nathan Comstock of his denial and of his arright to an appeal and read their Testification report that they have answered their appointment. The Committee that was appointed to visit Jonathan

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Jewell report that they have had an other opportunity with him and signified that they have more fully inspected the matter that came from the Creek Monthly Meeting and he owned all the crimes that was alleged against him and that he had made some preparation towards making friends satisfaction by righting to that Meeting and the Clerk is desired to forward a copy of this Minute to that Meeting. The Woman Meeting signified to this that they have come to a conclusion to receive Hannah Paris a Member after having the concurrence of the Mens Meeting which after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting receives her a Member of our Society. The Committee that was appointed to visit Benjamin Briggs report that they have visited him to a good degree of satisfaction and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration appoints Samuel Wells and David Anthony to visit him and report their sense the state of his mind to next Meeting. The Friend that was appointed to convey the money that was raised for White Creek Meeting house report the appointment answered. A Minute was handed from the Quarterly Meeting directing the Monthly Meetings to raise money towards finishing white Creek Meeting House this directs the Preparative Meeting to take the necessary care therein and report seasonably to go up to next Quarterly Meeting. Amos Carpenter returned his copy of a Minute that he had to go as far as East Greenwick. Our Friend Robert Nisbet signified to this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to travel within the verge of Oblong Quarter and appoint some Meetings if way should open which this Meeting unites with him in his proposed visit these may certify that he is a Member of this Meeting and a Minister in Unity; and the Clerk is desired to serve him with a copy of this Minutes. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of the 6 mo. 1785. The representatives that was appointed to attend this Meeting being called are all present. The Friends that ware appointed to inform Humphry Smith that this Meeting hath disowned him and serve him with a copy of denial and inform him of his arright to an appeal, Report the appointment not fully answered they are continued in the service and report to next Meeting. This Meeting recêved a letter from the Meeting for sufferings in answer to what this Meeting sent in the third Month last which is in substance as followeth. Dear Friends; We received your letter of the 10 of 3th Month last in answer to which may inform that the monies which were raised for the relief of the necessities & distressed was long since all expended therefore if the Friend still remain in want of assistance we think his wants aught to be supplied by the Monthly Meeting as in cases of other poor; We are your Friends: Signed on behalf and by direction of our Meeting for sufferings held in Newyork the 21 of 4 mo. 1785, Edmo. Prier Clerk. This Meeting taking into consideration that there is now no Committee appointed to have the care of Friends sufferings now think proper to proseed and appoint Isaac Upton Amaziah Allen and George Southwick to have the care of and enspect the sufferings of Friends for this year and friends are desired to hand to the Committee their sufferings as they suffer and the Committee is desired to report their proceeding seasonably to go up to the next Yearly Meeting. One of the Committee that ware appointed to visit Benjamin Briggs on account of his requesting to come under the care of Friends report that he visited him to a good degree of satisfaction his minde appearing tender and concerned for the promotion of truth the other Friend not attending to his appointment gave a reason which this Meeting excepts of an after a time of consideration thereon the matter not appearing fully clear it is referied to the consideration of next meeting. This Meeting now adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of 7th mo. 1785. The representatives being called are all present. The quearies being read and the answers are in substance as followeth.

Answr. the 1. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by most of Friends tho a slackness appears in some the hour prity well observed by those that attend not altogether clear of sleaping in Meetings mostely clear of other indecent behavious: Care hath been taken in the several deficiencies afove mentioned.

Ansr. the 2nd. We believe there is a good degree of love and unity subsists amongst a remnent as becomes Brethren tho a greate want of it in others and some labour bestored for a revival thereof where differences have appeared care hath been taken to end them.

Ansr. the 3rd. We know not of any that are in the practice of backbighting talebaring & c. yet we think that we are not carefull enough in those respects.

Ans. the 4th. We believe that a degree of care rests on the minds of most Friends to keep themselves and those under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and in the frequent reading the hold Scriptures the a neglect appears in some: and some labour hath been extended.

Ans. the 5th. We belive that Friends are carefull to avoid the unnessary use of spirituous liquors or frequenting taverna and places of diversion we know of no intemperance on account of marriages births or burials.

And the 6th. Some care hath been taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and some relief hath been administered. Some care hath been taken to given their childrin learning we know not of any friends children placed from amongst Friends.

Ans. the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know.

Ans. the 8th. Clear as far a s appears.

the 9th. We know not but clear in the several branches of this Query.

the 10th. Friends are not enough carefull to make their wille seasonably and some care taken for an améndment; we know not of any missapplication of publick gifts and legerces.

the 11th. We have no negroes amongst us.

the 12th. Friends are not all carefull to preform promices and pay just debts and some care taken generally carefull of lanching into business beyond their abilities to manage.

the 13th. None removed from us without Certificates but some come amongst us who have not produced Certificates and some care taken.

Ans. the 14th. Some care rests upon the minds of friends to deal with offenders measurable agreeable to disipline. The Friends that was appointed to inform Humphry Smith that this Meeting hath disowned him and inform him of his arright of an appeal and reed the denial report the appointment answered. The matter comming again under consideration respecting Benjamin Briggs requesting to come under the care of Friands and after a weighty consideration thereon this Meeting recives him a Member of our Society and appoints Amaziah Allen to inform him thereof. The Committee that ware appointed to arreet schools for right education of our youth report that there is one school kept under the care of this Monthly Meeting. This Meeting recived a certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting of Sarratoga baring date the 21 & 22 of 4 mo. 1785 for Mary wife of Benjamin Lapham and her daughter Abigail and Ruth Bapham which after being reed and is excepted of. This Meeting appoints David Anthony Samuel Cooper Samuel Wells Amaziah Allen and George Southwick to attend the service of next Quarterly Meeting to carry up to that and bring down to this all such business as shall

concern this Meeting and report their service to the Monthly Meeting in the ninth month next. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 11 of the 8 mo. 1785. The representatives being called are all present. As the time being expired that the clerk was appointed for this Meeting appoints John Upton Clerk for the insuing year. The Committee that was appointed to inspect into the lives and conversation of George Southwick and Adam Harkness respecting their being appointed to the station of elders report that they finde nothing to hinder on that account and this after a deliberate consideration thereon recomends them to the next Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders and the Clerk is desired to send a copy of this minute to this Meeting. Hannah Lapham signified to this meeting that she hath a concern upon her minde to travill as far as Dartmouth and Penⁿbrook^(Pembroke) to visit some Meetings in them parts and requested the concurance of this Meeting therein therefore this Meeting appoints John Upton Jeremiah Smith and Samuel Cooper to make inquirey into her concern and draw a certificate if the way be clear and report to next Meeting. A Minute was directed to this from the Preparative Meeting signifieng that Samuel Wells Samuel Cooper and Isaac Upton were by that Meeting anominated for oversears and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints them oversears for the insuing year. This Meeting appoints John Upton and Amos Carpenter to settle accounts with the former treasurrer that was appointed when this and Seretogua constatuted one Monthly Meeting and report how accounts stand to next Meeting.

~~These were the names of the members of the church at the time of the meeting~~
~~Samuel Wells Samuel Cooper and Isaac Upton were by that meeting anominated for oversears~~
~~and after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting appoints them oversears for the insuing year.~~

This Meeting appoints Caleb Braley a Treasurrer for the insuing year and to procure a sutable book for the purpose and therein keep all accounts clear and plain. Considering that there is no friends appointed to attend burials, This Meeting appoints Isaac Upton John Wells Adam Harkness and Samuel Cooper to attend on that service to see if they are decently conducted as also to take nessary care of the burial ground for the insuing year.

ground for the insuing year. The Preparative Meeting report the subscription for White Creek Meeting House is compleated which is the sum of £ 2 - 1 - 4 and the Treasurrer is directed to send it where it is due. Isaac Killey informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a fue lines to go as far as Yarmoth to **visit** his friends and relations which this concurs with he being a Member of this Meeting and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. Joshua Lapham informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as ⁿ ~~Pembroke~~ ^(Pembroke) to see his friends and relations which this **concura** with he being a Member of this Meeting and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 9th mo. 1785. The representatives that was appointed to attend this being called are all present. Four of the representatives that was appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended to that service/and produced the accounts directed the other gave a reason which this excepts of to this and is as followeth. From our Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18 of 8th mo. 1785. The extracts of the Minutes at the Yearly Meeting were now read expressive of the concern for the promotion of our peacble testimony which being satisfactory and edifying to this Meeting and do unitedly recommed the weighty concern and advice therein contained to the obser- vence and attention of our monthly meetings viz the Yearly meeting on considering the State of Society as exhibeted in the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings we observed a doubt expressed in one of them whether our testimony against war hath not been in some measure violated by paying the late tax under the consideration of which and a solemn covering being witnessed a concern arose

for the promotion of our peaceable testimony wherefore we earnestly desire that all friends may carefully cherish in them selves the arising of that pure principle which if attended to will preserve from a compliance with any tax or requisition inconsistent therewith and that neither former example nor any other circumstance may be suffered to draw from the simple pointings there of which as its rightly attended too will we doubt not lead into a gradual advancement of our testimony in this respect and it is advised that our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings dwell under a living concern for the promotion of our testimony herein whereby they may be enabled to advise and encourage Friends as occasion may require. We have also observed with sorrow that some in one of the Quarters have made purchase of confiscated lands which as it is partaking of the spoils of war is an open violation of our testimony in that respect and demands the care and exertion of Monthly Meetings. In attending to the state of things as brought up from the several Quarters it was cause of close exercise to finde that any amongst us should yet give way to the excessive use of spiriteuous liquors and the Meeting was led to consider the importation and sale of that artical as to contributing to the encouragement and increase of this mighty evil. After a full opportunity for a free communication of sentiments and a unighting calm attending do earnestly recommend to the quarterly and Monthly Meetings to give serious and close attention to the important subject that concerned Friends by exemplary in this respect and requested to advise our Members against being concerned in importing or selling of distilled spiriteuous liquors or the distilation of them & that they be watchfully cautious how they encourage in them a traffick so pernicious to our fellow men. And it appears that the Yearly meeting taking into consideration a more adequate arangement of quotas between the several quarterly meeting directs that in futer when £ 100 is to be raised Westbury Quarte rais £ 50 Oblong £ 25

and Ninepartners £ 25 and so in proportion to any other sum and the observances thereof is requested by the Quarterly Meeting till other ways determined. And it appears that there remains of the expence of furnishing Ninepartners meeting House 4-208 - 5 - 4 and that of the Creek £ 116 and that Oblong Quarter have taken up the sum of £ 150 for building the Meeting house granted last year and as the money is much wanting directs the Quarterly Meeting to raise the several sums agreeable to their respective quotas as speedy as they can and pay the sum to the Treasurer and inform our nex Yearly Meeting on which this Meeting directs our Monthly Meetings to be expeditious in raising their proportion agreeable to the respective quotas as speedy as they can and make report thereon to our next Meeting. Was produced and read a minute from the Meeting for sufferings advising that when any meeting house is to be build and the Quarterly Meeting shall finde it self unequal to it that privis to making a beginning ask the advice of their meeting and that when they shall forward proposials for building with porticular dementions of the house proposed and the amount of their subscription and the estimate of cost and to keep explicit accounts of receipts and expences: and for what: and lay the same before their meeting when the house is compleated which this Meeting recommends to the observation of our several Monthly Meetings. The Committee appointed to take into their consideration an alteration of the present quotas between our Monthly Meetings agreed and proposed a quotas upon the Monthly Meetings to pay viz when £ 1000 is to be raised Ninepartners pay £ 40 the Creek £ 38 East Hoosuck £ 7 Saratogua £ 15 and so in proportion to any other sum for one year which being considered is concurd with and directed to the observance of the Monthly Meetings. The extracts of the Minutes of the Meeting for sufferings expresses that the request from the Quarterly Meeting respecting the Building

a Meeting House at Sertogua was taken into their consideration and the same being deliberated on it appeared expedient one should be built there and of the dementions proposed and that Meeting is at liberty to proceed. And it is the advice of the Meeting for sufferings that the Friends who belong to the porticular Meeting where the house is to be built in futer would indepedent of their subscription exert themselves in supplying with the timber and do. the carting without charge in either case as far as they reasonably can which this Meeting unites with and recommends to the attention of the Monthly Meeting. And this Meeting directs the continuation of care in promoting schools for the right education of the youth and report their further service to our next Meeting. This Meeting hath the Company of our Friends Trustom Russel and William Wooley a part of the Committee that was appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to visit and asist this Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to mak inquirey respecting Hanah Lapham proposing a visit to friends at Dartmouth and Penbrook report that way hath appeared not clear for her to proceed and after a weighty consideration thereon the matter is rested for the present. The friends that ware appointed to settle accounts with the former treasurer report they found accounts upon an even balance. Received a letter which was signed by two friends by direction of the Monthly Meeting of the Ninepartners respecting Rulif White which this taking into consideration and appoints Snow Randall John Upton & George Southwick to inform the ~~above~~ said friends by wrighting & indeavour to inform them the sircumstance of the case and report to next Meeting. It appears that there is a number of books sent from the Meeting of sufferings to this and appoints Samuel Wells Robert Nisbet Snow Randall and David Anthony to take the care of disposing of them where they think nessary. Recived

two copys of the printed and writen epistles from the Yearly Meeting held in London: and one from the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia as also one from the Yearly Meeting held at Rhoadsland all which was read to satisfaction and the weighty advice therein contained we recommend to members for General observation and practice and in a special manner that paragraft in the London General Epistle respecting removals. This Meeting hath been favoured with the company of our Friend Thomas Scatagood with a certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Philadelphia held for the north destreet and indorsement was signed by the cler^(K) in behalf of this Meeting. Signifying that his company and service was exceptable as also the company of our friend James Mott in company with him with a copy of a minute from the monthly Meeting held at Shappyquan whose company hath been exceptable. Likewise the company of our Friend Daniel Hwerland with a copy of a Minute from the Monthly Meeting held at oblong whose company and labours hath been to satisfaction. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in nex month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of 10 mo. 1785. the representatives that was appointed to attend this being called are all present. This Meeting hath the company of our Friends Benjamin Mother Isaac Malack a part of the Committee appointed by our quarterly Meeting to visit and asist this Meeting. The Queries being reed and the answers that come up from the preparative are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for Worship and disipline are attended by moste the hour not so well observed by some as is desired not all clear of sleeping in Meetings and some care taken wher deficiencies appear in the several dificences as far other indecent behaviour mostely clear.

the 2nd. Love and unity is maintained in good degree amongst us as becomes Brethren altho there appears a want of it in some and some care taken. where differences are known to arise indeavours are used to end them.

the 3rd. Not altogether clear of backbighting tale baring or spreading evil reports and some care taken.

the 4th. We believe there is a remnent amongst us that are in a good degree carefull to keep themselves and all those under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and aperiel and also in the frequent reading the holy Schriptides tho a great neglect in others and some care taken.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know.

the 6th. Some care hath been taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and some relieaf hath been administered and their children pertake of lerning; we know of no friends children placed from amongst Friends.

the 7th. Clear in this queary as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as we know except with rgard to excise duties so called.

the 10th. We believe Friends are not enough careful to make wills seasonably. we know of no misaplication to publick gifts and legercees.

the 11th. We have no negroes amongst us.

the 12th. Friends are not all carefull to preform promices and pay just debts and some care taken generally carefull lanching into trade and business beyond abilities to manage.

the 13th. None removed from us without certificates but some come amongst us who have not produced certificates and some care taken;

the 14th. Some care hath been taken to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline.

The Committee that was appointed to write to the Ninepartners respecting Bulif White report that they have not answered their appointment and after a consideration thereon this Meeting thinks best to inform the Ninepartners Monthly Meeting that we apprehend the circumstance of the case to be such that it would be likely to be of the most service for that Meeting to take the necessary care of labouring with him. and the clerk is desired to forward a copy of this Minute to that Meeting. This Meeting being informed by way of the Preparative Meeting that George Southwick hath a prospect of removing within the verge of Sretogua Monthly Meeting and requests the advice of this Meeting therein which after taking into consideration and appoints Samuel Wells Amaziah Allen and John Wells to confer with him on that account and report to next Meeting. The Committee appointed to arrect schools report which this Meeting concurs with and is as followeth. We have to report that there is one school under the care of this Monthly Meeting. The time being expired that they were appointed for, This Meeting appoints David Anthony Jeremiah Smith Samuel Wells and Adam Harkness to have the care of arrecting schools for the virteous education of our youth to be continued in that service for one year and report the Monthly Meeting pceeding each quarter it appears by Minute that the preparative Meeting hath opened subscriptions for raising our proportion of the several sums directed by the Quarterly Meeting but not compleated. Isaac Killey returned his copy of a Minute that he had to go to Yarmouth. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness Isaac Upton Enos gurtious Abraham Lapham and Jeremiah Smith to attend the service of next quarterly Meeting and take the necessary care to carry up to that and bring down to this all matters that

concern this and report of their service the Monthly Meeting in the twelfth month next. This Meeting now adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of the 11 mo, 1785. The representatives being called are all present. The Committee that was appointed to confer with George Southwick respecting his proposing of removing within the verge of Seratogua Monthly Meeting reports and is as followeth. We the Committee appointed in the case of George Southwick inform that we have had an opportunity with him respecting his prospect of removing within the verge of Seretogua Monthly Meeting and finde nothing to hinder his making tryal to settle himself there. Which this Meeting excepts of and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet Adam Harkness and David Anthony to further advise with him as way may open on that account. and report to next Meeting. The Committee that was appointed to arrect schools report that there is know plase convenient to hold a school in this place and this Meeting taking into consideration thinks best to ask liberty of the Quarterly Meeting to hold a school in this Meeting house if they should think ^e will of it this winter and this Meeting directs the Preparative Meeting to open subscriptions for building a school house in this place. Which this Meeting ~~commits~~ the care of the same to the school committee. This Meeting adjourns to be held the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of the 12 mo. 1785. The representatives being called are present. The representatives ~~that were~~ appointed to attend the last Quarterly report they all attended to that service and produced the extracts at that Meeting and are as foloweth, By the reports from the Monthly

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Meetings some schools for the right education of the youth are taught by the direction of the Monthly Meetings but the progress in that important matter appears to be small therefore this meeting earnestly desires the monthly meetings to encourage the promotion of such schools and report their further progress to our next meeting. The several Monthly Meetings informs they have proceeded in raising money on the expence of finishing the several Meeting Houses as directed by last quarterly Meeting which this meeting requests the Monthly Meetings to be expeditious therein and report to our next Meeting. It appears the Monthly Meeting have proceeded in raising the money on the expence of White Creek Meeting house but not compleated and the Monthly Meeting of Seratogua requested assistance in raising their quato towards the expense of said house which appears to be the sum of £ 31 = 17 - 0 this Meeting under consideration thereon directs the Monthly Meetings to raise the same with the foregoing sum that the said debt may be fully discharged and inform our next Meeting. A proposal from the Monthly Meeting of the Creek for purchasing a Meeting house for friends to hold a Meeting in at New Malborough with four acors of land adjoining thereto which appears may be purchased for £ 125 and the friends of Newmolbourh have subscribed £34 likewise a proposal from the same Monthly Meeting for building a Meeting House at Cornwell the Dementions proposed is 30 by 32 feet with 18 feet Posts, with purchasing two acors of land the estimate the cost to be £ 260 their subscription is £ 75 which after being considered this Meeting directs the Monthly Meetings to make trial in raising the above said sums of maney and inform our next meeting thereof. And directs the same to care of the Preparative Meeting and that Meeting is desired to report to this; seasonably to go up to next Quarterly Meeting. The Committees that ware appointed to further advise with George

Southwick on account of his prospect of removing within the verge of Seratoga Monthly Meeting reports that they have had a smypathising opertunity with him and gove him some advice therein but the way appeared not open in his nor their minds at present. This Meeting feeling a weighty concern for the revival of our christian testimony ttthought it ncessary to proseed to appoint some friends that feel a concern to labour with such that appear careless and unconcerned for the promortion of truth desiring that they may labour in that love that those that appear careless and may be stired up to a more lively concern for the future viz Robert Nisbet Adam Harkness and George Southwick and they are desired to report when their service appears to be accomplished. Samuel Wells informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as Worwick to do some business he being a Member of this Meeting and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute. George Southwick signified to this Meeting that he hath a desire of a fue lines to go as far as Smithfield to see his friends and relations these may certify that he is a member of this Meeting and an elder and the Clerk is desired to give him a copy of this Minute. John Wells signified to this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as East ^rGreenwick to visit his Friends and relations which this concurs with he being a Member of this Meeting. And the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. Benjamin Briggs signified to this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as Warwick to do some business which this ^(c)conure with he being a Member of this Meeting and the clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 12 of the 1 mo. 1786.

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The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present except one. This Meeting hath the company of our friends William Michell and Levi Hoag a part of the Committee appointed by our Quarterly Meeting to visit and assist the Meeting. The Queries were read in this Meeting and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth:

Answer. 1st. All Meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by most the some appear negligent. the hour generally observed by those that attend. Not altogether clear of sleeping in Meetings some care taken in the several deficiencies mentioned in this answer mostly clear of other indecent behaviour in Meetings.

the 2nd. We believe there is a degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes Brethren tho there appears too much of a want of it in some and where deficiencies are known to arise in-deavors are used to end them.

the 3rd. Not altogether clear of backbiting talebaring and spreading evil reports and some in-deavours used for an amendment.

the 4th. We believe there is a remnant amongst us that are in a good degree careful to keep them selves and those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and also in the frequent reading the holy Scriptures tho some appear negligent in those respects and some care taken.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 6th. Some care taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and relief hath been administered and their children freely partake of learning. we know of no friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear for aught that appears.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know except buying foreign goods on which there is duties

said for the support of military services be deemed a breach.

the 10th. Friends are not altogether carefull enough to make their wills seasonably and some advice given we know of no missaplication of publick gifts and legarcees.

the 11th. We have no negroes amongst us.

the 12 We believe some Friends are not enough carefull to preform promicies and pay their just debts by reason thay have too much business upon their hands to mannage in the truth and some care taken.

the 13th. None removed from but some come amongst us without certificates and some care taken.

the 14 We believe there is a good degree of care rests on the minde of Friends to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline.

This Meeting appoints David Anthony John Upton Amos Carpenter and Jeremiah Smith to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the nessary care to carry up to that and bring down to this all matters that concern this and report their service the Monthly Meeting in the third month next. Received a certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting of Serratogua bearing date ye 21 of the 4 mo. 1786, For Benjamin Lapham and his son Benjamin which after being reed is excepted of. Our Friend Robert Nisbet signified to this Meeting that he hath it upon his minde to travil within the Compass of Seretogua Monthly Meeting and requests a fue lines for that purpose. These may certefy that he is a Member of this Meeting and a Minister in unity and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting adjourns to be held here at the usal time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of the 2nd mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. Received a certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting held at Acoxet in Dartmouth Baring date ye 19 of the 11 mo 1785, For Caleb Matomber which after being reed to satisfaction is excepted, The Committee that were appointed to arrect schools for the right education of our youth report that there is two schools kept under the care of this Monthly Meeting. This Meeting taking into consideration the matter respecting the holding of this Monthly Meeting as it is now setteled as it some times interfears with the Quarterly Meeting which renders it inpractiable for us to answer the queary quarterly at the preparative proceeding the Monthly Meeting before each quarter. we think it best to lay the same before the quarterly Meeting for consideration. According to direction this Meeting hath made trial to raise something towards purchasing a house at Newmulborough for a Meeting House likewise for building a Meeting House at Carnwell and as we have several debts that lye back unpaid we think ourselves unable to do much towards this at present we therefore think best to return it with ~~submissien~~ submission to the Quarterly Meeting. It appears by a Minute from the Preparative Meeting that the subscription for raising our preportion of the several sums called for by the Quarterly Meeting is not compleated. Agreeable to direction this Meeting hath proceeded in raising money by subscription for White Creek Meeting House but not compleated. Received a Minute from the Womans Meeting signifying that they have considered the matter respecting Mary Braly requesting to come under the care of friends which this Meeting after a soled consideration thereon recived her a Member of our Society. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

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At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of the 3 mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. The representatives that were appointed to attend the service of last Quarterly Meeting report that they attended to that service and produced the extracts from that Meeting which is as followeth. Att a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners ye 16th of 2nd mo. 1786. In the accounts from the Monthly Meeting is expressed a continuative of care respecting schools and that some schools are taught by friends the Monthly Meetings are requested to extend their care in promoting schools as way may open that there may be an increase in that important subject and report to our next Meeting. By the reports from the several Monthly Meetings that they have proceed in raising money on the expence of the several Meeting Houses but not compleated: the Monthly Meetings are desired to be expeditious in raising the money that the debts may be fully discharged and be no longer unnecessary kept on our minutes and report to next Meeting. The Monthly Meetings inform they have proceeded in raising money to discharge the expence of White Creek Meeting House but not fully compleated this Meeting directs the accomplishment thereof and inform our next Meeting. The Friends that were appointed by the Preparative Meeting to compleat the subscription in order to make tryal for building a school House in this place produced the amount ⁽⁴⁾ it which is the sum of £ 11 - 0 - 0 and as way not appearing open to proceed therein at this time it is referred to the consideration of next Meeting. This Meeting hath had the company of our Friend Benjamin Worth with a copy of a Minute from the Monthly Meeting of Purchase held at Marreneck baring date ye 8 of 2 mo. 1786. and a few lines were indorced on his copy of a minute from this Meeting signifying that his company and service hath been acceptable also the company of our Friend John Ferris with a copy

of a Minute from the same Meeting in company with the aforesaid friend whose company hath been to satisfaction. Received a certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting of Nine-partners baring date ye 25 of the 8mo. 1785 for Sarah the wife of Laurance Delong after being reed to satisfaction and is excepted. Received a Minute from the Woman meeting signifying that they have appointed a Committee to visit Elisebeth Lapham on account of her requesting to come under the care of Friends and desired the asistance of this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon appoints John Upton and Samuel Wells to join the Woman Friends to visit her on that account and report their satisfaction the state of her minde to next Meeting. Samuel Wells returned to this Meeting his copy of a Minute that he had to go as far as Warwick to do some business. John Wells returned to this Meeting the copy of a minute that he had to go as far as East Greenwich to visit his friends and relations. George Southwick returned to this Meeting his copy of a Minute that he had to go as far as Smithfield to see his friends and relations. Benjamin Briggs returned to this Meeting his copy of a Minute that he had to go as far as Warwick to do some business. This now adjouras to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of the 4 mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. This Meeting hath the company of our Friends Charles Colmann and Tidaman Hull Jur a Part of the Committee appointed by our Quarterly Meeting to visit and assist this Meeting. The Queries were reed in this meeting and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All Meetings for worship and disipline are attended generally by most but a slackness appears in some and some care taken; the hour prity well but not enough observed by those that

attend not altogether clear of sleeping in meetings and some care taken as to other indecent behaviour mostly clear.

the 2nd. We think there is a good degree of love and unit(y) subsisting amongst us as becomes Brethren tho not so fulley with all as is desired on which **account** there has been labour besced where differences are known to arise indavours have been used to end them.

the 3rd. We know of none in the practise of backbighting tale-baring or spreading evil reports tho not enough careful in those respects and som advice given.

the 4th. We believe there is a good degree of care rests on the minds of some to keep themselves & those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and apparriel as also in the frequent reading the holy schriptides tho an apparent neglect in others and some care taken.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this quary for aught that appears.

the 6th. The necessities of the poor are some what tho not enough inspected. Some of their children freely protake of learning; know of no friends children placed from amongst Friends.

the 7th. Clear for ought that appears.

the 8th. Clear.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as appears except buying foreigngoods on which there is dutis (laid (as it is said) to defray Military charges be a breach.

the 10th. Friends are not altogether careful enough to make their wills seasonably and some advice given, no miss application of publick gifts and legersees that we know of.

the 11th. We have no negroes amongst us.

the 12th. Some Friends are not enough careful preform promises

and pay just debts by reason of having too much business upon their hands to manage truth and some care taken.

the 13th. None removed from but some come amongst us without certificates, and some care taken.

the 14th. We believe there is a good degree of care rests on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to disciplines.

The answers to the 4 annual queries are.

Ans. 1. Know Minister nor elder desest since last year nor the memorial preserved concerning any friend.

the 2nd. Know New Meeting House built nor any new meeting settele since last year.

the 3rd. Several through convincement have joined this meeting since last year.

the 4th. They are.

This Meeting again taking under consideration respecting the proceeding to build a school house in this place and after a time of heavy exercise their on this meeting concludes that it should be Omitted for the present. The Committee that were appointed to join the Woman Friends in performing a visit to Elisabeth Lapham on account of her requesting to come under the care of Friends report that according to their sence here minde appeared in some degree tender and a desire of doing well and after a deliberate consideration thereon as it appearing not ripe to recive her a member and she being removed within the verge of Seratogua Monthly Meeting we think it best to recommend the matter to your care with desire of her further advancement in the truth. and the Clerk is desired to send a copy of this Minute to the Monthly Meeting at Seratogua. Robert Nisbet returned to this Meeting his minute that was granted him to travil within the campas of Saratogua Monthly Meeting as way not opning for him to proceed therein. This Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet John

Wells Enos Curtious and Snow Randall to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the nessary care to carryyup to that and bring down to this all matters that concern this and report their service the Monthly Meeting in the sixth month. It appears by a Minute from the Preparative Meeting that our preperation of the several sumes of money called for by the Quarterly Meeting is raised. The Preparative Meeting report that the subscription for raising our proportion of money for White Creek Meeting House is compleated and the Treasurer is directed to convey the same where due. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 11 of 5th mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. Received a letter which was signed by two Friends by directions of the Creek Monthly Meeting in the Ninepartners. This Meeting taking under consideration and appoints Jeremiah Smith and Stephen Smith to visit him on that account and prepare essa to send to the Creek Monthly Meeting to inform them the sence of this Meeting thereon and report to next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed to have the care of and inspect the sufferings of Friends the year past exhibeted the account to this Meeting which is the sum of £ 56 - 11 - 7 LM. The Committee that were appointed to have the care of arrecting schools report that there is one school kept under the care of this Monthly Meeting. This Meeting taking into consideration the matter of respecting the continuation of this Monthly Meeting as the time being expired that it was granted for we desire it may be continued if the Quarterly Meeting thinks well of it. Our Friend Robert Nisbet signified to this Meeting that he hath a desire of a fue lines to travil within the compass of Oblong and Westbury Quarter and appoint some Meetings if way should open which this Meeting unites

with him therein he being a Member of this Meeting and Minister in unity and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8th of the 6 mo. 1786. The representatives that were appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. The representatives that were appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended and produced the extracts from that Meeting which are as followeth. The Monthly Meetings informs a continuation of care and the several schools are taught by directions of friends this requests Monthly Meetings care in that necessary respect and report their further service to next Meeting. The extracts of the Meeting for sufferings held at Newyork 14th of 3d mo. last requesting this meeting to direct subscriptions to rais £ 74 - 18 - 9 on the expence of building the meeting house at amawalk and pay the same to the trustees of sd house also £ 86 10 and remitt to the Trustees for building the Meeting house at Saratoga and inform their Meeting thereof when compleated which this Meeting directs the Monthly Meetings to raise the sume of money according to their respective quotos and pay it to the Trustees agreeable to the request of the Meeting for sufferings and inform this Meeting when the service is compleated sd meeting also informs of the reprinting the tracts of Joseph Phipps and Mary Brooks that they are now in the press and apprehending friends of the several Meetings would be desirious of supplying themselves therewith have therefore to have 500 printed for that purpose much religious information being contained therein and may be had at a moderate price of about 7^d each which this Meeting recommends down to the consideration of the Monthly Meetings. And the sd meeting having considered the request that came up from our last Quarterly meeting respecting

the proposial for purchasing a house for friends to hold a Meeting in at Newmolborough on considering the present circumstance relating thereto concerns therewith and gives Liberty to purchase sd house and that friends there be authorised to hire ~~L 99~~ to be added to the subscription of that perticular meeting and that for so long time untill it can be raised by subscription hereafter to be made and requests this meeting exertion therein. And have ~~relay~~^{relay}ed back the proposial for the bulding a Meeting House at Cornwell requesting this meeting endeavours in raising the money and to transmitt the amount of its subscription with a copy of the estimate for building sd house as spedely as may be and inform their meeting thereof therefore this meeting directs the Monthly Meetings to attend thereto and proceed accordingly in reaising the money respecting each building and inform our next meeting as perticular account of the money raised. This Meeting continues the Monthly Meeting at East Hoosuck until otherwise determined by this Meeting. The Monthly Meeting of East Hoosuck informs the amount of their sufferings but not expresing for what under consideration thereon returnes it back that it may come up more expliset. And the Clerk is directed to hand down to the Preparative Meeting such minutes as concerns that Meeting. This Meeting taking into consideration the difficulty we have for some time laboured under of paying our Society debts now think it nessary to enter into some what of a different method and do appoint Jeremiah Smith Edward Edmonds John Upton and Caleb Braley a Committee to visit each Member and indeavour to know their out ward circumstance and proportion the debts called for according to their ability for them to pay. The Committee that were appointed to visit Jonathan Jewel report the appointment answered and produced an essa which is as foloweth. We have made a visit to Jonathan Jewel and we

used our endeavours as far as appeared necessary agreeable to our appointment to persuade him to go and try to settle with friends at the Ninepatners which he signified to us that he intended to do at the Creek Monthly Meeting in the ~~first~~^{next} month. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13th of the 7 mo. 1786 The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by most of Friends the hour pretty well observed by those that attend not altogether clear of sleeping in Meeting and some care taken as to other indecent behaviour mostly clear.

the 2nd. We believe there is a good degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes Brethren though a ~~lack~~^{way} of it in some and where differences are known to arise care hath been taken to end them.

the 3rd. We know of none in the practice of backbiting tailbaring or spreading evil reports tho we think friends are not altogether so careful on those accounts as would be best.

the 4th. We believe there is a good degree of care rests on the minds of some to keep themselves and all those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel as also in the frequent reading the holy Schriptides tho an apparant neglect in others and some care taken.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query for aught that appears.

the 6th. Some care hath been taken to inspect the necessities of the poor know poor Friends children being sent to school since last quarter we know of no friend children placed from amongst Friends.

the 7th. Clear for aught that appears.

the 8th. Clear as far as appears.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know except buying foreign goods on which there is duties laid to support Military services be a breach.

the 10th. We think friends are not altogether careful enough to make their wills seasonably and some advice given. no misapplication of publick gifts that we know of.

the 11th. We have no negroes amongst us.

the 12th. We believe friends are mostly careful on those accounts.

the 13th. None removed from but some come amongst us with out certificates and some care taken.

the 14th. We think there is a good degree of care rests on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders measurably by agreeable to desipline.

