

Records of **Dartmouth** Monthly
Meeting Commencing 7 m^o 1803. ~~

7 m^o 18th
1803
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At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 18th of 7 m^o 1803. the representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Edward Slead [Slade] & Abner Potter** North **Thomas Mott 2^d & Ebenezer Chase** all Present. **W^m Anthony** reported that the Copy of a minute that was made upon **Jos eph Estes** acknowledgement has been read as directed.

Copy J
Estes ack^t
read

Repres
attended
Quartry
m.
The representatives appointed to attended the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended;

The Com^{ee} in the case of **Stephen Howland** reported that they had another opportunity with him and have nothing different to report then what they reported last month & the s^d **Stephen** presented an acknowledgement to this meeting Condemning his outgoings and desiring to remain among friends which ^{is} with the Concurrence of the women excepted for Satisfaction and **Abner Potter** is appointed to inform him thereof & read S^d acknowledgement Puplickly in our usual maner & report next m^o s^d acknowledged is as follows

S. How
land
Rec^d

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1803
7 m^o
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To the monthly meeting of **Dartmouth** to be held the 18th of 7 m^o 1803

Whereas I in times past I so far departed from the good order of friends as to per take too much of Spirituous Liquors and also whipted one of **Luthun Kirbys** Children all all [sic] which misconduct I am sorry for & do condemn the same hoping I may be more care full in time to come desiring friends may pass it by and let me remain under their care this from your well wishing friend

S H
ackn^o

Stephen Howland

The Com^{ee} in the case of **Daniel Howland** inform that they have nothing different to report then what they reported last month which was that they received good Satisfaction whereupon this meeting does with the concurrence

D How
land
ackn^o
excepted

of the women except his paper of acknowledgment for satisfaction, **Samuel Gifford** is appointed to inform him thereof report next month

*S Bark
-er
testimony
read
Benj All^m
not inform
med D.C*

W^m Anthony reported that **Samuel Barker^s** testimony of denial has been read One of the Committee informed that **Benjamin Allen** has not been informed of his denial, they are continued in that case & report next month

*P H.
rem^l
Certⁱ*

Pardon Howland request a removal Certificate to **N Bedford [New Bedford]** month m. **Jonathan Wilbour [Wilbur]** & **W^m Anthony** is appointed to make the necessary inspection & produce

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*1803
7 m^o
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one at our next month m. if no obstruction appears The business that came before this meeting being accomplished we conclude

James Tucker Clerk

15th of 8m

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 15th of 8 month 1803. The representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Resolved Howland & Samuel Gifford** north **Samuel Slead [Slade]** & **Gedeon Gifford** all present

*Espistles
rece^d*

We received four **London** General Epistles with a Transcript of a corresponding Epistle from **London** which were read to our Comfort & Edification

*Queries
altered*

Likewise Transcripts from our last yearly meeting & Quarterly meeting by which it appears that the first Second & ~~Eigng~~ Eigeth queries are altered **Zepheniah Buffinton & James Tucker** is desired to insert the alteration in all our Books of disciplines & report next month;

*yearly m.
stock*

It appears that our proportion of the yearly meeting stock is \$31^{''}50 Cents. ~ ~

*S H
ackn^o
read*

Abner Potter reported that he informed **Stephen Howland** of his reception & read his acknowledgment as directed

*D H inf^m
reception*

Samuel Gifford reported that **Daniel Howland** is informed of his reception

*B Allen
testam^y
and ackmts*

The Committee in the Case of **Benj Allen** report that they informed him of his

1803
8 m^o
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Denial & produced a Testamony thereof
which is approved & Signed by the Clerk
& **Abner Potter** is appointed to read it
Publicly in our usual manner & report
next month.

P H.
Certif^c
The Friends appointed produc
ed a ^{removel} Certificate for **Pardon Howland**
Directed to **NB [New Bedford]** monthly meeting which
was Signed by the Clerk

Excep^t
Ry^t
Cer
W^m Wood
family
Received & excepted a removal
Certificate from the m^o m. of friends at
Newport Dated 27th of 1 m^o 1803 on behalf
of **W^m Wood & Wife** with their two Chi
ldren **John & Hannah**

Comp^{lt}
ag Alden
Barker
A Complaint was presented
through the South preparitative meeting
respecting **Alden Barker** informing
that he has attened a place of musick
& dancing & also a place where was popet
shoes the overseers having Laboured with
him, but he did not appear in a dispositi
on of mind to condemn his misconduct

Whereupon we appoint **Zepheniah Buf
finton & Stephen Gifford** to labour further
with him, endeavoring to convince him
of the Evil of such conduct & report next
m.

J Tucker
req^t
assistance
Joseph Tucker as Guardienn
requests the assistance of friends in disposing
of **Jonathan Slocums** property whereupon
we appoint **Jonathan Wilbour Gedeon H.**

1803
8 m^o
rec^d req
from
C Giffo^d
of Cambr
idge
W^m Anthony & Caleb Slocum to ^{advise &} assist
in that matter
We received a request from **Caleb
Gifford** of **Cambridge** which is defered to
next m.

Comt^{ee}
app^t
Paint
Roof of
house if
think
Best
This meeting having taken into Cons
ideration of Painting the Roof of this house & do
Conclude to do the Same if an inspection the
Committee think it best. whereupon we appoint
**Luthun Wood Caleb Slocum George Smith 2^d
Gedeon Howland Zepheniah Buffinton [&] Humphry
Russell** to have the care & inspection thereof, &
present the expence to this meeting when accom
plished – Signed in behalf of S^d mee^s By
James Tucker Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in

9 m^o **Dartmouth** the 19th of 9 m^o 1803 The representa
-tives from the South preparatives meeting are
Abner Potter & Zepheniah Buffinton North
W^m Tripp & Abraham Tucker all Present.

The queries were read in this meeting
& answers to the usual Three prepared in
^which we have endeavored to Convey the State of our
meeting & are directed to be forwarded to the
Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who
reprs^{vs} are **Luthun Wood Joseph Wing & James Tuck^{er}**
Q. mee^g [three lines of text crossed out]
appoin

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1803 We have to inform that this meeting has rec^d
9 m^o Extracts from our last yearly meeting togat
~~ -her with four General Epistles from **London**
also a corresponding Epistle, which were read
to our Comfort & Edification.

The representatives are desired to report
their attendance at our next m^o m.

& the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy
of the above minite to S^d meeting

*B All
ins
Denial
not read*
The friend appointed to read the testa
mony of **Benj^a Allens** denial inform it has not
been read by reason of some impediments in
the drawft wherefore we appoint **W^m Anthony
& Abner Potter** to join the former Committee &
produce as a new drafft at our next meeting

*Com^{ee}
rep^t
A. Bar
ker*
The committee in the case of **Alden Bar
ker** report that they attended to their appointm
ent & that he appeared Ignorant of the nature of
his transgression; & it appearing to be the mind
of the meeting to defer S^d matter another m^o
it is accoring defered under their care they then
to report.

*req^t
C Giffo^d
wright to
m^o. m.
Cambr
idge -*
The request defered from last meeting
from **Caleb Gifford** of **Cambridge** being come
before this meeting we appoint **Luthun Wood
Abner Potter & Joseph Tucker** to prepare a few
lines directed to **Easton** m^o m. seting forth
what he was denied for, disiring them to ins
-pect his Sincerity & fitness to becom a member
& inform us accordingly -

An acknowledgement was presented Signed

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1803 by **Thomas Lapham** condemning his attending a place
where was popet shows with musick whereupon we

9 m^o appoint **Benj^a Smith & James Tucker** to inspect
T Lapham his Sincireity & report next month. ~~
Condem^d

acknole^d
rec^d page
18/

A Complaint was forwarded to this meet
ing respecting **Joshua Potter**, informing that he
has so far departed from the path of rectitude
& vertue as to fall into the reproachfull sin
of fornacation or adultry as appears by **Elizabeth**
Gifford,^s affirming before a magistrate to be with
Child by him: Whereupon we do for the clearing
& Child by him: Whereupon we do for the clearing
of Truth & friends from such reproachfull conduct
with the concurence of the women disown him the
Said **Joshua** from being any longer a member of our
Society untill he should [^]be favoured to see his outgo
ings return & Sencerely condemn the same. ~~

Compl
aint
J Potter
&
Denied

We appoint **W^m Anthony & Joseph Tucker** to
inform him thereof & Labour with him in the
ability afforded [^]them for his raccovery and prepare
a testamony of his denial ~~and~~ present next month

ackn^t
I. All
en of
Queens
bury
wrote
mee^s

An acknowledgement Signed by **Increase**
Allen of Queensbury Condemning his misconduct
& desiring to be reinstated into membership aga
in was presented to this meeting whereupon we
appoint **Zepheniah Buffinton & James Tuc**
ker to Wright a few lines directed to **Queensbury**
m^o. m. desiring them to inspect his sincerity
& fitness to bcome a member & inform us when
accomplished ~ **Jonathan Slocum** request a remov
el Certificate to **Easton** m^o. m. we appoint **Abn**
er Potter & Gedion Howland to make the necessary

J Slocum
req
Certifcete

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9 m^o
1803 inspection & produce one at our next monthly
meeting if on obstruction appears ----

Signed in behalf of s^d meeting By
James Tucker Clerk.

To the monthly meeting of friends to be
held in **Dartmouth** the 19th of 9 m^o. 1803
Esteemed Friends

T Lapha
m ackn^t

Whereas I inconsiderately
went to see the popets show where was mu
sick which I am sorry for do condemn
disiring disiring friends to pass by my mis
conduct hoping in futur to be more carefull
from your friend **Thomas Lapham**

17th of 10^{mo}

At a monthly meeting of friends
held in **Dartmouth** the 17th of 10 m^o. 1803.

The representatives from the South
Preparative m. are **Daniel Anthony & Giles
Smith North Ebenezer Chase & Thomas Mott**
all present

*A new
C Clerk* A new Choose of Clerks comming
before this meeting, whereupon **James Tucker**
is appointed Clerk for the year ensuing or until
another appointment and **Abner Potter** assis
tant

*repr^{es}
report
Q. m.* The representatives to the Quarterly
meeting report, that they all attended accord
ing to appointment

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17th of 10^{mo} The Committee appointed to prepare a ~~new~~
another testamony of **Benj^a Allens** Denial presents
a new draft which was approved and signed
by the Clerk and **W^m Anthony** is appointed
to read s^d tistamony publickly in our usual
manner & report next month

*Comtee
testamony
Benj A
Denial*

*Comtee
case A
Barker
inform* The Committee in the case of **Alden
Barker** inform that they have not had an appor
tunity with him altho they used Endiavours
for it, they are Continued in the care thereof
to report next m^o with the addition of **Abner
Potter**

*Friend
app^t
wright
Easton
C Giffor* The Friends appointed to prepare a few
lines directed to **Easton** m^o m. in Consiquence
of a request from **Caleb Gifford** presented them
which is approved & signed by the Clerk who
is desired to ^{forward} s^d letter to that meeting with a Co
py of his request

*Com^{ee}
report
T Laph
am
restored* The Committee in the case of **Thomas
Lapham** report, that they have had an oport
unity With him; and it appeared to them
that he will be more carefull in futer of atten
ding such a place of publick report, which
being considered by this meeting; With the
concurrence of the women, his acknowledgement
is accepted for satisfaction. ~~~

*Comee
informd
J Potter
Denial
testamy
rec^d pag 11* The friends appointed to inform **Josh
ua Potter** of his denial report that he is informed
thereof and produced a tistamony thereof which
was approved & signed by the Clerk who is appoin
ted

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to read s^d tistamony publickly in our usual

1803 manner report next m^o.
17 of 10 The Friends appointed to wright a
Com^{ee} few lines directed to **Queensbury** monthly m.
wright in Consiquence of an acknoledgment sired by
Qu^{ter} **Increase Allen** presented them which was
I Allen approved & signed by the Clerk who is desired
to forward them to that meeting with a copy
of his acknoledgement

The friends appointed to prepare
J S- a removal Certificate for **Jonathan Slocum**
rem^l & family presented one which was Sigⁿed
Certif by the Clerk direct^d to **Easton**
m^o meeting

We are informed through the
T Laph South preparitative meeting that **Thomas**
am **Lapham** preposes to €Publish his Intention of
P Int marriage with **Sarah Russell** at the m^o m.
ention they now having produced Consent of parents
meg. for that porpose

We are Likewise informed throu
J Eddy gh the north preparitative meeting that
Pub^h **Job Eddy** of **New Bedford** preposes to publish
Inten^t his intention of marriage of with **Mehitable**
marg **Tucker** ^{Jur} at the m^o meeting they having pro
duced Consent of parents

Thomas Lapham with **Sarah Russell**
& ap & **Job Eddy** with **Mehitable Tucker Jur**, app
peared eared in this meeting & declared their Inten
tions of takin each other in marriage seper
ately, which was noticed & they desired to

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wait untill next monthly meeting for
answers. **Humphry Russell & W^m Antho**
ny is appointed to inspect into **Thomas Lap**
ham^s clearness in respect to marriage & Con
versation & report next month ~~

Zephaniah Eddy returned a
Copy of a minite that was granted him
in the 4 m^o 1803. ~~

Zphiah
E returnd Signed in behalf of s^d meeting By
Copy m **James Tucker** Clerk

Whareas **Joshua Potter** having been in Re
ligious profession with us the people called Qua
kers, and under the care of this meeting but
by not taking heed to the dictates of truth in
Testamy the heart & giving way unto the Insinuation
J Potters of the Evil one ^{hath} fallen into the reproachfull sin
Denial of Adultry & fornacation with **Elizabeth Giff**
ord as appears by her engagement before a
magistrate of being with Child by him there

fore for the clearing of Truth & from the reproach of friends from sue^h
such unwarrantable conduct we are concerned to give
this forth as a publick testimony against him
hereby denying unity fwith him the s^d **Joshua
Potter** as a member with us untill he shall
be favoured with a sight & since of his s^d cond
uct & with sincere repentance condemn it to frie
nds Satisfaction which is our desire

Given forth & signed in & on behalf of our m^o
m. of friends held in **Dartmouth** 17th of 10 m^o 1803
By **James Tucker** Clerk

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1803
11 m^o
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At a Monthly meeting of friends held
in **Dartmouth** the 21st of 11 m^o 1803. The rep
resentatives from the South preparitative
meeting are **Joseph Eastes & Joseph Wing**
north **Samuel Slead & Benj^a Tucker** all
present.

The queries were read in this meeting
and Answers to the usual Three prepared in
which we have endeavoured to describe the state
of our meeting, and are directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives
who are **Humphrey Russell W^m Anthony**
and **George Smith 2nd**.

This meeting received transcripts of
Epistles from the yearly meeting of friends
held at **Phiidelp^hia & Newyork** which were
read in this meeting to our Comfort & Edific
ation.

We have directed our treasurer to for
ward \$31:50 Cents our porpotion of the yearly
m. Stock to the ^{Quarterly m.} Treasurer

The representatives are desired to repo^t
their attendance at our next meeting. ---
And the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy
of the above minite to s^d meeting. ---

*W^m A
B A
Den* **W^m Anthony** reported that the testamo
-ny of **Benj^a Allens** denial has been read
*A Bar
ker Con* The Com^{te} in the Case of **Alden Bar
ker** inform that they have been in a Labour
but are not ready to make a Conclusive rep^t
they are continued in care thereof to repo^t
next m^o.

*J Potter
Den^l read* The Clerk reported that the Testamony
of **Joshua Potters** denial has been read. -
Thomas Lapham and Sarah Russell

1803
T Laph
am
Clerk

The Committee to inspect into **Thomas Laphams** clearness in respect to marriage report that they find nothing to obstruct his proceeding therein -

Cer
N B^d
J E

We received a Certificate from **New-Bedford** monthly meeting dated 18 of 10 m^o 1803. Expressive of **Job Eddys** clearness to proceed in marriage with **Mehitable Tucker Thomas Lapham** with **Sarah Russell**

T L
&
Job E
app^{er}
ans^w

Also **Job Eddy** with **Mehitable Tucker** appeared in this meeting for answers and nothing appearing to obstruct each Couple from proceeding to take each other in marriage at some Sutable time before next monthly meeting advising with those friends that this meeting may appoint to see said marriages orderly Solemnized & Certificates forwarded for recording who are **Joseph Tucker & Humphrey Russell** to that of the first Couples & **Joseph Estes & James Tucker** that of the latter they to report at next m^o. m.

Comp
L Bow
dish

We are informed through the North preparitative meeting that **Luke Bowdish** has kept Company & married out of the order of Society, the overseers having visited him but he did not appear in a disposition to condemn his outgoings. where upon we appoint **Joseph Tucker & Zephaniah Eddy** to Labour further fwith him & report next m^o

A new Chorse of overseers is f difered to the early part of next m. --

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1803
11 m^o
Co^{tee}
to Col^r
Money

The Committee appointed in the 6 m^o 1802 to Collect money for this meeting use have Collected & paid to our treasurer \$176:10 c & s^d Committee is dismissed & we appoint **Resolved Howland George Smith 2^d Jonathan Wood Caleb Slocum Stephen Buffinton Jur Sam^l Slead & Jonathan Wilbour** to porpotion the Sum of \$200 & Collect the ^{Same} in our usual manner & report Quarterly

James Tucker C,erk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in

Dartmouth the 19th of 12 m^o 1803.

The Representatives from the south pre paritative meeting are **Samuel Gifford** and **Joseph Estes** north **Ebenezer Chase & Gidion Gifford** all present. ~

*overseer
app^t* The time being expired for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed, where upon we appoint **Abner Potter Caleb Slocum W^m Anthony Joseph Wing Ebenezer Chase** and **James Tucker** for that service the year insuing or until another appointment.

*the rep
Q M re^t* The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended.

