

Nine Partners Monthly Meetings, Men 1790 - 1797

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At a Monthly Meeting at Ninepartners the 20th of 10th Mo 1790

The Representatives present Except one & a Reason given

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting & are as follows

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3d - We know not of any that practice Backbiting Tale bearing or spreading Evil Reports, some small exception & care taken ...

4th - Friends appear in good Degree Careful to keep themselves & those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do practice Reading the holy Scriptures as far as appears, tho a Deficiency appears in some account of plainness and advice given, Clear of Reading pernicious Books & the corrupt Conversation of the world as far as appears ...

5th - Friends appear Careful to avoid the Unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, some instances Excepted & some care taken, we know of none that frequent taverns or places if

Diversion, Moderation & temperance is observed at marriages, births & burials as far as appears ...

6th - No apparent neglect respecting the poor, or their children no friends child placed from among friends that appears ...

7th - We know of no unmarried person who makes a proposal of marriage without consent of parents or guardian

or any that keeps Company with those not of our society on that account or any friends that has attended the marriage of those that's gone out from us ...

8 - No proposals of marriage too early after decease of former husband or wife or any neglect of children rights that appear ...

9 - We know of none that take oath, pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other military service, or that are concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, Lotteries or of dealing in prize goods ...

10th - Friends are mostly careful to make their wills, altho a deficiency appears, and some advice given; no misapplication of publick gifts or Legacies that appears ~

11 ~ Clear of Negroes as slaves, two youths & they instructed some in school learning ~

12 ~ Some are deficient in performing their promises, and paying their just debts, some care taken, clear of loantaking into business beyond ability to manage as far as appears ...

13th - One came who has not produced a Certificate, and some care taken, none gone that we know of ...

14 - Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in spirit of meekness measurably agreeable & Discipline ...

Issac Thorn son of Jacob & Sarah Merritt appeared in this meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with Each other, Inquiry being made & nothing appearing to hinder, they are left at Liberty to accomplish meeting according to the order used amongst friends. William Mitchell & Sylvanus Gardner are appointed to sit with them and report to next meeting how it was accomplished, producing the marriage Certificate ...

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Most of the friends appointed to visit Israel Post Report they have had an opportunity with him to a good Degree of satisfaction believing him to be in a good Degree sincear in his request under consideration thereon accepts him a member & appoints Pontius Woolley & John Allen to Inform him thereon & report

The friends Continued to read the Testification against Benjamin Anthony report the appointment answered

Two of the friends continued in the case of Samuel Howland report they have had an opportunity with him as some part was not present they Desire to have another therefore they are continued in that service untill next meeting with Joseph Wilbur & John Hoag added

Two of the friends appointed in the case of Jonathan Howland report they have had an opportunity with him to some satisfaction under consideration continues the committee in that service untill next meeting

Two of the friends continued in the case of Daniel Haight report they have had an opportunity with him some others not attending by reason of indisposition therefore continues the committee to visit him again and report next meeting.

The womens meeting Informs this that Lucretia Tomkin wife of Enoch Desires to come under friends Care & the necessary Care being taken & they easy to accept her with the concurrence of this meeting this meeting concurs therewith & accepts her a member

The friends appointed to read the testification against Lucy McCoord report the appointment answered

The friends continued to visit Benjamin Church report they have had a satisfactory opportunity with him & believe him to be sincear in his request under consideration thereon accepts him a member & appoints William Valentine and Shubel Coffin to Inform thereon & report.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Robert Palmer on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & he did not appear Disposed to take friends advice or to make satisfaction under consideration thereon appoints Issac Thorn and Reuben haight to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to disown him also to Draw an Assay of a Denial & produce to next meeting.

The friends appointed to Inquire into the Life & Conversation of John Drake respecting hs being recommended to meeting of Ministers & Elders, a minister, report they have made Inquiry & find nothing to hinder ... This meeting after Deliberately considering the proposal of recommending John Drake a minister, are United therein and recommends him to the meeting of ministers and Elders, a minister, the Clerk is desired to forward a copy of this minute to a select preparative meeting.

Was Read and accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Mary Lester Daughter of Murry from the Creek Monthly meeting held 7th of 9 mo 1790.

It appears the money is not all raised towards the Expenche of Oswego Meeting house, also the subscription not quite completed for said house and that the Money is much wanted to defray the Expenche - therefore our preparative meetings are desired to be Expeditionous therein.

It appears there is seven added to the former subscription at Ninepartners and one at Oswego for the history of the people Called Quaker by John Gough.

Our friend Garret Burtis Informed this meeting that he had thoughts of attending the Quarterly meeting at Oblong & some meetings there away therefore these may inform that we unite with him therein he being a member and minister in Unity with us the Clerk is desired to give him a copy of this minute ...

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Our Friend Solomon haight Informs that he Expects to accompany his wife into New England on business and to visit their relations this meeting united therein he being a member aad an Elder in Unity the clerk is desired to give him a Copy of this minute

This meeting appoints the following friends to attend the Quarterly Meeting & carry forward such business as may Concern that & bring down such as may be recommended to this viz. Issac Thorn, John Macy, William Woolley & William Mitchell.

This meeting now adjourned to meet next month on fifth Day after the Quarterly meeting is permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 25th of 11 mo 1790

The representatives present

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended & the extracts not being produced they are continued to produce them to next meeting.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Isaac Thorn & Sarah Merritt report they attended & it appeared to be orderly conducted & produced the marriage certificate.

The Friends appointed to inform Israel Post of his reception Report the appointment answered.

Most of the friends Continued in the care of Samuel Howland report they had another opportunity with him & he appeared to be in a Condescending Disposition under consideration continues the committee in that service untill next meeting Desire the matter may be continued therefore continued them to report to next meeting.

The friends continued in the care of Jonathan Howland report they have had another opportunity

with him & he appeared to be in condescending Disposition under consideration
Continues the committee in that service untill next meeting.

The friends continued in the case of Daniel Haight report they have had another opportunity with him & he did not appear in a Disposition suitable to make satisfaction under consideration thereon refers untill next meeting.

The friends appointed to Inform Benjamin Church of his reception report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to draw an Essay of a denial & against Robert plamer report the appointment answered & produced it here which not being satisfactory they are continued in that service untill next meeting.

It appears the time of holding the meeting at Newbritain is out & they Desire to have it continued therefore this meeting allows them to hold a meeting as usual for three months & Desires Smitten Brownell & Nehemiah Finch to have oversight thereof.

Was read and accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of John Allen & wife Margaret & two sons Abraham & Jonathan from the Monthly Meeting held at Creek 22d of 10 mo 1790.

The womens meeting Informs this that Rebeckah Dorland wife of Samuel Dorland Junr Desires to come under friends care & the necessary care being taken & they unite therewith under consideration thereon this meeting accepts her as a member.

Our friend Garret Burtis returned the minute he had to attend the Quarterly Meeting t Oblong with also our friend Solomon Haight returned the minute he had to go into new England

The friends some time since appointed to take a Deed of the meeting house Lott at Newbritain report it is accomplished
This meeting Now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 15th of 12th mo 1790

The Representatives present -

The Extracts of last Quarterly meeting are not produced by Reason of the Clerk being from home therefore the friends are Continued to produce them to next meeting

This meeting received an Epistle from the yearly meeting held at Philadelphia in 1789 also one from Rhode Island in 1789 which were read to our satisfaction

The friends Continued in the Case of Samuel Howland report that he & Jonathan Clerk has submitted their Difference to referees & manifested to Intention but what he would abide the judgment they also report that it now appears that he advised his son in Law to give up his effects to his Creditors Benjamin Mosher & Sylvanus gardner are appointed to Inform him that the meeting has passed the matter by & report

The friends Continued in the Case of Jonathan Howland report they have had another opportunity with him & he appeared to be in a Condesending Disposition, he handed to this meeting an acknowledgment which not being fully satisfactory it is left with the Committee untill next meeting

The Case of Daniel Haight being again opened in this meeting & after a Deliberate Consideration thereon this meeting appoints William Mitchell & Ladowick Hoxsie to Inform him the meeting Concludes to Disown him also to Draw an Essay of a Denial & produce to next meeting

The friends Continued to produce an Essay of a Denial against Robert Palmer now produced it which not being fully satisfactory it is Left with the Committee untill next meeting

Ninepartners Preparative meeting informs that Barnabus Macomber Desires a few Line Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting on account of marriage. Shubel Coffin & Ephraim Mosher are appointed to make the Necessary Inquiry & Draw some for him if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting

Oswego preparative meeting informs that Israel Tripp is desirous of a Certificate of removal directed to the Creek monthly meeting, therefore this meeting appoints Samuel Dorland junr & Ladowick Hoxsie to prepare one for him if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting

This meeting taking into consideration a request from friends on the Ridge to hold a meeting for Worship at the house of Rachel Hustis (widow) & after deliberating thereon this meeting allows them the priviledge of holding a meeting accordingly on fourth Day of the week for one month Except preparative & monthly meeting weeks, and appoints Abishai Coffin, William Mitchell, John Hoag & Isaac Thorn to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction to next meeting

This meeting recd Stephen Titus's receipt for £2..12..2 raised by Ninepartners preparative meeting their Quarterly Collection also recd. Stephen Titus's receipt for 14/6 raised by Oswego preparative meeting their Quarterly Collection

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 1st Mo 1791

The Representatives Present

The Queries were Read & answered in thid meeting & are as follows

Answer 1st All meetings for worship & Discipline are attended altho a Lackness appears in some, the hour nearly observed by those that steadily attend, not all Clear of sleeping & other Indeacent behaviour in meetings, & some care taken in Each Deficiency

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2d Love & unity is maintain in good Degree as becomes brethern, where it appears otherwise care is taken; Endeavours are speedily used to end differences when any appears

3d None known to be in the practice of backbiting, Tale bearing & spreading evil reports, one Instance Excepted which is under care

4th We think friends are mostly careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel, where it appears otherwise some care is taken; we know not but friends are Careful in the frequent reading the holy scriptures; & also to guard against reading pernicious books & the Corrupt Conversation of the world

5th It dont appear but friends are Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituious Liquors, frequenting Taverns, and places of Diversion, & to keep in moderation & temperance at marriages, births & burials.

6th The necessaties of the poor are Inspected & they relieved where it appeared necessary, we know of no neglect respecting their Children or of any friends Child being placed from amongst friends

7th We know of no unmarried persons making a proposal of marriage without Consent of parents or guardian, two Instances of keeping Company with those not of our society which is under care, parents appear clear of conniving thereat, we know of none that has attended the marriages of those that went out from us

8th No proposals of marriage too Early after the Decease of former Husband or wife, or any neglect of Childrens rights that appears

9th We know of none that take oaths, pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other military service, or that is concerned

in fraudulent or Clandistine trade, Lotteries, or of Dealing in Prize goods

10th Some friends are careful to make their wills seasonably, a neglect appears in others & advice given, no mis-application of publick gifts, or Legacies that appears

11th Clear of Negroes as Slaves two youths & they instructed in school Learning

12th We believe friends are mostly Careful to perform their promises, & pay their Just Debts, a neglect appears, and some care taken. We know of none that's Launtch'd into business beyound ability to mannage of Late

13th None gone, some Come without Certificates, some care taken

14th Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the Spirit of meekness & agreeable to Discipline

The Extracts of Last Quarterly meeting were now produced and are as follows

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18 of 11 Mo 1790

Ninepartners Report the Money subscribed for building Oswego Meeting house not Completed, nor the subscriptions for finishing said House, which that Monthly meeting is requested to do & Inform next Quarter.

The Friends appointed to Inform Samuel Howland of the Conclusion of the meeting on his account report the appointment answered

The friends continued in the case of Jonathan Howland report they have handed him the acknowledgment & he not forwarding another to this meeting therefore the Committee is Continued in that service untill next meeting

The friends appointed to produce an Essay of a Denial &c against Daniel Haight report the appointment answered

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answered & produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows.

Whereas Daniel Haight Contrary to our Peaceble Profession, had Dishonourably entred into a Dispute with one of his neighbours, also brought high Charges against him in Court; which he did not make appear, & has been neglectful in attending, our religious meetings, therefore after much Labour & Long waiting this meeting Doth testify against his above said Conduct, and disown him to be any Longer a member untill he shall manifest repentance & make satisfaction, which he may do is our desire - signed in & by order of our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 1 mo 1791.....by Isaac Thorn Clerk Stephen Dean, Israel Titus & Lawrence Dean are appointed to inform him of his Denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he desires it, also to read it at the close of a first Day meeting at Oswego if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report to next meeting.

The friends continued to produce an Essay of a denial &c against Robert Palmer produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows

From a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Ninepartners the 19 of 1st Mo 1791 -

Robert Palmer a member of this meeting by not taking heed to the rules of our Society did go from us and reside at, & tend in a tavern remote from friends Contrary to the advice of friends & Labour & advice having been bestowed from time to time in order to bring him to a sence of his misconduct which hath not had the desired Effect, therefore we Disown him to be any Longer a member with us untill he shall make satisfaction

to this meeting which that he may do is our Desire - signed in & by order of said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk. Solomon Haight & John Hoag are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & a right to an appeal & give him a Copy of it if he desires it, also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report

The friends appointed to draw some Lines for Barnabus Macomber on account of marriage Directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting produced them here which is approved & signed

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Israel Tripp report they have attended to the appointment & the way not Quite Clear they are Continued in that service untill next meeting

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge held at the House of Rachel Huestis (widow) report they attended the meeting to a good Degree of satisfaction; the meeting appeared to be Conducted, under Consideration thereon, allows them to hold a meeting there

for three Months on first Days of the week & fourth Days Except on preparative Monthly, & Quarterly meeting weeks and appoints Lopher Green, Tripp Mosher, Abishai Coffin, Walter Lockwood, Nehemiah Merritt, Isaac Thorn, Ebenezer Pinkham, Reuben Haight & James Willets to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Informs that James Alley Desires to come under friends Carer therefore this meeting appoints Lopher Green, Pontius Woolley & Shubel Coffin to Inquire into his Life & Conversation and the grounds of his request & report their sense of the Disposition of his mind to next meeting

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Oswego Preparative meeting also informs James Reynolds requests the Care of friends, therefore Garrett Burtis, Enoch Dorand & Israel Titus are appointed to visit him on that account & inquire into his life & conversation & the grounds of his request & report their sense of the Disposition of his mind to next meeting ~

Was read and accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of John Austin from the monthly meeting held at Berwick for Dover 20th of 11th mo 1790 also was read & accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Hannah Talcot from the Creek monthly meeting held 19 of 11 mo 1790 ~

It appears our preparative meetings have added to their former subscriptions to Oswego meeting house Viz Ninepartners £27: 0 & Oswego £13:0:0 -- The money on the former subscriptions not quite all raised ~

This meeting appoints the following friends to attend Quarterly Meeting & carry forward such business as may concern that & bring down such as may be recommended to this Viz. Benjamin Mosher, Joseph Merritt, Lawrence Dean, and William Woolley

This meeting now adjourns to meet on the fifth day following next Quarterly meeting if permitted

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 24th of 2mo 1791

The Representatives Present.....

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended and the Extracts were produced which are as follows

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 11th of 2 mo 1791

Our Monthly Meetings are directed to raise & pay the money subscribed for Oswego House to this meetings Treasurer & report at next Quarter. Which is directed down to preparative meetings

Henry Hoag & Sarah Haight appeared in this Meeting & offered proposals of marriage with each other. He produced some lines from Creek Monthly Meeting expressing his clearness in relation to marriage in their parts, also Consent of Parents. It is left untill next meeting where they are desired to come for an answer

The friends continued in the case of Jonathan Howland report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of his being from home, they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~....

The friends appointed to read the Testification etc against Robert Palmer report the appointment not fully answered by reason of one of the friends being from home. They are continued in that service until next meeting.

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Israel Tripp report the way is not yet clear, they are continued in that service until next meeting ~

The friends appointed to visit James Alley on account of his request report they have had an opportunity with him to a Degree of satisfaction, he appears to be convinced of friends Principles, & think him to be sincere in his request, & by Inquiry don't find but that his life & conversation is orderly under consideration thereon accepts him a member & appoints Henry Post & Solomon Haight to inform him thereof & report ~

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The friends appointed to visit James Reynolds on account of his request report they have had an opportunity with him & believe him to be in a good degree sincere in his request, by inquiry find that his life & conversation appears to be orderly under consideration. Continues the Committee to visit him again & report to next meeting with Abishai Coffin & William Mitchell added

The women Meeting produced to this an acknowledgement from Rosanna Barton Daughter of Caleb, condemning her being at a house, where there was fiddling & Dancing, Likewise for going out of plainness in dress & they inform they have taken the necessary care and are free it should be accepted. After considering the matter this meeting appears most easy to appoint Sylvanus Gardner and Isaac Thorn to join with the women in revisiting her & report to next meeting ~

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting informs that Jacob Huestis has gone out of from plainness & also in marriage after being advised to the contrary, therefore this meeting appoints, John Hoag & William Wooley to inform him that the meeting concludes to disown him, also to draw an essay of a Denial & produce to next meeting ~

Said meeting also informs that Gilbert Haight has been in the practice of backbiting Tale bearing & spreading evil reports about his Mother In Law. Therefore John Hoag, Israel Titus & Lawrence Dean are appointed to labour with him (on these accounts) for his restoration & report to next meeting their sense of the Disposition of his mind ~

Said Meeting further informs that William Vail is desirous of a Certificate of Removal for himself & family directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting. Therefore Solomon Haight and Tripp Mosher are appointed to prepare one for him if the way be clear & produce to next meeting ~ The time of holding the meeting at New Britain is now expired. Under consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting as usual for three Months & Desires Nehemiah Finch & Smiten Brownell to have the Oversight thereof ~

The Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders, nominated Isaac Thorn for an Elder, which they recommend to the consideration of this. This meeting after a deliberation thereon, appoints Sylvanus Gardner & John Allen to hear & consider objections if any there be & report to next meeting.

Our Friend Enoch Dorland informed this meeting that he had a concern on his mind to make a religious visit in the western parts of Oblong Monthly Meeting and the Lower parts of this. He

being a member of this meeting & and a minister in Unity, this meeting unites with him therein & directs the Clerk to give him a copy of this minute ~

This Meeting now adjourns to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 16th of 3 mo 1791

The representatives Present ~

Henry Hoag & Sarah Haight appeared in this meeting & renewed their Proposals of Marriage with each other & nothing appearing to hinder, they are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this & next monthly Meeting according to the order used among friends. John Allen & Josiah Haight are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate ~

Israel Post & Rhoda Palmer appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of marriage with each other. Lophar Green & William Mitchell are appointed

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to inquire into the young man's cleanness in relation to marriage & report to next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer ~

The friends continued in the case of Jonathan Howland report they went to see him but he was not at home therefore they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends continued to lead the testification etc against Robert Palmer report the appointment answered.

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Israel Tripp report the way not quite clear. They are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to inform James Alley of his reception report the appointment answered ~

The friends appointed to visit James Reynolds on account of his request report they have had an opportunity with him & should be free to have another therefore they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to join the women in visiting Rosanna Barton report the appointment not answered by reason the women has not called on them. They are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to draw an essay of a denial etc against Jacob Huestis report they have attended to the appointment, but have not had an appointment with him by reason of his being gone a considerable distance from us to reside. & they produced the essay, which being approved is signed & is as follows ~

Whereas Jacob Huestis hath gone out from plainness: & in marrying contrary to the ruels of friends after he had been advised against it, Therefore for the Clearing of Truth & our Society: Do hereby testify against his disorderly conduct and disown him from being any longer a member with us. Untill he shall by a circumspect life

make satisfaction to this meeting that he may be favoured to do is our desire.

Signed in & on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 16th of 3rd mo 1791

by Isaac Thorn Clerk

John Allen & Abishai Coffin are appointed to read it at the close of first day meeting on the ridge & report to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to Visit Gilbert Haight on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & Extended some Labour & Desire to have another they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

One of the friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of William Vail report the appointment not answered by reason of the other friend being most of the time from home they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to hear & Consider objections if any there be respecting Isaac Thorn being appointed to the service of an Elder Report they find nothing to hinder ~

This meeting after Considering the proposal of appointing Isaac Thorn to the service of an Elder are united therein & recommends him to the preparative meeting of ministers & Elders as an Elder where the assistant Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute & report to next meeting ~

The womens Meeting Informed this that Mary Reese Daughter of John Reese Desires to Come under friends Care & the Necessary Care being taken, & they Easy that she be Received, under Consideration thereon accepts her a Member.

The womens meeting produced to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Elizabeth Reese - wife of John Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting which being approved is signed ~

Also they produced a Certificate of removal on behalf of Rhoda Vail wife of William & her two Daughters Mary & Esther Directed to saratoga Monthly Meeting which being approved is signed ~

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Also produced a Certificate of removal on behalf of Abigail Macy (widow) Directed to the Creek Monthly meeting which is approved & signed. Also one for Mary Macy Directed to Creek Monthly Meeting which is approved & signed ~

Also they produced one on behalf of Martha Brown Daughter of Valentine from the monthly meeting held at Danby for saratoga the 12th Mo 1790 which is accepted ~

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Informs that John Macy is Desirous of a Certificate of removal Directed to Creek monthly meeting for himself & sons therefore Jacob Thorn & Stephen Titus are appointed to prepare one for them if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting ~

Said Meeting also Informs that Isaiah Macy is Desirous of a Certificate of removal Directed to Creek monthly meeting, therefore Joseph Merritt & Nehemiah Merritt are appointed to prepare one for him if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting ~

Also said meeting Informs that Samuel Willets is about to return to Long Island & Desires a Certificate for that purpose Directed to Jericho monthly meeting Therefore Isaac Thorn & Reuben Haight are appointed to prepare one for him if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting ~

Likewise said meeting Informs that John White is desirous of a few Lines to recommend him to the Creek monthly meeting on account of marriage therefore William Mitchell & Benjamin Mosher are appointed to prepare Some for him if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting

Also said meeting further Informs that Aaron Betts is desirous of a Certificate of removal to the Creek Monthly meeting therefore Joseph Talcot & Prince Bennett are appointed to produce one to next meeting for him if the way be Clear ~

was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of William Shearman from the monthly meeting at Oblong held 14th of 2d Mo 1791 ~

The Friends some time since appointed to receive a Legacy Left to this meeting by our Friend Aaron Haight now Inform that the circumstance of the case appears to be attended with Difficulty Therefore John Hoag William Mitchell & Isaac Thorn, are added to visit therein.....

This meeting received Stephen Titus's receipt for £1..12..0 raised by Ninepartners preparative meeting - Quarterly Collection

Also recd of Stephen Titus a receipt for £0..15..44 raised by Oswego preparative meeting, Quarterly Collection ~

This meeting Now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 20th of 4th Mo 1791

The representatives Present ~

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting & are as follows ~

Answer 1 ~ All meetings for worship & Discipline are attended, altho a Considerable lackness in some, the hour nearly observed by those that steadily attend, not all Clear of sleeping in meetings, not Quite Clear of other Indecency, & some Care taken in Each respect

2nd ~ Love and unity is maintained in a good Degree as becomes brethren; Endeavours are speedily used to end Differences when any appears ~

3d ~ None known to be in the practice of Backbiting Tale bearing, or spreading Evil reports, one Instance Excepted which is under Care.

4th ~ We believe friends are generally Careful to keep themselves, and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, where it appears otherwise some Care taken, friends are in the practice of frequent reading the holy scripture and also do guard against reading Pernicious books and the Corrupt Conversation of the world as far as appears ~

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5th ~ Friends are in a good degree careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spiritous liquors frequenting taverns and places of diversion, and to keep in moderation at marriages, births and burials as far as appears ~

6 th ~ No apparent neglect respecting the poor or their children, friends children are placed among friends as far as appears ~

7 th ~ We know of unmarried persons making a proposal of marriage without consent of parents or guardian, one instance of keeping company with one not of our society, which is under care, parents appear clear of conniving thereat. We know of none that has attended the marriage of those that went out from us ~

8 th ~ No proposals of marriage too early after the decease of former husband or wife or any neglect of children's rights that appears ~

9th ~ We know of none that take oaths, pay priests wages, bear arms or other military service or that is concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade. One instance of being concerned in a lottery which is under care Clear of dealing in prize good as far as we know

10th ~ Most friends are careful to make their wills seasonably, some advice given where it appears otherwise. No misapplication of public gifts & legacies that appears ~

11th ~ Clear of negroes as slaves, two youths & they instructed in school learning ~

12th ~ We think friends are generally careful to perform their promises & pay their just debts, where any deficiency has appeared some care taken. Clear of launching into business beyond ability to manage as far as appears ~

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13th ~ some removals without certificates & some care taken

14 ~ Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline ~

The answers to the four Annual Queries are

1st ~ No minister or Elder deceased since last year no memorial concerning and deceased friend.

2 ~ One new meeting house built since last year no meeting settled since last year ~

3rd ~ Divers joined in society with us by conviction since last year ~

4 ~ The Queries are read & answered as directed ~

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Henry Hoag and Sarah Haight report they attended & discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & produced the marriage certificate ~

Israel Post and Rhoda Palmer appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with each other. Inquiry being made & nothing appearing to hinder they are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this and next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends. Joseph Mosher & Jonathan Deuel are appointed set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage certificate

The friends continued in the case of Jonathan Howland report they had an opportunity with him & he did not appear in a disposition suitable to make satisfaction. After being considered defers it until next meeting for further consideration ~

The friends continued to prepare a certificate of removal on behalf of Israel Tripp report the way is not yet clear. They are continued in that service until next meeting except Ladowick Hoxsie, Joseph Wilbur is appointed in his place.....

Most of the friends appointed to visit James Reynolds on account of his request report they have attended

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to the appointment but had no opportunity with him and desire the matter may lay another month. They are continued in that service until next meeting ~

The friends appointed to join the women in visiting Rosanna Barton report the appointment answered & the women produced the report which is as follows ---

agreeable to appointment we have had an opportunity with Rosanna Barton which was to a good degree of satisfaction under consideration thereon. This meeting accepts her acknowledgment which is as follows - 15th of the 6th mo 1790 to the monthly Meeting of friends held at the Ninepartners

Dear friends - Whereas I have gone contrary to the good rules among friends so far as to live at a House where was fidling & dancing & likewise going out of plainness in dress all which misconduct I am sorry for & desire friends pass them by & continue me under their watchful care as before

Rosanna Barton Daughter of Caleb Barton

John Allen & John Hoag are appointed to read it at the close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners & report ~

The friends appointed to read the testification against Jacob Huestis report the appointment answered

The friends appointed to visit Gilbert Haight on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of his Mother In Law being from home. They are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of Removal on behalf of William Vail & son Joseph directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting produced it here which being approved is signed

The assistant Clerk report he has forwarded the minute directed to the select Preparative meeting ~

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate of Removal on behalf of John Macy & sons directed to Creek monthly Meeting produced it here which being approved is signed

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Isaiah Macy directed to Creek Monthly Meeting produced it here which being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Samuel Willets produced it here which not being satisfactory, they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Aaron Betts directed to Creek Monthly meeting report they have attended to the appointment but the way not appearing clear they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting informs that Nathaniel Gardner desires to come under friends care therefore Isaac Thorn, William Woolley, Brownell Wilbur & Israel Titus are appointed to visit him on that account & inquire into his life & conversation & the grounds of his request; & report their sence of the disposition of his mind to next meeting ~

Said meeting informs that Samuel Vail has gone out in marriage by the assistance of a Priest therefore Prince Bennett & Reuben Haight are appointed to labour with him on that account for his restoration & report at next meeting their sence of the disposition of his mind ~

Oswego Preparative meeting informs that Ladowick Hoxsie is desirous of a Certificate of Removal directed to Cornwell Monthly Meeting therefore Lawrence Dean & Jonathan Clerk are appointed to prepare one for him if the way be clear & produce to next meeting ~

Said Meeting further informs that Daniel Marling is desirous of a Certificate of Removal directed to Shapaqua [Chappaqua] Monthly Meeting. Therefore John Dorland and Augustin Titus are appointed to prepare one for him if the way be clear & produce to next meeting ~

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The womens meeting produced to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Sarah Tripp wife of Israel Tripp & her Little Daughter Anne Directed to Creek Monthly Meeting which with some alteration is approved & signed ~

Also one on behalf of Bethiah Macy wife of John Macy & her Daughters Deborah, Rachel, Abigail, Mary & Phebe Directed to Creek Monthly meeting which with some alteration is approved & signed ~

They also Inform that Elizabeth Dean wife of Daniel, Desires to Come under friends Care, the necessary Care taken & they Easy that she be accepted under Consideration thereon accepts her a member ~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they have attended that meeting to a good Degree of satisfaction; the meeting appeared to be orderly Conducted - friends there Desire to have the meeting Continued under consideration thereon, allows them to had a meeting at Rachel Huestis as before for three Months and appoints Jehu Woolley & Brownell Wilbur to have the oversight thereof; the following friends are appointed to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out Vis Israel Titus, Silvanus Gardner, John Hoad, Lawrence Dean & Abishai Coffin

It appears the money for Oswego meeting house is not Quite all raised ~

The Committee to assist the Overseers in Labouring with those that still continue to Traffick in distilled spirits, report, they have Visited all that have been in the practice of Trafficking therein & there appears but two friends concerned in it who give no Encouragement to desist therefrom ~

This meeting taking into Consideration the state of schools & it appears there has been two schools taught under the Direction of this meeting most of the Year past ~

The following friends are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting & carry forward such business as shall concern that & bring Down such as shall be directed to this & report to next meeting Viz Joseph Merritt, Stephen Titus, Jonathan Haight and James Willets ~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month the Day following the Quarterly meeting if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine partners 20 of 5th Mo 1791

The representatives Present ~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended & produced the following Extracts

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 19th of 5th Mo 1791 ~

Our Monthly Meetings are directed to raise & pay the money subscribed for Oswego Meeting House To this meetings treasurer & report at next Quarter.

And also Informed there is an omission in the Extracts they are Continued to produce them to next meeting ~

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Israel Post & Rhoda Palmer report they attended and Discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & produce the marriage Certificate. ~

The Case of Jonathan Howland was again opened in this meeting & after Consideration thereon appoints Silvanus Gardner, John Hoag & Stephen Dean to Inform him that this meeting Concludes to Disown him also to draw Essay of Denial & produce to next meeting ~

The friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Israel Tripp report the way not yet Clear they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

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The friends appointed to Visit James Reynolds on account of his request report they have again attended to the appointment & some objections appears in the way therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Rosanna Barton report the appointment answered ~

The friends appointed to visit gilbert Haight on account of his misconduct report they have made him another visit, but could not accomplish the business as he Mother, In Law is not returned therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting. ~

The friends Continued to prepare a certificate on behalf of Samuel Willets, produced one Directed to westbury Monthly Meeting which being approved is signed

The friends Continued to prepare a certificate of removal on behalf of Aaron Betts report the obstackle Dont appear to be removed. they are Continued in that service untill next meeting~

The friends appointed to Visit Nathaniel Gardner on account of his request report they have had an opportunity with him to a small Degree of satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee in that Service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to Visit Samuel Vail on account of his misconduct report they have not attended to the appointment by reason of the Distance therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting with Samuel Wilbur added ~

The friends appointed to Draw a Certificate of removal on behalf of Ladowick Hoxsie Directed to Cornwell Monthly Meeting produced it here which being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate of Removal on Behalf of Daniel Marling Directed to Shapauqua [Chappaqua] Monthly meeting produced it here which being approved is signed

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs that John Austin Desires a Certificate of Removal Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting therefore Walter Lockwood & Jonathan Haight are appointed to prepare one for him if the way be clear & produce to next meeting ~

The women handed to this meeting a Certificate of removal on behalf of Christian Marling wife of Daniel & her Little Daughter Catherine directed to Shapauqua [Chappaqua] Monthly meeting which is approved & signed ~

Also one for Dorcas Hoxsie wife of Ladowick Directed to Cornwell Monthly Meeting which is approved & signed: ~

Also one for Sarah Hoag the wife of Henry Directed to the Creek Monthly meeting which is approved & signed. ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Desire Brown from the monthly meeting held at saratoga 24 of 2d mo 1791 ~

also was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Justus Brown & son Benjamin from the monthly meeting of Saratoga held 24 & 25 of 2d mo 1791

Oswego Preparative meeting nominates Jonathan Sheldon for an overseer in the place of Israel Tripp which after being Considered Defers it untill next meeting ~

Said Meeting also Informs that Richard Wilson is desirous of a Certificate of removal directed to Oblong Monthly meeting Therefore Joseph Hoxsie & Samuel Crandall are appointed to prepare one for him if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting ~

The womens meeting Informed this that the preparative meeting of ministers & Elders Nominated to their meeting Deborah Valentine for an Elder & they have taken the Necessary Care & dont find anything to hinder if this meeting Copies this ~

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This meeting after Considering the proposal of appointing Deborah Valentine to the service of an Elder are united therein & appoints her accordingly & recommends her to the preparative meeting of Ministers & Elders and Elder. where the Clerk is Directed to forward a Copy of this minute ~

The time for which the meeting was allowed at New Britain is now Expired & friends there still Desire the meeting may be Continued under Consideration thereon this meeting allows them to hold a meeting here as usual for three months & Desires Nehemiah Finch and Joseph Peckham to have the oversight thereof ~

Our Friend Mary Griffen Informed this meeting that she had a prospect of Visiting some meetings of friends in the sothern parts of our Yearly meeting this meeting unites therewith she being a member of this meeting, & a minister in unity. & Direct the Clerk to give her a Copy of this minute ~

This meeting taking into Consideration the situation & Circumstance Relative to their holding two meetings at Oswego thinks best to appoint some friends to Visit them meetings & report their sence of the state of them to next meeting, Viz Tripp Mosher Abishai Coffin, William Valentine, John Allen, William Woolley, David Haight, Joseph Talcot, William Mitchell, Lopher Green & John Hoag

Our Friend William Mitchell Informed this meeting that he'd thoughts of going to New England as far as Nantucket & has a mind to attend the Yearly meeting at Rhode Island & sandwich Quarter he being a member in unity, the Clerk is Directed to give him a Copy of this minute ~

The minute that Enoch Dorland had to go in the Verge of Oblong Monthly meeting with was returned to this meeting. ~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted - - - -

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 15 of 6 Mo 1791

The representatives Present ~

One of the friends continued to produce the remainder of the Extracts report he hath sent to the Clerk who gave Incouragement of forwarding them to this meeting, but not being produced they are Continued to produce them to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to Draw an Essay of a Denial &c against Jonathan Howland report the appointment answered & produced it here which after being Considered is left untill next meeting ~

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Israel Tripp & his Little son Jonathan Directed to Creek Monthly Meeting produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to Visit James Reynolds on account of his request report they have had another opportunity with him & the obstruction appears not to be removed therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to Visit Gilbert Haight on account of his misconduct report they have not attended any further to the appointment by reason his Mother In Law is not returned, they are continued untill next meeting ~

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Aaron Betts report the way is not yet Clear they are continued untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to Visit Nathaniel Gardner on account of his request report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of part of the Committee being some time from home they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

One of the friends appointed to Visit Samuel Vail on account of his misconduct report that two of them went to see him, but had no opportunity with him by reason of his being gone a journey therefore they are continued in that Service untill next meeting ~

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The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of John Austin Directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed ~

The matter relating to the appointing Jonathan Sheldon for an Overseer was again Opened in this meeting & after being Considered Defers it to the Consideration of next meeting~

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Richard Wilson Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed ~

The womens meeting handed to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Wilson wife of Richard & her Daughter Anna Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting which with some alteration being approved is signed ~

Part of the friends appointed to visit the meeting at Oswego report they have attended to the appointment the other friends not attending by reason of their being from home therefore they are continued untill next meeting ~

Was read and accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Abraham Hoag, his wife Tabitha & son Ava from the Creek monthly meeting held 22nd of 4th Mo 1791 ~

Also was read and accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of Heziah Macomber wife of Barnabus from the Monthly meeting of Oblong held 16 of 5th Mo 1791 ~

Oswego Preparative meeting informs that Elijah Townsend desires to come under friends care, therefore Pontius Woolley, Jedediah Tallman & Zophas Green are appointed to

visit him & inquire into his life & conversation & the grounds of his request & report their sense of the disposition of his mind to next meeting ~

This meeting received Stephen Titus receipt for £2 :18:0 it being Ninepartners preparative meetings quarterly collection ~

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This meeting adjourns to meet next month at the usual if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of 7Mo 1791

The representatives present ~

The Clerk not being present, Philip Hoag is appointed for this time. ~

The Queries were read and answered in this meeting and are as follows ~

Ans was 1st ~ All meetings for worship & discipline are attended. There is considerable slackness in some, the hour nearly observed by those that steadily attend, not all clear of sleeping & other indecent behaviour in meetings. Some care taken in each deficiency ~

2nd ~ Love and unity is maintained in good degree as becomes brethren but not so fully with all as is desired. Endeavours are speedily used to end differences when any appear ~

3rd ~ We know of none in the practice of backbiting, tale bearing or spreading evil reports

4th ~ Most friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel. Where it appears otherwise some care taken and we believe friends are in the practice of frequent reading the holy scriptures and do guard against reading pernicious books & the corrupt conversation of the world ~

5th ~ Most friends are careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spiritous liquors, frequenting taverns & places of diversion. Some care taken where it appears otherwise. No intemperance at Marriages, births or burials that appear

6th ~ The necessities of the poor are inspected and relief administered, where it appears necessary. No neglect respecting their children or any friends child placed from friends that appears ~

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7th ~ We know of no unmarried person making a proposal of marriage without consent of parents or guardian. Not all clear of keeping company with those not of our society, no parents connive thereat or any friends attend the marriage of those that went out from us that appears ~

8th ~ No proposals of marriage too Early after the Decease of former husband, or wife; or any neglect of Childrens rights that appears ~

9th ~ We know of none that take Oaths, pay Priests wages bear arms, or other military service, or that is Concerned in fraudulent or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries or of dealing in prize goods ~

10th ~ We believe friends mostly have wills, where it appears otherwise some advice given; no misapplication of publick gifts or Legacies that we know of ~

11th ~ Clear of Negroes as slaves two youths & they instructed some in school Learning

12th ~ We believe friends are mostly Careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts, Clar of Launching into business beyond ability to mannage as far as appears

13th ~ Some removals without Certificate, some Care taken ~

14th ~ Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness and Agreeable to Discipline ~

The friends Continued to produce the remainder of the Extracts, produced them here which are as follows ~

The Committee appointed to Visit friends at New britain on account of Extablishing a meeting for worship there report they have attended thereto and are of the mind the time is not yet Com for to Establish a meeting there, which this meeting Considering united with. & the Clerk is Directed to Inform Ninepartners Monthly meeting thereof ~

The case of Jonathan Howland was apain opened in this meeing and the Essay of a Denial being produced is signed and is as follows. ~

Whereas Jonathan Howland hath been neglectful in the attendance of our religious Meetings; and friends being Concerned for his preservation, hath Laboured with him from time to time Endeavouring to revive in him a vence of his Indispencable duty in attending to divine worship; but as he has Long and still Continues Neglectful; friends have not Unity with him therein Therefore Disowns him from being any Longer a member with us; untill he shall by a diligent Consistant Life make satisfaction to this meeting which that he may be favoured to do is our Desire - signed on behalf of our monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of the 7th mo 1791 ---- by Philip Hoag Clerk at this Time

Whereby he stands Disowned Joseph Talcot & William Mitchell are appointed to Inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a Copy of it if he Desires it also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if thre is no reason to Expect an appear & report at next meeting ~

The Womens Meeting informed this, that Levina Way wife of James sent an Acknowledgment to their meeting - Condemning her marrying out of the unity of friends by a Priest, in which they after taking the Necessary Care are Easy to receive; this meeting after deliberating thereon appears most Easy to appoint the following friends to join with the women in to visiting her, & report their sence of the disposition of her mind to next meeting Viz. Stephen Dean and Tripp Mosher ~

The Committee Continued to Visit James Reynolds on his request report they have not attended to the appointment by reason part of the Committee being from home, they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The Committee Continued to Labour With Gilbert Haight for his misconduct report they've had another opportunity with him and found the Complaints Exhibited against

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him to be true, and the accusations against his Mother In Law he did not fully make appears, after Consideration thereon this meeting Concludes to Disown him & appoints William Mitchell and Nehemiah Merritt to Inform him thereof, also to Draw an Essay of a Denial & produce to next meeting ~

The friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Aaron Betts, report the obstacle still remains, they are Continued to report at next meeting ~

Most of the friends appointed to Visit Nathaniel Gardner on his request , report they have had an Opportunity with him, and not being fully satisfied, one friend gave a reason for his not attending to the appointment, which after being deliberated on Continues the Committee in that service untill next meeting ~

Two of the friends appointed to Labour with Samuel Vail for his misconduct, report they've had no opportunity with him by reason of the Distance; this meeting under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee untill next meeting ~

The Subject Relative to the appointing Jonathan Shedon for an overseer was again revived and after a deliberate Consideration thereon feels most Easy to return it back to the Preparative meeting for further Consideration ~

The Committee Except one appointed to Visit the meetings at Oswego report they've attended those meetings & are Unitedly of the mind that it would be for the best for friends of them meetings to meet all Together at the meeting house (one friend gave a reason for his not attending to the appointment) which this meeting after a deliberation thereon unites with ~

The friends appointed to Visit Elijah Townsend on his request report they've attend to the appointment &

by Inquiry find that he appears to be of an orderly Life and conversation, & convinced of friends Principles & in a good Degree sincear in his request which after being considered the meeting appears most easy to continue the Committee in that service untill next meeting ~

The womens meeting Informed this that Miriam Dean formerly Jacachoe? [probably Jacacks] has married out of the Unity of friends after being Precautioned, & also followed the Vain fashions of the World, & they having taken the necessary Care, are easy she be disowned with our Concurrence which after a consideration there on conurs therewith & appoints William McCoord & Lawrence Dean to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a denial against her & produce Report to next meeting ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting Informs that Peter Barton is desirous of a certificate of removal for himself & family Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting therefore Silvanus Gardner & Joseph Mitchell are appointed to prepare one for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they've attended that meeting to a good, Degree of satisfaction, the meeting appeared orderly Conducted and friends there still desire the meeting me be Continued under Consideration thereon this meeting allows them to hold a Meeting there as usual for four months and appoints Jehu Woolley and William Woolley to have the oversight thereof, and the following friends are appointed to attend that meeting and report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out Viz Ebenezer Pinkham, Joseph Talcott, Lopher Green Joseph Mitchell & Joseph Merritt

Nine partners Preparative Meeting Informs the money subscribed for Oswego Meeting House is raised ~

William Mitchell Returned the minute he had to go into New England with ~

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The following friends are appointed to attend The Quarterly Meeting and carry forward such business as shall concern that and bring down such as shall be directed to this Viz Reuben Haight, John Hoag, Silvanus Gardner, Abishai Coffin and Tripp Mosher. ~

This meeting being Impressed with a concern respecting the Conduct of some of our members at our Quarterly meeting, feels Engaged to appoint the following friends to have the Oversight of our ensuing Quarter during the setting thereof viz. Solomon Hairgh Shubel Coffin, Benjamin Mosher, John Allen and Lawrence Dean, ~

This meeting adjourns to meet on seventh Day following our next Quarterly meeting if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of 8th mo 1791

The representatives Present ~

The friends appointed to attend Last Quarterly meeting report they attended and produced 200 Copies of the general Epistle of London of 1790 which the representatives are Directed to proportion among the preparative meeting ~

The Extracts were produced which are as follows ~

8 Mo 1791. -

The Extracts of our Yearly meeting were read and this meeting Earnestly request the monthly and preparative meetings, to pay that attention to them that the weighty & importent advices therein contained deserves & that friends Individually may be Exited to more care & Circumspection in their conduct so that those things that is cause of en easiness may be removed. ~

The none Compliance of some friends with the advices of the Yearly meeting manifested by theis still Continuing to Traffick in distilled spirits is cause of

anxiety & this meeting being Impressed with an ardent desire that the friends in that practice may be awakened to a sence of this situation & Directs that a further attention of monthly meetings in Labouring with them, & that a report come reasonably to go to next yearly meeting. At a Yearly meeting held at Westbury, by adjournment from the 28th of 5th mo to the 3d of 6th mo 1791. ~

In attending to the state of society as represented in the accounts from the Quarters, the Continued deviation from our Testimony in divers particulars, that have repeatedly occasioned the advice of this meeting to be Issued, is cause of Greif & painful anxiety, & a renewed Concern is witnessed, that the counsell and advice which have on those occation been given fourth, may be religiously and carefully considered & attention to, with that solicitude of heart which many have at Seasons felt them to Deserve, and altho we do not at this time fit it our place to repeat the particulars of those deficiencies, that have in this meeting renewed our anxiety and concern yet true charity suffers us not to rest easy in the prospect of those deficiencies, but to earnestly breath that the consideration of the great forbearance, mercy & goodness we have been favoured with, may be affectual to excite an increase of circumspection, & religious awfulness that so none who are Looking towards us for confirmation in the rectitude of our principals, may through our example be disappointed. - High & holy is our

Calling & exalted the profession we make, which if we contradict in Life & conduct, proportionably great will be our condemnation. ~

By reports from our Quarters, it appears that the number of members yet concerned in a Traffick in distilled spirits is small, & several of them appear disposed to decline the business, but that more time may be necessary to bring some of these cases to a Close, owing to distant connection in trade, is mentioned by one Quarter, but there are some others who give no encouragement of desisting;

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on considering the matter, altho there appears but little prospect of further Labour to some of

these availing much, yet it is the desire of this meeting that our Quarters still Continue their care, & that a further labour agreeable to our former direction be extended, in order if it maybe to convince them of the impropriety of the trade, & their conduct therein, & that a report be brought to next yearly meeting. ~

The friends to Consider the proposition from Oblong Quarter, relative to holding the publick meeting for worship the day following that on which our Quarterly meetings for discipline are held, reported in substance as follows (Viz) That after considering the subject, they had agreed to propose to this meeting, that the meeting for discipline in each Quarter be held a day sooner then they now are, and that friends meet select from others, the men and women together, & after a solemn pause had, in order that friends minds may be prepared to enter on the business that may come before them, & an opportunity afforded for such communications that concerned friends may be authorized to offer, & that then as way may open seperately to proceed to the particular business of the meeting, & that the usual Day on which the Quarterly meetings are now held, be appropriated to the purpose of a solemn meeting for publick worship; which engaged the valid attention of the meeting, & obtained one united concurrence, it is therefore concluded that such an alteration take place accordingly, & that the Quarterly meetings of Ministers & Elders, be also held a day sooner than they now are. ~

It appearing by a report now made by the friends to settle the Treasurers account, that there is a ballance in his hands, due to this meeting of £91..7..3, a sum far short of answering the necessary demands Likely to be made on the treasurer, our Quarterly meetings are therefore requested to raise the sum of two hundred

pounds, & forward it to this meetings Treasurer, & report to the meeting next year.