This Meeting appoints George Southwick Jeremiah Smith and Adam Harkness to have the care of and inspect the sufferings of Friends for the insuing year as also the care of the sufferings that was taken the year past and therein set forth a move explicit account for what they were taken for and friends are directed to hand to the Committee an account of their sufferings as they suffer and report seasonably to go up to next Yearly Meeting. Robert Nisbet returned to this Meeting his copy of a minute that he had to travil within the compas of Oblong and Westbury Quarter. This Meeting appoints David Anthony John Upton Benjamin Briggs and George Southwick to attend the Service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the nessary care to carry up to that and bring down to this all matters that concern this and report their service the Monthly Meeting in Ninth in next. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosmck ye 10 of the 8 mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. This Meeting appoints John Upton Clerk for the insuing year. Received a Certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting of Saratogua baring date 20th of 7 mo. 1786 for David Lapham and Judith his wife and children namely Abraham Rebeca William which being reed is excepted. A Minute came up from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Samuel Wells and John Upton were by that Meeting anominated oversears which this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon appoints them oversears for the insuing year. This Meeting continues the Former Treasurer to that service for the insuing year. This Meeting appoints John Wells Jeremiah Smith Samuel Cooper Isaac Upton and Amaziah Allen to attend burial that are under the notice of firends and see that they are conducted decently and orderly as also the care of the burial ground for the ensuing year. The Committee that were appointed to have the care of schoole reports that there is one school under the care of this Meeting. This Meeting subscribed for twenty six of the tracts of Joseph Phips and Mary Brooks. Agreeable to direction this Meeting hath raised the sum of £ 1 - 2 - 0 towards purchasing a house for friends to hold a Meeting in at Newmuborough and for Building a Meeting House at New Cornwell. Isaac Killey signified to this Meeting that he heth a desire of a feu lines to go as far as Yarmouth to visit his friends and relations which this concurs with he being a Member of this Meeting and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of 9 mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. Two of the representatives appointed to attend

the last Quarterly Meeting report they attended agreeable
 to appointment and produced the extracts from that Meeting
 which are as followeth. The two other not attending they gave
 a reason which this Meeting excepts of. At a Quarterly Meeting
 held at Ninepartners the 17th of 8 mo. 1786 by the extracts of
 the Yearly Meeting it appears that Meetings hath considered
 the expediciency of an alteration on the time our Quarterly
 meeting was fixed. Directs that in futer the the Meetings be
 held on fifth day proceeding the two last first days in the
 11th 2^d & 8th months. And the Yearly meeting recommends to the
 Quarterly Meetings extension that important subjects of the right
 education of school learning and that they steadily persevere in
 the promotion of a work is benifichel; and concern arose for
 the promition of the rising generation and as sutable books
 have proved very useful to many & religion grately promoted thereby
 its thought grate advantage would arise from a more frequant persual
 of such books and apprehending many are differient in procurrung
 them: therefore directs the Quarterly Meeting to inspect into
 the situation of their Members whether they are provided with
 books sutable for their instruction: and that they forward an
 account thereof with the number of such as may appear to be wanted
 to the Meeting for sufferings; and this Meeting unites therewith
 recommends to the Monthly Meetings close attention the promortion
 of schools: and in the inspection of books agreeable to the concern
 and direction of the Yearly Meeting and inform our next Meeting
 thereof. And sd Yearly Meeting having a prospect that it
 would be right for the meeting for sufferings to distribute a
 number of Religious Books and its probible they will want money
 for other purpos therefore directs the Quarterly Meeting to open
 subscriptions to raise £ 300 for the present year and pay to the

Treasurer and report to next Yearly Meeting on which this Meeting directs the Monthly Meetings to proceed in raising the money according to their respective quotas and pay it as directed and make report to our Quarterly Meeting in fifth month next. And the said Yearly Meeting being ~~dipt~~ into a close consideration of the state of Society and observing with deep concern the remissness mentioned in divers particulars but more especially in the greater duty the diligent and wakeful attendance of our Religious Meetings the neglect of which we consider as a door thro which divers irregularities and sorrowful consequences are suffered to enter under a deep concern therein we are engaged to call to our Brethren individually of all ranks to suffer not the surfeiting cares of this life or the delusive suggestions of an unwearied adversary to prevent them from bringing their deeds to the light that every thing that obstructs our advancement in virtue may be removed but should the enemy of our happiness so far influence any as to disregard the tender counsel and advice herein contained it is hereby earnestly recommended to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings closely to press it upon the overseers and other well concerned friends that they as faithful watchmen warn such of the danger to which they are exposing themselves and labouring earnestly for their recovery and that those may be brought not only to cherish in their own minds a lively concern for the attendance of our religious Meetings both for worship and discipline but that their children and all those under their tuition may be brought up in the praiseworthy part of that incumbent duty and our several Meetings for discipline are requested to be more weighty and attentive in considering and answering the queries and that the answers be plain full and explicit avoiding all ambiguous expressions and if in some part of a query they are clear and in other parts not that they point out in what part the deficiency lies in order that a clear state of things may in future come up

to the Yearly Meeting which this Meeting recommends the attention and care of the Monthly Meetings therein. The Meetings for sufferings held at New York 11th of 7th mo. 1786, Sent to this meeting three hundreds of the tracts of Joseph Phips and Mary Brooks and informs that that this edition is principally intended for the information of those not of our Society whose minds may have been turned towards religious enquirey and for such amongs us whose circumstance and remote situation may render it difficult to procure proper books for the instruction of there rising families and requests the Quarterly meeting close attention to this business for the spreading religious instruction and desires the careful attendance in distributing those copies now sent amongst such as may be likely to give them an attentive perusal and also to inform our selves what further quantity we apprehend may be sent forward with prespect of a Religious advantage and that such information be forwarded to the Meeting for sufferings which having the unity and full concurrence of this Meeting dirrects the Monthly Meetings careful attention thereto in appointing concerned friends for the purpose of distributing sd copies; and to inspect consider and purpose what further quantity thay apprehend may be useful to our next Quarterly meeting. The Monthly Meetings are requested to continue their care in promorting schools and report their further service to our next Meeting. Received to coppies one printed and one written epistle form the Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournment form the 6^{*} of the 5 mo. 1786 to the 23 of the same inclusive. And one from the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia by adjournments from the 6 of the 9 mo. 1785 to the first of the 10 mo. inclusive. Also one from the Yearly Meeting held at Newport for Rhoadsland by adjournments from the 10 day of the 6 mo. 1786 to the 14 of the same inclusive. All which were read and the advice therein contained hath been to good satisfac-

** Probably should read 16th
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tion. Which this Meeting unites therewith. And appoints Robert Nisbet John Upton George and Southwick to make inspection in order to finde what number of books may appear nessary and report seasonably to go up to our next Quarterly Meeting. Which being taken under consideration recommends the same to the care of the Preparative Meeting and a report therefrom be made to this in fourth month next. This Meeting unites with spreading of the above books and appoints Amos Carpenter Samuel Wells David Anthony and Robert Nisbet to take the nessary care of as also the inspection of what quantity may appear usefull and report the Monthly Meeting proceeding next quarter. Isaac Killey returned to this meeting the copy of a Minute that he had to go as far as Yarmouth to sed his Friends and relations. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 12 of 10 mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being colled are present. The Committee that were appointed to have the care of arrecting of schools report that there hath been on^e school kept under the care of this Meeting, and the time being expired that they were appointed for, Now proceeds and appoints Benjamin Briggs John Upton Samuel Cooper and Adam Harkness to have the care of arrecting schools for the right education of our youth for the insuing year and report the Monthly Meeting proceeding each quarter. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of 11 mo. 1786. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. The queries were reed in this meeting and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting with some alteration herein and are as followeth.

Ans. 1st. All meetings for worship and discipline are attended the hour mostly observed by those that attend not altogether clear of sleeping in Meetings. on account of the several deficiencies before mentioned some care hath been taken as to other indecent behaviour mostly clear.

the 2nd. We believe there is good degree of love and unity subsists amongst some as becomes Brethren tho a want of it in others where deficiencies are known to arise endeavours are used to end them.

the 3rd. Not altogether clear of Backbiting talebaring and evil reports and some care taken.

the 4th. We believe a good degree of care rests on the minds of some to keep themselves and all those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and a part as also in the frequent reading the hold Schriptides tho divers appear difficient in those respects on which account there has been labour bestaed.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query for aught that appears.

the 6th. The necessities of the poor have been sum what inspected and some relieaf hath been administered but too much of a neglect in giving their childrin learning; we know of no friends childring placed from amongst Friends.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear for aught that appears.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears except buying foreigh goods on which there is duties laid for the discharge of military servicies be a breach.

the 10th. Not all carefull to make wills seasonable and some advice given no missapplication of public gifts and legersees we know of.

the 11th. We have none amongst us.

the 12th. We think friends are mostly carefull on those accounts.

the 13th. None removed from but one come amongst us without a certificate.

the 14th. We believe there is some care rests on the minds of some to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline. The Friends that were appointed to make inspection into the situation of Friends to finde whether they are provided with book sutable for themselves and fammerly report they attended to their appointment and finde maney to be wanting and the circumstance of some to be such that they appear unable to purchase them and the number and sorts are omitted for the present. The friends that were appointed to distribute the tracts of Joseph Phipps and Mary Brooks and proposed what further quantity may appear usefull, Report they attended to their appointment proposed that 24 of sd copys may be usefull. An information came to this meeting from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Benjamin Lapham Junr hath been verry negligent in attending our Religious Meetings, which this meeting taking under consideration and appoints Enos Curtis John Wells and Edward Edmons to visit and labour with and report their sence the state of his minde to next next meeting. It appears by reports of the Committee appointed to have the care of schools that there hath been one school kept most of the time since last quarter but now is none. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness Amos Carpenter and Samuel Cooper to attend the service of the next Quarterly Meeting to hand up to that and bring down to this all matters that concerns this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of 12 mo. 1786. The clerk not being present George Southwick is appointed Clerk for this day. The representatives appointed by the Preparative Meeting to attend this being called are present. The representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts of that meeting which are as foloweth. By the reports from the Monthly Meetings it appears that care is extended in promoting schools for the instruction of youth, the Monthly Meetings attention and care is requested therein and a report of their further service to our next Meeting. By the reports from several of the Monthly Meetings they have proceeded in raising money on the expence of the meeting House at Amawalk and Saratogua the Monthly Meetings are disired to compleat the same and inform our next Meeting. Received a Certificate of Removal from the Creek Monthly Meeting baring date of 23 of 9 mo. 1786 on behalf of Jonathan Jewel which being read is excepted. Two of the friends appointed to visit Benjamin Lapham Jnr. on account of his neglecting to attend our Meeting report that they have had an oportunity with him but as all of the Committee have not had an oportunity with him together the matter is refered to next Meeting where they are desired to report their sence of the State of this minde. This Meeting taking into consideration the situation of divers of our Members whose children being part members and part not and not being able to esertain how many of such children are Members therefore this Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith & Isaac Upton to inspect into the matter and indeavour to rightly digest the same and report to this meeting in the 3 month next. As it is now understood that the intention of the Yearly Meeting respecting poor friends being supplied with books has not been heretofore rightly understood therefore this Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith & Robert

Nisbet to inspect the situation of Friends in that respect and report to next Meeting what number and sorts of books may be necessary. Abraham Lapham informed this Meeting that he hath a prospect of removing within the verge of Saratogua Monthly Meeting therefore this meeting appoints Adam Harkness Amos Carpenter Samuel Wells & Jeremiah Smith to visit and advise with him with respect to the motives of his moving and report their sence of the matter to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 11th of 1 mo. 1787. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. The Committee appointed to visit Benjamin Lapham Jur report an oportunity with him and he appeared to be in an indifferant State of minde as to making friends satisfaction an two friends desired the matter may be rested in order to have an oportunity with him it is refeired to the consideration of next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed to advise with Abraham Lapham on account of his prospect of removing within the compass Saratogua Monthly Meeting report an oportunity with him and endeavoured to finde the motives of his removing which they signified that they could not obtain therefore this Meeting continues the same Committee to further advise with him on that account and report to next meeting. The Friends appointed to make inspection respecting books for the use of poor friends report that they have attended to their appointment and the number and sorts are as followeth. This Meeting being informed by way of the Preparative meeting that George Southwick hath a prospect of removal with his famerly within the compass of Saratogua Monthly Meeting and appoints Isaac Upton and Samuel Wells to confer with him with respect to his motives of his removing and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next

month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 2 mo. 1787. The representatives appointed from the Preparative Meeting to attend this being called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Answer. 1st. All Meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by moste tho some appear very negligent the hour mostly observed by those that attend not altogether clear of sleeping in Meetings as to other indecences in meetings mostly clear some care hath been taken in the several deficiences menchoned in this answer.

the 2nd. We think love and unity is maintained amongst some in a good degree as becomes Brethren tho a want of it in others where differences are known to arise indeavours are used to end them.

the 3rd. We are not altogether so carefull to keep clear of backbighting tail baring and spreding evil reports as would be ^{best} kept and some care taken for an amendment.

the 4th. We believe there are some amongst us who are in a good degree carefull to keep themselves and all those under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and aperial as also in the frequant reading the holy Schriptides the divars others appear verry negligent in those respects on which account some care hath been taken.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 6th. The necessities of the poor have been some what inspected and some relieaf hath been administered out . Nothing done towards giving their children learning since last quarter. we

know not of any Friends Children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear as far as appears.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 10th. We think friends are not enough carefull to make their wills seasonable and some advice given in that respect we know no missaplication of publick gifts and legercees.

the 11th. We have no negroes amongst us.

the 12th. We believe Friends are mostely careful on those accounts.

the 13th. None gone but one come amongst us who hath not produced a Certificate.

the 14th. We think there is some care rests on the minds of some to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline. The matter respecting Benjamin Lapham Jnr. being taken under solid consideration and after a deliberation thereon appoints Isaac Upton and Amaziah Allen to inform him that this Meeting is under a necessity to disown him from being a Member and prepare an essay of denial and report to next Meeting. The Committee appointed to advise with Abraham Lapham on account of his prospect of removing within the compass of Satatogua, Report a simparthising opertunity with him on that account, and this meeting after a free comunication of sentament and a unighting calm attending know way opening for him to proceed therein at present. The Committee appointed to visit George Southwick on account of his prospect of his removing within the compes of Saratogua Monthly Meeting report an opertunity with him on that account and this Meeting after a deliberate considering his sircumstance gives him liberty to proceed therein: and he requesting a certificate of removal to that Meeting for him self and wife and children and appoints Isaac Upton & John Upton to inspect his outward sircumstance and draw a certificate

if the way be clear and report to next Meeting. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness and Jeremiah Smith to have the care of and inspect the necessities of the poor for the insuing year: and to make application to the Preparative Meeting from time to time as occasion may require. The Committee appointed to have the care of arrecting schools report that there is one kept under the care of this Meeting. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness Samuel Wells Amaziah Allen and Abraham Lapham to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this all business that consernes this and report their service to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 3 mo. 1787. The representatives being called are present. This Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet Clerk for this day. Two of the friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts from the sd Meeting which are as followeth and the other two friends who did not attend gave a reason there for. The Monthly Meetings inform they continue there care in promoting proper schools for the instruction of the youth their attention and care in that intrested subject is requested with a report further of their service to next Meeting. The Monthly Meeting informs some progress in raising money on the expence of building the Meeting House at Amawalk and Saratogua, but not compleated. this Meeting requests their exersion therein with a report thereon to our next Meeting. The friends appointed in the case of Benjamin Lapham Jur report they have answered their appointment and produced an essa of denial which is as followes. Whereas Benjamin Lapham Jur hath had a right of membership amongst us by birth but for want of taking heed to the principles of truth

in his own heart hath given way to an indifferent state of minde wherein he hath been much neglectfull in attending our religious Meetings for which he hath been laboured with from time to time which hath not had the desired affect therefore we finde our selves under a necessity to testifye against his said miss conduct and disowns him from being any longer a Member of our Society until he from a sence of his error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting the which he may be favoured to do: is our sencere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our said Monthly Meeting, By Isaac Upton. and after a consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith and Caleb Braley to acquaint him thereof and of his right to appeal from the judgment of this Meeting and furnishing him with a copy of the above minute and if he shews no inclination of appealing they are to read sd minute at the close of a Meeting on a First day and report to next Meeting. The Friends appointed to draw a certificate of removal for George Southwick and famerly report the appointment answered and produced the Certificate which after being read and considered was signed on behalf of the Meeting by Isaac Upton. The Friends appointed in 12 mo. last to indeavour to accertain the right of Membership of children of mixed families report they have made some progress in the service but have not completed the same they are desired closely to attend to thair service and report in six month next. The Friends who were appointed in 12 th mo. 1785 to visit such friends as appear careless and unconcerned for truths testimony report as followeth, We the Committed & do report that we have made some tryal in attending to our appointmen and in our labours have had a good degree of satisfaction yet under some sense at our one want of the divine life or rather our neglect in seeking after it we feel discouraged in proceeding further in that appointment. The Preparative Meeting inform that

Jonathan Jewel proposes to look a settlement within the compass of Saratoga Monthly Meeting and requests the advice of Friends therein and after a consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Benjamin Briggs Isaac Upton Stephen Smith and Caleb Braley to visit him and endeavour to be dipt into the Friends Sircumstances and motives of moving and report to next Meeting what they may think best for him to do in the Matter. The oversears of the poor handed an account to our last Preparative Meeting of £ 4 - 10 - 11 that they had expended on Sarah the wife of Lawrance De-long £ 2 - 16 - 11 of which amount the Preparative Meeting recommends to this and as she is considered a member at Nine Partners therefore this Meeting acquaints that Meeting therewith and appoints John Wells to send a copy of this Minute to that Meeting and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 12 of 4 mo. 1787. The representatives being called are present. The Friends appointed to inform Benjamin Lapham Jur of his denial and right to an appeal &c report the appointment answered. The Committee appointed to visit Jonathan Jewel on account of his prospect of his removing within the compas of Saratoga, Monthly Meeting, Report an oportunity with him on that account and gave him some advice therein and it appeared according to their sence it would be best for him to be contented here at present which report is excepted and the Friend expressing his freedom to submitt the same therefor this Meeting drops the matter for the present. The Friend appointed to forward a copy of Minute to the Ninepartners respecting Sarah Delong report the appoinement not fulley answered by reason of not having an oportunity he is continued to that service and report to next meeting. Recived a minute from the

Preparative Meeting signifying that as hannah the wife of Rubien Killey hath come under necesitieous circumstance and some relieaf hath been administered for her therefore the matter is refaired to the consideration of next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of 5 mo. 1787. The representatives being called are present. The quearies were reed and the answers are as followeth.

Answer 1st. All our Meetings for Religious worship and discipline are attended by most; altho there appears a neglect in some; the hour mostly observed by those that stidely attend; not all clear of sleeping in Meetings and not quite clear of other indecent behaiour therein; some labour been extended in the forementioned diffitienies in this answer.

the 2nd. We believe love and unity is maintained in some good degree as becomes Breathren altho it appears wanting amongst some and some labour hath been extended. Some care hath been taken to end differences when any appear.

the 3rd. We know of none that are in the practice of backbighting tale baring or spreading evil reports.

the 4th. We believe that some friends are careful to keep themselves and those under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparriel and also in the frequant reading the holy Schriptides; altho an apparent neglect appears in others and some advice given.

the 5th, Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as appears.

the 6th. Some care hath been taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and some relieaf hath been administred. Some poor Frïends children freely protake of learning; we know of no friends

children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this quear as far as appears.

the 10th. Friends are not all carefull to make wills seasonably and some advice hath been given; know misaplication of publick gifts and legercees as we know of.

the 11th. Clear as to negras having none amongst us.

the 12th. We believe friends are generally carefull in performing promises and paying just debts and of lanching into business beyond their ability to mannage.

the 13th. We know of no friends removing from or come amongst us without certificates.

the 14th. Some care hath been taken to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline.

The answers to the four anowal quearies are as followeth.

Answer 1st. Know Minister nor elder diseast since last year; nor Memorial conserning any Friend.

the 2nd. Know New Meeting House built nor any New Meeting Settled since last year.

the 3rd. None joined in Membership since last year.

the 4th. they are.

The Friends appointed to convey a copy of a minute to the Nine-partners Monthly Meeting respecting Sarah Delong report the appointment answered. The case respecting Hannah the wife of Rubin Killey being again taken under consideration and as she is not considered a Member of this Meeting by the rules of settlements therefore the matter is rested for the present. Two of the Friends appointed to inspect the sufferings of

Friends report which this Meeting excepts of and is as followeth. The Committee appointed to have the care of schools reports that there is one school kept under the care of this Meeting. It appears that our proportion of money is raised for printing friends Books and other purposes and ordered where directed. This Meeting adjourns to the sixth hour this afternoon. This Meeting meet near the time adjourned to. The representatives being called are present. This Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith Enos Curtis and John Wells to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this all matters that concerns this and report to next meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of 6 mo. 1787. The representatives being called are present. Two of the Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts from said Meeting which are as followeth. The other not attending gave a reason which this meeting excepts of. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 17th 5 mo. 1787 In the accounts from the Monthly Meetings is expressed a continuation of care respecting promoting proper schools for the instruction of the youth where further care is requested therein with a report of there service to our next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 12 of 7 mo. 1787. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. This Meeting hath had the company of our Friend Daniel Case he produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge baring date ye 30th of 6 mo. 1786 as also one from the quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth baring date ye 12 & 13 of 10 mo.

1787, and a few lines hath been prepared in this Meeting for our a foresaid friend directed to friends of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting signifying his company and labours hath been exceptable. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of 8 mo. 1787. The representatives being called are present. The quearies were reed in this Meeting and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followesh with some small alteration.

Answr. 1st. All meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended generally by most of Friends altho others appears. A neglect in some the hour generally observed by those that attend; not all clear of sleeping in meetings and altogether clear of other indecent behaviour some labour hath been extended in the afore mentioned defitiences in this answer.

the 2nd. We believe there is a good degree of love and unity subsisting amongst some as becomes Brethren altho a want of it appears in others care hath been taken to end differences when any appears.

the 3rd. We know of none that are in the practice of backbighting tail baring nor spreding evil reports.

the 4th. We believe there is a concern remains in the minds of some Friends to keep them selves and all those under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel as also in the frequent reading the holy Schriptides altho a neglect appears in some and some labour hath been bestoed on those accounts.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as appears.

the 6th. Some care hath been taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and some poor friends children freely protake of learning, we know of no friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear for aught that appears.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as appears.

the 10th. Friends are not all carefull to make wille seasonably and some advice hath been given know miss application to publick gifts and legersees.

the 11th. We have none amongst us.

the 12th. We believe friends are mostly carefull in performing promises and paying just debts and at lanching into business beyond ability to mannage.

the 13th. None removed from nor come amongst us without Certificates.

the 14th. Some care hath been taken to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline.

An information came to this meeting by way of the preparative Meeting signifying that Derias Comstock hath so far diviated from our Christian discipline as to be neglegent in the attendance of our religious meetings and behaviour indecently when there which being taken under consideration and appoints David Anthony and Benjamin Briggs to labour with on that account and report their sence the state of his mind to next Meeting. Recived a minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Samuel Wells and John Upton were by that Meeting anominated oversears which being taken under consideration therefore this meeting appoints them oversears for the ensuing year. The Committee appointed to have the care of schools reports there hath been one school kept most of the time since last quarter but none at present. This Meeting appoints Caleb Bralcy Robert Nisbet Adam Harkness and Benjamin Briggs to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand upto that and bring down to this all business that concerns this Meeting and and report of their servise to next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13th of 9 mo. 1787.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. This Meeting appoints John Upton Clerk for the

insuing year. Three of the representatives appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts from sd meeting which are as followeth.

the other one not attending gave a reason therefor which this meeting excepts of. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners

ye 16 of 8 mo. 1787 the monthly Meetings informs their case in

promoting schools for the instruction of the youth and the Yearly Meeting recommends a close attention to the importance of the

subject with a concern that a cause so interesting to the religious welfare and literary improvement of the youth with a desire that the

subject may com under close thoughtfulness and that an increased exertion for a proper education of our youth may be witnessed in

each Quarterly meeting and report to next Yearly meeting which

this meeting unites with and requests the monthly meetings exertion therein with a report of their advancements to our next Meeting.

This Meeting taking under consideration by the advice handed

down from the Yearly Meeting and Quarterly the importance of the subject respecting schools for the virtuous instruction of our

youth with desires that growth may be witnessed therein therefore appoint Abraham Lapham and Snow Randall to join the former

Committee to strengthen them in that service.

2nd. The Yearly Meeting expresseth the state of society as represented in the reports from the quarter coming under solid consideration its cause of concern to finde a remissness and neglect as mentioned in divers particulars yet it affords a satisfaction to observe that a care and concern is maintained in those instances

except in an imployed neglect mentioned by one meeting respecting the poor; and the meeting being dipted into a close consideration of the state of things amongst us a concern arose that friends in each meeting may keep under a weighty attention and due regard to the maintainence of our Christian testimony in its verious branches and to the administring counsel and the necessary attention to such as manifest a disregard thereto.

This meeting also directs that when a perticular Meeting has occation for a New Meeting House they should communicate their prospects to the Monthly meeting to which they belong with an account of the sise of the house wanted and the sum they can raise towards it and if the Monthly Meeting concurs in sentiment that they then make an estimate of the of a house they may think of a sutable sise and assay subscriptions for that purpose of building the same in which it is desired that the members would honestly exert themselves according to their abilities but if the sum subscribed should be insufficient to accomplish the building that they carry forward to their Quarterly Meeting an account borth of the estimate and sise of the house wanted and the amount of their subscriptions that if the quarter should write in the expedency of such a house being built it recommend to its several other monthly Meetings to essay subscriptions to assist in building the same that of their subscription together with the subscriptions of the Monthly Meetings where the house is wanted should not amount to a sufficient sum to accomplish the building the Quarterly Meeting do then forward to the Meeting for sufferings a perticular account of the occasion there is for a house the sise they have judged proper the estimated cost and the amount of their subscription made for that purpose and if the Meeting for sufferings on considering the whole case should be of the judgment that such a House is wanted there they are desered to communicate to the other Quarterly Meeting the circumstance of the case at least so far as the estimated expence

and the sum wanted to compleat the building and request them to recommend to their several Monthly Meetings to essay subscriptions and excite friends to a brotherly liberality on the occasion and that they be desired to return to the Meeting for sufferings the amount of such essayed subscription as soon as may be in order that Meeting may judge weither they can recommend to the perticular Meeting to proceed with the building. Said meeting taking into consideration the establishing of meetings and our discipline relative thereto; directs that when any Monthly Meeting proposes to establish or discontinue a Preparative meeting or meeting for worship they first have the consent of the Quarterly meeting; which being weightely considered is united with and the Clerk is desired to add this minute to our book of discipline and our Quarterly Meeting are desired to have the same added to all their copies of the book of discipline and report accordingly which this Meeting unites with and directs the clerk to add the same to our book of discipline, and requests the Monthly Meetings to enter accordingly on their copees of said books and inform next Meeting. Therefore the Clerk is directed to add the same to our copeys of the books of discipline and report to next Meeting. It appears the money is likely to be soon wanted to carry on building the Meeting house at Cornwell therefore requests the Monthly Meetings to raise the money allready subscribed for that purpose as soon as may be and report to next meeting. The Committee appointed to labour with Derius Gomstock on account of his outgoings report an oportunity with him and gave him such advice as they were capable of and signified that he appeared of an indifferent state of minde and after a deliberate consideration thereon, this meeting continues the same Committee with the adition of Enos Curtis to further labour with him and report to next meeting their sence the state of his minde. Recived a copy of the printed

epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournment from ye 5th of 6 mo. 1786 to the ^{*}2nd of the same inclusive which was read in this meeting to satisfaction. This Meeting appoints John Upton Jeremiah Smith Amos Carpenter and Samuel Wells to attend burials that are under the notice of friends and see if they are conducted orderly and decently as also the care of the burial ground for the insuing year and report at the expiration of ^{said} his time. Isaac Killey signified to this meeting that he hath a desire of a fue lines to go as far as Yarmouth to se his friends and relations which this meeting concurs with he being a Member and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minutes. This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 11th of 10 mo. 1787 The representatives being called are present. The Committee appointed in the case of Derius Comstock report they have attended to their appointment and signified their sence of his minde to be in a State of indifferency and after a deliberate consideration this meeting continues the same Committee to extend more labour there on with the addition of Amos Carpenter and Isaac Upton and report their sence the State of his minde to next Meeting. The Clerk report that he answered his appointment in the addition to our copys of the book of discipline. The Committee appointed to have the care of schools report there is no school kept under the notice of this Meeting and the time being expired that they were appointed for now proceeds therein and appoints Caleb Braley Amaziah Allen Samuel Wells and Snow Randal to have the care ^{to correct schools as way may open for the virtuous education} of our youth for the insuing year, and report the monthly Meeting proceeding each quarter. Our Friend Robert Nisbet signified to this meeting that he hath it upon his minde if way should open to travel towards the Northward within the compas of this Quarter also to visit the

** Probably should read 12th*

friendly people at Cahors which this meeting unites with; These may certefie that he is a member of this Meeting and a minister in unity and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 11th mo. 1787. The representatives being called are present. The quearies were reed in this meeting and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting with some small alteration herein and are as foloweth.

Answer. 1st. All Meetings for worship and disipline are attended generally by the most of Friends tho a slackness in some the hour mostely observed by those that attend; not altogether clear of sleeping in Meetings; on account of the several defitiences before mentioned some care hath been taken; as to other indecent behaviour mostly clear.

the 2nd. We believe there is a good degree of love and unity subsisting amongst some as becomes Brethren tho a want of it in others where differences are known to arise indeavours are used to end them.

the 3rd. Not altogether clear of backbighting talebaring and spreiding evil reports and some care taken.

the 4th. We believe there is a good degree of care rests on the minds of some to keep themselves and all those under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel as also in the frequent reading the holy Schriptures tho divers appears difficent in those respects and which account there hath been labour bested.

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in giving their children learning; we know of no Friends children placed from amongst Friends.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this Query as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear for aught that appears.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears except buying foreign goods on which their is duties paid for the discharging of Military servisis be a breach.

the 10th. Not all carefull to make wills seasonably and some advice given. no missapplication of Publick gifts and legercees that we know of.

the 11th. We have none amongst us.

the 12th. We think friends are mostly careful on those accounts.

the 13th. None removed from but one come amongst us without a certificate and some care taken.

the 14th. We believe there is some care rests on the minds of some to deal with offenders measurably agreeable to discipline. The Committee that were appointed to visit Denius Comstock report that they have had another oportunity with him and as the report appeared not fuly clear to this meeting it is left under the care of the same Committee to further labour with him if way should open and bring a more explicit report of their sence the state of his minde to next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed to have the care of schools report that their is no school under the notice of this Meeting. This Meeting appoints Enos Curtes Samuel Wells John Wells Adam Harkness and David Anthony to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the nessary care to carry up to that and bring down to this all matters that concern this meeting and report their service to next meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of 12 mo. 1787.

The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. The representatives that were appointed to attend the service of last Quarterly Meeting report they attended but through forgetfulness have omitted of producing the extracts from the sd Meeting to this they are desired to produce them to next Meeting. This Meeting recived an epistle the Meeting of sufferings which was reed in this Meeting and is as folloeth.

At a Meeting for sufferings held in New York the 11 of 9 mo. 1787.

On considering that the situation of some of our Members may leave them unaquainted with the nature of the 40s. tax laid upon us by the Melitia Law passed in 1786 we apprehend it nessary they

should be informed that that tax of 40s pr year to be geathered by the collectors in each town as expressed in said act is in consequence of our excemption from Military Service and is therefore in lieu of such service and a desire that all in religious

membership with us may be preserved in conducts comporting with

the Holy Profession we make induced us to receive^(?revise) at this time the declaritions we have made in the ears of the poeple that as

we cannot take a part in Military Service so neither can we

render anything in lieu thereof a tistimony which we as a religious

Society have uniformly born for the prince of peace and is indeed

precious in the view of those who in this our probationary

journey are humbly solitious to know an advancement towards that

City whose gates are praise and as the way to pastes of trust and

profit in Government has lately been opened and made more easy by

legal admission of the affermation we finde our minds engaged

to impress the advice given in our epistle of 8 mo. 1784 and

requests the renewued attention of our Brethren thereto and

that it be again read in each of our Monthly Meetings and Friends

excited to a watchful care over themselves and one over another.

The Clerk is directed to forward to our Monthly Meetings a copy

of this minute. Extracted from the minutes, examined by Edmond Prior, clerk. The Committee appointed to visit Derius Comstock report that way hath not opened to make him a visit since last Meeting and after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting continues the same Committee to further labour with him and report their sence the state of his minde to next Meeting. Our Friend David Anthony informed this meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as Dartmouth to visit his friends and relations which this meeting unites with he being a member of this meeting and an approved elder and the Clerk directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. Isaac Killey returned his copy of a Minute that he had to go to Yarmouth.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of 1 mo. 1788.