*Case
A Bar
ker
Cont^{ed}* The Committee in the Case of **Alden Barker** inform they have not had an oppor tunity with him, altho they endeavoured it. they are continued in care thereof to report next month,

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*1803
12 m^o
C^{tee}
margs
report* The Committee appointed to oversee the Marriages of **Thomas Lapham** and **Job Eddy** report that they attended said marriages and did not discover but that they were orderly conducted, except **Joseph Estes** who ~~ensuse~~ rendered a satisfactory reason for his non atten dence and certificates were forwarded for recor ding

*Luke
B.
Denied* The Committee appointed to treat with **Luke Bowdish** report ^{^that they} Visited him but he did not appear in a dispoision of mind to make Satisfaction, Whereupon we do with the Concurrence of ^{^the} women disown him the s^d **Luke** from being any longer a member of our society unill he should be favoured to see his outgoing return and make Satisfaction to this meeting, – and **Ebinezer Chase** is app ointed to inform him thereof and report next month. ~~

*Co^{tee}
appt
inspect
renuing
Deed* This meeting is informed that it is necess ary that a Committee be appointed to inspect into the propreity of renewing the deed that holds the Lot of land & meeting ^{^house} at **Newtown** Where fore we appoint **Zepheniah Buffinton Thomas Mott 2^d & James Tucker** to make that inspect ion & report next month. ~ (was presented

*requis
Anlen* A request from friends in **Allens Neck** to hold meetings there in the usual manner untill the monthly m. in the 4 m^o. to be held one month at each of the following places to wit at **Peleg Slocums Samuel Giffords**

Neck **Thomas Howland, & Timothy Giffords**, which is Granted them and we appoint **Samuel**

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Gifford Thomas Allen Caleb Slocum

1803
12 m^o **Joseph Wing** to have care of s^d meetings & report in the 4 m^o meet,

request
Smith
Neck Also a Simelar request from friends in **Smiths Neck**; & to Begin at **W^m Antho nys** & was presented, which is granted therein and to be held under the inspection of the following Committee who are **Wm. Anthony George Smith Gedion Howland & Benj^a Smith**, they to report at the monthly m. in the 4 m^o next. --

overseers
Poor
appi^{nt} ~~The~~ A new Choice of overseers of the Poor coming before this meeting, we appoint **Giles Smith Stephen Gifford Humphrey Russell Samuel Gifford John Tucker & Gedion Gifford** for that Service the year insuing or untill another appointment **James Tucker** Clerke

1804
1 m^o At a Monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 16th of 1 m^o 1804. ~ the Representatives from the South preparit ative ^{^m} are **Caleb Shearman and Resolved Howland North Samuel Slead & Thomas Mott** all present. --

20 Copy
L Epis We Received 20 printed Copys of **London** Epistles which are to be distributed for the benefit f of friends one of which was read in this meeting to our Comfort & Edification

Com^{ee}
report
A
Barker Two of the Committee in the case of **Alden Barker** report that they have had an opportunity with him & they believe him not Enough engaged to be able rightly to

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Condemn his outgoings. Nevertheless it appearing to be the mind of this meeting to defer S^d matter another mo. it is accordingly -ly defered under the Com^{tee} care they then to report. ~~~

1804
1 m^o The freind appointed to inform **Luke Bowdish** of his denial report that he is informed thereof.
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*L Bowd*  
*ish infor*  
*Denial*

The Committee appointed to inspect into the propriety of renewing the Deed that holds the Lot of Land at **Newton** report, that they think it very Necessary that it be renewed & after it being liliberated upon, it is the mind of this meeting that the Committee be Continued to hav<sup>e</sup> the care of renewing the same as soon as may be; & report to this meeting when accomplished. ~

In Concurrences with the women we segned a removel Certificate for **Mehetable Eddy** directed to **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> meeting

Our Treasurer report that he forwarded our porpotion of the yearly meeting Stock to the Quarterly m. Teresurer according to appointment in the 11 m<sup>o</sup>. last  
**James Tucker** Clerk

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At a Monthly Meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> of 2 m<sup>o</sup> 1804

1804  
20<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>mo</sup>  
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The Representatives from the South Preparitative m. are **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** & **Joseph Wing** north **John Tucker** & **John Winslow** all present. ~~

The Committee in the Case of **Alden Barker** inform that they do not find any thing different to report from what they reported last month which was that they did not believe him enough engaged rightly to Con demn his outgoings. Whereupon we do wh the Concurrence of the Womens meeting disown him the s<sup>d</sup> **Alden Barker** from being any longer a Member of our Society untill he should be favioured to see his outgoings return & make Satisfaction to this meeting and **Joseph Estes** and **Zephaniah Buffinton** is appointed to inform him of his denial & right of an appeal & prepare a tistamony thereof and pro duce at our next meeting. ~

**Alden Barker**  
Denied  
& infor  
med

It appears by the minuts of the South preparitative meeting that **Daniel Anthony** request a removel Certificate for himself & family to **Saratoga** m<sup>o</sup> m. we appoint **Jonathan Wilbour** & **Giles Smith** to Join the Women in making the Necessary

**D Anthony**  
req<sup>t</sup>  
Cer<sup>t</sup>

inspection & produce one at our next m<sup>o</sup>  
m. if no obstructions appear ~

*Com<sup>tee</sup>  
app'd* This meeting thinks it necessary that  
a Com<sup>tee</sup> be appointed as a Standing  
Com<sup>tee</sup> for friends that are about to Dispose  
of their property and removing to apply too  
for advice & assistance we appoint

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**Joseph Tucker Humphrey Russell  
Caleb Slocum Gedeon Howland Thomas  
Mott & James Tucker** for that Service  
the year ensuing or untill another  
appointment. ~

*1804  
19<sup>th</sup> of 3 m<sup>o</sup>  
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At a monthly meeting of Friends  
held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of 3 m<sup>o</sup> 1804 the  
Representatives from the South preparative  
meeting are **Joseph Estes & Zephaniah Buf  
fington** North **Gedion Gifford & Samuel Slead [Slade]**  
all present.

*Account  
Quarterly  
m.g*

The queries were read in this meetin<sup>g</sup>  
& answers thre too prepared in which we  
have Endeavoured to Convey the State of our  
meeting & are directed to be forwarded to the  
Quarterly meeting by our representatives who  
are **Luthun Wood Joseph Tucker & Gedion  
Howland**, they are desired to make report  
of their attendance at our next monthly meeting  
& the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy  
of the above minute to s<sup>d</sup> meeting

*Com<sup>tee</sup>  
prod<sup>ced</sup>  
testam  
Consd*

The Committee appointed to inform  
**Alden Barker** of his denial and prepare a  
testamony ~~thereof~~ report that he has not been  
informed, they are Continued in Care thereof;  
they having produced a Testamony of his denial  
which was Signed by the Clerk & the Committee is des  
ired to Cause the Same to be read publick  
ly in our usual manner & report next m<sup>o</sup>.

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*1804  
3 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~*

This meeting Con curse with the Women  
in disowning of **Hannah Tripp** wife of **Abner  
Tripp** ~

*Certif<sup>d</sup>  
D Anth  
ony*

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to prepare  
a removal Certificate for **Daniel Anthony &  
family**, report they made the Necessary inspect  
ion & produced one to this meeting which

to *Sara* was Signed Directed to **Saratoga** m<sup>o</sup> m.  
*toga*  
*m.*

An acknowledgement Signed by  
**Samuel Potter** of **Providence** in the State of  
*an ack* **NewYork** was presented through the north  
*noledg'* Preparitative m. we appoint **Zephaniah Buf**  
*S Potter* **finton & Samuel Slead [Slade]** to Wright a few lines  
*of Pro* directed to **Saratoga** monthly m. disiring them  
*vidence* to inspect his Sincerity & fitness to Become  
*rote* a member & inform us accordingly & present  
*Saratoga* next m<sup>o</sup>. Signed **James Tucker** Clerk  
*m.*

*1804*  
*5m<sup>o</sup>[sic]* At a monthly meeting of friends held  
~~ in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> [*sic*] 1804

The representatives from the South  
preparatives meeting are **Brice Shepherd**  
& **Thomas Allen** North **Allen Russell** &  
**Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker** all present

*Repr* The Representatives appointed to att  
*Q M.* -ent the Quarterly meeting report they all  
*repo'* attended according to appointment

*Com<sup>ee</sup>* The Com<sup>ee</sup> continued to inform  
*Cont<sup>u</sup>* **Alden Barker** of his denial & read the testa  
*inform* mony thereof report, it has not Been Done,  
*A Bar*  
*ker*

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they are still continued in care thereof  
with the addition of **Abner Potter** to repo  
-rt next month, -

*1804*  
*th5 m<sup>o</sup>* The Committee appointed to  
~~ Draft a Letter in Consequence of an ackn  
*Comee* oledgement Signed by **Samuel Potter** of **Provi**  
*Draft Letter* **dence** in the State of **NewYork** present  
*Saratoga* -ed one which <sup>^was</sup> approved & Signed Directed  
*S Potter* to **Saratoga** meeting

This meeting Concurs with the wom  
en in receiving into membership **Mercy Wing**  
Wife of **John Wing** ---

*Rec<sup>d</sup>* A Certificate was presented <sup>^& excepted</sup> from  
*M Wing* **Acoaxet** monthly meeting for **John Wing**,  
*accepted* Dated 14<sup>th</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> 1804. ~~

*Certif<sup>e</sup>* A request was handed in through the  
*J Wing* South preparitative meeting Signed by  
**Humphrey Lapham** & his wife that some  
*H Lapham* of his Children Namely that were not members  
*request* may be admited members of our Society we  
*Children* appoint **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** & **Giles Smith** to Join  
the Women in Visiting the family & report  
their ~~thei~~ Since thereon at our next m.

We received a Copy of a minite from  
**Easton** m<sup>o</sup> m. respecting **Caleb Gifford** the  
*Copy m.* Consideration of which is defered to next m.

*Caleb G* The Committees to have the care &  
oversite of the meetings in **Allens & Smiths**  
*report* **Neck** report that they have been all atten  
*Com<sup>tee</sup>* ded in a good degree orderly; which this  
*Necks* meeting ~~exipt~~ receipts for Satisfaction

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*1804* At a monthly meeting of friends  
*5 m<sup>o</sup>* held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1804  
*~~*

The Representatives from the South  
Preparitative meeting are **Giles Smith & Hum  
prey Lapham** North **Gedion Gifford &  
Ebenezer Chase** all present.

*A Barker* The Committee appointed to have the  
*inform<sup>d</sup>* care of informing **Alden Barker** of his denial  
*testan<sup>y</sup>* & to read the testamony report, that he is in  
*read,* formed thereof and Said Testamony read as dire  
*recorded* =cted  
*page 25*

*H Lapham* The Committee to have the care of  
*Chil<sup>d</sup>* Visiting the family of **Humphrey Lapham** re  
*rece<sup>d</sup>* port, that they attended thereto & received a  
good degree of Satisfaction, & after it being Con  
sider,d in this meeting do with the Concurrence  
of the women admit his Children Namely **Jos  
eph Phebe Oliver Hannah** and **Humphrey** into  
membership with us

*C Giffo* The matter defered from last monthly  
*rd* meeting respecting **Caleb Gifford** of **Cambridge**  
*rece<sup>d</sup>* coming under consideration & after it being waid  
in this meeting do conclude with the Curcur  
ence of the women to accept his paper for satis  
faction & receive his into membership with us  
& **Zephaniah Buffinton & James Tucker** is app  
ointed to prepare a Certificate & present next  
month ~

*W<sup>m</sup>* This meeting is informed by the North  
*Hart* preparitative meeting that **W<sup>m</sup> Hart J<sup>ur</sup>**  
*Com<sup>te</sup>* has Negrected the due attendence of our meetings  
*& denied* has kept company & with one not a member &  
married out of the order of Society & it appears

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*1804* that he was duly cautioned before marri  
*5 m<sup>o</sup>* age & this meeting apprehending to be clear  
*~~* of further Labour do with the concurrence of  
the Women disown him the S<sup>d</sup> **W<sup>m</sup>** from being  
any longer a member of our Society untill he  
Should be favioured rightly to see his outgoings

return & make Satisfaction to this meeting & **Ebenezer Chase & James Tucker** is appointed to inform him thereof & report next month.

This meeting Cuncurs with the women in receiving the acknowledgements of **Lurania Wood & Phebe Nicholson** ~

*Lurania  
Wood re<sup>d</sup>  
& Phebe Nich  
holson*

*Copy of m  
inute for  
Ar<sup>m</sup>  
Barker*

This meeting is informed that **Abraham Barker** has gone to reside with a friend at **Nan tucket** living within the Compass of the m<sup>o</sup> m. for the Northern district these may Certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Society & the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to S<sup>d</sup> meeting.

Signed **James Tucker** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1804 The Representatives From the South Preparitative m. are **Samul Slead [Slade] & Humphrey Russell North Ebenezer Chase & Thomas Mott 2<sup>d</sup>** all present.

*18<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup>*

The queries were read in this meeting & answers to the usual Three prepared in which we have Endeavoured to describe the State of our meeting and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly m. by our Representatives who are **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Zephaniah Buffinton & Caleb Slocum**, who are desired to make rep<sup>t</sup>

*account to  
Quarterly m.*

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of their attendence at our next monthly meeting & the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Said meeting ~~

*1804  
6 m<sup>o</sup>  
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*Certifi  
Caleb G<sup>d</sup>  
to Easton*

The friends appointed: presented to this meeting a Certificate for **Caleb Gifford of Cambridge** which was signed by the Clerk directed to **Easton** monthly m.

*W<sup>m</sup>  
Hart J<sup>ur</sup>  
inform<sup>d</sup>*

The Committee appointed to inform **W<sup>m</sup> Hart J<sup>ur</sup>** of his denial report that he is informed thereof. ~~

*Denial  
Concur  
women  
Receiving  
Phebe  
Nicholson  
& Lurana  
Wood*

In Concurrence with the women we Signed a removal Certificate for **Phebe Nicholson** directed to **Sandwich** m<sup>o</sup> m. also one for **Lurana Wood** wife of **John Wood** to N [New] **Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.

*accept<sup>d</sup>  
Certifi  
W<sup>m</sup> Gif*

A removal Certificate for **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** & his Wife **Freelove** & their Children namely **Anna Isaac Patience Elizabeth Cinthia & W<sup>m</sup>**, was presented & accepted from **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup>



*ford & family* m. dated 7<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1804. ~  
*rec<sup>d</sup> inform ation* We Received a few lines from **Queensbury** m<sup>o</sup> m. informing that they have Visited **Increase Allen** agreeable to our request & believe him Sincere in his acknowledgement & after it being Considered in this we do with the Concurrence of the women accept his acknowledgement for Satisfaction & **Zephaniah Buffinton & James Tucker** is appointed to draft a Certificate for the S<sup>d</sup> **Increase** & present next month. ~~~ we Concur With the women in receiving into membership **Mary Wood** wife of **Jonathan Wood, James Tucker** Clerk

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*1804 Alden Barkers Denial* **Alden Barker**, having had a birth right amongst us the people called Quakers but for want of due attendance to the Principles we Profess hath deaviated as far therefrom as to attend at a place where was musick & dancing for wick deaviation we have Laboured with him if haply we might Convince him of the Evil thereof but our Labours of love have not had their desired affect. Therefore we can no longer consider him a member of our Society untill he may be favoured with a since of his outgoings which that he may is our desire

Given forth at our monthly meeting of fr<sup>ds</sup> held in **Dartmouth** 3 m<sup>o</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1804  
 & Signed by order of the Same by  
**James Tucker** Clerk ~

*16<sup>th</sup> of 7 m<sup>o</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 7 m<sup>o</sup> 1804. ~~

The Representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Humphrey Russell & Thomas Allen** North **Thomas Mott & Benjamin Tucker** all present. ~

*An alteration in the 9<sup>th</sup> query* We Received Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meeting of friends held at **Philedelphia London** in the 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1803 also one from friends at **Philedelphia** held in the 4 m<sup>o</sup> Last both of which were acceptly read in this meeting, together with Extracts from our <sup>^</sup>Last yearly & Quarterly meeting By which it appears that the yearly meeting recommends an alteration in the 9<sup>th</sup> Query which

1804  
7<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup>  
~~

this Meeting Complys with & we appoint **Abner Potter & Joseph Estes** to insert the alteration agree able to S<sup>d</sup> recommendation in all our Books of discipline & report next month.

our por-  
tion Stock  
\$55:12

It appears by the account from our Quarterly meeting that ~~our~~ <sup>we</sup> are requested to rais \$55:12 & for =ward to the Quarterly meeting treasurer with an account thereof to S<sup>d</sup> meeting

Repr<sup>s</sup>  
report  
Q. m.

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly <sup>m</sup> report they all attended. ~

Certific  
Increase  
Allen

The Committee appointed to draff a Certificate for **Increase Allen** presented one which was Signed by the Clerk directed to **Queensbury** m<sup>o</sup> m.

Comp.  
Stephen  
Howland

We are informed by a Complaint through the preparitative <sup>m</sup> that **Stephen Howland** Hath so far departed from the principles we profess as to much neglect the atten<sup>d</sup>ence of our meeting and has Likewise partaken of Spiritous liquors so fully as to appear to be intoaxcated, the overseers have laboured with him, but he appeared in too weak a state to be fully Senisble of his misconduct we appoint **Zephaniah Buffinton & Joseph Tucker** to Labour further with him, and report thereon at our next m<sup>o</sup> meeting, -----

Certifict  
accepted  
E Potter  
Acoaxet

We Concur with the women in accepting a removal Certificate for **Easther Potter** from **Acoaxet** monthly m. Dated 7<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1804. ~  
Signed By **James Tucker** Clrk

1804  
8 m<sup>o</sup> -

At a monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> of 8 mo-1804 The Representatives from the South Preparitative meeting are **Caleb Slocum & Osman Wood** North **John Tucker & Thomas Mott 2<sup>d</sup>** all present

Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Continud  
make  
alteration  
9<sup>th</sup> qury

The Committee to have the Care of making the alteration in <sup>all</sup> our books of discipline as it respects the 9<sup>th</sup> query rep<sup>t</sup> that they attended thereto but are not fully ready to make the alteration they are still continued in care thereof repot next m. with the addition of **Joseph Tucker**

Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Continud  
treat with  
S Howl<sup>d</sup>

One of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to treat with **Stephen Howland** inform that he had an oppportunity with him But are not rea- dy to report by reason of the other friend being gone from home, they are continued in care thereof to report next month. ~

**James Tucker** Clerk

At a Monthly meeting of friends held in  
*9 m<sup>o</sup>* **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 17<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1804  
The Representatives from the South pre-  
paritative m. are **Samuel Slead [Slade] & Joseph Estes**  
North **Zephaniah Buffinton & Benjamin**  
**Tucker** all Present.

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*1804*  
*9 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*Represent*  
*to attend*  
*Q meeting*  
The Queries were read in this meeting and  
& Answers to the usual three prepared  
in which we have endeavoured to Convey the  
State of our meeting & are directed to be forward-  
ed to the Quarterly meeting by our Representa-  
tives who are **Joseph Tucker Luthun Wood**  
and **Abner Potter.** they desired to make re-  
port of their attendance at our next m<sup>o</sup> m.  
We have to inform that we received Transcr-  
ips of Epistles from the yearly meeting meeting  
of friends held at **London & Philidelphia**  
which were enacceptbly read in this meeting  
together with Extracts from our <sup>last</sup> yearly & Quarter-  
ly meeting minits & the Clerk is desired to  
forward a Copy of the above minutes to S<sup>d</sup> m.