The Committee on the subject from the meeting for sufferings, respecting the establishment of schools, report their attention thereto, & that after carefully attending to the report, from that meeting, with their proposals relative thereto they were united therewith, & with the propriety of these being recommended to our Inferior meetings, & this interesting subject weightily engaged our attention, the report of the Committee is concured with, & the proposal of our meeting for Sufferings now reported to, is accordingly recommended to all our Preparatie meetins, & they are desired to Let them engage their due care and attention and that they step forward therein, as way may open, and it is also requested, that our Quarterly & monthly meetings, will attend weightily to the Concern as our accounts go down to them, & Consider whither some assistance might not be usefully given to the preparative meetings, to encourage

& forward their Interesting Concerns. The proposals & substance of the minuet of the meeting for sufferings thereon are as follows (Viz) At a meeting for sufferings in Newyork the 12th of 4th mo 1791 - The subject refered to us by the Yearly meeting relative to the establishment of schools, having been several times before us and placed under the particular care of a number of friends thereto appointed) Who now produced in writing the result of their attention thereto, which with some alteration is agreed to as our report to the Yearly meeting and is as follows. - The Establishment of proper schools for the right education of our youth, being a subject so important to our religious society, & especially the rising generation, that we cannot but desire that an Increased concern may be witnessed for its promotion, and we believe that the discouragements that have arose, would not have been so great, if the subject was more generally viewed

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friends, in the important light that led, not only our, but other yearly meetings, earnestly to press on the subordinate meetings & friends generally, the incumbent Duty of promoting the religious improvement of those under their Tuition, & when not under their parents eye, that they may be placed with such Tutors, as will cooperate with their religious endeavours, that the tender minds of the youth may be more excited, not only to behold the beauty of Virtue, but to press after it, with greater solicitude, then nearly an Improvement in school learning. - But notwithstanding the discouragment that arises, from a want of friends more generally uniting in this prospect, & from the remote situation in which friends are placed from one another in diverse parts, yet there is cause to believe, that there are in ever Preparative meeting, those who view the subject in the Interesting light that has been mentioned, & we have a hope that the concern will spread & Influence the minds of many more, insomuch that the remote situation that some may be in, from the place most convenient for as school house, in each preparative meeting, will with other difficulties, gradually give way, especially if the yearly meeting should place the concern under the Care of preparative meetings severally, which we think will be most likely to increase schools amongst us, and tend to unite friends more generally in the concerns. - Tho we are sencible, that in someplaces, where the number of friends are small a difficulty will arise, for want of a sum sufficient to compensate a person suitably qualified to under take the important Trust, which difficulty we apprehend will in due time be remove, by the establishment of a school fund, opened upon the plan of the anexed form, or as nearly so as may b agreeable, we therefore recomend a due attention to the promotion of such a fund, in Each preparative meeting

meeting, and tho the amount of the subscription to the fund in its begining, may be small, it will probably increase from donations by will, as well as from additional subscriptions from time to time, and friends will probably be encouraged thereto, on finding the principal of what they subscribe, is to be continued a permanent fund, & the Interest therof only applyed by the Trustees, in the first place to the schooling such children whose parents are not of ability to pay it themselves, and the remainder of the Interest (if any there be) to the use of the school, & that the Trustees once a year account to the preparative meeting, & a new appointment of Trustees to be made each year, so that friends without making the price of schooling burthensom to some that pay and yet may be in small circumstances, may be enabled to allow a proper sum to

a suitable Tutor who may have a family, & such we wish the attention of friends may be turned to, & where a lot of ground, can be purchased on easy terms, that would afford pasture for a cow, and a supply of vegetables, such a Lott with a small convenient house thereon would accomodate a family & abate the expence of the masters salary; and as a plan for the support of good order, and government of the schools, may tend to strengthen the care of the Tutor in these respects, the following is thought advisable to be offered to the consideration of friends in their preparative meetings when the subject is before them. -

A plan for the support & government of friends school at This school being instituted by the preparative meeting ofis to be under its care and direction, but for the more immediate government there = = of Trustees shall be annually appointed by said meeting, whose business it shall be, to employ Teachers, & make comfortable provision for their annual support, to continue or dismiss them for misconduct, inability or other weighty considerations appearing to said Trustees; to

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keep the house which may be provided for the school, in good order & repair, to admit schollars, settle & receive from time to time, the prices of schooling, and discharge such of them as they may judge necessary for misbehaviour, to direct the branches of learning, & books to be read in said school, to make such rules for the assistance of the master, & observance of the schollars, as may appear to them best adopted to answer the ends of the institution, to apply the subscriptions, donations & incomes of the school, for its support & maintainance, & if these are insufficient for that purpose, to lay before this meeting an account of the sum wanted, & the particular occassion, & receive the meetings direction therein, & in general to establish such regulations as they shall judge to be for the good government & promotion of the school provided the same be not repugnant to this plan. ~

The said Trustees are to visit the school at least once in two months, examin the progress made by the schollars in their learning, and see that the rules thereof & decorum are observed, not less than four of them shall be sufficient to transact business within their appointment, but regular attention of all is recommended, the preparative meeting shall appoint a Treasurer, who shall receive all moneys appertaining to the school, & shall pay none out of the stock but by order of the Trustees or of this meeting, the Trustees are to keep regular accounts of their proceedings, receipts & payments, & the same with such regulations as they may Establish, Lay before this meeting Yearly, for their approbation. ~

And there is cause to hope, that a steady Concern for the religious advancement of the rising generation, will occasion an exertion for the encouragment of

schools, agreeable to the concern of the yearly meeting & tend to a liberality of sentiments, that may enable the Trustees to procure Tutors suitably qualified for the important truse. and as may friends may e enclined, to leave donations for the promotion & support of schools, which may be established on the anexed plan, we think it proper to suggest the following form of a bequest. (Viz). ~

Item I give & bequest untoTreasurer of friends school established by the preparative meeting of the people called Quakers inin the County of& state of New York, or to his successor in that Trust the sum ofpounds, the principal to remain a

permanent fund under the Care & direction of the Trustees of said school, now or hereafter to be appointed by said preparative meeting, and the Interest or annuity arising therefrom, to be by said Trustees laid out for the benefit of said school, which now is or such school as may hereafter be established by said preparative meeting. ~

N.B. Tho the above form of a bequest, is recommended, yet if any friend should incline to lead the principal at the disposal of the Trustees, a little variation in the form will answer that purpose. ~

A plan for a subscription for raising a school Fund - We the subscribers, member of the society of friends do hereby, severally for ourselves, and our heirs, promise to pay on demand, unto A, B, Treasurer of friends school now under the direction of the preparative meeting ator to his successor or successors, in that Trust, the sum of money severally by us written against our names with interest therefor, after the rate of five per cent per annum, the principal whereof so subscribed

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to be & remain a permanent Fund under the Direction of the Trustees of the school, now or hereafter to be appointed by the said preparative meeting, & by them laid out, or lent on Interest, in such manner as they shall judge will best secure an Interest or annuity, & the Interest or annuity thereof, is to be applied to the schooling of such Children as now do, or hereafter shall belong to said preparative meeting, whose parents are not or shall not be of ability to pay for their schooling, and in case the whole, or any part thereof, shall not be wanted for such purposes, then the Interest of said money, or such part thereof, as shall not be so wanted, is to be applied to such other uses of the said school, or schools, now or hereafter to be erected by the said meeting, as the said Trustees, now or hereafter to be appointed, shall think best to answer the design of the Institution. ~

But should the preparative meeting be by the monthly meeting discontinued, and the members thereof Joined to any other preparative meeting, the sum herein by them subscribed, is to be then placed under the Care of such preparative meeting, as the case may be to which such members may be united, & by such preparative meeting put under the care of Trustees to be by them disposed of according to the tenor of the Subscription. ~

Notwithstanding the subscriptions are made payable on demand yet it is understood & agreed that the subscribers shall be at Liberty either to pay the principal, or leave it to be paid by their Executors or Administrators, provided they pay the Interest annually, yet in case any subscriber, member of

this preparative meeting, remove, it is agreed to be right, that he make the Trustees easy respecting his subscription. ~

When subscribed subscribers Names sum subscribed in writing & in Figures

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4 mo 14 A.B. Fifty Pounds £50.~.~

The Committee on the adjournment of this meeting communicated to us a concern that was spread amongst them, on account of the Irregular conduct observable in many going out of

our meetings, both in times of public worship, and in times of transacting the affairs of the Church, but more especially in the latter of these our yearly meetings, & at some of our Quarterly and monthly meetings, sometimes getting together in small companies, and engaging in conversation, and they suggest whether some further care of meetings has not become necessary, for the removal of such cause of uneasiness & whether it would not be right, that an appointment be made by each of those meetings, of some solid friends to have the subject more immediately under their watchful Care. - The subject weightily impressed this meeting, & the propriety of the committees proposal appearing evident, is united with, & our Quarterly & monthly meetings are desired to pay Mention thereto accordingly. ~

Extracted from the minutes by James Mott Clerk to the meeting this year –

It also appear by the Extracts that the Yearly meeting was led into a sympathy & feeling with such of our members as may be in stratened circumstances & may not be particularly cared for

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as the poor of our society, & under consideration thereof have appointed a number of friends to Visit the Quarterly Monthly & preparative meetings also such families as they may judge proper & to make the necessary Inspection into such cases, in order that relief may be afforded. - & this meeting under a weighty Consideration of the subject, have to believe a service may arise from the appointment of a Committee to unite with the yearly meeting Committee in that Concern & that Visit according to the direction of that meeting be made, to which service, John Hoag, William Woolley, Adam Harkness, John Dean, Elihu Bunker Jacob Carman, & Charles Webb are appointed and a report be made to next Quarter. ~

It also appears by the Extracts that the yearly meeting directs two Hundred pounds to be raised by the Quarters & pay to that meetings Treasurer, Our Monthly meetings are therefore directed to proceed in raising said sum & pay to this meetings Treasurer & Inform next Quarter the amount. ~

The direction in regard to the Establishing schools is recommended to the strict attention of our Monthly & preparative meetings & that a report of their progress be made seasonably to go to next Yearly meeting. ~

Our Monthly meetings are directed to Inform next Quarter the Amount of their subscriptions for oswego meeting house, & as their is nearly £100..~..~ yet Due towards Completing the estimated cost for said House our monthly meetings are therefore directed to raise the same & pay to this meetings Treasure, & friends execution & Liberality is earnestly requested

in order that this matter may not unnecessarily be continued on our minutes. - Extracted from the minute, Tiddamass Hull Junr Clerk

Agreeable to direction of the yearly meeting which came Down through the Quarter this meeting appoints the following friends in a further Labour with those that still continue to Traffic in distilled spirits, & they report seasonably to go to the yearly meeting. (viz) Silvanus Gardner, Shubel Coffin, David Reynolds & Smitten Brownell

we find in the Extracts, the yearly meeting directs the sum of two Hundred pounds to be raised by the Quarters to answer the demand that is likely to be made on the Treasurer, Our Quarterly meeting directs the monthly meetings to proceed therein, & pay the money to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer, & inform next Quarter the amount thereof, which is directed down to our preparative meetings, they are desired to be Expeditious therein, & report seasonably to go to the Quarterly meeting

We also find in the Extracts a minute of the yearly meeting, whereby we are informed that the yearly meeting from an apprehension that divers are under necessitous circumstances, made an appointment to Visit such Quarterly, Monthly & preparative meetings as they may see right; four of said Committee now attended this meeting; & the subject being weightily attended to are united in appointing the following friends to Correspond with & assist the yearly & Quarterly meetings Committees in that service (viz) David Haight, Isaac Thorn, Stephen Dean & Garret Burtis ~

The direction of the yearly meeting which came down through the Quarter in regard to the Establishing schools is concured with by this meeting

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and recommends it down to our preparative meeting desiring a strict attention thereto & that a report of their progress be made seasonably to go to next Quarterly meeting. And appoints the following friends a Committee to assist the preparative meetings as occasion may require vis John Hoag, William Valentine, William Mitchell, Garrett Burtis, Lawrence Dean & Enoch Dorland. ~

We also find in the Extracts that the yearly meeting Directs the monthly meetings to appoint a number of friends to have the oversight of our meetings respecting Irregular Conduct & after considering the subject this meeting unites therewith and appoints; Pontius Woolley, John Allen, Benjamin Mosher, Lawrence Dean, Brownell Wilbur, Shubel Coffin and William Woolley to that service & they are desired to pay strict attention thereto agreeable to the Direction of the Yearly meeting. ~

It appears by the Extracts of the Quarterly Meeting that there is nearly one Hundred pounds et due towards Completing the Estimated Cost for Oswego meeting hours = the monthly meetings are directed to raise the same & pay to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer - & friend Exertion & Liberality is Earnestly requested in order that this matter may not unnecessarily be Continued on our minutes - therefore our preparative meetings are directed to be Expeditious therein & report seasonably to go to the Quarterly meeting. ~

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Jonathan Howland report the appointment answered. ~

The friends appointed to join with the women in revisiting Levina Way report they have attended to the appointment & that it was their sence that she was in a good Degree sincear in her acknowledgment under Consideration thereon accepts it which is as follows =

To the Monthly Meeting of friends held at the Ninepartners the 18th of the 5th month 1791. ~

Dear friends this is to Inform you that I am Sorry that I have gone contrary to the rules of Discipline in going out in marriage & also marrying by an hiring Priest also which I should be glad you would Look over this my misconduct & receive me as a member in your society.

Levina Way

John Hoag & John Allen are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners and report. ~

four of the friends Continued to Visit James Reynolds on his request report they have made him a Visit & the obstacle appears not to be removed & he Expressed that he was free that his request should be dropt after considering his case this meeting drops his request for the present and appoints Garret Burtis and Enoch Dorland to Inform him thereof and report. ~

The friends, appointed to Draw an Essay of a denial &c against Gilbert Haight report the appointment answered & produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows = Whereas Gilbert Haight a member of this meeting hath been in the practice of tale bearing Backbiting & spreading Evil reports about his stepmother

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and friends having laboured with him from time to time in order to restore him to a suitable sonee thereof which not having the desired affect we therefore testify against his slanderous Conduct and Disown him from being any longer a member of this meeting untill he shall be favoured with a suitable disposition to make sattisfaction therefor which is our desire - Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of 8th mo 1791
by Isaac Thorn Clerk

whereby the stands Disowned Joseph Talcot & William Mitchell are appointed to Inform him of his denial & right to an appeal & give him a Copy of it if he desires it, also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if there is no reason to Expect an appeal and report at next meeting. ~

Our Esteemed Friend May Griffen feelingly set? before us a prospect she some time hath had of Visiting some families of friends & others in Connecticut within the Verge of oblong monthly meeting with which we united she being a minister in unity the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a Copy of this minute. ~

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Haight Informed us that she was free to accompany our beloved friend Mary Griffen in a Visit to some families of friends & others in the Verge of Oblong Monthly meeting with which we unite she being a minister in unity the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing a Testification against Miriam Dean formerly Jacacks report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners 20 of 8 mo 1791 - Whereas Miraim Dean formerly Jacacks hath gone into the Vain Fashions of the World, also hath Married Contrary to the order of friends by the assistance of an hiring Priest after being precautioned, therefore for the Clearing of truth from the reproach thereof we ho hereby testify against her said misconduct

& disown her to be any Longer a member of our society untill by a mendment of Life she shall manifest repentance and make satisfaction to this meeting -- Signed on behalf of said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk Anna Thorn Clerk whereby she stands disowned Israel Titus and Joseph Hoxsie are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report. ~

The womens meeting informed this that Margaret Tallman wife of Jedediah Desires to Come under friends Care & they have taken the necessary Care & Easy that she be received after a deliberation thereon Concurs therewith & accepts her a member. --

The womens meeting also Informs that Jane Reynolds formerly Mott has married out of the unity of friends after having been precautioned & the mind of their meeting is that she be disowned after being Considered unites with them therein and appoints Lawrence Dean & John Palmer to assist the women in drawing an Essay of denial & report to next meeting ~

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The womens meeting handed to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Sarah Jacacks wife of Benjamin & her Daughters, Lydia, Phebe, Anna Delila to the Creek Monthly meeting which is approved & signed. ~

also one for Sarah Betts wife of Aaron & her Daughter Anna to the Creek monthly meeting which is approved & signed. ~

The time for which the meeting was allowed at Newbritain is now Expired and they still Desire to have the meeting Continued under consideration allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for six months & Desires Nehemiah Finch & Joseph Peckham to have the oversight thereof & appoints Shubel Coffin, Brownell Lake, Reuben Haight, Ammiel Coffin, Joseph Mitchell, Lawrence Dean, silvanus Gardner & Prince Bennett to visit that meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out

This meeting adjourns to meet next fifth Day at the Close of the meeting for worship at this house ----

The meeting met according to adjournment this 25th instant - The Representatives present Except one & a reason given. ~

The Printed general Epistle of London was now read to our satisfaction. - & our preparative meetings are directed to read one at the Close of a first Day meeting at Each place~

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Aaron Betts & sons Directed to Creek monthly meeting report the appointment answered and produced it here which being approved is signed.

The friends appointed to Visit Nathaniel Gardner

on his request report they have had another opportunity with him to a small Degree of satisfaction under Consideration thereon Dropts his request for the present & appoints William Woolley & William Valentine to Inform him thereof and report. --

Two of the friends appointed to labour with Samuel Vail for his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & he appeared some what tender under consideration thereon

continues the Committee in that service untill next meeting with Shubel Coffin and Silvanus Gardner added. ~

The Committee Continued on the request of Elijah Townsend report they have made him another visit to a good Degree of satisfaction under Consideration thereon accepts him a mamber & appoints Israel Titus & Stephen Dean to Inform him thereof & report. ~

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Peter Barton report the way is not Clear they are Continued & desired to Lay the Circumstance of his case before next meeting ~

Saratoga Monthly meeting now Informs, that agreeable to our request they have visited Lebulon Mott to a good satisfaction believing him to be sincear in his acknowledgement which after a deliberation thereon, this meeting appears free to accept it, - which is as follows - Still water 19th of the 6th Mo 1790. To the monthly meeting of Friends at the Ninepartners. ~

Dear Friends. ~

Whereas I was formerly a member of your society but was so far from taking heed to the Discipline & good order amongst friends that I gave way to a Van Disposition of mind so as to be neglectfull &

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attending Religious meetings, & Likewise forsook the plain Language & apparel wherein I had been Instructed by my parents & I Likewise bore arms & went as a soldier & some times went to places of Diversion or frolicks and after I had been kindly visited by friends I gave them no satisfaction & having been since brought as I conclude to see the evil of my Conduct I am Verry sorry for what I have done & do Condemn the same & I Desire friends to overlook it & receive me again under your watchful Care, Zebulon Mott ~

and appoints Abishai Coffin & Jedediah Tallman to read it at the Close of the first Day meetings at ninepartners & the ridge & also to prepare a few Lines to recommend him to saratoga monthly meeting & report to next meeting.

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Job Case from the monthly meeting held at Oblong 18th of 10th Mo 1790 ---

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs that Elihu Coleman has placed his son Samuel out with a friend at hudson & desires a Certificate for him to the Creek monthly meeting, therefore appoints Jonathan Deuil & Ammiel Coffin to prepare one for that purpose & produce to next meeting. ~

Oswego Preparative meeting Nominated to this Meeting Abraham Storm for an Overseer after being Considered this meeting Unites therewith & appoints him to that service.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual Time if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 14th of 9 Mo 1791

The friends appointed to read the Acknowledgment of Levina Way report the appointment answered

The friends appointed to Inform James Reynolds that his request is dropt for the present report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against gilbert Haight report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Miriam Dean report the appointment not answered by reason she had not been Informed by the women they are Continued in that Service untill next meeting.

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing a Testification against Jane Reynolds formerly Mott report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows ~

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 14th of 9th Mo 1791

Whereas Jane Reynolds formerly Mott hath married Contrary to the order of friends ater being Precautioned therefore for the Clearing of Truth of the reproach thereof we do testify against her said Misconduct & disown her to be any Longer a member of our society untill by amendment of Life she shall

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shall manifest repentance and make satisfaction to this meeting - signed in and on behalf of said meeting by - {Isaac Thorn Clerk

{Anna Thorn Clerk

Lawrence Dean and John Palmer are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report to next meeting. -

The friends appointed to Inform Nathaniel Gardner that his request is dropt for the present report the appointment answered. -

The friends appointed to Labour with Samuel Vail for his misconduct report they have not answered the appointment by reason he Lives at a distance they are Continued in that Service untill next meeting. -

The friends appointed to Inform Elijah Townsend of his reception report the appointment answered. -

The friends Continued to Lay the Circumstance of Peter Barton's Case before this meeting report that he removed without the advice of this meeting & Left his affairs unsettled after being Considered, Continues the Committee to write to him, Informing the Circumstance of the Case & report to next meeting. -

The friends appointed to lead the acknowledgment of Zebulon Mott &c report the appointment answered produced some Lines recommending him to saratoga Monthly meeting which being approved is signed.

The womens meeting Informed this that Elizabeth Parmer formerly Hoag Daughter of Jonathan has married out of the Unity of friends after being Precautioned, & that it is the Conclusion of their meeting that she be Disowned under consideration thereon this meeting concurs therewith & appoints Abraham Swift & John Allen to assist the women in Drawing a Testification against her & report to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to Prepare a Certificate on behalf of Samuel Coleman son of Elihu Directed to Creek Monthly Meeting produced it here which being approved is signed. -

This meeting received proposals from the meeting for Sufferings in London, for reprinting sundries? friends books which are nearly or Quite out of Print, viz Thomas Chalkley's works, John Richardson's Life, Richard Davis's Life & Thomas Elwood's Life - also Piety promoted in

three Volumes. - & appoints Isaac Thorn Lawrence Dean & Philip Hoag to Collect the names of such as are disposed to sign therefor & forward the number to next meeting. -

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting nominated to this Pontius Wooley for an overseer in the place of John Allen after being Considered unites therewith and appoints him to that service

Said Meeting also Informs that Peter Hallock desires to Come under friends Care, Garrett Burtis & Israel Titus are appointed to Visit him & Inquire into his Life & Conversation & the grounds of his request & report to next meeting their sence of the disposition of his mind. -

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This meeting received Stephen Titus's receipt for £3..5..0 raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection. ~

also received Stephen Titus's receipt for £0..15.7 raised at Oswego this Quarterly Collection

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted. -

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 10th Mo 1791. -

The representatives Present ~

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting and are as follows. -

Answr 1 ! All meetings for worship and Discipline are attended, a Considerable slackness appears in some, the hour not so fully observed by all as is desired, not all Clear of sleeping in meetings and some Care taken in each deficiency, Clear of other Indeacent behaviour as far as appears. ~

2d ~ Love and unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren; but not so fully with all as is desired and advice given, Endeavours are used to end differences when any appears. ~

3d ~ We know of none in the practice of Backbiting Tale bearing or spreading evil reports. ~

4th ~ We believe there is a number concerned to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of Speech behaviour & apparel; a Considerable neglect appears in others & some Care taken, friends are in the practice of frequent reading the holy scriptures & to guard against reading pernicious books & the Corrupt conversation of the world as far as appears. ~

5th ~ Friends appear generally careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, frequenting taverns, and places of diversation, Moderation and temperance is observed at Marriages births & burials as far as appears.

6th ~ No apparent neglect; respecting the poor or their children, or any friends Child placed from amongst friends that appears:

7th ~ We know of no unmarried person, making a proposal of marriage without consent of parents or guardian, not all clear of keeping Company with those not of our society, some care taken, parents appear Clear of Conniving thereat, we know not of any friends attending the marriage of those that went out from us. -

8th ~ No proposals of marriage too early after the decease of former husband or wife, or any neglect of Childrens rights that appears. -

9th ~ We know of none that take Oaths, pay Priest wages, bear arms, or other military service, or that is Concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, Lotteries, or of dealing in Prize goods. -

10th ~ We believe friends re mostly Careful to make their wills, seasonably, where it appears otherwise, some advice given, no misapplication of publick gifts or Legacies that appears. -

11th ~ Clear of Negroes as Slaves, two youths and they Instructed some in school Learning ~

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12th ~ Friends appear in a good degree careful to perform their promises & pay their just debts, and of Launching into business beyond ability, some exception and some care taken. -

13th ~ Some removals without Certificates, some care taken

14th ~ Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline

The friends Continued to read the Testification against Miriam Dean report the appointment answered

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Jane Reynolds report the appointment answered

Three of the friends appointed to Labour with Samuel Vail for his misconduct report they have visited him & think they found him in a tender disposition of mind and in a good degree sensible of his outgoings under consideration thereon continues the Committee in that service untill next meeting. -

The Womans meeting Informed this that Hannah More formerly Hoag has married out of the unity of friends, & the necessary Care being taken they have Come to a conclusion that she be disowned with the Concurrence of this meeting, this meeting Concurs therewith and appoints John Hoag and Abishai Coffin, to assist the women in Drawing a Testification against her & report to next meeting

The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have wrote to him but have not had a return therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to assist the women in drawing a Testification against Elizabeth Palmer report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows - From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 19 of 10 Mo 1791. Whereas Elizabeth Palmer formerly Hoag hath Married Contrary to the order of friends y the assistance of an hireling Priest after being advised to the Contrary therefore for the Clearing of Truth from the reproach thereof we do hereby Testify against her said misconduct and disown her to be any Longer a member of our society untill she make satisfaction to this meeting which that she may Do is our desire signed on behalf of said meeting ~

by {Isaac Thorn Clerk

{Anna Thorn Clerk

Lawrence Dean and Silvanus Gardner are appointed to read it at the close of a first Day meeting New Britain if there is no reason to Expect an appear & report at next meeting

The friends appointed to Collect the names of such as are disposed to sign for friends books produced the number Viz - 11. of Thomas Chalkley's works, 4 of John Whittings Memoirs, 4 of John Crooks works, 7 of John Richardson Life, 6 of Richard Davis's Life, & 17 of Thomas Elwoods Life, also 3 sets of Piety promoted.

The friends appointed to Visit Peter Hallock on account of his request report they have had an opportunity with him to a small degree of satisfaction & made

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some Inquire respecting his Life & Conversation & dont find but that it is orderly under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee in that service untill next meeting with Pontius Woolley & William Mitchell added

To the Monthly Meeting at Oblong. ~

Our Friend William Valentine Expressed a concern that has attended his mind for some time to pay a religious Visit to friends & some others, in the northern parts of your Monthly meeting he being a member and Minister in good Esteem, we have unity with him therein, and directs the Clerk to give him a Copy of this minute.

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Hannah White wife of John from the Creek monthly meeting held 16th of 9th mo 1791

Oswego Preparative Meeting Informs they have raised £1..10..9 for the Yearly meeting, & Ninepartners Preparative meeting raised £8..8..10 for that purpose

Also Oswego Preparative meeting Informs they've added to their subscription for Oswego meeting house Nine pounds: Ninepartners Informs theirs not Completed ~

The following friends are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting & Carry forward such business as shall Concern that & bring Down such as shall be directed to this Viz John Allen, John Hoag, Isaac Thorn and Enoch Dorland. -

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month on fifth Day, the week following the Quarterly meeting if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 24th of 11th Mo 1791

The representatives Present Except one & a reason given.

The friends appointed to attend Last Quarterly meeting report they attended, & produced the written Epistle from the yearly meeting of London of 1790 - also one from Rhode Island of Last Year the reading of which is Left untill next meeting ~ also produced the Extracts which are as follows

At a Quarterly meeting held at Ninepartners 16th & 17th of 10 Mo 1791 The accounts from the monthly meeting of Ninepartners Informs their subscription on the Expende of Oswego meeting house not completed they are desired to be Expeditious as the money is much wanted, pay it to the Treasurer & report to next Quarter.

The friends appointed to Consult with friends of saratoga relative to the Size and Estimate of Cost on building a meeting house there, report they attended thereto & proposed the size - 42 feet front 36 rear about 20 feet posts they Estimated the Cost £400 which is united with, and our monthly meetings are requested to open subscriptions to Defray the Expende of Building said house and Inform our next meeting the sum subscribed. ~

Extracted from the minutes by John Hoag Clerk which is directed down to our preparative meetings & they are desired to be Expeditious therein & Inform seasonably to go to the Quarterly meeting. ~

The friends appointed Continued in the Case of Samuel Vail report they have attended to the appointment so far as to write to him but have had no return, therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to assist the Women in Drawing a Testification against Hannah Moore report the appointment answered

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The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have had no return from him therefore they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Elizabeth Palmer report the appointment not answered by reason the women had not Informed her they are Continued in that service untill next meeting. ~

The friends Continued on the request of Peter Hallock report they have Visited him & believe him to be in a Degree sincear in his request under consideration continues the Committee to Visit him again & report to next meeting. ~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Nominates Joseph Talcott for an overseer in the place of Benjamin Mosher which this meeting unites with and appoints him to that service. -

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the ridge report they've attended that meeting to pretty good satisfaction & did not Discover but that it was orderly conducted friends there still desire to have the meeting Continued under Consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for Six months and appoints Jehu Woolley and William Woolley to have the oversight thereof - Benjamin Church, Jonathan Deuel, Jacob Thorn, Benjamin Mosher, Reuben Haight, Prince Bennett & Joseph Mitchell are appointed to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out. ~

The womens meeting Informed this that Matilda Spencer formerly bull hath married out of the unity of friends & having a Child soon after

Marriage & the necessary Care being taken they have Come to a Conclusion that she be disowned with the concurrence of this meeting, this meeting Concurs therewith & appoints Joseph Hoxsie and Lawrence Dean to assist the women in Drawing a Testification against her & report to next meeting. ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Hannah Young wife of Robert and Daughter Judith from the monthly meeting of Oblong held the 22d of 8th Mo 1791. ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White from the monthly meeting of saratoga held 22 of 9th mo 1791. ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Chase Daughter of Joseph from the monthly meeting held at Saratoga the 23 of 9th Mo 1791.

This meeting received Information from the monthly meeting of Sandwich held the 23 3d mo 1791 that they have Disowned Joseph Dillingham.

Our Friends Mary Griffen and Elizabeth Haight returned to this meeting the minutes they had Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting. ~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted. ~

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 14th of 12th Mo 1791

The representatives Present. -

The Epistle from the yearly meeting of London and that from Rhode Island were now read to our satisfaction.

Joshua White and Deborah Lounsberry appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of marriage with Each other. Joseph Mitchell & Benjamin Mosher are appointed to Inquire into the young mans Clearness in relation to marriage and report to next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer. -

The friends Continued in the Case of Samuel Vail report they have heard nothing from him since Last month therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting. -

The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have had no return from him since Last meeting they are continued in that service untill next meeting. -

One of the friends Continued to read the Testification against Elizabeth Palmer report the appointment not answered by reason the women has not Informed her therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting. -

Two of the friends appointed on the request of Peter Hallock report they have had an other opportunity with him & believe him to be in a good Degree Sincear in his request after being Considered Continues the Committee to visit him again & report to next meeting ~

One of the friends appointed to assist the women in drawing a Testification against Matilda Spencer report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows --

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 14 of 12th Mo 1791 Whereas Matilda Spencer formerly Bull a member of this meeting by not keeping to that which would have preserved her, she has fell into Disorder Such as keeping Company with one not of our society Committed fornication & marrying out of the order of friends. for which we do Testify against her misconduct and disown her from being any Longer a member of this meeting untill she shall manifest repentance and amendment of Life which she may do is our desire signed in and on behalf of said meeting by {Isaac Thorn Clerk

{Sarah Talcott Clerk for this time

Samuel Dorland Junr & Jonathan Sheldon are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego if there is no reason to Expect an appeal and report to next meeting.

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Informs that John Lounsberry hath deviated from plainness & used profane Language, also has contrary to the advice of his parents married out of the order of friends after being Precautioned Therefore Joseph Merritt & William Mitchell are appointed to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to disown him also to draw an Essay of a denial & produce to next meeting ~

Said meeting further Informs that Benjamin Hiller has been neglectful in the attendance of meetings, deveated from plainness, & it also appears that he has been guilty of using profane Language under Consideration thereon this meeting appoints John Allen & Justus Brown to

Labour with him on those accounts for his restoration and Inform next meeting their sence of the Disposition of his mind..

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Oswego Preparative Meeting Informs they have ?[faint] to their Subscription for the Yearly meeting Stock £1..4..0

was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Reuben White from the monthly meeting held at Saratoga the 22d of 9th mo 1791. -

The womens meeting handed to this a Certificate on behalf of Martha Brown Daughter of Valentine directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting which being approved is signes

The womens meeting Informed this that Patience Kerley hath a desire to Come under friends Care and the necessary Care being taken & they Easy that she be accepted with the Concurrence of this meeting under Consideration thereon Concurs with them therein and accepts her a member.

This meeting Received Stephen Titus's receipt for £2..6..3 Money raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 18 of 1 mo 1792

The representatives Present. -

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting and are as follows -

Answr 1st ~ All meetings for worship & Discipline are attended, altho a considerable slackness appears, the hour nearly observed, not all Clear of sleeping in meetings, not Quite Clear of other Indecent behaviour, & Care is measurably Taken in Each Deficiency. -

2d ~ Love and unity is maintained as becomes brethren altho some Exception; Endeavours are used to End Differences when any appear. -

3d ~ None known to be in the practice of Backbiting, Tale bearing, or spreading Evil reports. -

4th ~ There is a good Degree of Care rests on the minds of most friends to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel; a neglect appears in others, & some Care taken, friends are in the practice of frequent reading the holy Scriptures, & do guard against reading pernicious books as far as appears, not all clear of the Corrupt conversation of the world. -

5th ~ Friends appear in a good Degree Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors frequenting Taverns, some Instances of going to places of Diversion, some Care taken, Moderation is observed at Marriages, births, & burials as far as appears.

6th ~ The necessaties of the poor are Inspected, & relief administred where it appeared necessary; we know of no neglect respecting their Childrens partaking of Learnings one friend Child placed out from friends and Care Taken

7th ~ We know of no unmarried persons making proposals of marriage without Consent of parents, one Instance of keeping Company with one not of our society & Care taken; parents

appear Clear of Conniving thereat, we know of none that has attended the marriage of those that's gone out from us.

8 ~ No proposals of marriage too early after the decease of former husband or wife, or any neglect of Childrens rights that appears.

9th ~ We know of none that take Oaths, pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other military service, or that is concerned in fraudulent or Clandistine trade, Lotteries, or of Dealing in prize goods.

10th ~ We believe friends are mostly Careful to make their wills seasonably, where it appears otherwise, some advice given; no misapplication of publick gifts & Legacies that appears

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11 ~ Clear of Negroes as slaves two youths & they Instructed some in school Learning

12 ~ Not all Careful to perform their promises, & pay their just Debts, some Care taken, clear of Launtching into business beyond ability to mannage as far as appears

13th ~ Some removals without Certificate, some Care taken

14 ~ There is a good degree of Care taken seasonably to deal with offenders, measurably in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline.

Joshua White and Deborah Lounsberry appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with Each other Consent of parents being produced, Inquiry being made & nothing appearing to hinder they are Left at Liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends, Silvanus Gardner & Benjamin Mosher are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate

One of the friends Continued in the Case of Samuel Vail report he has had an opportunity with him and thought him to be in a good Degree sincear & an acknowledgment from him being now read which not being fully satisfactory, the Committee is Continued in that service untill next meeting.

The womens meeting now produced the Testification against Hannah Moore formerly Hoag which being approved is signed and is as follows -

Whereas Hannah Moore formerly Hoag hath gone Out in Marriage Contrary to the rules of our society for which friends hath Laboured with her & she appeared not to be in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction we do hereby Testify against her Disorderly Conduct and disown her from being any Longer a member with us untill she shall make satisfaction to this

meeting which that she may be favoured to do is our desire

Signed on behalf of our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 18 of 1st mo 179 -
by {Isaac Thorn Clerk {Anna Thorn Clerk

David Reynolds and Prince Bennett are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Newbritain if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report to next meeting. -

That meeting also produced a Certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Chase Directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting which being approved is signed. -

The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have had a Line from him Informing he was desirous to Come down but his Circumstances would not admit at present but soon Expected to Come the Committee is Continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends Continued to read the Testification against Elizabeth Palmer report the appointment answered ~

The friends Continued on the request of Peter Hallock report they have Visited him again & believe him to be in a good Degree sincear in his request under Consideration thereon accepts him a member & appoints Solomon Haight & Pontius Woolley to Inform him thereof & report.

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Matilda Spencer report the appointment answered ~

The friends appointed to Draw an Essay of a Denial &c against John Lounsberry report the appointment answered & produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 18th of 1st mo 1792 ~

Whereas John Lounsberry a member of our society hath deviated from the good order thereof in Departing from plainness & hath used profane Language and

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Disregarding his parents in marrying out of the order of friends after having been precautioned we therefore testify against his misconduct & Disown him from being any Longer a member of this meeting untill he shall be favoured to make satisfaction thereto - signed in & on behalf of said meeting ~ by Isaac Thorn Clerk

Silvanus Gardner & John Allen are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he Desires it also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to Visit Benjamin Hiller on account of his misconduct report they have made him a Visit & found the Complaints to be True, and appeared to them not to be in a Disposition suitable to make satisfaction under Consideration thereon appoints William Mitchell & Pontius Woolley to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him also to Draw an Essay of a Denial & produce to next meeting ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting Informs that Daniel Lossing Desires to Come under friends Care. Therefore William Woolley, Amial Coffin and Israel Titus are appointed to Visit him on that account & Inquire into his Live & Conversation & the grounds of his request; & report their sence of him to next meeting ~

Said meeting also Informs that Philip Clark is desirous of a few Lines to recommend him to Oblong Monthly Meeting on account

of marriage. Therefore Lawrence Dean & Jonathan Sheldon are appointed to make the necessary Inquiry & prepare some for him if the way be Clear and produce to next meeting. ~

This meeting being Informed that Oswego Meeting House is nearly Compleeted therefore appoints Philip Hoag, John Dorland & John Hoag To settle with the Trustees of that house & report the Expence to next meeting. ~

The addition of Ninepartners Preparative meeting to their subscription for the Yearly meeting stock is £2..12..9 - -

Oswego Preparative meeting informs their subscription for saratoga Meeting House is £9..4..0 Ninepartners Informs their not Completed ~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs their subscription for Oswego meeting housed not Completed.

Our Friend William Valentine returned the minute he had to go within the Verge of Oblong Monthly meeting with.

This meeting appoints the following friends to attend the Quarterly meeting with the accounts & report to next meeting producing the Extracts Viz, Jedediah Talman, John Allen John Drake and William Woolley. ~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month on fifth Day in the next week following the Quarterly meeting. ~

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 23d of 2d mo 1792

The representatives from Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Present, No account from Oswego. ~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended, & produced the Extracts which are as follows. ~

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 15th of 2d mo 1792. ~

By the accounts from the Monthly meeting of Ninepartners it appears their subscription on the Expen of building Oswego meeting house is not Completed that meeting is Earnestly requested to raise the money without further Delay as it is much wanted, pay it to the Treasurer & Inform next Quarter. ~

The Monthly Meeting of Ninepartners Informs their subscription on account of building a meeting house at saratoga not Completed the meeting is Desired to do it & report to next meeting ~

Extracted from the minutes by John Hoag Clerk

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Joshua White and Deborah Lounsberry report they attended & Discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & produced the marriage Certificate. ~

One of the friends Continued in the Case of Samuel Vail report he hath had another opportunity with him, with a friend; and produced another acknowledgment from him which after being read & Considered is Left untill next meeting under the Care of the same friends. ~

One of the friends appointed to read the Testification against Hannah Moore report the appointment answered

The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have heard nothing from him since Last month, they are still Continued in that service untill next meeting. -

The friends appointed to Inform Peter Hallock of his reception report the appointment answered. ~

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against John Lounsberry report the appointment not answered by reason of his being gone a Distance therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to Draw an Essay of a Denial &c against Benjamin Hiller report the appointment answered & produced it here which with some alteration, being approved is signed and is as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 23 of 2nd Mo 1792. -

Whereas Benjamin Hiller A member of this Meeting hath neglected the Due attendance of our religious meetings & hat Deviated from plainness & used profane Language & friends having Laboured with him for his restoration which not having the Desired affect, we therefore Testify against his said misconduct and Disown him from being any Longer a member of our society untill he shall be favoured to make satisfaction to this meeting ~ Signed in & on behalf of said meeting by, Isaac Thorn Clerk

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John Hoag & John Allen are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & right to an appeal & give him a Copy of it If he Desires it also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report to next meeting. -

Two of the friends appointed to Visit Daniel Lossing on his request report they have had an opportunity with him & believe him to be sincere in his request & made some Inquiry about his conduct & did not find but it was orderly, under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report to next meeting. -

The friends appointed to Draw some Lines for Philip Clerk on account of marriage directed to oblong monthly meeting produced them here which being approved is signed. -

The friends appointed to settle with the Trustees of Oswego Meeting house report they have attended thereto & find the Expence of Building said House to be £316..0..0 which is Left untill fourth month next for Consideration -

The womens meeting Informed this that Rebeckah Hicks Daughter of Levi Desires to Come under friends Care the Necessary Care being taken & they Easy to accept her with the Concurrence of this meeting, this meeting Concurs therewith & accepts her a member.

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Esther Dodge from the monthly meeting of Shapauqua [Chappaqua] held 10 of 2d mo 1792 -

The time for which the meeting was allowed at New Britain is now Expired & most of the friends appointed to attend that meeting now report they have attended it to a Degree of satisfaction, it appeared to be Conducted in a good Degree orderly - friends there still Desire to have the meeting Continued under Consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for Six months & Desires Nehemiah Finch & Joseph Peckham to have the Oversight thereof & appoints Abraham Swift, Isaac Thorn, Benjamin Church, Jehu Woolley, Abishai Coffin, Samuel Dorland Junr, John Drake and Joseph Mitchell to attend that meeting & report their sence of the Circumstance of said meeting, & also their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out. -

Was read & accepted a Certificate for Thomas Rider from the monthly meeting of friends held in Dartmouth 18 of 4th mo 1791 -

Stephen Dean Informed this meeting that he had thoughts of removing & requested the advice of this meeting therefore this meeting appoints John Hoag, William Valentine, Israel

Titus, William Woolley, Josiah Haight and Tripp Mosher, to Consult with him on that occasion & report to next meeting.

One of the friends Nominated at Last meeting to Consult with John White respecting his removing report they attended thereto & found nothing to hinder therefore Joseph Merritt & Benjamin Mosher are appointed to make the necessary Inquire & prepare a Certificate of removal for him if the way be Clear Directed to Creed monthly meeting & produce to next meeting -

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 14th of 3d mo 1792

The Representatives Present

The friends Continued in the Case of Samuel Vail report they have had no opportunity with him since Last month by reason of the Distance therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting -

The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have heard nothing from him since Last month they are Continued in that service untill next meeting. -

The friends Continued to read the Testification against John Lounsberry report they have had no opportunity with him by reason they have but Lately Learned of his return therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting.

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Benjamin Hiller report the appointment answered

Two of the friends Continued to Visit Daniel Lossing on his request report they have had another opportunity with him & believe him to be sincere in his request after being Considered Defers it till next meeting under the Care of the same friends.

Most of the friends appointed to Consult with Stephen Dean respecting his removing report they have paid him a Visit & thought best it should rest for the present which this meeting Concurs with. -

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of John White Directed to Creed Monthly Meeting report the appointment answered & produced one for himself & wife Hannah which being approved is signed. -

The womens Meeting Informed this that Leah Green wife of Zebulon Desires to Come under friends Care and the Necessary Care being taken in Visiting her to satisfaction & they Easy that she be accepted with the Concurrence of this meeting, after Consideration thereon this meeting Concurs therewith & accepts her a member.

They also Inform that Hannah Clapp Daughter of Thomas Desires to Come under friends Care & the necessary Care being taken in Visiting her to satisfaction & it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be accepted with the Concurrence of this meeting after Consideration thereon this meeting Concurs therewith & accepts her a member.

The womens meeting handed to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of mary Ricketson wife of Rowland Directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting which is approved & signed. -

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs that Lawrence Dean desires to be released from the service of an Overseer and as said meeting did not propose any friend for that service in his

place this meeting appoints the following friends to Consider of that subject & attend that Preparative meeting, & inform next meeting Viz, Lophar Green, William Mitchell, William Woolley.

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Informs that Jesse? Haight has thoughts of removing within the Verge of New Holborough Monthly Meeting therefore Solomon Haight, James Alley & William Mitchell are appointed to Inquire into his Life & Conversation & to prepare one for him if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting.

This meeting received Stephen Titus's Receipt for £3..3..8 Money raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection

also Recd Stephen Titus's Receipt for £1..0..0 Money raised at Oswego Their Quarterly Collection.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted -

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 18th of 4th mo 1792

The representatives Present.

The Queries were read and answered in this meeting and are as follow.

Ansr 1 ~ All meetings for worship & Discipline are attended tho not so steadily by all as is Desired; the hour not so well observed by all as is desired, not all Clear of sleeping in meetings & other indeacent behaviour, & some Care taken in each deficiency.