The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. The representatives that omitted producing the extracts now produced them to this and are as followeth, At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 15 11 mo. 1787.

In the accounts from the Monthly Meetings is expressed a continuation of care respecting proper schools for the instruction of the youth and as it appears little prograss is made since last quarter this Meeting requests their exertion therein with a report to next Meeting. A Minute of the Meeting for sufferings held at New York the 9th of 10 mo. 1787 directs the Quarterly Meetings to open subscriptions to defray the expence of Cornwell Meeting House the sum amounting to 280 £ to be raised agreeable to the quotos established amongst quarters which this meeting requests the Monthly Meetings to proceed accordingly and pay the same to the Treasuray and inform next Meeting. Extracts of the minutes examoned by John Hoag Clerk. The Committee appointed to visit Derius Comstock report that they have had another opertunity

with him and according to their sence they could not discover any concern to condemn any of his miss conduct nor make Friends satisfaction; and after a deliberate consideration this meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith and Samuel Cooper to inform him that this meeting hath come to ~~to~~ a conclusion to ~~disown~~ him tesifye against his miss conduct and prepare an essay of denial and report to next Meeting. An information came to this meeting from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Elihu Anthony hath so far deviated from our christian discipline as to go to places of ~~divertion~~ and dansing which being taken under consideration and appoints Abraham Lapham and Samuel Cooper to visit him on that account and report their sence the state of his minde to next meeting. It appears by the extracts from the Quarterly Meeting that that meeting directs the monthly meetings to raise their proportion of the sum £ 280 towards defraying the expence of Cornwell Meeting House which is refered to the Preparative Meeting. Our Friend Adam Harkness informed this meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as Smithfeild to do some business which this meeting concurs with he being a Member of this meeting and an approved elder; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. Robert Nisbet returned to this meeting his copy of a Minute that was granted him to travil withn the compass Saratogua Monthly Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the next day after next Preparative Meeing in next month at the 11th hour by reason of our next Quarterly Meeting coming sooner then usual in order that our accounts may come up to our next Meeting.

The Meeting met near the time adjourned to this 8 of 2 mo. 1788. The representatives being called are present. The quearies were ^{read} and the answers that came up from the Preparative are as followeth.

Answer. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of our Members yet a neglect in some and some care taken the hour generally observed by those who attend; Not all clear of sleeping in Meetings and labour bestowed in that respect; as to other instances mostly clear.

the 2nd. Some good degree of love and unity subsisting amongst us as becomes Brethren; altho a want of it in others appears and some advice given some care taken to end differences when any appears

the 3rd. We know not of any.

the 4th. Some friends appear to be concerned to keep themselves and all those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel; and in the frequent reading the scriptures but a deficiency in these respects *doth* more and more appear in some to our sorrow; and some labour hath been bestowed.

the 5th. We believe friends are generally careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquor.

the 6th. Some care has been taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and some relief administered some poor friends children freely partake of learning to fitt them for business we know not of any friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear for what appears.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know.

the 10th. A deficiency appears respecting wills and advice given as to publick gifts and legacies no misapplication as we know of.

the 11th. We are so far clear as we have no negroes amongst us.

the 12th. Friends in the general are careful in these respects.

the 13th. None removed from us without certificate.

the 14th.

It appears by a minute from the Preparative Meeting that they have taken under care respecting raising money for Cornwell Meeting House but not completed. This Meeting appoints John Upton Robert Nisbet Samuel Wells and Snow Randal to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the necessary care to hand up to that and bring down all matters that concerns this and report their service to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the third fifth day in this month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 21st of 2 mo. 1788. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present except one. The representatives appointed to attend the service of last Quarterly Meeting report they attended except one and produced the extracts from said meeting. The other that did not attend is desired to give a reason to next Meeting therefor. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 14th 2nd mo. 1788. The Monthly Meetings are requested to continue their care in promoting proper schools for the instructing the youth and inform our next meeting. And the Monthly Meetings are directed to raise their proportion of money on the expense of Cornwell Meeting House and report to next meeting. This Meeting subscribes for the treatise on the original and present state of man by our Friend Joseph Phips to the number of 300 and our Monthly Meeting are directed to forward their subscriptions therefor to our next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed respecting Derius Comstock report that they attended to the appointment and produced an essay of denial and is as foloweth. From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 21 of 2 mo. 1788. Whereas Derius Comstock hath had by birth a right of Membership in our society but for want of taking heed to the divine principle of light and truth in his own heart which would have preserved him

in the straight and narrow way that leads to life but contrary thereto he hath so far diviated from our christian discipline as to be neglectful in the attendance of our religious Meetings and behaving disorderly when there he being laboured with from time to time for his misconduct which hath not had the desired effect therefore for the clearing of truth and our profession of such a reprocach we do hereby testifye against his sd misconduct and do disown him from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he from a sence of his error doth make satisfaction to this our Monthly Meeting which we desire may be his happy case; signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Upton, Clerk. Which being reed and is concurd with and appoints Jeremiah Smith and Amaziah Allen to inform him that this meeting hath disowned him from being a Member and serve him with with a copy of his denial and of his arright to an appeal and read his denial at a close of a first day Meeting and report to next Meeting. One of the friends that were appointed in the case of Elihu Anthony reports they have made some trial but have not had any oppertunity with him therefore the other Friend not being present therefore this appoints Isaac Upton and Jeremiah Smith to join Abraham Lapham in labouring with him and report to next meeting their sence the state of his minde. David Anthony returned to this meeting his copy of a Minute that was granted him to go to Dartmouth. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 6 of 3th mo. 1788. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. One of the representatives that were appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting not reporting now reported the reason why he did not attend which this Meeting excepts of.

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The Committee that were appointed to visit Elihu Anthony report an opportunity with him and signified according to their sense there appear know disposition in him suitable to make friends satisfaction therefore after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting appoints John Wells and Amaziah Allen to inform him that this meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown him from being a Member and prepare an essay of denial and report to next Meeting. Received a Minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Charles Briggs hath a desire to come under the care of friends therefore this meeting appoints Samuel Wells Amos Carpenter and Abraham Lapham to visit him on that account and report to next meeting their sense the State of his mind. Received three copys of the written epistles one from the Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournments from the 5 of 6 mo. 1786 to the 12 of the same inclusive also one from the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia by adjournments from the 25 of 9 mo. 1786 to the 30 of the same inclusive also one from the Yearly Meeting held in Newport by adjournments from the 9th to the 13 of 6 mo. 1786 all which hath been read in this meeting to good satisfaction. . This meeting adjourn to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 10 of 4 mo. 1788. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. The Friends that were appointed in the case of Elihu Anthony report they attended to the appointment and produced an essay of denial which after being read and considered is concurred with and signed and is followed & is entered in page 108 by reason of an omission and appoints Snow Randal and Jeremiah Smith to inform him that this meeting hath disowned him from being a Member and serve him with a copy of the denial and his arright to an appeal and read the testification at a close of a first day

meeting and report to next meeting. The Committee that were appointed to visit Charles Briggs reports an opportunity with him and signified according to their sense the state of his mind appeared somewhat hopeful and after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting continues the same committee to visit him and report their sense the state of his mind to next Meeting. This Meeting continues the former Committee that were appointed to have the care respecting the poor for the insuring year. This Meeting appoints John Wells and Isaac Upton to settle accounts with the Treasurer and report to next meeting how accounts are. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month,

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 8 of 5 mo. 1788. The representatives appointed from the Preparative Meeting to attend this being called are present. The Queries were read and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Answer 1st. Meetings for worship and discipline are generally attended by the most of friends the hour is mostly observed not all clear of sleeping in meetings generally clear of other indecences and some care taken where it has appeared needfull in the several respects.

the 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us as becomes Brethren but not so fully with all as is desired and some care taken and some care taken to end differences when any appear.

the 3rd. Mostly careful as to tattling talebaring &c and some care taken.

the 4th. Some friends appear careful to keep themselves and all those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and in reading the scriptures but a neglect appears in

others and some labour bestowed therefor.

the 5th. We know not of any unnecessary use of spirituous liquors frequenting taverns one instance of going to a place of diversion which is under care nor any immoderation at marriages births and burials.

the 6th. Some care to inspect the necessities of the poor and some relief administered their children has freely partook of some learning: we know not of any friends children placed from amongst Friends.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 8th. There don't appear any breach of this query.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 10th. Some deficiencies respecting wills and some advice given: no misapplication of publick gifts and legacies as we know of.

the 11th. We are so far clear of slavery of negroes as we have none amongst us.

the 12th. Friends are mostly careful in those respects.

the 13th. There is none removed from but several come without Certificates and some care taken in that respect.

the 14th. There has been some care taken to deal with offenders and we believe in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline. The answers to the four annual queries are,

answr. 1st. Know Minister nor elder diseased since last year nor Memorial concerning any friend.

the 2nd. No new Meeting House build nor any new meeting settled since last year.

the 3rd. None joined in Society since last year.

the 4th. We believe they are in this meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of 4 mo. 1788.

Whereas Elihu Anthony hath a right of membership amongst us by birth but for want of taking heed to the principal of light and truth in his heart as he ought to have done which would have preserved him from evil and bringing a sin on him self and a reproach on our profession wherein he hath given way to a libertine spirit so far as to go to places of diversion and dancing; for which he hath been tenderly laboured with in order to bring him to a sence of his out goings which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the clearing of truth and our profession of such reproach we do hereby testify against his misconduct and disown him from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he from a sence of his error shall condemn the same to the satisfaction of this meeting which he may do is our sencere desire; signed in and on behalf of our monthly meeting by John Upton Clerk.

The Committee that were appointed in the case of Elihu Anthony report the appointment answered, The Committee that were appointed respecting Charles Briggs report another oportunity with him and signified according to their sence his concern that he had to come amongst friends appeared to be very *low* and after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting thinks it most proper that his request be returned to him again and appoints Robert Nisbet and Isaac Upton to inform him the sence of this meeting thereon and report to next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed to settle with the Treasurer of this Meeting; reports they have settled accounts with him and found due one shilling and six pence to this meeting. This Meeting appoints Isaac Upton Treasurer of this Meeting for the insuing year and provide a sutable book for that purpose and take all subscriptions that are colected by this meeting and keep proper accounts of what is paid out that all matters may appear clear and plain. An information came to this meeting from the Preparative meeting signufying that Jonathan Son of Stephen Smith hath so

far gone contrary to the dictates of truth and the rules of our Christian discipline as to deviate from plainness as also going to a place of diversion therefor this Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith Adam Harkness and John Wells to labour with him on that account and report their sense the state of his minde to next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed to have the care of schools reports that there is no school kept under the notice of this meeting at present. It appears by a minute from the Preparative Meeting that the subscription for raising our Proportion of money for Cornwall Meeting House is compleated. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness David Anthony and Robert Nisbet to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the necessary care to hand up to that; and bring down to this; all matters that concerns this and report to next Meeting. Snow Randall informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go as far as Penbrook to visit his friends and relations which this Meeting concurs with he being a Member of this Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 12 of 6 th mo. 1788. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. The representatives that were appointed to attend the service of last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts from sd meeting and are as followeth.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 15 of 5 mo. 1788. By a minute of the Quarterly Meeting held at Oblong and Purchase it appears that that meeting directs the Monthly Meetings to raise the ^(sum) of £ 56 - 13 - 10 of the sum due on finishing Danby meeting house being one half of the sum due on that account therefore our Monthly Meetings are desired to raise the other part

according to their respected cotoes and report to next Meeting. The Monthly Meetings subscription for the treaties on the orriginal on preasent state of Man as directed last Meeting viz. Ninepartners 79, Creek 79, Saratogua 78. East Hoosuck Monthly Meeting is desired to forward an account of their subscription there for to next Meeting. The Creek Monthly Meeting report that agreeable to the request of last Quarterly Meeting in regard to the house proposed to be purchased at Hudson for friends to meet in we can inform that the lott is 120 by 50 feet the house 39 by 26 feet 12 feet posts convenient for solect Meetings and may be purchased for £ 290 and it is juged £ 20 more will soficiently seat and do what ever may be necessary to sd house and friends of that place agree to finish it to the amount of £ 20 and also they have subscribed £ 90 and this Monthly Meeting subscription is £ 16 - 4 s. therefore this meeting directs our other Monthly Meetings to open subscriptions therefor and inform our next Meeting. Extracted from the minutes by Tripp Mosher Clerk and the same is directed to the care of the Preparative Meeting. The friends that were appointed respecting Charles Briggs report the appointment answered. The Committee that were appointed to labour with Jonathan Smith report that they have had an opertunity with him and signified according to their sence that his minde doth not appear to be with friends nor any inclination for any amendment as they could discover and after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting appoints Isaac Upton and Benjamin Briggs to inform him that this meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown him from being a Member and prepare an essay of dena~~al~~ and report to next Meeting. The Friends that were appointed to make inspection respecting mixed famerlyes report which this Meeting excepts of and is as followeth. We the Committee appointed in the case conce~~r~~ning of mixed famerlyes part members and part not, report that we have made considerable search an the records we finde that

Stephen Smiths are all Members except their son Peter; and in Nathan Comstock famerly there appears to be none except Mary that stands as a Member at present; and in Isaac Killeys famerly we finde several recommended by Certificate and we conclude that there was an amittion in the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield concerning the then youngest children. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of 7 mo. 1788. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. The Committee who were appointed respecting Jonathan Smith report the appointment answered and produced an essay of denial which after being read and considered is signed and is as foloweth. From our Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck ye 10 of 7 mo. 1788. Whereas Jonathan Son of Stephen Smith hath had a right of memberhsip amongst us by birth but for want of taking head to the principles of truth in his own heart as he aught to have done but contrary thereunto he hath given way to a libertine spirit so far as to diviate from plainness as also for going to a place of diversion for which he hath been laboured with which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the clearing of truth and our Society of such a reproach we do hereby testifye against his said miss conduct and disownes him from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he from a sence of his error shall make satisfaction to this meeting which he may do ~~is~~ our sencere desire. Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by John Upton Clerk and ~~app~~ appoints Snow Randall and Amaziah Allen to inform him of his denial and of his aright to an appeal from the judgment of this Meeting and serve him with copy thereof and read it at a close of a first day meeting and report to next Meeting. An information come to this from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Peleg Smith hath so far diviated from the rules of our Christian Discipline

as to be very neglectfull of attending our religious meetings and after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith and Abraham Lapham to visit him on that account and report to next Meeting their sence the State of his minde. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck ye 14 of 8 mo. 1788. The representatives appointed to attend this meeting being called are present. The quearies were read and the answers that come up from the Preparative Meeting are as foloweth.

Ansr. 1st. Our meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by the most of friends although a deficiency appears in some the hour generally observed by those that attend not clear of sleeping in meetings as to other indecent behaviour mostly clear and care taken in these several respects.

the 2nd. We believe that love and unity is maintained amongst us in a good degree though we fear not so fully with all as becomes Brethren care is taken to end differences when any appear.

the 3rd. We know not of any that are in the practice of backbiting tale baring or spreading evil reports.

the 4th. Some Friends are careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and frequant reading the Schriptides although there is an apparent neglect in others and some care taken.

the 5th. Clear in those respects as far as appears.

the 6th. Care is taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and some relieaf hath been administered their children freely pertake of learning as far as they reasonably can no friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this queary as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear for ought we know.

the 9th. Clear as far as we know in the several branches of this query.

the 10th. Some deficiency respecting wills and advice given No misapplication of publick gifts or legesseees that we know of.

the 11th. We are so far clear of slavery as that we have no Negroas amongst us.

the 12th. Friends are generally careful in performing promises paying/^{just}debts or in launching into business beyond ability to manage.

the 13th. None removed from but several come amongst us without certificate and some care taken.

the 14th. A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline. The friends that were appointed respecting Jonathan Smith report the appointment answered. The Friends that were appointed to labour with Pleg Smith report they have had an opportunity with him and signified ^(according) accordind to their sence there appeared no disposition in him to make Friends satisfaction and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Isaac Upton and Caleb Braley to inform him that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown him from being a Member and prepare an essay of denial and report to next Meeting. This Meeting recived a Certificate on behalf of Ruluff white which we return and is as foloweth. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at the Ninepartners. Dear friends as we recived a few lines from your meeting by way of Certificate on behalf of Ruluff White we have taken the same into consideration and hereby inform our sence thereof; that he has been a person considerably dipt into trade and business for a number of years; therefore we believe it nessary that his outward affairs be setteled before we can safely accept of your certificate for him; and we use the freedom to signify that if he appears defficient in setteling his affairs to your satisfaction that it

is necessary for you to extend that Christian care which may be needful for his good and the credit of our profession. The Clerk is directed to forward a copy hereof to that Meeting.

Received a Minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Amos Carpenter John Upton and Samuel Wells were by that Meeting a nominated for oversears and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints them to that service for the ensuing year. The Committee who were appointed to have the care of schools report that there is one school taught under the care of this Meeting. This Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet Jeremiah Smith Adam Harkness and Enos Curtis to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this all business that concerns this and report their service to next Meeting. This Meeting subscribes for twelve of the tracts of Joseph Phipp on the original and present state of man. By a minute from the Preparative Meeting it appears that £ 2 - 11 - 3⁴ is subscribed for towards purchasing a House at Hudson for Friends to meet in. Also it appears from said Meeting that they have made some progress towards raising money for Danby Meeting House but not completed. This Meeting adjourns to the 20 of next month by the request of the Yearly Meeting Committee.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck ye 20 of 9 mo. 1788. The representatives who were appointed to attend this Meeting being called are present. The representatives who were appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts and number of the copys of the London epistles of 1787 one of which was read in this meeting to satisfaction; and this Meeting directs the oversears to distribute them amongst the several Members thereof and appoints Jeremiah Smith to read one at close of first day meeting at some suitable time. Four of the Yearly Meeting Committee now attending this

meeting. The extracts being read we therein find the following minute of the Yearly Meeting respecting schools recommended to our observance (viz) At a Quarterly Meeting held at **Ninepartners** the 21 & 22 of 8 mo. 1788. In the extracts from our Yearly Meeting the following important minute respecting schools is directed for the observance of Friend and this Meeting on a free communication of prospect do under sense of the subject recommend it down under a weighty care & observance of our Monthly Meetings and that a report thereon may come to this meeting seasonably to go to next Yearly Meeting; and this Meeting being united in a prospect of a usefulness arising from not only the Monthly Meetings appointing a Committee but that each Preparative Meeting appointing a suitable Committees also; to have the particular care and oversight of the schools that may be erected within their own meetings which is directed to the care and observance of our monthly and Preparative Meeting; the minute on the foregoing subject is as follows. By reports of our quarts there appears but little advancement in the establishment of schools agreeable to the concern and advice of this meeting yet we finde that in one meeting where a school has been established under the care of the Preparative Meeting Committee there is encouraging cause to hope for a material advantage to the rising generation and the subject spreading with weight attended with a concern for the Preservation of our youth from the danger that attends their being placed under the tuition of such as may not cooperate with the endeavours of religious parents that their children may be led forward in virtuous persutes as well as instructed in school learning it is therefore earnestley recommended that friends be careful not place to their children under the tuition of any person not in membership with us; without the approbation of the Monthly Meeting or its Committee. In our

deliberation on this subject the meeting was led into a prospect of a usefulness in the appointment of number of solid friends to visit our Quarterly Monthly and Preparative Meeting on this as well as on the state of things amongst us in divers respects as stated in our minutes on the reports and that they communicate to our next Yearly Meeting such observations as may appear to them proper and to that servis; Gideon Seaman, Elias Hicks, James Mott, Joseph Lancaster, Tiddeman Hull Jur, Tripp Mosher, John Alsup, George Bown, Isaiah Quimby, Silas Downing, John Griffen (Purchase) and Robert Nisbet are appointed and we finde that the Quarterly Meeting on consideration of this subject recommends the same to the due care of monthly Meetings and also apprehended a service may arise from this matter being recommended to the care of Preparative Meeting as well as to have Committee of the Monthly Meeting and the subject now coming under consideration it appears best that our former Committee appointed to the care of schools be discontinued which is accordingly; and Adam Harkness Samuel Wells David Anthony Enos Curtis John wells and John Upton are appointed a Committee to attend to the matter agreeable to the Minute; and to encourage and strengthen this concern as they may be enabled for which purpose they are requested to meet once a Quarter and oftner if nessary; and our Preparative Meeting is directed to attend perticuleraly to the subject and appoint a Committee to erect a school or schools as soon as way opens; and have the care and oversight of them when established and report seasonably to go to our Yearly Meeting. Also the folowing Minute in the extracts now recived (viz) It is our judgement that when any parents or gardeans are disposed to put out a child it aught to be placed with a Member in Society with us unless after due enquirey no such place can be found that then application be made to the Monthly Meeting to which they belong for advice who are

to appoint a Committee to consider the same; and if after due attention thereto they should find a place where the tuition of the child may be reserved to such parents or gardeans that they may be educated agreeable to our disciplines and without giving indentures that then the Monthly Meetings act in such cases as may to them appear best; and when any parents or gaardeans do act contarary hereto that they be delt with as those who refuse the advice and disregard the unity of the body. That all Friends that take apprintises seek for and give preference to our own Members and be moderate in their terms that so the children of the poorer sort in an especial maner may be brought up to such trades and business as may with a blessing on their prodence and industry: Provide them a comfortable livelyhood. which is directed to be added to all our copys of the book of discipline; and report thereon be brought forward and friends are requested to deeply attend thereto and our Monthly Meetings are directed to have the same aded to all their copyes of the book of discipline and report at next Meeting. We also finde the folowing minute in regard to placing out children (viz) and Isaac Upton and John Upton are appointed to add the same to our books of discipline and report to our next Meeting. We being at some loos whither the latter part of said minute which appears to be advice should be entred; we request the advice of our Quarterly Meeting thereon. We likewise finde in the extracts the following minute of caution and advice from the Yearly Meeting which after being read and considered is recomended to the observence of our Preparative Meetings and perticular Members; and that a report come forward agrdeable thereto (viz) Also in deliberating on the following minute in the extracts a concern arose in this Meeting that friends may deeply attend to the weighty contents thereof and reecomends them to the observation of our Monthly Meetings and that

our Monthly Meeting have a watchful care over their Members in those respects and see how far that advice put in practice with respect to spirituous liquors: and report seasonably to go up to our next Yearly Meeting. The Minutes is as foloweth (viz) In attending to the accounts as they came up from our quarters we have been much exercised and concerned to finde that notwithstanding the repeted pressed advices which in the love of truth have been given from this Meeting with earnest desires for the preservation of ^{our} ~~allow~~ Members from everything that would hurt or defile: Divers instances of declention and deviation and some of them of a sorrwful nature are still apparent particular that of launching into trade and business beyound ability to mannage whereby breach of promise and failiour in the payments of just debts hath ensued greatly to the disoner of truth and reproach of our proffesion: and we fear if continud in will be to the irreparable loss of the indeividuals we therefore earnestley entreat that Friends may carefully guard against the insinuation and enticements of the spirite of the world. that leads from the truth and which is ground or root from which those reproachful things proceeds and tho at first it may be in small matters which to appearence are not much out of the way yet the minde being set out after them weakness ensews thus by degrees some have been led to greater excesses to the greaf of the honistly concerned and causing the way of truth to be evil spoken of. The continued neglect mentioned in attending our religious meetings and giving way to a spirit of haviness when their: hath also claimed our serious attention: and we fervently desire that all who have been unmindeful of the advices hereto given thereon may be awakned by a sence of the importance of the assembling our selves together for the performance of divine worship and that over sears and othe concerned friends be vigilant and attentive carefully to watch over their members and advise and admonish where occation may call for it and altho we have comfortable cause to believe the advice issued some time since

by this Meeting concerning a commars in and the unnessary use of distilled spiritious liquors hath had place in the minds of many evidenced by a decline of the' commerse and use of that article amongst us yet from the reports there is grown to fear some have and others are in danger of going back again and it being an article so exceedingly destructive to the esentiel welfare of mankinde it is painfully affecting that any in profesion with us should for the sake of gaine contribute to so great of an evil; We therefore think it best to signify that is contrary to the advice and judgment of this Meeting that any of our Members should continue to traffick therein; and we request our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings carefully to wach over their respective Members and see how far this and the advice in 1785 on this subject is observed; and that an account thereof come up to our next Yearly Meeting. And it recomended to the careful notice of all our Members and the Committee appointed to visit our Quarterly Meetings &c are desired to take with them a copy thereof in order more effectually to bring its weighty contents into the sold view of our Members. Our Monthly Meetings inform that matters relating to raising money towards finishing Danby Meeting House is not compleated said Meetings are desired to be expeditious therein and inform our next meeting. Extracted by Tripp Mosher Clerk. The Friends who were appointed respecting Peleg Smith report the appointment answered and produced an essay of a denial which being read is with a little alteration approved and signed whereby he stands disowned and is as followeth. From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Easthoosuck ye 20 of 9 mo. 1788. Whereas Peleg the son of Humphrey Smith hath had a right of Membership amongst us by birth but for want of taking head to the principles of truth in his own heart he hath given way to a lukewarm and indeferant state of minde whereas he hath been much neglectful in attending our

religious Meeting for which he hath been laboured with from time to time which hath not had the desired affect therefore we think it needful to testifiye against his said misconduct and disown him from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he from a sence of his error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting that he may do is our sencere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Upton Clerk and Jeremiah Smith and Amaziah Allen are appointed to serve him a copy thereof acquaint him of his right of appeal and if no reason to expect an appeal read it at the close of a first day meeting and report to next Meeting. Our Friend Hannah Lapham informed us that she hath prospect of going as far as Sandwich to visit here friends and relations and to attend that Quarterly Meeting and requests a few lines for that: which this Meeting concurs with these may certifiye that she being a Member of this Meeting an an approved Minister and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Our Friend Joshua Lapham informed this Meeting that he hath a prospect of visiting some of his friends and relations about Dartmouth and Sandwich in company with his wife which is concured with he ~~bein~~ being a Member of this meeting the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting refairs the reading of the written London epistle to Next Meeting. David Anthony Signified to this meeting that he hath a prospect of removing with his famerly within the compas of Satatogua Monthly Meeting and requests the advice of this Meeting after deliberating considering the same appoints Adam Harkness Samuel Wells Enos Curtis Robert Nisbet John Wells and Amos Carpenter to visit hōm on that account and report to next Meeting their sence thereof. It appears by the extracts of our quarterly Meeting that they requests our exertion in raising money for Danby Meeting House This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck ye 9 of 10 mo. 1788. The representatives being called are present except one and a reason given for his absence. This Meeting appoints John Upton Clerk to this Meeting for the ensuing year and Isaac Upton to assist in recording the minutes of this Meeting. Received a copy of the written epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London for 1787 which was read in this Meeting to satisfaction. The friends who were appointed to enter the addition to our copies of the book of discipline report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. One of the friends that was appointed to read Peleg Smiths denial report the appointment not answered therefore as one of the friends being absent from this Meeting John Upton is appointed with the other friend and they are desired to accomplish the service as soon as may be best and report to next Meeting. The Friends who in the case of David Anthony respecting his prospect of his removing report that they have had several solid opportunities with him wherein a feeling simplicity attended their minds in a near affection with him wherein they received his prospects and signified that they could not discover any real advantage that he could reap thereby at present. Which report this Meeting unites with and after a time for a free communication of prospects it appears best that the matter be rested for the present. Received a Minute from the woman Meeting signifying that they request the assistance of this Meeting respecting Neomi Sisson. This Meeting taking under consideration and appoints Adam Harkness Isaac Upton Isaac Killey and John Wells to assist the woman friends therein and report to next meeting. It appears by a Minute of the Preparative Meeting that the subscription for raising money for Danby Meeting House is completed. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of 11 mo. 1788.
 The representatives being called are present. The queries were
 read in this Meeting and the answer that came up from the Pre-
 parative Meeting with a little alteration herein and are as
 followeth.

Ansr. 1st. Our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended
 generally by the most of Friends although a deficiency appears in
 some the hour generally observed by those that attend not clear
 of sleeping in Meetings as to other indecent behaviour mostly
 clear; and care taken in these several respects.

the 2nd. We believe that love and unity is maintained amongst
 us in a good degree though we fear not so fully with all as becomes
 brethren no differences known to arise since last account.

the 3rd. We know not of any that are in the practice of back-
 biting &c.

the 4th. Some appear in a good degree careful to keep themselves
 and all under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and
 apparel and are in the practice of frequent reading the Scriptures
 but there appears a deficiency in others with respect to plainness
 and some care taken with such.

the 5th. Friends are careful in the several respects for aught
 that appears.

the 6th. Poor Friend necessities have been inspected and relief
 administered so far as appeared necessary; there has been a good
 degree of care taken respecting their children providing for learning
 no friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as
 we know.

the 8th. Clear as far as appears.

the 9th. We know not of any breach of this query.

the 10th. Some friends are deficient with respect to wills and
 some care taken; no misapplication of publick gifts and legesseees

as we know of.

the 11th. Clear of slavery as intended by this query so far as appears, and no youth amongst us.

the 12th. Friends appear in a good degree careful in these respects.

the 13th. None removed from without Certificates some come as heretofore observed without Certificates and care taken.

the 14th. Some care taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The Friends who were appointed to enter the addition to our copys of the book of discipline report the appointment is answered so far as the discipline is entered. The Friends who were appointed in the case of Peleg Smith denial report the appointment answered. The Committee who were appointed to assist the Woman Friends in the case Neomi Sisson report the appointment answered. This Meeting appoints David Anthony John Wells Samuel Wells and John Upton to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and carry up to that and bring down to this all matters that concerns this and report their service to next Meeting. Josuay Lapham & Hannah Lapham returned to this meeting their copys of Minutes that they had to go as far as Sandwich and Dartmouth. Snow Randal signified to this Meeting that he hath a prospect of removing with his famerly within the verge of Saratogua Monthly Meeting and request the advice of this Meeting therein and this appoints David Lapham Samuel Wells Isaac Killey Amos Carpenter and John Wells to confer with him on that account and endeavour to dipp into the state of the matter and report to next Meeting their sence thereof. Isaac Upton signified to this meeting that he hath a prospect of going as far as Swanzy to visit his friends and relations which this meeting concurs with he being a member of said meeting and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the above minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time

in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck 11th of the 12 mo. 1788, the representatives having their names called are present. The representatives who were appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts. This Meeting received two copies of the written epistles from the Yearly Meeting (viz) one from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia in the year 1787 and one from the Yearly Meeting held at Rhoadisland for the year 1787. Both which were read in this meeting to satisfaction.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 20 & 21st of 11 mo. 1788. Saratoga Monthly Meeting report that they have added the Yearly Meetings minute to their copies of the book of discipline as directed and it appears that some others of the Monthly Meetings have omitted adding the whole of the Minute by reason that the latter part of said Minute appears to be advice; and desires the advice of this Meeting thereon; therefore this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon; it is the mind that the whole of the minute be entered in the book of discipline. Therefore this Meeting directs the clerk to add the same to our copy^es of the book of discipline and report to next Meeting. It appears to this Meeting that the subscription of our several Monthly Meetings towards purchasing a house at Hudson is small therefore after a deliberation thereon this Meeting recommends to our several Monthly Meetings to renew their subscription therefor and report to next Meeting. Therefore this meeting directs the same to the care of the Preparative Meeting and a report to this seasonably to go up to our next Quarterly Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to visit Snow Randal respecting his prospect of removing report that they have had an opportunity with him and the friend appeared here and requested

that the matter may be dropt for the present which this meeting unites therewith. This appoints John Upton and Robert Nisbet to colect and produce the Minutes of the womans Meeting respecting the matter relative to Neomi Sisson and report to next Meeting. This Meeting being informed by the representatives that were appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting; that Saratoga Meeting handed a Minute to that Meeting signifying that this Meeting hath omitted paying their proportion of money for building White Creek Meeting House, therefore this meeting appoints Adam Harkness John Upton Jeremiah Smith and Caleb Braley to make inspection into the matter and report to next Meeting how they finde matters respecting it. This Meeting recived a certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting of Ninepartners for Rulif White which this meeting excepts of. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Easthoosuck ye 8 of 1st mo, 1789. The representatives appointed to attend this Meeting having their names called are present. The Clerk report the appointment answered in entring the addition to our copys of the book of discipline as directed by the Quarterly Meeting. One of the friends that were appointed to procure the Minutes of the Womans Meeting with respect to their labour with Neomi Sisson; report the appointment answered the other gave a reason which this meeting excepts of. The Minutes of the Womans meeting being produced to this and read respecting Neomi Sisson it appears to this Meeting that they have long laboured tenderly with her and altho there appears but little hopes that more labour may be useful yet understanding that she is in a very low state of health some freinds seemes tender of disowning her without a nother visit and the matter labouring with weight, this meeting thinks best to rest it a nother month that those friends may have an opertunity for that purpose. The Committee that ware appointed to make inspection respecting the

matter relative to white Creek Meeting House report that they have made some inspection but are not able to report exactly how the matter stands therefore they are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. This Meeting received a minute from the Preparative Meeting by that Elijah Smith hath so far gone contrary to the dictates of truth and the rules of our Christian discipline as to give way to a libertine spirit whereby he hath deviated from plainness both in dress and address and also neglected the attendance of our religious meetings. Therefore this Meeting appoints Caleb Braley Samuel Cooper Edward Edmonds and Snow Randal to visit him in these respects and report their sense of the State of his mind to next meeting. Isaac Upton returned the copy of a minute that he had to go as far as Swanzay. Caleb Macombur signified to this Meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines to go within the compass of Accoxet Monthly Meeting to visit his friends and relations to reside there for a short time which this Meeting concurs with; he being a Member of this Meeting and of an orderly life and conversation; Desiring you would extend that Christian care towards him for his preservation in the truth while among you. And the clerk is directed to send the above copy to said Meeting. This Meeting received a Certificate of Removal for Isaac Upton Jur from Swanzey Monthly Meeting which this Meeting excepts of. This Meeting adjourns to the next day after our Preparative Meeting ~~is~~ by reason that our next Monthly Meeting comes on the same day as the next Quarterly Meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 6th of 2 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answers are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. Meetings for worship and discipline are all attended generally by the most of friends the hower nearly observed by those who attend; not all clear of sleeping in Meetings: as to other

indecently clear for what appears some care taken in each respect.