*Com<sup>tee</sup>*  
*Continud*  
*atten*  
*B. discip*  
*-line*  
The Committee appointed to make  
the alteration in our books of discipline re-  
port that they attended there too but have not  
fully accomplished it they are continued  
in care thereof report next mo.

*Comtee*  
*report*  
*Stephen*  
*Howland*  
The Committee appointed to treat  
with **Stephen Howland** report that they  
found him too relaxed in mind in respect  
to his attendance of meeting & that he utterly  
denyed the Charge of his last accusation there-  
fore time with evince the Certainty thereof.  
It is Continued Continued in care th~~o~~ of the  
Com<sup>tee</sup> with the addition of **Stephen Gifford**  
& **Sam<sup>l</sup> Slead** to report next m<sup>o</sup>

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*1804*  
*9 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*Elisha*  
*Tronton &*  
*R Russell*  
*Publised*  
We are informed by the preparitative  
meeting that **Elisha Thornton J<sup>ur</sup>** of **New Bedford**  
proposes to Publish his Intentions of marriage  
with **Rebecca Russell** at this ~~monthly~~<sup>meeting</sup> he having  
Produced a Certificate from **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.  
Expresive of his clearness to proceed in marria-  
ge the Said **Rebecca** having Consent of Parents  
for that purpose

**Elisha Thornton Jr & Rebecca Russell**  
appeared in this m. & declared their intention  
of takin each other in marriage, which was  
noticed & they desired to wait untill next m<sup>o</sup> m.  
for Answer

*W<sup>m</sup> Wood  
Compl  
aind of*  
It appears by a Complaint through  
the Preparative meeting that **W<sup>m</sup> Wood** has  
so far departed from the order of Society as to  
retail Spiritous Liquors contrary to the advice  
of his friends we appoint **John Tucker W<sup>m</sup>  
Anthony & George Smith** to labour in the abil  
-ity afforded them for his help & resoration  
& report next month. ~~

**James Tucker** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held  
in **Dartmouth** the 15 of 10 m<sup>o</sup> 1804. ~

*15 of 10 m<sup>o</sup>*  
The representatives from the South pre  
paritative m. are **Brice Shepherd & Humphry  
Russell** north **Gideon Gifford & Ebenezer Chase**  
all present.

The Committee appointed to make  
the alteration in our books of Discipline report  
that they have accomplished the same. ~~

The Committee appointed to treat with  
**Stephen Howland** report that as it respects his  
attendance

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*15:10 m<sup>o</sup>  
1804  
S How  
land  
reinstad*  
of meetings they believe a more living engage  
ment. of mind is Necessary. Nevertheless he gave  
Some encouragement that he should attend as  
often as he Consistantly could & as it respects  
his appearing intoaxacated they beleive it may  
be Soft to dismiss that Subject & after it being  
Considered; in this meeting Complys therewith  
& **George Smith** is appointed to inform him  
thereof & report next m<sup>o</sup>.

*E Thor  
nton &  
Rebecca  
Russell  
appe<sup>d</sup>  
answer*  
**Elisha Thornton J<sup>ur</sup> & Rebecca Russell** ap  
peared in this meeting for answer & as nothing  
appearing to hinder their proceeding to take  
each other in Marriage at some sutible  
time before next monthy m. advising with  
**Joseph Estes & James Tucker** who this meeting  
appoints to see said marriage orderly condu  
cted & Certificate forwarded for recording

*Comtee*  
The Committee appointed to treat with  
**William Wood** in respect to his ritailing Spi