2d ~ Love and unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren; where it appears otherwise some care taken; Endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

3d ~ We know of none thats in the practice of backbiting, Tale bearing or spreading Evil reports.

4 ~ We believe most friends are in a good Degree Careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel. a neglect appears in others & some Care taken, it dont appear but friends are careful to frequently read the holy scriptures, also to guard against reading pernicious books; not all Careful to avoid the corrupt Conversation of the world & advice given. -

5th ~ Friends appear generally Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors (some exception & some Care taken) and frequenting Taverns two Instances of going to places of Diversion and Care Taken; we know of no Intemperance at Marriages, Births or Burials ~

6 ~ No apparent neglect of the poor; or their Childrens partaking of Learning, one friends Child gone? out from friends without the advice of the monthly meeting & some Care said to be taken. -

7th ~ We know of no unmarried person's making a proposal of marriage without Consent of parents, one Instance of keeping Company with one not of our society & some Care taken Parents appear Clear of Conniving thereat; we know of none thats attended the marriages of those that has gone out from us.

8 ~ No unseasonable proposals of marriage; or neglect of Childrens rights that appears.

9 ~ We know of none that take oaths, pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other military service, or that is concerned in fraudulent, or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries, or of Dealing in prize goods.

10 ~ We believe friends are mostly Careful to make their wills seasonably, where it appears otherwise, some advice given; no misapplication of publick gifts & Legacies that appears.

11th ~ Clear of Negroes as slaves, three youths & they in some way to get school Learning.

12 ~ Not all Careful to perform their promises, & pay Just Debts seasonably, & some Care taken Clear of Launching into business beyound ability to mannage as far as appears -

13 ~ Some removals without Certificates & some Care taken

14 ~ Care is taken in a good Degree seasonably to Deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness measurably agreeable to our Discipline.

The answers to the four annual Queries are

1st ~ No minister nor Elder Deceased since Last Year, no Memorial Concerning any Deceased friend ~

2 ~ No meeting house built, nor meeting settled since Last year.

3~ Divers joined in society with us by Convinement since Last year.

4~ The Queries are read & answered as Directed.

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The friends Continued in the Case of Samuel Vail report they have not attended to the appointment by reason of some Circumstance therefore they are Continued in that service untill next meeting.

The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have had nothing from him but are Informed of sickness in his family they are Continued in that service untill next meeting.

The friends Continued to read the Testification against John Lounsberry report the appointment answered

The friends Continued on the request of Daniel Lossing report they have had another opportunity with him to a good Degree of satisfaction under Consideration thereon accepts him a member & appoints Garret Burtis & Israel Titus to Inform him thereof and report.

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of James Brown & his wife Elizabeth & two sons Nathaniel & John from the monthly meeting held at the Creek the 17 of 2d mo 1792.

Two of the Friends appointed to attend Oswego Preparative meeting report they attended & that meeting appeared Desirous that Lawrence Dean should Continue in the place of an overseer, & he appeared free to submit which this meeting unites with.

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Jesse Haight Directed to New Marlborough Monthly meeting report they have made some Inspection & find that he has gone out of plainness in apparel and speech, & been at a general muster as a spectator & been at a place of Diversion, he sent an acknowledgment this meeting which after being Considered, Continues

the Committee to Visit him & report to next meeting their sense of the Disposition of his mind, with John Allen added

The womens meeting Informed this that Mary Lossing wife of Daniel has a Desire to Come under friends Care & the necessary Care being taken in Visiting her to satisfaction and they Easy that she be received with the Concurrence of this meeting after being Considered Concurs with them therein & accepts her a member.

The womens meeting Informed this that they were Informed by the preparative meeting of ministers & Elders that Martha Irish has become useless to that meeting & after a deliberation thereon unites that she should be dropt with the Concurrence of this meeting, this meeting appears most Easy to appoint the following friends a Committee to join with the women in Visiting her & report their sense to next meeting Viz, Pontius Woolley, William Mitchell John Hoag & John Dorland.

Ninepartners preparative meeting forwarded to this a request from George Brownell to Come under friends Care therefore this meeting appoints Prince Bennet, Israel Titus, & William Woolley to Visit him on that account & Inquire into his Life & Conversation & the grounds of his request and Inform next meeting their sense of the Disposition of his mind.

Said Meeting also Informs that David Palmerson of Hicah has been neglectful in attending meeting & has been to places of Diversion; therefore this meeting appoints Jedediah Talman Joseph Hoxsie & Joseph Merritt to Labour with him on that account & Inform next meeting their sense respecting the Disposition of his mind.

Said meeting further Informs that their subscriptions is Completed for Oswego Meeting house Amounting to £28..2..6 & by an appointment to settle with the Trustees of that house the expence appears to be £316..0.0 for finishing said House ~

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also that there is £35..17..6 subscribed for building a Meeting house at Saratoga.

It appears by the account from Ninepartners Preparative meeting that there is at present but two schools under the direction of friends Yet are of the mind there is an Increasing Concern for the Establishing of schools.

The Committee appointed to Labour with those that still Continue to Traffic in Distilled spirits report they have attended thereto & find two friends stil Continue therein.

The following friends are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting & Carry forward such business as shall Concern that, & bring Down such business as shall be Directed to this (Viz William Woolley, Ebenezer Pinkham, John Dorland & Isaac Thorn.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month the Day following the Quarterly meeting if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 18 of 5th 1792

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended, Except one at Last sitting who gave a reason therefor & the Extracts were produced which are as follows

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 16th & 17th of 5 mo 1792

It appears by the subscriptions from the Monthly Meetings that there remains Due on the Expence of building Oswego Meeting House £8..16..7 which this meeting recommends to Ninepartners Monthly meeting the further Care of Discharging that Expence and report to next meeting.

It also appears that the monthly meetings subscriptions on the Expence of building a meeting house at saratoga is £128..7..8 - short of the Estimated sum the Monthly meetings are therefore Directed to raise the money on their former subscriptions also the remaining sum as the money appears to be wanted pat it to the Treasurer & report to next meeting.

In the accounts from the monthly meetings it appears Divers schools are Taught by the Direction of friends & is Expressed some progress made agreeable to the Plan Directed by the yearly meeting, & it appears but Little progress made in this Important Interesting subject, this meeting recommends to our Monthly meetings to receive the Concern to our preparative meetings that they more attentively proceed agreeable to the Concern & Direction of the Yearly meeting - & report their further progress to this meeting in fith month next.

Extracted from the minutes by John Hoag Clerk which is Directed Down to our preparative Meeting & they Desired to attend thereto & report accordingly.

Two of the friends Continued in the Case of Samuel Vail report they have had an opportunity with him to a good Degree of satisfaction, & his acknowledgment being again read - & after being Considered is Left untill next meeting under the Care of the same friends.

The friends Continued in the Case of Peter Barton report they have had nothing from him but are Informed that he has been Lme the Committee is Continued in that service untill next meeting.

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The friends appointed to inform Daniel Lossing of his reception report the appointment answered ~

The friends continued to visit Jessie Haight on account of his misconduct report they have had another opportunity with him to degree of satisfaction respecting the disposition of his mind under consideration thereon. Continues the committee to visit him again & report to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to join with the women in a visit to Martha Irish report they have not answered the appointment by reason of her not coming down as expected. They are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to visit George Brownell on his request report they have had an appointment with him & thought him to be in a degree sincear in his request & made some inquiry and did not find but his life & conversation was agreeable. Under consideration thereon continues the committee to visit him again and report to next meeting with Jehu Woolley added. Friends appointed to labour with David Palmer on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction & he handed an acknowledgement to this meeting which after being considered continues the committee to visit him again & report to next meeting with John Hoag added.

Most of the friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they have visited that meeting to a good degree of satisfaction. It appeared to be conducted in a good degree orderly and friends

there still desire to have the meeting continued. Therefore allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for six months & appoints Jehu Woolley and William Woolley to have the oversight thereof. The following friends are appointed to visit said meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out. Viz

Abraham Swift, Reuben Haight, Hosiah Haight, Ammial Coffin, Joseph Talcott, John Drake, Israel Titus & Abraham Storm ~

The womens meeting informs that the select Preparative meeting of Ministers & Elders nominated Hannah Haight wife of Josiah for an elder and they have taken the necessary care therein & think well that she be appointed in that station if this meeting continues therewith. This meeting after considering the proposal of appointing Hannah Haight wife of Josiah and Elder are united therein & appoints her to that station accordingly ~

The Clerk is desired to forward a copy of this minute to the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of John Cristy & his wife Anne from Creek Monthly Meeting held 26 of 3d Mo 1792

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted ~

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of 6th Mo 1792

The Representatives Present ~

The friends continued in the case of Samuel Vail report they have not had an opportunity with him since last month. They are continued & desired to attend seasonably to their appointment & report to next meeting ~

The friends continued in the case of Peter Barton report they have not had any account from him since last month. Therefore they are continued in that service untill next meeting.

Two of the friends continued to visit Jesse Haight on account of his misconduct report they have paid him a visit to a degree of satisfaction. Under consideration thereon accepts his acknowledgment which is as follows

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at the Ninepartners the 18 of 4th Mo 1792

Dear Friends

Whereas I have some time past been so unwatchful as to deviate from plainness in dress and conversation and also have inadvertently been as a spectator to a general muster, as also have been once to a place of diversion, all which I am sorry for & desire friends to pass it by & continue me under this care.

Jesse Haight

John Allen and Joseph Talcott are appointed to read it at the close of first day meeting at Ninepartners - also to draw a few lines to recommend him to Cornwell Monthly Meeting & report to next meeting ~

The womens meeting informed this that the select preparative meeting of Ministers & Elders nominated Mary Dean wife of Lawrence for an Elder & they have taken the necessary

care & find nothing to hinder her being appointed to that service with the concurrence of this meeting ~

This meeting after considering the proposal of appointing Mary Dean wife of Lawrence an Elder are united therein and appoint her to that station. The Clerk is desired to forward a copy of this minute to the preparative meeting of Ministers & Elders.

The womens meeting informed this that Ruth Clapp daughter of Joseph has deviated from plainness of speech behaviour & apparel and been to places of diversion and the necessary care being taken & that it is the mind of that meeting that she be disowned with the concurrence of this meeting. This meeting concurs therewith & appoints Jehu Woolley & Jedediah Talman to assist the women in drawing a Testification against her and report to next meeting ~

The friends continued to join with the women in a visit to Martha Irish report they have not had an opportunity with her and a satisfactory reason given. They are continued in that service untill next meeting.

Three of the friends appointed to visit George Brownell on his request report they have had another opportunity with him to a degree of satisfaction, yet find an obsticle in the way. Therefore continues the committee in that case untill next meeting.

Three of the friends continued in the case of David Palmer report they have had another opportunity with him & there appeared some degree of sincerity respecting his acknowledgment. After being considered continues the committee to visit him again & report to next meeting.

Ninepartners Preparative meeting forwarded a request from William Tripp to come under friends care therefore appoints Israel Titus, Stephen Dean & Abraham Swift to visit him on that account & inquire into his life and

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conversation and the grounds of his request & report to next meeting their sence of the disposition of his mind. ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of Removal on behalf of James Congdon his wife Lidia & son George from Greenwich Monthly Meeting (in the State of Rhode Island) held the 5th of 3d mo 1792.

This meeting had information from Trustees of friends schools within Ninepartners Preparative meeting that there is a lott belonging to William Mitchell on which a school House stands belonging to friends. Therefore appoints Isaac Thorn & Tripp Mosher to take a Deed of said lott & inform next meeting.

This meeting received Stephen Titus Recpt for £2:12:9 raised at Ninepartners their quarterly collection - also recd Stephen Titus receipt for £0:14:9 raised at Oswego their quarterly collection.

This meeting now adjourns to next month at the usual time if permitted .

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18 of 7th Mo 1792

The Representatives Present except one.

The queries were read and answered in this meeting and are as follows

Ans was 1st ~ All meetings for worship & discipline are attended.

There is considerable slackness in some, the hour nearly observed by those that steadily attend, not all clear of sleeping & other indecent behaviour in meetings. Some care taken in each deficiency ~

2nd ~ Love and unity is maintained in a good Degree as becomes brethren; Endeavours are speedily used to end Differences when any appears ~

3d ~ None known to be in the practice of Backbiting Tale bearing, or spreading Evil reports, one Instance Excepted which is under Care.

4th ~ We believe friends are generally Careful to keep themselves, and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, where it appears otherwise some Care taken, friends are in the practice of frequent reading the holy scripture and also do guard against reading Pernicious books and the Corrupt Conversation of the world as far as appears

5th ~ Friends are in a good degree careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spiritous liquors frequenting taverns and places of diversion, and to keep in moderation at marriages, births and burials as far as appears ~

6 th ~ No apparent neglect respecting the poor or their children, friends children are placed among friends as far as appears ~

7 th ~ We know of unmarried persons making a proposal of marriage without consent of parents or guardian, one instance of keeping company with one not of our society, which is under care, parents appear clear of conniving thereat. We know of none that has attended the marriage of those that went out from us ~

8 th ~ No proposals of marriage too early after the decease of former husband or wife or any neglect of children's rights that appears ~

9th ~ We know of none that take oaths, pay priests wages, bear arms or other military service or that is concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade. One instance of being concerned in a lottery which is under care Clear of dealing in prize good as far as we know

10th ~ Most friends are careful to make their wills seasonably, some advice given where it appears otherwise. No misapplication of public gifts & legacies that appears ~

11th ~ Clear of negroes as slaves, two youths & they instructed in school learning ~

12th ~ We think friends are generally careful to perform their promises & pay their just debts, where any deficiency has appeared some care taken. Clear of launching into business beyond ability to manage as far as appears ~

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13th ~ some removals without Certificates & some care taken ~

14 ~ A good degree of care is taken to deal seasonably with offenders in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline

Three of the friends continued in the case of Samuel Vail report they have had an opportunity with him & the report not being intiligible therefore they are continued to report next meeting ~

The friends continued in the case of Peter Barton report they have not heard anything from him; they are continued to again write to him informing unless he endeavours to make

steady satisfaction this meeting will be under the necessity of proceeding against him & report~

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Jesse Haight report the appointment answered and produced a few lines on his behalf directed to Cornwell monthly meeting which being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to assist the women in drawing a Testification against Ruth Clapp report the appointment answered & the women produced it here, which being approved is as follows

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18th of 7th Mo 1792

Whereas Ruth Clapp daughter of Joseph hath had a right of membership with us but by disregarding wholesome advice she hath deviated from the good order established among us, so far as to go from plainness of speech behaviour & apparel & hath been to places of diversion - Therefore we hereby testify against her misconduct & disown her from being any longer a member of this meeting until by amendment of life she shall manifest a sincere repentance to the satisfaction of this meeting which that she may be concerned for & favoured to do is our fervent wish - signed in and on behalf of said meeting by{ Isaac Thorn Clerk

{ Anna Thorn Clerk

Pontius Woolley & Abishai Coffin are appointed to read it at the close of a first day meeting on the ridge & report to next meeting ~

The friends continued to join with the women in a visit to Martha Irish report they have not made her a visit by reason she was expected down. Therefore they are continued in that service until next meeting ~

The friends continued on the request by George Brownell report there appears an obstacle remains in the way & this meeting after considering the case concludes to drop his request and appoints Jehu Woolley & Prince Bennet to inform him thereof & report to next meeting.

The friends continued in the case of David Palmer report they had another opportunity with him & he appeared more diligent in attending meeting & believed there was some sincerity in his acknowledgment under consideration thereon accepts it which is as follows —

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Ninepartners the 18th of 5 mo 1792 —

Dear Friends through inattention to the dictates of truth I have given way to a Libertine Disposition so far as to go to places of diversion. Also been neglectful of attending our Religious meetings. All which I am sorry for & do consider & desire friends to pass it by and continue me under your Christian care ~ David Palmer
and appoints Abishai Coffin & Lawrence Dean to read it at the close of a first day meeting on the Ridge & report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit William Tripp on his request report they have had an opportunity with him and believe him to be in some good degree sincere in his request & made some inquiry & did not find but his life & conversation was orderly. Under consideration thereon continued the committee to visit him again & report at next meeting ~

One of the friends appointed to take a deed of a school house lot of William Mitchell report the appointment not answered & a reason given, therefore they are continued until next meeting ~

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Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Rachel Farrington from the Monthly meeting held at Amawalk 11 of 5 Mo 1792 ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Mercy Underhill wife of Thomas - also one for Joel Underhill & his wife Abigail & their children Hannah, Thomas & Mary. Also one for Deborah Underhill daughter of Thomas. Likewise one for Elizabeth Underhill daughter of Thomas and likewise one for Phebe Underhill daughter of Thomas from Shapagua [Chappaqua] Monthly Meeting held 15th of 6th mo 1792 ~

Also was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Thomas Underhill from Monthly meeting held at Amawalk 13 of 7 mo. 1792

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Stephen Holmes from Creek Monthly Meeting held 13th of 5 mo 1792 ~

Also was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of John White junr & his wife Edith & their son Seneca from the Creek Monthly Meeting held 22nd of 6th mo 1792

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting forwarded an acknowledgment from Benjamin Anthony which is left untill next meeting for consideration ~

Said Meeting informs that Joshua White is desirous of a Certificate of removal directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting, therefore this meeting appoints Joseph Talcott & Isaac Thorn to make the necessary inquiry & prepare one for him if the way be clear & produce to next meeting~

Our Preparative meetings inform that they've proceeded in further subscribing for Saratoga Meeting House. Also in raising the money heretofore subscribed but not completed

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting informs they have raised the sum of £6-4-0 for finishing Oswego Meeting house ~ It also appears that Oswego Preparative meeting has raised £2-12-7 for finishing said House

The following friends are appointed to attend next Quarterly Meeting & carry forward such business as concerns that & bring down such as shall be directed to this & report to next meeting Viz Isaac Thorn, Pontius Woolley, Brownell Wilbur & William Valentine ~

This meeting recd a few lines from Yearly meetings Committee requesting this meeting to adjourn to the 24th of 8th mo & Oswego Preparative Meeting to the 25th and Ninepartners to the 28th which information is to be directed to be handed down to the preparative meetings

And this meeting adjourns to meet accordingly if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 24th of 8th Mo 1792

The Representatives Present ~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they all attended & produced 161 copies of the printed Epistles from the yearly meeting in London in 5/91 and 165 of an Epistle republished by the meeting for offerings, the reading of which is left untill next meeting, which the representatives are directed to proportion and forward to our Preparative meetings who are directed to have one of the London Epistle read at the close of each first day meeting

And the Extracts from the Quarterly and Yearly meeting are also received. Which are directed down to the observance of our Preparative meetings and they directed to report agreeable to direction ~

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Wherein we find the Yearly meeting from a weighty and exercising consideration, respecting members of our religious society accepting publick Posts of Profit & honour; has recommended the following minute to the observance of our inferior meetings & friends in general - (to wit) The meeting for sufferings inform that an exercising consideration hath taken place in that meeting respecting members of our religious society accepting publick Posts of profit & honour & resulted in a prospect of propriety in the subject being proposed to this meetings consideration.

A weighty deliberation took place thereon & lead to a united conclusion to hand to our subordinate meetings & friends at large the advice that resulted from the occasion; That friends do not accept of Posts of profit & honour in government; and that if any member should so far disregard the unity of the body as not to attend the advice and counsel that may be extended to them that such should not be employed in any service to the church or their collection received

We also find in the Extracts the following minutes weighty and feelingly recommended to the observance of Monthly meetings of friends at large.

The minutes are as follows~

In attending to the state of society as expressed in the accounts a weighty consideration took place in which the minds of many were deeply affected to find that notwithstanding the repeated advised heretofore issued by this meeting a declination from the Life & Virtue of Truth; is still manifest & the infebbling effect of such declination is evidenced; not only by the neglect of attending religious meetings, but also with its disqualifying influence in those who do attend unprepared by right concern therefor, or a sence of duty

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therein; hence the want of life and the prevalence of a drowsy spirit when assembled for the performance of solemn & devine worship is manifest to the grief and pain of the rightly exercised; and stumbling of those who are looking towards us for example;

A want of love and charity for one another is too apparent in some from whence differences arise, with spreading of evil reports to the wounding one of another and reproach of our holy profession ~

We therefore with solicitude of heart, desire to impress the minds of all concerned and active members in their several meetings to consider the need there is of faithfulness in their part in discharging the trust committed to them, with great deligence & circumspection; for our minds have been siezed with jealousy, least those who should stand as watchmen on the walls, are too much concerned to seek their own things and not the things that are Jesus Christs; hence weekness ensues and instead of watching over and careing for the flock we fear that some of those may become as stumbling blocks in the way of others and be liable to fall under the weight of that solemn injunction expressed by the Prophet to the watchman of the house of Israel.

When I say to the wicked O wicked man thou shalt surely die if thou doest not speak to warn the wicked from his ways that wicked man shal die in his iniquity. But his blood will I require at thy hand.

An exerciseing concern has also been witnessed least the progress of Truth in our religious society be hindered through the unsavory & injudicious appointments to services in the Church. It is therefore earnestly requested that friends be weighty in their Nominations as the right maintaining our Christian discipline in its various branches very much depends on a solemn attention to the pointings of best wisdom therein ~

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We have also been exercised under the consideration of the abundant removing of friends from their habitats and settling either in populous places where many temptations present or so remote as to be in great measure from under the care of friends whereby many have sustained & it is to be feared others are in danger of sustaining almost irrecoverable loss in their spiritual condition & some in their outward estates. Wherefore believing it necessary we are engaged to press on all who have prospects of removing that they carefully feel after the counsel of truth in themselves & also take the advice of their respective monthly meetings previous to their taking any step therein ~

And as it appears by the reports from our quarters that tender scruples have arisen in the minds of many friends with respect to trafficking in or making use of the produce of the labour of persons held in slavery from a feeling commiseration of their afflicted state & a doubt whether they stand clear of contributing thereto if they continue a traffick in or use of these things;

We are desirous that all may by an unreserved openness to the secret impressions of truth herein cherish those tender scruples & that we any labour after that charity whereby we may be enabled to build one another up in that faith which works by love ~

We likewise find in the extracts the following minutes relative to friends traveling in the Ministry and also respecting recommending Ministers and Elder Viz:

And the Yearly meeting in weighing the subject respecting friends traveling in the ministry directs Viz:

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In weighing attentively the subject relative to friends traveling in the ministry and considering that the established order among us is sufficient if monthly meetings under a lively concern to grant their certificates only in cases where their sympathy and concurrence evidently accompanies the concern that may be laid before them to pay a religious visit; unless the proposed visit extend to the meetings of friends in New England out of the compass of this Yearly meeting or parts further westward or southward in either of which cases, it would tend to the reputation of truth and to the encouragment and safety of the individual in this weighty service to lay before the quarterly meeting the concern and the certificate of the monthly meeting for concurrence and that to be indorsed thereon if on due consideration it be obtained;

But it is not hereby intended to restrain friends in the Ministry; from attending an adjoining Yearly meeting and taking a few meeting on such journey with the concurrence of a monthly meeting expressed by minute; & believing that an advantage and safety would arise from the concurrence of a quarterly meeting being in like manner applied for by those who may

find themselves engaged to make an extensive visit to those not of our religious society; it is our judgment that the same be obtained leaving friends at liberty who may only a few meetings among such in view, to proceed as heretofore directed by our discipline.

And this minute is directed to be added to our discipline ~

It is concluded that when any friend is proposed by a select preparative meeting to the monthly meeting to be recommended either as a minister or to the station of an Elder and is united with by said meeting

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information shall be sent to the select Preparative meeting thereof who are to refer the consideration of it to the select quarterly meeting; and if approved there to be laid before the quarterly meeting of discipline for consideration where if approved such friend to be considered a member of the meeting of ministers and elders;

And this minute is directed to be added to our discipline ~

Therefore appoints Joseph Talcott & Isaac Thorn to enter said minutes in all the copies of discipline belonging to this and our Preparative meetings. Likewise to make the alterations proposed in the 3d Query & in the womens 9th Query and report ~

The following minute was also received

By the reports from our quarters it appears that some of our members are not clear of trafficking in distilled spirits. The continued attention of our Monthly meetings is desired to this subject that those who still disregard the labours bestowed from a concern attending this yearly meeting may be tenderly dealt with by the monthly meetings to which they belong and if not brought to such a sense of their misconduct as to refrain from that traffick that they be disowned~

And it appears to be the concern of the yearly meeting to promote a religious education of our youth and a renewed concern was witnessed in that meeting that an increasing care may be experienced by the subordinate meetings in this interesting subject and that an account thereon with the number of schools be brought forward seasonably to be directed to the yearly meeting ~

We further find in the extracts the following minute wherein the attention & onservance of monthly meetings is required Viz ~

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A report from the committee to confer with the friends appointed past year to make inspection into the circumstances of poor friends was received & read. It is as follows Viz

The report of the committee relative to the necessitous circumstances of our brethren & sisters hath engaged attention agreeable to appointment & divers cases opened with their relative situation to monthly meetings & more especially some of those in Ninepartners quarter and the occasion that many of our brethren and their families have for further assistance than what has yet been afforded them; is indeed affecting and induced the committee to look toward the established order of society, attended with the wish that monthly meetings no means suffer the relief that the yearly meeting has afforded to be a means of relaxing their necessary & due inquiry into, together with a care to relieve those who stand in need of assistance either in what may be necessary in their families or in affording advice relative to such business as they are

capable of and if the monthly meeting from the remote situation of their members or otherwise should have a greater number of poor among them then they can, will relieve that in such cases such monthly meetings speedily apply to the quarterly meeting for assistance. And should it so happen that the assistance called for be greater than the quarter can judge right for to supply that the occasion for further assistance be laid before the yearly meeting ~

It is concluded by the yearly meeting that particular and distinct answers to the queries be brought viz; & that the 3d query be altered to stand thus; Are friends clear of back biting, tale bearing and spreading evil reports ~ and that the words 'military service' in the womans 9th query be left out & that all the queries be read and answered quarterly as usual ~

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And the yearly meeting directs the sum of £600 to be raised as speedy as may be & paid to the meetings Treasurer in order that the meeting for sufferings may be enabled to answer the purposes directed by the yearly meeting. Therefore this meeting appoints John Allen to receive said money & pay it to the yearly meetings Treasurer.

Our Preparative Meetings are therefore directed to open subscriptions to raise our proportion thereof & pay the same to John Allen, who is appointed to receive it & report to this meeting thereon. ~

The following Minute in the extracts is also received to wit

And a prospect opened in the yearly meeting and spreading with weight whether a usefulness may not be hoped from the appointment of a committee to accompany the accounts down to the quarterly Monthly & Preparative Meetings which resulted in appointing the following friends to that service Viz ~

Henry Post, Joseph Delaplaine, James Mott, Elias Hicks, Joseph Lancaster, Isaac Legget, Tripp Mosher, William Mitchell and Gideon Seaman

& if the Committee should request an adjournment of our inferior meetings they are desired to adjourn accordingly;

and the proposal from Nineparteners quarter for a division of that meeting or an arrangement of meetings being taken into view is referred to the foregoing friends; - Three of the fore mentioned Committee were now Present ~

The quarterly meeting directs this meeting to compleet their subscriptions for Saratoga Meeting House & pay the money raised to that meetings Treasurer & inform next quarter. Tis meeting requests the strict attention of our Preparative meetings hereon & that they report accordingly.

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Three of the friends continued in the case of Samuel Vail report they have had an opportunity with him & thought there was some degree of sincerity in him. Under consideration there on continues the committee to visit him again & report to the next meeting with Joseph Talcott and David Haight added ~

The friends continued in the case of Peter Barton report they have rote to him as directed but received no answer. They are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Ruth Clapp report the appointment answered.

The friends continued to join with the women in a visit to Martha Irish report the appointment not answered therefore they are continued in that service & desired to attend thereto & inform next meeting ~

The friends appointed to inform George Brownell that the meeting conclude to drop his request report the appointment answered ~

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of David Palmer report the appointment answered ~

The friends continued to visit William Tripp on his request report they have had another opportunity with him & thought him to be in some good degree since in his request. Under consideration thereon continues the committee to visit him again & report ~

The friends continued to take a deed of a school House of William Mitchell report some attention thereto but not completed. They are continued in that service until next meeting ~

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The acknowledgment of Benjamin Anthony again read in this meeting and after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting appoints the following friends to visit him and inquire into the circumstances of his case & report to next meeting their sense of the disposition of his mind Viz. Tripp Mosher, John Allen, William Mitchell, Solomon Haight and Tophar Green~

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting report the way not clear at present. Therefore they are Continued in that service until next meeting ~

The time for which their meeting was allowed at New Britain is now expired & most of the friends appointed to attend that meeting now report they all attended it to a good degree of satisfaction. It appeared to be conducted orderly,. Under consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for six months & desires Joseph Peckham & Nehemiah Finch to have the oversight thereof and appoints the following friends to attend that meeting and report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out, Viz. John Hoag, Joseph Talcott, Joseph Hoxsie, Joseph Mitchell, Ebenezer Pinkham, Pontius Woolley, Reuben Haight & Paul Coleman

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting informs that Ichabod Merritt has fell into divers disorders Viz. being in the practice of sleeping in meetings, keeping company on account of marriage with one not of our society, soon after the decease of his former wife and at unseasonable hours of the night; and contrary to the advice of his father & friends Married her, and also

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has spread evil reports which he does not make appear. Therefore this meeting appoints James Willets & Prince Bennett to inform him that the meeting conclude to disown him. Also to draw an essay of Denial & produce to next meeting ~

Nathaniel Haight informed this meeting that he had thought of removing within the compass of Corwell Monthly Meeting & desires a Certificate for that purpose. Therefore this meeting appoints Reuben Haight and John Haight to make the necessary inquiry and prepare one for him if the way be clear and produce to next meeting ~

This meeting adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 9 mo 1792

The representatives present ~

The printed General Epistle of London was now read and the salutory contents thereof was to our satisfaction ~

One of the friends appointed to enter the minute to friends traveling in the ministry & that respecting recommending Ministers & Elders in all the copies of Discipline belonging to this & our Preparative meetings: likewise to make the alterations proposed in the third query & in the womans ninth query at Oswego , they are continued untill next meeting ~

Most of the friends continued in the case of Samuel Vail report they have again had another apporunity with him and are of the mind that there is an increase of concern to live more abreeable to friends Principles. It also appears that he is more diligent in the attendants of Meetings ~

Under consideration thereon

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accepts his acknowledgment which is as follows ~

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Ninepartners the 18th of 5th Mo 1792 ~

Dear Friends I have so far deviated as to keep company with one not of our society & to go out in Marriage contrary to the good order used among friends and that by a Hireling Priest, which I am sorry for & do condemn & desire friends would pass it by if friends think fit and continue me under their care. Samuel Vail

Samuel Dean & Paul Coleman are appointed to inform him of the reception of his acknowledgment and read it at the close of a first day meeting at Oswego and report ~

The friends continued in the case of Peter Barton report he informed them that he expects to be down this fall to settle his affairs & to endeavour to make friends satisfaction. Therefore they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends continued to join with the women in a visit to Martha Irish report as follows

We the committee appointed to visit Martha Irish hath attended hereto and it appeared that sickness and the cumbering care of outward business have frequently prevented the attendance of our religious meetings and obstructed her service in the station of an Elder and that she manifested some desire of being more releaved from the obstructing care of the world that she might diligently attend meetings ~

Under consideration thereon continues the committee in that service untill next meeting ~

The friends continued to visit William Tripp on his request report they have not paid him a visit since last month & a reason given. They are continued in that service untill next meeting~
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The friends continued to take a deed of a school House lott of William Mitchell report the appointment not answered & a reason given. They are continued in that service & desired to attend thereto & report ~

Four of the friends appointed to visit Benjamin Anthony on account of his acknowledgment report the appointment not answered. Therefore they are continued in that service untill next meeting ~

One of the friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of behalf of Joshua White report the way is not yet clear. They are continued untill next meeting ~

The friends appointed to draw a testification etc against Ichabod Merritt report the appointment answered and produced it here, which being approved is signed & is as follows -

From the Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 9th Mo 1792 -

Whereas Ichabod Merritt a member of this meeting through inattention to the dictates of truth which would have preserved him; hath given way to divers disorders, such as being in the practice of sleeping in meetings, keeping company on account of marriage with one not of our society soon after the decease of his former wife and at unseasonable hours of the night and hath married contrary to the order of friends, after being cautioned, also hath spread evil reports which he does not make appear;

Therefore for the clearing of truth, of the reproach thereof, this meeting doth testify against his said misconduct & disown him from being any longer a member with us, untill by amendment of life he shall make satisfaction to this meeting which he may be favoured to do is our desire ~

signed etc ~

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Abishai Coffin & Reuben Haight are appointed to inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he desires it. Also to read it at the close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be clear and report ~

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Nathaniel Haight directed to Cornwell Monthly Meeting produced it here which being approved is signed ~

The womens meeting informed this that Martha Clapp daughter of Thomas desires to come under friends care and having been visited to satisfaction & they unite therewith. Under consideration thereon unites with them therein & accepts her a member ~

A Certificate of removal was read & accepted at this meeting on behalf of Mary Butt from the Creek Monthly Meeting held 20 of 7 Mo 1792 ~

The womans meeting handed to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Susanne Hoag wife of John directed to Exeter Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania. Which being approved is signed

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgment from Nehemiah Merritt which after being considered appoints the following friends to visit him on that account and inform next meeting their sence respecting his case Viz. John Hoag, Solomon Haight & Prince Bennett.

Said meeting also informs that Clark Wilbur desires to come under friends care. Therefore Brownell Lake, John Hoag & Abraham Swift are appointed to visit him & inquire into his life & conversation and the grounds of his request & report to next meeting their sence of the disposition of his mind ~

Oswego Preparative meeting informs they have subscribed £3:1:0 towards finishing Saratoga Meeting

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The friends appointed to have the oversight of the meeting respecting irregular conduct etc desire to be released from that service. Therefore appoints the following friends to that

service Viz. Reuben Haight, Abraham Swift, Prince Bennett, Benjamin Church, Jeho Woolley, William Woolley, William McCoord and Samuel Dorland Junr ~

This meeting recd Stephen Titus's receipt for £3:1:0 raised at Ninepartners their quarterly collection ~

Adjourns to the usual time in next month if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine-Partners the 7th of 10th Mo 1792

The representatives present

The Clerk not being present Philip Joag is appointed of this time.

The queries were read and answered in this Meeting & are as follows —

1st All meetings for worship and Discipline are attended, tho a slackness appears in some; the hour nearly observed yet not so fully with all as is desired, not all clear of sleeping in. Meetings not quite clear of other indecent behaviour & care is reasonably taken in each deficiency ~

2nd Love and unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes Brethern Endeavours are used to end differences where any appear

3rd It don't appear but that friends are clear of Backbiting, Talebearing and spreading Evil reports, two instances excepted & care taken

4th We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and Apparel, tho a deficiency Appears and some Labour hath been extended; It don't appear but that friends are in the practice of frequent reading the holy scriptures, & do avoid reading pernicious books, and are in a good degree careful to guard against the corrupt conversation of the world as far as we know

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5th We believe friends are measurably careful to avoid the unwise & any use of spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns and places of diversion, and do keep in moderation and temperance at marriages Births and Burials.

6th The necessities of the poor are inspected and relief administered where it appears necessary there don't appear to be any neglect respecting their Children. One friends child placed out before Notes

7th We know of no unmarried person's making a preposal of marriage without consent of Parents or Guardian, one instance of keeping Company which is under case, Parents appear clear of conniving threat, we know of none that has attended the marriage of any that has gone out from us.

8th No unreasonable proposals of marriage, or neglect of Childrens rights that appears.

9th We know of none that take oaths, pay Priests wages, bear arms or other Military Service, or that is Concerned in fraudulent or Clandestine Trade, Lotteries or of dealing in prise Goods.

10th Friends appear generally careful concerning wills, where it appears otherwise some care taken, no misapplication of publick gifts or legacies that Appears.

11th Clear of Negroes as slaves, except making use of the product of their Labour, three youths and they instructed in school Learning.

12th Friends appear generally careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts, and of Launching into business beyond ability to manage

13th Some removals without Certificates and taken care

14th Care is taken in a good degree to deal with Offenders measurably in the spirit of meetings and agreeable to Discipline

One of the friends Continued to make the alteration proposed in the womens Ninth Query at Oswego report the Appointment answered.

The friends Appointed to read the Acknowledgement of Samuel Vail & report that Appointment not answered and a reason given they are continued.

One of the friends continued in the case of Peter Barton report the has not yet come down, therefore they are continued in that Service.

The friends Continued in the case of Martha Irish, reports they have had Another Opportunity with her, and of the mind that there is a relaxation of concern taken place. Which after deliberation thereon it Appears to be the mind of this Meeting that she has become useless in the station of Elder and therefore discontinues her from that Appointment the Clerk is desired to forward a Copy of this minute to the select Preparative Meeting.

The committee Continued to Visit Wm Tripp on his request report they have had Another opportunity with him to little or no satisfaction under consideration thereon continues the Committee to visit him again with Solomon Haight & Lophar Green added

One of the friends Continued to take a deed of a school house Lott of Wm Mitchell reports they are attended there to and that Service Appears to be compleated therefore this meeting Appoints John Allen, Joseph Talcott & John Hoag to take a deed of uses for the same

Those friends Continued to visit Benj Anthony on account of his Acknowledgement report that they have not attended to the appointment and a reason given, they are continued in that service.

One of the friends Continued to prepare a certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White report the way still remains clear, therefore they are continued
The friends appointed to read the Testification &ct against Ichabod Merritt report that service performed.

The Committee Appointed to visit Nehemiah Merritt on his acknowledgement report they have had an Opportunity with him and he appeared in a good degree sincere, after a deliberate consideration thereon accepts his Acknowledgement which is as follows

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Nine Partners 9th Mo 19th 1792 Dear Friends, sometime past I inadvertently paid the damage of flowing or drowning some of the land to the possessor of said land who held it from the right owner by a title of Confiscation and agreed with him not to build a gristmill thereon

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and since being favoured with a sense of the inconsistency of my proceedings therein, and finding a necessity for the clearing of our Christian testimony against the spies and Effects of War; do Condemn my proceedings therein and to make full satisfaction to the right owner I have

settled the damage with him, with desires that friends may pay by those my erroneous proceedings and continue me under your watchful care. Nehemiah Merritt

John Hoag & Joseph Talcott are appointed to inform him thereof, also to read it at the close of a first day Meeting at Nine Partners.

The friends appointed to visit Clark Wilbur on his request inform they have made him a Visit and he Appeared in a good degree Convinced of friends principles and are of the mind that he is sincere in his request and by inquiry find his Life and conversation agreeable under consideration thereon Accepts him a member and appoints Jedediah Tallman and Jehu Woolley to inform him thereof.

Nine - Partners Preparative Meeting informs that Latham Coffin neglects the attendance of Meetings and deviated from plainness of speech and Apparel, therefore this meeting appoints Joseph Merritt, Elihu Coleman & Wm Mitchell to labours with him on those accounts for his restoration and inform next meeting their sense of the disposition of his mind.

Justice Brown informed this meeting by a friend that he desires A Certificate of removal for himself and sons Benjamin and Richard directed to Saratoga. Monthly meeting therefore appoints Sylvanus Gardner and Wm Mitchell to make the necessary inquiry and prepare one for that purpose if the way be clear and produce to next meeting.

Oswego Preparative Meeting forwarded to this an Acknowledgement from Richard Rowbotham Condemning one disorder for which he was disowned, therefore appoint Abishai Coffin, Pontius Woolley, Tophar Green, William Mitchell and John Hoag to visit him on that account and inspect into the circumstance of the case also the sincerity of his Acknowledgement and inform next meeting their sense thereof.

our preparative Meetings inform they have opened subscription to raise the Money directed by the Yearly meeting, but not compleated.

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting inform us the Money Subscribed for Saratoga Meeting house is raised and the sum of £13.0.0 is further subscribed and raised for that purpose. and it appears the the Oswego Preparative meeting has also raised the money subscribed for that purpose and that £2.19 is further subscribed and raised.

The committee on the account of the poor produced an account of £4.4.6 expended which this Meeting directs the treasurer to discharge.

Was read and Excepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Daniel Howland from Cornwell Monthly Meeting held 20th of 8th Mo 1791

The following friends are Appointed to attend next Quarterly Meeting and carry forward such business as shall concern that and bring down as shall be directed to this Viz Reuben ?, Philip Hoag, Jedediah Tallman and Joseph Beckham ~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month on fifth day of the week following Quarterly Meeting if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 22d of 11th Mo 1792

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting report they attended Except one & Produced the written Epistle from London, Also one from Philadelphia & one from Rhode Island of last year the reading of which is left untill next meeting.

Also produced the Extracts which are as follows-

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 14th & 15th of 11 Mo 1792.

Ninepartners Monthly meeting reports their subscriptions not Completed in raising money for the use of the yearly meeting it is requested to be raised & paid as directed.

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No report from Ninepartners Monthly Meeting of adding those minutes to their Books of Discipline and making alteration in the third query as directed.

This meeting received some lines from the meeting for Sufferings informing that a number of Isaac Collins edition of the Bible subscribed for by that Meeting is now ready to be delivered & requests that information be handed down to our Monthly & Preparative meetings. Thereof that such friends that are not supplied may be by application to John Murray be furnished therewith.

Jonathan Bunker & Comfort Smith appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of marriage with each other. As he belongs to another Monthly meeting it is left untill next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer.

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Samuel Vail report they have attended to the appointment but not answered by reason of his being gone a journey. They are continued ~

The friends continued in the case of Peter Barton report that his outward affairs appear to be all settled therefore they are continued to produce a Certificate on his behalf to next meeting ~ Two of the committee appointed to visit William Tripp on his request report they have had an opportunity with him. As the other part of the committee was not present, they are continued in that service ~

The friends appointed to take the Deed of uses of a School House Lott near William Mitchells report the appointment not answered & a reason given. They are continued ~

The friends appointed to visit Benjamin Anthony on account of his acknowledgment report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given. They are continued in that service ~

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White report the way not yet clear. Therefore they are continued ~

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Nehemiah Merritt report the appointment answered ~

The friends appointed to inform Clerk Wilbur of his reception report the appointment answered ~

The friends appointed to visit Latham Coffin on account of his misconduct report they have visited him & the accusations appear to be true & but little prospect of his amendment. Under consideration thereon appoints Silvanus Gardner & Benjamin Mosher to inform him that the meeting concludes to disown him. Also to draw an essay of a denial & produce to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Justis Brown directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting produced one for him & his wife Desire & sons, which being approved is signed

The friends appointed to visit Richard Robothom on account of his acknowledgment report they have had an opportunity with him & thought there was but little sincerity in him. Which after consideration thereon drops it for the present ~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they have attended it to a good degree of satisfaction. Under consideration thereon allows

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them to hold a meeting there as usual for six months & appoints William Woolley & Brownell Wilbur to have the oversight thereof, the following friends are appointed to Visit said meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out. Viz- Reuben Haight, Joseph Mitchell, Jonathan Deuel, James Willets & Ammal Coffin.

Oswego Preparative meeting forwarded a request for a meeting to be held at Stephen Deans for the winter season under consideration thereon appoints John Allen, Pontious Woolley, William Valentine, John Hoag & Abraham Swift to consider their request & visit the Preparative Meeting as the way shall open & report on their sense of the Propriety of the request to next meeting ~

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of John Butt from the Creek Monthly meeting held 21 of 9Mo 1792

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held Ninepartners the 19 of 12th Mo 1792

The Representatives Present~

The written Epistle from London & that from Rhode Island of last year were now read to our satisfaction the reading of that from Philadelphia is left until next meeting~

Jonathon Bunker & Comfort Smith appeared in the meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with each other he produced a Certificate from

Creeks Monthly Meeting Expressing? his Clearance of marriage in them parts, also they have Consent of Parents therefore they are left at Liberty to accomplish their said Marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends, Joseph Talcott and Benjamin Mosher are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate.

John Lossing & Miriam Dorland appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of marriage with Each other he producing Consent of his Parents, as he belongs to Oblong Monthly meeting is left until next meeting where they are Desired to attend for an answer.

Oswego Preparative Meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgement from Philip Dorland Condemning Divers Disorders for which he was some time since Disowned which after being considered appoints Silvanus Gardner, Lophar Green, Tripp Mosher & Isaac Thorn to visit him on that account & report to next meeting their sense of the Disposition of his Mind.

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgement of Samuel Vail report that the appointment answered ~

The friends appointed to produce a Certificate of removal on behalf of Peter Barton now produced it, as his children was not named on it. Continues them to join with the women in Preparing one for him & family~

The womens meeting Informs this that Elizabeth Sands Desires to Come under friends Care, & they visited her to satisfaction & Easy that she be accepted a member, with the Concurrence of this meeting, this meeting Concurs therewith & accepts her a member ~

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The friends Continued to Visit William Tripp on account of his request report they have had an opportunity with him to some satisfaction which after being Considered Continues the Committee in that service.

The friends appointed to take a Deed of Uses of a school House Lott near William Mitchells report the appointment answered~

Two of the friends Continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on account of his acknowledgement report they have paid attention to the matter & gave a reason why the service is not performed they are Continued~

The friends continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White report the way not yet Clear they are continued with Solomon Haight & John Hoag added~

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of Denial against Latham Coffin report the appointment answered & produced it here which being approved is signed is as follows Viz---

Latham Coffin had a right of Membership with us but through Inattention to the Dictates of the truth has neglected the Due Attendance of our religious Meetings ahs not kept to plainness of speech & apparel abd we having Laboured with him for his restoration, which proved inaffectual. Therefore for the Clearing of Truth, we testify against such Misconduct and Disown him to be any longer a member with us untill he from a sence of his Errors, make satisfaction to this meeting, which is our Desire~

Signed in and By order of our Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners the 19 of 12 Mo 1792~
by Isaac Thorn Clerk

Silvanus Gardner & Jonathan Deuel are appointed to inform him of hi Denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it, if he Desires it, also to read it at the close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners of there is no reason to Expect an appeal and report~

The friends appointed to Consider the Propriety of the request for a meeting to be held at Stephen Deans for the winter season report they have attended thereto and Considered their care & thought to propose that a meeting to be held there on fifth Day of the week, Except Preparative meeting week for one month under consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as proposed and appoints the following friends a Committee to visit the weekDay meeting at each Place and report Viz John Allen, Pontius Woolley, Solomon Haight, William Wolley, Abishai Coffin, Joseph Mitchell, Henry Post, Tripp Mosher, John Hoag and Joseph Talcot.