the 2nd. A good degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes Brethren and no differences appeared since last accounts.

the 3rd. None that we know of.

the 4th. Some friends appear careful in keeping them selves and those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and in the practice of reading the Scriptures and some labour bestowed on others for their neglect.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 6th. The necessities of the poor have been inspected and relieaf administered their children freely pertake of learning; and we know not of any friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear for ought that appears in the several branches of this queary.

the 8th. We know not of any breach of good order in this query.

the 9th. Clear in the several respects for ought that appears.

the 10th. Some friends careful respecting wills others deficient and some advice given; no missaplication of publick gifts and legacies as we know of.

the 11th. Clear of negroas as slaves as intended by this query and no youth amongst us.

the 12th. Friends appear careful in these respects.

the 13th. None removed but one come without a Certificate and care taken.

the 14th. A good degree of care taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness measurably agreeable to discipline. The matter being again revived in this Meeting with respect to Neomi Sisson and after a solid deliberation thereon this Meeting appoints Isaac Upton and Snow Pandal to join the woman friends in informing her that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown her from being a Member; and prepare an essay of denial

produce it and report to next Meeting. The Womans Meeting of last month handed to this a minute signifying that they bestowed as much labour in dealing with Hannah Smith as appeared to them nessary and submitted the same to this Meeting; which being taken under solid consideration therefore this Meeting appoints John Upton and Isaac Killey to join the woman and friends in informing her that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown her from being a Member and prepare an essay of denial produce it and report to next Meeting also signified that they have laboured in dealing with Phebe Smith as appeared nessary and submitted the same to this Meeting which being taken under consideration therefore this Meeting appoints Isaac Upton and David Anthony to join the Women Friends in informing her that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown her from being a Member and prepar an essay of denial produce it and report to next Meeting. Two of the Committee who were appointed to labour with Elijah Smith repor they have had an oportunity with him but as the whole of the Committee have not all had an oportunity together; therefore this meeting continues the same Committee to that service and report their sence of the state of his minde to next Meeting. It appears by a minute from the Preparative Meeting that they have reviwed their subscription for a Meeting House at Hudson and the adition is £ 1 - 15 - 3s Lms. This Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet Abraham Lapham Snow Randal and Adam Harkness to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this such business as ^Cow_Anes this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjournes to the usal time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 12 of 3rd mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. The friends who ware appointed to join the women friends, In informing

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Neomi Sisson that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown her from being a Member: and prepare an essay of denial; report the appointment answered and produced it here: which being several times read and considered with a little alteration herein is excepted and is as followeth. Whereas Naomi Sisson hath had a right of membership amongst us but for want of being attentive to the dictates of truth in her own heart which would have preserved her in humility but contrary thereunto she hath made sail of her outward intrust disagreeable to the minds of friends and refused to take Friends advice therein; altho she was timely cautioned on that account; for all which she hath been tenderly laboured with from time to time which hath not had the desired effect therefor for the clearing of truth and preserving our Society from such disorderly practices we do hereby testify against her misconduct: and disowns her from being a member of our Society untill she from a sense of her error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting which that she may do is our sincere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our said meeting by John Upton Clerk, Rachel Smith Clerk. Therefore this Meeting appoints Jeremiah Smith and Benjamin Briggs to join the women friends in informing her that this Meeting hath disowned her from being a Member and serve her with a copy of judgment of this Meeting: and read the denial at the close of a first day meeting and report to next Meeting. The Friends who were appointed to join the women friends in the case of Hannah Smith: report that the appointment is answered and produced an essay of denial which being read and considered with a little alteration herein is excepted and is as followeth. Whereas Hannah Smith daughter of Stephen Smith hath had a right of Membership amongst us by birth but for want of taking heed *the principle of truth in her own heart which would (have) preserved her in* to ^A innocency but contrary thereunto she hath given way to a libertine spirit which hath led her into several disorderly practices particularly going to places of diversion and not keeping to plainness also a neglect of attending our religious Meetings for all which she hath been tenderly laboured with in order to bring her to a sence of her

out goings which she appearing to slight and disregard therefore
 for the clearing of truth and our profession of such reproaches.
 We do hereby testifie against here misconduct and disowns her
 from being any longer a Member of our Society untill she from
 a sence of her error shall condemn the same to the satisfaction
 of this Meeting the which she may do is our sencere desire signed
 in behalf of our Monthly Meeting by John Upton Clerk Rachel
 Smith Clerk. Therefore this Meeting appoints David Lapham and
 Snow Randall to join the Women friends in informing her that
 this Meeting hath disowned her from being a Member serve her with
 a copy of her denial acquaint her of her arright to an appeal,
 and read or cause the denial to be read at a close of a first
 day meeting and report to next Meeting. The friends who were
 appointed to join the Women friends in the case of Phebe Smith
 report the appointment answered and produced an essay of a denial
 which being reed and considered with some small alteration herein
 is excepted and is as followeth. Whereas Phebe Smith daughter
 of Stephen Smith hath had a right of membership amongst us by birth
 but for want of taking heed to the principle of truth in her own
 heart which would have preserved in innocency but contarary there-
 unto she hath been disobedent and given way to a libertine spirit:
 which hath led her to divers disorderly practices such as going to
 Places of diversion; departing from plainness and a neglect in
 attending our religious Meetings for all which she hath been labour-
 ed with from time to time which hath not had the desired effect:
 Therefore for the clearing of truth and our proffession of such
 reproaches we do hereby testify against her misconduct and dis-
 own her from being any longer a Member of our Society until she
 from a sence of her error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting
 which she may do is our sencere desire. Signed in and on behalf
 of our said Meeting by John Upton Clerk, Rachel Smith, Clerk.
 Therefore this Meeting appoints John Wells and Amaziah Allen to

join the Women friends in informing here that this Meeting hath
 disowned her from being a Member serve her with a copy of her
 denial acquaint her of her arright to an appeal and read or
 cause the denial to be read at a close of a first day Meeting
 and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed
 to visit Elijah Smith report that they have had an oportunity
 with him and signified according to their sence there appeared
 know disposition in him for an ammendment and after a solid
 deliberation thereon this meeting appoints Snow Randal and John
 Upton to inform him that this meeting hath come to a conclusion
 to disown him from being a Member: and prepare an essay of a
 denial produce it and report to next Meeting. The representatives
 who were appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report
 they all attended and prodused the extracts from said meeting (viz)
 At a Quarterly Meeting held at Nine Partners the 21st of the 8th
 mo. 1788. Ninepartners Monthly Meeting informs that they prepose
 builting a House at Oswago for friends to meet in to be 28 feet by
 34 feet & two story high and they estamate the cost to be £ 350 - 0 -
 0 and friends of Oswago subscribed £ 76 and the Monthly Meeting
 subscribed £ 66 - 12 - 0 which after a deliberation is left
 under consideration until next Meeting. At a Quarterly Meeting
 held at Ninepartners the 12th of the 2nd mo. 1789. The proposal
 of the Monthly Meeting of Ninepartners of building a Meeting House
 at Oswago was again taken into consideration in this meeting and
 after a deliberation thereon this Meeting recommends to our other
 monthly Meetings to open subscriptions therefor and inform our next
 meeting the amount thereof. Which this Meeting concurs with and
 recomends the same to the care of the Preparative Meeting; and a
 report to this seasonably to go up to our next Quarterly Meeting.
 The Meeting for sufferings inform this that the work of reprinting
 the treaties on the orriginal and present state of man by our
 friend Joseph Phipps is compleated; and the Committee of that Meeting

informs this that they have forwarded to Tripp Mosher the number subscribed for by this meeting and as there is 52 more then was subscribed for by our Monthly Meeting and that this Meeting is desired to transmitt the money there for to the Yearly Meeting Treasurrer as soon as well may be therefore our Monthly Meetings are desired to call on him for the books and that they take their proportion of those books according to the number they have subscribed for and pay the money therefor and inform our next Meeting which this meeting concurs with; and recomends the same to the care of the Preparative Meeting; and inform this seasonably to go up to next Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting taking under consideration that there is now know friends appointed to have the care to collect the sufferings of friends and repairs the same to the care of next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of 4th mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. The Friends who were appointed to join the Woman friends in the case of Naomi Sisson report the appointment answered. The Committee who were appointed to join the Woman friends respecting Hannah Smith report the appointment answered. The Friends that were appointed to join the woman Friends respecting Phebe Smith report the appointment not fully answered. They are continued to that service to accomplish the same and report at our next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed respecting Elijah Smith report the appointment answered and produced an essay of a denial which being several times read and considered is with a little alteration accepted and is as followeth. Whereas Elijah Smith son of Stephen Smith hath had a right of Membership amongst us by birth; but for want of taking heed to the principle of truth in his own

heart which would have preserved him in innocency but contrary thereunto he hath given way to a libertine spirit whereby he hath deviated from plainness in speech behaviour and apparel also hath neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetings; for which he hath been laboured with from time to time which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the clearing of truth and our profession of such disorderly practices we do hereby testify against his said misconduct and disowns him from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he from a sence of his error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting the which he may do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by John Upton clerk. Therefore this Meeting appoints Amos Carpenter Caleb Mackember and Benjamin Briggs to inform him that this Meeting hath disowned him from being a Member and serve him with a copy of his denial and inform him of his arright to an appeal from the judgment of this Meeting and read or cause to be read at a close of a first day Meeting and report to next Meeting. The select Preparative Meeting informed this that they had anominated John Upton for an elder and after consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Samuel Wells Snow Randall Abraham Lapham and Amos Carpenter to enquire into his life and conversation and report whither the way appears clear in six month next. Received a Minute from the select Preparative Meeting of Ministers and elders signifying that Abigail Upton was by that meeting annominated to the Station of an elder; and ^{after} ~~of the~~ a consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Enos Curtis John Wells and Benjamin Briggs to assist the Women friends in making inspection into her life and conversation and report to this Meeting in six month next. The matter was again taken under consideration respecting friends sufferings; therefore this Meeting appoints Samuel Wells Amos Carpenter Adam Harkness to collect the sufferings of Friends the year past who suffer from a conciatious

schroople and the Committee are to bring to this Meeting thee account in a plain manner setting fourth for what they suffer for and when and report their service to next Meeting. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness Abraham Lapham and David Lapham to inspect the necessities of the poor friends for the ensuing year and to relieve and assist those that appear in want; And are directed to make application to the Preparative Meeting as occasion may require. This Meeting appoints Benjamin Briggs David Anthony Samuel Wells John Wells and John Upton for the ensuing year to attend the burial that are under the care of friends to see if that they are conducted decently and orderly: and to have the care of the burial ground. This Meeting continue Isaac Upton treasurer for this Meeting for the enewing year. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 14th of 5 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting with a little alteration herein and are as followeth.

Answer. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of Friends the hour nearly observed; not clear of sleeping in Meetings; generally clear of other indecent behaviour in Meetings. And care taken in the several deficiencies of this query.

the 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us as becomes brethren; care taken to end differences when any appears.

the 3rd. We know not of any that are in the practice of backbiting talebearing or spreading evil reports.

the 4th. Some friends are careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and appeael and are in the practice of frequent reading the Scriptures;

but a neglect appears in others: and care taken.

the 5th. Clear in this query as far as appears.

the 6th. The necessities of the poor has been inspected and relief administred so far as appeared nessary their children have freely pertaken of learning to fit them for business no friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear as far as appears in the whole of this query.

the 8th. Clear.

the 9th. Clear in the several respects so far as we know.

the 10th. Some friends are yet deficent respecting wills and advice given; clear of missaphying publick gifts or legerseas.

Ansr. 11th. Clear of negroas as slaves as intended in this query and none of their youth amongs us.

the 12th. It does not appear but that friends are geenerally careful in those respects.

the 13th. Some come and some gone without Certificates and some care taken.

the 14th. There is a degree of care taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of Meekness and agreeable to discipline.

Answers to the four annowal queries.

Ansr. 1st. No Minister nor elder deaseast since last year nor Memoral conserning any other friend.

the 2nd. No New Meeting House built nor new meeting settled since last year.

the 3rd. None joined in Society by convincement since last year.

the 4th. They are.

Recived a Minute from the Womens Meeting informing this that they have bestowed much labour in dealing with Abigail Lapham which prooved ineffectual therefore this Meeting appoints Benjamin Briggs and John Upton to join the Woman friends in informing her that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown her from being a Member and prepare an essay of a denial produce it and report to our next Meeting. The friends who were appointed to

join the woman Friends respecting Phebe Smith report the appointment answered. One of the friends report the appointment answered respecting Elijah Smiths denial. The Committee who were appointed to collect the sufferings of friends the year past report they have made some enquiry with friends thereon but have produced no account of any to this Meeting. It appears by the reports of the Committee who were appointed to collect friends sufferings that friends have been neglectful in taking accounts of their sufferings therefore this Meeting appoints John Upton Adam Harkness and Samuel Wells to collect the sufferings of friends the ensuing year and friends are directed to be careful to take down the time when they suffer and for what and hand the same to the Committee as they suffer and the Committee is directed to attend carefully thereto and to report to this Meeting in next year in fifth month. Agreeable to direction this Meeting hath attended to the Yearly Meetings advice respecting the trade and use of spiritious liquors we may inform there is strict attention paid thereto in the members of this Meeting in general yet it appears there is one who has moved from us without a Certificate whome we expect is concerned in trading therein. It appears by a Minute from the Preparativs Meeting that the subscription for Oswago Meeting House is compleated which is the sum of six pounds lawful money for that purpose. This Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet Adam Harkness Snow Randall and Ehos Curtis to attend the Service of our next Quarterly Meeting and carrey up to that and bring down to this all matters that conserns this and report their service to our next meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 11th of 6 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. One of the representatives that was appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended but have not produced

the extracts from that Meeting therefore this Meeting requests their care therein. The Committee who were appointed to join the woman friends respecting Abigail Lapham report they have attended to the appointment and produced an essay of a denial which being several times read and considered is with some small alteration herein is excepted and is as followeth. Whereas Abigail Lapham hath had a right of Membership amongst us by birth but for want of attending to the dictates of truth in her own heart which would have preserved her in innocency but contrary thereto she hath given way to a libertine spirit whereby she hath been neglectfull in the attendance of our Religious Meetings; And our Testimony of Plainness for which she hath been tenderly laboured with which hath not had the desired effect therefore for the clearing of truth and our profession of such disorderly conduct we do hereby testify against the same and disowns her from being any longer a Member of our Society untill she from a sense of her error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting the which that she may do is our sincere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid Meeting, John Upton Clerk, Rachel Smith Clerk, and appoints Amaziah Allen and John Upton to join the Woman Friends in informing her that this Meeting hath disowned her from being a Member serve her with a copy of her denial and inform her of her arright to an appeal from the judgment of this Meeting and read her denial at a close of first day Meeting and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed respecting John Upton informes this Meeting thay they are not ready to make report and gave a reason which this Meeting excepts of; they are continued to that service and report to our next Meeting. The Committee appointed in the case of Abigail Upton being appointed an elder signified to this Meeting they had attended to their appointment but this Meeting viewing the shortness of

the Minute of their appointment being only to inspect the life and conversation of the friend without adding further. Therefore this Meeting appoints the same friends with the addition of Samuel Cooper to that service and desires them to report next Meeting agreeable to the direction of our discipline in that respect. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting Held at East Hoosuck ye 9th of 7 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. The Committee who were appointed to join the Women Friends respecting Abigail Laphams denial report the appointment answered. The Committee appointed in the case of John Upton being proposed to the station of an elder signified that they have attended to the appointment but are not as yet ready to report they are continued to the service with the addition of David Anthony and desired to report at next Meeting. The committee appointed respecting Abigail Upton being recommended to the Station of an elder have produced a report to this Meeting which was read but not appearing explicit the matter is left with the same friends; and they are directed to report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of 8 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read in this Meeting and the answers are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of Friends yet slackness appears in some the hour mostly observed by those who are steady in attending; not altogether clear of sleeping in meetings and generally clear of other indecent behaviour in meetings.

the 2nd. Love and unity is maintained amongst us in a good degree but not so fully as becomes brethren as is desired and endeavours used for an amendment a concern maintained to end differences when any do appear.

Ans. the 3rd. We know not of any in the practice of backbiting tale baring spreading of evil reports.

Ans. the 4th. There are ^(those) who appear careful in these several respects. yet others appear deficient and some advice given.

Ans. the 5th. We know not any unnessary use of spiritious liquors frequenting of taverns or places of diversion or any immoderation or intemperance at marriages births or burials amongst us.

Ans. the 6th. The necessities of the poor has been inspected and they relieved and the necessary care attended to respecting their childrens learning no friends child placed from amongst friends that we know of.

Ans. the 7th. Clear of breaches of good order in the query as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear for what appears.

Ans. the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

Ans. the 10th. There are some friends who yet remain deficient respecting wills and they advised no misaplication of publick gifts and leagacees as we know of.

Ans. the 11th. Clear of negroes as slaves as intended by this query and none of their youth amongst us.

Ans. the 12th. Friends appear careful in these respects.

Ans. the 13th. Two gone one come without Certificate and some care taken in borth respects.

Ans. th 14th. There is a good degree of care taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline.

The Committee appointed respecting John Upton being recommended as an elder make report to this Meeting as followeth that they have attended there to and found that his life and conversation was in a good degree orderly. And this Meeting solidly deliberating on the subject thinks to recommend him to the select Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and elders as an elder and directs David Anthony to furnish the select Preparative Meeting at East Hoosuck and Saratogua with a copy of this Minute to be forwarded by that Meeting to the select Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and elders

The Committee appointed respecting Abigail Upton being recommended as an elder report that they have attended to the appointment and found nothing but that she is of an orderly life and conversation and in unity with the Monthly Meeting as a Member: And after a solid consideration thereon this Meeting recommends her to the select Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and elders as an elder and the clerk is directed to hand a copy of this Minute to the select Preparative Meeting of East Hoosuck and Saratogua to be forwarded by that Meeting to the select Quarterly Meeting.

Received a Minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Amos Carpenter Isaac Upton and Samuel Wells were by that Meeting anominated oversears therefore after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints them to that Station for the ensuing year. This Meeting appoints John Upton Samuel Wells Adam Harkness and David Anthony to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting with such business from this as may appear nessary and bring down such as may be sent from that Meeting to this and report of their service to our next Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting School Committee report to Witt that there is one school held in the Preparative Meeting and that conducted orderly. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of 9 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. One of the representatives that were appointed to attend the service at our last Quarterly Meeting report that three of them attended and produced the extracts from the quarterly and Yearly Meetings and a Number of the copys of the printed anueal epistles from the Yearly Meeting held in London for the year 1788 one of which hath been read in this Meeting to good satisfaction: And this Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet to read one of sd epistels at a close of a first day meeting at this place at a sutable time and report to our next Meeting. The other friend that did not attend gave a reason therefor which this meeting excepts of. The representatives who were appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting in fifth month last not fully answering their appointments now report that there was no business from that Meeting to this. This Meeting refairs the extractes of the Quarterly Meeting to the care of our next Meeting. The representatives that were appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting informed this that the Yearly Meeting directed that each Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to accompany certain Minutes to each Monthly and Preparative Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting directs that each Monthly and Preparative Meeting to adjourn to accommodate the Committee. Recived a minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Ruluff White hath removed from us in a disorderly manner also hath been neglectfull in the attendance of our Religious Meetings and shunning the company of Friends; therefore this Meeting under consideration that our Preparative Meeting appointed some friends to wright to him requesting him to come and see friends on these accounts therefore this Meeting refers it to the consideration of next Meeting. Recived a minute from the Womans Meeting signifying that they have laboured

in dealing with Ruth Lapham on account of her misconduct as far as appeared necessary: And after solid consideration of the matter they have come to a conclusion to disown her if the Mens Meeting concurs therewith therefore after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Amaziah Allen and Adam Harkness to join the Womans Meeting in drawing an essay of a denial produce it and report to next Meeting. Received a Minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Silas Cook hath a desire to come under the care of Friends therefore this Meeting appoints Enos Curtis Robert Nisbet and David Anthony to visit him on that account and report their sense the state of his minde to our next Meeting. This Meeting refers the reading of the London written epistle to next Meeting. The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are directed to distribute the annawal epistles. This Meeting received a certificate of removal for Jonah ~~Hoehera~~^{Hothersway} and wife Ann and children namely William Elizabeth and Joseph from the Monthly Meeting of Rhodeisland the 28 of 4 mo. 1789 whic this Meeting excepts of. This Meeting adjourns to the 12th of next month on account of our Quarterly Meeting Committee expecting to attend.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 12 of the 10 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present. It appears by the extracts of our Quarterly Meeting that the Yearly Meeting hath directed the Quarterly Meeting to appoint Committees to accompaney perticular matters which appears useful for our Monthly and Preparative Meetings to observe with respects to their better understanding the management of our discipline. Two of said Committee are now present. The extracts of the Yearly Meeting minutes were now read in this Meeting to good satisfaction and are as foloweth. At a Yearly Meeting held at Westbury on Long Island from the 30th of the 5 mo. to the 4th

of the 6th Mo. inclusive 1789. The report of the Committee to visit our subordinate Meetings together with some observations offered by them to our view obtained the weighty attention of this Meeting and there appearing in divers instances a want of a due & careful administration of our religious discipline by Monthly and preparative Meetings according to the spirit and design thereof and that Preparative Meetings have in some cases gone beyond the bounds of their authority. That different methods are in some instances practised by both Monthly and Preparative Meetings for want of a careful attention to a right understanding of our discipline and a solid opportunity of consideration in brotherly freedom taking place unitedly resulted as the sense and judgment of this Meeting. That for the more orderly conducting the affairs of the Church such business as comes from persons not of our Society be brought to the preparative Meetings by the overseers. That acknowledgments from persons disowned or requests from such as desire to be received into membership be read in the preparative Meetings and if no evident impropriety appears to their going forward to the Monthly Meeting that they be sent with the Minutes of the preparative Meeting. That no preparative Meeting or overseers presume to judge of any offered or proposed request or acknowledgement so as to prevent its going to the Monthly Meeting: tho: either may be at liberty to observe to the person any manifest obstruction: but if such person still remains desirous that the request or acknowledgment should be laid before the Monthly Meeting: that it be admitted to go in the manner before directed. And that proper minutes be kept by each preparative Meeting of all its proceedings. That Committees of Monthly Meetings enter seasonably and unitedly on the business of their appointments and agree on a report to be made by one of their number, the others likewise standing to shew their concurrence. And when they report the business not accomplished that they offer reasons therefor that the Meeting may be

satisfied there hav been no unprofitable delay. When the Womens Meetings have so far proceeded in any case that requires the judgment of the Mens Meeting as to apprehend no further service by its longer continuance amongst them: that they lay such case in an explicit manner before the Mens Meeting: who are to enter it clearly on their Minutes and if nothing appears to obstruct their concurrence that the Women be informed thereof but if the Men should apprehend a service from further endeavours: particularly in case of an offender either on an acknowledgment or otherwise or request from a person to be received into membership that they appoint a number of Friends to unite with an appointment from the Womens Meeting on that case and that they report their sence thereon and when an united judgment is come to disown such a Member the Women are to inform the person thereof and that two Friends be appointed to assist the Women in drawing a testification and in reading the same in the manner directed by our discipline. That all testification and acknowledgments be entered on the minutes of the Monthly Meeting which should in all cases contain a clear explicit narrative so as to keep the merits of the case on record. That each Monthly Meeting appoint a Treasurer and have a collection Quarterly to provide for the relief of the necesitious and other purposes of the Meeting. And that the business from preparative to Monthly and from Monthly to Quarterly Meetings be read in the respecting Meetings to which they are forwarded together with the Minutes of the proceeding Monthly or Quarterly: And the extracts from superiour Meetings at the opening of each Meeting. And it is the earnest desire of this Meeting that our Quarterly Meetings in their collective capacity wait for the arising of the Spirit of truth whereby they may be enabled to administer such advice and assistance to the Monthly Meetings as circumstances

may from time to time call for in order that our Christian discipline may be supported agreeable to the design of its institution.

That the necessity of a more close attention to the tenor and spirit thereof may be impressed on our Monthly Meetings on whose care and concern for the support and maintenance of the wholesome regulations therein recommended for general use and practice much depends. It is therefore earnestly desired that this watchful care may be maintained least a gradual sliding therefrom may take place and ~~w~~^eakness ensue. And the advice and judgment of this Meeting now expressed may be carried into practice in all our Meetings, And a comfortable strengthening uniformity take place, it is recommended to each Quarter that they appoint a number of judicious concerned Friends to accompany this Minute expressive of the advice and judgment of this Meeting to all their Monthly & preparative Meetings in order to bring the same more clearly into view. And that this Minute be entered in all their copies of the Book of Discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of and 21st days of 8 mo. 1789. The extracts of our last Yearly Meeting were now read and as there is several matters therein contained directed to the observation of our several Meetings of discipline for the right ordering thereof directs that each Quarterly Meeting appoint suitable Committees to accompaney the same to all their subordinate Meetings. Therefore this Meeting appoints the following Friends to accompaney these advices to our Monthly and preparative Meetings and to see that they with the essay of a Marriage Certificate are added to this Meeting Book of Discipline as also to those of the Monthly and Preparative Meetings & that they make a report to next Quarter (viz) John Hoag William Michel Charles Coleman Isaac Hallock William Baker Benjamin Starbuck John Upton Samuel Wells, William Titus Charles Webb John Alsop, Ruben Wright, Paul Upton

William Woolley John Allen and Tripp Mosher. This Meeting also directs them to add the addition of the following words to the fourth query agreeable to direction of the Yearly Meeting) viz⁴ "and do they guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world". Our Monthly and preparative Meetings are directed to adjourn to such times as the Committee shall conclude on in order for the more conveniently attending. From the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting the following advice is contained which is recommended to friends serious attention (viz) - The many deficiencies mentioned in the accounts from the quarters to prevail amongst us notwithstanding the repeated pressing advice of this Meeting theretofore given are cause of deep exercise and concern in a particular manner the continuance of neglecting that great and incumbent duty the attendance of our religious Meetings more especially apparrent in the middle of the week and that those for discipline which is not only an evident mark of declension from the spirit and purity of our principles but often proves an inlet to greater evils. The prevailing ⁽ⁱ⁾deviation of many amongst us from that simplicity and plainness of habit and manners into which our predecessors in the truth were lead and which we feel our mindes engaged to support. The captivating influence that a wordly spirit has on the minds of many and is whereby some amongst us have been enduced to engage in the persuit of business beyound their ability to mannage attended with a failure in the preforments of promises and the none payments of just debts have taken place and appears to be increasing which is cause of close exeercise and ferfent desires are witnessed for the help of those and that the care and labour which appears to be maintained in each quarter may be be continued with an increased exertion for the restoration of such. The extracts also contains the following Minute (viz) - A renewed

consideration of the subject respecting elders removing and retaining their stations as elders in the Monthly Meeting to which they removed; Again engaged the solid attention of this Meeting and after a deliberate review of the subject it is the judgment of this Meeting that the right of appointing in that case shall not in future continue a friend in that station on his removing into the compass of another Monthly Meeting. The following Minute of the Yearly Meeting. Concerning distilled spiritous liquors which this Meeting recommends to the close attention of our Monthly Meetings and that a report thereon come seasonably to go to Next Yearly Meeting. (viz) Altho it appears by the accounts that our advice and counsel respecting the use of and commerce in distilled spirits have attained considerable attention in east Quarter: Yet we finde there still remains a number in the practice of trafficking in that article but that divers of them give encouragements to hope they will decline the business but that no friend is in the practice of distilling those liquors. And the subject coming weightly under renewed consideration it is the earnest desire of this Meeting that our advice and judgment as expressed last year may be renewedly adverted to and that our Monthly Meetings appoint Committees to assist the overseers in labouring with such amongst us who still continues to traffick in the pernicious article of distilled sprits and that a report thereon be brought forward next year. Therefore this Meeting appoints John Wells and David Anthony to assist the overseers agreeable to direction of the Yearly Meeting and report to this seasonably to go up to said Meeting. The Yearly Meeting still recommends the weighty attention of Friends to the establishing of schools agreeable to the method heretofore directed and our Monthly Meetings are requested to report the state thereof seasonably to go to said Meeting. Taken from the Minutes Tideman

Hull Junr. Clerk. It appears by the extracts of the Yearly Meeting that they direct each Monthly Meeting to apoint a Treasurer and have a collection Quarterly to provide for the necessitious and other purposes of this Meeting therefore this Meeting refers the care thereof to the Preparative Meeting; And that meeting is directed to proceede agreeable to direction of said Meeting and report to this Quarterly the amount of their collections. The Committee who were appointed to assist the Women respecting Ruth Lapham report the appointment answered. And produced an essay of a denial which being read and considered is excepted and signed and is as followeth. Whereas puth Lapham hath had a right of Membership amongst us by birth but for want of attending to the dictates of truth in her own heart which would have preserved her in innocency but contarary thereunto she hath given way to a liberting spirit whereby she hath been neglectfull in the attendance of our Religious Meetings: And our testimony of plainness for which she hath been tenderly laboured with from time to time: which hath not had the desired effect therefore for the clearing of truth; and our proffession of such disorderly conduct we do hereby testify against the same and disown her from being any longer a Member of our Society untill she from a sence of her error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting the which that she may do is our sencere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid Meeting John Upton, Clerk, by Rachel Smith Clerk. And appoints John Upton and Isaac Killey to assist the Woman friends in reading the same and report to next Meeting. The Matter being again revived in this Meeting respecting Ruluff White and it appears that he has wrote to those Friends that were appointed by our preparative Meeting that he is in a poor state of health; and requested that friends would wait on him ~~his~~ therefore it is refered to next Meeting. The friend that was appointed to read the printed

London epistle report the appointment not answered he is continued to that service and report to next Meeting. The committee who were appointed to visit Silas Cook on account of his request: Report that they have visited him to a good degree of satisfaction and according to their sense the friend appeared in a tender frame of minde and after a deliberate consideration thereon way not appearing quite clear therefore it is refered to the consideration of next Meeting. Received one of copys of the written epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London for the year 1788 which was reed in this Meeting to good satisfaction. Our esteemed Friend Isaac Everitte attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Menallen Monthly Meeting baring date of ye 11 of 5 mo. 1789 wherein his company and labours of love hath been truely comfortable to us. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 12 of 11 mo. 1789. The representatives having their names called are present except one. This Meeting appoints John Upton Clerk for the ensuing year. The queries were read in this Meeting and the answers that come from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by the most of friends tho a slackness appears in some the hour nearly observed Not altogether clear of sleeping in Meetings: As to other indecent behaviour mostly clear and some care taken on account of the several deficiencies above mentiend.

Ans. the 2nd. We believe that love and unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren altho a want of it appears in some and some advice given: Care taken to end differences when any appears.

Ans. the 3rd. We know not of any that are in the practice of backbighting talebaring nor spreading evil reports.

Ans. the 4th. We believe some friends are careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness and in the frequent reading the Holy Scriptures and guarding against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world; altho there appears a neglect in others on account of plainness and some care taken.

Ans. the 5th. Clear in this query as far as appears.

Ans. the 6th. Some care taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and relief administered so far as appeared necessary care taken respecting their children learning: no friends children placed from amongst friends.

Ans. the 7th. No breach of this query as we know of.

Ans. the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

Ans. the 9th. Clear as far as appears.

the 10th. Some friends are careful to make their wills seasonably altho a neglect appears in others and some advice given: no misapplication of publick and gifts and legereces as we know of.

the 11th. Clear of negroes as slaves and none of their youth amongst us.

Ans. the 12th. We believe friends are generally careful of performing promicies and of paying just debts and of lanching into trade and business beyond ability to mannage.

Ans. the 13th. Some gon and some care taken none come without Certificates.

Ans. the 14th. Care is measurably taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The Friends who were appointed to asist the Women friends in reading Ruths Laphams denial report the appointment answered. The matter being again taken under consideration respecting Ruluff White this Meeting weightely considering the same and appoints David Bapham Isaac Upton Enos Curtis John Upton & Isaac

Killey to make him a visit or wright to him on those accounts:
 And report to next Meeting how they finde matters respecting his
 case. The friend that was appointed to read the printed London
 epistle report the appointment answered. The matter being again
 revived respecting Silas Cook and after a deliberate consideration
 thereon it is the minde of this Meeting that he should be again
 revisited and appoints Isaac Upton and David Lapham to that service
 and report to next Meeting their sence of the state of his minde.
 Received a Minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that
 Snow Randall has a prospect of removing within the compass of
 Saratogua Monthly Meeting and desires friends advice therein:
 Therefore this Meeting appoints Enos Curtis John Upton and Samuel
 Cooper to confer with him on that account and endeavour to discover
 the motives and report their sence the reasonableness of his
 prospect to next Meeting. This Meeting appoints David Lapham
 John Upton and Isaac Upton to attend the service of our next
 Quarterly Meeting with such business from this to that as may
 appear necessary and bring down such as may be sent from that
 to this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns
 to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of 12 mo.
 1789, The representatives being called are present. One of
 the representatives that was appointed to attend our last Quarterly
 Meeting report that two of them attended and the business from
 said Meeting is produced. The other that did not attend gave a
 satisfactory reason therefor which this Meeting excepts of. The
 Committee who ware appointed respecting Ruliff White report that
 they have not had any oportunity to visit him tho they have made
 some preparation by wrighting: therefore this Meeting continues
 the same committee to that service and report to next Meeting.