*report*  
**W<sup>m</sup> Wood** ritous liquors inform that there is a prospect of his disisting therefrom; it is Continued in care of the Committee to report next month  
**James Tucker** Clerk

~~~~~

19th of 11 m^o At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 19th of 11 m^o 1804. ~
The Representatives from the South pre paritative m. are **Samuel Slead & Brice Shepherd** North **Ebenezer Chase & Thomas Mott** all present

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1804
19. 11 m^o The year being expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed: **James Tucker** is reappointed asfor that Service the year insuing & **Abner Potter** assistant

New Choo
-se of Clks We Received Transcript of an Epistle from the yearly m. of friends held at **Newyork** in the 5th m^o last which was read to our Comfort & edification. ~

account to
Q meeting The queries were read in this meeting & answers to the usual three prepared in which we have endeavoured to discribe the State of our meeting & are directed to be forwar -ded to the Quarterly meeting, with an account Signed by this meeting; by our Representatives who are **George Smith 2^d Abner Potter & Giles Smith** they desired to make report of thir atten dence at our next m.

George Sm
informed
S Howland **George Smith** reported that he informd **Stephen Howland** that he might take his seat^{again} in this meeting

Comtee rept
Marriages
E Thornt
on ~ The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of **Elisha Thornton & Rebecca Russell** reported that they attended S^d marriage and did not discover but that it was conducted in a good degree orderly & Certificate is lodged with the Clerk for recording

report on
W Wood. The Committee in the Case of **W^m Wood** inform that the matter still looks favourable of his descisting from retailing liquors; it is Continued in Conc of the C^{tee} to report next mo. ~~~

concur W^o
remu C.
M Easton
Widow. We Concur With the women in accepting a removal Certificate for **Meribah Easton** Widow from **Rhodes Island** m^o m. dated in the 9th m^o last.

1804
12 m^o At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 17th of 12 m^o 1804

The Representatives from the South ~~pre~~ preparative m. are **Luthun Wood & Samuel Sade** North **Zephaniah Buffinton & John Tucker** all present

*Representen
report
Q. m.* The ~~Committee~~ Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly m. report that they all attended

*Comtee
Conti
W Wood* The Committee continued in case of **W^m Wood** inform that he is nearly about to deciss from retailing liquor; the matter is still under the Committees care to report next month. ~

*Copy m
from Gal
way res
pecting
S Potter* We received a Copy of a minit from **Gallway** m^o. m. informing us that they have Vistid **Samuel Potter** on account of an acknole dgement to this meeting, but to tittle Satisfact -on his Live & Conversation Evidencing the impro priety of his acceptance. & after it being Consid ered in this meeting s^d is ~~Co~~ dismiss. ~~~

*New Cho
orse over
defered* A new Chooos of overseers is defered to the early part of next m. --

*Copy of
minute
for S
Buffin
ton ~* Our beloved friend **Stephen Buffin ton** inform this meeting that he has a prospect on this mind of making a religious Visit to Som of the meetings within the Comfort of **Rhodelsland & Smithfield** Quarterly m. and this meeting h taking it under consider ation do approve thereof he being a minis ter in unity & good return. & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

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*1804
12 m^o* A request from Friends in **Allens Neck** to hold meetings their as usual was presen ted to this meeting and after it was Considered with the Concurrence of the women it is Granted them and to be held under the care of the follo wing Committee **Joseph Wing Abner Potter Caleb Slocum & Samuel Gifford** who are desired to report thereon in the 4 m^o next. ~

*Request
to hold
m. Neck* Also a Similar request from friends in **Smiths neck** was presented to us & after it being waid in this meeting it is Granted them with the Concurrence of the women and *Smiths
Detto* we appoint **W^m Anthony Gideon Howland Zephaniah Eddy Giles & Jonathan William** to have the care & oversite of S^d meetings to report in the 4th m^o next. ~

James Tucker Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held

in **Dartmouth** the 21th of 1 m^o 1805. ~ ~

1805
1st m^o

The Representatives from the South
preparative m. are **Caleb Shearman & Caleb Slo**
=cum north **Thomas Mott 2^d Gedion Gifford & George**
Almy all present except **Gideon Gifford & George**
Almy – **Gideon Gifford** dendered a reason[^] to this m. for his
non attendance --

Rec^d
Epistles

We Raise Thirty Seven printed Copys
of Epistles from the yearly m. of friends held at **London**
in the 5th m^o last one of which was read to our
Comfort & Edification

Comte
Conti^d
Care
W Wood

One of the Committee in the Case
of **W^m Wood** inform this meeting that they
have nothing different to report from

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1^{m^o}

what they informed last month the matt
er is Still Continued to report next m.

New appt. .
Contin
overseers

A new appointment of overseers is
Continued to next month.

Comtee
Collect
Desird
report.

The Committee appointed Some time
past to Collect money for this meeting use
are desired to make a Conclusive report
at our next m^o meeting

James Tucker Clk

18th of 2 m^o

At a monthly meeting of friends held
in **Dartm^o** the 18th of 2 m^o 1805. ~ ~

The Representatives from the South pre
paritative meeting are **Resolved Howland &**
Brice Shepherd North **Zephaniah Buffinton**
& **Benjamin Tucker** all present. ~

Recd Copy
Epistles

The friends of this monthly meeting have
Received in all 120 Copys of **London** Epistles
which have been distributed for the use & Benefit
of Society

W^m
Wood rein
stated in-
to member
ship

one of the friends appointed to treat
With **W^m Wood** for retailing Spirituous liquors
inform this meeting that he agreeable to friends
advice has quited retailing Spirits which being
Considered it is the mind of this meeting with
the Concurrence of the women that he be reinstated
into membership again which he is accordingly
& **James Tucker** is appointed to inform. him
thereof & riport next m^o

1805
2 m^o
appointm
of overseers

A new appointment of overseers coming before [^]this meeting whereupon we appoint **Joseph Wing, Luthun Wood, Caleb Slocum, W^m Anthony Samuel Slead Giles Smith & James Tucker** for that service the year ensuing or untill another appointment. ~

overseers
poor app^t

This meeting appoints **George Smith 2^d Stephen Gifford Gedion Howland Zephaniah Buffinton & Samuel Gifford** as overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing

G B Almy
excuse

George B Almy rendered a reasonable excuse for his nonattendance at our last m^o m.

Barnabas Holloway
publishd
with
Hannah Gifford

We are informed by the north preparative m. that **Barnabas Holloway** of **Sandwich** proposes to publish his intention of marriage with **Hannah Gifford**, he having produced a Certificate from **Sandwich** m^o m. expressive of his clearness to proceed therein & she having produced Consent of parents for that purpose. – **Barnabas Holloway & Hannah Gifford** appeared in this meeting & declared their intentions of taken each other in marriage w^hich was notised & they desired to wait untill next m^o m. for answer

G B Almy
request
Certificate

We are inform by the preparative meeting that **George B Almy** is about to remove [^]with his family to **New Bedford** & request a removal Certificate to that meeting whereupon we appoint **Joseph Tucker & Zephaniah Buffint** to Join the women in making the necessary inspection & produce one at our next m^o m. if on obstruction appears

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1805
2 m^o
Women
request
assistance

The Women inform this meeting that **Elizabeth Allen** forwarded an ackn^o to their meeting and they disire Some assistance from this meeting; whereupon we appoint **Zephaniah Buffinton & Gideon Howland** to lend the women Such assistance as appears to them Necessary. ~~~

Com^{ee}
paid
treasurer

The Com^{ee} appointed to Collect money for this meeting use have Collected & paid to our treasurer \$171:88 ~

James Tucker Clerk

3th m^o 18th

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm^o** the 18th of 3 m^o 1805

The representatives from the South preparatives are **Samuel Gifford Samel Slead** North **Zephaniah Buffinton & Thomas Moott 2^d** all present

*W^m Wood
Rec^d*

The friend appointed to inform **W^m Wood** of his reinstatement in Society report that he is informed thereof. ~~

*account
Q meeting*

The queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto prepared in which we have endeavoured to describe the State of our meeg & are desired to be forwarded twith an account from this meeting to our next Quarterly m. by our representatives who are **Joseph Tucker Giles Smith Sam^l Slead & James Tucker** who are desired to make report of their attendance at our next monthly m.

*G B Almy
reml
Certifi
N B m^o
meeting*

The Com^{tee} appointed to prepare a removal Certificate for **George B Almy** & family present ~~that~~ one which was Signed by the C Clerk directed to **NewBedford** m^o. m.

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3 m^o*

*B Holway
& H Gifford
apped for
answers*

Barnabas Holway & Hannah Gifford appeared in this meeting ^& Communicated their Continued intentions of marriage; & nothing appearing to obstruct. His meeting to hinder their proceedings accordingly at Some Sutable time before next monthly m. during with **Joseph Tucker & Zephaniah Buffinton** whois appointed to S^d marriage orderly conducted & Certificate forwarded to the Clerk for recording

*C Shearm
an request
for Son -*

We are informed that **Caleb Shearman** request that his Son **Rufus** be admitted a member of our Society we appoint **Samul Slead & Abraham Tucker** to Visit the family & report their Since thereon at our next m^o m. ~~

*H Russ
ell rq^t
Certif^{ce}
N B
m^o m.*

This m. is inform by the South preparitative m. that **Humphry Russell** request a removal Certificate for himself & family to **New Bedford** m^o. m. we appoint **Brice Shepherd & Joseph Ests** to Join the women in Making the necessary inspection & produce one at our next m^o m. if nothing appears to obstruct

*Joseph
Mosher
Com^{te}*

The overseers forwarded a Complaint through the North preparitative m. informing that **Joseph Mosher** has kept Company & married Contrary ^to the order of Society whereupon

off we appoint **Gideon Gifford & W^m Gifford** to Visit him for his ~~hes~~ deviations & report next month.

Sulvester Howland desires assistance this meeting is inform that **Sulvester Howland** widow desires the assistance of friends in Joining with her Son in Selling their Interest we appoint **W^m Anthony George Smith & Giles Smith** to lend her Such advice & assistance as appears [^]to them best.

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1805 3 m^o
J Tucker appt an Elder We are informed by a friend from the the Select meeting that they are desirous of an addition of that m. & have proposed **James Tucker** to the Station of an Elder which being Considered with the Concurrence of the monens meeting he is appointed accordingly with an account to be forwarded to the Quarterly m. thereof. ~ ~

David Gifford prtation meetg **David Gifford** forwarded a presertation to this meeting desiring a reunion with his friends whereupon we appoint **Joseph Tucker & Zephaniah Buffinton** to Confer with him & endeavour to discourver his Sincerity therein & report next month.

H Russell pad mony treasurer **Humphrey Russell** informed this m. that he has paid \$18.50 Cents [^]to our treasurer being mon^ey that was in his hands when he stood as an overseer of the ~ ~ Poor ~ ~

We have ordered our treasurer to forward \$55:12 Cents to our porpotion of the yearly & Quarterly meeting South to the Quarterly m. treasurer.

James Tucker Clerk
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*1805 4 m<sup>o</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 15<sup>th</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> 1805

The representatives from the South preparitative m. are **George Sanford & John Wing North Gedion Gifford & Ebenezer Chase**, all present. ~

*represente attended QM.* The Reprentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly m. report that they all attended according to appointment

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of **Barnabas Halway & Hannah**

*Barnabas  
Halway &  
H. G.  
married* **Gifford** report, that they attended Said marriage & discovered nothing but that it was orderly conducted and certificate for warded to the Clerk for recording

*Rufus  
Shearman  
rec<sup>d</sup>  
member* The Committee appointed to Visit the family of **Caleb Shearman** on account of his request for his Son **Rufus** report that they have attended there too & found a good degree of Satisfaction, which being Considered & having the Concurrence of the women he is received a member of this meeting

*Com<sup>ee</sup>  
Con<sup>ted</sup>  
Humphy  
Russell  
Certif.* The Committee appointed to prepare a removal Certificate for **Humphrey Russell** & family inform that they have attended thereto but are not ready to present one at this time, they are continued in care thereof to report next month. ~ ~

*J Mosher  
treated  
with* The Committee appointed to treat with **Joseph Mosher** for his deviations

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*1805  
5 m<sup>o</sup>* report that they have attended to their appointment & found a good degree of Satisfaction, nevertheless it is continued for the further proof of his Sincerity, under the Com<sup>te</sup> care to report next m<sup>o</sup>.

*D Gifford<sup>d</sup>  
Rec<sup>d</sup>  
mem<sup>r</sup>* The Committee appointed to treat with **David Gifford** relative to his application report that they have attended thereto & believe him truly Sincere in his request which being weightierly considered in this meeting & having the Concurrence of the womens meeting he is received into membership with us. ~ ~

*treasurer  
forward  
Stock* Our treasurer informed that he has forwarded our porpotion of Stock to the Quarterly meeting treasurer

*J Allen  
& J Allen  
request  
Cert  
Aco<sup>x</sup>* we are informed by the preparitative meeeting that **Jedidiah Allen** & his Son **Job** request a removal Certificate to **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m. we appoint **Joseph Estes** & **Caleb Slocum** to make the necessary inspection & produce one at our next monthly m. if no obstruction appear

*Com<sup>tee</sup>* The Committees appointed to have the care of the m. in **Allens & Smiths neck** report that they attended the most

report of the meetings in S<sup>d</sup> necks & discovered no  
m. -thing but that they were orderly attended we  
Necks which reports were accepted for Satisfaction

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*1805*  
*5 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*Elihu Gifford*  
*forward*  
*popner*  
*donation*  
*Paid*  
*treasurer*

**Elihu Gifford** forwarded a paper to this meeting condinming his keeping compa ny & marrying contaray to the order of Society whereupon we appoint **Abner Potter & Joseph Estes** to treat with him & endeavour to find his Sincerity therein & report next m<sup>o</sup>

We are informed by a friend that there is a Small donation due to this meeting from the Estate of **Deborah HickHicks** divid ed which this meeting de directs paid to our treasurer

Signed **James Tucker** Clk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1805. ~

The representatives from the South prepar itative meeting are **Joseph Wing & George Smith 2.<sup>d</sup>** North **Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker & Thomas Mo tt 2<sup>d</sup>** all present. ~~

*J Mosher*  
*case*  
*continud*

The Committee in the case of **Jose ph Mosher** inform that they have attended to that service, but are not ready to report at this time; they are continued in care thereof to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*Certifi*  
*J Allen*  
*continud*

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed to pre pare a removal Certificate for **Jedidiah Allen & son** inform that they have attended thereto but think it may be Soft to continue it an other m<sup>o</sup>; it is accordingly continued to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*E Gifford*  
*case*  
*Continud*

The Committee appointed to treat with **Elihu Gifford** report that they had an opportunity with him seperat ely & he gave them a good degree of Satisf

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action Nevertheless the matter is Conti nued under the Committee care to report next month.

*Deborah*  
*Chase*  
*disowned*

This meeting Concurr with the Women in discovering **Deborah Chase** wife of **Levi Chase**

The Friends <sup>^Continued</sup> appointed

*H Russell  
Certified  
granted*

to prepare a removal Certificate for **Humphrey Russell** & family presented one which was Signed by the Clerk directed to **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.

*Comtee  
appointed  
to proposition  
Money*

This meeting is informed that it is necessary that a new ~~propotionment~~ propotion of money be made; therefore we reappoint the former Comt<sup>ee</sup> to propotion the Sum of \$100 as equally as they can betwix each preparative m<sup>o</sup> & report at our next meeting what per Cent each meeting in futer has to pay of the Sum propotion. ~~~~~

*treasurer  
Rec<sup>d</sup>  
Money*

Our Treasurer reported that he has Received \$8:23 of the Committee of a former propotionment.

*Concur  
Women  
R Thornton  
Certified  
granted*

In Concurrence with the women we Signed a removal Certificate for **Rebeca Thornton** Wife of **Elisha Thornton** to **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m. ~~~~  
**James Tucker** Clk

*1805  
6 m<sup>o</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1805 The Representatives from the preparative m. are from the South **Giles Smith** & **Sam<sup>l</sup> Slead** North **John Tucker** & **Zephaniah Buffinton** all present.

*adjourns*

This meeting ~~adjoins~~ adjourns to the 24<sup>th</sup> instant after a meeting for worship

24<sup>th</sup> day mett by adjournment the representatives being called are all present

*account  
Q. meeting*

The queries were read in this meeting & answers to the usual three prepared in which we have endeavoured to describe the State of our meeting & are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly m. by our Representatives who are **Zephaniah Buffinton** **Joseph Estes** & **James Tucker** they desired to report their attendance at our next m<sup>o</sup> m. & the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to S<sup>d</sup> meeting

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
case J  
Mosher*

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal Certificate for **Jedidiah Allen** & son presented one which was Signed by the Clerk directed to **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m.  
The Committee in the case of **Joseph Mosher** report that they have had

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6 m<sup>o</sup>  
Several opportunities with him & he gave them a good degree of Satisfaction yet it <sup>^not</sup> appearing best to receive him at this time the matter is still continued under the Com<sup>ee</sup> care to report next m<sup>o</sup>

report  
**E Giffd**  
continue  
One of the Com<sup>tee</sup> in the case of **Elihu Gifford** inform that they have not had an opportunity together <sup>^with him</sup> Since last m<sup>o</sup> the matter is continued for them to extend further care & report next m<sup>o</sup>.

Com<sup>tee</sup>  
to porp  
otion  
money  
continu  
The Committee appointed to porpotion the Sum of \$100 betwixt each preparative m. have mett on the Subject & propose for the north p m. to pay 31 per Cent which not appearing Satisfactory <sup>^to this m.</sup> the matter is Continued ~~in~~ under the care of the Com<sup>tee</sup> with the addition of **James Tucker** to report next m.

Princ  
Potter  
request  
Certi  
We are informed by the preparative m. that **Prince Potter** request a removal Certificate for himself & famely to **Danby** m<sup>o</sup> m. & also one for his Son **Prince** already removed we appoint **Gideon Gifford & Zephaniah Buffinton** to Join the women in making the necessary inspection & produce them at our next m. if no obstruction appears. ~~

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6 m<sup>o</sup>  
A removal Certificate for **Richard Davis** & his wife **Ruth & Anna Davis** their niece was Received & accepted from **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.

Certi  
Richard  
Davis  
acceptd  
We received a Transcrip of an Epistle from our worthy Friend **George Churchman** of **Maryland** which was read to our Satisfaction.

Rece<sup>d</sup>  
Epistle  
George  
Church-  
-man  
Signed on behalf of our meeting. ~~  
By **James Tucker** Clerk

7 m<sup>o</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup> 1805  
At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> of 7 m<sup>o</sup> 1805. ~~  
The Representatives from the preparative meeting are from the South **Luthun Wood & Caleb Slocum** North **Thomas Mott & James Tucker** all present.

The representatives appointed to

Repres<sup>na</sup>  
report  
Quarterly  
m.

Com<sup>tee</sup>  
report on  
J Mosher

Elihu  
Gifford  
acknolemn  
accepted  
satisfactor

attend the Quarterly meeting report, they all attended except **Joseph Estes** for whose absence a reasonable excuse was rendered to that meeting ~~

The Committee in the case of **Jose ph Mosher** inform that they attended thereto & found a good degree of Satisfaction & think it may be saft to continue it another m<sup>o</sup> which <sup>^</sup>it is accord ingly; they then to report.

The Committee in the case of **Elihu Gifford** report, that they treated with him for his deavations & found a pretty good degree of Satisfac tion. And after it being considered in this meeting & having the concurence of the Women meeting

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his acknowledgement is accepted for Satisfaction & is as follows. -

Elihu  
Gifford  
ackn<sup>ot</sup>

To the preparitative & monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1805

Dear friends. I have so far deviated from the Good order of friends as to keep company and ma rry with one not a member for which deviation I condemn desiring friends would so far pass by as to let me remain under their care

Com<sup>tee</sup>  
appointd  
Porpotion  
Money  
betwext  
meetings

this from your friend **Elihu Gifford**  
The Committee appointed to porpotion the Sum concluded to be raised by this meeting att ended thereto & propose for the north m. to pay in futer 25 pr. Cent which is accepted. & each meeting are desired to forward their respected sum to our treasurer & inform this meeting meeting when done

Prince  
Potter &  
Son  
Certifi  
grantd  
Danby  
Concur  
Women  
Apphi a  
Lason

The Committee appointed to prepa -re removal Certificates for **Prince Potter** & fam -ily & also one for his son presented them wh ich was Signed by the Clerk directed to **Dan -by** m<sup>o</sup> m. ~~

Rec<sup>d</sup>  
C.  
A Giffo<sup>d</sup>

In concurence with the women we Signed a ~~renouil~~ Communication to **Ceomons** m<sup>o</sup> m. on behalf of **Apphia Lason**. --

We received & accepted a removal Certi ficate for **Abner Gifford** from **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m. setting forth his right of membership

We are informed through the prepari tative meeting that **Zephaniah Slead** has so

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for deviated from the good order of truth as to

*Z Slead  
put under  
Dealing*

much enlect the attendance of our meetings also abused several of his Neighbours with unbecoming language, the overseers have Laboured with him but found no Satisfaction. whereupon we appoint. **Samuel Gifford & Richard Davis** to labour further with him & report next m<sup>o</sup>