Philip Macomber Informed this meeting that he Desires a Certificate of removal for himself & family Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting therefore appoints Josiah Haight and Shabel Coffin to prepare one for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting~

This meeting being informed that Richard Post Desires a Certificate of removal Directed to NewYork Monthly Meeting therefore appoints Solomon Haight, James Alley & John Allen to prepare one for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce for next meeting.

John White Junr Informed this meeting that he Desired a Certificate of removal for himself & family Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting therefore appoints Abraham Swift & James Willett to prepare one for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting~

This meeting received Stephen Titus receipt for £1-19-4 Money raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection also recd Stephen Titus receipt for £0-17-0 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection~

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine partners the 16th 1st mo 1793

The Representatives Present.

The queries were read & answered in this meeting & are as follows~

Ansr 1st All meetings for worship & discipline are attended, tho not so fully by some as is desired, the hour nearly observed by those that steadily attend. not all Clear of sleeping in meetings, Clear of other Indecent behaviour as far as appears, &Cares is measurably taken in each deficiency~

2nd Love and Unity is maintained as become brethren in a good Degree, and Care is measurably taken to End differences when they appear~

3d It don't appear but friends are in a good Degree Careful respecting Backbiting & talebearing; one Instance of spreading an Evil report which is under Care ~

4th We believe there is a good Degree of care rest on the minds of many to keep themselves and all those under their tuition, in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel: a neglect appears in others and some care taken, friends do frequently read the holy scriptures and avoid reading Pernicious Books as far as appears, not all careful respecting the corrupt Conversation of the world, and some advice given~

5th We believe friends are mostly careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors & frequenting taverns, some In stances of going to places of Diversion & some care Extended, moderation and Temperance is observed at Marriages, births & burials as far as appears

6th The necessaries of the Poor are Inspected, and relief administred, but some of their children are not in a way to get Learning & some care taken; no friends child placed out from friends since last Quarter that we know of~

7th We know of no proposals of marriage without consent of Parents, or guardians, no Instance of keeping Company with one not of our society & Care taken. Parents appear Clear of Conniving Thereas, clear of attending the marriages of those that do go out from us as far as we know

8th No proposals of marriage too early after the decease of former husband or wife or neglect of Childrens rights that appears~

9th We know of none that take oaths, pay Priests wages, bear arms or other military service, or that is concerned in Fraudulent or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries or of dealing in prize goods.

10th Some friends are Careful to make their wills reasonably, a neglect appears in other & some advice given, no misapplication of Publick gifts and legacies that we know of~

11th Clear of Negroes as Slaves, Except making use of the produce their labour, three youths & they Instructed in school learning~

12th We believe friends are mostly Careful to perform their promises & pay their just Debts & of Launthing into business beyond ability to manage, one I Instructed Excepted

13th removals without Certificates & some care taken~

14th good Degree of care is taken to Deal reasonably with offenders, measurably in the spirit, and agree able to Discipline~

The reading of the Epistle from Philadelphia is left until next meeting~

John Lossing & Miriam Dorland appeared in this meeting & received their proposals of marriage with Each other he producing a Certificate from Oblong Monthly Meeting Expressing his Clearness of marriage in them parts; they are left at Liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used

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amongst friends, Lawrence Dean & Israel Titus are appointed to ?vet with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate ~

Simeon Palmer & Rebekah Hicks appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of marriage with Each other he having consent of his parents. Joseph Mitchell and John Allen are appointed to Inquire into the young mans Clearness in relation to Marriage and report next meeting where they are Desired to attend for an answer.

Peter Hallock & Mary Keese appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of marriage with Each other he having consent of his parents. Pontius Woolley & James Alley are appointed to Inquire into the friends Clearness in relation to Marriage and report next meeting where they are Desired to attend for an answer.

Nehemiah M Merritt & Phebe Thorn appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of marriage with Each other they having consent of their parents., as he belongs to Oblong Monthly meeting it is left until next meeting where they are Desired to attend for an answer.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Jonathan Bunker & Comfort Smith report they attended it & Discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & produced the marriage Certificate~

The friends appointed to Visit Philip Dorland on account of his acknowledgement report they have visited him to a good Degree of satisfaction believing there was sincerity in his acknowledgement under consideration theron accepts it which is as follows Viz~~

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Ninepartners 19th of 12th Mo 1792~~

Dear Friends

Whereas I have had a birth right amongst you and by not giving heed to the Divine

Monitor have widely deviated from the principles of Truth which led me into divers disorders such as departing from Plainness, keeping Company with one not of our Society & Committing Fornication with her (that is now my wife) and also took up arms for my defense which misconduct brought a blemish on Truth which I am sorry for & do heartily Condemn & I do desire you to pass by the same & receive me under your Care~

12th 12Mo 1792 Philip Dorland

Lawrence Dean & Israel Titus are appointed to Inform him thereof, also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego & report.

The friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Peter Barton & family produced one here which with some alteration being approved and signed~

The friends Continued to Visit William Tripp on his request report they have visited him again to some satisfaction which after being weightily considered Defers it untill next meeting~

The friends continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on account of his acknowledgement report they have not attended to the appointment & a reason given they are continued in that service.

Three of the friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White report the appointment not answered by reason of his being gone a Distance they are continued~

The friends appointed to read the Testification & against Latham Coffin report the appointment answered~

Most of the friends appointed to visit the week Day meeting at Oswego report they have attended the meetings and have not see the Propriety of their holding two distinct meetings at Present which this meeting unites with ~~

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Philip Macomber & family Directed to Saratoga monthly meeting report the way is not Clear therefore they are Continued in that Service ~~~

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The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Richard Post Directed to New York Monthly Meeting report the appointment answered & produced one which being approved is signed in~

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of John White Junr & family Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting report the appointment answered & produced one which being approved is signed~

The womens meeting Informs thus that Rosanna Barton has been to a place of Diversion where was Dancing & she an actor therein & that it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be Disowned with the Concurrence of this meeting; this meeting con?? therewith & appoints Joseph Talcott & Joseph Merritt to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against her & report~

Also the Womens meeting Informa that Ruth Hammond has been to a Place of Diversion Keeping Company with those not of our society & not keeping to the plane Language & she being visited to no satisfaction & that it is the mind of their meeting that she be Disowned, with the concurrence of this; this meeting Concurr therewith and appoints Brownell Wilbur & Jehu Woolley to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against her & report~

The Preparative meeting of Ministers & Elders forwarded to this a proposal for appointing William Woolley to the station of an Elder therefore appoints William Mitchell and Abishai Coffin to hear & Consider objections if any there be & report to next meeting~~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs that Daniel Hoag Junr has gone from the good

orders of friends, so as to neglect attending meetings and Plainness and keeping company with those not of our society therefore appoints Joseph Peckham and David Haight to Labour with him on those accounts for his restoration & Inform next meeting their sence of the Disposition of his mind~

Said Meeting also Informs that Moses Hallock has been abusive to G?eek Mosher, and spreading Evil reports about him, therefore this meeting appoints Shubel Coffin, Brownall Lake, Stephen Dean and William McCoord to Labour with him on those accounts for his restoration, & inform next meeting their sence of the Disposition of his mind~~

Also said Meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgement from Gilbert Haight for some Disorders for which he was some time since Disowned the reading of which is Left untill next meeting~

Was read & accepted a Certificate on behalf of Ruth Orsborn from the Monthly meeting held at Oblong the 17th of 12th mo 1792~~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs they have raised £24..15..6 towards the yearly meeting stocks

Oswego Preparative meeting Informs they have raised £4..3..0 towards the yerally meeting stock ~

This meeting appoints the following friends to Quarterly meeting & carry forward such business as shall concern that Meeting & bring Down such as shall be Directed so this Viz William McCoord, Philip Hoag, Samuel Dorland Junr & Pontius Woolley.`

This Meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the Usual time if permitted ~

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of 2nd No 1793

The Representatives Present Except one~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended, Except two & reasons given, the Extracts were Produced which are as follows~

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 13th of 2d mo 1793~

By the accounts from the Monthly Meetings their several sums of money raised for the purpose Directed by the yearly meeting appeared so small that it brought an Exercise on the meeting with Desires that out Monthly Meetings would reconsider it & Extend their Liberality in raising an additional sum & report to next meeting ~

It appears by the accounts from the Monthly meeting that their sums of money raised in the Experience? of building the meeting house at Saratoga is £83.13.3 short of the Estimated sum Our Monthly Meetings are therefore requested to proceed in raising the remaining sum as soon as may be~

The Quarterly meeting adjourns to the usual time in 5th mo next to begin at the 10 hour which is Directed Down to our Preparative Meetings.

The Epistle from Philadelphia was now read the contexts thereof is to our satisfaction~

Peter Hallock and Mary Heere appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with Each other Inquiry being made & nothing appearing to hinder they are left at Liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends Pontius Woolly and Tophar Green are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the Marriage Certificate

Simeon Palmer and Rebecca Hicks appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with Each other Inquiry being made & nothing appareaing to hinder, they are left at Liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends Brownell Wilber & Reuben Haight are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the Marriage Certificate.

Nehemiah M Merritt & Phebe Thorn appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with Each other the producing a Certificate from Oblong Monthly Meeting Expressing his Clearness of marriage in them parts; therefore they are left at Liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends Isaac Thorn & Josiah Haight are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the Marriage Certificate~

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of John Lossing & Miriam Dorland report they attended & Discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & produced the Marriage Certificate~

The Friends appointed to read the acknowledgement of Philip Dorland report they have attended thereto but not accomplished, they are continued.

The request of William Tripp being again opened in this meeting & after being Considered Defers it untill next meeting.

The friends Continued to visit Benjamin Anthony on account of his acknowledgement report they have not attended to the appointment and a reason given they are Continued~

Most of the friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White report they have attended thereto but the way Doth not yet appear Clear they are Continued.

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Philip Macomber & family Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting report the way is not yet Clear therefore they are Continued.

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The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of Denial against Rosanna Barton report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed & is as follows -

Whereas Rosanna Barton having had a right of membership with us, bu through Inattention to the Dictates of Truth hath so far Deviated therefrom as to attend a place of Diversion & we having Laboured with her which not having the Desired Effect we do therefore Testify against said misconduct & disown her from being any longer a member of our society until by amendment of Life she doth manifest a sincear repentance.~

Given fourth at our Monthly meeting held at NinePartners 20th of 2 Mo 1793~
signed by Isaac Thorn Clerk [and] Anna Thorn Clerk

William Mitchell & Silvanus Gardner are appointed to read it as the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear & report.~~~

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of Denial against Rosanna Barton report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed & is as follows -

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of 2nd Mo 1793~

Whereas Ruth Hammond Daughter of Samuel hath Deviated from the rules of our society in going places of Diversion, keeping Company with those not of our society, & not keeping to plainness, & the being laboured with from time to time which not having desired Affect, therefore this meeting doth testify against her Misconduct & Disown her from being any Longer a member thereof, untill by amendment of Life, she shall make satisfaction to this meeting which she may do is our desire~

Signed in & on behalf of our said meeting ~~~ by

Isaac Thorn Clerk

Anna Thorn Clerk

William Woolley & Joseph Mitchell are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting on the ridge if the way be Clear & report.

The friends appointed to hear & Consider Objections of any there be respecting the appointing William Woolley to the station of an Elder report find no Objections~

The meeting after Considering the proposal of appointing William Wooley to the station of an Elder unites therewith and Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this minute to the Select Preparative Meeting ~

The friends appointed to Labour with Daniel Hoag Junr on account of his misconduct report they have visited him & it did not appear but the Complaints were true & that it appeared to them he was in a Degree of atender disposition of mind, under consideration thereon Continues to Commit? in that service with David Reynolds & William Mitchell added. The friends appointed to Labour with Moses Hallock on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given they are continued in that service~

The Acknowledgement of Gilbert Haight is Left untill next meeting ~

The womens meeting Informs this, that Phebe Pearson Desires to come under friends Care, & they are Easy that she be received a member, with the concurrence of this; under consideration thereon, unites with them therein & accepts her a member~

They Likewise Inform that Avis Hoag hath neglected the attendance of meetings, been to places of Diversion, & gone from plainness, & they have Visited her to no satisfaction, & are Easy that she be Disowned with the Concurrence of this meeting, under consideration thereon unites with them therein & appoints Jonathan Deuel & Josiah Haight to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against her & report~

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Said meeting handed to this an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Comfort Bunker Directed to Creek Monthly Meeting which being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting at new Britain report they have attended it to a good Degree of satisfaction, & think well of its being Continued , under consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there on first Days, & fourth Days Except Preparative Monthly & Quarterly meeting weeks for six months & Desires Smitten Brownell & Joseph Peckham to have the oversight thereof & appoints the following friends to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding is out Viz- Benjamin Mosher, William Mitchell, Abraham Swift, James Alley, Philip Hoag and Pontius Woolley ~

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting informs that Philip Mosher is desirous of a Certificate of removal for himself & family directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting therefore appoints Josiah Haight & Prince Bennett to prepare one for them if the way be clear & produce to next meeting.

Said Meeting also informs that Moses Vail has deviated from plainness & been neglectful in attending meetings therefore we appoint William Mitchell, Benjamin Mosher & William Woolley to labour with him on those accounts for his restoration & inform next meeting the sense of the disposition of his mind ~

Said Meeting further informs that Jonathan Hoag neglects the attendance of meetings therefore appoints Reuben Haight, William Valentine & Pontius Woolley to labour with him on that account for his restoration and inform next meeting their sense of the disposition of his mind~

Saratoga Monthly Meeting informs this, that they have disowned Reuben White, a member of this meeting (who resided within the compass of theirs) and have forwarded a copy of the denial which is as follows Viz :-

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From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Danby the 20th of the 12th month 1792 ~ Whereas Reuben White having had a right of membership amongst us; but not taking heed to the manifestation of Light in his own heart hath deviated from the principles & kept company & married counter to the good order & rules established amongst friends after being cautioned; therefore this meeting doth disown him from being any longer a Member untill he shall make satisfaction for the same ~

As the Title for the meeting house lott at Oswego appears not to be sufficient this meeting appoints Lawrence Dean, Samuel Dorland junr. & Garrett Burtis to take a deed to said lott ~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 20 of 3 mo 1793

The Representatives Present ~

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Peter Hallock & Mary Reese report they attended & discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & produced the marriage certificate ~

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Simeon Palmer & Rebecca Hicks report they attended and discovered nothing but that it was orderly conducted & produced the marriage certificate ~

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Nehemiah M. Merritt & Phebe Thorn report they attended & discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished and produced the marriage certificate ~

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Philip Dorland report the appointment answered ~

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The Requests of William Tripp being again opened in this meeting & after a Deliberate Consideration thereon Defers it untill next meeting ~

The friends Continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgement report they have paid some attention? thereto, they are Continued in that service~

Most of the friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White report the way has not yet appeared clear they are Continued & Desired to attend thereto & report~~

The friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal of behalf of Philip Macomber & family Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting report the way is not Quite Clear they are Continued~

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Rosanna Barton report the appointment answered

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Ruth Hammond report of the appointment answered

Part of the friends appointed to Labour with David Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have not attended to the appointment & a reason given they are Continued in that service~

The friends Continued to Labour with Moses Halle? on account of his Misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given they are continued.

This meeting appoints the following friends to Visit Gilbert Haight on account of his acknowledgement & report their sence of the Disposition of his mind to next meeting Visz. Shubel Coffin& Silvanus Gardner~

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against Avis Hoag report they have attended to the appointment

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Philip Mosher & Family Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting report they have attended thereto but not fully Completed they are Continued~

The friends appointed to Visit Moses Vail on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given they are Continued~

The friends appointed to Visit Jonathan Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & gave a reason they are Continued in that service~

The friends appointed to take deed of the meeting house iLott n Oswego report they have attended thereto but not completed they are Continued.

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Nominates Prince Bennett for an Overseer in the place of Lophar Green which this meeting unites with & appoints him to that service~

Said meeting also Informs that David Smith hath been in the practice of sleeping in meetings & at receiving a friendly jog, shewed a spirit of resentment, therefore this meeting appoints Stephen Dean & Israel Titus to Labour with him for his restoration & report to next meeting their sence of the Disposition of his mind~

Said meeting further Informs that Samuel Hammond Junr neglects the attending out meetings & hath Deviated from plainness of speech and apparel therefore this meeting appoints Abraham Swift & Benjamin Church to Labour with him for hsi restoration & report to next meeting their sence of the Disposition of his mind~

Said meeting proposes to this, that a standing committee be appointed for such friends who are Desirous to remove

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to make application unto, for advice Which this meeting unites with & appoints the following friends to that service Viz: William Mitchell, Isaac Thorn, Stephen Titus, Enoch Dorland, Lawrence Dean, Abraham Storms & Reuben Haight~

The Womens Meeting handed to this an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Phebe Merritt (wife of Nehemiah) & her Daughters Mary & Ruth Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting which with some alteration being approved us signed~

Oswego Preparative Meeting Informs that Gilbert Titus Junr is desirous of a few lines directed to Oblong Monthly meeting on account of Marriage Therefore Samuel Dorland Junr & William McCord are appointed to make the necessary Inquiry & prepare some for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting~

Barnabas Macomber Informs by a friend that he Desires a Certificate of removal for himself & family Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting Jonathan Deuel & Ammial Coffin are appointed to prepare an Essay for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting~

Libny Pinkham informs by a friend that he desires a few lines directed to Jericho Monthly Meeting, whereto Expects to reside for a time; he being a member of this meeting the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute~

This meeting received Stephen Titus receipt for £3..14..1 raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection~

Also received Stephen Titus receipt for £0..10..9 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection~

This meeting now adjourns to the usual time in next month if permitted~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 17th of 4 Mo 1793

The Representatives Present~

The queries were read & answered in this Meeting & are as follows~

Ans'd 1st~ all meetings for worship & Discipline are attended the hour nearly observed by those that steadily attend, a slackness appears in some, not all Clear of sleeping in meetings, not Quite Clear of other indeacency & some Care taken in each deficiency~

2nd~ Love & unity is maintained in a good Degree amongst us, tho not so fully with all as is desired and some care taken, we know of no differences~

3d~ Friends are generally careful respecting, Backbiting Tale bearing & spreading Evil reports some Exception & some care taken~

4~ We believe most friends are in a good Degree careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, & to frequently read the holy scriptures, and guard against reading pernicious books, not all careful to avoid the corrupt conversation of the world some care taken~

5th~ It dont appear but friends are Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, not a;; Clear of frequenting Taverns & places of Temperance is observed at Marriages births & burials & burials as far as appears.

6~ Some inspection unto necessities of the poor, & their Children & relief administred where it appeared necessary no friends of Child placed out from friends that we know of~

7~ We know of no proposals of marriage without Consent of Parents or guardian or any that keep

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Company with those not of our society on that account or of attending the marriages of those that go out from us~

8~ One instance of unreasonable proposal of marriage and some advice given, no neglect of Childrens rights that appears~

9~ Clear of taking oaths, paying Priest wages, bearing arms, or other military services & of being con?? in fraudulent or Clandestine trade, Lotteries or of dealing in prize goods as far as we know~

10~ Most friends have wills, a Deficiency appears and some care taken, no misapplication of Publick gifts or Legacies that appears~

11~ Clear of negroes as Slaves, Except making use of the produce of their Labour, two youths and they Instructed in school learning~

12~ Not all Careful to perform their promises & pay their just Debts & some care taken, clear of launching into business, beyound ability of mannage as far as appears~

13~ Some removals without Certificates, and some care taken

14~ Care is taken to Deal with offenders in the spirit of weekness measurably agreeable to Discipline~

The Answers to the four Annual Queries are

1st~ No Minister of Elder Deceased since Last year, No Memorial Concerning any Deceased Friend~

2d~ No new Meeting House built nor Meeting settled since Last year~

3d~ Divers Joined in society by Convincement since Last Year~

4th~ The Queries are read & answered as Directed~

The request of William Tripp being again Opened in this meeting & after a Deliberate Consideration thereon Defers it untill next meeting~

The friends continued to visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgement report they have not visited him & reason given they are continued in that service~

The friends contined to prepare a certificate on behalf of Joshua White report they have attended to the appointment & find that his outward affairs is not fully settled they are continued & Desired to write to him Expecting his Case & report~

The womens Meeting produced to this a Testification against Avis Hoag which with some alteration being approved is signed & is as follows~

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 17 of 4th Mo 1793~

Whereas Avis Hoag Daughter of John hath had a birth right amongst us nut not attending to the dictates of truth hath so far Deviated from the rules of our society as to neglect the attendance of our religious meetings hath gone out from plainness & been to places of

diversion & she having been Laboured with which not having the Desired affect therefore this meeting doth testify against her said Misconduct & Disown her to be one of our society untill by amendment of Life she shall manifest sincear repentance which she may be favoured to do is our desire~ signed in behalf & by order of said meeting by

Isaac Thorn Clerk

Anna Thorn Clerk

David Haight & Philip Hoag are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day Meeting at new Britain if the way be Clear & report~

The womens meeting handed to this an essay of a certificate on behalf of Miriam Lossing Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting - They also handed an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Deborah White directed

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to Saratoga Monthly meeting - also they handed an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Kezia Macomber Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting all which with some alteration being approved & signed~

The friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Philip Macomber & family Directed to the Saratoga monthly meeting report the appointment answered & produced one which being approved is signed~

The friends continued to Labour with Daniel Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of his being from home they are Continued~

The friends continued to Labour with Moses Hallock on account of his misconduct report they have attended to the appointment but not so fully got through by reason of his Body by Infirmary they are Continued~

The friends appointed to Visit Gilbert Haight on his acknowledgement report they have had an opportunity with him & Desire to have another therefore they are continued~

The friends Continued to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Philip Mosher & family Directed to the Saratoga monthly meeting produced one which being approved is signed~

Part of the Committee Continued to Visit Moses Vail on account of his misconduct report a Visit performed with him & the accusations against him appear to be true,& no Disposition appeared to make satisfaction therefore they are Continued in that service~

The friends Continued to Visit Jonathan Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have visited him & the accusations against him appear to be true,& no Disposition appeared to make

satisfaction under consideration thereon appoint Benjamin Mosher & David Haight to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him also to Draw an Essay of a denial & produce at next meeting~

The friends appointed to take a Deed of the meeting House Lott at Oswego report they have further attended thereto but is not yet Completed they are Continued~

The friends appointed to Labour with David Smith on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & found the Complaint to be true& Likewise he appeared

to be in a tender Disposition of mind & he forwarded an acknowledgement which was not satisfactory under consideration thereon, Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report~ The friends appointed to Labour with Samuel Hammond Junr on account of his misconduct report they have attended to the appointment & the Complaint appeared to be true & did not Discover any disposition in him for amendment under consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report~

The friends appointed to prepare a few lines on behalf of Gilbert titis Junt Directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting on account of marriage report the way is not Clear they are continued with Lophar Green & Lawrence Dean added~

The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Barnabas Macomber Directed to the Saratoga monthly meeting report the way dont appear clear they are continued~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Judith Coffin from the Monthly meeting held at West Port the 15 of 9mo 1792 ~ also was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Clark from the Monthly Meeting held at Oblong the 16 of 7mo 1792~

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Ninepartners Preparative meeting forwarded to this Acknowledgement from Gilbert Palmer Conden? divers Disorders for which he was disowned the reading of it is left untill next meeting~

Said Meeting Informs that there has been two schools continued the year Past under the care of Trustees & a Concern appears to remain on the minds of friends in the promotion of schools for the right Education of our youth~

Oswego Preparative meeting Informs that Francis Barker has neglected the attendance of meetings, and not kept to plainness, therefore we are appoint Joseph Mitchel Clerk Wilbur & Jonathan Deuel to Labour with him on those accounts in order for his restoration & Inform next meeting their sence of the disposition of his mind~

Our Preparative meetings have added to their subscriptions for the yearly meeting stock £11..0..1~ also have raised the sum of £15..6..1 towards saratoga Meeting House.

This meeting appoints Ebenezer Pinkham to join the Committee to have the Oversight of our meetings respecting Irregular Conduct be? in place of Prince Bennett~

The following friends are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting & Carry forward such business as shall be directed thereto & bring down such business as shall be recommended to this Viz- James Alley Prince Bennett Isaac Thorn & Brownell Wilber~

We now adjourn to meet next month the Day following the Quarterly meeting if Permitted~

Samuel Crandall Informs, he Desires a Certificate of removal Directed to Creek monthly meeting therefore appoints Abraham Storm & Samuel Dorland Junr to prepare an Essay for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 17 of 5mo 1793

The representatives Present-

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended & the Extracts were produced which are as follows.

At a Quarterly meeting held at Ninepartners the 15th of 5th mo 1793

By the reports in the accounts from the monthly meetings it appears that the sums of money that have been raised for Saratoga meeting House is short of Compleating the Estimated sum & that £36..12..9 yet remains to be raised. Therefore Directs the monthly meetings to be Expeditious in raising the said remaining sum, pay it directed and report- which is directed to our Preparative meetings & they Desired to be Expeditious in raising money towards said sum & report.

The request of William Tripp being again read in this meeting & after being Considered Defers it untill next meeting~

The friends continued to visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgement report they have had an opportunity with him to some good Degree of satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to visit him again & report~

The friends appointed to write to Joshua White respecting his affairs being unsettled report they have wrote to him but not had a return, therefore they are continued

The friends appointed to rad the Testification against Avis Hoag report the appointment not answered by reason they were not fully informed by the women, they are continued in that service.

The friends Continued to Labour with Daniel Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of his absence they are Continued in that service~

The friends Continued to Labour with Moses Hallock on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of his Infirmary therefore they are Continued & Desired to report~

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The friends Continued to Visit Gilbert haight on his acknowledgement report they have had another opportunity with him & thought there was some sincerity in him under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to vist him again & report with Joseph Talcott and Israel Titus added~

The friends Continued to Visit Moses Vail on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of Indisposition therefore they are Continued in that service~

The friends appointed to Draw an Essay of a Denial against Jonathan Hoag report the appointment not answered & a reason Given therefore they are Continued in that service~

The friends appointed to take a Deed of the meeting house Lott at oswego report the appointment not answered & a reason given they are Continued~

The friends Continued to Labour with David Smith on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & thought he was in some good Degree sincear & he produced another acknowledgement under consideration thereon, accepts it which is as follows~

To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at the Ninepartners the 17 of 5mo 1793~
Whereas I throw unwatchfullness have for some time been subject to sleeping in meetings to my sorrow and shame and when jogged by a friend for it have shone a resentment all which I do Truly Condemn and friends to pass by these offences and Continue there watchful care over me for my good David Smith

Abishai Coffin & Lophar Green are appointed to Inform him thereof & to read it at the Close of the first Day meeting at Ninepartners & report~

The friends Continued to Labour with Samuel Hammond on account of his Misconduct report they have

attended to the appointment but not had an opportunity with him by reason of his being from home therefore they are Continued

The friends appointed to prepare some Lines on behalf of Gilbert Titus Junr Directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting on account of Marriage produced then which being approved is signed~

The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Barnabas Macomber Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting report the way is not yet Clear they are continued in that service~

The acknowledgement from Gilbert Palmer being now read which after being considered refers it to Saratoga Monthly meeting requesting their brotherly assistance therein; as they shall think necessary & inform us their sence of his sincerity when so done - The Clerk is directed to forward his Acknowledgement with a Copy of this minute to saratoga Monthly meeting~

The friends appointed to Labour with Francis Barker on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & found the Complaints to be true & that he appeared to them to be Insensible of his errors~ under consideration thereon Continues the Committee to visit him again and report~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report as follows - Acording to appointment we have visited the meeting on the ridge to good satisfaction and did not Discover but it was orderly conducted under Consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting as usual for two months at the house of Vaniah Woolley and appoints William Woolley & Brownell Wilbur to have Oversight thereof. and appoints the following friends to attend that meeting & report of their sence of the proposal going forward towards the Establishing of it when the time of holding it is out Viz Tripp Mosher, Laurence Dean, Silvanus

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Gardner, Garret Burtis, Prince Bennett, James Alley & Joseph Talcott~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting informs that Aaron Haight son of Gilbert neglects the attendance of meetings uses profane language & been Guilty of giving way to passion & fighting, therefore we appoint William Woolley & John Allen to labour with him on those accounts for his restoration & Inform next meeting their sence of the Disposition of his mind.~

Oswego Preparative meeting Informs that Daniel Lossing has removed to Novascotia [Nova Scotia] therefore this meeting appoints the following friends to Inspect the Circumstances of his case & report Viz; William Mitchell, Lawrence Dean, John Hoag & Enoch Dorland~

This meeting received a few Lines from Nehemiah Merritt respecting his removing from us, therefore Solomon Haight, Silvanus Gardner, Jedediah Talman, Brownell Wilbur, Abishai Coffin & John Hoag are appointed to Inspect and Consider the Circumstances of his Case & Inform next meeting their sence respecting it ~

The friends appointed to prepare an essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of samuel Crandall Directed to Creek Monthly meeting report the appointment answered & produced tit here which being approved is signed.

This meeting now adjourns to the usual time in next month if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19 of 6th Mo 1793

The Representatives Present

The request of William Tripp being again opened in the meeting & after being Considered thinks best that his request be returned, and appoints Joseph Talcott & William Valentine to inform him thereof & report~

The friends Continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgement report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given, they are continued in that service

The friends Continued in the case of Joshua White report they have no return from him, therefore they are continued~

One of the friends Continued to read the testification against Avis Hoag report the appointment answered~

One of the friends Continued to Labour with Daniel Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given therefore they are Continued in that service~

Three of the friends Continued to Labour with Moses Hallock on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & thought he did not appear Disposed to make friends satisfaction under consideration thereon Continues the Committee to visit him again & report~

The friends appointed to visit Gilbert Haight on his acknowledgement report they have had an opportunity with him & Desire to have another therefore they are Continued in that service~

Part of the friends Continued to visit Moses Vail on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & he Did not appear in a Disposition to make satisfaction under Consideration thereon continues the Committee in that service~

The friends Continued to prepare an essay of Denial against Jonathan Hoag report the appointment answered and produced it here which not being fully satisfactory Continues the Committee to produce another to next meeting~

The friends appointed to take a Deed os the meeting house Lott at Oswego report the appointment not answered & a reason given they are Continued

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The friends appointed to read the acknowledgement & of David Smith report that the service performed~

The friends Continued to labour with Samuel hammond Junr on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & there Did not appear any Disposition in him to make satisfaction under consideration thereon appoints Abishai Coffin & Brownell Wilbur to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him also to Draw an Essay of a Denial against him & produce at next meeting ~

The friends Continued to prepare an essay of a certificate on behalf of Barnabas Macomber Directed to saratoga Monthly Meeting report the way is not Clear they are Continued in that service~

Two of the friends Continued to labour with Francis Barker on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & found no Disposition in him to make satisfaction under consideration thereon appoints Joseph Mitchell & Pontius Woolley to Inform him that the meeting concludes to Disown him also to prepare an Essay of a Denial against him & produce at next meeting ~

Two of the friends Continued to labour with Aaron Haight son of Gilbert on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & found the complaints to be true and he did not appear in a Disposition of mind to make satisfaction which after being Considered Continues the Committee in that service with Joseph Mitchell added~

The friends appointed to Inspect the Circumstances of the removal of daniel Lossing report they have attended to the appointment & it appears that he has removed without the Consent of friends under consideration thereon Continues the Committee in his Case untill next meeting~~

Most of the friends appointed to Inspect & Consider the Circumstance of Nehemiah Merritt respecting his removal Inform they have paid some attention to the case but not fully ready to report therefore they are continued in that service~

The Womens meeting handed to this an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Hannah Merritt wife of Isaac & her two Daughters Directed to the saratoga monthly meeting which with some alteration being approved & signed

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs that David Palmer hath Deviated from plainness & attended a place of Diversion therefore Joseph Merritt & Jehu Woolley are appointed to Labour with him for his restoration & Inform next meeting their sense of the Disposition of his mind~

Oswego Preparative Meeting Informs that Robert Young has removed wide from friends, Nigh lake Champlaine without advice therefore this meeting appoints Stephen Dean & John Drake & John Cristy to Inspect his Case & report next meeting~

The meeting recd Stephen Titus's Receipt for 3..10..2 Money raised at Ninepartners their quarterly Collection ` also Recd Stephen Titus's Receipt for 0..12..9 Money raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 17 of 7 Mo 1793

The Representatives Present.

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting and are as follows~

Ans'd 1st~ All meetings for worship & Discipline are attended. Tho a slackness appears in some, the hour nearly

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observed. yet not so fully by all as is desired, not all clear of sleeping in meetings, not Quite clear of other Indecency and some care taken in each respect~

2d~ Love and Unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren. Care is taken to End Differences when they appear~

3d~ We believe friends are in a good Degree careful to avoid Backbiting Tale bearing & spreading of evil reports.

4th~ We believe there is a concern rests in the minds of most, to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel; tho a Deficiency appears in some & some care taken , and we believe friends are in the practice of reading the scriptures, and do avoid reading pernicious books, not all Clear of the Corrupt conversation of the world wherein Labour hath been extended~

5th~ Friends appear generally Careful to avoid unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns, & places of diversion,& to keep in moderation at marriages, births & burials~

6~ The necessities of the poor are Inspected & they relived where it appears necessary, & their Children freely partake of Learning, No friends child placed out from friends that we know of~

7th~ We know of no proposals of marriage without consent of parents or Guardians, or any that keep company with not of our Society on that account, and of attending the marriages of those thats gone out from us~

8~ No unreasonable proposals of marriage; or neglect of Childrens rights that appears~

9~ We know of none that take Oaths, pay Priest wages, bear arms, or other military service, or that is Concerned in fraudulent or Clandestine Trade, Lotteries, or of Dealing in prize Goods~

10~ Some neglect appears in making Wills reasonably & some advice given Publick gifts & Legacies don't appear to be misapplied~

11th~ Clear of Negroes as slaves, two youths & they in some way to get school learning~

12th~ Friends appears in a good Degree Careful to perform their promises & to pay their just Debts, and of Launching into business beyond their ability to manage~

13~ Some removals without Certificates, & some care taken

14~ Care is measurably taken to Deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to Discipline~

One of the friends appointed to Inform William Tripp the Conclusion of this meeting respecting his request report the appointment answered~

The friends Continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgement report some attention to the appointment which being Considered Continues the Committee in that service to report in Ninth month next as he ?was at Considerable Distance~

The friends Continued in the case of Joshua White report they have had no return from him they are Continued

The friends Continued to labour with Daniel Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given they are continued in that service~

The friends Continued to Visit with Moses Hallock on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & thought him not in a suitable Disposition of mind to make satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report

Three of the friends Continued to Visit with Gilbert Haight on acknowledgement report they have had another opportunity with him & are of the mind there is a small Degree of sincerity in him which after being Considered Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report~

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One friends Continued to Visit Moses Vail on account of his Misconduct report that he with two other friends has had another opportunity with him & he did not appear to be in a Disposition of mind to make satisfaction under Consideration thereon appoints Clark Wilbur, John allen, & Ammiel Coffin to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him, also to Draw and essay of a Denial against him & produce to next meeting~

The womens meeting Informs this that Metura Bowerman formerly Bull has married out of Unity of friends & Likewise she has removed to Catarockway [Could this be Cataraqui, Kingston, Upper Canada?] as she is out or the reasonable reach of this meeting to Labour with her they are easy that she be Disowned with the Concurrence of this meeting, this meeting Concurs therewith & appoints John Cristy & Stephen Dean to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against her & report~

The friends Continued to prepare an essay of a Denial against Jonathan Hoag now produced it which after being read is approved & signed and is as follows

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 17 of 7 mo 1793---

Whereas Jonathan Hoag a member of this meeting hath Given way to the Incumbering things of the world as Caused him to neglect the attendance of our meetings & him being Laboured with to bring him a sight of his misconduct Which not having the Desired Effect therefore for the Clearing of truth, this meeting doth Disown him from being any longer a member thereof untill he shall make satisfaction for his out goings which he may be favoured to do is our Desire- signed in and on behalf of our said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk

John Allen, Clerk Wilbur & Ammiel Coffin are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & a right to an appeal and give him a copy of it if he Desires it. also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at NewBritain if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report~

The friends appointed to take a Deed of the meeting house Lott at Oswego report that by Inspection don't find who is properly Authorised to give one which after being Considered is Left for the present~

The friends appointed to Draw and essay of a Denial ? against Samuel Hammond Junr report the appointment answered & produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed and is as follows---

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 17 of 7 mo 1793---

Whereas Samuel Hammond Junr hath Deviated from the Good order of Friends in neglecting the attendance of our meetings & not kept to plainness & him being Laboured with from time to time, which not having the Desired Effect therefore this meeting doth Testify

against his misconduct & disown him from being any longer a member with us, untill he shall make satisfaction to this meeting, which he may be favoured to do is our Desire- signed in and on behalf of our said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk

Joseph Mitchell & Ammial Coffin are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & a right of to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he Desires it also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting on the Ridge if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report~

One of the friends Continued to prepare an essay of a certificate on behalf of Barnabas Macomber directed

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To saratoga Monthly meeting report the way is not yet clear they are Continued & Desire to write to him the Circumstances of his Case & report

The friends appointed to Draw an Essay of a Denial & against Francis Barker report the appointment answered & produced it here, which with some alteration being approved is signed and is as follows-----

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 17 of 7mo 1793~~

Whereas Francis Barker having had a Right of membership with us, but has manifested a Lukewarm Disposition in the neglect of our religious meetings In going from plainness; And in having laboured with him Endeavouring to revive in him a sence of his Condition which not having the desired effect we do therefore Testify against his said Conduct & disown him from being any Longer a member with us untill he by amendment of life make satisfaction to this meeting which that he may do is our earnest wish~

Signed in & on behalf of our said meeting by ---- Isaac Thorn Clerk

Samuel Dorland Junr and William McCoord are appointed to Inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal and give him a copy of it if he desires it also to read it at the close of a first Day meeting at Oswego if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report~

The friends appointed to Labour with Aaron Haight son of Gilbert on account of his misconduct report that they had an opportunity with him & he did not appear to be in a disposition of mind suitable to make satisfaction under Consideration thereon appoints James Alley & Reuben Haight to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him, also to prepare an essay of a Denial against him & produce to next meeting~

The friends Continued to Inspect the Circumstances of the removal of Daniel Lossing report they have attended to the appointment & find he has removed Contrary to the advice of friends & Left his outward affairs in a Disreputable manner & as he has removed beyond the reasonable reach of this meeting we seem most Easy to Disown him; & appoints John Cristy & John Drake to prepare and Essay of a deneila against him & produce to next meeting~

The friends appointed to Inspect & Consider the Circumstances of Nehemiah Merritt respecting his removal report that they have attended to the care & its appeared that he was under a necessaty of removing, & by Inquiry find that he has left his outward affairs unsettled to the dissatisfaction of some of his Creditors which after being Considered if Left untill next meeting~

One of the friends appointed to Labour with David Palmer on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & the Complaints appeared to be true and he did

not appear to be in a disposition suitable to make satisfaction to this meeting under consideration thereon appoints Brownell Wilbur and Jehu Woolley to Inform him that this meeting Concludes to disown him, also to draw an Essay of a denial against him & produce to next meeting

The friends appointed to Inspect Circumstances of removal of Robert Young report an attention thereto and find that he has removed after being advised against it which after being deliberated on Continues the Committee to write to him setting fourth the Circumstances of his Case.~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they have Visited that meeting and it was their sence that said meeting be Continued Longer under probation, under consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for three months & appoints William Woolley and Brownell Wilbur oversees & the former

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Committee are Continued to Visit that meeting & report their sence of a proposal going forward for the Establishment thereof when the time of holding it is out~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Ruth Comstalk wife of Matthew from the Monthly meeting held at Oblong 17 of 6 Mo 1793.

The womens meeting handed to this certificate of removal on behalf on Hannah Young wife of Robert & Little Daughter Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting which being approved is signed~

Oswego Preparative Meeting Informs that Daniel S Dean requests to come under friends care Therefore we appoint Solomon Haight, Lophar Green & Jedediah Talman to visit him on that account & inspect into his Life and Conversation & the grounds of his request & Inform next meeting their sence respecting him~

Said meeting also Informs that William Cornwall is desirous of a certificate of removal for himself & family Directed to Cornwell Monthly Meeting, Therefore Garret Burtis & Stephen Dean are appointed to make the necessary Inquiry & prepare one for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce at next meeting~

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of samuel Pinkham from the Monthly meeting held at Nantucket the 27 of 5 mo 1793~

Oswego Preparative Informs they have raised £1..0..7 towards Saratoga Meeting house~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs the subscription for saratoga Meeting House is under Care but not Compleated~

The following friends are appointed to attend next Quarterly meeting with the accounts from this & bring down such business ? shall be Directed to this meeting Viz- William Mitchell, Garret Burtis, Lophar Green, Brownell Wilbur & Isaac Thorn-

This meeting now adjourns to eet next month on fifth day of the week following the quarterly Meeting if permitted~

At a Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners 22 of 8mo 1793

The Representatives Present~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended & produced 234 copies of the Printed Epistle from the yearly meeting in London in 1792- one of which was now read & the contents thereof was to our satisfaction & Comfort.~the representatives are directed to proportion & forward to our Preparative meeting who are Directed to have one read at the close of a first Day meeting at each place. The written Epistle from London not being produced the representatives are Continued to produce it to next meeting~

By the Extracts now received the following advice on the state of society was communicated from the yearly meeting Viz----

A weighty attention was given to the state of society as represented in the accounts from our Quarterly meetings an attention that proved painfully exercising to the traveling seed, the many departures from our testimony Expressed in the accounts and mostly such as have repeatedly exercised this yearly meeting and Occasion the extension of advice and Counsel, Deeply Engaged us in a weighty & renewed Consideration and Divers Lively and pertinent observations were communicated accompanied with an ardent solicitude that we may all individually seek for the Cause & severally watch over our selves and one over another & that those who stand as watchmen and see the Occasion of extending labour and advice endeavour to witness their minds properly seasoned for that service~

and is directed down to our Preparative meetings~

And the following minute relative to an alteration in the time of holding the Quarterly meeting in Ninepartners was received~

And Directs an alteration in the time of holding the Quarterly meeting at Ninepartners, should take place; that

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the Quarterly meeting of Discipline and the select meeting of Ninepartners be held on the same Days of the week they now are, in the week preceeding the second first Day in 11th- 2nd - 5th & 8th months and that the select as well as those for Discipline & worship begin at the tenth hour.

The yearly meeting recommends on the subject of schools as follows~

Agreeable to our recommendations Last Year our Quarters now furnish us with an account of the Number of schools amongst them and it appears by these accounts that the attention of friends to Each Quarter is turned to this important Object and Desires are witnessed for the Increase of Care and exertions for the advancement of a subject so interesting to the rising generation and that friends in each Quarter be encouraged herein;and that if any difficulty should occur in the Compass of either of the Quarters and assistance be wanting in advice or otherwise that such Care be brought forward to the Quarterly meeting ; and to this meeting if there should be an occasion and herein our monthly and Quarterly meetings are directed to encourage friends where such assistance may appear wanting, to come forward agreeable to the present prospect of this meeting~

Which is recommended to the Due attention of our Preparative meetings~

And the yearly meeting recommends the care of friends to such of our members that accept of Posts of profit and honour in government and of appointments to office in their respective Towns to which the attention and Continued Care of our Monthly meetings is requested

And a consideration of the foregoing cases brought the meeting under an Exercise and Concern that resulted in a Conclusion that where any friend shall so far Disregard the concern of the meeting as in any case to administer an Oath; he be Delt with in the manner Directed by our Discipline in cases where an oath is taken by one of our members & this Conclusion is directed to be added to our Book of Discipline and that accounts be brought forward next year of its being Done in our subordinate meeting copies; our Monthly meetings are requested to observe attend to and report - Isaac Thorn and Samuel Dorland Junr are appointed to enter that part directed to be added to the Discipline, in all copies belonging to this, & our Preparative meetings & report~

The following minute is also received~

And the yearly meeting Directs that amount of friends sufferings be brought forward -- which our Monthly meetings are requested to observe and report reasonably to be Directed to the yearly meeting~

And the minute relative to saratoga Meeting House is as follows~

The Monthly meeting of Ninepartners reports that subscription on the Expench of saratoga Meeting house not completed.

by accounts from the monthly meeting of saratoga it appears their meeting house on the west side of the river is finished, and the Expench thereon amounts to £44..15..9 more than the estimated sum; our monthly meetings are directed to open subscriptions to raise said sum as also the other as soon as may be, & directs the representatives to proportion it to our several Monthly meetings & Inform their monthly meetings & this meeting thereof; & the representatives

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Inform they have attended thereto & Concluded for this monthly meeting to raise £16..0..00 our Preparative meeting are directed to raise said sum pay it to Treasurer & inform seasonably to go to the Quarterly meeting ~

The womens Meeting handed to this a certificate of removal on behalf of Phebe Merritt wife of Nehemiah Merritt Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting which with some alteration being approved & signed~

They also handed to this meeting a certificate of removal on behalf of Hannah Howland wife of Jonathan & her children, Phebe, Mercy, Lydia & Isaac Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting which being approved is signed

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Haight Daughter of Thomas from the Monthly Meeting held at Creek the 19th of 4th mo 1793

Also was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Matthew Comstalk from the monthly meeting held ay Creek the 21st of 6th mo 1793~

The friends Continued in the case of Joshua White ?rep? that his affairs appears to be vetted & produced an Essay of a Certificate Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting which being approved is signed.