The Committee who were appointed on account of Silas Cook request report that they have visited him on that account to some satisfaction and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting receives him a Member of our Society: And appoints Samuel Wells to inform him thereof and report to next Meeting. The extractes of our last Quarterly Meeting are as foloweth. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19 & 20 of 11 mo. 1789 The Meeting resuming the consideration of building a house at Oswago for friends to meet in & on a free communication of prospects the Meeting unites in allowing Ninepartners Monthly Meeting liberty to proceed in collecting materials for bulding said house as far as the money subscribed will go and as there yet still is £158 - 9 - 6 wanting according to the estimated cost to compleat the same: Our Monthly Meeting are earnestly requested to stir up friends to exert themselves in liberally contributing towards the building this house and that a report thereon be brought to next Quarter. The Monthly Meetings are also directed to collect what hath already been subscribed for that purpose & pay to this Meetings Treasurrer and inform next Meeting. Therefore this Meeting directs the same to the care of our Preparative Meeting and said meeting is directed to report to this seasonably to go to next Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting is informed by the Meeting for sufferings that the sum of £ 138 is subscribed by Westbury and Purchase Quarters for purchasing a house at Hudson for friends to meet in: And the same ordered raised and paid for what purpose and this Meeting is also desired to have the essayd subscriptions for that purpose collected: our Monthly Meetings are therefore directed to order such subscriptions compleated and pay the Money to this Meeting Treasurer and inform next Meeting. Which is also directed to the Preparative Meeting and sd Meeting is directed to report seasonably to go to next Quarterly Meeting. The Committee that were appointed

to confer with Snow Randall on account of his prospect of removing report that they have had an opportunity with him on that account and signified according to their sense his prospects appeared reasonable: And this meeting after weightly considering the matter leaves the friend at his liberty to go and look a settlement amongst friends within the compass of Saratoga Monthly Meeting. This Meeting received from our Quarterly Meeting one of the copies of the written epistles from the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia for the year 1788 directed to friends of Westbury Yearly Meeting. Also one from the Yearly Meeting held at Newport on Rhodisland for the year 1788. Both of which hath been read in this Meeting to satisfaction. John Wells informed this Meeting that he hath a prospect of going as far as East Greenwich to visit his friends and relations: which this Meeting concurs with he being a Member of this Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 14 of 1 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. One of the Committee who were appointed in the case of Ruluff White informed this Meeting that they have made some progress but are not fully ready to report therefore the same Committee are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. The friend that was appointed to inform Silas Cook that he is received a member report the appointment answered. Received a Minute from the Preparative Meeting informing this that Amos Carpenter hath a desire of a few lines by way of Certificate^(e) in order for marriage: Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Saratoga: Therefore this meeting appoints Isaac Upton and Adam Harkness to make inspection into the young mans clearness in relation to marriage and prepare a Certificate for the purpose

if the way appears clear, and produce it and report to next Meeting. John Upton informed this meeting that he hath a prospect of going as far as Swanzy to visit his friends and relations which this meeting concurs with he being a Member of this meeting and the meeting appoints Samuel Wells to furnish him with a copy of this minute. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 11 of 2 mo. 1790. Robert Nisbet is appointed Clerk for this time. The representatives being called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came from the preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of our members and some care taken herein. The hower generally observed. Not all clear of sleeping and some care taken as to other indecent behaviour clear as far as appears.

the 2nd. A good degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes Brethren yet not so fully with all as is desired and care taken herein there is also care taken to end differences when any appear.

the 3rd. We know not of any in the practice of backbiting talebaring or spreading of evil reports.

the 4th. Friends appear generally careful to keep themselves and those under their care in plainness and are in the practice of frequent reading the scriptures and do guard against pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world yet a neglect in some is too plainly discovered in respect to our testimony of plainness and simplicity and a degree of care taken with such.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 6th. Care has been taken respecting the poor and their children learning we know not of any friends children placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear for ought that appears.

the 8th. Clear as far as appears.

the 9th. We know not of any friends who take othes pay preast wages bear armes or are concerned in Military services fraudalant or clandistine trade lattrices or that deal in prize goods.

the 10th. There seams to be a growing concern respecting wills yet a great difficency herein no missaplication of publick gifts or legacies as we know of.

The 11th. We appear to be clear of negroas as slaves and none of their youth amongst us.

the 12th. Friends appear generally careful in these respects and labour has been bestowed on some for launching into business beyond ability to manage.

the 13th. One gone none come without Certificates and care taken.

the 14th. Care has been taken in a good degree to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline. The Friends appointed to visit or write to Ruluff White and report the circumstances of his case signify to this Meeting they have answered their appointment so far as to write a letter to him and they have also recived a letter from him which being read in this Meeting: does not give friends satisfaction for his misconduct and the matter labouring with weight and no way opning to send a Committee to visit him at this time: This Meeting appoints Isaac Upton and David Anthony to wright a letter and send to him informing of him that friends view themselves nearly clear of him) desiring him to consider the trouble and exercise he has given friends and unless he comes and satisfies friends for his misconduct friends must proceed agaiings the same to the clearing

of truth, This Meeting appoints Caleb Braley Isaac Killey Enos Curtiss and Adam Harkness to attend our next Quarterly Meeting with the business from this and bring down from that such business as may be sent to this and report to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting report the subscriptions for Oswago and Hudson Meeting House not fully collected and nothing more subscribed as directed by our last Quarter for Oswago. The Committee appointed to draw a Certificate for Amos Carpenter in order for marriage produced one here which being read and concured with was directed to Friends at Saratoga and signed by the Clerk. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 11th of 3 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. One of the representatives that was appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report that two of them attended and the business from that Meeting is produced the other two who did not attend gave a reason therefor which this Meeting accepts of. The extracts of our Last Quarterly Meeting were read in this Meeting and are as followeth. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners ye 18th of 2 mo. 1790. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to be expeditious in compleating their subscriptions for finishing Oswago Meeting house and that haretofore subscribed for that use and inform next Meeting. Also to compleat their subscriptions for Hudson Meeting House and report. We are informed by the Meeting for sufferings that they have recived proposals for printing the bible by Isaac Collins fifteen of which is handed here which the representatives are directed to hand to our Monthly Meetings in order each preparative Meeting may have

one and Friends are encouraged to subscribe for the same and that they be without Osted^rvalds not^sagreeable to direction of the Meeting for sufferings and that next meeting be informed the number subscribed. Taken from the Minutes Tiddeman Hull Jur Clerk Which is directed to the care of the preparative Meeting and sd Meeting is directed to report what number is subscribed for seasonably to go up to next Quarterly Meeting. The friends who were appointed to wright to Ruluff White and signify to him the sence of this Meeting report that they attended seasonably to the matter and forwarded a letter as directed: And after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting refairs the matter untill next Meeting in order that the friend may have a full oportunity to come and make friends satisfaction if he should be so disposed. Recived a Minute from the preparative Meeting signifying that Caleb Perris hath a desire to come under the care of friends: Therefore this Meeting appoints John Upton Adam Harkness and David Anthony to visit him on that account and report to next Meeting their sence of the state of his minde. Snow Randall informed this Meeting that he hath a desire of a Certificate of Removall for himself and famerly directed to the Monthly Meeting of Saratoga therefore this Meeting appoints Isaac Killey and Adam Harkness to see if his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction and to prepare an essay for that purpose and product it if the way be clear and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 4 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. The matter being again taken under consideration respecting Ruluff White and after solid deliberation thereon this Meeting appoints David Lapham and John Upton to inform him by wrighting that this

Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown him from being a Member of our Society and prepare an essay of a denial produce it and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to visit Caleb Parris on account of his requesting to come under the care of friends report that they have visited him and to a good degree of satisfaction and according to their sense he appeared to be tender and a desire to do well. And after a solid consideration thereon this Meeting not feeling fully easy to receive him at this time referred to the consideration of next Meeting. The Committee in the case of Snow Randall report that although there appeared no obstruction: yet they have not answered their appointment: observing a deficiency in last meeting not apprizing the womans meeting thereof; The whole of the matter is left to our next Meeting in order that the ^{regular} ~~request~~ method of an appointment in conjunction with the womans meeting may be entered into. John Upton returned his copy of a minute. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness John Wells and Isaac Killey to inspect the necessities of the poor for the insuing year and relieve and assist those friends who may appear to stand in need of relief and the Committee are directed to make application to the Preparative Meeting as occasion may require. This Meeting appoints Amos Carpenter Amaziah Allen Samuel Wells David Anthony & Benjamin Briggs to attend the Burials that are under the notice of friends for the ensuing year and see if that they are conducted decently and orderly and also to have the care of the this Meetings burial ground and report at the expiration of sd time how they are conducted. This Meeting continues Isaac Upton Treasurrer for this Meeting for the ensewing year: And appoints John Wells and Benjamin Briggs to settle accounts with him and report how matters are. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in nest month.

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of 5 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. Meetings for worship and discipline are attended and generally by the most of our Members the hower generally observed. Yet a slackness in some and some care taken as to other indecent behaviour clear for what appears.

the 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us as becomes brethren but not so fully by all as is desired and care taken and when differences are known to arise care is taken to end them.

the 3rd. We know not of any.

the 4th. Some friends are careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and are in the practice of frequent reading the Scriptures as also guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world but it appears some others are deficient with respect to plainness in their families and care taken herein.

the 5th. Clear in the several respects so far as appears.

the 6th. Care hath been taken respecting the poor both with respect to their circumstances and childrens learning and we know not of any friends child placed from amongst friends.

the 7th. Clear as far as we know.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. Clear as far as appears.

the 10th. Friends are mostly careful in making wills seasonably yet a deficency herein and care taken no missaplication of publick gifts or legaces as we know of.

the 11th. Clear of negroes as slaves and none of their youth amongst us.

the 12th. Friends appear in a good degree careful in the performance of promises and payment of just debts and in launching into business beyond ability to manage.

the 13th. None come without Certificates one instance of one gone without which is under care.

the 14th. Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The Committee that were appointed in the case of Ruluff White report that they have prepared a letter in order to be forwarded to him but have not had any opportunity to convey it to him; and likewise have prepared an essay of a denial; therefore the same Committee are continued to accomplish their appointment and report to next Meeting. An essay of denial against Ruluff White being several times read and considered is approved of and signed and is as followeth. Whereas Ruluff White hath had a right of Membership amongst us but for want of being attentive to the dictates of truth in his own heart which would have preserved him from evil but contrary thereunto he hath given way to a libertine spirit whereby he hath been neglectful in the attendance of our Religious Meetings and hath removed from us in a disorderly manner and shunned the company of Friends for all which he hath been laboured with from time to time which hath not had the desired affect therefore we finde our selves under a necessity to give borth this testimony against his said misconduct and disowns him from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he from a sense of his error may be enabled to make satisfaction to this our Meeting which that he may do is our sencere desire signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Upton Clerk. Therefore this Meeting appoints Isaac Killey and Isaac Upton to send him a copy thereof and inform him of his arright to an appeal from the judgment of this meeting and report

to next Meeting. The appointment for reading of Ruluff Whites denial is refaired to next meeting.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The matter respecting Snow Randalls requesting a Certificate of removal being taken again under consideration and the friend being present informed this Meeting that way doth not open for him to remove at present therefore the matter is dropt. The matter respecting Caleb Perris being again taken under consideration and after a solid deliberation thereon this meeting recives him a member of our Society and appoints Samuel Wells to inform him thereof and report to next Meeting. One of the friends who were appointed to settle accounts with the Treasurrer report the appointment not answered by reason of sickness they are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed to collect the sufferings of friends the year past report that they have attended to the appointment and have pröduced the account to this Meeting the amount thereof is £ 74-4-6. The Committee that were appointed to assist the oversears in labouring with such as are consearned in spiritious liquors: report that they dont finde that there is any friend conserved in trading therein within the compass of this meeting. The Committee that were appointed to have the care of schools report that there is not any school established amongst us; yet there hath been several schools taught under the care of this Meeting since last year: And we have recived considerable advantage by the preparative Meetings Committees' proceeding agreeable to the Yearly Meetings Committees directions. The answers to the four annual Queries.

Ansr. 1st. No Minister nor elder deceased since last year nor no memorial concerning any friend.

the 2nd. No new Meeting house built nor any new meeting settled since last year.

the 3rd. Two recived in membership by convincement since last year.

the 4th. They are.

This Meeting appoints John Upton Isaac Upton and Snow Randall to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this all matters that concerns this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting hath collected what was subscribed for Oswago Meeting House which is the sum of six ~~p~~ pounds Lm and forwarded the same to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer. There is nothing further subscribed for Oswago Meeting House by reason friends seem unwilling to do anything further till they had compleated what they had already contracted. This Meeting hath compleated their subscription for Hudson Meeting House which being the sum of four pounds six shillings & six pence and forwarded the sam to the Quarterly ^{Meeting} ~~Monthly~~ Treasurrer. This Meeting adjourns to the usal time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 10th of 6 mo. 1790. The representatives being called are present. The Clerk being absent Caleb Macomber is appointed clerk for the day. One of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that two of them attended but have not produced the extracts of that Meeting and a reason given which this Meeting accepts of and they are directed to bring the accounts that came from the Quarterly Meeting to our next Meeting. The other friend that did not attend gave a reason therefor which this Meeting accepts of. The Committee appointed to write to Ruluff White report the appointment answered. The Committee appointed to send to Ruluff White a copy of his denial and inform him of his right to an appeal report the appointment answered. The reading the denial of Ruluff White refered from last Meeting to this being again considered Isaac Upton and Snow Randall are appointed to read or cause to be read the same at the close of a first day Meeting and said Committee

are directed to send a copy of this Minute with the denial to the Monthly Meeting at Saratoga for that Meeting to publish as they may see fit and report to next Meeting. The Friend appointed to inform Caleb Perris of his reception report the appointment answered. The Friends appointed to settle accounts with the Treasurrer report the appointment answered and found due to this meeting the sum of £ 3 - 16 - 4. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 7 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. One of the representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting report the extracts are produced and read and are as followeth. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 20th of 5 mo. 1790. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to be expeditious in compleating their subscriptions for Oswago Meeting House. There is now handed from the Meeting for sufferings proposials for printing by subscriptions the history of the people called Quakers and the representatives are directed to hand them to our Monthly Meetings in order each preparative Meeting may have one; and friends are encouraged to subscribe for them and send the number to next Quarter. Taken from the Minutes Tiddeman Hull Jur Clerk therefore the same are directed to the care of our next Preparative Meeting. One of the friends that was appointed in the case of Ruluff White report that they have attended thereto but not fulley answered their appointment therefore the same friends are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. Received a Certificate of Removal for Hannah the wife of Amos Carpent^(r) from the Monthly Meeting of Saratoga baring date 27 of 5 mo. 1790 which after being read is excepted

This Meeting discharges Jeremiah Smith from the service of having the care of recording Certificates of removal and appoints Caleb Macomber to have the care of the book; and record all the Certificates of removal that belong to this Meeting given and received. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 12th of 8th mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came from the Preparative Meeting with some small alteration therein and are as followeth.

Ansr. the 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by most of our Members yet a slackness appears in some and care taken the hour generally observed. Not all clear sleeping in Meetings and some care taken as to other indecences clear as far as appears.

Ans. the 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us as becomes Brethren and when differences are known to arise indeavours are used speedely to end them.

Ansr. the 3rd. We know not of any that are in the practice of backbiting talebaring or spreading evil reports.

Ansr. the 4th. Some friends appear careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour & appariel and are in the practice of reading the holy Scriptures and guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world and a care has been extended with others who appear defficient with respect to plainness.

Ansr. the 5th. Clear so far as appears.

Ansr. the 6th. Care has been taken towards the poor and their children no friends child placed from amongst friends that we know of.

Ansr. the 7th. There does not appear any breach of this query.

Ansr. the 8th. Clear so far as appears.

Ansr. the 9th. Clear of any breach in the several branches of this query so far as appears.

Ansr. the 10th. Friends have generally been careful respecting their wills and care taken when any appear deficient therein No misapplication of gifts or legacies as we know of.

Ansr. the 11th. Clear of negroes and slaves & none of their youth with us.

Ansr. the 12th. Friends appear generally careful in those respects.

Ansr. the 13th. There does not appear any removal without Certificates.

Ansr. the 14th. A good degree of care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline.

The friends that were appointed in the case of Ruluff White report the appointment answered. A request came to this Meeting from the preparative Meeting signifying that George Martain hath a desire to come under the care of Friends therefore this Meeting appoints John Upton John Wells and Benjamin Briggs to visit him on that account and report to next Meeting their sense of the state of his mind. likewise a request came to this Meeting from the preparative meeting informing this that Ezra Whitiker hath a desire to come under the care of friends and after a consideration thereon this appoints Robert Nisbet Snow Randall and Caleb Braly to visit him on that account and report their sense of the state of his mind to next Meeting. A Minute was handed to this Meeting from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Adam Harkness and John Upton were by that meeting anominated for overseers; and after a deliberation thereon this Meeting appoints them to that station

for the ensuing year. Received the following letter on account of David Comstock. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at East Hoosuck Dear Friends,

David Comstock who formerly had a right of Membership in Greenwich Monthly Meeting: having before he left these parts thro unwatchfulness so far diviated from the profession he made and the rules established amongst us as to be disowned and put from under the Meetings care as a Member. Has of late wrote to our Mot Meeting expressing his sense of and sorrow for his outgoings: And the distance making it verry difficult for us to take the usual care to investigate his present situation of mind: and line of conduct, We in behalf and by order of said Greenwich Mot Meeting: desire you to take the necessary care in those respects and give us as early intilgence as convnieniencey and the nature of the case will admitt of. John Casey, Daniel Howland Jur.

Therefore this Meeting appoints Robert Nisbet Adam Harkness and Samuel Wells to visit him on that accounts and report their sence how they finde matters respecting his case. This Meeting subscribes for ten sets of thebooks of the history of the people called Quakers bound in calfskin. Our Friend Robert Nisbet informed this Meeting that he hath a prospect of appointing some meetings within the compass of Oblong quarter which this Meeting unites with he being a Member of this Meeting and a Minister in unity and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. John Wells returned his copy of a Minute that he had to go as far as East Greenwich. This Meeting appoints Adam Harkness David Anthony and Snow Randall to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and carry up to that and bring down to this all matters that concern this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 9th of 9 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. Two of the representatives who were appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts of sd Meeting and a number of the copys of the London printed epistles. the other who did not attend gave a reason therefor which this Meeting exceptss of. One of the copys of the printed annueal epistles from the Yearly Meeting held in Londond for the year 1789 was read in this Meeting with the advice therein contained hath been to our comfort and satisfaction and this Meeting directs the clerk to have one read at a close at a first day meeting. We find in the extracts from the Quarterly Meeting several weighty minutes directed down in the extracts from our last Yearly Meeting and a solid attention being paid thereto in this Meeting and several weighty remarks have been made thereon: therefore this Meeting directs the same to the care and observation of our Preparative Meeting which are as followeth. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 19th & 20th of 8 mo. 1790. The extracts of our last Yearly Meeting was now read and this Meeting under a solid *advice therein contained do earnestly request our Monthly & Preparative* consideration of this weighty and important Meetings to pay strict attention thereto in order that the maney weaknesses mentioned may be removed and that our accounts in futur may mannifest that the servent traviel and excercise of our Yearly Meeting for our good hath not been inefectual and that reports on such matters as is called for be seasonably brought forward to go to our next Yearly Meeting. At a Yearly Meeting held at Westbury on Longisland by adjournments from 29 of day of 5 mo. to the 3d of 6th mo. inclusive 1790. The Meeting entered on a deliberate consideration of the state of Society as brought up in the reports from our several Quarterly Meetings wherein

it is painfully observable there is still remains occasions of uneasiness and concern on various and important subjects especially the want of a lively concern in our religious Meetings evidenced by a drowsy spirit. The non compliance with promises and the want of punctuality in the payments of just debts which being weightily attended to a concern was witnessed that Friends be earnestly engaged to seek after divine counsel in all their movements their temporal concerns will thereby be circumscribed within the bounds of safety a want of a due and watchful care therein has been the cause of many being drawn from the limits of truth into a worldly spirit and disposition which have tended to disqualifye them for those services in society they were graciously designed for and have graduly become barren and unfruitful of good and pierce themselves through with many sorrows and divers by unguardingly extendingly their views in business have endangered their testimonies the peace and welfare of their families and some instances have occurred where they have been unable to render justice to their creditors. And many lively and pertinent remarks made to quicken Friends to their duty in these respects and to encourage thereto watch over one another for good and timely to advise and caution such as may be in danger and that overseers be vigilant in their care towards such as give reasonable grounds for fear on these accounts that by timely advice and assistance preservation may be experienced and all occasion of reproach prevented or removed and our Quarterly Meeting & Preparative meetings are advised to be careful how they employ such as give way to sleeping in Meetings in the service of Society. It is further earnestly desired that representatives weightily consider the importance of their appointment and endeavour to keep under a lively sense of the interesting concerns which have exercised the Yearly Meeting and thereby be enabled to accompany them to our subordinate Meetings with such

remarks as truth may authorise for and that all our Quarterly Meetings & Preparative Meetings endeavour to get under a weighty consideration of the respective subjects that have engaged this Meeting and labour to witness a degree of the same concern that occasions the advises issued from the Meeting as expressed in the extracts with a feeling concern for the preservation of the church and its members individually. It affords a satisfaction to the Meeting to finde that the number concerned in trafficking in distilled spirits is now but small and that some of those gives encouragement to decline it. And the subject being weightly attended to: it is the earnest desire of this Meeting that our direction heretofore given to appoint Committees to assist the oversears in a further labour with such as still continue in this traffick be attended to: and that a report come forwards to next Yearly Meeting. It is cause of concern to finde the recommendations of this Meeting repeatedly expressed on the important subject of a religious education of the rising youth under our charge has obtained so small a share of the attentive care of our Members in the several quarters as appears by the little increase of schools established amongst us in several years past: and which there is cause to believe is in part owing to its not being generally considered in that religious point of view: on which the concern of this Meeting arose: and which if duely attended to by our subornage Meeting, And concerned frineds individuly would lead into a liberal provision encouraging to religious tutors to engage in this ardeous undertaking. Our Quarterly Meeting are again desired to impress this important subject upon their Monthly Meetings and to request their close attention thereto and report thereon to next Yearly Meeting. The subject refered from last year relative to the appointment of oversears engaged the attention of this Meeting and the solid consideration thereof resolved in

earnestly recommending to our Monthly Meetings a weighty and due attention to the pointings of wisdom in the choise of Friends to this important service in the church that it may be placed on those whose careful concern for the suport of our Chrisstan testimony in its verious branches: may tend to the preservation of good order: and to the correction of the many diffi- cences mentioned from time to time in the accounts that come up to this Meeting: Our Monthly Meetings are desired to compleat their subscription for Oswago Meeting House & inform next Quarterly Meeting. Our Monthly Meetings informed that they have compleated their subscription for the History of the people calld Quakers by our friend John Gough; But this meeting being now informed by the Meeting for sufferings that infermation is come from Dublin: that it appears that three voloms will not contain all thee materials owing to the more coming lately to hand: and that it was found ^{es} necessary to add one other volumn nearly of the same which will increase the price proportionably. Therefore the number subscribed for is returned to the Monthly Meeting and they requested to give the preparative Meetings information there and that the number of setts subscribed for be brought to next Quarter extracted from the minutes, examined by Tiddeman Hull Jur Clerk.

The Committee that were appointed to visit George Martin on account of his requesting report that they have had an oportunity with him on that account and signified according to their sence his request appeared from a good motive and also seamed to be in a tender state of mind: And after a deliberate consideration thereon the matter appearing not ripe for his reception at this time therefore this Meeting continues the same Committee to make him another visit and report as directed last month. The Committee that was appointed to visit Ezra Whitiker on account of his request report that they had a solid oportunity with him and signified according to

their sence he seemed sensible in a good measure of the weight of our profession and desired to walk agreeable thereto and after a deliberate consideration thereon the matter not appearing altogether clear therefore the matter is continued under the care of the same Committee and they to report their sence the state of his minde to next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed to visit David Comstock in consequence of what was read at our last meeting from two friends who were directed in behalf of East Greenwich Monthly Meeting to write to this report that they were favoured with a solid opportunity with him and signified according to their sence that he hath been made sensible of his outgoings with sorrow for the same and have not discovered but that his conduct is orderly and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this minute to East Greenwich Monthly Meeting. The reading of the written Landon epistle is referred to next Meeting. Robert Nisbet returned to this Meeting his copy of a Minute that he had. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 14th of 10 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present. The Committee that were continued to revisit George Martain on account of his request report that they have had another opportunity with him which was to a good degree of satisfaction and signified according to their sence he appeared in a tender state of minde and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon receives him a member of our Society and appoints Amos Carpenter to inform him of his reception and report to next Meeting. The Committee that were continued to revisit Ezra Whitiker on account of his request report that they have had another opportunity with him and signified that

they did not discover anything different from what they reported at last Meeting: and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon he is received a member of our Society and appoints Samuel Wells to inform him of his reception and report to next Meeting. This Meeting received a few lines from Enos Curtis desiring that friends would take into consideration circumstance of his famerly and the distance they are from meeting and requests that a meeting might ^{be} held at his house upon trial once in a Month which this Meeting taking under consideration thinks it best to appoint a Committee to visit his family and report their satisfaction thereon respecting it. Therefore Samuel Wells Isaac Upton Adam Harkness Amos Carpenter & John Upton are appointed accordingly. An information came to this Meeting from the preparative Meeting signifying that David Baker hath been guilty of unbecoming and immodst conversation with a single woman at several different times and at one time made so far an unlawful attempt as to follow said woman down seller and blew out the candle all by his own confession. Therefore this Meeting appoints Isaac Upton Amos Carpenter Benjamin Briggs Snow Randall & Samuel Wells to visit him on that account & inspect the sircumstance of the matter and report to next Meeting how they find things respecting his case. Received a Minute from the preparative Meeting of Ministers & elders ~~informing~~ this that the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & elders express their unity with having two Preparative Meetings of Ministers and Elders and directs that that Preparative Meeting lay the same before borth Monthly Meetings (viz) this and Saratogua for their unity and concurrance in order that those meetings may recommend the consideration thereof to our Quarterly Meeting and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon refeirs it to the consid-eration of next Meeting. The written London epistle that was refered from last Meeting was read in this to satisfaction. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Housck ye 11 of 11 mo 1790. This Meeting appoints John Upton clerk to this Meeting for the insuing year. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came from the Preparative Meeting with some small alterations herein are as followeth.

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of friends tho a deficency appears in some: not all clear of sleeping in meetings and care taken in each respect as to other indecent behaviour clear for ought that appears.

Ans. the 2nd. A good degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes brethren but not so fully with all as is desired and some care taken no differences known to arise.

Ans. the 3rd. Clear so far as we know.

Ans. the 4th. Some friends are careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and are in the practice of frequant reading the holy Scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world but a deficency appears in others by their indulging their children in diviating from plainness and care taken.

Ans. the 5th. Friends are careful for ought that appears in the several branches of this query.

Ans. the 6th. Care has been taken respecting the poor and their children agreeable to the query no frineds children placed from amongst friends.

Ans. the 7th. Clear for ought that appears.

Ans. the 8th. Clear so far as we know.

Ans. the 9th. We know of no breach of this query.

Ans. the 10th. Friends are generally carefully respecting wills tho a neglect appears in some and care taken no miss-application of gifts or legacees.

ans. the 11th. Clear of negroes and slaves as intended by this query and none of their youth amongst us.

ans. the 12th. Friends are generally careful in the several branches of this query.

ans. the 13th. None gone or come without certificates.

ans. the 14th. A good degree of care has been taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The friend that was appointed to inform George Martin of his reception report the appointment answered. The friend that was appointed to inform Ezra Whitiker of his reception report he informed him thereof. Three of the Committee that were appointed to visit Enos Curtis and famerly on account of his request for a Meeting report that they have attended to the appointment to a degree of satisfaction and signified according to their sence the prospect of their reciving a benefit by a Meeting is but small. And this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon think to continue the same Committee to that service and report to next Meeting. The Committee who ware appointed to visit David Baker on account of his misconduct report that they have visited him several times and by inspection finde no great difference from the complaint and signified his minde appears too much insensable of its condition in regrd to his misconduct as well as conversation this according to our sence is the Sircumstance of his case. This Meeting after a solid consideration thereon continues the same committee for a further labour with him and report their sence of the state of his minde to next Meeting. The matter being again revived that was referred from last meeting respecting proposials of having two distinct Preparativs meetings of Ministers & elders which being taken into

consideration. This Meeting unites therewith referring the same to our next Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting appoints David Anthony Samuel Wells Amos Carpenter to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this all business that concerns this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 9 of 12 mo. 1790. The representatives having their names called are present Two of the representatives that were appointed to attend the service of last Quarterly Meeting report they attended but there did not appear any extracts from that Meeting to this. The other who did not attend gave a satisfactory reason therefor. Was handed to this Meeting by the representatives who were appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting one of the copies of the written epistles from the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia for the year 1789 also one from the Yearly Meeting of Ruoadisland for the year 1789 which hath been read in this Meeting to good satisfaction. Three of the Committee who were continued to make a visit to Enos Curtis and formerly on account of his request for a Meeting report that they have visited them and signified they did not finde any different from what was reported at last Meeting. And this Meeting after a solid consideration thereon refaires it to the consideration of next Meeting. The Committee that wore continued to make another visit to David Baker report that they have had another opportunity with him and signified according to their sence they did not discover anything different respecting the state of his minde from what they reported at last Meeting. And this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereof appoints Benjamin

Briggs Isaac Killey and John Upton to inform him that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial produce it and report to next Meeting. Stephen Smith informed this Meeting that he hath a prospect of going as far as Dartmouth to see his friends and relations and do some business which this Meeting concurs with he being a Member of said meeting. And the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute. The Quarterly collection this time is £ 1 - 4 - 9. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 13th of 1 mo. 1791. The representatives being called are present The matter being again revived respecting Enos Curtis requesting for a Meeting: And after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting thinks best that it be dropt for the present. The Committee that were appointed to inform David Baker that this Meeting hath come to a conclusion to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial report the appointment answered. And produced one here which after being several times read and considered with some small alteration herein is approved of and signed and is at followeth. From our Monthly Meeting of Friend held at East Hoosuck 13 of 2mo. 1791. Whereas David Baker hath had a right of Membership amongst us: but for want of taking heed to that principle of light and truth in his own heart whold have preserved and kept him from evil and from bringing guilt on himself and reproach on our profession but contrary thereunto he hath given way to a libertine spirit so far as to be guilty of unbecoming and immodist conversation with a woman not his wife at several different times and at one time made so far an attempt as to follow said woman down sellar and blew out the candle; for all which he hath

been laboured with from time to time in order to bring him to a true sence of his misconduct which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the clearing of truth and our Society of such reproach we finde our selves under a necessatey to give forth this testimony against his said misconduct and disownes him from being any longer a Member of our Society until he from a sence of his error and a mendment of life may be enabled to make satisfaction to this our Monthly Meeting which that he may do is our sencere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our said Meeting by John Upton Clerk. Therefore Amaziah Allen & Samuel Wells are appointed to inform him that this Meeting hath disowned him and serve him with a copy of his denial and inform him of his arright to an appeal and read or cause to be read the denial at a close of a first day Meeting and report at Next Meeting. The wonans-Meeting informed this that they requests the assistance of this Meeting in visiting Elizabeth Jewel on account of her request. therefore this Meeting appoints Benjamin Briggs Samuel Wells and Amos Carpenter to join the woman friends in visiting her and report to next Meeting. Recived a few lines from the Womans Meeting informing this that they having considered the matter conserning Abigail Smith and signified that they feel easy to except her acknowledgments and recive her if the men concur therewith: which this Meeting after considering the matter thinks best to appoint a Committee fo join the woman friends in make her a visit; Adam Harkenes Isaac Upton and Isaac Killey are appointed accordingly and they to report to next Meeting. Recived a Minute from the preparative Meeting informing this that it appears that there are some famerlyes and part of famerlies of friends preparing to remove a grate distance from this Meeting and also from any other Meeting of Friends and as it appears to be a weighty matter and it was thought best to refair it to this Meeting; which this Meeting taking under solid consideration and

appoints Isaac Killey Enos Curtis Caleb Macomber John Wells Amos Carpenter Samuel Wells and Robert Nisbet to make inspection into the circumstance of the matter and make report of their service to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck the 10 of 2nd. mo. 1791. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answered that came up from our Preparative Meeting with some small alteration herein are as followeth.

Answers. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by the most of Friends though a slackness appears and care taken herein the hour nearly observed by those that stidely attend; Not quite clear of sleeping in Meetings or other indecent behaviour and some care taken.

Ans. the 2nd. Love and unity subsists amongst us in a good degree as becomes brethren tho not so fully with some and some care taken to end differences when any appear.

Ansr. the 3rd. We know not of any in the practice of back-bighting talebaring or spreading evil reports.

Ansr. the 4th. We believe there is a care and excoercise upon the minds of some friends to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and to guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world and are in the practice of frequent reading the holy Scriptures: but a neglect appears in others and some labour bestowed for an ammendment.

Ansr. the 5th. We believe that friends are generally carefull in these respects.

Ansr. the 6th. Care has been taken respecting the poor and their children no friends child placed from amongst friends.

Ansr. the 7th. Clear as far as appears.

Ansr. the 8th. Clear for ought that appears.

Ansr. the 9th. We have not discovered any breach of this query.