*Rec<sup>d</sup> 31 b  
ooks com  
piled by  
J Scot.*

This meeting has recv<sup>d</sup> 31 books compiled by **Job Scot.** being a treatise on Church discipline whereupon we appoint **Luhun Wood. Jonathan Wilbour & James Tucker** to have the case of selling them at 6 Cents for him & return the money to our treasurer

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
extend care  
of the  
Genesis*

We are informed that it is necessary that friends Should extend further care towards our property at the Genesis[?] where upon we appoint **Zephaniah Buffinton & W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to extend Such care from time to time as appears to them necessary & report to this meeting there on as occasion may require

*Company  
of our  
friend  
W<sup>m</sup>  
Crotch  
of Englan<sup>d</sup>*

We have had the Company of our beloved friend **William Crotch** from **Englan<sup>d</sup>** whose Company & religious Services has been truly exceptable to us.

Signed on behalf of our meeting By,  
**James Tucker** Clerk

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*8 m<sup>o</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of 8 m<sup>o</sup> 1805. ~

The Representatives from the Preparatives meeting are from the South **Edward Slead Jur & Collings Smith North Gedion Gifford & Thomas Mott 2<sup>d</sup>** all present.

*Joseph  
Mosher  
Case  
Contin<sup>ed</sup>*

The Committee in the Case of **Joseph Mosher** inform this meeting that they attended thereto & Still found a good degree of Satisfaction & prepare a continuation thereof which this meeting unites with to report next m<sup>o</sup>.

*Z Slead  
Case  
Contin  
ued*

The committee appointed to treat with **Zephaniah Slead** inform that they attended to their appointment but are not ready to make a Conclusive report they are continued in care thereof with the addition of **Joseph Tucker** to report next m<sup>o</sup>.

Our treasurer inform this meeting that he has received \$20 of one of the overseers of



the Poor on behalf of Society - -----

Signed **James Tucker** Clerk~~~~

*Signd  
testamony  
Denial  
D Chase*

This meeting concurs with the Women in  
Signing a Testamony of denial against  
**Deborah Chase** Wife of **Levi Chase**  
**James Tucker** Clerk

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At a monthly m. of friends held in **Dar**  
**1805 -tmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1805

9 m<sup>o</sup> The Representatives from the preparita  
tive meetings are from the South **Brice**  
**Shepherd & Aron Howland** north **Stephen**  
**Buffinton J<sup>ur</sup> & Ebenezer Chase** all pres  
-ent

*Rec<sup>d</sup>  
Epistles*

We have Received Transcripts of  
Epistles from the yearly m. of friends held  
at **London New York North Carolina Baltim**  
**ore Philidelphia & Newyork**. Three of  
the former has been to our Satisfaction  
The reading of the other is defered to the  
early part of next meeting. Also received Ext  
tracts from our Last yearly & Quarterly m.  
minuts by which it appears that our Quarterly  
m. porpotion of money to raise is 270\$ of  
which our porpotion is \$37:80 which this  
m. is desired to forward to that m. treasurer

*acc<sup>t</sup> Qu<sup>a</sup>  
m.  
Rec<sup>d</sup>*

The queries were read in this m.  
& answers ~~there~~ to the usual three pre  
pared in which we have endeavoured to descri  
be the State of our m. and are directed to  
be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our  
Representatives who are **Richard Davis &**  
**Abner Potter**, who are desired to make  
report of their attendance at our next  
m<sup>o</sup> m. & the Clerk is directed to forward  
a Copy of the above minute with the

*Queries  
To read  
& acc<sup>t</sup>  
Quarter  
m.*

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1805 of informing that meeting of the reception  
of foreign Epistles

One of Committee in the case of **Jose**  
**J Mosher ph Mosher** inform that they have Visited  
him but are not ready to report thereon at  
this time & desire an addition which is  
united with & **Joseph Tucker** is added to  
them to report next mg.

*Z Slead*

The Committee in the case of **Zep**

*case* **haniah** Slead inform that they attended  
*Contin* to their appointment But are not ready  
to report they are Continued in care there  
-of to report next m. --

*Cuncun* In Concurrence withe the women  
*Women* we Signed a removel Certificate for  
*Signes* **Hannah Holway** directed to **Sandwich**  
*Cert* m<sup>o</sup> m. Also one for **Mary Soule** widow  
*H Holway* directed to **Easton** m<sup>o</sup> m.  
&

*Mary* This meeting Concurs with the women  
*Sowle* meeting in disowning **Easther Shaw** wife  
*E Potter* of **Noah Shaw**  
*denied*

*John* We are informed through the pre  
*H Kees* paritative meeting that **John H. Kees** pro  
& *M Sm* poses to publish his Intentions of marriage  
with **Mary Smith J<sup>ur</sup>** at this meeting

*Publish* **John H. Kees & Mary Smith Ju**  
appeared in this meeting deand declared  
their intentions of taking each other in  
marriage, which was notised and they

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*9 m<sup>o</sup>* notice & they desired to wait untill  
next m<sup>o</sup> m. for answer

*accept* This meeting Concurs with the womens  
*C for* meeting in ex accepting a removel Certific  
*Morth* ate for **Morthers Tripp** Wife of **Benjamin**  
*Tripp* **Tripp** from **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m.

The business which came before this  
meeting being accomplished we Conclude  
Signed on behalf of S<sup>d</sup> meeting By

**James Tucker** Clerk

*1805* At a monthly meeting of friends  
*10 m<sup>o</sup>* held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 21<sup>th</sup> of 10 m<sup>o</sup> 1805. ~

The Representatives from the South  
preparitative meeting are **Gedion Anthony &**  
**Joseph Estes** North **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Abraham**  
**Tucker**, all present. ~

*Copy* A Copy of an Epistle from our friend  
*Epiler read* of **Philidelphia** was read to our Edification

*Repres* The representatives appointed to att  
*Quarterly* -end the Quarterly meeting report they all  
*m. rept.* attended

*Com<sup>ee</sup>* Two of the Comm<sup>tee</sup> in the Case  
*J Mosher* of **Joseph Mosher** report they all had an  
*report* opportunity with him & received a ~~lenth~~ good  
degree of Satisfaction; the matter is continued  
under the Com<sup>ee</sup> care to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*tistamony* This meeting Concurs with the women  
*Denial* meeting in Signing a Testamony of denial  
*E Shaw* against **Esther Shaw**. ~

signed

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*1805*  
*10 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*Zephani*  
*Slead*  
*Contin<sup>d</sup>*  
*J H Keese*  
*Certi*  
*presintd*  
*J H Keese*  
*& M Sm*  
*marri,<sup>d</sup>*  
*Abner*  
*Gifford*  
*request m.*  
*Certif<sup>t</sup>*

The Com<sup>ee</sup> in the Case of **Zephaniah Slead** inform they have been in a labour but are not ready to report at this time the matter is Still Continued under the Com mittee care to report next month. ~

**John H. Keese** presented a Cer tificate from **Peru m<sup>o</sup>** meeting Setting forth his clearness to proceed in marriage with **Mary Smith J<sup>ur</sup>** also Concent of Parents for that porpose were presented

**John H. Keese & Mary Smith** appeared in this meeting for answer, & nothing appe aring to hinder; they are left at liberty to take each other in marriage at Some Sutible time before next m<sup>o</sup> m<sup>o</sup>. they advising with **Joseph Estes & Gedion Howland**, who this m. appoints to see S<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly Conducted & Certificate forwarded for Recording and report next month. ~

We are inform by the North preparitative m. that **Abner Gifford** is desirious of Certif icate to **Acoaxet m<sup>o</sup> m.** to proceed in marriage with **Elizabeth Peckham** a member of that m. we appoint **Thomas Mott & James Tucker** to inspect his clearness & present one at <sup>our</sup> next m<sup>o</sup> m. if clear

Signed in behalf of S<sup>d</sup> meeting  
By **James Tucker** Clerk

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*1805*  
*11 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*Copy Epi*  
*read N.Y*  
*ac<sup>t</sup> Q m.*

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 11 m<sup>o</sup> 1805. ~

The Representatives from the preparitative meeting are from the South **George Sanford & Samuel Gifford** North **Zephaniah Buffinton & Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker** all present. ~

A Copy of an Epistle from friends the yearly meeting of friends held in **Newyork** was accepttuly read. ~ in this meeting. ~

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers to the usual three Considered, and directed to be forwarded with an account from this meeting to the Quarterly meeting by our Friends **Giles Smith & Luthun Wood** who this appoints to attend the Quarterly m. as representatives, & report next m<sup>o</sup>,

The Committee in the Case of **Joseph Mosher** inform that they have nothing different to report from what they reported last m<sup>o</sup> which was they found a good degree of satisfaction and the S<sup>d</sup> **Joseph** having presented an acknowledgment as hereafter follows which being Considered and having the Concurrence of the womens m. he is restored into membership with us, and the Clerk is directed to read <sup>S<sup>d</sup> paper</sup> after a first day meeting for worship & report next m<sup>o</sup>

To the monthly m. of friends to be hold -en in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** – Respected Friends, I have do so far deviated from the dictates of unerring wisdom in my own breast as to fall into the Sn of fornacation

*J Mosher  
Received*

*Clerk to  
read ack<sup>o</sup>*

*J Mosher  
ack<sup>o</sup>*

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*1805  
11 m<sup>o</sup>* For which misconduct of mine I am sincerely sorry for & do condemn the same desiring that I may find forgiveness for my transgressions – I also have married out of the good order established amongst friends yet I am desirous that <sup>^friends</sup> will So far pass my offences as to let me remain under their watchfull care & oversight if on enquiry I may be found worthy. – This from your Friend **Joseph Mosher**~

*Z Slead  
Continued* The Committee in the Case of **Zephaniah Slead** report they have attended thereto & laboured in the ability afforded them and received but little Satisfaction, the matter is Still Continued under the Committee care to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*Certificate  
A Gifford* The Committee appointed produced a Certificate for **Abner Gifford** Setting forth his cleanness to proceed in marriage with **Elizabeth Peckham**

*Com<sup>te</sup>  
report  
Marriage  
J H Keese* The Committee appointed to have the oversight of <sup>^the marriage of</sup> **John H Keese & Mary Smith** report that it was Conducted orderly & Certificate forwarded of to the Clerk for recording. ~

*Copy of  
A minute  
Stephen  
Buffinton  
granted  
S<sup>d</sup> Copy  
is retur  
ned to  
this m.* Our beloved Friend **Stephen Buffinton** informed this meeting that he has had a prospect, for a Considerable time on this mind if health permits of making a Religious Visit to some of the meeting within the Compass of **Rhode Island** and **Smithfield** Quarerly meetings and this m. taking it under Consideration do approve thereof he being a minister in unity & good esteem and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

The North preparative meeting in this  
 1805 account inform that they have directed \$25 their  
 11 m<sup>o</sup> propotion of Stock paid to our monthly m. treasurer  
 North porpo We this meeting has directed our treasurer  
 on Paid stock to forward \$37:80 our porpotion of Stock to the  
 treasurer Quarterly meeting treasurer  
 forwarded Signed in behalf of S<sup>d</sup> m. by **James Tucker** Clerk  
 stock to

Q M. At a monthly meeting of friends  
 held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1805. ~~

12 m<sup>o</sup> The Representatives from the preparative m.  
 1805 are, from the South **Brice Shepherd & George  
 Smith 2<sup>d</sup> North Thomas Mott 2<sup>d</sup> & Abraham Tucker**  
 all present. ~~

Concur This meeting Concur with the womens  
 W. restoring meeting in restoring **Phebe Easton** into member  
 P Easton ship with us. ~~

Refer The representatives appointed to attend  
 Q m. report the Quarterly meeting meeting report, they all attend  
 -ed according to appointment.

treasurer Our treasurer informed that he  
 stock Q has forwarded our porpotion of Stock to the Quarterly  
 meeting m. treasurer. ~~

J Mosher The Clerk informed that the  
 ackn<sup>o</sup> acknowledgment of **Joseph Mosher** has been read  
 read as directed

Z Slead The Committee in the case of  
 Case **Zephaniah Slead** inform that they attended  
 Continued to their appointment & have nothing differen<sup>t</sup>  
 to report from last m<sup>o</sup> & after it being  
 Considered it is the mind of this meeting to defer

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said matter under the Committee care with  
 1805 the addition of **Abraham Tucker David  
 12 m<sup>o</sup> Gifford & Giles Smith**, they to report next m<sup>o</sup>  
 Certificate We received & accepted a removal Cer  
 accepted tificate from **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m. on behalf of  
 B Tripp **Benj<sup>a</sup> Tripp**. ~

A request A request from friends in  
 from fre<sup>d</sup>. **Allens & Smiths Neck** to hold meetings  
 Allens & Smiths ~~their~~ in each neck the ensuing winter as  
 neck to usual untill the m<sup>o</sup> m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> next  
 was read & Considered, & having the Concur  
 -ence of the womens meeting is Granted them  
 and we appoint **Samuel Gifford Thomas**

*hold m.* **Allen Wilbour Gifford & Joseph Wing** to have the care & oversight of the meetings in **Allens neck** & report in the 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> next we also appoint **George Smith Jonathan Wilbour W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Giles Smith** to have the like care of the meetings in **Smiths neck** to report at the expiration of the time Granted

*S Slead with E H & J Howland with E Howland Publishd* We are informed from the South P. meeting that **Shearman Slead with Elizabeth Howland & James Howland Jur<sup>^ofNB</sup> with Edith Howland** proposes to Publish their Intentions of marriage at this meeting. Consent of Parents from both Coples was presented to this meeting. **Shearman Slead with Elizabeth Howland and James Howland with Edith Howland** appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage Severally, which was Noticed & they desired to wait untill next m<sup>o</sup> m. for answer

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*1805 12 m<sup>o</sup>* and **Joseph Estes & Caleb Slocum** is appointed to inspect into **Shearman Sleads** clearness in respect to marriage and report next month.~ This meeting has Received 12 dozen Copies of **London** General Epistles<sup>^one</sup> of which was read in the early part of this m. to our Comfort & edification<sup>on</sup> the others to be distributed among friends families for the use & benefit of society. -

*Rec<sup>d</sup> Epistles London*

Signed in Behalf of s<sup>d</sup> meeting By  
**James Tucker** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 20<sup>th</sup> of 1 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~.

*s<sup>d</sup> 1 m<sup>o</sup>:* The Representatives from the South preparative m. are **Richard Davis & John Wing North Gedion Gifford Gifford & Zephaniah Buffinton** all except except. **Gedion Gifford.** ~

*Clerks appointed*

The year being expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed **James Tucker** is reappointed Clerk for the year ensuing & **Abner Potter** assistant.

*J Duglass & Companion attended*

Our Beloved friend **Joseph Duglass** attended this meeting ~~attended this meeting~~ with a Copy of a minute from **Durham** m<sup>o</sup> m. whose Company & Religious Serviceuses has been truly acceptable to us, Also **Joseph Sampson** attended this m. with a Copy of a minute from the Same m<sup>o</sup> m. as Companion to the above s<sup>d</sup> friend whose Company is acceptable to us.

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*1806*  
*1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup>*  
*~~*  
*Zeph<sup>a</sup>*  
*Slead [Slade]*  
*restord*  
*into mem*  
*bership*

The Committee in the Case of **Zephaniah Slead [Slade]** report that they have had Several oportunties with him and he <sup>^has</sup> gave them a degree of Satisfaction. he having presented an acknowledgement condemning his outgoings & desiring the unity of his friends; which being considered in this meeting s<sup>d</sup> acknowledgement is accepted for Satisfaction, the women Concurring therewith & **Joseph Estes** is appointed to inform him thereof— and Read s<sup>d</sup> paper after a first day meeting for worship & report next m<sup>o</sup>. S<sup>d</sup> paper is as follows. —

*Z Slade*  
*acknoled*  
*gement*

To the m<sup>o</sup> meeting of friends to be held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>**. – Dear friends. I have so far departed from the dictates of unerring wisdom as to Use unbecoming languaue [language] to some of My Neighbours and also have been too negligent in the attendence of meeting; which misconduct of mine I Condemn desiring friends to so far pass it by as to Let me remain under your watchfull care. – from your friend  
**Dartm<sup>o</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> of 1 m<sup>o</sup> 1806} Zephaniah Slead [Slade]**

*S Slead [Slade]*  
*Clear to*  
*proceed*  
*marriage*

The Committee appointed to inspect into **Shearman Sleads [Slades]** clearness in respect <sup>^to</sup> marriage report that they have made the necessary inspicion & find nothing to hinder.

*J Howlan<sup>d</sup>*  
*presented*  
*Certif<sup>a</sup>*

**James Howland Ju<sup>r</sup>** presented a Certificate from **N. [New] Bedford m<sup>o</sup> m.** Expressive of his clearness to proceed in marriage with **Edith Howland.**  
**Shearman Slead [Slade] with Elizabeth**

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*1806*  
*S. S. &*  
*E. H.*  
*appeared*  
*for answer*  
*J. H. & E*  
*H. also--*

**Howland & James Howland with Edith Howland** appeared in this meeting for answer and nothing appearing to hinder their proceeding to take each other in marriage at some Sutable time before next m<sup>o</sup> m. they advising with **Joseph Estes & Abner Potter** who is appointed to see s<sup>d</sup> mariages orderly Conducted & Certificates forwarded to the Clerk & report next month. ~

*Com<sup>tee</sup>*  
*appoint*  
*the expedi*  
*cency of*  
*a wood*  
*lot at New*

The North preparitative meeting in their account inform that they are desirious of <sup>^the privilege of</sup> a wood Lot for that meetings use, this meeting taking it under Consideration do appoint **Gedion Howland Joseph Tucker Caleb Slocum David Gifford <sup>^&</sup> Zephaniah Buffinton [Buffington]** to take the matter under consideration & report thereon as they may think proper

*town* at our next m<sup>o</sup> m. ~

Signed on behalf of S<sup>d</sup> m. By

**James Tucker** Clerk

*2<sup>nd</sup> m<sup>o</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 17<sup>th</sup> of 2 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. The representatives from the South preparitative meeting are **Caleb Shearman & Caleb Slade North Ebenezer Chase & Thomas Mott, 2<sup>d</sup>** all present.

*G Gifford  
reason  
nonattend*

**Gidion Gifford** informed this meeting that his being unwell was the reason of his non attend =ence at our Last m<sup>o</sup> m.

*ence  
monthly  
m.*

*J Estes  
report*

**Joseph Estes** reported that he informed **Zephaniah Slade** of his restoration & read his paper as directed.

*Z Sleade [Slade]  
paper read*

The Committee appointed to have the care of the marriages of **Shearman Slade & James Howland** report.

*Comte rept  
S Slead [Slade] &  
J Howland  
marriages  
orderly*

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*1806  
2 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~* that they was conducted orderly and Certificates forwarded to the clerk

*Com<sup>tee</sup>  
report in  
regard to  
wood lot  
at Newto  
wn.-*

The Committee appointed to inspect into the expediency of purchasing a wood lot at **Newtown** inform that they have not been un mindfull of their appointment but are not rea<sup>d</sup>y to report at this time the matter is continued under their care to report when ready or Called upon by this meeting

*J Wing  
request  
for his  
Childr  
-en*

We are informed by the preparitative meeting that **John Wing** & wife request that their Children namely **Pardon Patience Abigail Jemimah John & Almy** be admitted members of our Society whereupon we appoint **Jonathan Wilbour [Wilbur] Luthun Wood & Joseph Tucker** to Join the women in making a Visit <sup>^to</sup> the Children & family at our next m<sup>o</sup> m.

*J Wood  
request  
for his  
Childr  
-en-*

Also a Similar request from **Jonathan Wood** & wife was presented to this m. Where upon we appoint **Zephaniah Eddy & Richard Davis** in Conjunction with the women to Visit the family & report next month

*Zepha  
Slead [Slade] &  
Anna  
Gifford  
Publish*

It appears by the account from the North preparitative meeting that **Zephaniah Slade** proposes to publish his intention of marriage at this meeting with **Anna Gifford**.

Concent of parents being obtained, **Zephaniah Slade & Anna Gifford** appeared in this



meeting & declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage which was noticed & they desired to wait until next monthly m. for answer

And **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** & **Joseph Estes**

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1806 is appointed to inspect into **Zephaniah** Clearness  
2 m<sup>o</sup> in respect to marriage & report next month.—

~~

*overseers appointed* The year<sup>time</sup> being expired for which the Overseers of this meeting were appointed ~~Wh~~ we appoint **Richard Davis Giles Smith Abner Potter Joseph Tucker & James Tucker** for that Service the year ensuing or until another appointment ..~

*overseers Poor appoint* A ~~we~~ new Choose of overseers of the poor Coming before this meeting we appoint **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup> Collins Smith Zephaniah Buffinton [Buffington] Samuel Gifford & Thomas Mott 2<sup>d</sup>** for the year ensuing or until others are appointed in their Stead.~

**James Tucker** Clerk. ~

3 m<sup>o</sup>~ At a monthly meeting of friends  
17<sup>th</sup> held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 17<sup>th</sup> of 3 m<sup>o</sup> 1806 ~~~

~~

The representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Samuel Slead [Slade] & Brice Shepherd north John Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** all present. ~

*account Q meeting & Reprnt. appoint<sup>d</sup>* The queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto considered, and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **Giles Smith Samuel Gifford & Richard Davis** with an account Signed by the Clerk, who are desired to report their attendance at our next monthly m.

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*C Wing Rec<sup>d</sup>* This meeting concurs with the womens m. in Receiving **Catharine Wing** into membership with us

*H Anth -ony Cer. accept<sup>d</sup>* We received & accepted a removal Certificate from **Peru m<sup>o</sup> m.** on behalf of **Hum-phrey Anthony.**~

*J Wings Child-* The Committee appointed to Visit the Children of **John** <sup>^Wing</sup> report that they attended thereto and found a good degree of

*ren* Satisfaction, which being Considered and having  