Most of the friends Continued to labour with Daniel Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & thought he did not appear in a Disposition of mind suitable to make satisfaction under under Consideration thereon appoints Joseph

Peckham and David Reynolds to Inform him that the meeting concludes to Disown him also to prepare an essay of a denial against him and produce to next meeting~

The friends Continued in the case of Moses Hallock report they have had another opportunity with him and thought him not in any Disposition of mind to make suitable

satisfaction which after being Deliberately Considered appoints Silvanus Gardner and Solomon Haight to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him also to prepare an essay of a Denial against him & produce to next meeting~

The friends Continued to Visit Gilbert Haight on his acknowledgement report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given they are Continued~

Two of the friends appointed to Inform Moses Vail the conclusion of this meeting respecting him report the appointment answered & produced an Essay which being considered leaves the matter untill next meeting~

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against Metura Bowerman report the appointment answered, and the women produced it here which with some alteration is signed and is as follows--

From our Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners 22d of 8mo 1793-

Whereas Metura Bowerman Formerly Bull a member of this meeting hath so far Deviated from the good order used amongst friends as to go out in marriage therefore we do Testify against her misconduct and Disown her from being any longer a member, untill she from a sence of her Error make satisfaction for the same, which she may be favoured to do is our desire~

signed in and on behalf of said meeting

by Isaac Thorn Clerk

Anna Thorn Clerk

John Chrissty and John Dorland are appointed to read it at the close of a first Day meeting at Oswego & report~

Two of the friends appointed to read the Testification &? against Jonathan Hoag report the appointment answered~

The friends appointed to read he Testification &c against Samuel Hammond Junr report the appointment answered~

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The friends Continued in the case of Barnabas Macomber report have wrote to him but not had a return they are Continued~

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Francis Barker report the appointment answered~

The friends appointed to Produce an Essay of a Denial ?& against Aaron Haight son of Gilbert report the appointment answered, & produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows--

From our Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners 22d of 8mo 1793-

Whereas Aaron Haight son of Gilbert having had a right of membership with us, but by not taking Principle of Light within, which would have Preserved him Innocent of Life &

Conversation But contrary thereunto he hath fell into divers disorders, sum? as neglecting the attendance of meetings, using profane language, also giving way to Passion & fighting-- Therefore for the Clearing of Truth and our society we do Testify against such Conduct & disown him to be any longer a member with us untill he shall manifest repenting by amendment of Life & make satisfaction to this meeting, which that he may do is our desire~

signed in & by order of the above said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk

John Allen & Joseph Merritt are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he desires at also to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear & report~

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a Denial against Daniel Lossing produced it here which with some alteration is signed and is as follows--
From our Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners 22d of 8mo 1793-

Whereas Daniel Lossing hath so far Deviated from the good order among us as to move Contrary to the advice of friends and left his outward affairs in a disreputable manner therefore from the Clearing of the Truth from the reports thereof we do Testify against his said misconduct and Disown him from being any longer a member, amongst us untill shall make satisfaction to this meeting, which he may be favoured to do is our desire~

signed in and on behalf of said meeting

by Isaac Thorn Clerk

Lawrence Dean & John Drake are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego & report~

The Case of Nehemiah Merritt being again opened in this meeting and after being Considered Defers it untill next meeting~

The friends appointed to Produce an Essay of a Denial ?& against David Palmer report the appointment answered, & produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows--

From our Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners 22d of 8mo 1793-

Whereas David Palmer a member of this meeting hath for the want of keeping to the Leading of Truth Deviated from Plainness & been to a place of Diversion & hath been often Laboured with to bring him to a sence thereof which not had the Desired Effect, therefore for the Clearing of Truth and our society of the reproach thereof do Testify against his said misconduct and Disown him to be any longer a member with us untill h by sincere repentance & amendment of Life he shall make satisfaction to this meeting, which that he may do is our desire~

signed in & by order of the above said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk

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Brownell Wilbur and William Woolley are appointed to Inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he Desires it also to read it at the Close of a first day meeting on the ridge if there is no reason to Expect an appeal & report~

The friends Continued in the case of Robert Young report they have wrote to him but has no return they are Continued to report in 10th month next~

The friends appointed to Visit Daniel ..J.. Dean on his request report thay have had an opportunity with him & Desire to have another therefore they are Continued in that service~

The friends appointed to Prepare an essay of a certificate of removal on behalf of William Cornwell & family Directed to Cornwell Monthly meeting reports the appointment answered & produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed~

Most of the friends appointed to attend the meeting at NewBritain report they have attended that meeting to a Degree of satisfaction under Consideration thereon allow them to hold a meeting there for five months and appoints Joseph Packham and Smiten Brownell oversee thereof, the following friends are appointed to attend said meeting & report their sence respecting a proposal going forward for the Establishing it When the time of holding it is out Viz- Brownell lake, Pontius Woolley, Joseph Mitchell, Joseph Talcott, William Woolley, Reuben Haight & Prince Bennett~

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Informs that Jacob Merritt Desires a Certificate of removal Directed to saratoga monthly meeting therefore appoints Joseph Mosher & Ammial Coffin to prepare one for him if the way be Clear & produce the next meeting~

Said meeting Likewise Informs that Benjamin Merritt a youth has gone to live with his father with in the limits of saratoga Monthly meeting therefore we appoints joseph Mosher & Ammial Coffin to prepare a certificate for him & produce to next meeting~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners this 18th of 9th Mo 1793

The Representatives Present~

The Clerk not being present Philip Hoag is appointed for this Time~

The writen Epistle from London not being now produced the representatives are again Continued therein

One of the friends appointed to add the minute respecting Administering Oaths as directed by the Yearly meeting to this meeting. Book of Discipline & that of the Preparative meeting report its accomplished as Directed~

The womens meeting Informs this that Miriam Holmes Desires to Come under friends care, & they are Easy that she be accepted, which being Considered is united with; and accepts her a member~

They also handed to this an Essay of a certificate on behalf of Mary Merritt directed to oblong Monthly meeting which being approved is signed~

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of Denial etc against Daniel Hoag report the appointment not answered by reason of his being gone a Distance therefore they are Continued~

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of denial etc against Moses Hallock report the appointment answered and produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows~

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From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners this 18th of 9th Mo 1793~~

Whereas Moses Hallock had a right of membership with us, but through inattention to the manifestation of truth, spread Evil reports about his neighbour and we having laboured to bring him to a sence of his Error which not having the Desired affect, we therefore testify against

his misconduct & Disown him as a member with us untill by repentance he doth make satisfaction to this Meeting, which we desire he may ~ signed in & by order of the above said meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk at this time

Prince Bennett and James Allay are appointed to Inform him of his Denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he desires at also to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if he manifests no Intention of appealing & Report~

Most of the friends Continued to Visit Gilbert Haight on his acknowledgement report they have had another opportunity with him & were of the mind there was a good Degree of sincerity in him, under Consideration thereon accepts his acknowledgement which is as follows-

To the Monthly meeting of friends held at Ninepartners 16 of 6mo 1793-

Whereas I have gone contrary to the rules and good order of Friends and the nature & spirit of Christianity in being in the practice of Backbiting tale Bearing and spreading Evil reports about my step Mother Mehitabel Brown: which I am sorry for and Condemn & Desire friends to receive me again under their watch and care

Gilbert Haight

John Allen and Philip Hoag are appointed to

Inform him thereof, also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners & report----

The Essay of a Denial produced Last month against Moses Vail being again Considered & friends appears most Easy to refer it unto next meeting~

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Metura Bowerman report the appointment answered~~

One of the friends Continued in the Case of Barnabas Macomber report they have had no account from him, therefore they are Continued

The friends appointed to read the Testification etc against Aaron Haight son of Gilbert report the appointment answered~

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Daniel Lossing report the appointment not answered therefore they are Continued~

The Case of Nehemiah Merritt being again opened; & after a Deliberation thereon Concludes to defer it unto next meeting~

Oswego Preparative Meeting forwarded a request (from a number of friends) for a meeting to be held at or near Stephen Deans; which after a time of Consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting at Stephen Deans, for three months on first days & fifth Days Except Preparative Monthly & Quarterly meeting weeks~

One of the friends appointed to read the Testification &c against David Palmer report the appointment answered

The friends Continued to Visit Daniel J Dean on his request report they have had another opportunity with him to a good Degree of satisfaction, believing

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there was sincerity in his request & Inquiry don't find but that his Life & Conversation is orderly; which being Considered it appears most Easy to be Left unto next meeting~

One of the friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Jacob Merritt Directed to Saratoga monthly meeting produced it, which not being satisfactory they are Continued to produce another at next meeting~

One of the friends appointed to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Benjamin Merritt Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting produced it, which being approved is signed ~~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of John Tripp, his wife Hannah & Two sons John & Anthony from the monthly meeting held at Oblong 12th of 8mo 1793~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting nominated to this Reuben Haight for an Overseer in the Place of Joseph Talcott which this meeting unites with and appoints him to that service~

Said meeting also Informs that Isaac Merritt hath been neglectful in attending our meetings, deviated from plainness; and has not been Careful to guard against the Corrupt Conversation of the world and removed from us contrary to the advice of friends under Consideration thereon appoints Joseph Talcott and John Allen to prepare a few Lines directed to saratoga Monthly meeting setting fourth the Circumstances of the Case & requesting their brotherly assistance in Labouring with him on those accounts in behalf of this meeting~

Said meeting further Informs, their subscriptions Completed & paid towards the Estimated sum for saratoga meeting House amounting to £9..7..6~

This meeting recd Stephen Titus receipt for £2..7..0 raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection also recd Stephen Titus receipt for £0..12007 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection~

This meeting now adjourns to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 16th of 10th Mo 1793.

The representatives Present Except one & a reason given

The written Epistle from London of Last year being now Produced, & read, which was to our satisfaction & Comfort~

The queries were read and answered in this meeting and are as follows

Ans was 1st ~ All meetings for worship & discipline are attended, tho a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, Clear of other Indeacent behaviour as far as appears & some care taken in Each deficiency ~

2nd ~ Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us, no differences appears

3d ~ Clear of Backbiting Tale bearing, or spreading Evil reports, as far as appears.

4th ~ We believe there is a good Degree of Care maintained amongst friends to keep themselves & those under their tuition in Plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, a neglect appears, & some Care taken It don't appear but that friends do frequently read the holy scriptures, & guard against reading pernicious books and not all Clear of the Corrupt Conversation of the world & advice given~~

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5th ~ Friends are in a good Degree careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spiritous liquors (one Instance excepted & under Care) and of frequenting Taverns (one Instance of

going to a place of Diversion, which is under care, Moderation & Temperance is observed at marriages, births and burials as far as we know~

6 th ~ The necessaries of the Poor are Inspected and they relieved where it appears necessary & their children partake of Learning to fit them for business, one friend Child Placed out from friends which is under care~

7 th ~ We know of no proposals of marriage without consent of parents or guardian, two instances of keeping company with one not of our society & care taken, parents appear clear of conniving thereat, one Instance of attending the marriage of one that gone out from us, which is under care~

8 th ~ No unreasonable proposals of marriage, or neglect of children's rights that we know of~

9th ~ We know of none that take oaths, pay priests wages, bear arms or other millitary service or that is concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, Lotteries or of Dealing in Prize good~

10th ~ Some neglect appears respecting making wills, & some advice given, Publick Gifts & legacies don't appear to be misapplied~

11th ~ No negroes amongst us as slaves, two youths & they in some way to get school learning ~

12th ~ Friends appear in a good Degree Careful to perform promises & pay their just debts, & Launtching into business beyond ability to manage~

13th ~ Some removals without Certificates & care taken ~

14 ~ A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders, measurably in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline

The friends Continued to Prepare an Essay of a Denial etc against Daniel Hoag Inform by a friends that the appointment is not answered by reason of his not being returned, therefore they are continued~

The friends appointed to read the Testification etc against Moses Hallock report the appointment answered

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgement etc from Gilbert Haight report the appointment answered ~

The Essay of a Denial against Moses Vail being again Considered in this meeting, which with some alteration is approved & signed & is as follows-

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 16th of 10th Mo 1793

Whereas Moses Vail a member of this meeting, hath Deviated from the rules of our society in not keeping to Plainness, & neglecting the Due attendance of our meetings, & being Laboured with to bring him to a sight of his misconduct the which not having the Desired Effect, therefore for the Clearing of truth this meeting doth Disown him from being any longer a member thereof, untill by a sincere repentance & amendment of Life he doth make satisfaction for his outgoings, which he may do it our Desire signed in & on behalf of said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk

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Tripp Mosher, David Haight & Smiton Brownwell are appointed to inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he Desires it also to read it at the close of a first Day meeting at New Britain if he manifests no Intention of appealing & report ~

The womens meeting Inform this that Eve Woolley Desires to come under friends care, & that it appeared to be the mind of their meeting to accept her request, under consideration thereon unites with them therein & accepts her a member ~

The womens meeting also Informs this, that Hannah Holmes wife of Stephen Desires to come under friends care, & that it appears to be the mind of their meeting to accept her, which after being considered unites with them therein and accepts her a member ~

The friends continued in the case of Barnabas Macomber report they have had no account from hm, therefore they are continued ~

The friends continued to read the Testification against Daniel Lossing report its ??

This meeting being Informed that Nehemiah Merritt is Deceased therefore his case is dropt ~

The request of Daniel J Dean being again opened & after a time of Deliberation thereon accept him a member & appoints John Drak & Garrett Burtis to inform him thereon & report ~

One of the friends continued to produce an Essay of a certificate on behalf of Jacob Merritt Direct to saratoga Monthly meeting produced it which being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to prepare sometimes directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting respecting the case of Isaac Merritt produced them which being approved & signed & Directs the clerk to forward them thereto ~

Most of the friends continued to visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgment report that they have not had an opportunity with him they are continued & Desired to attend thereto & report ~

The friends continued in the case of Robert Young report they have had no answer from him they are continued ~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on Ridge, report they have paid attention to the appointment & thought best for it to be continued under probation longer therefore allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for three months & continues the committee to attend said meeting, & report their sence respecting its going forward towards the Establishing of it when the time of holding it is out ~

Oswego Preparative meeting nominates Samuel Dorland Junr for an overseer which this meeting unites with & appoints him to that service ~

Said meeting also informs they have raised the sum of £3..11..0 for the further Expence of Saratoga Meeting House

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs their subscription completed & paid towards the estimated sum for Saratoga Meeting House amounting to £9..7..6

This meeting Directs the Treasurer to forward its proportion for finishing Saratoga Meeting

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Our Friend Daniel Aldrich attended this meeting with a certificate from the monthly meeting with a Certificate from the monthly meeting held at Uxbridge 26th of 7 mo 1793.

concured with by the Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth 8 of 8mo 1793 his company & Labours of Love was to our satisfaction.

Also our Friends Israel Saban attended this meeting with a Certificate from the monthly meeting held at Richmond 18 of 7 mo 1793 concured with by the Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth 8 of 8mo 1793. whose company was acceptable to us~

The committee that has the oversight of the Poor Inform they have Expended therefor £3..16..18 which the treasurer is Directed to pay~

[4 lines crossed out regarding Stephen Titus recepts]

The following friends appointed to attend next Quarterly meeting with accounts from this & produce such bisniness- as shall be recommended Down Viz- Tripp Mosher, John Drake, Prince Bennett & Reuben Haight.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted~

At a Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 20th of 11 Mo 1793~

The Representatives Present~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended ---- & produced the Extracts which are as follows~

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 6th of 11mo 1793 this meeting received an Extract of a minute from the meeting for sufferings which is as follows Viz--

At a meeting for sufferings held at New York 23d of 10th Mo 1793-

A weighty & affecting Consideration was at this reason sencibly felt on account of the sufferings & Distress which we have cause to believe the Inhabitants of Philadelphia do Experience from the awful visitation that hath been attended with Great mortality & still measurably Continues to attend that afflicted City & it being reasonably to Conclude, that many of our brethren there, as well as others are at Presents & During the approaching winter may participate in the distresses ~ incident to the general Calamity, the subject becomes feelingly interesting in the Views of this meeting & a brotherly sympathy was witnessed to attend ~ which opened to a prospect of imparting some pecuniary aid to their relief ~ & in order to render the same more affectual, as well as to convey the feeling sence of the Yearly meeting at Large on the affecting occasion~ it is recommended to our Quarterly meetings to Direct subscriptions Opened as soon as may be & that they request the respective monthly meetings to hand the money as it is raised to Edmund Prior, Robert Bowne, George Bowne, or Andrew Underhill in New York who are appointed to receive & forward it from time to time to the meeting for sufferings in Philadelphia to be Distributed to friends & others as that meeting may judge best~

A copy of the above minute is directed to Each of our Monthly meetings & on a consideration of the affecting & humiliating subject this meeting Earnestly Desires

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that friends, according to their several abilities, may be cided to Liberality & administer to the relief of our Distressed brethren, & request our monthly meetings to appoint committees to open subscriptions to raise money on that occasion as speedily as may be, & forward the same to the friends appointed to receive it, mentioned in the above Extract.

Therefore this meeting appoints the following friends to open subscriptions to collect money for the use mentioned in the above extract, viz; Stephen Dean, Jehu Woolley, Jonathan Deuil, John Christy, Joseph Mitchell, James Alley, John Mott & David Haight & report; also appoints John Allen to receive said money and forward it as directed~

Also a minute from the meeting for sufferings is received relative to friends taking an affirmation, & is as follows, a copy thereof is directed to the observance of friends of our monthly meetings Viz

A Renewed attention was given to the subject referred from last meeting relative to the Affirmation being offered, and we have cause to believe in some cases administered in a way injurious to our Testimony against oaths, we have therefore, for the Information of our members, subjoined a copy of the affirmation as established by Law in this state, & Earnestly Desire that friends be on their guard when called upon, to avoid holding up the hand, or to admit the words, (so help me God) being used, & friends are also recommended to be careful how they admit any addition thereto~~

The form of the affirmation as Established by law in this state is in the words following, viz: I _____ do solemnly, sincerely & truly declare and affirm

which is directed down to the observance of our Preparative meetings who are Desired to spread it further among friends that Live remote~

David Smith and Mary Southwick appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with Each other. Benjamin Mosher and Silvanus Gardner are appointed to inquire into the friends Clearness in relation to marriage & report at next meeting, where they are desired to attend for an answer~

Joseph Leavens handed to this meeting an acknowledgment condemning his Drinking strong drink to Excess, which after being considered, appoints Joseph Merritt and Shubel Coffin to visit him on that account, & report to next meeting their sense respecting his sincerity.

The friends continued to prepare an Essay of Denial etc against Daniel Hoag, report the appointment answered & produced it, which with some alteration being approved, is signed & is as follows.

[This acknowledgment is missing even though space was left for it.]

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David Reynolds and Reuben Haight are appointed to inform him of his denial & a right to his appeal, and give him a copy of it if he Desires it, also to read it at the close of a first Day meeting at NewBritain, if the way be clear & report it~

One of the friends appointed to read the Testification etc against Moses Vail report the appointment answered.

The friends continued in the care of Barnabas Macomber report they have had no answer from him. They are continued to report in 1 mo. next.

The friends appointed to Inform Daniel J. Dean of his being accepted a member, report the appointment answered~

The friends continued to visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgement report no visit performed to him & a reason given, they are continued in that service, Except William Mitchell, who is released from that appointment~

The friends continued in the case of Robert Young report they have attended to the appointment & have produced a few lines from him condemning his removing without the advice of friends which after being considered accepts it and continues the committee to produce an Essay of a Certificate Directed to Saratoga monthly meeting if the way be clear.

The womens meeting handed to this a certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Clapp, wife of Joseph, directed to Saratoga monthly meeting, which being approved, is signed~

was read, & accepted a certificate of removal on behalf of David Lawton and his wife Hannah and their children from the monthly meeting held at Newport for Rhode Island, 24 of 9th mo- 1793.

Saratoga monthly meeting informs this that they have in answer to the request of this meeting attended to the case of Gilbert Palmer & think he is in a suitable disposition to render it safe to accept his acknowledgment, under consideration thereon this meeting accepts it, which is as follows:

Danby y 26 of 1st no 1793.

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held at the Ninepartners next. Dear friends, under a consideration of my former misconduct which I have ben guilty of by reason of giving way to a Libertine spirit, & not keeping to the Pure principle of Truth in my own brest which might have preserved one from evil but contrary thereto have given way to the temptations of the adversary mens Happiness in so much as to be guilty of fornication with her that is now my wife & marrying in the meeting after such crimes were committed & likewise to deal with offenders & when accused with the said crimes, I Denyed the facts, all which brought great reproach on the blessed truth and scandal on our Profession all which I am Hartily sorry for & do condemn & do desire friends to pass it by & receive me under their care again. Gilbert Palmer. and appoints John Hoag & Isaac Thorn to read it at the close of first day meeting at Ninepartners; also to prepare a few lines in order to recomment him to Saratoga Monthly meeting & to produce to next meeting.

Was read & accepted a certificate of removal on behalf of James Hing from the monthly meeting held at Jericho, 15th of 8th mo., 1793.

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Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Nominates Joseh Mitchell for an Overseer in the Place of Pontius Woolley which this meeting unites with & appoints him to that Service. ~

Said meeting Informs that Samuel Moss has kept Company with one not of our society & has Married out of the unity of Friends after being Precautioned therefore this meeting appoints, John Allen & Josiah Haight to Inform him that the Meeting Concludes to Disown him, also to Prepare an Essay of a Denial & produce to next meeting ~

Said meeting also Informs that Charles Hoag has Disregarded our Testimony in attending Vain Diversion, & also kept Company with one not of our Society & has attended the marriage of one that went out from us therefore this meeting appoints Lawrence Dean & Brownell Wilbur to Labour with him for his restoration & Inform next meeting there sence respecting the Disposition of his mind ~

Also said Meeting Informs that Gideon Crandell Desires to Come under friends Care therefore we appoint, Pontius Woolley & Zophar Green to Visit him & Inquire into his Live &

Conversation and the grounds of his request & report to next meeting their sence respecting the Disposition of his mind ~

Said meeting further Informs that Benjamin Hammond has not kept to plainness & has been to a Place of Diversion therefore appoints James Alley and Jacob Haight to Labour with him for his restoration & inform next meeting their sence respecting the Disposition of his mind ~

Oswego Preparative meeting Informs that David Barker has Married Contrary to the order of friends, therefore this meeting appoints Stephen Bull and Enoch Dorland to Labour with him on that account for his restoration and Inform next meeting their sence of the Disposition of his mind ~

This meeting now adjourns to the Usual time in next month if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 18 of 12 mo. 1793

The Representatives Present ~

The Epistle from Philadelphia of Last Year being now read and the salatary advises therein Contained is to our Satisfaction

David Smith and Mary Southwick appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with each other. Inquiry being made & nothing appearing to hinder they are Left at Liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used among friends Silvanus Gardner & Benjamin Mosher are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate

The friends appointed to Open subscriptions to Collect money for the relief of friends & others at Philadelphia report they have attended to the appointment & raised £30..12..4 & paid it as directed ~

The friends appointed to Visit Joseph Leavens on his acknowledgment report they have had an opportunity with him & believe him to be sincear therein under Consideration thereon accepts it which is as follow -

To the Monthly meeting to be held at the Ninepartners the 20th of the 11th Mo. 1793 ~

Whereas I did once some time Past Inadvertently Drink strong Drink to Access for which I am very

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Sorry for & do Condemn & Desire that my friends may Pass by this mine offence & Continue me under their watchful Care If they shall think it best ~ Joseph Leavens -

Joseph Talcott & Reuben Haight are appointed to Inform him thereof, also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners & report ~

One of the friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Daniel Hoag report the appointment not answered by reason of his being gone a distance therefore they are Continued~

Three of the friends Continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgment report they have had an opportunity with him to a good Degree of satisfaction & thought there was sincerity in him, under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee in his case & report ~

The friends Continued to produce an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Robert Young Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting report the way is not Quite Clear they are Continued ~

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Gilbert Palmer, also to prepare a few Lines on his behalf Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting report its read but have not produced the Lines as Desired therefore they are Continued ~

The friends appointed to Labour with Charles Hoag on account of his misconduct report they have attended to the appointment & find that he has Married out & did not find him in a disposition suitable to make satisfaction under a deliberate Consideration thereon appoints William Woolley and Ammial Coffin to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him, also to Draw and Essay of a denial against him & produce to Next meeting ~

The friends appointed to Visit Gideon Crandall on his request report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given therefore they are Continued ~

The friends appointed to Labour with Benjamin Hammond on account of his misconduct report they have paid him a Visit and he appeared to be in some disposition of mind to made satisfaction, which after being Considered Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report with William Mitchell added ~

The friends appointed to Labour with David Barker on account of his misconduct report they have paid some attention to the appointment but had no opportunity with him & a reason given therefore they are Continued ~

The Womens meeting handed to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Jane Titus wife of Gilbert Titus 2d. from the Monthly Meeting held at Oblong 14th. of 10 Mo. 1793 which is accepted

the womens meeting handed to this an acknowledgment from Abigail Lamb Condemning her misconduct for which she was some time since Disowned & they easy to accept it with the concurrence of this meeting which after being Considered accepts it which is as follows -

To the Monthly Meeting at Ninepartners -

Dear Friends,

I have for some time had a Concern on my mind for my misstepings & unwatchfulness in days past, & have as Desire to make friends satisfaction for my misconduct in Keeping Company & marrying out of the unity & Contrary to the good order used amongst friends for all which I am heartyly sorry & do Condemn the Same & desire friends to pass by mine Offences & receive me again under their Care, These from Your Friend

Abigail Lamb Pitts Town 7th of 8th Mo. 1792

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The time the meeting was allowed for to be held at Stephen Deans being now expired & friends there desire to have it continued, therefore this meeting allows them to hold a meeting there as heretofore for six months ~

Jacob Haight informs that he desires to be releaved from the appointment of having the oversight of the poor. Therefore this meeting appoints James Willets in his place ~

This meeting received Stephen Titus receipt for £0:16:10 money raised at Oswego their quarterly collection - Ninepartners Preparative meeting informs of receiving Stephen Titus's receipt for £3:12:11 - money raised at Ninepartners their quarterly collection. That meeting is desired to forward said receipt to this meetings Clerk

The friends appointed to have the oversight of our Meetings respecting irregular conduct etc desires to be released: under consideration thereon this meeting releases them from that service ~

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 15th of 1st Mo 1794

The representatives Present

The queries were read & answered in this meeting and are as follows ~

1st All meetings for worship & Discipline are attended The hour observed; There is a Deficiency in some on account of the attendance as also the hour, Not all clear of sleeping & some care taken in Each Deficiency, Clear of other Indeacent behaviour as far a appears ~

2nd Love & Unity is maintained in a good Degree as becomes brethren, No differences that we know of ~

3rd There appears a small Deficiency on account of backbiting Tale Bearing & of spreading Evil reports and some care is taken ~

4th We belive there is a good Degree of care maintained amongst friends to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speech, behaviour, & of apparel altho a neglect appears but friends are Careful to read the holy scriptures, and to guard against reading pernicious books, not all clear of the corrupt conversation of the world, & some advice given ~

5th It don't appear but friends are Careful to avoid unnecessaru use of spirituous liquors; & of frequenting Taverns or Places of Diversion, two instances Excepted, which is under care, Moderation and Temperance is observed at marriages births & burials ~

6th The necessaties of the Poor are inspected & they relieved where it appeared necessary, & their children is in some way to get learning to fit them for business, no friends Child Placed out from friends ~

7th We know of none who make Proposals of marriage without concent of parents or guardian, or any that keeps company with those not of our society on that account, none known to attend the marriage of those that's gone out from us ~

8th No unseasonable propsoals of marriage, nor childrens rights neglected that appears ~

9th We know of none that take oaths, pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other military service, or that concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, Loteries or of dealing in Prize Goods ~

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10th Some neglect appears respecting making wills, & some advice given. Publick gifts & Legacies don't appear to be misapplied ~

11th No friends concerned in negroes as slaves that appears, Except making use of the produce of their Labour, two youths & they in some way to get school learning ~

12th Friends appear Careful to perform their promises and pay their debts, & of Launching into business beyond ability to manage, some Instances Excepted of not paying just Debts & some Care taken ~

13th Some removals without certificates, & some care taken

14th A good degree of care is taken to Deal with offenders, Measurably in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline ~

Moses Heustis and Phebe Pearson appeared in the Meeting & offered a proposal of marriage with each other, they having the consent of parents, Clark Wilbur & Jededia Talman are appointed to inquire into the young mans clearness in relation to marriage & report to next meeting, where they are desired to attend for an answer ~

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of David Smith & Mary Southwick report they attended it & discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & produced the marriage certificate ~

One of the friends appointed to read the acknowledgment etc of Jeavens report the appointment answered ~

The friends continued to read the testification etc. against Daniel Hoag made no report. Therefore they are continued ~

The friends continued in the case of Benjamin Anthony report they have not had an opportunity with him. Therefore they are continued to report in 4th Month next ~

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Aaron Palmer handed to this meeting an acknowledgment condemning his misconduct for which he was some time since disowned. Therefore this meeting appoints William Woolley & Benjamin Mosher to visit him & report to next meeting their sence respecting the disposition of his mind ~

The womens meeting handed to this, a Certificate on behalf of Abigail Lamb directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting, which being approved is signed ~

Said meeting handed to this an acknowledgment from Rachel Wood condemning her misconduct for which she was some time since disowned & they easy to accept it with the concurrence of this meeting. This meeting unites therewith & accepts it which is as follows --

To the Monthly meeting of friends at the great Ninepartners -

Whereas I have so far deviated from the principal[sic] of truth in my own breast as to disregard the advice of friends Y to marry contrary to the good order established among friends by a Priest after being precautioned, which I am sorry for & do condemn the same with desires that friends may pass it by Y receive me under their Christian care again ~ Rachel Wood
Danby the 6 of the 11th Mo 1793.

John Hoag & John Allen are appointed to read it at the close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners & report ~

The friends continued to produce an essay of a Certificate on behalf of Robert Young directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting report the appointment answered & produce it which being approved is signed ~

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The friends continued to produce lines on behalf of Gilbert Palmer to recommend him to Saratoga monthly meeting report the way is not clear. Therefore they are continued to write him the circumstances of the case & report ~

The friends continued to prepare an essay of denial etc against Samuel Mott report the appointment answered & produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows —

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 15th of 1st Mo 1794 -

Whereas Samuel Mott hath gone contrary to the order of friends in keeping company with one not of our society & marrying out of unity of friends after being advised to the contrary;

Therefore we do testify against his said misconduct & disown him from being any longer a member of our society untill he shall make satisfaction to this meeting which that he may be favoured to do is our desire. signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting by

Isaac Thorn Clerk

Philip Hoag & Joseph Talcott are appointed to inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he desires it. Also to read it at the close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be clear & report ~

The friends appointed to prepare an essay of denial etc against Charles Hoag report the appointment answered & produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed & is as follows —

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Ninepartners 15th of 1st Mo 1794

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Charles Hoag a member of this meeting having deviated from the order thereof in attending vain diversions, keeping company on the account of marriage with one not a member of our society & attending the marriage of one that married out from us Y marrying contrary to the order of friends & we having laboured with him for his restoration, which not having the desired affect;

We Testify against his misconduct & disown him as a member untill he by amendment of life doth make satisfaction to this meeting which that he may be favoured to do is our desire —

signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting by Isaac Thorn Clerk

James Alley & Abraham Swift are appointed to inform him of his denial & right to an appeal & give him a copy of it if he desires it. Also to read it at the close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be clear & report ~

The friends appointed to labour with Benjamin Hammond on his misconduct report they have paid him a visit & he appeared to have but little sence of his condition under consideration. Thereon continues the committee to visit him again & report ~

The friends appointed to labour with David Barker on his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & he appeared out of plainness & find he has kept company with one not of our society & marrying out of the unity of friends & he did not appear in a

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disposition suitable to make satisfaction. Which after being considered appoints Lawrence Dean & William McCoord to inform him that the meeting concludes to disown him. Also to prepare an essay of a denial against him & produce to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting at New Britain report they have visited that meeting & there appeared a good degree of order & solidarity, which was satisfying. Which after being considered this meeting is united in recommending the establishing of said meeting to the consideration of the quarterly meeting. & allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for 4 months ~

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they have attended that meeting & did not discover but that it was orderly conducted but thought best for it to be held longer under the care of this meeting. Which after being considered allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for six months & appoints the following friends to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction until the time of holding it is out Viz. - Stephen Dean, Samuel Dorland Junr, Benjamin Church, Isaac Thorn, Israel Titus, Pontius Woolley, Ammal Coffin & John Christy ~

The committee continued in the case of Barnabas Macomber report the way not quite clear but in a likely way. They are continued ~

The following friends are appointed to attend next quarterly meeting & carry forward such business as shall concern that & bring down such as shall be directed to this Viz. - Isaac Thorn, Garrett Burtis, Samuel Dorland Junr & Joseph Talcott.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted ~
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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 2d Mo 1794

The Representatives Present ~

The epistle from Rhode Island of 1792 was now read and the contents therein to our satisfaction ~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended & the extracts were produced which are as follows ~

At a quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 5th of 2d o 1794

The Monthly Meeting of Ninepartners by a minute proposes to this meetings consideration the establishing a meeting for worship at New Britain which, being deliberately and weightily considered, is united with & accordingly establishes a meeting there to be held on the days of the week as held heretofore ~

A proposal for subscribing for sundry books is by a minute from the Meeting for Sufferings the 10th of 12th Mo last recommended Viz:-

Some proposals for printing sundry books by subscription from the meeting for sufferings in London was communicated to this meeting, which are referred to our quarterly meetings in order that our Monthly meetings may give their members an opportunity to subscribe for such as they may think proper ~

The said minute with the proposals is by this meeting recommended to the observance of our Monthly meetings ~

The proposals respecting books the Clerk is directed to furnish each Preparative Meeting with ~

Moses Heustis and Phebe Pearson appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage. Inquiry being made nothing appeared to hinder, they are left at liberty to consummate the said marriage between this & next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends. Joseph Talcott & Jedediah Talman are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage certificate ~

One of the friends continued in the case of Daniel Hoag reports the appointment not answered by reason of the distance he now resides. They are continued to report to next meeting how far they have proceeded ~

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The Friends appointed to visit Aaron Palmer on his acknowledgment report they have had an opportunity with him and Desire to have another therefore they are continued ~

One of the friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Rachel Wood report appointment answered ~

The friends continued in the case of Gilbert Palmer report they have wrote to him but had no return therefore they are continued ~

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Samuel Mott report the appointment answered ~

The request of Gideon Crandall being again opened in this meeting & after a deliberate consideration thereon this meeting accepts him a member & appoints Reuben Haight, William Valentine & Garret Burtis to Inform him thereof & report.

The friends continued to labour with Benjamin Hammond on his misconduct report they have paid some attention but not had an opportunity with him & he handed to this meeting an acknowledgment which after being considered continued the committee in that service.

The womans meeting informs this that Dorcas Crandall wife of Gideon Desires to come under friends care & after visiting her they are Easy to accept her, with the concurrence of this meeting - this meeting concurs therewith & accepts her a member.

They also Inform that Margaret Palmer wife of Aaron desires to come under friends care and after visiting her they are easy to accept her, with the concurrence of this, this meeting concurs therewith & accepts her a member.

Said meeting handed to this, a certificate to Recommend Rachel Wood to Saratoga Monthly Meeting. Which is approved and signed ~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs that Jonathan Haight desires a few Lines Directed to Shapaquic [Chappaqua] Monthly Meeting on account of marriage therefore this meeting appoints John Hoag and Isaac Thorn to prepare same on his behalf if the way be clear & produce to next meeting.

Said meeting Informs that Wng Hiller has gone out of plainness & has attended a place of diversion, therefore this meeting appoints Abraham Swift and William Valentine to labour with him for his restoration & report to next meeting their sence respecting the disposition of his mind.

Said meeting also informs that Richard Haight has been frequently disobedient & abusive to his Parents, also in the practice of using vain & corrupt conversation we therefore appoint Tripp Mosher and Israel Titus to Labour with him for his restoration & report to next meeting their sence respecting the disposition of his mind.

Said meeting further informs that Peter Hollock Desires a Certificate of removal directed to saratoga Monthly meeting we therefore appoint Pontius Woolley & James Alley to prepare an essay on his behalf if the way be clear & produce to next meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare an essay of a denial &c against David Barker report the appointment answered and produced it here which with some attention being approved is signed & is as follows -

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 2d Mo 1794

Whereas David Barker Junr a member of this meeting by not taking heed to the manifestation of Truth which should have preserved him in Innocency, hath gone into disorder such as not keeping to plainness & keeping Company with and marrying one not of our society. Therefore for the clearing of Truth we do Testify against his said misconduct & disown him from being any Longer a member with us untill by repentance

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and amendment of Life ? Levhall make satisfaction to this meeting which we desire he may be favoured to do-Signed in & behalf of said meeting Isaac Thorn Clerk.

Samuel Dorland Junr and John Christy are appointed to inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & to give him a Copy of it if he desires it also to read it at the Close of the first Day meeting at Oswego if the way be Clear & report.

The friends Continued to prepare some Lines on behalf of Barnabas Macomber to recommend him to Saratoga monthly meeting report of the appointment answered & produced them which with some alteration being approved is signed

Enoch Dorland Informed this meeting in writing that he desired a few Lines directed to Oblong Monthly meeting on account of marriage therefore this meeting appoints Lawrence Dean & Abraham Storms to prepare some on his behalf is the way be Clear & produce to next meeting

The friends that has the Oversight of the Poor produced an account of £8..14..10 being Expended therefore which this meeting directs the Treasurer to pay.

This meeting appoints the following friends to settle with this meetings Treasurer & report the state of the Case to next meeting Viz Joseph Talcott, Philip Hoag & Samuel Dorland Junr

The Trustees of Friends Schools of Ninepartners Preparative Meeting proposes to this meetings Consideration of erecting a general Boarding School to be Constituted by the monthly meetings of this Quarter which is concluded to be deferred to next meetings Consideration.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual Time if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 19th of 3 Mo 1794

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Moses Huestis and Pheobe Pearson report they attended & it appeared to be conducted in a good Degree orderly & produced the marriage Certificate:-

The friends Continued in the Care of Daniel Hoag report the appointment answered.

The friends continued to visit Aaron Palmer acknowledgment report they have have another opportunity with him to a good Degree of satisfaction & thought him to be sincere in his acknowledgement after a Deliberate Consideration there on accepts it which is as follows

To the Monthly meeting to be held at Ninepartners the 15th of the 5th Mo 1794.

Dear Friends, By not taking heed to the Manifestation of truth within I was led into Disorders such as not keeping to Plainness & Marrying out from among friends all which

misconduct. I am sorry for this & Do Condemn & Desire friends to pass it by & receive me under your Christian Care again. Aaron Palmer

Joseph Mitchell & Samuel Dorland Junr are appointed to inform him thereof, also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting that is held at Stephen Deans & report.

The friends continued in the case of Gilbert Palmer report the way appears to be Clear & Produced an Essay of a Certificate Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting which being approved is signed.

The friends appointed to Inform Gideon Crandall of his reception report they have attended to the matter but its not fully answered they are continued.

Two of the friends Continued to Labour with Benjamin Hammond report they have Visited him but Little satisfaction Respecting the sincerity of his acknowledgement under consideration thereon continues the committee to Visit him again & report.

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The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against David Barker Junr report the appointment not answered and a reason given they are Continued.

The friends appointed to prepare some Lines on behalf of Jonathan Haight Directed to Shapaque [Chappaqua] Monthly meeting on account of marriage report they have made Inquiry & find nothing to hinder, & produced them, which is approved & Signed.

One of the friends appointed to Labour with Wing Hiller on account of his misconduct report they have paid some attention but not had an opportunity with him therefore they are Continued.

One of the friends appointed to Labour with Richard Haight on his misconduct report some attention to the appointment & he produced an acknowledgment Which after being Considered Continues the Committee in that service & report.

The Womens meeting handed to this an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Mary Hallock with of Peter Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting which with some alteration being approved is signed.

Said meeting Informs that Sarah McConn formerly Vail hath Deviated from Plainness, & kept Company and married out from amongst friends & after Visiting her it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be Disowned with the Concurrence of this; this meeting Concurs therewith & appoints Isaac Thorn & Ammal Coffin to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against her & report.

The friends appointed to Prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Peter Hallock Directed to saratoga monthly meeting produced one which being approved is signed.

The friends appointed to prepare some Lines on behalf of Enoch Dorland Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting on account of marriage report they have made Inquire & find nothing to hinder & produced them which is approved & signed.

The friends appointed to settle with the Treasurer report agreeable to appointment they have Examined the Treasurers accounts & find in his hands the sum of £32..17..3 the property of this meeting: they also Observe they find the sum of £17..19..8 Lodged with this meetings Treasurer belonging to Ninepartners Preparative meeting as noted at Last settlement, which, said Preparative meeting is desired to take Charge of.

The proposal handed to Last meeting respecting a general Boarding school was again Considered and after a free Communication of Prospects hereon, resulted in appointing the following friends to revise the minute which came from the Trustees more agreeable to the wish of this meeting, also to spread this Information among the several monthly meetings in the Compass of this Quarter; desiring their Consideration with their Prospect on this subject to be brought to next Quarter Viz. Joseph Talcott, Tripp Mosher, John Allen, John Hoag, Isaac Thorn, Lophar Green, Ammial Coffin and Stephen Titus.

This meeting taking into Consideration the request for holding a meeting at Israel Titus's, unites in allowing a meeting there to be held once in a month, for three months on first Day following this meeting at the Eleventh hour, and appoints the following friends to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction When the time of holding it is out Viz. Tripp Mosher, Solomon Haight, Lophar Green, John Allen and Joseph Talcott.

Ninepartners Preparative meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgment from Edward White Condemning Divers Disorders for which he was some time since Disowned therefore this meeting appoints Joseph Mitchell & Prince Bennett to Prepare some Lines suitable to the occasion Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting & produce to next meeting.

Said meeting also Informs that Edward Palmer Junr has been neglectful in the attendance of meetings & has attended places of Diversion therefore this meeting appoints Silvanus

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Gardner & Josiah Haight to Labour with him for his restoration & report to next meeting their sence they have of the situation of his mind.

Said meeting further Informs they have raised £12..4..4 towards the Quota'd Sum on this meeting for finishing Saratoga meeting house, which was forwarded by the Treasurer agreeable to the Direction of this meeting.

Oswego Preparative meeting Informs that Jonathan Sheldon is Desirous of a Certificate of removal Directed to Hudson Monthly meeting, We therefore appoint Joseph Hoxsie & John Dorland to make the Necessary Inquire and produce an Essay for that Purpose (if the way be Clear to next meeting.

This meeting recd Stephen Titus's receipt for £2..19..6 Raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection - also received Stephen Titus's receipt for £0..14..0 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 16 of 4 mo 1794.

The Representatives Present

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting & are as follows

Ansr 1 ~ All meetings for worship & Discipline are attended, though a slackness appears in some, the hour nearly observed, not all Clear of sleeping, clear of other indeacent behaviour as far as appears, & some Laboure Extended in each Deficiency.

2d ~ Love & unity is in a good Degree maintained amongst us, No Differences known to arise.

3d ~ It dont appear but that we are Clear of Backbiting tale Bearing & spreading Evil reports, Except some Instances of Tale bearing, in which advice has been given.

4th ~ We believe there is a good Degree of Care maintained amongst friends to keep themselves, & all those under their Tuition, in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel. altho a slackness appears in some; It dont appear but friends are careful to read the holy scriptures, & to guard against reading pernicious Books, Not quite Clear of the Corrupt Conversation of the world, & some care taken in each Deficiency.

5th ~ It dont appear but friends are Careful to avoid the Unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors, & of frequenting Taverns, & places of Diversion, save one instance of attending a place of diversion which is under Care.

6 ~ The necessaties of the Poor are inspected & some relief administred, & their Children partake of some Learning to fit them for business, No friends Chiled placed out from friends that appear.

7th ~ We know of none who made proposals of marriage without Consent of Parents or guardian, or any that keep Company with those not of our society on that account, none known to attend the marriage of those that go out from us.

8 ~ Clear of making Proposals of marriage too Early after the Decease of former Husband or wife. No neglect of Childrens rights that appears.

9th ~ We know of none that take Oaths, Pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other military service, or thats concerned in fraudulent or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries or of dealing in Prize goods; Except the use of the produce of the Labour of Persons held in Slavery.

10th ~ Some Neglect respecting Wills, & some advice given Publick Gifts & Legacies dont appear to be misapplied.

11th ~ No friends Concerned in negroes as slaves, two youths and they in a way to get school Learning.

12th ~ Some friends appear not Quite Careful enough to perform their Promises & pay Just Debts, & of Launching into business beyound ability to mannage & some advice given.

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13th ~ Some removals without Certificates & some Care taken

14 ~ A good Degree of Care is taken seasonably to Deal with offenders, measurably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to Discipline

The answers to the four Annual Queries are -

Ansr 1 ~ No Minister or Elder Deceased since Last Year No Memorial Concerning any Deceased friend.

2 ~ No new meeting house built, one Meeting Settled at New Britain.

3 ~ Divers joined in society with us by Convincement since Last Year.

4 ~ The Queries are read & answered as Directed and the reports made in this meeting are founded thereon

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of Aaron Palmer report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued to Inform Gideon Crandall of his reception report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued to Labour with Benjamin Hammond report they have paid him another Visit to but Little or no Satisfaction Which after being Deliberately Considered this meeting appears most Easy to Defer it untill next meeting for further Consideration

The friends Continued to read the Testification &c against David Barker Junr. report they have paid some attention but its not fully answered they are Continued.

The friends Continued to Labour with Wing Hiller on his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him & he Did not appear in a suitable Disposition to make friends satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report.

The friends Continued to Labour with Richard Haight on his misconduct report they have paid him a Visit and

it appeared to them he was in some Degree sensible of his out goings under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report.