Ansr. the 10th. Friends are generally^l carefull respecting wills altho some deficiency appears and care taken. We know not of any missaplication of publick gifts or legacies.

the 11th. We have no negroas amongst us.

the 12th. We know not of any friends who are defficient in the performance of their promicies or payment of just debts and friends appears carefull not to launch into trade and business beyound ability to mannage.

the 13th. Some came but none gone without Certificates and some care taken.

the 14th. Care has been taken to deal with offender in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline. Received a Minute from the Meeting of Ministers and elders directed to this signifying that Samuel Wells was by that meeting anominated to the station of an elder; which this meeting taking under solid consideration and appoints Isaac Upton Isaac Killey and Amos Carpenter to inspect into his life and conversation and report to next Meeting. The Committee that were appointed in the case of David Baker report the appointment answered. The Committee who were appointed to assist the women friends in a visit to Elizabeth Jewel report they attended to the appointment. The Committee that were appointed to join the woman friends in a visit to Abigail Smith report that they attended to the appointment to a good degree of satisfaction and signified that they did not discover but there is a disposition of minde in her to condemn her past misconduct; And this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon concludes to except of her acknowledgment.

The Committee who were appointed to make inspection into the matter respecting those friends that are preparing to remove report that they have found several frineds deeply engaged in this matter and although friends have bestowed much labour on them it appears to us that there are several who determine to remove and rather decline to say any thing of their motives or to make friends satisfaction that there is a real nessaty for so doing. And this Meeting after a free appertunity of prospect upon the subject thinks best to appoint some friend to assist the oversears in labouring with such as may stand in *(need)* of advice and counsellin that respect and report of their sence to next Meeting (viz) Samuel Wells and Isaac Killey.

This Meeting taking under consideration the Minute made in forth month last respecting the Committee who were appointed to have the oversight of the poor of their being directed to make application to the Preparative Meeting and it is now the minde of this Meeting that the sd Committee be directed to make application to this Meetings Treasurrer. This Meeting appoints Isaac Upton Amaziah Allen and Ezra Whitiker to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this all matters that conserns that and this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meetin of Friends held at East Hoosuck the 10 of 3 mo. 1791. The representatives having their names called are present. One of the representatives that were appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended and produced the extracts of said Meeting and are as followeth.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18 of 11 mo. 1791. *(probably should need 1790)*
 prososals from the Monthly Meetings at Saratoga and East Hoosuck

was recived requesting that the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and elders belonging thereto be devided which this Meeting taking into consideration thinks proper that it be accordingly divided & to be held on the day proceeding their respective Monthly Meetings that comes before this Quarterly Meeting & to begin at the 11th hour which is directed to them Monthly Meetings & they are requested to take the necessary care therein. Taken from the Minutes Tiddeman Hull Jur Clerk.

And the clerk is directed to hand a copy of this Minute to the next Preparative Meeting of Ministers & elders. The Committee who were appointed in the case of Samuel Wells being anominated to the Station of an elder inform this Meeting that they have made some inspection but are not ready to make report. Therefore this Meeting continues the same Committee to that service and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to assist the oversears in labouring with those friends that propose to remove report that they have not been⁽ⁿ⁾ unthoughtful of their appointment they thought best to weigh^(h) for an oportunity that labour may^(h) more usefull: Therefore this Meeting thinks best to continue the same committee to that Service and they to report to next Meeting. Recived a Minute from the Preparative Meeting informing this that Snow Randall requests a Certificate of removal for himself and famerly to Saratogua Monthly Meeting he proposes to settle at Danby the friend apprehending that as he had obtained leive heretofore thought he might remove without assisting liberty again and as no friend objecting this Meeting appoints Benjamin Briggs Enos curtis and John Upton to make inspection to see if his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction prepare an essay of a Certificate produce it if the way be clear and report to next Meeting. The preparative Meeting recommended to this a paper of acknowledgment from Abraham Lapham which is as

followeth. Dear Friends I having a more full consideration of my conduct in making sail of my outward intrust and laying of it out to the Genecees before I had layed the same before the Monthly Meeting in order for their advice and council in that respect which conduct I look upon intirely out of the way hoping that I may be more careful for the future desiring that friends would pass by my offence and continue me under your care these from your friend Abraham Lapham. Recived a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting held at Cranston for Greenwich in behalf of David Comstock baring date 8th of 11 mo. 1790, which after being read is excepted. The ~~Q~~ Quartezly collection is this time £ 1 - 4 - 0. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 14th of 4 mo. 1791. The representatives having ther names called are present. The Committee who were appointed in the case of Samuel Wells respecting his being annominated to the station of an elder; report that they have made inspection into his life and conversation and did not finde but that it is mostly exemplary; and this Meeting after a solid consideration thereon appoints him to that station and the clerk is directed to hand a copy of this minute to the next preparative Meeting of Ministers and elders in order that Meeting to recommend the same to the Next Quarterly Meeing of Ministers & Elders. The Committee who were appointed to assist the oversears in labouring with those friends who proppse to remove report that they have attended to the appointment and have had oportunities with some to a good degree of satisfaction and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon & more care appearing nessary Meeting continues the same committee to that service and report to next Meeting. The Womans Meeting handed a Certificate of Removal in behalf of Abigail Smith directed to the Monthly Meeting

at Saratoga which after being read is approved of and signed. The Committee who were appointed respecting Snow Randall report they have attended to the matter and produced an essay of a Certificate which being read and considered is approved of and signed. This Meeting continues the former Committee who were appointed to have the oversight of the poor for the ensuing year. This Meeting appoints Isaac Killey and John Wells to settle accounts with this Meetings Treasurrer and report at next Meeting how accounts are. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 12th of 5 mo. 1791. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answers are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of friends though a slackness appears in some and care taken: The hour nearly observed by those that attend not all clear of sleeping and some advice given and clear of other indecent behaviour as far as appears.

Ans. the 2nd. There is a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us as becomes brethren but a want of it appears in some and labour bestowed. Care taken to end differences when any appear.

the 3rd. Not all clear of backbighting talebaring or spreading evil reports: and labour bestowed to some satisfaction.

the 4th. Some friends are careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and are in the practice of frequent reading the holy scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world but a neglect appears in others in these respects especially a divation from plainness of behaviour; And labour bestowed for an amendment.

Ans. the 5th. We know not of any breach of this query^a.

the 6th. Poor friends necessities have been inspected and they relieved. Their children freely partake of learning One friends childe placed from amongst friends which is under notice.

the 7th. Clear as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear as far as we know.

the 9th. Clear for ought that appears.

the 10th. Most of friends have wills by them though a neglect appears in others and advice given no missapplication of publick gifts or legaces that we know of.

the 11th. We know not of any concerned in negroas as slaves and none of their youth amongst us.

the 12th. We know not of any breach of this query^a.

the 13th. None gone without certificates except some children whos parent is not a member and is removed to the Genesees and some care taken.

the 14th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline. The answer to the four annual queries.

the 1st. No Minister nor elder deseast since last year nor no memorial concering any friend.

the 2nd. No new meeting house built since last year nor any new meeting settled since last year.

the 3rd. Several joined in membership by convincement since last year.

The Committee who were appointed to assist the oversears in labouring with those friends who propose to remove; report they have attended to their appointment and sgnified that they did not discover anything different in the state of matters from what they reported at last meeting. And this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon continues the same committee for further

labour if way should open and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to settle ^camounts with this Meetings Treasurer report they have attended to the matter and found due to this Meeting the sum of £ 3 - 15 - 8.

Received a minute from the preparative meeting informing this that that meeting apprehending that there is a school house ~~much~~ wanting in this place. Which this meeting taking under consideration appoints Isaac Killey David Dapham John Upton Adam Harkness; John Wells and Samuel Wells to consider what size and estimate the cost and prepare the the place where they think best the House should be built and report to next Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to hand a copy of this minute to the next preparative meeting in order for that meeting to open subscriptions for that purpose and inform this meeting the amount thereof when compleated. The Preparative Meeting report that there had been two schools taught part of the time since last year under the care of this Meeting. It doth not appear that there is any friend concerned in dealing in distilled spiritious liquors. Received a Certificate of removal for Daniel Allen and his wife and children namely Susannah, Amaziah, Lydia, Mary & Ebenezar from the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield baring date 31 of 3 mo. 1791; ^hWhich after being read is excepted. This Meeting appoints Enos Curtis David Anthony David Comstock and Caleb Macomber to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and hand up to that and bring down to this all matters that concern that Meeting and this and report to next meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a ^{Monthly} ~~Quarterly~~ Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of 6 mo. 1791. The representatives having their names called are present. The representatives who were appointed to attend

the service of our Last Quarterly Meeting report that they attended but there did not appear any business from that Meeting to this the other who did not attend gave a reason which this Meeting excepts of. The Committee who were appointed to assest the oversears in labouring with those friends who propose to removing report that way has not opened for any further labour since last Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to inspect the matter respecting a schol house in this place report which is as followeth. Agreeable to appointment we have attended to the matter respecting a school house in this place & we propose the size to 16 feet by 21 we estimate the cast at £ 30 - 00 - 0 -- and we think that the Norwest corner of the Meeting House lot to be a convenient place to set the house: Isaac Killey Samuel Wells John Upton John Wells Adam Harkness David Lapham. Which this Meeting excepts of and appoints Isaac Killey and John Upton to have the oversight in building said house and compleat the same as soon as may be and report when it is furnished. Received a minute from the preparative Meeting informing this that the school committee meeting apprehending that there is a school house much wanting amongst friends the east side of the river as way not apparing fully clear after considering of the matter thinks best to refars it to next meeting. This Meeting appoints Isaac Upton Treasurrer for this meeting for the ensuing year. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 14 of 7 mo. 1791. The representatives having their names called are present. The matter being again taken under consideration respecting the proposial for building a school house for friends the East side of the river and this meeting after considering the matter thinks best to appoint Enos Curtis Samuel Wells Adam Harkness John Wells and David Lapham to propose what size and estimate the

cost and propose a place where they think it most convenient for the house to be built and report to next Meeting. Received a Certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich baring date 6 of 5 mo. 1791 for Ebenezer Allen and his wife Abigail and daughter Susannah which after being read is excepted also a Certificate of removal from the monthly Meeting of Friends held at Sumersit for ~~Swanzey~~^{Swanzey} baring date of 7 of 2 mo. 1791 for Zachens Hatherway and wife Elenor and children namely Adonijah Zachus Mary James Edward and Samuel which after being read is excepted. Also a Certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Long plain for Sandwich baring date 3 of 6 mo. 1791 ~~which~~^{which} for Samuel Wing^a after being read is excepted. Received a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting of friends held at Sandwich baring date 6th of 5 mo. 1791 for Mary Allen which after being read is excepted. The Committee who were appointed to the oversight of burials report that they have attended them to a good degree of satisfaction except one instance where some disorder appeared in which care taken. This Meeting appoints for the insuing year to attend the burials that are under the notice of friends and see if they are conducted orderly and decently as also the care of the burial yard (viz) John Upton Adam Harkness Isaac Killey Amos Carpenter and John Wells and they to report at the expiration of said time how they have been conducted. Our friend Robert Nisbet informed us that he has felt his minde drawn for some time to attend the next Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia and thereabouts as way may open which this Meeting taking under solid consideration and appoints Samuel Wells Adam Harkness David Anthony & Benjamin Briggs to take a solid oportunity with him thereon & prepare an essay of a Certificate and report to next meeting producing of it if the way appears clear. This Meeting taking under consideration that there is nead of some alteration and amendment in this Meeting House for

the better acomadation especiealy in the uper part and for that purpose appoints David Lapham Daniel Allen Isaac Killey & Isaac Upton to make the nessary improvements as they think most conveninant and they to report when the business is accomplished. *of our friend Hugh Judge whose company* This Meeting hath had the company, and labour of love in the gospel hath been truely exceptable. As also the company of our friend Richard Mott in company with the aforesaid friend whose company hath been exceptable. This Meeting adjournes to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 11th of 8 mo. 1791. The representatives having their names called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came up from the preparative Meeting with som small alteration herein are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline are attended the hour generally observed though a slackness appears in some; not all clear of sleeping in meetings. Clear of other indecent behaviour as far as appears. Care taken on account of each deficency.

Ans. the 2nd. A good degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes brethren though a want of it appears in some and care taken for an amendment care taken to end differences when any appear.

Ansr. the 3rd. We know not of any who are in the practice of backbighting talebaring or spreading evil reports.

Ansr. the 4th. Some friends are concerned to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speac behaviour and aparell and are in the practice of frequant reading the holy scriptures and do garde against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world; but others are negligent herein and some labour bestowed for an amendment

Ansr. the 5th. We know not of any breach of this query,

Ansr. the 6th. Poor friends necessities have been inspected and some relief administered their children frely pertake of learning no friends child plated ^(c) from amongst friends except one instance heretofore noted and is still under care.

Ansr. the 7th. Clear as far as appears.

Ansr. the 8th. We know of no breach of this queary.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this quary as far as appears.

the 10th. Friends have generally wills by them we know of no missaplication of publick gifts or legacees.

the 11th. Clear of negroas as slaves and none of their youth amongst us.

the 12th. We believe friends are generally carefull in these respects.

the 13th. None come but some gone without certificates.

the 14th. A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

This Meeting some time past having directed a Certificate of removal for Deborah Aldredg to friends of Umbridge Monthly Meeting and she soon after returning and likewise the certificate is since returned which this Meeting after considering the matter thinks best that it be recived. The Committee who were appointed in the matter respecting ^a school house the East side of the river report that they have ^{not} fully compleated the ^{matter} although they have not been unthaughtfull of the appointment. The same Committee are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to have an oportunity with out friend Robert Nisbet report that they have attended to the appointment and produced an essay of a certificate which after being several times read and considered is with some alteration herein

united with and signed by the meeting at large. This Meeting appoints Isaac Killey Adam Harkness & John Upton to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and heard upto that and bring down to this all matters that concern that Meeting and this & report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the fourth sixth day in this month agreeable to the request of the Yearly Meeting Committee.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 26th of 8 mo. 1798. The representatives having their names called are present. The representatives who were appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended and produced the extracts of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings minutes and one hundred of the printed London epistles. The extracts of our last Yearly Meeting were now read and at this meeting being favoured with a solid opportunity and several weighty remarks hath been made thereon and directs the weighty observance thereof to our Preparative Meeting. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18th & 19th of 8 1791. The extracts of our Yearly Meeting were now read and this Meeting earnestly requests the Monthly and Preparative Meetings to pay that attention to them that the weighty and important advises therein ^{ained} ~~continued~~ deserves, and that Friends individually may be excited to more care and circumspection in their conduct so that those things that occasion this uneasiness may be removed. The non-compliance of some Friends with the advice of the Yearly Meeting manifested by their continuing to traffick in distilled spirits is cause of anxiety and this Meeting being impressed with a concern that such of our members as continue in that practice may be awakened to a sense of their situation and directs the further

attention of our Monthly Meetings in labouring with such and that a report come forward to go up to next Yearly Meeting. At a Yearly Meeting held at Westbury by adjournments from the 2^d of 5 mo. to the 3rd of 6 mo. 1791. In attending to the state of Society as represented in the accounts from the Quarters the continued deviation from our testimony in divers particulars that have repeatedly occasioned the advice of this Meeting to be issued, is cause of grief and painful anxiety and a renewed concern is witnessed, that the counsel and advice which have on these occasions been given forth, may be religiously and carefully considered, and attended to with the solicitude of heart which many have at seasons felt them to deserve; and although we do not at this time find it our place to repeat the particulars of those deficiencies, that have in this Meeting renewed our anxiety and concern, yet true charity suffers us not to rest easy in the prospect of those deficiencies, but to earnestly breath that the consideration of the great forbearance, mercy, and goodness, we have been favoured with, may be effectual to incite an increase of circumspection, and religious awfulness that so none who are looking towards us for confirmation in the rectitude of our principles may through our examples be disappointed on. High and Holy is our calling and exalted the profession we make, which if we contradict in life and conduct proportionably great will be our condemnation. By reports from ^{our} ~~one~~ quarters it appears that the numbers of members yet consumed in a traffick in distilled spirits is small, and several of them appear dispose to decline the business, but that more time is necessary to bring some of those cases to a close. owing to distant connection in trade is mentioned by one quarter, but there are some others who gave no encouragement of deserting or considering the matter altho there appears, but little prospect of a further labour to some of them availing much yet

it is the desire of this Meeting that our quarters still continue their care, and that a further labour, agreeable to our former directions be extended in order if it may be to convince them of the impropriety of the trade and their conduct therein, and that a report be brought to next Yearly Meeting. The Friends to consider the proposition of Oblong Quarter: relative to holding the publick Meeting for worship the day following that on which our Quarterly Meeting for discipline are held, Reported in substance as follows (viz) That after considering the subject they had agreed to propose to this Meeting that the Meeting for discipline in each quarter be held a day sooner than they now are: and that friends meet select from others the Men and Women together and after a solemn pause had in order that friends minds may be prepared to enter on the business that may come before them and an opportunity offered for such communications that concerned Friends may be authorized to offer and that then as way may open separately to produced^{ced} to the particular business of the meeting and that the usual day on which the Quarterly Meetings are now held be appropriated to the purpose of a solemn Meeting for publick worship. Which engaged the solid attention of the Meeting and obtained our united concurrence; it is therefore concluded that such an alteration take place accordingly and that the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and elders be also held a day sooner than they now are. It appearing by a report now made by the Friends to settle the treasurers accounts, that there is a ballan^{ce} in his hands due to this Meeting of the sum of £ 91 - 7 - 3 a sum far short of answering the necessary demands likely to be made on the Treasury Our Quarterly Meetings are therefore requested to raise the sum of two hundred pounds and forward it to this Meetings Treasurer, and report to the Meeting next year the sum raised. The Committee on the subject from the meeting for sufferings, respecting the establishment of schools report their attention thereto, and that

after carefully attending to the report from that Meeting with their proposals relative thereto they were united therewith and with the propriety of their being recommended to our inferior Meetings and this interesting subject weightily engaging our attention the report of the Committee is concurred with and the proposals from our Meeting for suffering now reported to is accordingly recommended to all our preparative Meetings and they are desired to let, them engage that due care and attention and that they step forward therein as way may open and it is also requested that our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings will attend weightily to the concern as our accounts go down to them and consider whether some assistance might not usefully be given to the preparative meetings, to encourage and forward this interesting concern. The establishment of proper schools for the right education of our youth being a subject so important to our Religious Society, and especially the rising generation that we cannot but desire that an increasing concern may be witness for its promotion and we believe the discouragements that have arose, would not have been so great if the subject was more generally viewed by friends in the important light led not only ours but other Yearly Meetings; earnestly to impress on the subordinate Meetings and Friends generally the incumbent duty of promoting the Religious improvements of those under their tuition and when not immediately under their parents eye that they may be placed with such tutors as will cooperate with their religious endeavours that the tender minds of the youth may be more excited not only to behold the beauty of virtue, but to press after it with greater solicitude than merely an improvement in school learning. But notwithstanding the discouragements that arises from a want of Friends more generally uniting in this prospect and from the remote situation, in which Friends are placed from one another in divers parts yet there is causes to believe

that there are in every Preparative Meeting those who view the subject in the interesting light that has been Mentioned and we have a hope that the concerns will spread and influence the minds of many more insomuch that the remote situation that some may be in from the place most convenient for a school house, in each Preparative meeting, will with other difficulties gradually give way especially if the Yearly Meeting should place the concern under the care of Preparative meetings severally which we think will be more likely to increase schools amongst us, and tend to unite Friends more generally in the concern. Tho here we are sensible, that in some places when the number of Friends is small, a difficulty will arise, for want of a sum sufficient to compensate a person suitably qualified to undertake the important trust which difficulty we apprehend may in due time be removed, by the establishment of a school fund, opened upon the form of the annexed plan or as nearly so as may be agreeable, we therefore recommend a due attention to the promotion of such a fund in each preparative Meeting and tho the amount of the subscriptions to the fund in its begining may be small, it will probably increase from donations by will, as well as by additional subscriptions from time to time and Friends will probably be encouraged thereto on finding the principal of what they subscribe is to be continued a permanent fund, and the interest thereof only applyed by the Trustees. In the first place to the schooling such children whose parents are not of ability to pay it themselves and the remainder of the intrust (if any there be) to the use of the school, and that the Trustees once a year, accounts to the Preparative Meeting and a new appointment of trustees, to be made each year, so that Friends without making the price of schooling burdensome to some that pay and yet may be in small circumstances may be enabled to allow

a proper sum to a suitable tutor who may have a family and such we wish the attention of Friends may be turned to, and where a lot of ground can be purchased on easy terms that would afford pasture for a cow and a supply of vegetables such a lot with a small convenient house thereon would accommodate a family and abate the expense of the Masters salary and as a plan for the support of good order and government of the Schools may tend to strengthen the care of the tutor in these respects the following is thought adviseable to be offered to the consideration of Friends in their Preparative Meeting when the subject is before them. A plan for the support and government of Friends School at — .

This School being instituted by the preparative Meeting of — is to be under its care and direction but for the more immediate Government thereof trustees shall be appointed annually by said Meeting whose business it shall be to employ teachers and make comfortable provision for their annual support to continue or dismiss them for misconduct inability or other weighty consideration appearing to said Trustees to keep the house which may be provided for the school in good repair, to admit schollars, settle and receive from time to time the prizes of schooling and discharge such of them as they may judge necessary for misbehaviour to direct the branches of learning and books to be read in said schools, to make such rules for the assistance of the master and observance of the schollars as may appear to them best adapted to answer the end of the institution, to apply the *donations and incomes of the school for its support* subscriptions, ~~don,~~ and maintainance, and if these are insufficient for that purpose to lay before this Meeting an account of the sum wanted and the particular occasion and recieve the meetings directions therein and in general to establish such regulations as they should judge to be for the good government and promotion of the school provided the same be not repugnant to the plan.

The said Trustees are to visit the school at least once in two

months examine the progress made by the schollars in their learning and see that the rules thereof and decorum are observed not less than four of them shall be sufficient to transact business within their appointment, but regular attendance of all is recommended. The Preparative Meeting shall appoint a Treasurer who shall recieve all monies appertaining to the school and shall pay none out of the stock but by order of the Trustees or of this Meeting The Trustees are to keep regular accounts of their proceedings receipts and payments and the same with such regulations as they may establish lay before this Meeting Yearly for their approbation. And there is cause to hope, that a steady concern for the Religious advancement of the rising generation will occasion an exertion for the encouragement of schools agreeable to the concern of the Yearly Meeting and tend to a liberallity of sentiments that may enable the Trustees to procure tutors suitably quallified for that important trust. And as many friends may be inclined to leave donation^s for the promotion and support of schools which may be established on the a annexed plan we think it proper to suggest the following form of a bequest (viz)

Item: I give and bequeath unto... ..Treasurer of Friends School established by the Preparative Meeting of the People called Quakers in.....the county of.....and state of.....or to his successors in that trust the sum of.....pounds the principal to remain a permanent fund under the care and direction of the Trustees of said schoo^l now or hereafter to be appointed by said Preparative Meeting, and the interest or annuity arising therefrom to be by said trustees laid out for the benefit of said school which now is or such school as may hereafter be established by said Breparative Meeting,

N:.B:. Tho the above forms of a bequest is recommended yet if any Friend should incline to leave the principle at the dis-

posal of the Trustees a little variation in the form will answer that purpose. A plan ~~of~~ for a subscription for raising a school fund. We the subscribers Members of the Society of friends do hereby severally for our selves & our heirs promis to pay on demand unto A. B. Treasurer of Friends School now under the direction of the Preparative Meeting at.....or to his successor or successors in that trust, the sum of money, severally by us written against our names: with interest therefor, after the rate of five percent per annum. The Principal whereof so subscribed to be and remain a permanent fund under the direction of ~~the~~ the trustees of the school now or here ~~after~~ to be appointed by the said Preparative Meeting and by them laid out or lent on interest in such manner as they should judge will best secure an interest or annuity and the intrust or annuity thereof is to be applied to the schooling of such children as now do ~~or~~ hereafter shall belong to said Preparative Meeting whose parents are not or shall not be of abillity to pay for the schooling, and in case the whole or any part thereof shall not be wanting for for such purpose then the interest of said money or such part thereof as shall not be wanted, is to be applied to such other uses of the said schools or schools now or hereafter to be erected by the said Meeting as the said Trustees now or hereafter to be appointed shall think best to answer the design of the institution. But should the Preparative Meeting be by the Monthly Meeting discontinued and the members thereof joined to any other Preparative Meetings the sum herein by them subscribed is to be then placed under the care of such Preparative Meetings as the case may be to which such numbers may be united; and by such Preparative Meeting put under the care of Trustees to be by them disposed of according to the tenor of this subscription.

Notwithstanding the subscriptions are made payable on demand yet it is understood and agreed that the subscriber shall be at Liberty either to pay the principal or leave it to be paid by their executors or administrators provided they pay the interest annually, yet in case any subscribers Member of this Preparative Meeting remove it is agreed to be right that he make the Trustees easy respecting his subscriptions. The Committee on the adjournment of this Meeting communicated to us a concern that was spread amongst them on account of the in regular conduct observable in many going out of our Meetings: hath in times of publick worship&in times of transacting the affairs of the church, but more especially in the latter at these our Yearly Meetings and at some of our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, some times gathering together in small companies and engaging in conversation and they suggest whether some further care of Meeting has not become necessary for the removal of such cause of uneasiness and whether it would not be right; that an appointment be made by each of those Meetings of some solid Friends to have the subject more immediately under their watchful care. The subject weightily impressing this Meeting and the propriety of the Committees proposal appearing evident, is united with; and our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings are desired to pay attention thereto accordingly. Extracted from the minutes by James Mott Clerk to the Meeting *this year.* It appears by the extracts that the Yearly Meeting was led into a sympathy and feeling with such of our Members as may be in straitning circumstances and may not be particularly cared for as the poor of our society and have under consideration thereof appointed a number of Friends to visit the Quarterly Monthly and preparative Meetings also such families as they may judge proper and make the necessary inspection into such cases in order that

relief may be afforded and this Meeting under a weighty consideration of the subject have to believe that a service may arise from the appointment of a Committee to unite with the yearly Meetings Committee in that concern and they to visit according to the direction of that Meeting be made to which service John Hoag William Wooley, Adam Harkness, John Dean Elihu Bunker Jacob Carman and Charles Webb are appointed and directed to report at next Quarter. By the direction of the Yearly Meeting it appears the Quarterly Meetings are directed to raise the sum of £ 200:0:0 and our Monthly Meetings are therefore directed to proceed in raising the above mentioned sum and pay it to John Allen who is directed to pay it to that meetings Treasurer and that the amount of what is raised be brought to next Quarter. The subject of establishing schools agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting is earnestly recommended to our Monthly and Preparative Meetings attention and they are requested to forward a report seasonably to go up to next Yearly Meeting. Our Monthly Meetings are requested to inform next Quarter of the money raised for Oswego Meeting house being paid to this Meetings Treasurer as directed and as there is £ 100:0 yet due towards compleating said house they are also directed to raise the same and pay it to this Meetings Treasurer and inform next Quarter. Taken from the Minutes by Tiddeman Hull Junr Clerk. Agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting this meeting appoints Isaac Upton David Anthony and Ezra Whittaker, to the oversight and regular conducting of our Meetings both for worship, and discipline for the ensuing year and they to report at the expiration of said time. The Womans Meeting informed this that they have solidly considered the matter respecting the request of Thankful Parris coming under the case of Friends and express their unity to recieve her a Member of this Meeting unites therewith which this Meeting after solidly considering the matter recieves her a Member of our Society. The Quarterly Meetings informs ~~that the Yearly~~ that the Yearly Meeting

~~informs that the yearly Meeting~~ directs the Monthly Meetings to raise the sum of two hundred pounds, which this Meeting directs our Preparative Meeting to open subscriptions for that purpose and report the amount thereof seasonably to go up to next Quarterly Meeting. The Yearly and Quarterly Meetings earnestly recommends the Monthly and Preparative Meetings attention to the establishing of schools and directs that a report go up seasonably to our next Yearly Meeting which this meeting directs to the observance of our Preparative Meeting and report accordingly. Our Quarterly Meeting requests that the Monthly Meeting inform the amount of the money raised for Oswego Meeting House and as there is nearly one hundred pound more wanted to finish the house directs the Monthly Meetings to raise the same which this Meeting directs our preparative Meeting to open subscriptions for the purpose and report the sum raised seasonably to go up to next Quarterly Meeting. The Committee who were appointed respecting a school house the east side of the river inform this Meeting, that they are not ready to make a full report, and gave a satisfactory reason therefor the same Committee are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. Received a Minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that John Upton, Samuel Wells and Benjamin Briggs were by that Meeting anominated for overseers for the ensuing year which this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon appoints them to that service. Our esteemed Friend John Upton an elder in unity with us, communicating a freedom to accompany our Friend Robert Nisbet, in his proposed religious visit to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia and parts adjacent, and the subject spreading with weight in this Meeting; is unitedly concurred with and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as way may open and Isaac Killey is appointed to sign the above minute on ^{this} Meetings behalf. This Meeting

appoints Samuel Wells, David Anthony, Isaac Upton and David Comstock to assist the yearly and Quarterly Meetings Committees in giving intelligence that the said Committee may be informed that the concern of those Meetings may be answered respecting the poor and they to report the Meeting preceeding next Quarter. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 13 of 10 mo. 1791. The representatives being called are present. The Clerk being absent Caleb Macomber is appointed Clerk for the day. The London epistle the reading of which was refered from last Meeting to this was now read to our satisfaction, and the representatives are requested to divide the copies thereof among Friends and Samuel Wells is appointed to read it at the close of a frist day Meeting and report to next Meeting. The Committee appointed respecting a school house the east side of the river; inform that they are not ready to make a full report and gave a reason therefor which this Meeting accepts of; they are continued to that service and report to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting inform that Amos Carpenter of Tyringham has requested to be received into Membership with us after a deliberation thereon this Meeting appoints Samuel Wells, and Adam Harkness, to visit him and endeavour to find out the sincerity of his request and disposition of mind and report to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting also inform, that William Jinks of Tyringham has requested to be admitted into Membership with us which being solidly considered Enos Curtis and David Anthony are appointed to visit him and labour to find the sincerity of his intention herein and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 10 of 11 mo. 1791. The representatives being called are present. The clerk being absent therefore Caleb Machember is appointed clerk for the day. The queries were read in this Meeting and the answers thereto that came up from the preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for Religious worship and discipline are attended by the most of our Members tho some deficiencies appear in that respect, and care taken; the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping in Meetings: and some advice given clear of indecent behaviour as far as appears.

Ansr. 2nd. Love and unity is maintained as becomes brethren in a good degree, where differences are known to arise endeavours have been used to end them.

Ansr. 3rd. We know of none in the practice of backbiting tale-baring or spreading of evil reports.

Ansr. 4th. Most of Friends are careful in a good degree to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and apparel and are in the practice of frequent reading the Holy Scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world. But some deficiency appears with respect to plainness and some care taken.

Ansr. 5th. Clear as far as appears.

Ansr. 6th. Poor Friends necessities have been inspected and some relief afforded, although their children have not partook of any learning on the cost of this Meeting since last quarter. No Friends children placed from amongst friends.

Ansr. 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

Ansr. 8th. Clear for ought that appears.

Ansr. 9th. Clear as far as we know.

Ansr. 10th. Friends are generally careful with respect to wills, no misapplication of publick gifts or legacies.

Ansr. 11th. Clear as intended by the query.

Ansr. 12th. Clear for ought that appears.

Ansr. 13th. None gone but some come without Certificates and care taken.

Ansr. 14th. Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness agreeable to our discipline.

The Friend appointed to read the London Epistle report the appointment answered. The Committee appointed respecting the school house the east side of the river report that they have attended to the subject think best that a school house be built there the bigness of the house 16 feet by 20 and the estimated cost £ 24 but have not concluded on a place to set it they are requested to attend to the matter as far as appears necessary and inform next Meeting. The Friends appointed in the case of Amos Carpenter of Tyringham request, report that they have visited him on that account and he appears to them to be sincere therein and in a tender state of mind in a good degree after a deliberation thereon this Meeting continues the same committee to revisit him and inspect into the present disposition of his mind and report to next Meeting with the addition of Benjamin Briggs One of the Friends appointed to visit William Jinks, report he hath had an opportunity with him; the other friend who did not attend, sent a satisfactory reason therefor to this Meeting this Meeting continues the matter under the care of the same Committee who are desired to attend to the subject agreeable to the appointment and report to next Meeting. The Committee appointed to assist the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings Committee report the

appointment answered. This Meeting appoints Samuel Wells Adam Harkness, Benjamin Briggs and David Comstock to attend the Service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the necessary care to carry up and bring down all buesiness that concerns that Meeting and this and report to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting informs that £ 3 - 15 - 5 is raised for Oswego Meeting house. The Preparative Meeting inform that they have not compleated their subscription for raising money called for by the Yearly Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 12 mo. 1791. The representatives being called are present. This Meeting appoints John Upton clerk for the day. One of the representatives on behalf of the whole who were appointed to attend the service of last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and the extracts of said Meeting are produced which are as followeth... At a Quarterly Meeting held at Nine Partners ye 16 & 17 of 11 mo. 1791. By the accounts from the Monthly Meeting of East Hoosuck it appears their subscription towards raising the £ 200 directed by the Yearly Meeting is not compleated their exertion is requested and the money raised, paid to John Allen and inform next Quarter. This Meeting directs the Monthly Meetings to open subscriptions to defray the expense of building a Meeting house at Saratoga and report the sum raised to next quarter. Extracted from the minutes by John Hoag Clerk ~~al~~ also two copies of the written epistles one from the Yearly Meeting held in London for the year 1790 the directed to friends of Westbury on Long Island which hath been read and the advice therein contained to good satisfaction. The other from the yearly Meeting of Friends at Newport on

Rhode Island for the year 1790, the reading of which is referred to our next meeting. The Womens Meeting informs this that they have solidly considered the case of Phebe Parris respecting her requesting to come under the care of Friends they signify that they feel easy to receive her if this Meeting concurs therewith and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon concurs therewith and receives her a member of our Society. The Committee who were appointed to visit Amos Carpenter of Tyringham on account of his request report that they have not been unmindful of their appointment but way has not opened to visit him since last meeting This Meeting continues the same committee to that service and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to visit William Jinks on account of his request report that way has not opened to visit him since last Meeting. This Meeting continues the same committee to visit him on that account with the addition of John Upton and report at next Meeting. The Committee appointed respecting a school house the east side of the river, report they have not yet found a place where it appears most convenient that the house should be built, they are continued to that service and report in 2nd month next. This Meeting directs the observance of the extracts of the Quarterly Meeting to the next Preparative Meeting This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 13 of 1st mo. 1792. The representatives being called are present. This Meeting appoints John Upton Clerk for the ensuing year. The epistle that was referred from last meeting was read in this to satisfaction. The Committee who were appointed to visit Amos Carpenter of Tyringham on account of his request; report that they have visited him and signified according to their sense that he is convinced of Friends

principles and concerned to do well and this Meeting after a solid deliberation thereon received him a Member of our Society and appoints Enos Curtis to inform him of his reception and report at next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to visit William Jinks, report that they have had an opportunity with him and signified according to their sense he appeared sincere in his request and in a disposition to do well and after a deliberate consideration thereon this Meeting recieves him a Member of our Society and John Upton is appointed to inform him of his reception and report to next meeting. Was read in this meeting a copy of a minute from Shappaquah Monthly Meeting for our friend Sarah Walters and Experience Pane who have visited most of all the families belonging to this Monthly Meeting and this Meeting appoints Samuel Wells and John Upton to prepare a few lines of an endorsement and produce it at next Meeting signifying Friends satisfaction with their labour. Our Friend Robert Nisbet returned to this Meeting his certificate that was granted him to attend the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia and parts adjacent. With an endorsement from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in Philadelphia by adjournments from 24th day of 9 mo. to the first of 10 mo. inclusive 1791 signifying that his company and service was to their edification and comfort. Also John Upton returned his copy of a minute that was granted him to accompany the aforesaid Friend with an endorsement from the same meeting signifying that his company was acceptable. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 9th of 2nd mo. 1792. The representatives being called are present. The queries were read and the answers that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended generally by the most of Friends, though a deficiency appears in some, the hour nearly observed. Not quite clear of sleeping in Meetings and some care taken in each respect, Clear of indecent behaviour as far as appears.