*Rec<sup>d</sup>* the Concurrence of the womens Meeting they  
are admitted members of our Society. ~

The Committee appointed to

*J Wood* Visit the family of **Jonathan Wood** on account  
*Chil<sup>d</sup>* of their request report that they attended there  
*Reci<sup>d</sup>* -too & it appeared to them right to Comply  
with their request which meets the appro-  
-bation of this meeting & having the Concurrence  
of the women, their Children namely  
**Elizabeth Mehatable & Edith** received members  
of our Society.~

*Z Slead [Slade]* The Committee appointed to inspect  
*Clearness* into **Zephaniah Slead [Slade]** clearness in respict  
to marriage report that they made the nec  
essary inspection and do not find any thing  
to obstruct his proceeding —

*L Wood* We Concur with the women in re<sup>c</sup>  
*Cert<sup>i</sup>* a Certificate for **Lurana Wood** wife of **John**  
*accepted* **Wood J<sup>r</sup>** from **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m. ~ Also  
*M Keese* concur With the women in Signing a removal  
*Cert.* Certificate for **Mary Keese** directed to **Peru** m<sup>o</sup> m.  
*grantd*  
*Peru*

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*1806* We are informed by the Paretative meeting  
*3 m<sup>o</sup>* that **Abraham Allen** request a removal Certifi-  
cate to **Easton** m<sup>o</sup> m. for himself & family  
~~ we appoint **Wilbour Gifford & Samuel Gifford**  
*A Allen* to prepare one & present at our next monthly  
*req<sup>st</sup>* meeting if no obstruction appears. ~  
*Certif<sup>d</sup>*

Also **Resolved Howland** request a removal  
Certificate for himself & family to **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m.  
*R How* we appoint **Ri<sup>ch</sup>ard Davis & Samuel Smith**  
*land* to prepare one at our next meeting if nothing  
*requ<sup>st</sup>* appears to obstruct. ~  
*Cert<sup>i</sup>*

Likewise **Samuel Slead [Slade]** request a  
Certificate to the same m<sup>o</sup> m. we appoint  
*S Slead* **Joseph Tucker & James Tucker** to make the  
*Request* necessary inspection & produce one at our next  
*Certif<sup>d</sup>* meeting if nothing appears to hinder. ~

**Elihu Gifford** request a removal  
Certificate to the same m<sup>o</sup> m as the former  
*E Gifford* we appoint **Joseph Estes & Luthun Wood**  
*Request* to prepare one & bring to next m<sup>o</sup> m. if noth-  
*Cert<sup>i</sup>* ing appears to obstruct. ~

**Zephaniah Slead [Slade] & Anna Gifford** appear  
ed in this meeting for answers and nothing  
*Z Slead* appearing to obstruct their proceeding to take  
*& A Giff* each other in marriage at Some Sutable time  
*ord appea<sup>rd</sup>* before next monthly meeting they advossing  
*Answer* with **Abraham Tucker & James Tucker** who  
this meeting appoints to oversee s<sup>d</sup> marriage

& Lodge the Certificate with the Clerk  
Signed **James Tucker** Clerk ~

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1806  
4 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~

At a monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartm**<sup>o</sup> the 21<sup>st</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~~  
The Representatives from the South  
preparative meeting are **David Gifford &**  
**Caleb Slocum** north **Thomas Mott. 2<sup>d</sup> & Benj<sup>a</sup>**  
**Tucker** all present except **Caleb Slocum**  
for Whose absence exceptable reasons was render<sup>d</sup>

repre<sup>s</sup>  
report  
Q. M.

The Representatives appointed to at-  
-end the Quarterly meeting report, they all  
attended. ~

A **Allen**  
Certif  
&  
Children  
granted

The Committee appointed pro  
duced a removal Certificate for **Abraham**  
**Allen** & two Children namely **Bobert & John.**  
Also produced a Certificate for his son **Henry**  
who is gone to live within the Verge of the  
Same meeting. which was Signed by the C<sup>lk</sup>

R **How-**  
**land**  
Certif  
granted

The Committee appointed presented  
a Certificate for **Resolved Howland** & their Child-  
ren namely **Nathaniel Philip Edward & Caleb**  
which was Signed. ~

**Patience**  
**Mosher**  
Cert<sup>i</sup>  
received

This meeting Concurrs With the  
women in accepting a removal Certificate for  
**Patience Mosher** from **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m.

S **Slead** [**Slade**]  
&  
**Elihu**  
**Gifford**  
Cert<sup>i</sup>  
granted

The Friends appointed report. they  
made the necessary inspection & produced a  
Certificate for **Samuel Slead** [**Slade**] & Wife and  
their Children namely **Edward Benjamin**  
**W<sup>m</sup>** and **Anna** - also the friends appointed  
produced a Certificate for **Elihu Gifford** both of  
which was Signed by the Clerk~

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1806  
4 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~  
Com<sup>te</sup> rep<sup>t</sup>  
Marriage  
Z **Sleade** [**Slade**]

The Committee appointed appointed  
to oversee the marriage of **Zephaniah Slead** [**Slade**]  
& **Anna Gifford** report, that they <sup>attended theretoo</sup> & discovered  
nothing but that it was conducted in a good  
degree orderly & Certificate is Lodged with  
the Clerk. ~

accept<sup>d</sup> Cer<sup>t</sup>  
S **Hart**  
N. B.

A removal Certificate from **NewBed**  
**ford** monthly meeting for **Stephen Hart.**  
was read & accepted

This meeting is informed by a  
Copy of a minute from the meeting for Suffer

*Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
appointed  
receive  
Subscriition  
for books*

ings that their is a Book Published. Wrote by  
**Henry Tuke** of **Great Britain**, intitled, The  
Principles of religion, as professed by our society  
Price 50 Cents each. we appoint **Samuel Smith**  
**Richard Davis Samuel Gifford & Benj<sup>a</sup>**  
**Tucker** to open Subscriptions for the Same  
& report their preducings at our next m<sup>o</sup>  
m. ~

*E Chase  
request  
Certifi*

This meeting is informed by the prepa  
ritative meeting that **Ebenezer Chase** is about  
to reside within the Verge of **New Bedford**  
m<sup>o</sup> m. & request a removal Certificate for  
himself & family we appoint **Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker &**  
**W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** to make the necessary inspection  
& produce one at our next month m. if no  
obstructions appears.

*report  
Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
M. Neck*

The Committee appointed  
to have the care of the meetings in <sup>^</sup>Allens & **Smiths neck**  
report they attended to their appointments &  
Discovered nothing but that they were orderly  
attended & by the most of friends, which report  
is accepted by this meeting

Signed **James Tucker** Clerk~

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*1806  
5 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~*

At a Monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1806.

The representatives from the South  
Preparitative meeting are **Luthun Wood**  
& **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** North **Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker**  
and **Gedion Gifford** all present. ~

*Comte<sup>e</sup>  
for book  
Continu<sup>d</sup>*

The Committee appointed at our  
Last m<sup>o</sup> meeting to receive Subscriptions  
for books inform that they have made  
but Little progress therein <sup>^</sup>they are defered untill  
next m. they then to report. ~

*E Chase  
& family  
Cert<sup>i</sup>  
granted*

The friends appointed produced  
a Certificate for **Ebenezer Chase** & family  
which was approved & Signed by the Clerk  
directed to **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.

*Thomas  
Smith  
of Easton  
Ackn<sup>o</sup>*

**Thomas Smith** of **Easton** forwarded  
a paper through the preparitative meeting  
Condemning his outgoings and desires a  
reinstaintment into unity with his friends  
Whereupon we appoint **Zephaniah Buffi**  
**nton [Buffington]** and **James Tucker** to treat With  
him & indeavour to find his Sincerity there  
-in; & report at our next meeting and

also Prepare a few lines directed to **Easton** m<sup>o</sup>  
m. desiring them to inquire into his  
life & Conversation & fitness to become a  
member & inform us accordingly —

*Ruth Joy*  
*denied* This meeting concurs with the wom  
ens in disowning **Ruth Joy** Wife of **Abraham**  
**Joy**.

Signed **James Tucker** Clerk

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*1806*  
*6 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*~~*  
At a monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartmouth** 16<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1806.  
The Representatives from the prepa  
ritative m. are from the South **Samuel**  
**Gifford & Caleb Shearman** [**Sherman**] north **Zephaniah**  
**Buffinton** [**Buffington**] & **John Tucker** all present except  
**Caleb Shearman** who is gone to the yearly meeting

*account*  
*Q. M.* The Queries were read in this meeting  
and Answers to the usual three made to  
them & are directed to be forwarded to the  
Quarterly meeting by our representative who are  
**Zephaniah Buffinton** [**Buffington**] **Richard Davis & Joseph**  
**Estes** who are to report their attendance at  
our next m<sup>o</sup> meeting. ~

*Comtee*  
*for Books*  
*Continu<sup>d</sup>* Some of the Committee appointed to  
receive Subscriptions for books report nothing  
different from Last m<sup>o</sup> they are Continued in  
care thereof to report next month. ~

*Comtee*  
*report*  
*T Smith* The Committee appointed to treat  
with **Thomas Smith** of **Easton** report that.  
they have had an opportunity with him and  
endeavoured to discover the motive of his  
application to friends and believe it to arise  
from a Since of his outgoings and a Sincere  
desire to condemn the Same for the piece of  
his own mind, and Also produced a letter  
which this meeting directs to the monthly  
meeting of **Easton** and is as follows. ~

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*1806*  
*6 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*~~*  
To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at  
**Easton**, State of **New York**. ~  
Dear Friends

*Letter*  
*Easton*  
*relative*  
*Thomas* **Thomas Smith** of who for a  
number of years hath resided within the Com-  
pass of your meeting, but through unwatchfull-  
-ness Some years past lost this unity of his friends  
but now appearing Sincerely engaged to make

*Smith* Satisfaction, having been recently here and  
Condemned his outgoings desiring forgiveness <sup>^&</sup> a  
Reinstatement ~~into~~ to his former right of membership  
, — We have accordingly concluded to except of  
his request, If his live and Confersation be such  
that you think it admissible . ~

Wish you to write <sup>^us</sup> relative thereto  
as soon as convenient. ~ we are (with desires  
that no unnecessary let or hindrence may be  
thrown in his way) your Sincere friends and  
Brethren

Signed in and [illegible] by order of our m<sup>o</sup> m.  
of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** 16<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1806 ~  
By **Joseph Estes** Clerk for the day

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At a monthly meeting of friends held in  
**Dartmouth** the 21<sup>st</sup> of 7 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~

The representatives from the prepa  
ritative meetings are from the South **Samuel  
Smith & George Smith 2<sup>d</sup> North W<sup>m</sup> Gifford  
& Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker** all present.

*Represent<sup>t</sup>  
Q m.g  
report.* The representatives appointed to attend  
the Quarterly meeting report they all attended. ~  
The Committee appointed to receive  
Subscribtions for books ~~inf~~ refered from last meeting  
inform that little progress have been made  
Since last month & taking the matter under  
*Report.  
Com<sup>tee</sup>  
for books  
& sent  
for* Consideration this meeting concludes to Subscri  
be for twenty five including those Subscribed  
by Individuals & **Richard Davis** is appointed  
to take the care in forwarding the number &  
money to **Moses Brown** and receive the books  
on behalf of this meeting.

**James Tucker** Clerk. ~

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**65**

*1806  
8 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~* At a monthly meeting of friends held  
in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 8 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~

The Representatives from the South  
Preparitative meeting are **Richard Davis**  
and **Saleb Slocum** North **Stephen Buffinton [Buffington] J<sup>r</sup>  
& Thomas Mott. 2<sup>d</sup>** all present except **Caleb  
Slocum** for whose absence exceptable reason  
was rendered – No further business  
appearing at this time we Conclude

**James Tucker** Clerk ~

At a monthly meeting of friends  
9 m<sup>o</sup> held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** the 15 of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1806.  
~~

The representatives from the South prepari  
tative meeting are **George Sanford & Abner  
Potter North William Gifford & Thomas Mott. 2<sup>d</sup>**  
all present. ~

*account*  
*Q Meeting* The queries were read in this meeting -  
and answers to the usual three queries prepar<sup>d</sup>  
in which we have endeavoured to describe the  
State of our meeting and are directed to be forward  
-ed to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives  
who are **David Gifford & James Tucker**, who are  
desired to make report of their attendance at our  
next m<sup>o</sup> m. ~ and the Clerk is directed to forw  
ard a Copy of the above minute to S<sup>d</sup> meeting  
no further business appearing at this time  
we Conclude **James Tucker** Clerk. ~

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At a monthly meeting of friends  
1806 held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** 20<sup>th</sup> of 10 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~  
10 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~

The representatives from the South prep  
=aritative meeting are **David Gifford & Joseph  
Wing North Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker and Thomas  
Mott.** – all present. ~

*Repre*  
*Q M.*  
*report* The representatives appointed to atten<sup>d</sup>  
the Quarterly meeting report they both atten  
=ed – And forwarded Extracts from our  
Last Yearly & Quarterly meetings minuts by  
which it appears that their is an alteration  
taken place in some parts of dicipline —  
*alteration*  
*in Diciplin*  
*insertird* we appoint **Gidion Gifford & James Tucker**  
to insert the alteration as their directed in  
all our books of dicipline and report when  
accomplished. ~

*Stock*  
*Directed* It also appears that our porpotion  
of yearly & Quarterly meeting Stock is  
\$56 which this meeting is desired to for  
ward to the Quarterly meetings treasurer

*Concur*  
*women*  
*Disowning*  
*Mary Allen* This meeting concurs with the womens  
meeting in disowning **Mary Allen** wife of  
**Thomas Allen.** ~

*A Gifford*  
*under deal-*  
*-ing* This meeting is informed that  
**Abraham Gifford** has keep company & marr  
ied out of the order of Society, whereupon  
we appoint **Jonathan Wilbour [Wilbur] & Joseph  
Wing** to treat with with him for his out-  
-goings and report next month. ~

*Abigail*  
*Chase* We Concur with the womens meeting  
in Signing a removal Certificate for **Abigail  
Chase** wife of **Abner Chase** directed to  
**Westland** monthly meeting State **Pennsylvania**

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1806  
10 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~  
money  
raised

This meeting Concludes to raise \$150 to defray the expence <sup>^</sup>thereof of this m. the north preparitative m. porpotion is \$37:50 Cents and each meeting is desired to forward their respective sums to the treasurer & inform this meeting thereof. ~  
Signed **James Tucker** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** 17<sup>th</sup> of 11 M<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~

The representatives from the South preparitative meeting are **George Sanford & Luthun Wood** north **W<sup>m</sup> Wood & Gedion Gifford** all present

repre<sup>st</sup>  
Q m<sup>o</sup>  
acount

The Queries were read in meeting and answers to the usual three considered which we think descriptive of the State of Society which answers are to be Sent to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are **Luthun Wood Caleb Shearman [Sherman] & W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** who are desired to report their attendence at our next monthly meeting; & the Clerk is directed to furnish the representatives with a Copy of this minute. ~ to S<sup>d</sup> meeting

report  
A Gifford

One of the Committee in the Case of **Abraham Gifford** inform that they have been in a Labour but are not ready to report and desire it Continued; which is accordingly they to report next month. ~

B Shear  
Man  
[Sherman]  
request

**Barnabas Shearman [Sherman]** forwarded a request through the preparitative meeting desiring to be admitted a member of our Society.

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1806  
11 m<sup>o</sup>  
~~

whereupon we appoint **Jonathan Wilb Wilbour [Wilbur]** and **Richard Davis** to inspect his Sincerity and fitness to become a member and report next m<sup>o</sup>

E Gifford  
presented  
Copy minute

**Elihu Gifford** son of **David** presented a Copy of a minute from **Sidney** monthly meeting Expressive of his being a member of that meeting.

Signed on behalf S<sup>d</sup> meeting by  
**James Tucker** Clerk



At a monthly meeting of friends held  
in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** the 17<sup>th</sup> of 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~

12 M<sup>o</sup>

The representative from the South  
preparative meeting are **Samuel Gif-  
ford [Gifford] & George Smith 2<sup>d</sup> North Abraham  
Tucker & Thomas Mott 2<sup>nd</sup>** all present.

The representatives appointed  
to attend the Quarterly meeting report  
they all attended according to appointme  
nt.  
and presented Eleven dozen Copies of  
**London** General Epistles one of which was  
read to Satisfaction. Said Epistles to be  
distributed amongst friends families for the  
benefit of Society. Also Transcripts of Epis<sup>t</sup>  
from **London & Philidelphia [Philadelphia]** of the present  
year reading of the Latter is defered to next  
meeting.

repres<sup>t</sup>  
Q m.  
report  
present  
Epistles  
read

The Committee appointed to  
labour with **Abraham Gifford** report tha  
they have had Severall opportunies with him  
and recieved a pretty good degree of

A Gifford  
restored

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1806  
12 m<sup>o</sup>

Satisfaction and the S<sup>d</sup> **Abraham** for-  
warded a paper Condemning his outgoings  
and after the matter was waightly  
Considered it is the mind of this meeting  
to accept S<sup>d</sup> paper for Satisfaction w<sup>h</sup> the  
women Concurring therewith and **Joseph  
Wing** is appointed to inform him thereof  
& report next month. . ~

S<sup>d</sup> **Abraham Gifford** paper is as follows

To the Monthly meeting of friends  
to be held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1806. ~

A Gifford  
paper

I have to inform that Some time past  
kept Company with one not a member  
& Married contaray to the order of friends  
for which deviation I am Sorry for & do  
Condemn now fealing desirious that <sup>^</sup>friends may  
pass by my offence and let me remain  
under their care if thought best.

from your friend

**Abraham Gifford**

H Shear  
Man [Sherman]  
restored

This meeting Conkurs with the womens  
Meeting in accepting **Hannah Shearman [Sherman]**  
Wife of **Caleb** into membership with us

Certifa<sup>t</sup>

Also in accepting a removal Certificate

*present<sup>d</sup>* from **Nine Partners** m<sup>o</sup> m. on behalf of  
*J Mabitt* **Jemima Mabitt**

*B She* The Committee appointed in the Case  
*arman [Sherman]* of **Barnabas Shearman [Sherman]** inform that they  
*Case* have Paid attention to their appoint<sup>m</sup>  
*Contin* and think it best it be Continued which  
*ued* is accordingly they to report next m. ~

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A request from friends in **Allens**  
*1806* **neck** to hold meeting meetings their the  
*12 m<sup>o</sup>* ensuing winter untill the m<sup>o</sup> m. in the  
*request* 4<sup>th</sup> month next <sup>in the usual manner</sup> was presented; and after  
*Allens* it being Considered is granted them and  
*Neck M.* to be held under the care of **Samuel**  
*granted* **Gifford Joseph Wing Thomas Allen &**  
**Joseph Estes** who this appoints to have  
the oversight thereof and report in the  
4<sup>th</sup> m. next.

Also a Semilar request from friends  
*Also* in **Smith nick [Neck]** to hold meetings thir  
*Smith* as usual was presented to this meeting  
*neck* which is granted them and to be held un-  
*gran<sup>d</sup>* der the following Committee to wit.  
**Jonathan Wilbour [Wilbur] W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Giles**  
**Smith**, who are desired to report at the  
m<sup>o</sup> meeting in the fourth m<sup>o</sup> next.

Our Treasurer informed that our por-  
*Stock* tion of Yearly & Quarterly meeting  
*forward* Stock is paid to the Quarterly meeting  
*-ed-* treasurer. ~

Signed on behalf of S<sup>d</sup> meeting by  
**James Tucker** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in  
**Dartm<sup>o</sup>** 19<sup>th</sup> of 1 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~

*1807* The Representatives from the South  
*1 m<sup>o</sup>* preparatives meeting are **Brice Shepherd**  
& **Caleb Slocum** north **John Tucker & Zepha-**  
**niah Buffinton [Buffington]** all Present. ~

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The Epistles refered from last meeting to  
*1807* this was read to our Edification & Comfort-  
*1 m<sup>o</sup>* The Friend appointed to inform  
*Epistles* **Abraham Gifford** of his reception not being  
*read* present the matter is continued to next m<sup>o</sup>  
*matter* then to report. ~

*Cont. inform A Gifford reception Barnabas Shearman [Sherman] Case Con<sup>d</sup>* One of the Committee in the case of **Barnabas Shearman [Sherman]** inform that they are not ready to make a Conclusive report they are Still continued in care thereof to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*G Shearman [Sherman] request care friends* This meeting is informed by the Preparative meeting that **George Shearman [Sherman]** request the care of friends. Whereupon we ap point. **Zephaniah Eddy & David Gifford** to inspect his Sincerity and fitness to become a member and report next month

*alteration Books Discipline made* The Committee appointed to insert the alteration in our Books of Discipline as pro posed by the Yearly meeting inform that alter ation is made as directed. —

*Com<sup>tee</sup> app<sup>t</sup> care funerals grounds* **Joseph Tucker & Richard Davis** is appointed in Addition to the former ~~appoint ment~~ Committee to have the Care & oversight of funerals & Burying ground belonging to this meeting.

**James Tucker** Clrk. ~

*1807 2 m<sup>o</sup> ~* At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 2 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~

*~* The representatives from the South Priparative meeting are **Caleb Shearman [Sherman] & Giles Smith** north **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Allen Russell** all present except **Allen Russell**

*New Choice overseers defered* The year being expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed a new Choice is defered till next meeting

*friend Continued inform A Gifford* The Friend being Still absent that was appointed to inform **Abraham Gifford** of his reception the matter is continued to next month. ~