The friends appointed to assist the women in drawing an Essay of a denial against Sarah McConn formerly Vail report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed and is as follows - From our Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners the 16 of 4 mo 1794

Sarah McConn formerly Vail hast kept Company & married out from amongst friends: she being Laboured with for her restoration which not having the Desired Effect, therefore we Testify against her said misconduct and Disown her from being any Longer a member with us, untill by repentance & amendment of Life she shall make satisfaction to this meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in & on behalf of our said meeting by

{ Isaac Thorn Clerk

{ Anna Thorn Clerk

Joseph Talcot and Smiten Brownell are desired to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at newbritain if the way be Clear and report.

The friends appointed to revise the minute that Came from the Trustees of Ninepartners Preparative meeting respecting a general Boarding School, & to forward Copies thereof to the other Monthly meetings in this Quarter; report attention thereto; The above mentioned minute with the amount of friends Subscription of this meeting is Directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting in Which is £ -

The friends appointed to prepare some Lines Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting respecting the acknowledgment of Edward White produced them Which being approved & signed.

The womens meeting Informed this, that Susanna Hart wife of Philip Desires to Come under friends Care & after Visiting her they are easy to accept her with the Concurrence of this meeting; this meeting Concurs therewith & accepts her a member.

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They also Inform that Rachel McCoord wife of William Desires to Come under friends Care & after Visiting her they are Easy to accept her with the Concurrence of this, this meeting unites therewith & accepts her a member.

The friends appointed to labour with Edward Palmer Junr. on his misconduct report they have paid some attention to the appointment but not had an opportunity with him therefore they are Continued in that service.

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Jonathan Sheldon Directed to Hudson Monthly meeting report they have attended to the appointment but the way did not appear Clear therefore they are Continued.

Part of the Committee Continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgment report they have had an opportunity with him to a Degree of satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues them to Visit him again & report.

The Number of Books signed for by friends of Ninepartners Preparative Meeting are as follows - 4 sets by William Sewel, 9 of the Life of Richard Davis, 9 the Life of Samuel Bownas? 14 the Life of John Gratton, 11 sets Piety Promoted? [smudge]

Ninepartners Preparative meeting forwarded to this a request from friends at Newbritain for holding a Prparative meeting there, which after being Considered friends appear united in Laying it before our next Quarterly meeting.

Said meeting also furnish us with an account that one School has been Continued the year Past & another part of the time under the direction of its Trustees Which account is directed to the Quarter.

This meeting is informed (by the Committee appointed for that Purpose,) that Heny Post with their Concurrence

has removed within the compass of saratoga Monthly meeting therefore we appoint Brownell Willlear and William Woolley to make the necessary Inquiry; Prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal for that Purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting.

The following friends are appointed to attend next Quarterly meeting with the accounts from this & report producing such Business as shall be Directed Down Viz - Prince Bennett, James Alley, Samuel Dorland Junr. & Lawrence Dean.

This meeting adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 14th of 5 mo 1794

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend Last Quarterly Meeting attended to the appointment & no business appeared to be Directed Down.

The Case of Benjamin Hammond being again opened in this meeting & after being Considered Defers it untill next meeting for further Consideration.

The friends Continued to read the Testification &c against David Barker Junr. report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued to Labour with Wing Hiller report they have ahd another Opportunity with him, & did not appear in suitable Disposition to make friends satisfaction which after being deliberately Considered appoints, Silvanus Gardner and Ammial Coffin to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to disown him, also to Draw an Essay of a Denial against him & produce to next meeting.

One of the friends Continued to Labour with Richard Haight on his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given therefore they are Continued in that service.

One of the friends appointed to read the Testification against Sarah McConn report the appointed answered.

The friends appointed to Labour with Edward Palmer Junr. on his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him

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and he did not appear in a disposition to make satisfaction under Consideration thereon we appoint Clark Wilbur & Jonathan Deuel to Inform him that the meeting Concludes to Disown him also to prepare an Essay of a Denial against him & produce to next meeting.

The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Jonathan Sheldon Directed to Hudson Monthly Meeting, report the way still appears not Clear they are Continued in that service.

The friends Continued to Visit Benjamin Anthony on his acknowledgment report they have had another opportunity with him to some Degree of satisfaction which after being Deliberately Considered recommends his Case to Cornwell Monthly meeting Desiring their Brotherly assistance in Visiting him on behalf of this meeting & Inform us their sence respecting the sincerity of his acknowledgment. The Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a Copy of this minute, as also his acknowledgment.

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Henry Post Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting produced it which being approved is signed.

At this meeting was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joseph Arnold & his wife Elizabeth & their Children from the monthly meeting held at Oblong 14 of 4 mo. 1794.

Also one on behalf of Benjamin Lancaster a Minor from the monthly meeting held at Oblong 17 of 3 mo. Last,

also was read & accepted, Certificates on behalf of William Cromwell & David Lane, from the monthly meeting held at Hudson the 23 of 1st Mo. 1794.

A Certificate of removal was read & accepted on behalf of Sarah Arnold from the Monthly meeting of Oblong held 12 of 5 mo 1794.

The womens meeting Informed this that Mary Titus wife of Benjamin has a desire to Come under friends Care & after Visiting her it appears to be the mind of their meeting to accept her with the Concurrence of this, this meeting unites therewith and accepts her a member.

Richard Post has returned within the Compass of this meeting with the Certificate he had Directed to New York Monthly Meeting with an Indorsment on it which is accepted.

This meeting is Informed by one of the friends appointed for that Purpose, that Daniel Howland has removed within the Compass of Shapauqua [Chappaqua] Monthly Meeting & Desires a Certificate Directed thereto, therefore we appoint Lawrence Dean & William McCoord to make the necessary Inquire & prepare an Essay if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting.

Our Friend Elizabeth Haight in a weighty manner Laid before this meeting a Concern that she has had on her mind for some time to pay a religious Visit to friends in the Southern

states which after being weightily Considered, united in appointing a Committee to Join with the women in taking her said Concern under solid Consideration & Inform next meeting their prospects thereon Viz Lophar Green, Tripp Mosher, Isaac Thorn, William Mitchell, John Hoag & Pontius Woolley.

This meeting now taking into Consideration the appointing some friends to have the Oversight of our meetings respecting Irregular Conduct &c and is thought best to be again Continued Therefore appoints James Willets, Jonathan Deuel, James Alley and Jacob Haight, to that Service.

This meeting now adjourns to meet next month at the usual time if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18th of 6 mo. 1794

The Representatives Present Except one & a reason given.

The Case of Benjamin Hammond being again opened & after a Deliberation thereon, Defers the further Consideration of his case to next meetin.

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a denial &c against Wing Hiller report the appointment answered and produced it here, which being approved is signed & is as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Ninepartners 18 of 6 Mo. 1794.

Wing Hiller, a member of this meeting, having Deviated

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from its order in going out from plainness, & attending a place of diversion & we having Laboured with him for his restoration and it not having the desired effect, We Testify against his misconduct & disown him as a member untill he by amendment of Life doth make satisfaction to this meeting which he may be favoured to do is our desire.

Signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting - by Isaac Thorn Clk

Joseph Talcott & Ammial Coffin are appointed to Inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a Copy of it if he desires it also to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear and report.

The friends Continued to Labour with Richard Haight on account of his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him, & a reason given they are Continued in that service.

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of Denial &c against Edward Palmer Junr. report the appointment answered & produced it here which with some alteration being approved is signed & is as follows.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 18 of 6 Mo. 1794.

Whereas Edward Palmer Junr. a member of this meeting, by not taking heed to the manifestations of truth hath been neglectful of the attendance of our meetings, & hath attended places of diversion & he having been Laboured with to bring him to a sence of his Error, the which not having the Desired Effect, therefore for the Clearing of Truth, this meeting doth Testify against said misconduct & disown him from being any Longer a member thereof, untill by a sincear repentance and amendment of Life he shall make satisfaction for his out goings, which he may be favoured to do is our Desire - Signed in & on behalf of our Monthly meet'g by Isaac Thorn Clerk.

John Mitchell, & John Hoag are appointed to Inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a Copy of it if he Desires it

also to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear & report.

The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Jonathan Sheldon Directed to Hudson monthly meeting report the way is not yet Clear therefore they are Continued.

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Daniel Howland Directed to Shapaqua [Chappaqua] Monthly meeting report the way appears not Clear they are Continued in that service.

The Committee in the Case of Elizabeth Haight report they have paid some attention thereto, therefore they are Continued in that service.

The friends appointed to attend the meeting held at Israel Titus's, report they have attended, to a good Degree of Satisfaction, under Consideration thereon, allows a meeting there to be held once a month for three Months on first Day following this meeting at the Eleventh hour & appoints the following friends to attend the meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out Viz - Pontius Woolley, Shubel Coffin, John Hoag, John Allen, Benjamin Church, Stephen Dean and Tophar Green.

The womens meeting Informed this, that Priscilla Hiller hath deviated from plainness, of speech, behaviour & apparel and after the necessary Care being taken they have come to a Conclusion to disown her, with the Concurrence of this, this meeting Concurs therewith & appoints Joseph Mitchell & Silvanus Gardner to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a denial against her & report.

The time the meeting that was allowed to be held at Stephen Deans being now Expired & friends there Desire that it might be Continued, under Consideration thereon, allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for six months.

Ninepartners Preparative meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgment from William Irish Condemning his marrying Contrary to the order of friends, as he was Disowned in the time that Oblong & Ninepartners were one monthly meeting we appoint Abishai Coffin & John Hoag to Examin the minutes in his Case & inform next meeting.

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Said meeting also Informs that William Peters has a Desire to Come under friends Care, therefore this meeting appoints Garret Burtis, Isaac Thorn, Lophar Green, and Israel Titus to Visit him & inquire into his Life and Conversation & the grounds of his request & Inform next meeting their sence respecting the disposition of his mind.

Said meeting further Informs, that Moses Vail has removed to Troy, and as his Children are members, this meeting appoints, James Allay & Solomon Haight to join with the women in preparing an Essay of a Certificate on their behalf Directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting & produce it to next meeting.

This meeting recd. Stephen Titus's receipt for £2..2..6 raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection
also recd. Stephen Titus's receipt for £0..14..6 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection.
This meeting now adjourns to meet next mo. at the usual time if permitted.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners the 16th of 7 Mo 1794

The Representatives Present.

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting & are as follows.

Ansr 1st. ~ All our Meetings for Religious worship & Discipline are attended, tho divers are remis herein the hour nearly observed, Sleeping in meetings is still given way to by some, Clear of other indeacent behaviour as far as appears, & some Labour Extended in each Definiency

2nd ~ Love & unity are in a good Degree maintained amongst us, as becomes brethren, & no Differences apparent ~

3d ~ It dont appear but that friends are Clare of Backbiting, Tale bearing, & spreading Evil reports.

4th ~ Most friends appear in a good Degree Careful to keep themselves and all those under their Care in Plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, tho there is a deficiency in some, & some Care taken, it dont appear but that friends are Careful to

read the holy scriptures & to guard agains reading pernicious Books & the Corrupt Conversation of the world.

5th ~ It dont appear but that friends are Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns & places of Diversion & to keep in moderation on account of marriages births & burials ~

6 ~ Poor friends necessaties are inspected & relief administred, their Children partake of some Leaning - no friends Child placed out from friends ~

7th ~ We know of none who make proposals of marriage without Consent of Parents or Guardian, or keep Company with those not of our society on that account - None known to attend the marriages of those who have gone out from us.

8 ~ Clear of making proposals of Marriage to Early after the decease of former husband or wife - No neglect of Childrens rights that appears ~

9 ~ We know of none that take oaths, pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other Military service or that is Concerned in fraudulent or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries, or of Dealing in Prize goods, Except the use of the produce of Persons held in slavery.

10 ~ Most friends are Careful to make their Wills seasonably No misapplication of Publick gifts or Legacies that appears.

11 ~ No friends Concerned in negroes as slaves, one YOUTH & he in a way to get Learning ~

12 ~ We believe friends are in a good Degree Careful to perform their promises & pay their Just Debts, & not Launch into business beyond ability to manage, tho one Deficiency of not paying Just Debts seasonably is apparent & Care taken ~

13 ~ Some removals without Certificates and some Care taken ~

14 ~ A good Degree of Care is taken to Deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to our Discipline ~

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The Case of Benjamin Hammond being again opened in this meeting & after being Considered Defers his Case untill next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Wing Hiller report the appointment not answered & a reason given they are continued ~

The friends Continued in the Case of Richard Haight report they have not had an opportunity with and a reason given, they are Continued in that service with Lophar Green added.

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Edward Palmer Junr. report they have attended to the appointment but its not fully answered they are continued.
The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Jonathan Sheldon Directed to Hudson Monthly Meeting report the appointment answered & produced one which with some alteration is approved and signed ~
The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Daniel Howland report they have attended to the appointment but not fully answered it they are Continued.

The Committee in the Case of Elizabeth Haight report they have paid further attention with the women friends & dont find any thing to hinder, & though there was an Increase of weight in her Concern which after being Considered Defers it untill next meetinf for further Consideration.

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Testification against Priscilly Hiller report the appointment answered, & the women produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows ~

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Ninepartners 16 of 7 M. 1794 -

Priscilla Hiller a member of this meeting has Deviated from the order thereof in going out from plainness in speech behaviour & apparel, and she having been laboured with from time to time which not having the desired affect therefore we do Testify against her said misconduct & disown her as a Member untill by repentance & amendment of Life she doth make satisfaction to this meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire - signed in & on behalf of sd. Meeting by { Isaac Thorn Clerk

{ Anna Thorn Clerk

John Hoag and Joseph Mitchell are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear & report.

The womens meeting Informed this that Anna Peters wife of William Desires to Come under friend's Care & after Visiting her they are easy to accept with the Concurrence of This; this meeting unites therewith & accepts her a member.

Said meeting also Informs that Phebe Titus Daughter of Israel has Deviated from plainness, keeping Company with one not of our society, & neglecting the attendance of meetings & after Visiting her it appears to be the mind of their meeting to Disown her, with this meetings Concurrence, which after being Considered defers it untill next meeting for further Consideration.

Three of the friends appointed to Visit William Peters on his request report they have paid him a Visit to some Satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report.

The friends appointed to Join with the women in preparing an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Moses Vails Children produced one which not being fully satisfactory they are Continued in that Service.

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The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the lioge? report they have attended that meeting to some satisfaction which after being Considered allows friends there to hold a meeting there as usual for six Months & appoints the following friends to attend that meeting & report their Satisfaction when the time of holding it is out Viz. Joseph Mitchel, Abraham Swift, John Drake, Stephen Bull, James Willets, Jacob Haight, & Shubel Coffin ~

This meeting received the following Information from Saratoga Monthly meeting held 16 of 5 Mo 1794

We have Complied with your request in Labouring with Isaac Merritt on account of the Disorders therein named, & also for Trading in Distill'd Spirituous Liquors and it is our sence that he is not in a suitable State of mind to make satisfaction. ~ The Consideration of which is Left untill next Meeting.

Brownell Wilbur requesting to be released from the place of an Overseer & after Considering the same he is accordingly dismissed from that service and, Clark Wilbur is appointed thereto.

The Certificate forwarded to Nantucket Monthly meeting on behalf of Mary Lossing & her Daughter Charlotta being returned to this meeting with Information that the place where they Live is not Considered to be in the Verge of their meeting.

This meeting appoints the following friends to attend our next Quarterly meeting with the accounts & report to next meeting producing such Business as may be recommended Down Viz. Jonathan Deuel Jedediah Talman, Abraham Swift & James Allay

adjourns to the usual time in next month -

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 20 of 8 Mo. 1794

The Representatives Present ~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended to the appointment & produced 206 Copies of the Printed General Epistle from London of 1793 the reading of one is Left untill next meeting. - The representatives are requested to proportion & forward them to our Preparative meetings.

The Extracts from our Quarterly meeting are also received and are as follows.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Ninepartners 6th of 8 Mo. 1794

In the Extracts from the Yearly meeting now received respecting the state of society; reference had to the accounts that were handed up from this meeting; the many Deficiencies therein appeared, was Cause of Concern & Great Exercise to the Yearly meeting Which also on Consideration thereon; and the Continued Deficiencies Still amongst us; is a painful Exercise to this meeting, with Desires that our Montly & Preparative meetings would Duly attend to and Consider the remarks & advice in the following Extracts Viz -

The state of society as represented in the accounts from the Quarters Came renewed by under Consideration by recurring to the Sumery answers to the Queries; which give Evidence of the departure of many in divers Instances from a state of humble Watchfulness; and that some

of these Instances afford Emereasing Cause of Concern, & the meeting was deeply Led into an affecting Consideration of the subject, & Divers Lively & Instructive remarks were made, tending to Excite to a due attention to the Spirit & intention of the Queries, & that a Close Examination may Individually take place, with an Enquire how far our Conduct Contribute to the painful Exercise of the Body, And ardent desires are witnessed that friends may be encouraged to renewed and Encreased exersion and Care to repair the Breaches Complained of, this meeting recommends the weighty attention thereof Down to our Preparative meetings.

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And the yearly meeting Directs that if any friend Do accept any Post of Profit and honour in government that Information thereof be brought forward to next yearly meeting ~...the observation of which is requested of our monthly meetings and that if any Instance should occur that this meeting be seasonably Informed thereof ~

and the following minutes from the yearly meeting are by this meeting Directed to be added as requested to all the Copies of the book of Discipline; which our subordinate meetings are requested to attend to & report to next meeting, Viz ~ It is Concluded that when any friend of the Ministry has a prospect of Duty to Cross the sea on a religious Visit and has obtained the Concurrence and Certificate of the monthly meeting and approbation of the Quarters Involved; that the Concern be said before the yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders with the Cerificate of that Concurrence be also give and the friend then Left at Liberty to go forward in the Concern; & that the Indorsment of the Quarters and Certificate of the Yearly meeting of ministers & Elders be signed by the Clerk only.

It is concluded that our monthly meetings do not read publickly Ancnowledgments from persons who have been pulickly Disowned Unless in Cases of Publick Scandal and in those Caus the Publick reading to take place only in Instances where Monthly meetings may Judge that our Testimony or the Individual may sustain an Injury by the omission, and it is directed that this Conclusion be added to our Discipline and to the Copies in all our Subordinate meetings.

The Committee to take into View the Subject relative to recommending Ministers and the appointing Elders - having attended thereto, are united in proposing to the Yearly meeting that when a friend is proposed by the select Preparative meeting to the Monthly meeting to be recommended as a Minister & the monthly meeting is united therewith that Information thereof be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting of Ministers

and elders - and if approved of by that meeting such Friend to be Considered a member of the meeting of Ministers and Elders. ~

And in the Appointing Elders the proposal in Like manner go from the select Preparative to the Monthly meeting and if approved by the monthly such friends to be Considered members of the Meetings of Ministers and Elders. and the Quarterly select meeting to be Informed of such appointment Signed &c which after a Deliberate attention thereon was united with & it is Directed that our monthly meetings in future proceed according thereto and the same with the minute of this meeting respecting friends in the ministry traveling beyond sea be Entered in our Book of Discipline and our Quarterly meetings are Directed to have the same entered in the Copies belonging to all their subordinate meetings. ~ This meeting appoints Isaac Thorn,

Joseph Talcott & Samuel Dorland Junr. to enter the above minutes as directed to this and the Preparative meetings Books of Discipline & report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of a Preparative meeting at Newbritain report that they have attended that meeting to a Degree of satisfaction and proposed to this meeting the Establishing a Preparative meeting there; this meeting taking the same into Deliberate Consideration unites therewith and Directs that the meeting be held there on fourth Days of the week preceeding the 2d. fifth Day in Each month. - And this meeting appoints the following friends to attend the opening of said meeting, also to furnish that meeting with a Copy of the Book of Discipline & Inform next meeting Viz - William Mitchell, Ammial Coffin, Jedediah Talman & John Allen ---

Most of the Committee to Consider & Confer with the Monthly meeting of Hudson respecting Building a Meeting House there report that they are united in the size of 37 by 51 feet in the Clear and to be build with bricks Two stories high, which this meeting Concurs with and Directs our Monthly meetings to open subscriptions to raise money on the Expense of Building said House & report; - which is directed to the observance of our Preparative ettings, & they Inform the Progress made seasonable to go to the Quarterly meeting ~

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Our Friends Garret Burtis and Enoch Dorland opened in this meeting in a Weighty manner a Concern they have had on their minds for some time to pay a religious Visit to the Inhabitants Northward & as far as Upper Canada which after being Deliberately Considered unites with them therein and appoints, Tripp Mosher, Israel Titus, Lawrence Dean and Lophar Green to Draw some lines suitable to the occasion and produce to next meeting.

The Case of Benjamin Hammond being again revived in this meeting and after a Deliberate Consideration thereon the meeting appears most Easy to appoint the following friends to take his Case into further Consideration & Inform next meeting there sence thereof Viz Tophar Green Benjamin Church & John Allen.

The friends Continued to read the Testification &c against Wing Hiller report the appointment answered ~

The friends Continued in the Case of Richard Haight report they have had an opportunity with him & by Inquiry dont find but his Conduct appears to be more orderly which after being Considered Continues the Committee in that Service.

The friends Continued to read the Testification &c against Edward Palmer Junr. report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Daniel Howland report the appointment answered & produced one Directed to Shapaqua [Chappaqua] Monthly Meeting which being approved is signed ~

The Case of Elizabeth Haight respecting a religious Visit to friends in the southern states being again oppened and after a weighty Consideration thereon, with the unity of the womens meeting, we unite with her in her Concern and appoints the following friends to join with the women in Preparing an Essay of a Certificate for that Purpose and produce to next meeting Viz: Joseph Talcott, Tripp Mosher and William Mitchell -

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Priscilly Hiller report the appointment answered ~

The Case of Phebe Titus Daughter of Israel being again opened and after a deliberate Consideration thereon unites with the women in disowning her & appoints Stephen Bull and William McCord to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a denial against her & report.

The friends appointed to Visit William Peters on his request report they have had an opportunity with him and Desire more time therefore they are Continued in that service

The womens meeting Informed this that Bettee Brownell wife of George Desires to Come under friends Care and after Visiting her they appear Easy to accept her, with the Concurrence of this meeting, which after being Considered unites with them therein & accepts her a member.

Said meeting Informs that Naomi Palmer Deviates from plainness of Speech and Behaviour and hath attended a place of Diversion and after Visiting her it appears to be the mind of their meeting to Disown her, with this meetings Concurrence which after being Considered unites with them therein and appoints, Ammial Coffin and Joseph Mitchell to assist the women in preparing an Essay of a Denial against her and report ~

Our Esteemed Friend John Simpson attended this meeting with a Certificate of Concurrence from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Wrights Town 5th Mo 6th 1794 Whose Company and service was acceptable and Comfortable to us.

The friends Continued to Examin the former Minutes respecting William Irish report they have attended to the appointment and find he was Disowned for going out in marriage this meeting after Considering his Case appears Easy to forward it with his acknowledgment to Saratoga Monthly meeting Desiring their Brotherly assistance in Visiting him on behalf of this meeting, & inform our meeting their sence respecting the sincerity thereof - The Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute thereto ~

The friends Continued with the women to prepare an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Moses Vails Children now produced one Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting which with some alteration being approved is signed.

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The Case of Isaac Merritt being again opened in this meeting & after a deliberate Consideration thereon appoints Isaac Thorn and Abishai Coffin to Inform him that the Meeting Concludes to Disown him, also to prepare an Essay of a Denial against him & report.

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Abigail Dorland wife to Enoch. also one on behalf of Martha Tabor wife of William from the Monthly Meeting held at Oblong 14 of 7 Mo. 1794 - Likewise one on behalf of Phebe Haight wife to Jonathan from the Monthly meeting held at Shapauqua [Chappaqua] 13 of 6th Mo. 1794 - And on on behalf of Deborah the wife of William Clapp from the Creek Monthly Meeting held 16 of 5 Mo. 1794 - Was read & accepted a Certificate on behalf of John Underhill from the monthly meeting at Hudson held 24 of 7 Mo. 1794 - adjourns to the usual time in next month

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 17th of 9th Mo. 1794

The representatives Present Except one & a reason offered. -

A Copy of the Printed general Epistle from London of 1793 being now read, the Contents therein Contained was to our Satisfaction

The friends appointed to add the minutes as directed by Last meeting. to this & the Preparative meetings Copies of the book of Discipline report its done as directed.

The friends appointed to attend the Opening of the Preparative meeting at Newbritain & to furnish that meeting with a Copy of the book of Discipline report that one of them attended and the Copy of the Book of Discipline not fully Completed they are Continued. The other friends gave reasons for their not attending ~

The friends appointed to Prepare some Lines on behalf of Garrit Burtis & Enoch Dorland respecting their traveling to the northward Inform some attention thereto, but not ready to report therefore they are Continued.

The friends appointed in the Case of Benjamin Hammond report they have attended thereto and made some Inspection and Propose that his Case be returned back to the

Preparative meeting; which after being deliberated on, unites in returning it to Ninepartners Preparative meeting for their reconsideration - the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute thereto

The friends Continued in the Case of Richard Haight report they have not had an opportunity with him by reason of sickness they are Continued in that service ~

The friends appointed to Join with the women in Preparing an Essay of a Certificate of Concurrence on behalf of Elizabeth Haight respecting her paying a religious Visit to friends in the southern States report they have attended to the appointment and Produced one which being read is approved and signed.

The womens meeting handed to this an acknowledgment from Sarah Akins wife to Stephen With Information that after Visiting her they are easy to accept it with this meetings Concurrence, which after being Considered unites with them therein and accepts it, which is as follows ~

The 20 of the 8th month 1794

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ninepartners Whereas I went Contrary to the good order of friends in marrying, Which I am sorry for and do Condemn and disire friends to pass it by and take me under their Care, and again watch over me for Good

Sarah Akins

They also handed to this meeting a Certificate of removal on behalf of Martha Irish Directed to the Monthly meeting held at Saratoga (Called East Town) which with some alteration being approved is signed -

The friends appointed to Join with the women in drawing an Essay of a denial against Phebe Titus report the appointment answered and the women produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows -

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 7th of 9th Mo. 1794.

Whereas Phebe Titus Daughter of Israel a member of this meeting hath deviated from the rules of our profession in going out from plainness and keeping Company with

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one not of our society and neglecting the Due attendance of meetings, and she being Laboured with from time to time in order to bring her to a sight and sence of her Error which not having the desired effect, we do Testify against her said misconduct and Disown her from being any

Longer a member amongst us, untill by amendment of Life she doth manifest a repentance and make satisfaction to this meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire - Signed in & by order of the above Said meeting by

Isaac Thorn }

Anna Thorn } Clerks

Henry Gidley & William McCoord are appointed to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Stephen Deans if the way be Clear and report ~

The friends appointed to Visit William Peters on his request report they have not had an opportunity with him & a reason given they are Continued in that Service.

The friends appointed to Join with the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against Naomi Palmer report the appointment answered and the women Produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Ninepartners 7 of 9 Mo. 1794 -

Naomi Palmer a member of this meeting having Deviated from its order in going out from Plainness of speech and behaviour and attending a place of diversion, and We having Laboured with her for her restoration Which not having the Desired effect, we testify against her misconduct and disown her as a member; untill by amendment of life she doth make satisfaction to this meeting, Which She may be favoured to do is our desire - Signed in and on behalf of the above said meeting by

} Isaac Thorn Clerk

} Anna Thorn Clerk

Joseph Talcott and Ammial Coffin are appointed to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear & report.

The friends appointed to Inform Isaac Merritt of the Conclusion of the meeting against him report they have wrote to him but had no return, they are Continued.

The friends appointed to attend the meeting held at Israel Titus's report they attended it to a good Degree of satisfaction, under Consideration thereon allows a meeting there as usual for 3 months and appoints the following friends to attend that meeting & report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out Viz Silvanus Gardner, Joseph Talcott, William Mitchell, Jonathan Deuel, Abishai Coffin and James Willets.

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Phebe Merritt and her two Daughters from the monthly meeting held at Saratoga 16 of 5 Mo. 1794.

Our Friend Reuben Palmer opened to this meeting his prospects of making a religious Visit within the Compass of Saratoga Quarterly meeting; Which is united with he being a member and an approved minister among us; the Clerk is directed to furnish im with a Copy of this minute. -

Matthew Comstalk informed this meeting that he.d thoughts of attending the next Yearly meeting at Philadelphia; this meeting unites therewith he being a member with us; the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute.

Ezra Baker Informed he had a prospect of making a Visit to his friends and relation in the Compass of West Port Monthly meeting (New England;) this meeting Concurs therewith he being a member, the Clerk is directed to give him a Copy of this minute.

This meeting recd. Stephen Titus's receipt for £2..17..0 raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection - also Stephen Titus's receipt for £0..15..6 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection -

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month ~

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 15 of 10 mo 1794

The Representatives Present

The queries were read & answered in this meeting and are as follows —

Ans 1st ~ All our meetings for religious worship & discipline are attended by the, tho divers neglects are apparent, the hour nearly observed - several deficiencies on account of sleeping in meetings - not quite clear of other indecent behaviour and some labour extended in each deficiency ~

2nd ~ Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes brethren and no differencies apparent ~

3d ~ Clear of backbiting, tale bearing & of spreading evil reports as far as appears ~

4 ~ We believe most friends are in a good Degree Careful to keep themselves and all those under their Tuition in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel, tho some others are remis herein & advice given - friends are in the Practice of frequently reading the scriptures & do guard agains reading pernicious books as far as appears - one Instance of the Corrupt Conversation of the world. which is under Care ~

5 ~ We believe friends are measurably Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors & of frequenting Taverns - one instance of attending a place of Diversion which is under Care moderation & Temperance are observed at Marriages, births & Burials as far as appears -

6 ~ Poor friends Necessaties are inspected and relief administred & their Children are instructed in school Learning as far as appears no friends Child placed out from friends ~

7 ~ We know of none who made proposals of marriage without Consent of Guardians, or that keep Company

with those not of our society on that account, none known to attend the marriages of those who have gone out from us.

8 ~ No unseasonable proposals of marriage; nor Childrens rights neglected that appears.

9th ~ We know of none that take oaths, pay Priests wages, Bear arms, or other military service, or thats Concerned in fraudulent or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries, or of dealing in Prize goods, except the use of the produce of persons held in slavery

10 ~ Most friends appear Careful to make their wills seasonably, some neglect and advice given, no misapplication of Publick gifts & Legacies that appears.

11 ~ Clear of Negroes as Slaves, One youth & he in a way to get Learning ~

12 ~ friends appear in a good degree Careful to perform their promises & pay their Just debts, and of Launching into business beyond their ability to mannage

13 ~ Some removals without Certificates & Care taken.

14 ~ A good Degree of Care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to our Discipline

The friends Continued to furnish Newbritain Preparative meeting with a Copy of the book of discipline report its accomplished they are Continued to produce to Cost to next meeting

The friends Continued to Prepare some Lines on behalf of Garet Burtis & Enoch Dorland respecting their Traveling to the Northward report the appointment answered & produced them which being approved is signed.

Part of the friends Continued in the Case of Richard Haight report they have had an opportunity with him to some satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again and report with Daniel Dean added ~

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The friends appointed to read the Testification against Phebe Titus report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued to Visit William Peters on his request report they have had another opportunity with him to some satisfaction under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee in that service. -

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Naomi Palmer report the appointment answered -

One of the friends Continued in the Case of Isaac Merritt report they have not had a return from him they are Continued ~

The womens meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgment from Deborah Narrimore Condemning her misconduct for which she was some time since Disowned with information they were Easy to accept it with this meetings Concurrence which after being Considered unites with them therein & accepts it, which is as follows -

To the Monthly meeting of women friends to be held at Ninepartners the 17 of the 4 mo. 1794. -

Dear Friends/ I have witness a Degree of sorrow for my Past misconduct such as being two formiliar with him that is now my Husband & in Sonsenting to be married by a Priest all which I am sorry for & do Desire friends to take my Case into View & pass by those my offences & take me under their watch and Care

Deborah Narrimore formerly Hoag -

The select Preparative Meeting Proposes to this the appointing William Mitchell to the Station of an Elder which after being Considered we appoint Joseph Talcott, Benjamin Mosher & Pontius Woolley to hear & Consider objections if any there be & report ~

Said meeting also proposes to this; the appointing Samuel Dorland Junr to the station of an Elder, which after being Considered appoints John Christy, Abraham Storms & William McCoord to hear and Consider objections if any there be and report ~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgment from John Gifford Junr condemning divers disorders for which he was formerly Disowned as he is not present it is Left untill next meeting -

Likewise brought forward a request from Samuel Wood to Come under friends Care which after being Considered appoints Joseph Talcott, Shubel Coffin & Reuben Haight to Visit him on that account & inquire into his Life & Conversation & the grounds of his request & report their sence of his sincerity to next meeting ~

Said meeting also Informs that William Palmer son of Micah useth the Corrupt Conversation of the World and hath attended a place of diversion, where he was Concerned in gaming we therefore appoint Silvanus Gardner & Solomon Haight to Labour with him on those accounts for his restoration & inform next meeting their sence respecting the Disposition of his mind.

Oswego Preparative meeting Nominated to this William McCoord for an Overseer after a Consideration thereon appoints him to that service.

Friends of New Britain Preparative meeting laid before this, a request to be set off to Hudson Monthly meeting by reason of their living remote from this meeting: which after a deliberate Consideration thereon with the Concurrence of the womens meeting, unites in laying it before our next Quarterly meeting for Consideration.

New Britain Preparative meeting forwarded to this a request from Goddard Spencer to Come under friends Care which after being Considered appoints Joseph Talcott William Mitchell & David Reynolds to Visit him on that account & inquire into his life & Conversation & the grounds of his request & Inform next meeting their sence respecting the disposition of his mind ~

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Ninepartners Preparative meeting informs some progress in raising money towards building a meeting House at Hudson but not Completed. Oswego Informs £9..10..0 subscribed for the Purpose, New Britain reports £4..1..0 subscribed for the same Purpose. The Committee that has the Care of the Poor produced an account of £6..10..0 expended which Treasurer is directed to pay -

The following friends are appointed to attend next Quarterly meeting with the accounts from this & report at next meeting producing such business as shall be Directed down Viz Brownell Wilbur Samuel Dorland Junr, Brownell Lake and Ammial Coffin ~
We now adjourn to the usual time in next month

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 19th of 11 Mo 1794.

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended & produced the Extracts Which are as follows -

At a Quarterly meeting at Ninepartners 5 of 11th Mo 1794 ~

Ninepartners Monthly meeting brought forward a request from friends of Newbritain to be set off to Hudson & Coemans monthly meeting by reason of their living remote from Ninepartners meeting: This meeting taking the request into Consideration unites therewith & Directs that they be Joined to that meeting as members thereof ~

Ninepartners Monthly meeting reports their Subscription on raising money for building the meeting house at Hudson Not Completed, that meeting is directed to be Expeditious and report.

This meeting unites with & directs the Clerk to forward a Copy of the minute respecting Newbritain Preparative meeting thereto.

The friends to produce an account of the Cost of a Copy of the Book of Discipline Inform the appointment not answered they are Continued ~

The friends Continued in the Case of Richard Haight report they have had another opportunity with him & it was their sence there was a Degree of sincerity in his acknowledgment, after a deliberate Consideration thereon Leave his Case untill next meeting.

Two of the friends appointed to Visit William Peters on his request report they have had an opportunity with him to a Degree of satisfaction & made some Inquiry & dont find but his life & Conversation is in a good degree orderly; under Consideration thereon accepts him a member & appoints Pontius Woolley & Lophar Green to Inform him thereof & report.

The friends Continued in the Case of Isaac Merritt report the appointment answered & produced an Essay which being approved is signed & is as follows ~

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Ninepartners 19 of 11 Mo 1794.

Isaac Merritt a member of this meeting, hath deviated from its order, in neglecting the attendance of meetings; deviating from Plainness, & has not been Careful to guard against the Corrupt Conversation of the World, and removed from us Contrary to the advice of friends; & he being laboured with to bring him to a sence of his Error, Which not having the desired effect, We therefore Testify against his said misconduct & disown him to be any Longer a member with use, untill by amendment of Life he shall make satisfaction to this meeting, Which he may be favoured to do is our desire ~ Signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting by - Isaac Thorn Clerk

Philip Hoag & John Allen are appointed to Inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal & give him a Copy of it if he desires it, also to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear & report ~

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The friends appointed to hear & Consider objections if any there be respecting the appointing William Mitchell to the station of an Elder report, nothing appears to hinder ~

This meeting after Considering the proposal of appointing William Mitchell to the station of an Elder are united therein & appoints him to that service ~

The friends appointed to hear & Consider objections if any there be respecting the appointing of Samuel Dorland Junr to the station of an Elder, report nothing appears to hinder ~

This meeting after Considering the Proposal of appointing Samuel Dorland Junr to the station of an Elder are united therein & appoints him to that service and directs the Clerk to furnish the select Preparative meeting with a Copy of this, & the above minute ~

The acknowledgment from John Gifford Jrnr being now taken into View Which after being Considered we appoint Joseph Merritt, Benjamin Mosher and William Mitchell to Visit him & report their sence respecting the Disposition of his mind to next meeting.

The womens meeting informed this, that Susanna Spencer wife to Goddard desires to Come under friends Care & they Inform that after Visiting her they are easy That she be accepted, which after being Considered unites therewith & accepts her a member.

They likewise inform that Almy Baldwin wife to William Baldwin desires to Come under friends Care & they inform that after Visiting her are easy she be accepted & after a deliberation thereon unites therewith and accepts her a member.

They also Inform that Freeloze Brownell Daughter of George desires to Come under friends Care, & after Visiting her, they are easy that she be accepted, after a deliberation thereon unites with them therein & accepts her a member

They further Inform that Sychia Cambell formerly Hoag hath Married out of the unity of friends, & after Visiting her they appear Easy that she be Disowned with this meetings Concurrence which after being Considered unites with them therein & appoints Abraham Swift & Reuben Haight to assist the women in drawing an Essay of a denial against her & report.

Said meeting forwarded to this an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of Deborah Narrimore Directed to Hudson Monthly meeting which being approved is signes -

The friends appointed to Visit Samuel Wood on his request report they have had an opportunity with him & thought the Case required another, therefore they are Continued in that Service.

The friends appointed to Visit William Palmer son of Micah on his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him to some Satisfaction which after being Considered Continues the Committee to Visit him again and report.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Goddard Spencer on his request report they have paid him a Visit to a good Degree of Satisfaction and believe him to be measurably Convinced of friends Principles, & in a good Degree of an orderly life & conversation, as he resides at New Britain, which is now set off to Hudson Monthly meeting, we recommend his Case thereto and directs the Clerk to forward a Copy of this minute to that meeting.

The womens meeting Informs that Phebe Stephenson formerly Barker has married out from among friends after being Precautioned, & it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be disowned if this meeting unites therewith, which after being Considered unites with them therein & appoints John Christy & Samuel Dorland Junr to assist the women in drawing an Essay of a denial against her & report ~

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Cornwell Monthly meeting informs this that they have Visited Benjamin Anthony to good satisfaction, and by Inquiry did not find but his life & Conversation was in a good Degree orderly, believing him to be sincere in his acknowledgment and add, they unite therewith; as his acknowledgment was not returned with the foregoing Information we appoint Jedediah Talman & Joseph Talcott to procure it & produce to next meeting.

Ninepartners Preparative meeting forwarded to this a request from Stephen Pratt to Come under friends Care therefore we appoint Benjamin Church, William McCoord and Silvanus Gardner to Visit him on the account & Inquire into his Life & Conversation and the grounds of his request and inform next meeting their sense respecting his sincerity.

Oswego Preparative Meeting forwarded to this a request from Enoch Dorland & his wife Abigail for their Children Namely Zacharias; Phebe and Dorcas to be admitted into membership therefore we appoint, Isaac Thorn, John Drake, John Hoag, Joseph Mitchell, Lophar Green,

Stephen Titus and Abishai Coffin to Visit said family & report their sence thereof to next meeting.

Adjourns to the usual time in next month ~

At a Monthly Meeing held at Ninepartners 7th of 12 Mo. 1794 -

The Representatives Present.

Part of the friends to produce the sum of the Cost of the Copy of the Book of Discipline for Newbritain Preparative meeting Informs it £1..0..0 which the Treasurer is Directed to pay -

The Case of Richard Haight being again revived and after a Deliberate Consideration thereon Leaves his Case untill next meeting.

The friends appointed to Inform William Peters that this meeting has accepted him a member report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Isaac Merritt report they have paid some attention to the appointment they are Continued ~

The friends appointed to Visit John Gifford Junr on his acknowledgment report they have paid him a Visit & believe he is in a good measure sincear in his acknowledgment, which after a Deliberation thereon accepts it which is as follows -

To the Monthly meeting to be held at the Ninepartners the 15 of 10th Mo. 1794

Whereas through Inattention to the Principle of truth and not sufficiently regarding the good rules of our Society have so far deviated therefrom as to be Neglectful in the attendance of Religious meetings and not keeping to plainness of apparel & going to a horse race and have married out of the unity of friends for which I am Sorry and do Condemn such Conduct and my neglect of duty therein hoping I shall be more Careful for the future desiring that friends Would pass mine Offences by and receive me under their Care and watch over me for my good, Which is the Sincear desire of your Friend

John Gifford Jun.

Joseph Mitchell and Joseph Merritt are appointed to Inform him thereof and report.

The womens meeting informs this, that Unice Wilbur desires to Come under friends Care, & after Visiting her they are easy that she be accepted, with the Concurrence of this meeting this meeting unites therewith and accepts her a member -

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They also handed to this, a Certificate of removal on behalf of Anna Peters directed to Creek Monthly meeting which is approved and signed.

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a denial against Sychia Cambel report they have paid some attention to the appointment they are Continued

The friends Continued to Visit Samuel Wood on his request report they have paid him a Visit to a good Degree of satisfaction & dont find but his life and Conversation is in a good degree orderly under Considerion thereon defers his case Untill next meeting

The friends Continued to Visit William Palmer son of Micah on his misconduct report they have had another opportunity with him & thought to a good Degree of satisfaction & he appeared measurably sencibly Sencible of his errors, he handed to this meeting an

acknowledgment which was not satisfactory, therefore the Committee is Continued in that service with Clark Wilbur added.

The friends appointed to assist the women in preparing an Essay of a denial against Phebe Stephenson report the appointment answered, & the women produced it here, which with some alteration being approved is signed and is as follows

From our Meeting held at Ninepartners 17 of 12th Mo. 1794

Whereas Phebe Stephenson formerly Barker having had a right of membership amongst us, and by not taking heed to that; That would have Preserved her in innocency, but on the Contrary hath given way so far as to marry out of the order used amongst us after being Precautioned we do Testify against her said misconduct and disown her from being any Longer a member amongst us, untill she shall make satisfaction to this meeting, which that She may be favoured to do is our desire -

Signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting by { Isaac Thorn

{ Anna Thorn } Clerks

Joseph Hoxsie and Lawrence Dean are appointed to read it at the Close of a first day meeting at Oswego if the way be Clear and report -

The friends appointed to procure the acknowledgment of Benjamin Anthony report the appointment not answered and a reason Given they are Continued -

The friends appointed to Visit Stephen Pratt on his request report they have had an opportunity with him & thought there was Sincerity in his request and by Inquiry did not find but his life and Conversation was in a good degree Consistent, under Consideration thereon accepts him a member, and appoints William Mitchell and Isaac Thorn to Inform him thereof and report ~

The friends appointed to Visit Samuel Pierson on his request report they have made him a Visit to a good Degree of Satisfaction & by Inquiry find his life and Conversations appears to be orderly after a deliberate Consideration thereon accepts him a member & appoints William Valentine and William Woolley to Inform him thereof and report -

The friends appointed to visit Enoch Dorlands family respecting the request for his three youngest Children to be admitted members report they have attended (Except one) to a good Degree of satisfaction respecting the Education of the Children - which after being Considered & having the unity of the womens meeting, accepts them members ~

The time the meeting was allowed to be held at Stephen Deans being now Expired & friends there Desire it might be Continued which after being Considered allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for three months

The friends appointed to attend the meeting held at Israel Titus's report they attended it to a good Degree of satisfaction.

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Martha Hoag widow from the Creek monthly meeting held 18 of 7 mo. 1794 ~

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also on behalf of Mary Jacacks wife to David from the Creek monthly meeting held 19 of 9 mo. 1794

also one on behalf of Mary Merritt from the Monthly meeting held at Oblong 13 of 10 mo. 1794 -

Was read a Certificate on behalf of Ruth Darling who hath Come to Live with her aunt for a time; from the Monthly meeting at Uxbridge the 26 of 9 mo. 1794

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Informs that Job Case desires a few Lines to recommend him to Creek Monthly meeting on account of marriage therefore we appoint Philip Hoag and Reuben Haight to make the Necessary Inquiry & produce some for that Purpose if the way be Clear to next meeting -

Said meeting also Informs that William Peters is desirous of a Certificate of removal Directed to the Creek Monthly meeting John Allen and Pontius Woolley are appointed to draw some for that purpose if nothing appears to obstruct & product to next meeting ~

Likewise Said meeting Informs that Samuel Thorne desires a few Lines directed to the Creek Monthly meeting on account of marriage therefore Joseph Talcott & Prince Bennett are appointed to make the Necessary Inquiry and prepare some for that purpose if the way be Clear and produce to next meeting ~

Oswego Preparative meeting Informs that Amos Bull has gone out in marriage we therefore appoint John Christy, Joseph Hoxsie and John Dorland to Labour with him on that account for his restoration, & inform next meeting their sence of the disposition of his mind.

This meeting received Stephen Titus's receipt for £0..15..3 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection
adjourns to the Usual time in Next Month

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 14 of 1st Mo. 1795

The Representatives Present.

The Queries were read and answered in this meeting and are as follows.