An. 2nd. A good degree of love and unity subsists amongst us as becomes brethren tho not so fully with all as is desired where differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

Ansr. 3rd. We know of none in the practice of backbiting, talebaring, or spreading of evil reports but we believe more care is needed in these respects.

Anr. 4th. We believe that most of Friends are in a good degree in the labour to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel and are in the practice of frequent reading the hold Scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world but too great a deficiency in these respects is apparent and labour bestowed for an amendment.

Ansr. 5th. Clear as far as appears

Anr. 6th. Poor Friends necessities have been inspected and relief administered some care taken to give their children learning no friends children placed from among friends as far as we know

Ansr. 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query except one instance of company keeping with one not a member of our Society and care taken.

Ansr. 8th. Clear for ought that appears.

Ansr. 9th. Clear in the several branches as far as appears except two instances of being concerned in a lottery and care taken.

Ansr. 10th. We believe friends are generally careful with respect to wills and some care taken no misapplication of publick

gifts and legacies as we know of.

Ansr. 11th. Clear of negroes as slaves and none of their youth amongst us.

Ansr. 12th. We believe friends are careful in these respects.

Ansr. 13th. Clear.

Ansr. 15th. Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The Friend appointed to inform Amos Carpenter of Tyringham of his being recieved a Member report the appointment answered. The Friend who was appointed to inform William Jinks of his reception report the appointment answered. The Friends that were appointed to prepare a few lines of endorsement for our friends Sarah Walters and Experience Paine report they have attended to the appointment and produced one which being read is approved of and signed. Recieved a few lines from the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia in behalf of our friends Robert Nisbet and John Upton which being read in this Meeting to our satisfaction it is thought best to be entered on the Minutes at large and is as follows. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at East Hoosuck.

Dear Friends

Our Brotherly regard for our friend Robert Nisbet *after our late Yearly Meeting held in this city* induces us to acquaint you, that he spent sometime amongst us and produced to this Meeting your Certificate; and being religiously engaged to labour amongst us for the promotion of the cause of truth and righteousness his concern for our advancement therein was very acceptable and we trust profitable to many his conversation and conduct being exemplary and instructing and his Ministry edifying and the deportment of his companion John Upton being attended with meekness and circumspection excited our esteem with desires for their preservation under divine care and protection in order

for a qualification to perform their further religious service for the benefit of the church and their own peace of mind We are with the salutation of love your Friends and Brethren Signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia held the 25 day of 11 mo. 1791 by many friends. The Committee who were appointed respecting a school house the east side of the river report that they have paid some attention thereto but are not ready to make a full report. This Meeting continues the same Committee with the addition of Amos Carpenter Benjamin Briggs Ebenezer Allen and Isaac Killey to that service and report to next Meeting. Recieved a Minute from the Preparative Meeting informing this that David Comstock proposes laying his intention of Marriage with Hannah Parris before this Meeting. David Comstock and Hannah Parris appeared at this Meeting and offered proposals of Marriage with each other, Isaac Killey and Benjamin Briggs are appointed to inspect into the Friends clearness respecting marriage and report if the way be clear to next Meeting where they are desired to come for an answer. This Meeting appoints Enos Curtis, Amos Carpenter, Ezra Whittaker, and Samuel Wells to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and carry up to that and bring down to this all business that concerns that Meeting and this and report to next Meeting. Recieved proposals for subscribing for several sorts of books as set forth in the Proposals and for that purpose appoints David Lapham and Isaac Killey to open subscriptions for that purpose and report the number and sorts subscribed for to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting report the subscription for the Yearly Meeting stock is £2 - 4 - 11. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 8 of 3 mo. 1792. The representatives being called are present. The representatives appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting, report they attended and produced the extracts which are as followeth. At a quarterly Meeting held at Nine-partners 15 of 2nd mo. 1792. The Monthly Meeting of East Hoosuck informs their subscriptions on building a Meeting house at Saratoga not compleated that Meeting is requested to compleat it and inform next Meeting the sum subscribed. Extracted by John Hoag Clerk and the preparative Meeting is directed to proceed accordingly. The Committee who were appointed respecting the school house the east side of the river inform this Meeting that they are not ready to make a report. This Meeting continues the same Committee to that service and they are requested to attend particularly thereto and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to make inspection into the clearness of David Comstock respecting Marriage report they have made inspection therein and dont find but that they way appears clear. As the friend not being present to recieve his answer the same Committee are continued to that service and report to next meeting where it is expected the friend will give a reason for his absence. Our friend Robert Nisbet communicated to this meeting that he has felt his mind drawn to preform a religious visit to the people living about Cherrivalley Coppers patent and parts adjacent which bbing solidly attended to is united with he being a Member of this Meeting and a Minister in unity, and leaves him at liberty to pursue his prospect as way may open, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Committee who were appointed to open subscriptions for books report that they have made some progress therein but was not fully compleated, they are continued to that Service and report to next Meeting. Recieved a Certificate of Removal from the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield bearing date the 26 of 1 mo last for Stephen Hogie which was read and accepted in this Meeting. Sometime since sandwich Monthly Meeting directed Certificates of Removal to this Meeting for Peleg Gifford and wife and daughter Mar~~eth~~ which appearing not altogether satisfactory therefore this Meeting appoints John Upton Daniel Allen and Robert Nisbet, to prepare an essay directed to that meeting suitable to the circumstance of the case and produce it to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 12 of 4 mo. 1792 The representatives having their names called are present. The Committee who were appointed respecting a school house the east side of the river inform this Meeting that they have had an opportunity upon the Matter but are not ready to make report as they are not fully satisfied where it is best the house should be built and requests that the matter may be postponed for three months as it appears unlikely that there will be much preparation made for building the house this season and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon concurs therewith and they are continued accordingly and to report in seventh month next. The Committee who were continued in the case of David Comstock respecting his clearness in relation to Marriage, report that the way still appears clear and the friend now being present informed this Meeting that the reason he was detained from last Meeting was on account of sickness. David Comstock and Hannah Parris appeared at this Meeting and renewed their proposals of Marriage with each other they producing consent of parents this

Meeting leaves them at liberty to consummate their Marriage between this and the next Monthly Meeting according to the good order used amongst Friends John Upton and Samuel Wells are appointed to see if the Marriage is decently accomplished and report to next Meeting producing their marriage certificate. The Committee who were appointed to have the care of the subscription for books report they have compleated them and handed the amount of them to this Meeting which is directed to the care of our Treasurer and the Clerk is directed to forward an account of the subscription to the Meeting for sufferings. The Committee who were appointed to prepare an essay directed to Sandwich Monthly Meeting respecting Peleg Gifford and family produced one which being read is approved on and directed to be signed and is as followeth. To the Monthly Meeting of friends at Sandwich

Dear Friends On considering the whole of the circumstance of Peleg Giffords removal from you we are of the mind that a family under their circumstances as to age and otherwise would hardly be placed warrantably in a situation so remote from Friends in a spot where there is little probability of friends being useful to them and surrounded by people of other societies and under so many difficulties we cannot see how you could approve of their removal for which reason we have not accepted of your Certificate for them and we may further add that their daughter Mariah is in this place at present and by inspection it appears she needs some relief. and the clerk is directed to forward the same to that Meeting with their Certificates. ⁷/₄The Preparative Meeting directed to this from Amariah Wheelack a request desiring to be received a member of this Meeting which this Meeting taking under consideration appoints Amos Carpenter George Martain, and Robert Nisbet to visit him on that account and report their sense of the

state of his mind to next Meeting. An information came to this Meeting from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Humphrey Anthony hath kept company with one not of our Society in a disorderly manner and it appearing that he is guilty of the sin of fornication with her therefore this Meeting appoints Daniel Allen John Wells and Isaac Upton to make inspection into the matter and report their sense the state of his mind to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting informs this that Abraham Lapham has removed with his family to the Genesee after much labour being bestowed on him to the contrary which being taken under weighty consideration in this meeting and it is thought best that the matter be referred to the consideration of next meeting. This Meeting continues the former Committee who were appointed to the care and oversight of the poor for the ensuing year. Received a Certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich bearing date 21 of 3 mo. 1792 for Clark Hoxsie which after being read is accepted. This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 10 of 5 mo. 1792. The representatives being called are present. The queries were read and the answers are as followeth.

Ansr. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended generally by the most of Friends though a deficiency is apparent and care taken. The hour nearly observed not clear of sleeping and some advice given, as to other indecent behaviour clear as far as appears.

Ansr. 2nd. Some deficiency is apparent with respect to love and unity and care taken. Care taken to end differences when any appear.

Ansr. 3rd. Not all clear of backbiting talebaring or spreading

evil reports and care taken.

Ansr. 4th. We believe that Friends are careful to keep themselves and those under their tuition in plainness and are in the practice of frequent reading the Scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world though a deficiency in these respects is apparent and some care taken on account of plainness.

Ansr. 5th. Clear as far as appears in the several branches of this query.

Ansr. 6th. Care is taken respecting the poor, no Friends child placed from amongst friends.

Ansr. 7th. We know of no breach of this query.

Ansr. 8th. Clear.

Ansr. 9th. We know of no breach of this query since last quarter.

Ansr. 10th. We believe friends are generally careful to make their wills seasonably the last part clear.

Ansr. 11th. Clear as intended by the query and none of their youth amongst us.

Ansr. 12th. Friends appear generally careful in these respects.

Ansr. 13th. Some gone and some come without certificates and care taken when necessary.

Ansr. 14th. We believe that care is taken in a good degree to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The answers to the four annual queries.

Ansr. 1st. No Minister nor Elder deceased since last year nor any Memorial concerning any deceased friend.

Ansr. 2nd. No new meeting house built nor any new Meeting settled since last year.

Ansr. 3rd. Several joined in membership since last year by conviction.

Ansr. 4th. We believe they are

The Committee in the case of David Comstock report that they attended to their appointment and did not discover but that the Marriage was conducted orderly and have produced their Marriage Certificate. The Committee who were appointed to visit Amariah Wheelock on account of his request report that they have not been unmindful of the appointment yet way has not opened to perform a visit to him this Meeting continues the same Committee to that service and report to next Meeting. The Committee appointed in the case of Humphrey Anthony inform this Meeting that they have had an opportunity with him but are not ready to make a full report this Meeting continues the same Committee to that service and report to next Meeting. The case of Abraham Lapham was again ^{summed} reasoned and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon thinks best that some friends be appointed to write to him and inform how far the Meeting has proceeded (viz) Isaac Killey and Robert Nisbet and they to report to this Meeting in eighth month next what satisfaction they have recieved. The Preparative Meeting handed a paper of acknowledgment from Elihu Anthony confessing and condemning his misconduct for which he was disowned by this Meeting and this Meeting after an opportunity of prospects thinks best that the matter be postponed to the consideration of next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting directed to this a request from Caleb Brown to be admitted into Membership with us and after a consideration thereon this Meeting appoints Adam Harkness, John Upton & Amos Carpenter to visit him and endeavour to find the sincerity of his intention herein and report to next Meeting as also to inspect into his life and conversation.. Recieved a copy of a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Saratoga setting forth this remote situation which being solidly considered in this Meeting it is thought best to leave the matter to the care of our Quarterly Meeting and requesting

our Quarterly Meeting if they should ^(think) best that an alteration or a new arrangement or a division be made in the Quarter. No friend amongst us appears to traffick in distilled spirituous liquors. This Meeting hath noticed the directions of our last Yearly Meeting respecting schools and made some small progress therein. This Meeting has subscribed the sum of £ 9 - 1 - 0 LM for Saratoga meeting house but not raised. This Meeting appoints John wells, Robert Nisbet, Adam Harkness & Enos Curtis to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the necessary ^(care) to hand up to that and bring down to this all matters that concern that Meeting and this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 14th of 6 mo. 1792. The representatives are present. The representatives who were appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report that they attended and produced the extracts of that Meeting which is as followeth. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 16th & 17 of 5 mo. 1792. It appears by the subscription from the Monthly Meetings that on building a Meeting House at Saratoga there is £ 128 - 7 - 8 short of the sum estimated. The Monthly Meetings are therefore directed to raise their former subscription also the remaining ^d sum as the money appeared to be wanted pay it to the Treasurrer and report to next Meeting. In the accounts from the Monthly Meetings is expressed that divers schools are taught by the directions of friends and some progress made agreeable to the plan directed by the Yearly Meeting and it appears but little progress made in this important intresting subject this Meeting recommends to our Monthly Meetings to revive the concern to our several preparative

meetings that they more attentively proceede agreeable to the concern & direction of the Yearly meeting and report their further progress to this meeting in 5th mo. next. Extracted from the minutes by John Hoag Clerk. Which this Meeting directs to the care and observation of our Preparative Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to visit Amariah Whelock on account of his request report they have visited him to some satisfaction and this meeting after a deliberation thereon thinks that another visit may be usefull and for that purpose appoints John Upton David Anthony Caleb Macomber and Isaac Killey and they to report to next meeting what satisfaction they received. The Committee who were appointed in the case of Humphrey Anthony have reported and this meeting on considering the matter thinks best to continue the same Committee to make him another visit and bring a more explicit report to next Meeting. The case of Elihu Anthony was again revived and this meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon excepts of his acknowledgments and appoints John Upton to inform him that his acknowledgment is excepted and read the same at a close of a first day meeting he being present and report at next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed to visit Caleb Brown on account of his request inform this meeting that they have paid some attention thereto but are not ready to make a full report this meeting continues the same committee to that service and report to next Meeting. Received a minute from the Preparative Meeting, signifying that John Killey hath so far disregarded the rules of our Christian discipline as to be concerned in a lotterey which being taken under consideration and appoints Enos Curtis Amos Carpenter and David Comstock to visit him on that account and report their sence of the State of his minde to next meeting. Received a Certificate of removal from the Creek Monthly Meeting at Ninepartners

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for Stephen Earle baring date 20th of 4 mo. 1792. This Meeting adjournes at the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 12 of 7 mo. 1792. The representatives are present. Two of the Committee who were appointed to visit Amariah Whelack report they have visited him to a good degree of satisfaction and according to their sence he appeared to be sencere in his request and this meeting after a deliberate consideration recives him a member of our Society and appoints John Upton to inform him thereof and report to next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed in the case of Humphrey Anthony report whereon is as followeth. Agreeable to appointment we have had several oportunities with Humphrey Anthony and made some inspection into the cirucmstance of the matter and we dont finde it much different from the information as it is set forth in the meeting: As to the present state of his minde according to our sence he appears to mannafest a sencere repentance for his misconduct and a desire to condemn the same. And he produsing an acknowledgment confessing and condemning his misconduct which being several times read and is as followeth.

Dear friends Whereas I have by giving way to a libertine spirit kept company with a young woman in a very indecent and unbecoming manner and behaved myself with her in an immodist and too familiar away for which unbecoming conduct I am heartely sorry and do condemn the same hoping for the future to be more watchfull and desire that you my friends would pass by my said misconduct and still continue your watchful care over me; these from your friend

Humphrey Anthony.

and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration thereon excepts of his acknowledgement and appoints Daniel Allen to inform him that his acknowledgment is excepted and read the same at the close

of a first day meeting he being present and report at next Meeting. The womans meeting informed this that they having considered the matter concerning Cynthya White request to come under the care of friends and feel easy to receive her a member after having the concurrence of this meeting and this meeting after soledly considered the matter unites therewith and receives her a member of our Society. The friend who was appointed in the case of Elihu Anthony report the appointment answered. The Committee who were appointed in the case of Caleb Brown report they they have had a satisfactory opportunity with him and according to their sence he appeared to be sencere in his request and a concern to persovere in the best thing and this meeting after a solid deliberation thereon receives him a member of our society. And appoints John Wells to inform him of his reception and report at next meeting. This Meeting directs the following minute is directed to the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich and directs the clerk forward the same to that Meeting and report at Next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed in the case of John Killey informs the meeting that they have had an opportunity with him but are not ready to make a full report this meeting continues the same Committee to that Service and they to report at next meeting as heretofore directed. The Committee who were appointed respecting the school house the east side of the river report that they found a place where the house may be built between Caleb Braley & Robert Nisbits near the dividing line and proposed the sise of the house 20~~5~~ by 16 feet estimate the cost off the house £ 24 exclusive of the land. This Meeting is informed that there is a house and an acho of land that may be bought near the place where the proposed house is to be built that may answer a good purpose for a school house

and appoints Adam Harkness Samuel Wells Benjamin Briggs and Isaac Upton to purchase the house and land if it may be reasonably had and report at next Meeting. The followin subscription is for the above purpose.

Samuel Wells	£ 3 - 0 - 0	Caleb Macomber	£ 1 - 16 - 0
Robert Nisbet	3 - 0 - 0	John Wells	1 - 00 - 0
Adam Harkness	6 - 0 - 0	Benjamin Briggs	2 - 0 - 0
Ezra Whitaker	4 - 0 - 0	Isaac Upton	3 - 0 - 0
Caleb Braley	4 - 0 - 0	Enos Curtis	1 - 4 - 0
Amaziah Allen	1 - 16 - 0		
Ebenezer Allen	1 - 4 - 0	Zacherys Hatherway	1 - 0 - 0
Elihu Anthony	1 - 10 - 0	Jonah Hatherway	0 - 15 - 0
David Comstock	3 - 0 - 0	Edward Edmonds	1 - 0 - 0
Stephen Earl	1 - 0 - 0	Silas Cook	1 - 10 - 0
Amos Carpenter	4 - 0 - 0	Samuel Cooper	1 - 0 - 0
Stephen Hoxie	1 - 0 - 0	David Lapham	4 - 0 - 0
Daniel Allen	1 - 0 - 0	John Upton	0 - 18 - 0

This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of 8 mo. 1792. The representatives are present. The queries were read and the answers are as followeth.

Answer 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by the most of Friends; the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping and some advice given as to other indecent behaviour clear for ought that appears: Though a defecency appears in some and care taken.

Ansr. 2nd. Love and unity is maintained as becomes Brethren in a good degree care is taken to end differences when any appears.

Ansr. the 3rd. Clear for ought that appears.

Ansr. 4th. Some friends are carefull to keep themselves and all those under tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and appariel and are in the practice of frequant reading the holdy Scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world but deficiencies appear in too many and some care taken.

Ans. the 5th. We know of no breach of this query.

the 6th. The necessities of the poor have been inspected and relieaf administered and care taken of their children on account of learning no friends child placed from amongst friends that we know of.

the 7th. Clear for ought that appears.

the 8th. We know of no breach of this query.

the 9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as we know with respect to lattres one instance excepted as heretofore noted.

the 10th. Most of friends have wills by them and care taken no missaplication of publick gifts or legacies tho some dificiency appears.

the 11th. Clear of Negroes as slaves and ther children as intended by the query.

the 13th. None gone except some friends who have removed from us as heretofore noted. One come without a certificate and care taken.

the 12th. We believe friends are generally carefull in these respects and others. Some deficiency appear and some care taken.

the 14th. Care is taken in a good degre to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline. The friend who was appointed to inform Amariah Whelock of his reseption report the appointment answered. The frënd who was

appointed in the case of Humphrey Anthony report he read his acknowledgments at a close of a first day meeting he being present. The friend who was appointed to inform Caleb Brown of his reception report the appointment answered. The Clerk report that no opportunity has opened to forward an information to Sandwich Monthly Meeting respecting Meriah Gifford he is continued to that Service and report at next Meeting. The Committee who were appointed on account of purchasing ^(as) an house for a school house for friends the east side of the river report that they have agreed for the house and an achor of land in consideration of the sum of £ 45. This Meeting continues the same Committee to take the nessary care and report at next Meeting how far they have proceeded. The Committee who were appointed in the case of John Killey report several oportunities with him as they not being ripe to make a clear report of the state of his minde. This Meeting continues the same committee to that service for further labour and report their sence the state of his minde to next meeting. The Womans Meeting informed this that they have considered the matter concerning Deborah Pezris requesting to come under the care of Friends and feall easy to recive her a member after having the concurrance of this Meeting and after a weighty consideration thereon this meeting feals most easy to appoint some friends to join the women friends in order to have an oportunity with her and report their sence of the sincerity of her request to next meeting (viz) John Upton Ebenezer Allen & Samuel Wells. The Preparative Meeting inform that the subscription for Saratogua Meeting house reported last quarter subscribed is now raised. The friend appointed in the case of Abraham Lapham in 5 month last report that they have wrote

to him and informed how far the meeting had proceeded and received an information from him that he expected to come and see friends soon: This Meeting continues the same Committee and they to report in 11 mo next or sooner if way opened with the addition of Ebenezer Allen/what satisfaction they

have received. Our friend Hannah Lapham informed us that she hath a prospect in company with her husband of attending the Quarterly Meeting at Salem and some meetings adjacent which we concur with she being a member of this meeting and an approved minister and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Our Friend Joshua Lapham informed us that he hath a prospect in Company with his wife to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Salem which we concur with he being a member of this Meeting and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. Our friend Isaac Killey informed this meeting that he hath a prospect of going as far as Yarmouth on a visit to his friends and relations which this meeting concurs with he being a member of our Society and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. This Meeting appoints John Upton Samuel Wells & George Martain to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and take the necessary care to hand up to that and bring down all matters that concerns that meeting and this and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the 19th of next Month agreeable to the request of the Yearly Meetings Committee.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck the 19th of 9th month 1792. The representatives present. The representatives who were appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and produced the extracts of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings also 75 copies of the printed epistle

from the Yearly Meeting in London for the year 1791 also sixty six copies of ^{the} epistles they republished by our Meeting for sufferings. Recieved a minute from our last Yearly Meeting expressing a prospect of usefullness in appointing a Committee to accompany the extracts down to the subordinate Meetings two of said Committee are now present. The extracts of the Yearly ~~Mnd~~ Quarterly Meetings being read and solidly attended to are directed down to the care and observance of our Preparative Meeting and are as followeth.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 15th and 16th of 8th mo. 1792. In the extracts from the yearly Meeting now produced we find that Meeting was led into a weighty consideration on the subject of freinds accepting publick Posts of profit and honour and hath transmitted its result on the subject to its inferior. Meetings the due attention of our Monthly Meetings is requested to the exercising subject with a report hereon seasonable to be handed to our next Yearly Meeting. The Minute of the Yearly Meeting is as followeth viz The Meeting for sufferings informs that an exercising consideration had taken place in that Meeting respecting members of our religious Society accepting Publick posts of profit and honour and resulted in a prospect of propriety in the subject being proposed to the Yearly Meetings consideration. A weighty consideration took place thereon and led to a united conclusion to hand to our subordinate Meetings and friends at large the advice that resulted on the occasion that Friends do not accept of posts of profit and honour in Government and that if any member should so far disregard the unity of the body as not to attend to the advice and counsil that may ^(be) extended to them that such ~~such~~ should not be employed in any service of the church nor their collections recived. We also find by the extracts on ^{divers} subjects that an exercising consideration had taken place in the

Yearly Meeting on observing the continued and painfull departure from the simplicity and dignety of the profession we as a religious society are making the carefull attention and due observance of them is requested of our Monthly Meetings which is feelingly expressed in the following minute viz In attending to the State of Society as expressed in the accounts a weighty consideration took place in which the minds of many were deeply affected to find that notwithstanding the repeated pressing advice heretofore issued by this Meeting a declension from the life and viture of truth is still manifest and the infeebleing effects of such declension is evidenced not only by the neglect of attending religious Meetings but also with its disqualifying influence in those who do attend unprepared by a right concern therefor or a sense of duty therein hence the want of life and the prevalency of a drowsy spirit when assembled for the performance of solemn and divine worship is manifest to the greif and pain of the rightly exercised and stumbling of those who are looking towards us for example. A want of love and charity for one another is to prevalant in some from whence differences arise with spreading evil reports to the wounding one of another and reproach of our holy profession. We therefore with sollicitude of heart desire to impress the minds of all concerned and active members in their several Meetings to consider the need there is of faith fullness on their parts in discharging the trust committed to them with great diligence and circumspection for our minds have been seized with jealousy lest those who should stand as watchmen on the walls are too much concerned to seek their own things and not the things that are Jesus Christs hence weakness ensues and instead of watching over and caring for the flock we fear some of these. ~~These~~ may become as stumbling blocks

in the way of others and be liable to fall under the weight of that solemn injunction expressed by the prophet to the watchman of the house of Israel. When I say to the wicked O wicked man thou shalt surely die if thou doest not speak to warn the wicked from his way that wicked man shall die in his iniquity but his blood will I require at thy hand. An exercising concern was also witnessed in the Yearly Meeting least the progress of truth in our Religious Society be hindered through injudicious and unsavoury appointments to services in the church. It is therefore earnestly requested that friends be weighty in their nominations as the right maintaining of our Christian Discipline in its various branches very much depends on a solemn attention to the pointings of best wisdom therein. We have also been exercised under the consideration of the abundant removing of Friends from their habitations and settling either in populous places where many temptations present or so remote as to be in great measure from under the care of Friends whereby many have sustained and it is to be feared others are in danger of sustaining almost irrecoverable loss in their spiritual condition and some in their outward estates wherefore believing it necessary we are engaged to press on all who have prospects of removing that they carefully fell after the Counsel of Truth in themselves and also take the advice of their respective Monthly Meetings previous to their making any step therein. We further find in the extracts the following minute ~~rela~~ relative to friends making use of articles the produce of the labor of persons held in slavery to which is requested the careful attention of friends in our inferior Meetings as is hereafter expressed to wit And as it appears by the reports from our Quarters that tender scruples have arisen in the minds of many Friends with respect to trafficking in or making use of the

produce of the labor of person held in slavery from a feeling commiseration of their afflicted state and a doubt whether they stand clear of contributing thereto if they continue in a traffick or use of these things We are desirous that all may by an unreserved openness to the secret impressions of ^{*}herein cherish those tender scruples and that we may labor after that charity whereby we may be enabled to build one another up in that faith that works by love. And the Yearly Meeting in weighing the subject respecting Freinds traveling in the Ministry directs that in weighing attentively the subject relative to freinds traveling in the Ministry and considering that the established order amongst us is sufficient & if Monthly Meetings keep under a lively concern to grant their certificates only in cases where their sympathy and concurrence evidently accompanies the concern that may be laid before them to pay a Religious visit unless the proposed visit extends to the Meeting of Friends in New England out of the compass of this Yearly Meeting or parts further eastward or to Pennsylvania or parts further westward or southward in either of which cases it would tend to the reputation of truth and to the encouragement and safety of the individual in this weighty service to lay before the Quarterly Meeting the concern and the Certificate of the Monthly Meeting for concurrence and that to be indorsed thereon if on due consideration it be obtained. But it is not hereby intended to restrain freinds in the Ministry from attending and adjoining Yearly Meeting and taking a few Meetings on such journey with the concurence of a Monthly Meeting expressed by a minute. And beleiving that an advantage and safety would arise from the concurence of a Quarterly Meeting being being in like manner applyed for by those who may find themselves engaged to make an extensive visit to those not of our religious society.

** evidently a word or words omitted.*

It is our judgment that the same be obtained leaving freinds at liberty who may have only a few meetings amongst such in veiw to proceed as heretofore directed by our discipline and this minute is directed to be added to our discipline. It is also expressed by a minute in the extracts respecting the recommending of Ministers and elders that quarterly and Monthly Meetings are directed to proceed as follows viz It is concluded that when any freind is proposed by a select preparative Meeting to the Monthly to be recommended either as a Minister or to the station of an elder and is united with by said Meeting information shall be sent to the select Preparative Meeting thereof who are to refer the consideration of it to the select Quarterly Meeting and if approved their to be laid before the Quarterly Meeting of discipline for consideration where if approved such freind to be considered a member of the Meeting of Ministers and elders and this minute is directed to be added to our discipline. The Yearly Meeting on considering that there are some freinds that still continue trafficking in distilled spirits directs our Monthly Meetings to proceed as follows viz By the reports from our Quarters it appears that some of our Members are not clear of trafficking in distilled spirits the continued aMention of our Monthly Meeting is desired to this subject that those who still disregard the labor bestowed from a concern attending this Yearly Meeting may be tenderly dealt with by our Monthly Meetings to which they belong and if not brought to such a sense of their misconduct as to refrain from the traffick that they be disowned. And it appears to be the concern of the Yearly Meeting to promote a religious education of our ~~our~~ youth and a renewed concern was witnessed in that meeting that an increasing care may be experienced by the subordinate Meetings on this interesting subject and that an account thereon with the number of schools be brought

forward seasonable to be directed to the next Yearly Meeting. And the following minute is also directed down to the due attention of our Monthly Meeting viz A report from the Committee to confer with the freinds appointed last year to make inspection into the circumstances of poor freinds was received and read it is as followeth viz The report of the Committee relative to the necessitous circumstances of our Brethren and Sisters hath engaged attention agreeable to appointment and divers cases opened with their relative situations to Monthly Meetings and more especially some of those in Ninepartners quarter and the occasion that many of our brethren and their families have for further assistance than what has yet been afforded them is indeed affecting and induced the Committee to look towards the established order of Society attended with a wish that Monthly Meetings may by no means suffer the relief that the Yearly Meeting has afforded ~~to~~ *the* *a means of relaying their necessary and due* inquiry with a care to relieve those who stand in need of assistance either in ~~what~~ *the* *relaying their necessary and due* that may be necessary in their families or in affording advice relative to such business as they are capable of and if the Monthly Meeting from the remote situation of their members or otherwise should have a greater number of poor amongst them than they can well relieve that in such case such Monthly Meeting speedily apply to the Quarterly Meeting for assistance and should it so happen that the assistance called for be greater ~~than the~~ *the* Quarterly Meeting can judge right for them to supply that the occasion for further assistance be laid before the Yearly Meeting. And a prospect opened in the yearly Meeting and spreading with weight on the usefulness that may be hoped for from the appointment of a Committee to accompany our accounts down to the Quarterly Monthly and Preparative Meetings the following freinds are appointed to that service viz Henry Post

Joseph Dilleplain James Mott Elias Hicks Joseph Lancaster Isaac Legget Tripp Mosher William Mitchell and Gedeon Seaman and if the Committee should request an adjournment of any of our inferior Meetings they are directed to adjourn accordingly and the proposal from Ninepartners quarter for a division of that Quarterly Meeting or an arrangement of Meeting being taken into view is referd to the foregoing Committee. And the extracts expresses that there will be occasion for a sum of money to be raised that the Meeting for sufferings may be enabled to answer the purposes directed to be raised as speedily as may be and paid to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer and this Meeting request our Monthly Meetings to open subscriptions to raise money for that purpose and pay it as directed and report seasonable to inform next Yearly Meeting. It appears in the accounts from Easthoosuck that their last subscription on the building Saratoga Meeting house is not compliated that meeting is desidrd to compleat it pay the money to the Treasurer and inform next Meeting. It is concluded by the Yearly Meeting that particular and distinct answers to the queries be brought up and that the third query be altered to stand thus, Are freinds clear of backbiting talebaring and spreading evil reports and that the words military services in the Womens 9th query be left out and all the queries be read and answered as usual

Extracted from Quarterly Meeting Minutes by John Hoag Clerk. It appears by the extracts that the Yearly Meeting has directed several minutes to be added to both our books of ~~of~~ disciplina This Meeting appoints Isaac Upton and John Upton to make the several additions to our books and the alteration in in the queries and report to next Meeting. It also appears by the accounts from the Quarterly Meeting that the yearly Meeting has directed £600 to be raised and said Quarterly Meeting has directed the Monthly Meetings to open

subscriptions for that purpose this Meeting directs our Prepara-
 tive Meeting to open subscription for that purpose and report
 when completed. The Clerk reports the information respecting
 Mariah Gifford is forwarded to Sandwich Monthly Meeting. The
 Committee appointed respecting the school house the east side
 of the river report that they have attended to the appointment
 so far as to take a deed for said house and appoints David Lapham
 Caleb Brown and Daniel Allen to take the further necessary care
 securing of it to this Meeting and report in twelvth month
 next how far they have proceeded. The Committee in the case
 of John Killey report that they have made him another visit
 and signified according to their sense that he manifested but
 very little religious concern for his own welfare this Meeting
 after a deliberate consideration thereon thinks best to continue
 the same Committee to that service and report to next Meeting.
 The Committee appointed to join the Women in a visit to Deborah
 Parris report a solid opportunity with her and signefyed
 according to their sense there appeared in her in some degree a
 concern to do well. This Meeting considering the matter con-
 tinue the same Committee to that service and they to report to
 next Meeting. Recieved a request from the few Freinds at
 Tyringham signefying that they have a desire to have a Meeting
 granted to be held there once a week which this Meeting taking
 under consideration gives liberty for them to hold a Meeting
 for six months upon the first day of the week to meet at the
 house of Amos Carpenter ^{and} ~~and appoints~~ at the 11th hour ^{and} appoints
 Benjamin Briggs Adam Hearnkness Amos Carpenter David Comstock
 John Upton Caleb Brown John Wells Samuel Wells and Robert Nisbit
 to sit with them from time to time and report at the expiration
 of said time their satisfaction therein. An information was
 handed to this from the Preparative Meetings signefying that
 Stephen Earl for want of taking heed to the principle of truth

hath committed the sin of fornication according to his own confession which this Meeting taking under consideration appoints Adam Harkness Zacheus Hathaway and Stephen Hoxie to visit him on that account and report their sense of the state of his mind to next Meeting. Received a certificate of removal from the Monthly Meeting at Uxbridge bearing date 27th of 7th mo. 1792 for Nathan Harkness Junior which being read is accepted. This Meeting is informed by one of the Trustees who were appointed to build a school house in this place that advising with Friends thought best to inform this Meeting that there is an house and acre of land that may be purchased that would answer for a school room as also for a teacher to live in which proposal this Meeting concurs with and appoints Ebenezer Allen John Wells and Benjamin Briggs and Daniel Allen to purchase said house and land if it may be reasonably had and report their proceeding with the price to next Meeting. This Meeting refers the reading of the epistles and distributing them to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck 11th of 10th mo. 1792. Representatives present. The Clerk being absent Daniel Allen is appointed clerk for the day. The general epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London for the year 1791 was read in this Meeting to our comfort and satisfaction Robert Nisbit is appointed to read one of the copies thereof at the close of a first day meeting at this house and report to next Meeting. The Preparative Meeting proposes a nomination of Amos Carpenter and Stephen Hoxie for overseers the ensuing year which being solidly considered and meeting the approbation of this Meeting they are appointed accordingly. The other friend Benjamin Briggs

manifesting an uneasiness with being appointed to the station of an overseer as recommended by the Preparative Meeting the Meeting thinks best to drop his name. One of the freind appointed to make the additions to our discipline and alterations in the queries report the appointment answered. The Committee in the case of John Killey report that they have attended to the matter and have not discovered anything in substance different from what they reported at last meeting and the subject being solidly considered the meeting concluded there was a prospect of usefulness in further labor with the offender and said Committee with the addition of Caleb Brown and Elihu Anthony are requested to attend closely to the subject as truth may direct and report to next Meeting. The Committee in the case of Deborah Parris having reported and the subject being spread in the Meeting it is concluded that the matter is not ripe for discussion at present the matter is therefore referd till next Meeting under the care of the same committee with the addition of Amos Carpenter and then for them to report. The Women Meeting inform us that they have labored with Deborah Aldrich on account of her departure from plainness and neglecting the attendance of Meeting; as also removing to a great ~~great~~ distance from us and from under freinds care after being cautioned and that they fell easy to disown her with our concurence which this meeting unites with and appoints Isaac Killey and Ebenezer Allen to assist the women in drawing a a testification against her and being the same to next Meeting for approbation. The Committee in the case of Stephen Earl report that according to their sense his mind is unsettled and unable to do anything for the clearing of truth and this report being united with Caleb Braley and Samuel Wells are appointed to inform him that the Meeting has come to conclusion to disown him draught an essay of a denial and bring it to

next Meeting. The Committee in the case of Abraham Lapham report an opportunity with him and his case being considered it is thought best to refer the same to next Meeting under the care of the Committee with the addition of Ebenezer Allen and Samuel Wells and they to report to next Meeting. Isaac Killey returned his copy of a minute granted him in 8th mo. last. The Committee appointed to purchase a house for a school house and acre of land report but it appears their appointment is not fully answered they are directed to attend thereto and report to next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 8th of 11th mo. 1792. The queries were read in this Meeting and the answers thereto that came up from the preparative Meeting are as follows viz.