*Case Barnabas Shearman [Sherman] Continued* The Committee in the case of **Barnabas Shearman [Sherman]** inform. that they have attended thereto but are not ready to report and desire an addition which is united with and **Zephaniah Buffin -ton [Buffington]** is added to them to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*G Shearm -an [Sherman] Case Contin<sup>ud</sup>* The case of **George Shearman [Sherman]** was favourbly reported too and Continued under the committee care till next m<sup>o</sup> they then to report

*A Russell request for care* **Abraham Russell** appeared in this meeting and desired friends care: whereupon we appoint **Luthun Wood & John Wing** to inspect his Sincerity therein and report next month. ~

*E Howland*  
*-and Certi*  
*granted*  
This meeting Concurs with the womens meeting and Signed a removal Certificate for **Edith Howland** wife of **James Howland** directed to **N. Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.~

*appoint<sup>m</sup>*  
*overseers*  
*deferd*  
A new Appointment of overseers is defered till next meeting ~  
Signed **James Tucker** Clerk

*3 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*1807*  
At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 3 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~~~

The representatives from the South preparitive meeting are **Brice Shepherd & Richard Davis** north **Gedion Gifford & Thomas Mott 2<sup>d</sup>** all present. ~

*Clerk*  
*appointed*  
**James Tucker** is reappointed Clerk for the year ensuing or untill another appointment

*answers*  
*& account*  
*Q m.*  
The queries were read in this meeting & answers theretoo agree on which answers are directed to be Sent to Quarterly m.<sup>^</sup>with an account signed by the Clerk by our representatives who are **Samuel Gifford James Tucker & Richard Davis** who are desired to report ther attendance at our next m<sup>o</sup> m. —

*E Devol*  
*disownd*  
This meeting Concurs with the womens meeting in disowning **Esther Devol**

*A Gifford*  
*informed*  
*reception*  
It appears by a friend of this meeting that **Abraham Gifford** is informed of his reception — — The Committee in the Case

*B Shear*  
*man*  
*receiv<sup>d</sup>*  
of **Barnabas Shearman** report that they have had an opportunity with him and he gave them a good degree of Satisfaction <sup>^</sup>and after it being Considered and having the Concurrence of the womens meeting he is admitted a

member of our Society.

*1807*  
*3 m<sup>o</sup>*  
The Committee in the case of **George Shearman** report that they attended theretoo and received a good degree of Sati

*G Shear*  
*man*  
*receiv<sup>d</sup>*  
-sfaction and after it being Spread before this meeting it is the united <sup>^</sup>since thereof that he be received a member of our Society & having the Concurrence of the women she is recei<sup>d</sup> accordingly - -

*A Russell*  
The Committee in the case of **Abraham Russell** report that they atten-ded thereto & believe him Sincere there

*Rec<sup>d</sup>* -fore s received a good degree of Satisfaction & having the Concurrence of the women he is received a member of our Society & **Luthun Wood** is appointed to inform him thereof and report next m<sup>o</sup>.

*overseers  
deferred* A new Choice of overseers is deferred untill next meeting. ~

*G Potter  
Complain<sup>d</sup>  
off* This meeting is informed through the preparative meeting that **Garner Potter** hath for a long time much neglected the attendance of our meetings and appear deficient in performing his promises & paying his debts, preticular in a debt due to **Lydia Sanford** for which Transgression the overseers have laboured with him but received but little if any Satisfaction wherefore we appoint **Zephaniah Buffinton & Caleb Shearman** to treat with him for his outgoings and report next m<sup>o</sup>

*north  
m. for<sup>d</sup>  
Stock  
paid* The north preparative meeting in their account inform that they have paid directed \$37:50 their proportion of Stock to the m<sup>o</sup> meeting treasurer  
Signed **James Tucker** Clerk ~~~

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*1807  
4 m<sup>o</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 20<sup>th</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~

The representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Samuel Gifford & John - Wing** north **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker**. all present. ~

*repre<sup>s</sup>  
Q M. rep<sup>t</sup>* The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly m. report they all attended. ~

*A Russell  
informd  
recept<sup>t</sup>* **Luthun Wood** reported that he informed **Abraham Russell** of his reception as directed

*G Potter  
Disown<sup>d</sup>* The Committee in the case of **Garner Potter** report that they Visited him but received no Satisfaction & this meeting apprehending to be clear of further Labour do with the concurrence of the women disown the S<sup>d</sup> **Garmen Potter** from being any longer a member of our Society untill he Should come to a Sight of his deviations, return & Condemn the Same and **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** is appointed to inform

him thereof & report next m<sup>o</sup>

*A Russ  
-ell  
request  
Certi  
N. B.* It appears by the account from the preparitive meeting that **Allen Russ** -ell a <sup>request</sup> removal Certificate for himself & family to **N. Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m. we appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & James Tucker** to Join the women in making the necessary inspect =ion and produce a Certificate at our next m. if no obstruction appears

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*1807  
4 m<sup>o</sup>  
Chorse  
overseers  
app<sup>t</sup>* A new Chorse of overseers coming before this meeting wherefore we appoint **Richard David Giles Smith Joseph Tucker Abner Potter Samuel Gifford and James Tucker** for that service the year ensuing or untill another appointmn<sup>t</sup>

*A Potter  
assistant  
Clerk* **Abner Potter** is reappointed assis tand Clerk for the year ensuing or until an another appointment. ~~

*overseers  
Poor  
app<sup>t</sup>* We appoint **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup> Samuel Smith Stephen Gifford Caleb Shearman Stephen Buffinton J<sup>ur</sup> & Sam -uel Gifford** to stand as overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing

*report  
Comt<sup>ee</sup>  
m. neck* The Committees appointed to have the Care & oversight of the meetings in **Allens & Smiths neck** report that they have attended to their appointments Several -ly and discovered nothing but that they attended in a good degree orderly in each **neck** which reports this m. accepts off. ~~

*inform  
ation Eas  
ton T.  
Smith  
to write  
again* It appears by info<sup>ation</sup> from **Easton** m<sup>o</sup> m. that they have paid attention to the Subject relative to **Thomas Smith** agreeable to our request and find nothing as a real objection <sup>&</sup> informing us that they have found a good degree of Satisfaction in Several Visits they have made him yet it appears that they are Some friends of another m<sup>o</sup> meeting some what dissatis fied on his account in respect to some bus iness undertaken by him on behalf of a sister & her Children This meeting taking it under Consideration do appoint **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & James Tucker** to produce Something

1807 in Wrighting at our next <sup>mo</sup> meeting  
requesting them to so far Search into  
the matter as to find wheather the dis  
faction that they mentioned ~~did assae~~  
with some friends <sup>of another mo m.</sup> did assae from Suf  
-ficient grounds or not, and if it appears  
it did <sup>for them</sup> to Labour with the S<sup>d</sup> **Thomas**  
for his reconciliation with them friends  
and inform this meeting accordingly

**James Tucker Clerk**

6 m<sup>o</sup>

At a monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartmouth** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1807.~

The representatives from the south  
Preparitave meeting are **Caleb €Shearman**  
& **Stephen Gifford** north **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** &  
**Gedion Gifford**, all present. ~~

*Garner  
Potter  
informed  
of denial*

The friend appointed to inform **Gar-  
ner Potter** of his wdisownment report that  
he is informed thereof

*lines directed  
Easton m<sup>o</sup>  
m. T. Sm  
ith - -  
Copy  
Preserved*

The Committee appointed retative  
to **Thomas Smith** produced a few lines  
which was read approved & Signed by the  
Clerk who is appointed to Send it  
thei<sup>ro</sup>f to **Easton m<sup>o</sup>** meeting & preserve  
a copy thei<sup>ro</sup>f which is as follows-

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1807 From our monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~~

5 m<sup>o</sup>

Dear Friends

*Copy  
T Smith  
to Easton  
m<sup>o</sup>. m.*

We received a copy of a minute  
from your from your meeting relative to  
**Thomas Smith** by which it appears that  
you have paid attention to the Subject & foun  
-d a good degree of Satisfaction in Several visits  
you made him yet we find by information  
from you that there are Some friends of an  
nother monthly meeting some what dissatisfied  
on his account in regard to some business un  
der taken by him, and this meeting not havi  
=ng Sufficient kno<sup>w</sup>ledge rightly to Judge  
wheather the dizfaction does arise from his  
misconduct or not. This meeting after  
Considering the Subject do request you to  
inspect into the matter and endeavour to <sup>find</sup> &  
remove all dissatisfaction inform us the state  
of his mind & fitness to become a member

Wh with love we remain your friends &  
Brethren. Signed in & by direction of s<sup>d</sup> m.ly

**James Tucker Ck**

*A Russell  
& family  
Certificate  
N.B.*

The committee appointed made the necessary inspection & produced Certificate for **Allen Russell** & family which was approved & Signed directed **N B.** m<sup>o</sup> meeting; also in concurrence with the women we Signed one on behalf of **Abigail Russell** directed to the Same meeting ~

**James Tucker** Clerk

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*1807  
6 m<sup>o</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1807. –

The representatives from the South preparative meeting are **John Wing & Stephen Mosher** north **Benjamin Tucker & Gideon Gifford** all present - except **Benjamin Tucker** who is gone to attend the yearly meeting. ~ ~

this meeting adjourns to the 22<sup>th</sup> of this m<sup>o</sup> after a meeting for worship.

22<sup>nd</sup> day met by adjournment the representatives all present

*represent  
app<sup>o</sup>  
Q Meeting*

The queries were read in this m. & answers **H** thereto the usual three Considered which are directed to be Sent, with amount Signed by the Clerk to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are **Caleb Shearman Zephania Buffinton & Zephaniah Eddy**; they desired to report their attendance at our next m<sup>o</sup> m.

*accepted  
Certificate  
E Chase*

A Certificate from **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m. on behalf of **Ebenezer Chase** & his wife **Mary** & their Children namely **Hannah Martha & Seabury** was presented & excepted

*J Fisher  
Certifi  
accepted*

Also one from **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m. on behalf of **John Fisher** was read & accepted. –

*M Hart  
request  
son Smith  
a mem  
-ber*

~~Mary Hart~~ We are inform by the Preparative meeting that **Mary Hart** request that her Son <sup>^Lemuel</sup> **Smith** <sup>^Hard</sup> may be admitted a member of our Society, we appoint **James Tucker & Gideon Gifford** to inspect into the propriety of her request & report there on at our next m<sup>o</sup> m.

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At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 20<sup>th</sup> of 7 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~ ~

*1807  
7 m<sup>o</sup>*

The representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Luthun Wood & Richard Davis** north **Abraham Tucker**



& **Stephen Buffinton J<sup>n</sup>** all Present. ~

A Committee from our yearly meeting for 1806 has been received and <sup>^</sup>read to our Comfort and Edification

*Commee  
yearly m.  
recd & red*

The Committee in Consequence of **Mary Harts** request to this meeting report that they attended to their appointment and discovered nothing but that it may be safe to grant s<sup>d</sup> request; which being considered and having he concurrence of the women m. her son **Lemuel Smith Hart** is adm:ited a member of our Society; and the former Committee is appointed to present a Certificate directed to **Swanzey m<sup>o</sup> m.** as he is gone there to reside at our ~~next~~ next m<sup>o</sup> m.

*L S Hart  
receive  
member*

one of the representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they all attended

*representa  
Q m.  
report*

An endorsement on a Copy of minute for **Abraham Barker** from **Nantucket m<sup>o</sup> m.** for the northern district was presented expressive of his being return from that meeting to this. –

*A Barker  
return  
Nantucket  
endorsmnt  
Certi*

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This <sup>^</sup>m-Concurs with the womens meeting in accepting of the acknowledgment of **Apphia Lason & Nancy Olds.** ~ ~

*1807  
7 m<sup>o</sup>  
ackn<sup>o</sup>  
of A Lason  
& Nancy  
Olds  
accepted*

we ~~Hars~~ having information from **Thomas Smith** requesting this meeting to postpone Sending the Letters to **Easton m<sup>o</sup> m.** as he wishes to have a rehearing here on the subject <sup>^</sup>concurring with we wrote to **Easton** <sup>^</sup>hat meeting wherefore we appoint **Caleb Shearman W<sup>m</sup> Anthony & Giles Smith** to have an opportunity with the S<sup>d</sup> **Thomas** & report thereon at our next m<sup>o</sup> m.

*Comte  
app<sup>o</sup>  
T Smith*

Signed **James Tucker** Clk

At a monthly meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** the 17<sup>th</sup> of 8 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~ ~

*8 m<sup>o</sup> 19*

The representatives from the South preparitive meeting are **Samuel Gifford & Abraham Russell, North Gideon Gifford** <sup>^</sup>&W<sup>m</sup> G all present.

*rec<sup>d</sup> Epist  
& Extract  
read*

We received Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meeting held in **London** dated in the 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1806 also From **Virginai Philidelphia**

*alteration  
taken  
place* & **New York** of the Present year all of which was read in this meeting to our Comfort & encouragement. Together with extracts from our last yearly & Quarterly meeting minutes by which it appears that an alteration in regard to appeal is agreed and directed to be inserted

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8 m<sup>o</sup>* in our books of discipline also to insert the new arrangement of holding **Rhodes Island** Quarterly meeting; we appoint **James Tucker** to insert the above ~~in~~ as directed and report when accomplished. ~~

*Stock* Our porpotion of yearly and Quarterly meeting Stock is \$78:40. which this meeting is directed to forward to the Q m. treasurer

*Case  
T Smith  
Continued* One of the Committee in the case of **Thomas Smith** inform that he being absent they have not had an opportunity with him. the matter is defered till next monthly m. thy then to report

*Certifi  
granted  
A Lason* In Concurrence with the women the Clerk Signed a removel Certificate for **Apphia Lason** directed to **Ceomans** m<sup>o</sup> m.

*Hannah  
Jorden  
disowned  
Certifi  
granted  
L S Hart.* we also concur with the womens meetg in disowning of **Hannah Jorden**  
Signed ~~James Tucker~~ Clerk  
The Committee appointed presented a Certificate for **Lemuel S Hart** which was Signed by the Clerk directed to **Swanzey** m<sup>o</sup> m.  
Signed **James Tucker** Clerke

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*1807  
9 m<sup>o</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>st</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~~

The representatives from the South Preparitive meeting are **David Gifford & George Sanford North Zephaniah Buffinton & Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker** all present. ~

*an account  
Q.M. -* The queries were read in this meeting and answers ~~th~~ to the usual & Considered, which answers are to be Sent <sup>with an account</sup> to the Quarterly m. by our Friends **Joseph Tucker Asa Howland & Luthun Wood** whom we appoint represent atives to s<sup>d</sup> Quarterly meeting, they ~~desired~~ are desired to report their attendance at our next m<sup>o</sup> m.

The Committee in the case

*Thomas  
Smith  
received  
Certificate  
granted*

of **Thomas Smith** report they have had a Suitable opportunity with him, and received a good degree of satisfaction; and after it being considered & having the concurrence of the - womens meeting his acknowledgment is accepted for Satisfaction and he is reinstated into membership with us. ~

A Certificate for the s<sup>d</sup> **Thomas Smith** was produced & signed by the Clerk direct to **Easton** m<sup>o</sup> m. expressive of his being member

*Increase  
Smith  
complained  
off -*

We are inform through the preparative meeting that **Increase Smith** has greatly neglected the attendance of our meetings has kept company & married out of the order of our Society, we appoint **George Sanford Zephaniah Buffinton & Caleb Shearman** to treat with him for his outgoings & report next m. -

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*1807  
9 m<sup>o</sup>  
Benj<sup>a</sup>  
Hart  
Complained  
off*

This meeting having information through the preparative meeting that **Benj<sup>a</sup> Hart** has kept company & married out of the order of our Society; the overseers having Laboured with him but received but little Satisfaction, whereupon we appoint **Abraham Tucker & Edward Slead J<sup>u</sup>** to Labour further with him and endeavour to condemn him of his error and report next month. ~~

*Freeborn  
Shearman  
received*

This meeting concurs with the womens meeting in receiving **Freeborn Shearman** into membership with us. ~

*H Russell  
Certified  
granted  
N.B.*

Also concur with women in Signing a removal Certificate for **Hannah Russell** widow directed **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.

Signed by **James Tucker** Clerk

*10 m<sup>o</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 19<sup>th</sup> of 10 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~~

The representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Joseph Wing & Caleb Slocum** north **Abraham Tucker & Gideon Gifford** all present.

*represent  
Q.M. Rep<sup>t</sup>*

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report- they all attended. ~

*I Smith  
denied  
membership*

The Committee in the case of **Increase Smith** report that two of them attended thereto, but received no Satisfaction and after it being Considered & having the concurrence of the womens meeting

*1807*  
*10 m<sup>o</sup>*  
we do disown him the S<sup>d</sup> **Increase Smith** from being any longer a member of our Society, untill he returns and condemns his outgoings to Friends Satisfaction and **W<sup>m</sup> Anthony** is appointed to inform him thereof and report to next month. ~

*B Hart*  
*case*  
*Conti<sup>ud</sup>*  
The Committee in the case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Hart** inform that they attended thereto but are not ready to report they are continued in care thereof to report next month.

*H Gifford*  
*Certifit*  
*Granted*  
This Meeting concurs with the womens meeting in Signing a removal Certificate for **Hannah Gifford** directed to **Sidney** monthly meeting.

*E Gidley*  
*denied*  
Also concur with the women in disowning of **Elizabeth Gidley**. ~

*J Lapham*  
*Copy*  
*minute*  
*granted*  
This meeting is informed that **Joseph Lapham** is about to reside a Short Show within the Compass of **Easton** monthly meeting. these may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Society, And the **Clk** is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

*John*  
*Buffinton*  
*Certifi*  
*produced*  
**John Buffinton J<sup>ur</sup>** presented a certificate from **Swanzey m<sup>o</sup> m.** expressive of his clearness to proceed in marriage with **Mary Hart**. ~

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*10 m<sup>o</sup>*  
Also consent of parents was produced in wrighting to this meeting  
**John Buffinton J<sup>ur</sup> & Mary Hart** appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage, which was noticed and they desired to waight untill next m<sup>o</sup> meeting for answer. ~ ~

*J Buffinton*  
*M Hart*  
*Published*

*Z Buffin*  
*ton req<sup>t</sup>*  
*marriage*  
*Certific*  
*=ate*  
We are informed by the prepari-tive meeting that **Zephaniah Buffinton** is desirous of a Certificate to **East Hoo sack m<sup>o</sup> m.** Setting forth his right of membership & Clearness to proceed in marriage with **Joanna Wells**  
Whereupon we appoint **Abraham Tucker**

& **Joseph Tucker** to inspect into his clearness  
& produce a Certificate at our next monthly  
meeting ^if things appear clear. ~  
Signed **James Tucker** Clerk

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*1807*  
*11 m<sup>o</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held  
in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 11 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~

The representatives from the South  
Preparitative meeting are **Caleb Slead &**  
**Caleb Slocum** north **Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker & Gedion**  
**Gifford** all present. ~

*Repr<sup>e</sup>*  
*Q. M.*  
*app<sup>t</sup>* The queries were read in this  
meeting and answers thereto the usual  
three Considered and are directed to be  
Sent with an account to the Quarterly m.  
by our representatives who are **Richard Davis**  
**Caleb Shearman & James Tucker**, they are  
desired to report their attendance at our next  
monthly meeting. ~

*E Taber*  
*ackn<sup>o</sup>*  
*outgoings* **Edward Taber** of **New Bedford** for-  
warded a paper to this meeting condemning  
his outgoings and desiring to be reinstated  
amongst friends, whereupon we appoint  
**Richard Davis & Caleb Shearman** to in-  
spect into this Sincerity there^h report  
next m<sup>o</sup>. ~

*I Smith*  
*inform*  
*Denial* **William Anthony** reported  
that he inform **Increase Smith** of his  
denial

*B Hart*  
*case*  
*continud* The Committee in the case of  
**Benjamin Hart** report that they attend-  
ed to their appointment and found a good  
degree of Satisfaction, Nevertheless the  
matter is continued under the care of  
the Committee to report next m<sup>o</sup>

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*1807*  
*11 m<sup>o</sup>* **John Buffinton J<sup>ur</sup>** and **Mary**  
**Hart** appeared in this meeting of an  
swer and nothing appearing to hinder their  
proceeding to take each other in marriage  
at Som Sutable time before next monthly  
meeting. they advising with **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford**  
and **James Tucker** who is appointed to see  
s<sup>d</sup> marriage orderly conducted and Certi-  
ficate forwarded to the Clerk for recording

The Committee appointed produced

*Z Buffinton  
Marryage  
Cert<sup>t</sup> granted*

a Certificate for **Zephaniah Buffinton**  
Sitting forth his clearness to proceed in  
marriage which was Signed by the  
Clerk ~

*A Gifford  
Complain  
d. off*

A Complaint was forwarded to this meeting  
informing that **Abner Gifford** is concerned  
in retailing Spirituous liquors contrary to  
the advice of ~~ffe~~ his friend the overseers hav-  
-ing laboured with him there for but  
received but Little if any Satisfaction  
whereupon we appoint **Luthun Wood &  
Joseph Wing** to Labour further with him  
& report next m<sup>o</sup>. ~~~

*South  
Prep m.  
Paid mony*

The treasurer informed ~~that m~~  
that the South preparitave meeting  
has Paid their propotion of money  
for the <sup>^</sup>two years past to him -

*& more  
to be rais<sup>d</sup>*

And this meeting Concludes to rec<sup>d</sup>  