Ansr 1st ~ All our meetings for religious worship & Discipline are attended by the most, tho some are neglectful the hour nearly observed in the general yet some are not so Careful as is desirable, not all clear of sleeping in meetings, not Quite Clear of other indeacent behaviours and some Care taken in each Deficiency -

2nd ~ Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes brethren & where Differences are known to arise speedy Care is taken to end them

3d ~ It dont appear but that friends are Clear of Backbiting Tale Bearing & spreading Evil reports

4th ~ We believe most friends are in a good Degree Careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in Plainness of speech Behaviour and apparel, tho some others are remis herein, there appears some neglect respecting the frequent reading the scriptures, we know not of any that read pernicious books, not Quite Clear of the Corrupt Conversation of the world, & advice given in each respect

5th ~ Friends appear Careful to avoid the Unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns, and places of diversion, and to keep in moderation & Temperance on account of marriages births & Burials, one Instance expected of one going to a place of Diversion which is under Care

6th ~ It dont appear but that the Necessaties of the Poor are duly Inspected & relief is administred - their Children partake of learning - no friends Child placed out from friends that appears.

7th ~ We know of none who make proposals of marriage without Consent of Parents or guardians or that keep

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Company with those not of our society on that account, one Instance Excepted which is under Care none known to attend the marriages of those who have gone out from us.

8th ~ No procedure too early after the decease of former husband or wife - nor the rights of Children that appears -

9th ~ None known to take Oaths, Pay Priests wages, bear arms, or other military services, or to be Concerned in fraudulent or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries or to deal in Prize Goods -

10th ~ Some neglects still remain in not making Wills seasonably & some advise given - No misapplication of Publice Gifts or Legacies that appears.

11th ~ Clear of negroes as slaves, one youth & he in some way to get Learning.

12th ~ Friends appear in a good Degree Careful to perform their promises & pay Just debts, & not to launch into business beyond ability to mannage.

13th ~ Some removals without Certificates & Care taken

14Th ~ We believe a good Degree of Care is taken to Deal with offender in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to Discipline.

The Case of Richard Haight being again Opened and after a deliberation thereon Defers the further Consideration thereof to next meeting.

The friends Continued in the Case of Isaac Merritt report the appointment not answered & a reason given they are Continued

The friends appointed to Inform John Gifford Junr. that his acknowledgment was accepted report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued to assist the women in drawing an Essay of a denial against Sychia Cambel report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which being approved is signed and is as follows -

From our Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 14th of 1st Mo. 1795

Sychia Cammel a member of this meeting hath so far Disregarded the rules thereof as to marry Contrary to the order of friends and she having been Laboured with which hath not had the desired affect therefore for the Clearing of Truth we do Testify agains Proceedings & disown her to be any Longer a member with us untill she shall Condemn her out goings & make satisfaction to this meeting which that she may be favoured to do is our desire - Signed in & on behalf of the above said meeting - by

{ Isaac Thorn Clerk

{ Anna Thorn Clerk

as she lives within the Compass of New Britain Preparative meeting, this meeting with the Concurrence of the women recommends it to Hudson Monthly meeting, Desiring them to take

the necessary Care in reading it &c where the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute with the Testification.

The request of Samuel Wood being again revived and after a deliberation thereon Defers his Case untill next meeting.

The friends Continued in the Case of William Palmer son of Micah Inform they have had an opportunity with him but not ready to report they are Continued.

One of the friends appointed to read the Testification against Phebe Stephenson report the appointment not answered & a reason given they are Continued.

One of the friends Continued to procure the acknowledgment of Benjamin Anthony, Inform its not yet come to hand they are Continued in that service & desired to attend thereto with Augustin Titus added.

One of the friends appointed to Inform Stephen Pratt of his reception report he is informed thereof -

The friends appointed to Inform Samuel Pierson of his reception report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to prepare some Lines on behalf of Job Case to recommend him to Creek Monthly meeting on account of marriage produced them which being approved is signed

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The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of William Peters Directed to Creek monthly meeting produced it which being approved is signed

The friends appointed to prepare some lines on behalf of Samuel Thorne to recommend him to Creek monthly meeting on account of marriage produced them which being approved is signed.

The friends appointed to Labour with Amos Bull on his misconduct, report they have Visited him and he appeared measurably sencible of his Error under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report with John Hoag & Lophar Green added.

The womens meeting Informed this, that Elizabeth Higgins formerly Reed hath kept Company & married out from friends after being Precautioned, & that it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be disowned with this meetings Concurrance, which after being Considered unites with them therein & appoints Abishai Coffin & Pontius Woolley to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against her & report.

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they have Visited that meeting to a good Degree of Satisfaction & friends there desire to have the meeting Continued therefore allows them to hold a meeting there for Six months and appoints the following friends to attend that meeting and report their sence respecting its being forwarded to the Quarterly meetings Consideration on the Establishing of it, when the time of holding it is out Viz. Silvanus Gardner, William Mitchell, Abishai Coffin, Prince Bennett, Joseph Merritt, Stephen Dean and William McCoord. ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting Nominates, James Alley for an Overseer in the Place of Prince Bennett, which after Considered appoints him to that service.

Said meeting Informs that Nehemiah Reynolds Desires a Certificate of removal to recommend him & family to Hudson Monthly meeting therefore we appoint Joseph Merritt and

Matthew Comstock to prepare an Essay for that Purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting.

Said meeting further Informs that Joseph Mitchell Desires a Certificate of removal to recommend him & family to Hudson monthly meeting therefore we appoint Silvanus Gardner & Abraham Swift to prepare an Essay for that Purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting.

Said Meeting forwarded to this a request from Nathaniel Gardner to Come under friends Care therefore we appoint John Allen, Brownell Wilbur & John Hoag to Visit him & inquire into his Life & Conversation & the Grounds of his request & Inform next meeting their sence respecting the disposition of his mind.

Oswego Preparative meeting Inform that Thomas Burtis has neglected the attendance of meetings, & been to a place of diversion therefore we appoint William Valentine Solomon Haight, and William Mitchell to Labour with him for his restoration & Inform next meeting their sence respecting the disposition of his mind.

Ezra Baker returned the minute he had to go into New England With -

Also Reuben Palmer returned the minute he had to go to the Northward.

Ninepartners Preparative meeting Inform their Subscription for Hudson Meeting House is £56..0..10 which is paid to the Monthly meetings Treasurer.

The following friends are appointed to attend next Quarterly Meeting with the accounts from this and report to next meeting producing such Business as shall be directed down Viz. Brownell Wilbur, Jonathan Haight, Prince Bennett & John Drake

adjourns to the Usual time in next month -

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 18 of 2d Mo. 1795

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended & produced the Extracts which are as follows -

At a Quarterly meeting held at Ninepartners 4th of 2d Mo. 1795

This meeting received a few Lines from the meeting for sufferings which the Clerk is directed to furnish our Monthly meetings with.

At a meeting for sufferings held in New York 11 Mo. 11th. 1794.

The subject of the two friends who Lost their Improvements on lands that were Confiscated, & which they held without any written Evidence of their Right, coming under our solid consideration by direction of the Yearly meeting occasion'd us to look round at the probably inducements that may be held up by owners of Large parcels of Land who to encrease their Value, may engage settlers, to Improve on terms, that may appear easy, & advantagious especially to those, whose Circumstances may be small, & rather streight; for such we feel Concerned, not only that a due regard may be had, to the advice of the Yearly meeting, in the prospect of a removal, but also that when they see their way Clear, and have the Concurrence of the monthly meeting to remove that they take especial Care to have a written Contract that may be satisfactory Evidence of the Terms on which they are to make Improvements, in such a manner, as to guard themselves, & their heirs as much as may be against litigation or Sass -

and we would tenderly suggest to monthly meetings, the propriety of their giving attention to the subject and advise when necessary. - Which after being Considered refers the further attention thereof to the Committee appointed on account of removals.

William Cromwell and Ann Thorn Daughter of Jacob [or Jno?] appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage

with each other, they having Consent of Parents Consider Merritt and Ebenezer Pinkham are appointed to Inquire into William Clearness in relation to marriage & inform next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer.

The Case of Richard Haight being agained revived and after being Considered Defers it untill next meeting.

The friends Continued to read the Testification &c against Isaac Merritt report the appointment answered.

The request of Samuel Wood being again opened in this meeting & after being Considered Defers the further Consideration thereof to next meeting.

Two of the friends Continued in the Case of William Palmer son of Micah - Inform they have had another opportunity with him but not ready to report they are Continued.

The friends Continued to read the Testification against Phebe Stephenson report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued to procure the acknowledgment of Benjamin Anthony now produced it which after being Considered is accepted & is as follows -

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Ninepartners

Dear Friends.

These may Inform you that my mind has been Deeply Impress'd with a sence of my Misconduct which I see & am Verry sencible has been great, & my Transgressions of a Verry Criminal Nature, particularly in using the freedom I have done in being Guilty of the sin of Adultery and not performing my Promised in the payment of my Just Debts & drinking Spirituous Liquor to Excess and being unguarded in my Expressions, & neglecting the advice of my dear friends who watched over me for good I am now willing to bear the blame & take the shame and reproach to my self not only by owning myself Guilty but do most sincearly Condemn the same, And Desire you to take my Case under Your Christian Care and if you find a way opened Pass by my offences & receive me again under Your Christian Care & oversight.

from your friend Benja. Anthony

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The Publishing of said acknowledgment is Left to the consideration of next meeting. John Allen & James Alley are appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate on his behalf Directed to Cornwell Monthly meeting.

The friends appointed to Labour with Amos Bull on his misconduct report they have had another opportunity with him to satisfaction & believed he was in a good Degree sencible of his out goings & he forwarded an acknowledgment to this meeting, which after being Considered Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report.

The friends appointed to assist the women in Drawing an Essay of a Denial against Elizabeth Higgins report the appointment answered & the women produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows.

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Ninepartners the 18 of 2 Mo. 1795.

Elizabeth Higgins formerly Reed hath Married out of the unity of friends after being Precautioned therefore we testify against her misconduct & disown her from being any longer a member with us, untill she shall make satisfaction to this meeting. Which she may be favoured to do is our desire - signed in & on behalf by

{ Isaac Thorn

{ Anna Thorn } Clerks

Joseph Talcott & John Allen are appointed to read it at the Clse of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear & report.

The womens meeting Inform this, that Mary Baker Desires to Come under friends Care & after Visiting her they are Easy to accept her, with this meetings Concurrence, which after being Considered unites with them therein & accept her a member -

Said meeting handed to this an acknowledgment from Rosanna Barton, & inform they are easy to accept it, with this meetings Concurrence which after being Considered unites with them therein & accepts it which is as follows ~

To the monthly meeting of friends held at the Ninepartners - Whereas I had a birth right & Education among friends but for want of keeping a single Eye to the dictates of Truth in my own brest which would have kept & preserved me in innocency but have so far given way to a Libertine spirit as to be guilty of the sin of fornication before marriage with him who is now my Husband & Like wise married before a Priest all which misconduct I Condemn & think I may say in sencerity I am sorry for & Desire forgiveness from my maker & my friends, who I have grieved, Desire you will pass by these mine offences & receive me under your watchful Care as before

Rosanna Barton

Said meeting also handed to this a Certificate Directed to Oblong Monthly meeting on behalf of Ruth Orsborn who resided here for a time which is approved & signed ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removed on behalf of Charles Clements & family from the monthly meeting held at Jericho 20 of 9 Mo. 1794.

The womens meeting handed to this, a Certificate of removal on behalf of Anstrus Reynolds & Daughter Directed to Hudson monthly meeting which being approved & signed.

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Samuel Holmes his wife Hannah & son from the monthly meeting Held at Saratoga 15 of 1st Mo. 1795 ~

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Nehemiah Reynolds & sons directed to Hudson Monthly meeting produced it which being approved is signed.

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joseph Mitchell & family directed to Hudson Monthly meeting produced it which with some alteration being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to Visit Nathaniel Gardner on his request report they have had an opportunity with him & request to have another therefore they are Continued.

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The friends appointed to Visit Thomas Burtis on his misconduct report they have had a satisfactory opportunity with him finding him sensible of his misconduct under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report.

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting Informs that Israel Post is about to remove to New Gallow Way, desires a Certificate of removal Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting for himself & family therefore we appoint Pontius Woolley & Lophar Green to prepare some Lines for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting.

Oswego Preparative Meeting Informs that John Drake is about to remove within the Verge of Creek monthly meeting & desires a Certificate of removal for himself and family therefore Samuel Dorland Junr. and William McCoord are appointed to prepare one for that purpose if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting

Said meeting further Informs that Ichabod Bowerman requests to Come under friends Care therefore we appoint Israel Titus, John Christy and John Drake to Visit him on that account & inquire into his Life & Conversation & the grounds of his request & Inform next meeting their sence respecting the sincerity of his request.

This meeting appoints Isaac Thorn & Joseph Talcott to Settle with this meetings Treasurer & Inform next meeting the sum on hand.

The friends that have the Care of the poor produced an account of £3..12..0 Expended on that account which the Treasurer is directed to pay -

This meeting is informed that Eve Woolley widow, is desirous to place out her son, to a trade with one who is not a member with us therefore we appoint Abishai Coffin, Reuben Haight and Stephen Titus to take the Case into Consideration, & advise as they shall think best, & inform next meeting ~

Adjourns to the usual time in next month

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine. Partners 18th of 3d Mo. 1795

The representatives present.

The Clerk not present Philip Hoag is appointed for this time.

William Cromwell and Anna Thorn appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of Marriage with each other, enquiry being made and nothing appearing to hinder they are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this and next Mo. Meeting according to the order eyed amongst friends Joseph Merritt & Wm Mitchell are Appointed to set with them and report to next meeting how it was accompyshed producing the marriage certificate.

The case of Richard Haight being again opened, and after a time of consideration thereon accepts his Acknowledgment which is as follows.

To the monthly meeting held at Nine. Partners the 19th of 3d mo 1795 Whereas I have through unwatchfulness given way to the corrupt conversation of the world and have used unbecoming words to my Parents; all which I am sorry for and hope friends will pass by mine offences, and still continue me under your watchful Care, Richard Haight, William Mitchell and William Valentine are appointed to inform him thereof, also to read it at the close of a first day meeting at Nine. Partners & report -

The friends Continued in the case of Wm. Palmer son of Micah report they have not had an opportunity with him they are continued

The matter affecting publishing the Acknowledgment of Benjamin Anthony is again opened, which after being considered and a free communication of sentiments thereon, Concludes to omit the publick reading thereof for the present, and the friends to prepare an essay of a certificate on his behalf directed to Cornwall monthly meeting produced it which is approved and signed -

The friends Continued in the case of Amos Bull report they have had an opportunity with him and desire another, Therefore they are continued

The friends appointed to read the Testification against Elizabeth Higgins report the appointment not answered by reason they have not had information from the women, they are continued in that service

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Was handed to this meeting a Certificate to recommend Rosannah Barton (wife to Joseph Barton) to Hudson Moly [Monthly] Meeting which is approved & signed

The request of Samuel Wood being again received, and after a deliberation thereon, is refored to the consideration of next meeting

The friends continued to visit Nathaniel Gardner report they have paid some attention thereto but have not made him a visit; Therefore they are continued in that service with Solomon Haight added.

The friends continued to visit Thomas Burtiss on his misconduct report they have not had an opportunity with him, and a reason given and he offered an Acknowledgment to this meeting; which after being considered continues the Committee in that service to inform next Meeting their sense respecting the sincerity of his acknowledgment with Stephen Dean added

The friends appointed to prepare some lines on behalf of Israel Post and family to recommend them to Saratoga Moly [Monthly] Meeting produced them which is approved & signed ~

And those friends to prepare a Certificate of removal for John Drake and family directed to Creek Moly [Monthly] meeting produced it which being Approved is signed

The friends appointed to Visit Ichabod Bowerman on his request report they have made him a visit to satisfaction and dont find by inquiry but what his life and conversation is in a good degree orderly, and believe he is sincere in his request which after being considered is left until next meeting

The friends appointed to settle with this meetings Treasurer report they have examined the Treasurers accounts & find in his hands a Balance of £31..18..7 including a receipt of £1..1..6 and Stephen Titus desires to be released from being Treasurer to this meeting therefore Jacob Thorn is appointed in his place who is desired to receive the money on hand and inform next meeting -

The friends Appointed to advise with Eve Woolley respecting placing out her son report they have made her a Visit and there appears a prospect of placing him with a friend -

It appears the time for making the Meeting at Stephen Deans

is now expired and friends desire it may be continued after a deliberation thereon allows them to hold a Meeting there as usual for 6 mo.

This meeting taking into consideration a proposal for holding a meeting for worship at Israel Titus's concludes to allow a meeting to be held there one a month for 6 Months on first day following this meeting and appoints Joseph Talcott, Prince Bennett, Lophar Green, John Allen, Pontius Woolley, Tripp Mosher, Abra [Abraham] Swift and Jonathan Deuel to visit that meeting & report their satisfaction when the time for holding it is out.

Nine Partners Preparative meeting forwarded to this an Acknowledgment from Amos Reynolds for marrying out of the unity of friends, (for which he was some time since disowned) and as he lives in the compass of Saratoga Monthly meeting we think best to recommend his case thereto, requiring their assistance in labouring with him on our behalf, and inform us their sense respecting the sincerity of his Acknowledgment, where the Clerk is desired to forward a copy of this minute with a copy of his acknowledgment

Sd [Said] meeting also informs that Edward Palmer is desirous of a certificate of removal for himself and family, to Danby Moly [Monthly] meeting. Therefore we appoint Matthew Comstalk, Consider Merritt, and Wm. Mitchell to unite with the women and prepare one for that purpose if the way be clear and produce to next meeting -

Sd [Said] Meeting Likewise informs that James Brown requests a certificate of removal directed to the Creek Monthly Meeting for himself & family Pontius Wolley & James Alley are appointed to join with the women, made the necessary enquiry & produce one for that purpose to next meeting if nothing appears to hinder

Sd [Said] meeting further informs that Richard Post desires a few lines to recommend him to Saratoga Moly [Monthly] Meeting we therefore appoint Pontius Woolley

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& James Alley to prepare some for that purpose if nothing appears to obstruct & produce to next meeting

The friends appointed to have the oversight of our meetings respecting irregular Conduct &c request to be released they are therefore dismissed and Ebenezer Pinkham Walter Lockwood Joseph Merritt and Jonathan Haight are appointed to that service

This meeting received Stephen Titus's receipt for £4..14..4 raised at Nine Partners their Quarterly Collection Also received Stephen Titus's rct [receipt] for £1..1..6 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection

adjourns to the usual time in next Month

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 15 of 4th Mo 1795

The representatives Present.

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting & are in Substance as follows

Ansr. 1st. ~ All Meetings for Religious worship & Discipline are attended, a neglect appears in some, the hour nearly observed by most not all Clear of sleeping in meetings, Clear of other Indecent behaviour as far as appears, & Care measurably taken in each Deficiency.

2d. ~ It don't appear but what Love & unity is maintained in a good Degree as becomes brethren, Care is taken to end differences when any appear.

3d. ~ Clear of Backbiting, Tale bearing, and spreading Evil reports as far as appears.

4th ~ Most friends are in a good degree Careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in plainness of speech, behaviour, & apparel; Some exceptions & advice given and do frequently read the scriptures, also guard against reading pernicious Books as far as appears, not Quite Clear of the Corrupt Conversation of the world & some Care taken on that account -

5 ~ Friends appear in a good degree Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns, & places of diversion, and to keep in moderation at marriages births & burials. One Instance excepted of one drinking to excess & Care taken

6th ~ The Necessaries of the Poor are Inspected, and relief administered where it appeared necessary and their Children partake of learning, no friends Child placed out that we know of.

7th ~ We know of none that make proposals of Marriage without Consent of Parents or guardian, one Instance of keeping Company with one not of our society: Parents appear Clear of Conniving thereat; none know to attend the marriages of those that go out from us.

8th ~ No unseasonable proposals of Marriage, or rights of Children neglected that we know of.

9th ~ Clear of taking Oaths, Paying Priests wages, bearing arms or other Military service and of being Concerned in fraudulent or Clandestine Trade, Lotteries; and of dealing in Prize goods as far as appears: except making use of the produce of persons held in slavery.

10th ~ Some neglect respecting making Wills, some advice given, no misapplication of Publick Gifts or Legacies that we know of ~

11th ~ Clear of being Concerned in Negroes as Slaves, one youth and he in a way to get school Learning.

12th ~ Friends appear generally Careful to perform their promises, and pay their Just debts, and of launching into business beyond ability to manage.

13th ~ Some removals without Certificates and Care taken.

14 ~ Care is taken to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline -

The answers to the four annual Queries are

Ansr. 1 ~ No Minister or Elder Deceased since Last Year, No Memorial Concerning any Deceased friend -

2d ~ No new meeting house built nor meetings settled since Last year -

3d ~ Divers Joined in society by Convincement since last year -

4 ~ The Queries are read & answered as directed ~

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Zacheus Mead and Mary Pratt appeared in this meeting & offered proposals of Marriage with each other they having Consent of Parents as he lives in the Verge of another Monthly meeting it is left until next meeting where they are Desired to attend for an answer.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of William Cromwell & Anna Thorn Daughter of Jacob report they attended it and did not observe but it was orderly and produced the marriage Certificate ~

The friends to read the acknowledgment &c of Richard Haight report the appointment answered ~

Two of the friends Continued in the Case of William Palmer son of Micah report they have paid some attention to the appointment, as he was unwell, thought best for it to be Left for the Present, Therefore they are Continued ~

The friends Continued in the Case of Amos Bull report they have had another opportunity with him to some Satisfaction & believe he was measurably sensible of his misconduct, which after being Considered Leave his Case untill next meeting -

The womens meeting forwarded to this a request from May Woolley Daughter of Pontius to Come under friends Care, & they Easy to accept her with this meetings Concurrence which after being Considered unites with them therein & accepts her a Member.

Said meeting also Informs that Sarah Mosher formerly Palmer hath kept Company & Married out of the Unity of friends by a Priest after being Precautioned also hath neglected the attendance of meetings; and that it is their mind that she be disowned with this meetings concurrence, which after being Considered unites with them therein, and appoints Silvanus Gardner & Reuben Haight to assist them in preparing an Essay of a Denial against her & report.

The friends to read the Testification against Elizabeth Higgins report the appointment answered ~

The request of Samuel wood being again Opened & is refered to the Consideration of next meeting.

The friends Continued to Visit Nathaniel Gardner report they have paid him a Visit to a degree of satisfaction & believe he has an Increase of Concern & by Inquiry find his life & Conversation appears to be in a good degree orderly under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again & report.

The friends Continued to Visit Thomas Burtis on his misconduct report they have paid him a satisfactory Visit believing him in a good measure sincear in his acknowledgment which after being Considered accepts it which is as follows ~

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at the Nine Partners the 13 of 3d Mo. 1795 -

Dear Friends

By not taking heed to the pure principle of truth which would have preserved me in innocency but Contrary thereto have given way to an unsteady Disposition of mind which hath Caused me to take under Liberty in attending a places of diversion & have been Neglectful in the Due attendance of our religious meetings all which I am sorry for & do Condemn and desire friends to pass by These mine offences & Continue your watchful Care over me - Thomas Burtis
John Christy & Samuel Dorland Junr. are appointed to Inform him thereof also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego & report.

The Request of Ichabod Bowerman refered from last meeting being now revived & after being Considered accepts him a member & appoints Lawrence Dean and John Christy to Inform him thereof & report.

Jacob Thorn Informs he has receiv'd of Stephen Titus the sum Directed by last meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare some lines to recommend Edward Palmer & family to Danby Monthly meeting Inform the way is not Clear therefore they are Continued to write to him the Circumstance of his Case & report.

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The friends appointed to produce some lines to recommend James Brown & family to Creek Monthly meeting now produce them which being approved is signed ~

The friends appointed to prepare some lines to recommend Richard Post to Saratoga Monthly meeting report they have attended to the appointment & the way dont appear clear. They are continued with John Allen added.

Nine Partners Preparative meeting proposes Silvanus Gardner to the service of an overseer in the place James Alley which after being considered, appoints him to that service.

Said Meeting also informs that William Cromwell is about to remove to Troy & desires a Certificate to recommend him & his wife to Saratoga Monthly Meeting. Benjamin Mosher & Isaac Thorn are appointed to join with the women in preparing an essay for that purpose if the way be clear & produce to next meeting.

Was read and accepted Certificates of removal on behalf of James Shearman & his wife Hannah from the Monthly meeting held at Oblong 16 of 3rd Mo 1795 ~

Our esteemed Friends Deborah Darby & Rebecca Young attended this meeting with Certificates of concurrence from Shropshire Monthly meeting held 20th of 3rd Mo 1793 with an endorsement from the Yearly meeting for Wales held at Carmarthen 25 of 4th Mo 1793. Also a Certificate of the unity of the yearly meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London 13th to the 29 of 5 mo 1793 whose company & service in the Ministry is to our satisfaction ~

Matthew Comstock returned a minute he had to attend the yearly meeting at Philadelphia with ~

Ninepartners Preparative meeting inform one school kept most of the time the year past under the direction of Trustees ~

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The friends that has the care of the poor produced an account of £8:6:10 due from Cornwell Monthly meeting for boarding etc Dotia Haight and one of their members Including Doctors bills which sum the Treasurer is directed to pay. And the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Cornwell Monthly meetings .

Oswego Preparative meeting informs their subscription for Hudson Meeting House raised & paid to this meetings Treasurer.

This meeting appoints the following friends to attend next Quarterly meeting with the accounts and report to next meeting producing such business as may be directed down viz Abraham Swift, Samuel Dorland junr, James Willets and Abishai Coffin.

Adjourns to the usual time in next month.

At a monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 20th of 5th Mo 1795

The Representatives Present

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended & the extracts were produced which are as follows ~

At a Quarterly meeting held at Ninepartners 6 of 5 mo 1795

The committee on the proposal for building a Meeting House at Co[r]mans report they have attended thereto and think well that a Meeting House be built there 50 by 36 feet and 20

feet posts & have estimated the cost to be 600£ and it appears that, that meetings subscription is £73:10:0 which is £426:10:0 short of the estimate ~

Our subordinate meetings are desired to open subscriptions for that purpose & bring forward to next meeting and account of the sum friends are free to contribute thereto ~

Hudson Monthly Meeting now informs that the whole amount of their subscription towards their Meeting house is £500. And as it appears there is yet wanting the sum of £409:1:2 to make out the estimate & the money much wanted our Monthly meetings are desired to proceed in raising it. And friends are

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encouraged to come forward liberally so that the money may be raised as soon as may & report at next meeting ~

Which is directed down to our Preparative meetings who are desired to pay strict attention thereto & seasonably to go to the Quarterly meeting ~

Zacheus Mead and Mary Pratt appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of Marriage with each other he producing a few lines from Creek Monthly meeting Expressing his clearness in relation of marriage in them parts. They are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this and next monthly meeting according to the order used amongst friends, Brownell Wilbur & William Wolley are appointed to set with them & report to next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage certificate ~

The friends continued in the case of William Palmer son of Micah report they have had another opportunity with him to some satisfaction which after being considered, continues the committee to visit him again & report ~

The Case of Amos Bull being again revived and after being Considered appoints Prince Bennett & Lawrence Dean & James Alley to Visit him & report their sence of him to next meeting.

The friends to assist the women in preparing an Essay of a denial against Sarah Mosher report the appointment answered & the women produced it here, which being approved is signed & isa as follows -

From our Monthly meeting held at Ninepartners the 20of 5 mo. 1795 -

Whereas Sarah Mosher (Formerly Palmer) having had a right of Membership with us, but by disregarding the Principal of Light within hath fel into disorders such as neglecting the due attendance of meetings kept Company and married out of the order of Friends by a Priest after being Precautioned therefore for the Clearing of truth we do Testify such Proceedings & disown her to be any Longer a member

with us untill she shall make satisfaction to this meeting, which that she may do is our desire -
Signed in & on behalf of our said meeting by

{ Isaac Thorn }

{ Anna Thorn } Clerks

John Allen and William Mitchell are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be Clear and report.

The request of Samuel Wood being again revived and after being Considered, Defer the further Consideration of it to next meeting by the request of some friends.

Three of the friends Continued to Visit Nathaniel Gardner report they have paid him another Visit to a good degree of Satisfaction under Consideration thereon, Defers his Case untill next meeting, under the Care of the Committee.

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment &c of Thomas Burtis report the appointment answered

The friends to Inform Ichabod Bowerman of his reception report the appointment answered.

The friends Continued in the Case of Edward Palmer report they have wrote to him but its not yet gone they are Continued in that service.

The friends to prepare som lines to recommend Richard Post to Saratoga Monthly meeting report the way is not yet Clear therefore they are Continued to write to him the Circumstances of his Case & report.

The friends appointed to Join the women in preparing an Essay of a Certificate on behalf of William Cromwell and his wife Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting produced it which being approved is signed.

Ninepartners Preparative meeting proposes Joseph Merritt to the service of an Overseer: Which is united with & he accordingly appointed to that service -

Said meeting also forwarded to this a request from Jedediah Talman & his wife Margaret for their son Stephen & Daughter Elizabeth to be admited members of our society. Therefore we appoint Tristram Russell, Joseph Merritt, Pontius Woolley & Lawrence Dean to Join with the women in Visiting them on that account and Inform next meeting their sence thereof. -

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Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Joshua White & wife Deborah and son Michall from Danby Monthly meeting held 7 of 5 Mo. 1795.

Also received a Certificate, on behalf of Anna Jacobs a Minor from Creek Monthly meeting held 20 of 3 Mo. 1795

Also received a Certificate of removal on behalf of Mary Hoag from Creek Monthly meeting held 19 of 12 mo. 1794

Garet Burtis and Enoch Dorland returned to this meeting the minutes they had from this meeting when about to Travel Northward as far as upper & Lower Canada ~

Was handed to this meeting a receipt from the Treasurer form the sum of £4..5..0 raised at New Britain for Hudson Meeting House

adjourns to the usual time in next month ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 17th of 6 Mo. 1795

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Zacheus Mead and Mary Pratt report they attended it and Discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished & Produced the marriage Certificate.

Two of the friends in the Case of William Palmer son of Micah report they have had another opportunity with him to some satisfaction which after being Considered Continues his Case untill next meeting under the Care of the Committee.

The friends appointed to Visit Amos Bull report they had had another opportunity with him but to little satisfaction, and he appearing neglectful in the attendance of Meetings, Which after being Considered this meeting appoints Abraham Storms and Samuel Dorland Junr to give him Information (if way opens) that this meeting Concludes to Disown him, also to prepare an Essay of a Denial against him & produce to next meeting.

The womens meeting Informs this that Phebe Weeks hath been Guilty of the sin of fornication & after Visiting her it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be disowned, with this meetings Concurrence which after being Considered unites with them therein & appoints John Dorland and Lawrence Dean to assist the women in preparing an Essay for that purpose against her and report.

Said Meeting handed to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Susanna Swain Directed to Nantucket Monthly meeting which being approved is signed.

The friends to read the Testification against Sarah Mosher report the appointment answered.

The request of Samuel Wood being again opened in this meeting and after being Considered Leaves his Case untill next meeting.

The friends Continued to Visit Nathaniel Gardner on his request report they have paid him another Visit to some satisfaction, under Consideration thereon Continues the Committee to Visit him again and report.

The friends Continued in the Case of Edward Palmer report they have forwarded a letter to him they are Continued untill next meeting.

The friends Continued in the Case of Richard Post report they have Wrote but not had an opportunity to forward it to him, therefore they are Continued ~

The friends appointed on the request of Jedediah Talman and his wife Margaret for their Children report they have Visited them to a good Degree of satisfaction, which after being Considered, & having the Concurrence of the womens meeting we accept them members.

This meeting received Jacob Thorn's receipt for £3..12..8 raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection

Also received Jacob Thorn's receipt for £1..0..8 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection.

Adjourns to the usual time in next month -

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 15th of 7th Mo. 1795

The Representatives Present.

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting and are in substance as follows.

Ansr 1st ~ All meetings for religious Worship & Discipline are attended, thos there is a Deficiency in some, the hours is observed, yet some are remis herein, Not all Clear of sleeping in meetings, & some Care taken in each Deficiency, Clear of other indeacent behaviour as far as appears.

2nd ~ Love and Unity appears to be maintained amongst us in a good Degree as becomes brethren, and Care taken to end Differences when they appear.

3d ~ It dont appear but that we are measurably Clear of Backbiting, Tale bearing, & Spreading evil reports tho not without some exception & Care taken.

4th ~ Friends in a general appear to be in a good Degree Careful to keep themselves & all those under their tuition in Plainness of speech, behaviour, & apparel, Yet some are deficient & advice given. It doth not appear but that friends are in the practice of frequently reading the scriptures, & guard against reading pernicious books, there appears some deficiency on account of the Corrupt Conversation of the world & some labour Extended.

5th ~ Friends appear in a good Degree Careful to avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns, & places of diversion Except some Instances of the Excessive use of spirituous Liquors & one Instance of attending a place of diversion, & those under Care - Moderation & temperance is observed at marriages, births, and burials as far as appears.

6th ~ The necessities of the poor are inspected & relief administred where it appears necessary, & their Children partake of Learning no friends Child placed out that we know of.

7th ~ We know of no proposals of marriage without Consent of parents or guardians, one Instance of keeping Company with one not of our society, but no Connivance thereat by parents that appears. None known to attend the marriages of those that have gone out from us.

8 ~ No unseasonable proposals of marriage, nor rights of Children neglected that appears.

9th ~ Clear of Taking Oaths, paying Priests wages, bearing arms, and other Military services & of fraudulent and Clandistine trade, Lotteries, & of Dealing in Prize goods as far as appears, except the use of the produce of the Labour of Persons held in Slavery ~

10 ~ Some neglects respecting making wills & some advice given, no misapplication of Publick Gifts & Legacies that we know of.

11 ~ Clear of being Concerned in negroes as slaves two youth & they in a way to Get school Learning ~

12 ~ It dont appear but that friends are Careful to perform their promises & pay their just Debts & not to Launch into business beyond ability to mannage ~

13 ~ Some removals without Certificated & Care taken

14 ~ A good Degree of Care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to Discipline ~

The friends in the Case of William Palmer son of Micah report they have had another opportunity with him, and thought there was some sincerity in him & he forwarded an acknowledgment to this meeting, which after being Considered accepts it which is as follows.

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Nine Partners 15th of 7th Mo. 1795

Dear friends

I can but Inform you that I have been so far Led astray by the Enemy as to make use of Corrupt Conversation, also to go to a Tavern where I

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was Concerned in gaming, Likewise attended a place of Diversion, all which I am sorry for & do Condemn and desire friends to pass it by & continue me under their faithful Care - William Palmer.

Clark Wilbur & Jedediah Tallman are appointed to Inform him thereof, also to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at the Ridge and report.

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a denial &c against Amos Bull report they have not Informed him by reason of his removing to Upper Canada, they produced an Essay, and as it has appeared by acknowledgment from him that he has given way to passion & strick a man for Which he has been Laboured with, Therefore the Committee is Continued to prepare another Essay and produce to next meeting ~

The friends appointed to assist the women in preparing an Essay of a denial against Phebe Weeks, report the appointment answered & the women producet it here which being approved is signed & is as follows ~

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 15 of 7 Mo. 1795.

Phebe Weeks a Member of our Society not taking heed to that which would have preserved her in innocency, hath been guilty of Fornication, therefore we Testify against her said Misconduct & disown her from being a member untill by repentance and amendment of Life, she make satisfaction to this meeting, which that she may is our desire - Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by { Isaac Thorn Clerk

{ Anna Thorn Clerk

John Dorland and James Congdon are appointed to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego if the way be Clear & report - as she was a member of Westbury Monthly meeting - the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a Copy of the above proceedings against her.

The request of Samuel Wood being again revived & after being Considered Defers the further Consideration thereof to next meeting ~

The friends Continued to Visit Nathaniel Gardner on his request report they have had another opportunity with him to but Little Satisfaction which after being Considered appoints the following friends to Inform him this meeting thinks best to return his request to him & report Viz - Abishai Coffin, Shubal Coffin, Lophar Green & William Valentine.

The friends Continued in the Case of Edward Palmer report they have received no answer from him, the Committee is Continued to prepare a Circumstantial account respecting him Directed to Danby Monthly meeting, And produce to next meeting ~

The friends Continued in the Care of Richard Post report they have not yet sent him the letter. As it appears there is some uneasiness respecting his outward affairs being unsettled. Therefore they are Continued to prepare a few Lines Directed to saratoga Monthly meeting setting forth the Circumstance of his Case & produce to next meeting

Was Presented to this meeting an acknowledgment from Peter Irish, who was formerly disowned for marrying out of the unity of Friends, - As also Two requests to be admited members with us from persons residing in Upper Canada Viz - Aaron Brewer & Daniel Way - Which after being weightily Deliberated on Concludes to appoint the following friends to take the Necessary Care therein as way may open Viz - Lophar Green, Jedediah Tallman, Joseph Talcott, William Valentine, Enoch Dorland, Brownell Wilbur Samuel Dorland Junr. Lawrence Dean, Tripp Mosher and William Mitchel -

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Pegge Valentine from the monthly Meeting at Westbury held 17th of 6th Mo 1795.

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Oswego Preparative Meeting forwarded to this a request from William Huff to Come under friends Care, therefore we appoint William Woolley, John Cristy, & Israel Titus to Visit him on that account and Inquire into his Life and Conversation and the grounds of his request and Inform next meeting their sence respecting his sincerity ~

Nine Partners Preparative meeting Informs that David Gardner has removed to Saratoga and Desires a Certificate thereto - Therefore Shubal Coffin and Benjamin Mosher are appointed to Prepare one for that purpose if the way be Clear and produce to next meeting.

Said meeting Informs that they have raised the further sum of £211..3..2 Oswego Informs they have added £24..11..8 for Hudson Meeting House

And the subscription of Ninepartners for building a meeting house at Coemans is £19..0..0 & Oswego report theirs is £7..4..0 -

The friends appointed to attend the meeting on the Ridge report they have attended that meeting to a good Degree of satisfaction, but it had not yet appeared to them best for it to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting respecting the Establishing of it - Which after being Considered, allows a meeting there as heretofore for 6 Months and appoints the following friends to attend that meeting and report their satisfaction when the time of holding it is out. And also their prospects respecting its being forwarded to the Quarterly meeting on account of the Establishing it. - Viz. - William Valentine, James Congdon, Matthew Cumstock, Silvanus Gardner Jonathan Deuel, Joseph Talcott, Abraham Swift - and Reuben Haight ~

This meeting is Informed that Jehu Woolley proposes giving a Piece of Land for a meeting house Lott, we therefore appoint Jedediah Tallman and Moses Heustis to take a Deed of said Lot and Inform next meeting -

The following friends are appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting with the accounts & report at Next meeting producing such Business as shall be directed Down Viz. Solomon Haight, Lawrence Dean, Prince Bennett Jonathan Deuel and William McCoord

Adjourns to the Usual time in next month

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 19th of 8 Mo. 1795

The Representatives Present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and produced 200 Copies of the Printed General Epistle from London of 1794 - one of which being now read, the Contents therein Contained was to or satisfaction.

The representatives are requested to proportion and forward them to our Preparative meetings.

Also the Writen Epistle from London & that from Philadelphia is produced the reading of them is refered to next meeting.

The Extracts from our Quarterly meeting are also received and are as follows.

At a Quarterly meeting held at Ninepartners 5th of 8th Mo. 1795. -

The Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting are now produced and are as follows. Viz

The minute of the Yearly meeting relative to the state of our society claimed our Particular attention, under which the minds of many were dipt into an affection Consideration of the subject particularly that part relative to a

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prevailing worldly mindedness; and Desires are witnessed that our Monthly Meetings & friends Individually may pay a due & weighty attention to those things Complained of - It is as follows ~

The Committee to take into Consideration the state of our society as represented in the answers to the Queries & the Concern of the meeting thereon, having had several opportunities of Confering thereon in which a free communication of prospects and sentiments was evidenced and the deviations expressed coming under our deliberate and Careful attention we were led to examin & search into the Cause and origin thereof and to Consider what farther may appear necessary to be done in order to Carry forward and promote a reformation amongst us in the course of our deliberations we were effected to find that notwithstanding the repeated pressing advises on the subject of attending our religious meetings, there are still some amongst us who are neglectful of this great and incumbent Duty. It was also painful to discover that a want of Love and Unity had in some Instances appeared when Inattention to those Important subjects become manifest, other affecting deficiencies follow among which we have had with sorrow to observe that a drowsy spirit is too prevalent amongst us. Also a departure from plainness the reading of pernicious books and the Corrupt Conversation of the world are more generally Complained of with a want of a more proper and increased Care of & for relief for the poor and particularly in affording their Children suitable Learnings. These subjects have engaged our attention and impressed our minds with solicitude that Monthly meetings and Individuals move at Large may witness an increased concern for a reform in these respects and a renewed sympathy and Concern

was felt for the oppressed african race attended with a solicitude that we may Continue to advocate their Cause and Cherish every tender scruple which may have a tendency to the promotion of their restoration to that proper rank in Religious and Civil society wo which they are Justly Entitled - a concern was also manifested arising from an apprehension that too many suffer their minds to be surfeited with the Cares of this life and the deceitfulness of Riches whereby some have been drawn into too great a variety and extention of business, both in respect to Merchandize and Husbandry & those incumbred tho in more confined limits to their great loss as to the spiritual life and exercise also attended touching the pursuing of business on the Credit and the risk of the property and reputation of others - a conduce which is highly unjust in any but more especially inconsistent with the uprightness of our holy Profession and too often attended with non payments of Just debts -

The subject of removals notwithstanding the directions and advises of the Yearly meeting in order to restrain and discourage injudicious and unsafe movements Claim our Consideration attended with a desire that Individuals may be watchful on that account and that Monthly meetings Continue to exercise an encreased care over their members in that respect, and in order to render the Concern and advises of the Yearly more effectual in the promotion of a reformation its thought proper to propose that the Yearly meeting appoints a Committee to attend the several Quarterly meetings, and the Quarterly meetings be recommended to appoint

a Committee to pay a general Visit to the families of friends and that the Yearly meetings Committee unite in affording such assistance in the work as in the wisdom of Truth way may open for it ~

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It appears by the Extracts that £200 is directed to be raised & placed in the hands of the Treasurer therefore our Monthly meetings are directed to proceed in raising their proportions of the same & report -

Our Preparative meetings are desired to proceed in raising Money for that purpose & report seasonable to go to the Quarterly meeting -

By a minute of the Yearly meeting the subject of a Boarding school is now brought under our Consideration and as it appears that meeting has Concluded to go forward with such an Institution in this Quarter and directed subscriptions to be opened to Carry the work forward, therefore our Monthly meetings are desired to proceed accordingly, & friends are requested to Come forward liberally in their subscriptions for this purpose & report - which this meeting recommends to the strict attention of our Preparative meetings with a report seasonably to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting Philip Hoag, Shadrack Ricketson & John Alsop are appointed to furnish Each of our Monthly meetings with a Copy of the plan of the proposed Boarding School ~

The friends appointed to read the acknowledgment of William Palmer report the appointment answered ~

The friends Continued to prepare an Essay of a Denial against Amos Bull, produced it which being approved is signed & is as follows -

From our Monthly meeting held at Nineparterns 19 of 8 mo. 1795.

Whereas Amos Bull has had a right of membership amongst us, and by not taking heed to that, that would have preserved him iin innocency, hath neglected

the attendance of our meetings and married out of the order used amongst us, also gave way to passion and struck a man, and he being laboured with for his restoration and it not having the desired effect, therefore we do Testify against his said misconduct & disown him from being any longer a member amongst us untill he shall make satisfacton to this meeting, that which he may be favoured to do is our desire - signed on behalf of the above said meeting by - Isaac Thorn Clerk

as he lives at such a distance this meeting appoints Abraham Storms & Lawrence Dean to read it at the Close of a first Day meeting at Oswego, also to forward him a Copy of the Testification & report

The friends to read the Testification against Phebe Weeks report the appointment not answered, a reason given they are Continued.

The request of Samuel Wood being again opened and after being Considered, this meeting appears most Easy to return his request to him and appoints William Woolley and Daniel Dean to Inform him thereof & report.

The friends appointed to Inform Nathaniel Gardner the Conclusion of this meeting respecting his request report the appointment not answered, and a reason given they are Continued ~

The womens meeting Informs this, that Judith Coffin Daughter of Paul - hath gone out of Plainess & kept Company with one not of our society & after Visiting her it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be Disowned with this meetings Concurrence. This meeting unites therewith & appoints Joseph Merritt and William Mitchell to assist the women in preparing an Essay of a Denial against her & report.

The friends to prepare some Lines directed to Danby Monthly meeting respecting Edward Palmer produced them

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them which not being fully satisfactory they are Continued in that service ~

The friends to prepare some lines Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting respecting Richard Post produced them which being approved is signed & is as follows - [Note there is a very large section of this page following the above where it appears the ink has faded considerably so as to make it unreadable]

The Clerk is directed to forward them to that meeting

The friends appointed on the acknowledgment of Peter Irish & the request from other persons residing in upper Canada report they have paid an attention to the appointment, but no way opened as yet, they are Continued in that service - this meeting also received requests from Thomas Bowerman & Cornelius Blunt (residing in them parts) to Come under friends Care as there is also several request from Women there, said Committee is desired to attend thereto in Conjunction with the womens Committee & report

The friends appointed to Visit William Huff on his request report they have had an opportunity with him and Desire to have another therefore they are Continued in that service.

The friends to prepare an Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of David Gardner Directed to Saratoga Monthly meeting produced one which with some alteration being approved is signed.

One of the friends appointed to take a deed of Land for a Meeting house Lot report the appointment not answered they are Continued.

Was presented to this meeting a Certificate on behalf of John Wintringham & family from the Monthly meeting held at Hull, (in Old England) 19th of 3d Mo. 1795, & as it is somewhat in a singular form we appoint William Mitchell Isaac Thorn, Tripp Moshe, Abishai Coffin, Joseph Talcott & John Hoag, to Visit said family and Inquire into the Circumstance of the Case & Inform next meeting ~

Nine Partners Preparative meeting informs that Josph Mosher has removed to newbritain & Desires a Certificate of removal Directed to Hudson Monthly meeting for himself & wife we therefore appoint Consider Merritt and Silvanus Gardner to unite with the women in preparing one for that purpose if nothing appears to hinder and produce to next meeting ~

Oswego Preparative meeting Nominates Prince Bennett for an overseer in the place of Abraham Storms which this meeting unites with & appoints him accordingly -

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of James Clapp; his wife Phebe & their Children from the monthly meeting held at the Creek 7th of 4 mo. 1795.