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended by the most of friends though some deficiencies are apparent and care taken. The hour nearly observed. Not all clear of sleeping in Meetings and some advice given as to other indecent behaviour generally clear.

2nd. Love and unity is maintained amongst us in some good degree as becomes brethren. No differences known to arise.

3rd. We know of none designedly guilty of backbiting talebearing and spreading evil reports though we believe an increase of care in these respects would be usefull.

4th. We believe some friends are carefull to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and apparell and are in the practice of frequent reading the holy Scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world but weaknesses are apparent and some are concerned to labor for an amendment.

5th. We know of no breach of this query except one instance of going to a place of diversion which is under care.

6th. The necessities of the poor have been inspected and care taken to relieve and assist them as far as appeared necessary as also on account of their childrens learning. No freinds children placed from amongst freinds.

7th. Clear for ought that appears.

8th. Clear as far as we know.

9th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears unless purchasing foreign goods on which there are heavy duties laid to defray the expences of military services be a breach.

10th. Most of freinds have wills by them and where negligences has been discovered advice has been given. No misapplication of publick gifts or legacies.

(No 11th in original)

12th. We beleive freinds are in a good degree carefull in these respects.

13th. Some removed fromus as heretofore noted but none come without Certificates.

14th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline.

The freind that was appointed to read one of the copies of the London Epistle report the appointment answered. The womens Meeting inform this that Lydia Sharmans has been found guilty of the sin of fornication and that they have taken the necessary care to inspect into the matter and have come to a conclusion to disown her if this meeting concur therewith which this Meeting taking into consideration appoints David Anthony and John Upton to assist the womens freinds in drawing an essay of a denial and produce it at next Meeting. The Committee appointed

in the case of Deborah Parris report that they have not been un-
mindfull of the appointment but way has not opened to make her
a visit since last meeting. This Meeting continues the same
committee to that service and report to next Meeting. The
Committee who were appointed in the case of John Killey report
as followeth viz Agreeable to appointment we have visited John
Killey in company with several freinds who were desireous to join
us therein and had a solid oppertunity with him wherein we not
only labored with him on account of his being concerned in a lottery
but in a particular manner on account of his disobedience to his
parents and although he discovered some tenderness at that time
yet it doth not appear our labors have had the desired effect -
And this meeting after solidly-considering the subject appoints
Isaac Upton and Daniel Allen to inform him that the meeting
has come to a conclusion to disown him draught an essay of a
denial and product it at next meeting. The Committee in the
case of Abraham Lapham inform that they have had a solid oppertunity
with him but their report appears not explicit they are continued
to report at next meeting. The Committee appointed respecting
purchasing a school house in this place report that they have not
as yet been able to fully accomplish the service they are continued
and to report to next Meeting. A paper of acknowledgement was
handed to this meeting signed by Samuel Wing condemning his mis-
conduct in being concerned in a lottery which being several times
read and considered is accepted and appoints Caleb Macomber
to read the same at the close of a first day Meeting and report
to next Meeting. This Meeting appoints Robert Nisbit David
Anthony Samuel Wells Benjamin Briggs and Amos Carpenter to attend
the service of our next Quarterly Meeting and carry up to that
and bring down to this all matters that concern this Meeting and

and report to our next Meeting. The Committee appointed to assist the women in draughting an essay of a denial against Deborah Aldrich produced onewhich being several times read is approved of after some small alteration made and signed and is as followeth viz From our Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck the 8th of 11th mo. 1792. Whereas Deborah Aldrich Daughter of Peter Aldrich having had a right of Membership by birth in our Society but by not taking heed to the principal of truth in her own heart which would have preserved and kept her in innocency but contrary thereto she hath given way to several disorderly practises such as departing from plainness and neglecting the attendance of Meetings for which she hath been labored with from time to time which hath not had the desired effect and she hath since removed to a great distance from freinds after being cautioned wherefore for the clearing of truth and our society from such disorderly practices we do hereby testefy against her said misconduct and disown her from being any longer a Member of our society untill she from a sense of her error shall make satisfaction to this Meeting signed in and by direction of said Meeting by John Upton
Hannah Comstock } Clerks.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Earl report the appointment answered and have produced an essay of a denial which being several times read is approved of and is as followeth. Whereas Stephen Earl in years past obtained a right of membership in our society by his requestyng freinds care but by not taking heed to the principle of truth in his own heart which would have preserved him from bringing sin on himself and reproach on the profession he made to the world but hath gone so far contrary to the manifestation thereof as to be guilty of the sin of fornication which appears by his own confession and he having been labored with has not

given satisfaction by evidence of sincere repentance therefore for the clearing of truth and our profession we testify against his said misconduct and do deny him any right of membership with us untill by sincere repentance and amendment of life he doth make satisfaction to this meeting the which that he may do is our sincere desire. Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck the 8th of 11th mo. 1792. By John Upton Clerk. Daniel Allen and Amos Carpenter are appointed to inform him that this Meeting has disowned him and of his right to an appeal hand him a copy of his denial and read the same at the close of a first day meeting and report to next Meeting. Our freind Hannah Lapham returned here copy of a minute which was granted her in 8th mo. last. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck 13th of 12th mo. 1792. The representatives present. The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and the extracts of that Meeting are produced and are as followeth. At a Quarterly Meeting held at Nine partners 14th and 15th of 11th mo. 1792. Received some lines from the Meeting for sufferings informing that a number of Isaac Collins edition of the bible subscribed for by that Meeting is now ready to be delivered and requests that information be handed down to the monthly Meetings and preparatives thereof that such freinds that are not supplied may by application to John Murrey be furnished therewith. No account from Easthoosuck Monthly Meeting respecting their raising money for the use of the Yearly Meeting it is requested to be compleated and paid as directed and report to next Quarter. Extracted from the minutes by John Hoag Clerk said extracts being read are referd to the Preparative Meeting.

Received an epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia for the year 1791 which was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction. The Committee appointed in the case of Lydia Sharmans report the appointment answered and the essay of a denial being several times read is approved of and signed and is as followeth.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Easthoosuck 13th of 11th mo. 1792. Whereas Lydia Shearman hath had a right of membership amongst but for want of taking heed to the diving principle of truth in her own heart which would have preserved her in innocency and simplicity but contrary thereto hath so far given way to the insinuations of the Enemy as to commit the scandalous sin of fornication and having been labored with therefor we have not been able to obtain satisfaction by evidence of sincere repentance. Therefore for the clearing of truth and Friends from the reproach thereof we do testify against her said misconduct and disown her from being any longer a member of our religious society untill she is favored with sincere repentance and amendment of life which that it may be her happy case is our desire Signed in and by direction of the Meeting aforesaid by John Upton) Clerks
Hannah Comstock)

This meeting appoints Ebenezer Allen and Samuel Wells to read the same at the close of a first day meeting and report to next meeting. The committee in the case of Stephen Earl report the appointment answered. The Committee in the case of John Killey report the appointment answered and the essay of a denial being several times read after some alteration was approved of and signed by Benjamin Briggs and Caleb Macomber are appointed to inform of his denial and right to an appeal hand him a copy of his denial read the same at the close of a first day day meeting and report to next meeting. Whereas John Killey having had by birth a right of membership in our society but through

inattention to the reproofs of instruction in his own heart and in disobedience to his parents hath gone so far contrary to the rule of our Society as to be concerned in a lottery and our labors of love which have been extended to him have been without the desired effect therefore we deny any unity with him as a member of our society untill he by more circumspect walking manifest to this meeting repentance and amendment of life the which we desire he may be favored to do signed in and by direction of our Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck the 13th of 12th mo. 1792 by John Upton Clk.

The Committee appointed in the case of Abraham Lapham report several opportunities with him and signify according to their sense of the situation of his mind that he justifies himself in his proceedings. This Meeting after a solid deliberation thereon appoints Adam Harkness and John Upton to draught an essay of a denial and produce it at next meeting. The Committee appointed to purchase a school house in this place report the appointment answered and the price is £ 48 which is referred to the care of the Preparative Meeting. The Committee respecting the school house the east side of the river report that they have attended to the matter as far as then appeared necessary but the meeting in consideration thereof thinks best to refer the matter to next meeting for further care. A paper of acknowledgement was handed to this Meeting signed by Cleark Hoxies condemning his misconduct in inadvertently tarrying some time at a place of diversion which being read and considered is accepted. The freind appointed to read Samuel Wings acknowledgement report the appointment not answered by reason of not carefully attending to it in season he is continued to the service and report to next meeting. The Committee in the

case of Deborah Parris report as followeth viz We have had an opportunity with her in which we were concerned to be favored with aright discerning of her case and it is our sense there hath been some degree of concern which took in her mind but by some means or other its progress hath been hindered from producing that experience which fits for a member of our Society And the matter being weightily considered the report is united with and the matter is referd to the care of the womens Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East hoosuck 10th of 1st mo. 1793. The representatives present except one. The time being expired which the clerk was appointed for John Upton is appointed clerk for the day. The queries were read in this Meeting and the answers thereto that came up from the Preparative Meeting are as followeth viz

1st. We beleive that all our meetings for worship and discipline are attended generally by the most of freinds though some deficiency is apparent in this respect and some labor bestowed for an amendment. The hour ia general is pretty well observed. Not all clear of sleeping in meetings and some advice given as to other indecent behaviour mostly clear.

2nd. Love and unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren though a want of it appears in some and some labor bestowed Care is taken to end differences when any appear.

3d. Clear for ought that appears.

4th. Some freinds are concerned to support our testimony in these repects with exampleary dilligence but weakness and inattention are apparent to the exercise of some who are concerned to labor with their brethren for an amendment.

5th. We believe freinds are generally exampleary there respecting the forepart of this querey though a weakness has appeared and some labor bestowed.

6th. The necessities of the poor have been inspected and releif administred. Their children freely partake of learning. No freinds child placed from amongst freinds that we know of.

7th. Clear as far as appears except one instance of company keeping with one not of our society which is under care.

8th. Clear for ought that appears.

9th. Clear for ought that appears in the several branches of this query except the indirect way of answering publick demands by purchasing foreign goods on which there are duties laid.

10th. Most of freinds have wills by them.

11th. Clear as intended by the query and none of their youth amongst us.

12th. Freinds are generally carefull with respect to the performance of promises and payment of just debts and of launching into business beyond ability to manage.

13th. Some gone but none come without certificates and some care taken.

14th. Some care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline. The Committee in the case of Lydia Shearman report the appointment not answered by reason of forgetfullness they are continued to that service and to report to next Meeting. The Committee in the case of John Killey report the appointment answered. The Committee in the case of Abraham Lapham have produced an essay which being several times read and considered is concured with and signed and is as followeth. Whereas Abraham Lapham having been a member of our society and in religious fellowship with us but through unwatchfullness and inattention to the

leadings of truth his mind became ens~~ured~~ and beclouded by the ^{sur}feiting concerns of this life which opened the way for him to disregard the affectionate and tender advices and labor of his freinds who were earnestly engaged for his present and future welfare and to lay before him the dangers that ~~may~~ laid him which never theless proved ineffectual to prevent him from violating our Christian discipline in removing with his family out of the compass of our society and consequently in a manner disowning himself from the priviledge of membership with us and his case being weightily considered and it appearing that much labor has been extended to him since his removal by freinds with desires that he might be brought to a right sense of his misconduct and so be enabled to make satisfaction therefor but without the desired effect this ^(Meeting) therefore finds itself under a necessity to testefy against his said misconduct and disowns him from being any longer a member untill he is favored to see his mistake and honestly to condemn the same which that he may be favored to do is our sincere desire Signed on behalf and by direction of our monthly meeting of freinds held at Easthoosuck this 10th of 1st mo. 1793 by John Upton Clk.

Isaac Killey and John Upton are appointed to acquaint him of his priviledge of an appeal send him a copy of his denial and read the same at the close of a first day meeting and report to next meeting. The freind who was continued to read Samuel Wings acknowledgement report the appo^{intment} answered.

The matter being again taken under consideration respecting the school house the east side of the river it is thought best that the matter remain as it now stands for the present.

The Womens meeting inform that they have solidly considered the matter respecting Hannah Wells request and signefy that they fell

easy to receive her a member if this meeting concur therewith after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting unites therewith and accepts her a member of our Society.

Received a minute from the Preparative Meeting signefying that Adam Harkness was by ^(that Meeting) nominated to the station of an Overseer after a deliberation this meeting appoints him to that service untill 10th mo. next. This meeting has raised the sum of 4-12-8 for the use of the Yearly Meeting. Received an acknowledgement from Nathan Harkness condemning his misconduct in keeping company with one not a member of our society which being read and considered is accepted. This Meeting appoints Caleb Brown Elihu Anthony Isaac Upton Amaziah Allen to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting with the business from this as also from that Meeting and report to next meeting. Then adjourned to 3d 5th day in next month on account of our Quarterly Meeting being the same week our Monthly Meeting is usually held.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 21 of 2 mo. 1793 This Meeting appoints John Upton Clerk for the ensuing year. The representatives appointed to attend the service of our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts of said Meeting the other who did not attend gave a reason therefor which this Meeting accepts of. The extracts are as followeth which is directed to the care of the preparative Meeting.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 13 of 2nd mo. 1793. Our Monthly Meetings informs ^{er} this several sums of money raised for the purpose directed by the Yearly Meeting which being so small brought an exercise on the Meeting with desired that our Monthly Meetings would reconsider it and extend their liberallity in raising

an additional sum and report to next Meeting. It appears by the accounts that £ 83-13-3 is not raised on the estimated sum on Building Saratoga meeting house our Monthly Meetings are requested to proceed in raising the remaining sum as soon as may be. Extracts from the Minutes by John Hoag Clerk.

The Committee appointed to read Lydia Shearmans denial report the appointment is answered. The Committee appointed in the case of Abraham Lapham report the appointment answered. Recieved a minute from the Preparative meeting signifying that Humphrey Anthony proposes laying his intention of marriage with Hannah Lapham Junr before this Meeting. Humphrey Anthony and Hannah Lapham appeared at this Meeting and offered proposal of Marriage with each other they having consent of parents. Benjamin Briggs and Isaac Killey are appointed to inspect into the young mans clearness from others respecting marriage and report at next Meeting where they are desired to come for an answer. Jonathan Jewell handed to this Meeting a paper of acknowledgment condemning his misconduct for associating with a company and drinking spirits with them and also combining with said company and making a frolic of eating and conversing together. Which being read and solidly considered this Meeting appoints John Upton, Samuel Wells, Caleb Brown and Benjamin Briggs to inspect into the matter as far as appears necessary and report to next Meeting their sense of the state of his mind. This Meeting taking into consideration the necessity of some Friends having the care^r of this Meetings School Houses it was unitedly concluded to refer the care of said Houses and Lots to our Preparative Meetings school committee and they to report to said Meeting when called upon thereby and our Preparative Meeting is requested to forward this information to the School Committee. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time next mo.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Hoosuck 14th of 3rd mo. 1793. The representatives are present. One of the friends appointed to make inspection into Humphrey Anthony's clearness respecting marriage report that by inspection it doth not appear but that the way is clear. Humphrey Anthony and Hannah Lapham appeared at this Meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other as the way appears clear they are left at Liberty to accomplish their marriage between this and next Meeting observing the good order of Friends therein; Ebenezer Allen and Isaac Upton are appointed to see if the marriage is decently accomplished and report at next meeting producing their marriage certificate. Three of the Committee in the case of Jonathan Jewel report that they have had an opportunity with him and made some inspection as directed but are not ready to make a full report. They are continued and to report at next meeting. The Committee except three who were appointed to visit the Meeting at Tyringham report that they have visited it from time to time to a (good some) degree of satisfaction and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration gives liberty for them to hold a Meeting as heretofore for one month and appoints John Upton Adam Harkness Amos Carpenter and Elihu Anthony a Committee to set with them and report their sense thereon to next meeting. The Womens Meeting informs that they have solidly considered the matter respecting Sarah Tygates requesting to come under the care of Friends and signify that they feel easy to receive her after having our concurrence and this Meeting after a deliberate consideration accepts her a Member of our Society. The Preparative Meeting directed a minute to this signifying that Jeremiah Smith has removed himself and family out of the compass of our Society altho much labour has seasonably been bestowed. This Meeting after a deliberate consideration appoints

Daniel Allen and Elihu Anthony to prepare a testification and produce it at next meeting. By a minute from the Preparative Meeting it appears that Nathan Harkness proposes laying his intention of marriage with Ruth Killey at this Meeting they having consent of parents. Nathan Harkness and Ruth Killey appeared at this Meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other Samuel Wells and Amos Carpenter are appointed to make inspection into the young mans clearness from others respecting marriage and report at next meeting where they are desired to come for an answer. Recieved a minute from the Preparative Meeting signifying that Levi Smith has through inattention to the dictates of truth so far deviated from the Rules of our Christian discipline as to attend at a place of diversion and also joined a company and fell upon a young man on the high way and abused him in a very unbecoming manner he being laboured with therefor and as the young man appears to be gone from us this Meeting appoints Isaac Killey Caleb Brown and Adam Harkness to make inspection in what manner he went away and report to next meeting. This Meeting appoints Ebenezer Allen and John Wells to settle accounts with this meetings Treasurer and report at next meeting. The meeting then adjourned.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held East Hoosuck 11 of 4 mo. 1793. The representatives are present. The friends appointed to see if the marriage of Humphry Anthony and Hannah Lapham was decently accomplished report they did not discover but that the marriage was decently accomplished in some good degree altho some weakness appeared and care seasonably taken and the marriage certificate was produced. The Committee except one in the case of Jonathan Jewel report they have made inspection into the matter and signified they could not discover anything much different from what was

signified in his acknowledgment and according to their sense he appeared in some good degree to manifest sincerity of mind and this meeting after a deliberation thereon continues the same Committee and they to report at next Meeting what further satisfaction they receive. The Friends appointed to visit the Meeting at Tyringham report the Meeting has not been visited but by one of the Committee and he signified he did not discover according to his sense anything different from what the Committee reported at last meeting. Received a few lines from the few Friends at Tyringham requesting a longer continuance of their Meeting if this Meeting could write therewith which after a deliberate consideration this Meeting gives liberty for them to meet as heretofore for nine months and appoints Adam Harkness Benjamin Briggs Enos Curtiss, Caleb Machelor Daniel Allen and John Upton, to set with them and they to report once in three months what satisfaction they receive. The Friends appointed to make inspection into Nathan Harkness's clearness from others respecting marriage report by inspection they did not discover but that the way appeared clear. Nathan Harkness and Ruth Killey appeared and renewed their proposals of Marriage with each other this meeting leaves them at liberty to accomplish their marriage between this and next meeting observing the good order established amongst us Benjamin Briggs, and Samuel Wells are appointed to see if the marriage is decently accomplished and report to next meeting producing their marriage certificate. The Friends appointed to draft a denial against Jeremiah Smiths misconduct produced one which being read and considered is approved of and signed and which is as followeth p 260 appoints Daniel Allen to read the same at the close of a first day meeting and report at next meeting. The Committee appointed to inspect into the matter respecting Levi Smith report that it appears that he went away by

the direction of his father namely Stephen Smith and this Meeting after considering the matter continues the same Committee to write to the young man informing him the sense of this Meeting respecting his care and report at next Meeting; the other part of the report is left to the consideration of next meeting. This Meeting continues the same committee who were appointed to settle accounts with this meetings Treasurer and report at next meeting. As it appears that the time the Committee who were appointed to the care of burials is expired this Meeting appoints Ebenezer Allen, John Upton, David Anthony, Amaziah Allen and Benjamin Briggs for the ensuing year to attend the same and they to report at the expiration of said time how they have been conducted as also the care of the burial ground. The Meeting then adjourned.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck ye 9 of 5 mo. 1798³. The representatives are present. The queries read and the answers thereto are as followeth.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by the most of Friends though some slackness has been discovered herein; The hour nearly observed; Not quite clear of sleeping in meetings and other indecent behaviour and care taken; in each defiecencey.

Ans the 2nd. Some friends are concerned to maintain love and unity in a good degree as becomes brethren though deficences are apparent and some care taken; and care istaken to end differences when any appear.

Ans the 3rd. Not so clear in the several branches of this query as is desired and some care taken.

Ans the 4th. Some are concerned to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speach behaviour and are in the practice of frequent reading the Moly Scriptures and do guard

against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world; but weakness in these respects is apparent in others; and some care taken.

the 5th. Clear in the several branches of this query for ought that appears except marriages; and care taken.

the 6th. The necessities of the poor have been inspected; and relief administered; their children freely partake of learning no friends child placed from amongst friends except one instance under care.

the 7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

the 8th. Clear for ought that appears.

the 9. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears except purchasing imported goods on which there are duties laid to defray military charges be a breach.

the 10th. Most of Friends have wills by them we know of no misapplication of publick gifts or legacies.

the 11th. Clear of negroes as slaves except purchasing the produce of their labours and none of their youth amongst us.

the 12th. No breach of this query come to our knowledge.

the 13th. None come but several gone without certificate as before noted.

the 14th. Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness and a willingness to discipline.

The Committee in the case of Jonathan Jewel report an opportunity with him and they signified according to their sense he manifested rather a declension of concern towards making satisfaction for his misconduct and this Meeting after soledly considering the subject thinks proper to continue the same Committee for further labour and they to report at next Meeting. The Committee appointed to see if the marriage of Nathan Harkness and Ruth Killey desently accomplished reported which brought an exercise on the meeting and after consider-

ing the matter it is thought best to refer the report to the consideration of next meeting. The Friend appointed to read Jeremiah Smiths denial report the appointment answered. The Committee appointed to wright to Levi Smith in order to communicate to him the sense of this meeting report that they have attended to the subject and prepared a letter but no sutable conveyance has offered they are continued and report at next Meeting. The Matter respecting Stephen Smiths sending his son a grate distance from us without the advice of friends is again taken under consideration and this meeting weighing the matter appoints Zacheus Hatherway Caleb Brown and Daniel Allen to visit him on that account and report what satisfaction they recive at next Meeting. The Committee appointed to settle accounts with this Meetings Treasurrer report that they have found a ballance of one pounds seven shillings & ten pence due to this meeting. This Meeting continues Isaac Upton Treasurrer for this Meeting for the ensuing year. The time being expired for which the oversears of the poor were appointed, Adam Harkenss, Ebenezer Allen Daniel Allen and David Lapham are appointed to that service for the ensuing year. The answers to the four annueal queries the 1st. No minister nor elder deseast since last year no memorial preserved conserning any other friend.

the 2nd. No new meeting house built nor any new meeting settled since last year.

the 3rd. Several joined us in membership by convincement since last year.

the 4th. We believe they are.

We may inform that there has been sevezal schools taught since last year under the care and direction of this meeting but progress has been small with respect to establishing schools agreeable to the Yearly Meetings direction.

This Meeting apoints Adam Harkness John Upton and Caleb Macomber to attend the service of our next Quarterly Meeting with the care of the business from each meeting and report at next Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

From our Monthly Meeting of freinds held at East hoosuck 11th of 4th mo. 1793. "Whereas Jeremiah Smith hath had a right of membership amongst us but for want of attending to the leadings of truth in his conscience would have preserved him in innocency and from trampling upon the good order established amongst but contrary thereunto hath given way unto a worldly spirit which hath led him to disregard the tender advice of his freinds which hath from time to time been bestowed upon him in regard to his removing to a great distance from us and from under the care of freinds which not withstanding he hath done contrary to the good order aforementioned. And this Meeting after a solid deliberation upon the matter finds itself under a necessity to testefy against his misconduct and disowns him from any further right of membership amongst us untill he from a sense of his error doth make satisfaction to this Meeting which that he may do is our desire signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting by John Upton Clk.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck the 13th of 6th mo. 1793. Representatives present. The representatives appointed to attend the service of last Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the business which is as followeth viz., At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 15th 5th mo. 1793 it appears by the reports in the accounts from our Monthly Meetings that the sums of ~~of~~ Money they have raised on the expence of building the Meeting house at Saratoga is short of compleating the estimated sum 436-12-9 yet remains to be raised therefore directs the Monthly Meeting

to be expeditious in raising the said remaining sum pay it as directed and report. Extracted from the minutes John Hoag Clk. Directed to the care of the Preparative Meeting. Three of the Committee appointed in the case of Jonathan Jewell report that they have had an opportunity to some good degree of satisfaction and according to their sense there appeared a degree of sincerity in condemning his misconduct and this Meeting after considering the matter continues the same Committee for further labor and report to next Meeting. The Matter referd from last Meeting respecting the report of the Committee appointed to see into the conducting of the marriage of Nathan Harkness and Ruth Killey was again taken under consideration and after weighing the subject the report is accepted and is as followeth. We the Committee appointed to see if the marriage of Nathan Harkness and Ruth Killey was decently accomplished according as discipline directs have to inform that it is our sense that the decent and comely order which truth leads into in such solemn undertakings was not observed in most of the several branches of that marriage which we believe our discipline calls for and some advice was given ^{it} when appeared necessary.

Benjamin Briggs.
Samuel Wells

~~and~~

And Adam Harkness David Lapham Eños Curtis Caleb Brown Amos Carpenter John Upton and Elihu Anthony are appointed to make inspection into the whole matter and report to next Meeting.

The Committee continued to forward an information to Levi Smith report the appointment answd. The Committee appointed to labor with Stephen Smith report an opportunity with him and they signefy they dont find him in any degree sensible of his misconduct in sending his son away from freinds which report brought an exercise over the Meeting that he should be so insensible of the good order established amongst us and adesire being witnessed that he may be brought to a true sense thereof thinks best to continue the same

comittee with the addition of Adam Harkness and Benjamin Briggs for further labor and report to next Meeting. The matter respecting Levi Smith is referdauntill 12th mo next unless something should appear from him before that time in order he may have an opportunity to communicate his mind to freinds. The Meeting then adjourned.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Easthoosuck 11th of 7th mo. 1793. The representatives called and neither of them present and a reason given for the absence of one. The case of Jonathan Jewell was again attended to in this Meeting but as a part of the committee have had no opportunity with ^(him) since last last Meeting the Committee are requested to attend more closely to the subject and report to our next Meeting. The freinds appointed to make inspection into the matter contained in the report of the Committee appointed to have the oversight of Nathan Harkness and Ruth Killeys marriage reported that in weighing and considering the subject they have not found much difference from what was expressed in the report of the first Committee and the consideration of the matter being again resumed and a paper of acknowledgement recived from Isaac Killey which after being solidly attended to is accepted and is as followeth below. This Meeting also recieved and accepted the following lines signed by Nathan Harkness. To the Monthly Meeting of freinds at Easthoosuck 12th 7th mo. 1793. Dear freinds I have gone contrary to the good order of freinds in my marriage which I am sorry for desiring^e that freinds may pass it by and I hope that I may be more carefull in future, Nathan Harkness.

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at East hoosuck 11th of 7th mo. 1793. Respected freinds These lines are to inform the sense of my mind respecting my giving way and consenting to an unnecessary

entertainment and invitation at the time of my daughters Ruths marriage all which I see to be amiss and am sorry for and do condemm the same hoping to be more carefull in future desiring that my freinds will pass by my weakness and still continue your watchfull care over me these from your freind Isaac Killey.

The Committee appointed in the case of Stephen Smith report an oppertunity with him to some degree of satisfaction whereupon the Committee is continued and to report to next Meeting. This Meeting received a paper of acknowledgement signed by Stephen Earl confessing and condemning his misconduct for which he was disowned by this Meeting and the consideration thereof resulted in appointing Benjn Briggs and Amos Carpenter to inspect into the sincerity of what he has offered and report their sense of the state of his mind to next Meeting. The Committee appointed on account of Tyringham Meeting are directed to report to next meeting. Isaac Killey informed this meeting that he hath a desire of a few lines on account of marriage directed to Swansey M Monthly Meeting. Ebenezer Allen and Samuel Wells are appointed to make the necessary inspection into the freinds clearness prepare a certificate if the way be clear and report to next Meeting. Our freind Robert Nisbit communicated a prospect of a Religious visit principally to the people in the county of Otsego and thereabouts which being solidly attended to Adam Hearnkness Samuel Wells and David Anthony to give the necessary attention to the subject prepare a certificate if the way be clear and report to next meeting. Then adjourned.

At a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck 10th of 8th mo. 1793. Representatives present. The queries were read in this meeting and the answers thereto are as followeth.

1st. We beleive our Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by the most of freinds though some slackness is observed

herein and some care taken. The hour nearly observed. Not clear of sleeping in meetings and some advice given. Generally clear of other indecent behaviour and some care taken.

2d. It doth not appear but that love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes brethren in a good degree. Where differences have arose care has been taken to end them.

3d. No breach of this query come to our knowledge.

4th. A concern and exercise is witnessed by some freinds to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness agreeable to this query and are in the practise of reading the Holy Scriptures as also to avoid the reading of pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world but weakness with respect to plainness is obvious and some labor bestowed.

5th. Clear for ought that appears.

6th. Some care has been taken to inspect the necessities of the poor and releif has been afforded. Their children freely partake of learning. No freinds child placed from amongst freinds except one instance and care taken.

7th. Clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears.

8th. We know of no breach of this query.

9th. Clear for ought that appears in the several branches of this query except purchasing foreign goods on which there are duties to answer war expences.

10th. Most of freinds have wills by them. No misaplication of publick gifts and legacies.

11th. None concerned in negroes as slaves and none of their youth amongst us.

12th. Clear for ought that appears.

13th. Some gone as before noted but none come without certificates.

14th. Care is taken in a good degree to deal with offenders

in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

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