\$200- for to defray the expence thereof  
& each preparitive m. is desired ~~for~~ to  
forward their propotions to the treasu-  
rer and inform this m. thereof ~~

**James Tucker** Clerk

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*1807  
12 m<sup>o</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartmouth** the 21<sup>th</sup> of 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1807. ~

The Representatives from the South  
Preparitive meeting are **Asa Howland &  
David Gifford** with **W<sup>m</sup> Wood & Abraham  
Tucker** all present. ~ ~

*report  
Repres  
Q.M.*

The representatives appointed to attend  
the Quarterly meeting report they all attended

*E Taber  
case  
reported  
too*

The Committee in the Case of **Ed-  
ward Taber** report that they Visited him and  
found a pretty good degree of Satisfaction  
and after it being considered it is the mind  
of this meeting to defer s<sup>d</sup> matter under the  
Committee care to report another m<sup>o</sup>. ~

*B Hart  
Case  
reported  
too*

The Committee in the Case of  
**Benjamin Hart** report that they attended  
thereto and he gave <sup>^</sup>them a good degree of Sat-  
isfaction and after it being spred before  
this meeting it is the mind thereof to defer  
s<sup>d</sup> matter another month for further proof  
of his Sincerity under the Com<sup>te</sup> care to  
report next m<sup>o</sup>.

The Committee that was appoi

Com<sup>ee</sup>  
**John Buffinton**  
*marriage reported too*

-nted to have the care of the marriage of **John Buffinton & Mary Hart** report that they discovered nothing but that it was conducted a a good degree orderly and certificate & lodged with the Clerk

The Committee in the case of **Abner Gifford** report that they attended thereto and he gave encouragement of desisting from retailing Spirituous liquors; the mat-ter is continued under the Committee care

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with the addition of **Zephaniah Buffinton** to report next month.

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 12 m<sup>o</sup>

Certifi  
**Polly Gifford**  
 Rec<sup>d</sup>

Commu  
 nication  
**M Mitchell**  
 rec<sup>d</sup>, read

This meeting concurs with the womens meeting in accepting a removal Certificate for **Polly Gifford** wife of **Elihu Gifford** from **Sidney** m<sup>o</sup> meeting. ~~

Some thoughts on the Qualificati<sup>on</sup> and work of an Elder in the Church of Christ- by our Friend **Mary Mitchell** was received p and read in this meeting to good acceptance.

We are inform that **Holden Smith** proposes to Publish his intention of Marriage with **Elizabeth Gifford** at this meeting they producing concents of Parents for that porpose **Holder Smith** and **Elizabeth Gifford** appeared in this meeting and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage wit<sup>h</sup> was noticed & they desired to wait untill next m<sup>o</sup> m. for answer and **Luthun Wood** and **Caleb Slocum** is appointed to enquire into **Holers** clear-ness <sup>in respect marriage</sup> & report next m<sup>o</sup> ~~

reqs<sup>t</sup>  
**Allens neck**  
 hold  
 meeting

A request from friends in **Allens neck** to hold meeting their as usual was presented and after being considered is Granted them and to be held under the care of **Peleg Slocum Joseph Wing Samuel Gifford John Wing & Thomas Allen** who this meeting appoints to have the care thereof to report in the fourth month next ~~~

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Also a m Similar request from friend

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12 m<sup>o</sup>  
request  
**Smith**  
hold mee  
tings  
in **Smith neck** to hold meeting their  
in <sup>the</sup> usual manner was presented to this  
meeting witch is granted them and  
to be held under the care of the following  
Committee (to Wit.) **W<sup>m</sup> GAnthony Giles**  
**Smith Gedion Howland and Collings**  
**Smith** they to report in the fourth m<sup>o</sup>  
next.

re<sup>d</sup> book  
Letters  
**J Scot**  
to Sold  
this meeting having received from  
the meeting for sufferings 60 Books  
Letters of our deceased friends **Job Scot &**  
to be sold at 6 Cents <sup>each</sup> we appoint **Sam<sup>l</sup>**  
**Gifford W<sup>m</sup> Anthony Richard Davis**  
**Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker W<sup>m</sup> Gifford & Caleb Slocum**  
to have the care of Selling S<sup>d</sup> Books &  
report their progress therein at our next  
m<sup>o</sup> m. ~~

**James Tucker Clk**

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1 m<sup>o</sup>  
At a monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 1 m<sup>o</sup> 1808. ~  
The representatives ~~meeting in their~~  
from the South Preparitive meeting  
are **Giles Smith & Caleb Slocum** north  
**Benjamin Tucker & Joseph Mosher** all  
Present.

**E Tabor**  
accepted  
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The Committee in the case  
of **Edward Tabor** ~~rep~~ inform that they  
have nothing to report <sup>different</sup> from last m<sup>o</sup>  
meeting; which was faviouable and this  
taking it under consideration do conclude

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1 m<sup>o</sup>  
to accept of his paper for Satisfaction  
and restore him a member of our society  
the women concurring therewith and  
**Caleb Shearman** appointed to inform  
him th  
[magazine article starts]

SOME THOUGHTS  
ON THE QUALIFICATION AND WORK OF AN ELDER IN THE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST.

[left column]

The work of an Elder in the Church  
of Christ, appears to be very weighty, and  
not to be moved in, but as the mind is  
brought under a right concern, and influ-  
enced by that wisdom which gives a right  
understanding in those things that belong  
to their office.

To take the oversight of the flock, and  
to judge of the ministry, requires, that,



such are the selected for those services should be well grounded in religion, and acquainted with the mystery of Godliness; it requires a deep going down to feel after the mind of Truth in all their movements; it requires clear discerning, and sound judgment; it requires deep humility of heart; it requires the divine anointing, and without a portion thereof the duties of their office cannot be discharged to the honour of Truth, nor to the edification of the Church. For without these qualifications they are likely to err both in judgment and conduct; and their being set forward in religious Society, exposes them rather more to some peculiar temptations, and I fear hath lifted some up to think more highly of themselves than they ought. Where this is the case, they are very likely to err respecting the ground of ministry; though they may be capable to judge of words, whether they agree with sound doctrine or not; but if they go not down, and travail in Spirit with those that minister, they cannot know from what spring the words flow, and for want of this knowledge they are likely to err in judgment, and instead of helping forward the true birth, become the means of stifling, or slaying of it. And for want of clear discerning and sound judgment, they may err by nursing a false birth: and if there is not a dwelling in deep humility, there is danger of erring [*right column*] in conduct, and instead of being ensamples to the flock, they be tempted to Lord it over the heritage.

When I consider the weight and importance of the work confided to the Elders, this query arises in my mind, “Who is sufficient for these things?” For such weighty services, the sufficiency must be of God, or the work cannot be rightly done. For without a divine perception, they cannot be qualified to discern, and give the living Child to the right Mother. And if there is not wisdom and skill to use the snuffers with judgment and discretion, they may extinguish the light, when they ought only to remove that which obstructs its brightness, that it may shine with greater clearness. If the selection for this weighty ser-

vice is made in and by the Church\* when under the divine influence, no doubt but the right will be named, and the Lot rest Upon the rightly qualified : and these “Dwelling in that which gives ability to labour in the Church of Christ, can speak a word in season to them that are ready to faint.”

On looking over the advices of our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the year 1755, I find the following lines, which appear to me worthy to be transcribed, and with which I close this little Essay, viz. “And when the Elders appointed to assist them, and have the oversight of the flock, have faithfully followed the heavenly leadings, they have been as Aaron and Hur, to the ministry, in strengthening their hands to war with the enemies of God’s Israel, and leading the people on their way from victory to victory over their enemies into the dominion of Truth.”

MARY MITCHELL.

8<sup>th</sup> month, 1807.

\*Acts i. 15 and 26.

A. Shearman, Jun. Printer, N. Bedford.

[*magazine article ends*]

[*text covered by article*] **Holder Smith** clearness in regard to marriage inform that they do not find

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Also a Similar request from friend in **Smith neck** to hold meeting their in <sup>the</sup> usual manner was presented to this meeting witch is granted them

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meeting; which was favourable and this taking it under consideration do conclude

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1 m<sup>o</sup> to accept of his papr for Satisfaction and restore him a member of our Society The women concurring therewith and **Caleb Shearman** is appointed to inform him thereof & prepare a Certificate &

present at next m<sup>o</sup>. S<sup>d</sup> ~~paper is~~  
as follows,

*P White* This meeting concurs with  
*Cert<sup>t</sup>* the women meeting in Signing a removal  
*N. B.* Certificate for **Patience White** wife  
of **Philip** to **N. Bedford** m<sup>o</sup>. meeting

*B Hart* One of the Commitee in the  
*restored* case of **Benj<sup>a</sup> Hart** inform that they  
have paid attention to their appointment  
and have nothing different to report  
from what they reported last month  
which was they received a good degree of  
Satisfaction, and the s<sup>d</sup> **Benj<sup>a</sup>** forward  
ed a paper Condemning his outgoings which  
being Spred before this meeting and ha-  
ving the concurence of the womens m.  
his paper is accepted for Satisfaction  
and **Abraham Tucker** is appointed to in-  
form him thereof and report next m<sup>o</sup>  
(S<sup>d</sup> paper recorded page 94)

*A Giff<sup>r</sup><sup>d</sup>* One of the Committee in the case  
*case* of **Abner Gifford** inform that some of the  
*contin<sup>d</sup>* Commitee paid attention, but are not  
ready to report they are continued in  
care thereof to report next m<sup>o</sup>. ~

The Committee appointed to insp  
ect into **Holder Smith** clearness in regard  
to marriage inform that they do not find

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*1808* any thing to hinder his proceeding therein  
*L m<sup>o</sup>* **Holder Smith** and **Eliza Gifford**  
appeared in this meeting for answer  
*H Smith* and nothing appearing to hinder, their pro  
*& E Gifford* ceeding to take each other in Marriage  
*app<sup>d</sup> ans* at Some Sutable time before next m<sup>o</sup>.  
*wer -* Meeting, they advising with **Caleb Slocum**  
& **Joseph Estes** who is appointed to See  
S<sup>d</sup> Marriage orderly conducted and Certi  
ficate forwarded to the Clerk and repo-  
-rt next m<sup>o</sup>

*Com<sup>tee</sup>* The Committee appo<sup>t</sup>  
*app<sup>t</sup> Sell* to have the care of Selling the Books  
*Books* Presented to this meeting have made  
*continued* Some Progress therein and are contin  
ued in care thereof to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*A Barker* This meeting is inform that  
**Abraham Barker** has kept-ee

*Complain off* much neglected the attendance of our meetings has kept company and married out of the order of our Society whereupon we appoint **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup> & Luthun Wood** to Labour further with him thereon and report next m<sup>o</sup>

*C Slead request Certifi A<sup>t</sup> for Marring* It appears by the preparative minutes that **Caleb Slead** is desirous of a Certificate to **Acoaxet** m<sup>o</sup> m. Setting fourth his clearness to ~~respect to~~ proceed in marriage with **Hannah Davis** a member of <sup>that</sup> m. we appoint **Joseph Estes & Caleb Slocum** to make inquiry into **Caleb** clearness and produce a Certificate at our next m<sup>o</sup> m. if clear

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To the Monthly meeting ~~ne~~  
now Setting

*1808  
L m<sup>o</sup>*

Dear Friends

As I have so far deviated from the good order Establish<sup>d</sup> among you as to keep Company and Married with one not a member for which I do Condemn and hope Friends will so far pass it by as to Let me remain under their Christian care

This from your Friend,

**Benjamin Hart** ~

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 15<sup>th</sup> of 2 m<sup>o</sup> 1808. ~

*2 m<sup>o</sup>  
1808 -* The representatives from the South preparative meeting are **Luthun Wood & George Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** north **Gedion Gifford & Peleg White** all present. ~~

*E Taber  
restored &  
Certi sent*

The Friend appointed to inform **Edward Taber** of his reception report that he is informed thereof and produced a Certificate which was Signed by the Clerk directed to **New Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m.

*Benja  
Hart restored*

The friend appointed to inform **Benjamin Hart** of his reception reported that he is informed thereof

*A Potter  
[sic: Gifford]  
restored*

The Committee in the Case of **Abner Potter** <sup>Gifford</sup> report that they have had an opportunity with him to a good

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degree of Satisfaction as he app<sup>in</sup>formed the Committee that he had desisted from retailing Spirituous Liquors Contrary to the orders of friends, and the matter being considered in this meeting <sup>^</sup>he his is restored to a right in Society and **Stephen Gifford** is appointed to inform him threof and prepare a Certificate and produce at our next m<sup>o</sup>. m.

Com<sup>e</sup>  
report  
**H Smith**  
& **E. G.**  
marriage

The Committee appointed to have the Care of the marriage of **Holder Smith** & **Eliza Gifford** <sup>^</sup>report that they attended thereto & discovered nothing but that it was <sup>^</sup>orderly conducted and Certificate presented to the Clerk

Com<sup>tee</sup>  
return  
money  
for Book  
**A Shearm**  
**an J<sup>ur</sup>**

The Committee appointed to have the care of Selling the books refered from last meeting report that the Money is ready to forward to **Abraham Shearman J<sup>ur</sup>** and **Richard Davis** is appointed to have the care of forwarding the Same

**A Barker**  
Case  
Continu

The Committee appointed in the case of **Abraham Barker** inform that they attended thereto but are not ready to report they are continued in care thereof to report next month.

**C Slead**  
Certif  
grant<sup>d</sup>

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Caleb Slead** produced one which was approved & Signed by the Clerk Expressive of his clearness in regard to marriage

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**W Gifford**  
request  
for Child  
ren

It appears by the preparitive meetings minuts that **Wilbour Gifford** request that his Children namely **Mary Thomas** **Esther Henry Canian** [sic: Cainan, Canaan] and **Elijah** should be admitted members of our Society whereupon we appoint **Luthun Wood** and **Joseph Wing** and **Zephaniah Eddy** to join the women in making a Visit to the family and repor<sup>t</sup> next month

**G Shearm**  
an requ<sup>st</sup>  
Certifi

**George Shearman** request a a removal Certificate to **New Bedford** monthly meeting we appoint **Richard Davis** & **Caleb Shearman** to make the inspection and produce one at our next monthly meeting if no obstruction appears, also **Brice Shepherd** request a removal Certificate for himself & family we appoint **David Gifford** & **Joseph Tucker** to join the

*B Shep* women in making the inspection & pro  
*-herd* -duce one at our next m<sup>o</sup> m. if nothing  
*requet* appears to obstruct **James Tucker** Clerk  
*Cert<sup>i</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of friends  
held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 21<sup>st</sup> of 3 m<sup>o</sup> 1808 ~~

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3 m<sup>o</sup>

The representative from the South  
preparitive meeting are **George Smith 2<sup>d</sup>** &  
**Caleb Slocum** North **W<sup>m</sup> Gifford** & **Thomas Mott**  
all present. ~~

*Queries answer*  
*d & represen*  
*tatives*  
*appointed*  
*Q. M.*

The queries were read in this meeting  
and answers thereto considered, which answers are  
directed to be Sent with an account, prepared by  
this meeting to our Quarterly meeting by our  
Friends **Caleb Shearman** **Giles Smith** & **James**  
**Tucker** , who is appointed to attend s<sup>d</sup> meeting

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and report their attendance at our next m<sup>o</sup> m.-

1808  
3 m<sup>o</sup>

This meeting concurs with the women  
meeting in accepting the acknowledgement of  
**Esther Shearman**

*E Shearm*  
*ans*  
*ackn<sup>o</sup>*  
*accepted*  
*Abner*  
*Gifford*  
*accepced a*  
*Certificate*  
*Grante*

The friend appointed reported  
that **Abner Gifford** is inform of ~~the~~ his reception  
and produced a Certificate which was Signed  
by the Clerk directed to **Acoaxet** monthly m.

*Abraham*  
*Barker*  
*disowned*

The Committee in the case of **Abraham**  
**Barker** report that they have attended thereto  
and received but little or no Satisfaction; and af  
ter it being considered, and having the concur-  
ence of the women meeting he is disowned from  
being any longer a member of our Society; untill  
he Should be favoured to See his outgoing return  
and Condemn the Same and **Caleb Shearm**  
**Slocum** is appointed to inform him thereof &  
report next month.

*G Shearm*  
*ans Cert*  
*Granted*

The Friend appointed to prepare a  
Certificate for **George Shearman**, presented  
one which was Signed by the Clerk directed  
to **N. Bedford** m<sup>o</sup> m. ~

*N Lapham*  
*& family*  
*request*  
*Certifi*

It appears by the preparitive meeting  
minuts that **Nicholas Lapham** request a removal  
Certificate to **Easton** m<sup>o</sup> m. <sup>or himself & wife and their daughter **Phila**</sup> whereupon we appoint  
**Joseph Estes** and **Zephaniah Eddy** to make the  
necessary inspection and produce one at our  
next monthly m. if nothing appears to obstruct

*Comtee*  
*procured*

The Committee appointed Some  
time past to have the care of procuring a

*Deed for Land* deed new Deed that holds the Lot of land at **Newtown** report that they have accomplished it -; s<sup>d</sup> Deed is Executed to the montly<sup>m</sup> of friends at **Dartmouth** and **James Tucker** is appointed to have the care of puting s<sup>d</sup> Deed & the ~~first Gran~~ former Grant

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1808 on record and Call on the treasurer  
3 m<sup>o</sup> for the expence of the Same

The Treasurer is directed to forward our propotion of Stock to the Quarterly meeting treasurer & report next m<sup>o</sup>.

*Treasurer directed paid Stock*

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Brice Shepherd** & family presented one which meeting with Some Little obstruction is defered till next meeting.

*Brice Shepherd Certi deferd-*

The Committee in the case of **Wilbour Gifford** request inform that they attended thereto but are not ready to report. They are continued in care thereof to report next month.

*W Gifford Request defered*

**James Tucker** Clerk

1808 At a monthly meeting of friends  
4 m<sup>o</sup> held in **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** the 18<sup>th</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> 1808. ~

The representatives from the South preparitive meeting are **Asa Howland & Giles Smith** north **Stephen Buffinton J<sup>u</sup> & Abraham Tucker** all pret<sup>n</sup>

*Clerk reap pointd-*

The year being expired for which the Clerks were appointed. **James Tucker** is reappo-  
-inted Clerk for the year insuing and **Abner Potter** assistant. – The representatives appointed to

*Rep<sup>r</sup> Q.M. Report*

attend the Quarterly meeting report, they all attended **Caleb Slocum** reported that **Abraham Barker** is informed of his denial.

*A Barker informd dni al--*

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Nicholas Lapham** report that they attended thereto, but are not ready to produce one at this time; they are continued in care thereof, report next month. ~

*N Lapham Certificate continued*

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1808 Our Treasurer informed that our propor  
4 m<sup>o</sup> tion of Stock is paid to the Quarterly meetings  
*Stock paid to treasurer* treasurer.

*Stock paid to treasurer*

The Case relative to **Brice Shepherd** Certificate is defered untill next meeting the Committee then to report ~ ~

*B Shep*

*herd cont<sup>d</sup>*

The Committee in the case of **Wilbour Gifford** request report that thy Visited the family and found some Satisfaction as they manifested a degree of Sincerity and after it being considered in this meeting and having the Concurrence of the womens meeting do admit them namely **Mary Thomas Esther Henry Cainan** and **Elijah** members of our Society.

*W Gifford chid ren admited~*

*Comtee care m. report*

The Committee appointed to have the Care of the meetings in **Allens Neck** report, that they have<sup>been</sup> all attend in a good degree orderly by the most of friends ~~ which report this meeting accepts off

*in Smith neck re-port.*

Also the Committee appointed to have the care of the meeting in **Smiths Neck** report that they think their meetings were held in a Still orderly manner as far as they discovered which is Satisfactory to this meeting - --

*overseers appointed*

The year for which ~~this meet~~ the overseers of this meeting were appointed being expired we appoint **Giles Smith Caleb Shearman Samuel Gifford Richard Davis James Tucker Abner Potter & Abraham Tucker** to that Service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment

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*1808 4 m<sup>o</sup> oveeers of Poor appointed*

A New Choice of the overseers of the Poor ~~coming~~ Coming before this meeting whereupon we appoint **Gedion Anthony John Wing Stephen Gifford Gedion Gifford & Benjamin Tucker** for that Service the year ensuing or untill another appointment, The business which Came before this meeting being accomplished we Conclude

**James Tucker** Clerk

*1808 5 m<sup>o</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** the 16<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1808 ~~ The representatives from the South Preparitive meeting are **George Sanford & Joseph Estes** north **Benjamin Tucker & Thomas Mott 2<sup>d</sup>** all present. ~

*N Lapham & family Certifa*

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Nicholas Lapham** and family produced one at this time which was Signed by the Clerk directed to **Easton** m<sup>o</sup> meeting. ~~~

*Brice*

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Brice Shepherd** inform; that they attended thereto and things



*Shepherd* not appearing quite<sup>clear</sup> at present, the matter  
*case* is deferred until those obstructions be  
*continued* removed (under the Committee care) they  
then to report

A Copy of a minute from **Acoxet**  
*George* monthly meeting on behalf of **George Baker**  
*Baker* a Lad; was received expressive of ~~of~~ his being  
*Certifi<sup>a</sup>* come within the Compass of this meeting to  
*accepted* Serve with **Edward Sleade** an Apprenticeship  
which was accepted

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