Saratoga Monthly meeting Informs they have Complied with our request in Visiting Edward White and believe he is sincear in his acknowledgment and of an orderly Life & Conversation, which after being Considered accepts it which is as follows

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Nine partners

Whereas I having had my Education among friends but not giving heed to the Principles of divine truth in my own breast - as I ought to have done, have Erred therefrom by giving heed to a Libertine spirit to the keeping Company & marrying from among friends & that before a Priest all which I do Condemn & am sorry for

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and do desire friends to pass, it by and receive me under your Christian and to watch over me for good Edward White

Danby 23 of the 2d mo. 1794

Jonathan Deuel & Philip Hoag are appointed to prepare some Lines to recommend him to Danby Monthly meeting & produce to next meeting ~

Said meeting also Informs, they have had an opportunity with William Irish & believe him to be sincear in his acknowledgment & find nothing but that his Life and Conversation is orderly, after a Deliberation thereon accepts his acknowledgment which is as follows -

Vermont State 4th mo. 15 Day 1794

Whereas I was formerly a member of Society among friends and was disowned at the oblong or the great Ninepartners Monthly meeting about 33 years ago for marrying Contrary to the good order among friends and have since done many things Contrary to their good order all of which I am sorry for, as I have had a disire some time to make friends satisfaction, now feeling the same concern to revive, I do heartily Condemn all my Past out goings, and request friends to pass by my above said misconduct, and receive me under their Christian Care again & send me a Certificate to Saratoga Monthly meeting. This from Your friend with my Love to friends

William Irish

and appoints Jonathan Deuel & Philip Hoag to prepare a few Lines to recommend him to Danby Monthly meeting & produce to next meeting ~

The Committee on the request of a number of Persons residing at Upper Canada inform that the few friends there meet together & some others & sit down for worship, the subjected Ingaged this meeting attention & after deliberating thereon concludes to lay it on the Committee appointed to Visit those requesters for them to weight & Inform this meeting their sence thereof at some future setting ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month ~

At a Monthly meeting held at Nine Partners 16th of 9th mo. 1795

The Representatives present. Philip Hoag is appointed Clerk for ye day

The written Epistle from London & that from Philadelphia of last year was now read which, was to our satisfaction ~

The friends appointed to read the Testification &c against Amos Bull report the Appointment Answered

One of the friends Continued to read the Testification against Phebe Weekes report the appointment answered ~

The friends continued to inform Saml. Wood respecting his request report the Appointment not Answered & a reason given they are continued

The friends Continued to inform Nathaniel Gardner the conclusion of this meeting respecting his request report the appointment answered. -

The friends appointed to assist the women in preparing an essay of a denial against Judith Coffin report the appointment answered & the Women produced it here which being approved is Signed & is as follows

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine-Partners 16th of 9th Mo 1795.

Whereas Judith Coffin Daughter of Paul Coffin had had a right of membership amongst us, but not taking heed to the principale of Truth which would have preserved her in innocency hath given way to an unstable mind in not keeping to plainness, and hath kept company with one not of our Society for which she hath been Laboured with without the desired effect we therefore Testify against her said misconduct and disown her from being any longer a member with us until by repentance and amendment of life she may make Satisfaction to this meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and by order of Said meeting by

{ Philip Hoag Clerk this day

{ Anna Thorn Clerk

Joseph Merritt & John Hoag are appointed to read it at the close of a first day Meeting Nine Partners if the way be clear & report

The friends Continued to prepare some lines directed to Danby Moly [Monthly] respecting Edward Palmer produced them which with a small alteration being approved is signed & is as follows

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 9th Mo. 16th. 1795.

To the Monthly Meeting at Danby

Dear Friends, Edward Palmer a member of this meeting has removed to the bay of Perue within the Verge of your meeting and left

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is affairs unsettled, some of which are reproachful particularly in bargaining away his land when there was a separte bond on a Mortgage with the Purchasers of said Land knew not of and brings an Incumbrance on said Purchaser, to the amount of a considerable sum, we therefore request your Brotherly spiritism in Labouring with him on our behalf and inform this Meeting of your proceeding with Salutation of Love we remain your Friend Signed in behalf of the above said Meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk this day.

The Clerk is directed to forward them to said Meeting

The friends Appointed on the acknowledgment of Peter Irish Sr to join the women on the request from a number of persons in Upper Canada report they have several times met on the Subject, but no way opens for a visit as yet under a consideration thereon continues the Comittee in that Service to report in 12th Mo. next

The friends Continued on the request of Wm Huff report they have had another opportunity with him to Satisfaction, and by Inquiry dont find but that his life and Conversation is orderly, and believe him to be in a good degree Sincere in his request; after a deliberation thereon accepts him a member & appoints James Congdon & Augustin Titus to inform him thereof & report

The friends appointed to take a Deed, of Land for a Meeting House Lott on the Ridge report the Appointment answered; The following friends are appointed to take a deed of Uses from them & report viz John Hoag, Tristram Bussell Isaac Thorn, & Abishai Coffin

The friends Appointed to visit John Wintringham & family requesting their Certificate report as follows; Agreeable to appointment we have visited John Wintringham & family and inspected the circumstance of his Affairs and think best that their Certificate be accepted which after being considered accepts the Certificate and as his son John lives at New York we appoint Tripp Mosher & Joseph Talcott to purpose a few lines to recommend him there, and produce to next meeting also to inform them that their Certificate is accepted -

The friends appointed to prepare an Essay of a certificate on behalf of Joseph Mosher & wife directed to Hudson Monthly Meeting produced it which being approved is Signed

The friends Appointed to prepare some lines on behalf of Edward White directed to Danby Monthly Meeting produced them which being approves is Signed.

Likewise the friends to prepare some lines to recommend William Irish to Danby Monthly Meeting produced them which being approved is Signed.

The friends appointed to visit the Meeting at Israel Titus's report they have attended that meeting to a good degree of Satisfaction it appeared to be orderly

The time for which the Meeting was allowed to be held at Stephen Deans is now expired, & friends there still desire it may be Continued; which after being Considered Allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for Six Months -

Saratoga Monthly Meeting informs this, they have visited Amos Reynolds and he appears in a good degree Sincere, and add they think it may be safe to accept his acknowledgment after a deliberation thereon accepts which is as follows viz

The thirty first day of the first month 1795.

To the Monthly Meeting of friends in the great 9 partners at the brick Meeting House;

Dear Friends whereas I have gone Contrary to the good order of friends so far as to marry out from among friends after being precautioned, all which I am sorry for and do condemn and I do desire that friends would pass by my misconduct and recieve me under their watchful care again -- Amos Reynolds

Consider Merritt & Isaac Thorn are Appointed to prepare a few lines to recommend him to Saratoga Monthly Meeting and produce to next Meeting -

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that Joseph Haustiss? hath kept company and married Contrary to the order of friends after being precautioned, Likewise has gone out of plainness of Apparel; Therefore we appoint Clark Wilbur & Jehu Woolley to inform him, that this meeting concludes to disown him also to draw an essay of a denial and produce to next meeting

Sd [Said] meeting also proposes to this meetings Consideration the ?[smudge] situation of several of its members who reside considerable nearer a branch of the Creek Creek Monthly Meeting, which after being Considered ?[smudge] to appoint the following friends to visit those

families and inform the next Meeting their prospects thereto viz Wm. Mitchell, Shubal Coffin, Bnjan? Church, Abishai Coffin, Sylvanus? [torn] Gardner & John Hoag

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The Womens Meeting handed to this a Certificate of removal on behalf of Sarah Barker directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting which being approved is Signed -

This Meeting recieved the Treasurers receipt for £2:17:3 raised at Nine Partners their Quarterly Collection; Also recd. the Treasurers receipt for 12/6 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection

We now Adjourn to the usual time in next Mo.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine-Partners 14th of 10th Mo. 1795.

The representatives present; Philip Hoag is appointed Clerk to this meeting and Jedediah Tallman Assistant.

The Queries were read and the answers which came up from our Preparative Meetings are in Substance as follows viz

Answer 1st Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for Religious worship and discipline; the hour nearly observed by those that [?? smudge] attend, the some are remiss herein, not all clear of Sleeping in meetings Some care extended in each deficiency, clear of other unbecomin behaviour as far as appears ~

2nd Love and Unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren; And care is taken to end differences when any appear

3d Clear of Backbiting, Talebearing, and spreading evil reports as far as appears

4th Some friends are careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness, the others are deficient herein, and some care taken Some instances of attending places of diversion and of making unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors and care extended; None frequent Taverns that is kno of

5th It dont appear but friends do frequently read the Holy Scriptures & guard against reading pernicious books, not all clear of the corrupted conversation & some care taken. No immoderation or intemperance on account of Marriages Births, or Burials, that Appears ~

6th The necessities of the poor, and those whose circumstances appear to require assistance are inspected, and relief administered whose it is thought necessary some advice given with regard to their employment, their Children do partake of learning in order to fit them for business, no friends Child placed out from amongst friends that appear

7th No proposals of marriage without consent of Parents or Guardian or Company keeping on that account that appears, one instance excepted and under care, no connivance of Parents on that account that appears, no friend has attended the marriages of those who have gone out from us, or marriages accomplished by Pries or Magistrate, No unseasonable proposals of Marriage since the decease of former Husband or Wife that appears; The rights of no Children by former marriages neglected that we know of

8th Clear as far as appears -

9th There remains a Neglect respecting making Wills & advice given no misapplication of publick gifts or Legacies that we know of ~

10th Clear of being concerned in Negroes as slaves, two of their Youths and they and all other Children placed under our Care are in some way to get School Learning ~

11th We do not know but friends perform their promises and pay their just debts accordingly, a few instances excepted & under care, we know not of any who have launched too far into business

12th Some removals without Certificates & some care hath been taken ~

13th A good degree of care is taken in Season to deal with Offenders measurably in the Spirit of Meekness & agreeable to Discipline ~

One of the friends to inform Saml. [Samuel] Wood the result of this meeting on his request report they have informed him

The friends Appointed to read the Testification against Judith Coffin report it has not been read, and a reason given; Therefore they are continued

One of the friends to inform Wm. Huff of his reception report has informed

Our friend Joshua Evans attended this Meeting, with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Haddonfield in New Jersey held 9th of 3d Mo. 1795 with an Indorsement from the Quarterly Meeting at Haddonfield 20th of 3d Mo. 1795 whose company and Service was to our satisfaction -

The womens Meeting informs that Cloe White wife to Benjamin desires to come under friends care, and after visiting her they appear easy that she be accepted with the concurrence of this Meeting; after being considered unites therewith and accepts her a member.

The friends to take a Deed of Uses of a Meeting House lott on the Ridge report an attention thereto but not fully completed, they are Continued

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A certificate on behalf of John Wintringham Junr. was produced (by the friends thereto appointed) directed to New York Moly [Monthly] Meeting which was approved & Signed, they also report they've informed Sd. [Said] family their Certificate is accepted.

A few lines to recomend Amos Reynolds to Saratoga Monthly Meeting was produced agreeable to appointment, which are approved & Signed

The friends to prepare an Essay of a denial &c against Joseph Huistiss &c report the appointment answered and produced it here which is approved & Signed It is as follows

From our Monthly Meeting held at 9 partners 14th of 10th Mo. 1795

Whereas Joseph Huistiss a member of this meeting hath gone so far Counter to the good order thereof, as to go out from plainness of Apparel & keep company and marry, with one not of our Society after being cautioned Therefore for the clearing of Truth and our Society of the reproach we do testify against this sd. [said] Misconduct and disown him from being any longer a member with us; until by amendment of life, he does make satisfaction for his outgoings, which he may do is our desire Signed in behalf of Sd [Said] meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk

Clark Wilbur, & Brownell Wilbur are appointed to inform of his denial and a right to an appeal and give him a Copy of it if he desires it, also to read it at the Close of a first day meeting on the Ridge if he shows no intention of appealing and report

The Committee to visit those families who live remote from this meeting, and considerably nearer a branch of Creek Monthly Meeting report they have visited those families whose Situation & Circumstance render it most convenient to attend the meeting at Stamford and are Unitedly of the mind it is reasonable the following friends be joined to the Creek Moly [Monthly] Meeting (to which they appear united) viz - John Gifford, John Gifford Junr. his wife Anna, Aaron Palmer his wife Margaret their son Peter, John Tripp, his wife Hannah their sons John and Anthony, Job Case, and Elisabeth Briggs, wife to Anthony Briggs which after being Considered concluded to continue the Committee to attend the Creek Moly [Monthly] meeting with a Copy of this minute & inform next meeting that meetings prospect theron

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that Zachariah Barton has not kept to plainness has been to places of diversion, and has been guilty of Quarrelling & fighting, Therefore we appoint Pontius Woolley & Wm. Valentine to labour with him on those accounts for his restoration & inform [smudge]ting meeting their sense of the disposition of his mind

NP Meeting also, forwarded to this a request from Benjamin White to come under friends care therefore we appoint Jonathan Deuel, Wm. Mitchell and Garret Birtice to Visit him on that account & in quire into his life and Conversation & the grounds of his request, and inform next meeting their sense of his Sincerity

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on Phebe Thorn wife to Samuel from the Creek Moly [Monthly] Meeting held 17th of 7th mo 1795

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs they have raised & forwarded the sum of £3-7 Towards the Yearly Meetings Stock; they have also Subscribed the Sum of £18-1 towards a boarding School, Nine Partners informs they,ve made some progress therein

Abraham Swift, Abraham Storms, Joseph Merritt, & Jedediah Tallman, are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting with the accounts from this, and report at next meeting producing the extracts.

Adjourns to the usual time in next Mo.

At a Monthly Meeting at Nine Partners 18th of 11th Mo. 1795

The representatives present;

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended and produced the extracts

Those friends continued to read the denial against Judith Coffin report it has been read.

The Committee to take a Deed of uses of a meeting House lott on the Ridge, inform they have taken one as directed

The friends to inform Joseph Huistiss of his denial also to read it report it is accomplished

This meeting is informed (by the friends appointed to attend the Creek Moly [Monthly] Meeting) that, that meeting has referd the proposal from our last meeting relative to the situation of some of our members living hear a branch of that Moly [Monthly] Meeting to the consideration of their next meeting therefore the Committee are continued, & to report at next meeting

The friends appointed to labour with Zacharias Barton on account of his misconduct inform they have had an opportunith with him, but not making a clear report they are continued to make him a further visit, & inform next meeting their sense of the disposition of his mind ~

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The Committee to Visit Benjamin White on his request report they have paid him a visit and his life and Conversation appears orderly, and they believe him convinced of friends principles and in good Measure sincere in his request under a deliberate consideration thereon accept him a member & appoint Joseph Talcott & Wm. Mitchell to inform him thereof and report~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that Reubon Haight desires to be released from this place of an Overseer after a consideration therein it appears the mind of this meeting that he be continued to that service to which he gr???

The women informs that Lydia Coffin Daughter of Paul has neglected the attendance of Meetings deviated from plainness attended a marriage accomplished by a Magistrate; and it appears the mind of their meeting that she be disowned with the concurrence of this; this meeting after a consideration thereon unites therewith and appoints Isaac Thorn & Joseph Merritt to assist the women in preparing an essay of a denial against her & report

They also inform that Hannah Hiller Daughter of Prince has divers regarded the advice of her Parents neglected the attendance of meetings gone from plainness, Likewise given way to corrupt conversation of the world & they appear easy that she be disowned with our concurrence, which after being considered concurs therewith and appoints Isaac Thorn & Wm. Mitchell to assist drawing an essay of a denial and report

Saratoga Monthly Meeting return'd to this a certificate of removal issued from this Meeting sometime past on behalf of Martha Irish with an information that she has not removed as was expected ~

Our Friend Reuben Palmer opened to this meeting a prospect that is before him to made a visit the eastward as far as Hartford in the Compass of Oblong Monthly Meeting; this meeting unites therewith he being a minister in unity, and directs the Clerk to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

The women informs that Elizabeth Partridge formerly Russell has married contrary to the order of friends by a magistrate after being precautioned; and it appears the conclusion of their meeting that she be disowned if we unite, this meeting Unites therewith and appoints Abram Swift & Jonathan Deuel to assist in preparing an essay of a denial against her & report ~

In the extracts we find the following minute

“viz At a Meeting for Sufferings in New York 21st of 10th Mo. 1795 Renewed attention was now given to the Subject introduced at our last meeting, relative to the Sufferings & distress, occasioned by the awful visitation of Sickness, Mortality, which for a considerable time hath attended this City, and which having impressed our minds with a feeling Sympathy attended with an ardent Solicitude, that we may not be wanting in our duty at this afflicting season when loudly called upon to extend a helping hand of relief to the poor & helpless, (not members of our Society) who have already become, and those, who will probably in the approaching Winter, become the objects of our beneavence under this prospect of the Subject the meeting appeared afresh and unitedly impressed with the Necessity of our Stepping forward with a liberality equal to the occasion, and which leads to the propriety of communicating to our Quarterly Meetings, our Sentiments, and concern thereon, that so by our commendation to

Monthly Meetings, Soliciting their Sympathy & assistance Friends at large may not only have an opportunity of feeling a commiseration with the afflicted, but be encouraged to manifest a Liberality in their Subscriptions, and thereby unite alleviating the distress of our poor fellow Creatures; the Clerk is desired to furnish each of our Quarters with a Copy of this minute and to request the amount of their Subscriptions forwarded to Robert Bowie & Edmund Prior in New York the subject claimed our attention, and a sympathy is witnessed for that afflicted City and it is recommended to our monthly Meetings to open Subscriptions for the relief of those distressed persons alluded to in the above minute & forward the same as proposed therein Therefore we appoint John Allen, Consider Merritt, Sam Dorland Junr

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Augustin Titus, Moses Houstiss, James Congdon, James Willets & Philip Hoag to open Subscriptions for that purpose and pay the money to John Allen (who is desired to forward it as directed) also inform next meeting the Sum raised and friends are encouraged to a benevolent disposition in order that the Necessities of the poor and afflicted may be Supplied ~

It also appears the Meeting for Sufferings direct the Quarters to raise the sum of £132..5..3 for finishing the Meeting House at Ferrisburgh and pay it to Ebenezer Haviland in New York; which was by the Quarter directed down, and that a report be made to next Quarter; we therefore recommend the same to the observance of our Preparative Meetings with a report accordingly; and that they pay the Money to this Meetings Treasurer

The Quarter direct that friends compleat their Subscriptions for a boarding School; as also towards the 200£ directed raised by the Yearly Meeting & inform next Quarter which our Preparative Meetings are directed to attend to

This Meeting recd an account of the following Quota as fixed by direction of the Quarter for mising the remainder Sum for Hudson Meeting House viz When £100 is to be raised Nine Partners Moly [Monthly] Meeting raise £45 - Creek 225, - Cornwal 215 and Hudson 215, and it appears there yet remains the Sum of £340 to be raised; of which this Meetings proportion is £153 we therefore appoint Abishai Coffin, John Dorland, Joseph Talcott, John Christy, Isaac Thorn, Benja. Mosher, Samuel Dorland Jur. Joseph Hoxsie & Wm. McCoord to proposition the same on our Preparative Meeting, and inform sd. [said] Meetings, as also our next Meeting

We now adjourn to the usual time in next Mo.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 16th of 12th Mo. 1795

The representatives present.

Our friend Daniel Haviland attended this meeting with a minute from Oblong Monthly Meeting held 14th of 12th Mo. 1795 expressive of a concern to make a visit to the families of friends in the compass of this moly [monthly] meeting to which this meeting appears united

Moses Hoag offered to this meeting a paper Condemning his attending a Horserace, Therefore we appoint Prince Bennett, & Lawrence Dean to visit them on that account and infor. next meeting their sence thereof

The women informs that Mary Wilbur (wife to Joseph) desires to join in membership with us, and after visiting her it appears the mind of this meeting that she be accepted, if we concur therewith, this Meeting unites therewith and accepts her a member

Most of the Committee continued to attend the Creek Monthly Meeting inform they have attended thereto and that meeting has concluded to recieve those friends heretofore married members of their meeting

The friends to extend further labour to Zachariah Barton on account of his misconduct report they have made another opportunity with him and he did not appear in a disposition to make satisfaction; under consideration thereon appoints John Allen, & Abram Swift, to inform him the meeting concluded to disown him & prepare an essay of a denial & produce to next meeting

The women produced a few lines directed to Danby Monthly Meeting, requesting their assistance in labouring with Mary Palmer wife to Edward for drinking Spirituous liquors to excess, which is approved and Signed ~

Those friends to inform Benjamin White of his reception, report he is informed.

The friends to assist in preparing an essay of a denial against Lydia Coffin report they have attended thereto; and the women produced it here which being approved is signed & is as follows; From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 16th of 12th Mo. 1795 Whereas Lydia Coffin Daughter of Paul, hath had a right of membership with us, but by not taking heed to the dictates of Truth, hath neglected the attendance of meetings, deviated from plainness, and attended the marriage of one that went out from us, therefore we testify against her said misconduct and disown her from being a member with us, until by repentance and amendment of life she shall make Satisfaction to this meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire; Signed in and on behalf of the above sd [said] Meeting. - by {Philip Hoag

{Anna Thorn} Clerks

John Allen & Wm. Mitchell are appointed to read it at the close of a first day Meeting at Niinepartners if the way be clear and report

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Also the friends to assist in drawing an essay of a denial against Hannah Hiller inform the appointment answered and the women produced the essay which is approved and Signed, it is as follows viz

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 16th of 12th Mo. 1795

Whereas Hannah Hiller Daughter of Prince Hiller a member of this Meeting, hath deviated from the dictates of Truth; in Neglecting the attendance of meetings; disregarded the advice of her Parents, deviated from Plainness, and giving way to corrupt conversation of the World. Therefore for the clearing of Truth, this meeting doth Testify against her said misconduct and disown her from being any longer a member with us, until by repentance and amendment of life She shall make Satisfaction to this Meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of the above said Meeting by {Philip Hoag

{Anna Thorn} Clerks

Joseph Talcott & John Hoag are appointed to read it at the close of a first day Meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear & report ~

Likewise those to assist in drawing an essay of a denial against Elizabeth Partridge report they have attended to the appointment, and the women handed the essay which is approved & signed, and is as follows ~

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 16th of 12th Mo. 1795

Elizabeth Partridge a member of this meeting hath so far disregarded the rules thereof as to marry contrary to the order of Friends after being precautioned, therefore for the clearing of Truth we do Testify against such proceedings and disown her from being any longer a member with us until she shall condemn her outgoings and make Satisfaction to this Meeting which that she may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of the above Meeting by {Philip Hoag Clerk

{Anna Thorn Clerk -

Reuben Haight and Joseph Talcott are appointed to read it at the close of a first day Meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear & report

The women inform that Ruth Christy formerly Bull hath kept Company and married out of the unity of friends after being precautioned; & it appears the mind of their meeting that she be disowned with our concurrence ~

this meeting concurs therewith, and appoints James Congdon, and James Alley, to assist in preparing an essay of a denial against her and report ~

The committee on the acknowledgment from Peter Irish, and to join the women on account of a number of requests from persons in Upper Canada inform they have several times met & weightily considered the Subject but no way has opened for a visit to be performed; Therefore they are continued to attend thereto as way may open, and report in 3d Mo. next.

This meeting is informed by the friends to open Subscription to raise money for the relief of the poor in New York that the sum of £39-18-3 is raised and paid to John Allen who informs that he has forwarded nearly all as directed he is desired to give next meeting further information thereof

An information is also received from the friends to proportion (our Quota) of the money yet to be raised for Hudson meeting hOuse on the Preparative Meetings, that they have concluded for ninepartners to raise £123.0 & Oswego 230

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting informs that Timothy Howland hath attended divers horseraces; we therefore appoint Shubel Coffin, James Willetts and Benjamin Church to labour with him on that account for his restoration and inform next meeting their sense of the disposition of his mind ~

Recd. Jacob Thorns receipt for £2..10..10 raised at Ninepartners their Quarterly Collection

This Meeting on Considering the Situation & Circumstance of Jome Eberly friends think best to appoint the following friends a standing Committee to advise and assist them as may appear Necessary viz Wm. Mitchell, Encoh Dorland, Reuben Haight, Isaac Thorn, Lophar Green, Samuel Dorland Junr. and Pontius Woolley ~

The Committee (some time past) appointed to advise in cases of friends removing, now proposed to this Meeting to be released; they are therefore dismissed from that service ~

Adjourns to the usual time in next month ~

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Ninepartners 20 of 1st Mo 1796

The representatives present ~

In this Meeting the queries were read & by the answers thereto it appears that

1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline on a attended by the most of our members, the hour generally observed by such, tho some are remiss herein, not all clear of sleeping in meetings and care hath taken in each deficiency; clear of other unbecoming behaviour as far as appears.

2nd Love and unity is maintained as becomes brethren, yet not so fully with all as desired; care hath been taken to end differences when they appear.

3rd It doth not appear but that we are clear of backbiting, talebearing & spreading evil reports.

4th some friends are careful to keep themselves and those under their care in plainness; yet others are negligent herein. Some instances of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors; and diven? of attending places of diversion and labour extended. None frequent taverns, that we know of

5th Friends do frequently read the scriptures as far as appears and guard against reading pernicious books; some give way to corrupt conversation and some ease taken on that account; moderation and temperance is observed at marriages births & funerals as far as appears.

6th The necessities of the poor and those in low circumstances have been inspected and relief administered where it appeared to be needed and some care given with respect to their business; no friends child placed out from among friends that is known

7th No proposals of marriage without consent of parents or guardians that we know of. Some instances of keeping company with those not of our society on account of marriage & care taken; no connivance of parents on that account that appears. No friend hath attended the marriage of those who have gone out from us, one instance of attending a marriage accomplished by a Priest & under care. No unseasonable proposals of marriage since the decease of husband or wife, nor the rights of children by former marriages neglected that we know of ~

8th Clear of taking oaths, paying Priests wages, bearing arms and other military services and of being concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, lotteries or dealing in fine goods as far as appears ~

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9th There is some neglect respecting Wills & some advice given, no misapplication of public gifts and legacies that appears ~

10th Clear of being concerned in Negroes as slaves, two of their youth and they an all those that's placed under our care is in some way to get school learning.

11th Friends appear in a good degree careful to perform their promises & in paying their just debts; none known to launch into buying beyond their ability to manage ~

12th Some removals without Certificates and care taken ~

13th Care is taken in a good degree to deal with offenders seasonably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline ~

Jonathan Smith handed to this meeting a paper condemning his drinking spirituous liquors to excess and also for using profane language in anger; we therefore appoint Jonathan Deuel, Pontius Woolley and Adam Swift to visit him on that account and inform next meeting their sense of his sincerity ~

The womens Meeting informs that Elizabeth Shearman desires to come under care and after visiting her it appears the mind of their meeting that she be accepted, with our concurrence; which after being considered concurs therewith and accepts her as a member ~

The friends to visit Moses Hoag on his acknowledgment inform they have had an opportunity with him & thought he was measurably sensible of his error, under consideration thereon accepts it which is as follows;

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Ninepartners 16th of 12th Mo

Whereas I have been to a place where there was a horse race and was so unguarded as to stay and see them run, which I am sorry for and do condemn and hope friends will pass it by & still continue me under your care.

Moses Hoag, Philip Hoag & Tristram Russell are appointed to inform him thereof & report.

One of the friends to assist the women in drawing an essay of denial against Ruth Christy inform that the appointment is answered; and the women produced the essay, which with some alteration being approved is signed and is as follows:

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Ninepartners 20th of 1st Mo 1796

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Whereas Ruth Christy formerly Bull a member of our meeting having deviated from the order thereof in keeping company and marrying contrary to the order used among friends after being cautioned.

Therefore we do testify against her misconduct and disown her from being any longer a member with us untill she may be favoured to make satisfaction to this meeting which is our desire.

Signed in the above said Meeting by { Philip Hoag Clerk
{ Anna Thorn Clerk

James Alley and Prince Bennett are appointed to read it at the close of a first day Meeting at Oswego, if the way be clear and report.

The Committee to visit the meeting on the Ridge inform they have attended that Meeting to a good degree of satisfaction and thought well that a proposal go forward to the Quarter for the establishing a meeting there; after a time of consideration thereon unites with the report and directs that it be forwarded accordingly. Also allows them to hold a Meeting there as usual for four months.

An essay of a denial (against Zachariah Barton) was produced by the friends appointed with a report that he has been informed the conclusion of this meeting; the essay is approved & signed which is as follows:

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 20th of 1st Mo 1796

Whereas Zachariah Barton by disregarding the Divine Monitor in his own breast has fell into disorder, such as not keeping to plainness and has been to places of diversion; also guilty of quarreling and fighting: And friends having used repeated endeavours for his r??tion but not having the desired effect; Therefore for the clearing of Truth and our society of the reproach we do testify against his said misconduct & disown him to be any longer a member with us until by repentance and amendment of life he shall make satisfaction to this meeting which that he may be favoured to do is our desire; Signed in & on behalf of sd meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk

John Allen & Matthew Comstock are appointed to inform him of his denial & right of appeal and give him a copy. Also read it at the close of a first day meeting at 9 Partners if he has intention of appealing and report ~

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The friends appointed to read the denial against Lydia Coffin report it has not been read and reason given. Therefore they are continued ~

And the friends to read the denial against Hannah Miller inform the appointment not answered for want of information from the women. They are continued to report next meeting ~

It also appears the denial against Elizabeth Partridge has not been read and a reason given. We therefore continue the committee to that service to report next Meeting

The committee to visit Timothy Howland on account of his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him and thought he was disposed to make satisfaction and he offered an acknowledgment to this meeting which after being considered continues the committee to a further visit to him and inform next meeting their sense thereof ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting forwarded a request from Benjamin & Cloe white for their children to be admitted under our care. We therefore appoint Shubel Coffin, Tophar Green, Jonathan Deuel and Joseph Talcott to join with the women in visiting them and inform next meeting their sense with respect to the education of the children & the concern of the parents

9P Meeting also informs that Sylvanus Garner desires a Certificate of removal for himself and family to Hudson Monthly Meeting. Therefore Benjamin Mosher and Matthew Comstock are appointed to unite with the women in preparing one for that purpose if the way be clear and produce to next Meeting ~

John Allen informs he has received £1:2:4 since last meeting for the relief of the poor in New York, but not forwarded for want of an opportunity. Therefore he is continued to report at next meeting ~

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Zacharius Mead from the Creek Moly Meeting held 20th of 11th Mo 1795. Also one for James Treadwell from Jericho Moly Meeting held 15th of 10 Mo 1795 ~

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Nine Partners Preparative Meeting inform that David Lane who resided here as an apprentice with a Certificate from Hudson Monthly Meeting has returned back and requests a few lines from us. Therefore Consider Merritt and Isaac Thorn are appointed to make the necessary inquiry & prepare some for him, if no objection appears & produce to next Meeting~

Our Preparative Meetings inform our proportion of money for Hudson Meeting House is raised ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting inform the sum of £13:12:4 raised towards the Yearly Meeting stock and paid as directed —

Tho that the sum of £46:42 is subscribed towards a boarding school.

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs £2:1 is raised for the Meeting House at Ferrisburgh and forwarded as directed; Nine Partners informs some progress but not completed ~

The following friends are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting with the accounts from this; and report at next meeting with such business as shall be directed down, viz Moses Huestis, Joseph Merritt, Reuben Haight, & Jedediah Tallman ~
We now adjourn to the usual time in next Mo ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 17th of 2nd Mo 1796

The representatives present ~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended & produced the extracts

The friends to visit Jonathan Smith on account of his acknowledgment inform they have had an opportunity with him and he appears in some measure sincere therein; after being considered continues the committee to a further visit to him & report~

Those friends appointed to inform Moses Hoag of the reception of his acknowledgment report he is informed thereof ~

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A report is received from the friends to read the denial against Ruth Christy that it has not been read and a reason given. Therefore they are continued to report at next meeting ~

Information is also received from the friends to read the denial against Zachariah Barton, that their appointment is answered.

The friends continued to read the denial against Lydia Coffin report it is done as directed~

It appears by the friends continued to read the denial against Hannah Miller daughter of Prince that it has not been read and a reason given. Therefore they are continued to that service ~

Likewise the friends to read the denial against Elizabeth Partridge report that appointment answered ~

The committee to extend further labour with Timothy Howland inform they have not made him a visit and the reason given. Therefore they are continued until next meeting ~

The friends to make a visit to Benjamin & Cloe White respecting their children's being admitted members, report they have performed a visit to that family wherein they had a good degree of satisfaction respecting the concern of the parents & unite in proposing that the following be accepted viz Patience, Peter, Sarah, & John; under consideration thereon with the unity of the women accepts the members accordingly ~

An essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Sylvanus Gardner & family being produced is with a small alteration approved & signed.

John Allen informs he has forwarded all the money he's received for the poor in New York as directed which amounts to £41:0:7 which information is directed to be handed forward to next Quarterly Meeting

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The friends to prepare some lines on behalf of David Lane to Hudson Monthly Meeting report the way donst appear to be clear. They are therefore continued to that service ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting forwarded a request from Jeremiah Shearman to come under friends care. We therefore appoint Zophar Green, Tripp Mosher & John Allen to

visit him on that account & inquire into his life and conversation & the grounds of his request & inform next meeting of their sense of his sincerity ~

S'd Meeting also informs that Tristram Russell desires a Certificate of removal for himself and family directed to Cornwall Monthly Meeting; Therefore John Hoag & Jacob Haight are appointed to unite with the women in preparing one for that purpose if the way be clear and produce to next Meeting ~

Likewise P. Meeting informs that Nathaniel Austin requests a Certificate of removal for himself and family to Danby Monthly Meeting. We therefore appoint Messrs Mitchell & Isaac Thorn to join with the women & prepare one for that purpose if no obstruction appears and produce to next Meeting ~

By the extract from the Quarter it appears that friends are desired to compleat their subscriptions for Ferrisburgh Meeting House P. Meeting who proposes that the subscriptions for a boarding school be paid in to the school Treasurer on or before the first of fifth month next, which are directed down to the observance of our Preparative Meetings and that they inform seasonably for the account to go to next Quarter ~

This Meeting appoints the following friends to settle with the Treasurer and inform next meeting the sum on hand viz Joseph Merritt & James Willets [paper tear here]

The committee that has the care of the poor produced an account of £4:14:3 expended which they are directed to call on the Treasurer for they do request to be released from that appointment. They are therefore dismissed and the following friends are appointed to inspect the necessities of the poor and the circumstances of those who may appear likely to require assistance and advise and encourage them to such businesses as they may be capable of. Also afford relief where is it necessary viz Matthew Comstalk, John Allen, Shubel Coffin, John Christy, James Congdon, William McCoord and Clark Wilbur, who are at liberty to call on this Meetings Treasurer for what may be necessary to be expended ~

The friends to have the oversight of our meetings respecting in regular conduct & desires to be released. They are therefore discharged and Abraham Swift, Charles Clement, Matthew Comstock, Benjamin Church, James Alley & Stephen Bull are appointed to that service We now adjourn to the usual time next Mo.

At a Monthly Meeting at Nine Partners 16th of 3rd Mo 1796

The representatives present; except one and a reason given ~

Two of the friends continued to another visit to Jonathan Smith inform they have had another opportunity with him but not ready to make a report. Therefore the committee are continued to report at next Meeting ~

Those friends continued to read the denial against Ruth Christy inform it has been read. And those to read the denial against Hannah Miller report it's done.

Two of the friends in the case of Timothy Howland inform they have made him another visit and he appears sincere in his acknowledgment after a deliberation thereon, refers it to the consideration of next meeting

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The women informs that Catharine Wilkinson desires to come under friends care and the easy that she be accepted with the concurrence of this meeting which after being considered unites therewith and accept her a member and appoint Garrett Prentice, William Mitchell & Lophar Green to unite with the women in informing thereof ~

The friends to prepare some lines for David Lane to Hudson Monthly meeting produced them which is approved & signed ~

The committee to visit Jeremiah Shearman on his request inform they have visited him and believed there was a degree of sincerity in his request and did not find but that his life and conversation was orderly; which after being considered continues the committee to make him another visit & report.

An essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Tristram Russell and family directed to Cornwall Monthly Meeting being produced is with a small alteration approved and signed ~

The committee on the acknowledgment from Peter Irish and to join the women on the request from divers other persons in Upper Canada report they have so far attended to the matter as divers times to meet and to consider the same. After a solid consideration thereon continues the committee to report at next meeting whose closer attention to the subject is requested ~

It appears the time is expired for which the Meeting was allowed to be held at Stephen Deans and friends there still desires the meeting may be continued. After a deliberation thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for three months and appoints the following friends to visit that Meeting & report their satisfaction when the time for holding it is out viz John Alley, Tripp Mosher, Joseph Talcott, John Hoag, Brownell Wilbur & Isaac Thorn ~

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The friends to settle with the Meeting Treasurer report they have examined his accounts and find a balance of £34:13:5 including a receipt of £2:18:6 dated 10th of 3d Mo 1796 ~

The friends to prepare a Certificate of removal on behalf of Nathaniel Austin & family directed to Danby Monthly Meeting produced one which is approved and signed~

This Meeting is informed that our ancient friend and Elder Joshua Haight is deceased and considering his life & service are of the mind something is due to his memory. Therefore we appoint William Mitchell, Tripp Mosher, Isaac Thorn, Solomon Haight & Reuben Palmer to propose a Testimony respecting him & produce to next Meeting ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting inform that Archibald Sherman requests to come under friends care. We therefore appoint Reuben Haight, Jeremiah Talman & Joseph Merritt to visit him on that account and inspect his life conversation & convincement and inform next Meeting their sense of his sincerity ~

S'd Meeting also informs that Jonathan Clark junr has attended horse races and waged Money thereon. We therefore appoint Brownell Wilbur & Abishai Coffin to labour with him on that account for his restoration & inform next Meeting their sense of his disposition ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that £6:8:4 is raised and paid to this Meetings Treasurer for Ferrisburgh Meeting House.

Likewise s'd Meeting informs that Henry Clement requests a few lines by way of Certificate to New York Moly Meeting; Joseph Talcott & Isaac Thorn are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and prepare some for that purpose if no obstruction appears and produce to next Meeting ~

Hudson Monthly Meeting forwarded to this a copy of a denial issued by that meeting against Reuben Moss who was a member which is as follows :-

Whereas Reuben Moss a member of our society having contrary to the tender advice council and brotherly

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advice of his friends married out of the unity & established rules thereof. We therefore Testify against his regardless conduct and disown him from being any longer a member with us until he makes suitable satisfaction for his transgressions:

Signed in and by direction of Hudson Monthly Meeting held at Hudson 10th Mo 22d 1795 by Elihu Bunker Clerk.

We appoint the following friends to collect & inspect the sufferings of friends if any and inform next Meeting viz:- Laccheus? Mead, Philip Hoag, Samuel Dorland junr & William McCoord ~

Tripp Mosher and Enoch Dorland are appointed to prepare a few lines relative to our friend Daniel Haviland's late visit to the families of friends; directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting & produce to next Meeting ~

Rec'd Jacob Thorn receipt for £2:18:6 raised at Nine Partners their Quarterly collection. Also rec'd Jacob Thorn's receipt for £1:1:1 raised at Oswego their Quarterly collection

We now adjourn to the usual time in next Mo. ~

At a Monthly Meeting at Nine Partners 20th of 4th Mo 1796

The representatives present

Johnathan Marriot and Charity Mosher appeared in this Meeting & offered proposals of marriage with each other as he belongs to the Creek Moly Meeting it is left until next Meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer, they having the consent of her parents.

The Queries were read in this meeting & the answers thereto are as follows viz :-

1st All our Meetings for Religious & discipline are attended by the most of our members; the hour is generally observed by such as steadily attend, tho some neglect is apparent on this hand; not all clear of sleeping in Meetings nor of other unbecoming behaviour and some care taken on those accounts ~

2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained in a good degree as becomes Brethren by the most, care has been taken to end differences when any have appeared ~

3rd Clear in a good degree of Backbiting, Talebearing and Spreading evil reports as far as appears ~

4th Most friends appear to be in a good degree careful to keep themselves and all those under their tuition in plainness etc. To avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors some instances excepted and under care. Two instances of attending places of diversion. Clear of frequenting Taverns as far as appears. Some care hath been taken in each of the above deficiencies.

5th Friends do frequently read the scriptures as far as appears and guard against pernicious books & the corrupt conversation of the world; moderation and temperance are observed at marriages, births and burials, as far as we know ~

6th The circumstances of the poor and those in low situations have been inspected and relief afforded and some advice given concerning their business :- their children are instructed some in school learning in order to fit them for business. No child placed out from among friends that appears ~

7th No proposals of marriage without consent of parents or guardians. Two instances of keeping company with those not of our society and under care; no connivance of parents thereat. No friend has attended the marriages of those who have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by Priest or Magistrate. No unreasonable proposals of marriage since the decease of husband or wife or the rights of children by former marriages neglected that appears

8th Clear of taking oaths, paying Priests Wages, bearing arms or other military service or of being concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, lotteries, of dealing in fine goods as far as appears, except making use of the produce of the labour of persons held in slavery ~

9th Some neglect respecting Wills and some advice given; no misapplication of public gifts or legacies that appears ~

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10th Clear of being concerned in Negroes as slaves, one youth and no and all those that placed under care are in some way to get school learning ~

11th Friends appear in a good degree careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts, None known to launch into business beyond ability to manage ~

12th Some removals without Certificate and some care taken ~

13th A good degree of care is taken in the spirit of meekness to deal with offenders agreeable to our discipline ~

The case respecting the acknowledgment from Timothy Howland being again opened and after deliberation thereon accepts it which is as follows viz

To the Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 20th of 1st Mo 1796 ~

Dear Friends; Whereas I have through unwatchfulness given way to a libertine spirit so far as to attend horse races and attended a place of diversion, which I am sorry for and do condemn and desire friends to pass by these mine offences and still continue me under your watchful care. Timothy Howland

And appoints William Mitchell & Matthew Comstock to inform him thereof also to read it at the close of a first day meeting at Nine Partners & report.

Two of the friends to unite with the women in informing Catharine Wilkinson of her reception report that appointment answered.

Most of the committee request from Jeremiah Shearman inform they have taken another opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction. Under consideration thereon accepts him a member and appoints [Z]ophar Green & Shubel Coffin to inform him thereof and report.

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The committee on the acknowledgment from Peter Irish & to unite with the women respecting a number of requests from other persons in Upper Canada report they have had further attention to the matter but no way open for a visit to them; after a time of consideration thereon continues the committee in that service to report in eighth month next ~

The friends appointed to prepare a memorial respecting our ancient friend and Elder Joshua Haight D'ced produced one which is approved and signed and directed to be forward to the Quarter ~

The committee to visit Archibald Sherman on his request report they have paid him a visit and he appeared measurably convinced of friends principles and by inquiring did not find but that his life and conversation was orderly; under consideration thereon accepts him a member and appoints Enoch Dorland and Lawrance Dean to inform him thereof.

Likewise the friends appointed to labour with Jonathan Clark junr for his misconduct inform they have paid attention to the matter but not had an opportunity with him by reason of his being gone a distance. Therefore they are continued to inform next meeting situation in his case~

An essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Henry Clement being produced is approved & signed directed to New York Monthly Meeting.

The friends to collect & inspect the suffering of friends inform they find that one friend has suffered of late to the value of £3:10 for an old arrears of taxes, which information is directed to the Quarter ~

A few lines relative to our friend Daniel Havilands late visit to the families of friends directed to Oblong Moly Meeting being produced agreeable to appointment is produced and signed.

9 Partners Preparative Meeting proposes William Mitchell to the service of an overseer, which is united with & he accordingly appointed thereto ~

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S'd Meeting also informs that Timothy Pinkham has kept company and married with one not of our society after being precautioned. We therefore appoint Matthew Comstalk & Consider Merritt to inform him that the Meeting concludes to disown him. Also prepare an essay of denial against him & produce to next meeting ~

Answers to the four Annual Queries are —

1st One Elder deceased to wit our friend Joshua Haight 11th of 3 Mo last and a memorial concerning him, which is directed to the Quarter ~

2nd One new Meeting House built on Chestnut Ridge, no meeting settled

3d Divers joined in society by conviction since last year

4th The Queries are read and answered as directed & the reports are founded thereon

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that William A White desires to come under friends care. We therefore appoint Zaecheus Mead, John Alley & Abishai Coffin to make him a visit & inquire into his life & conversation & the grounds of his request and inform next meeting the sense of his sincerity ~

S'd Meeting further informs that Moses Hoag is desirous of a Certificate of removal to Hudson Monthly Meeting we therefore appoint Benja. Mosher, & James Willetts to prepare one for him if the way be clear & produce to next Meeting ~

S'd Meeting also forwarded an acknowledgment from Gardner Macomber, as he lives within the compass of Saratoga Monthly meeting. The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this acknowledgment as who a Copy of this minute to that monthly meeting requesting their

assistance in labouring with him on our behalf, and inform us their sense respecting his Sincerity ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs that James Clapp & Phebe his wife are desirous of a Certificate of removal for themselves and family to Creek Monthly Meeting we therefore appoint Abam Storms & John Christy to unite with the women in preparing one if the way be Clear & produce to next meeting ~

S'd Meeting further informs that Samuel Dorland Junr. & his wife and are desirous that such of their sons as shall be thought best may be admitted members: Israel Titus, Brownell Wilbur, Joseph Talcott and Reuben Haight are appointed to make them a visit and inform next meeting their sense thereof ~

NP Meeting informs that Jonathan Clark has placed out his son Allen as Apprentice in the verge of Creek Monthly Meeting and desires a few lines on his behalf directed thereto; we therefore appoint Samuel Dorland Junr., and James Congdon, to prepare some for that purpose & produce to next meeting ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs their Subscriptions for a boarding School raised and paid as directed. The Subscriptions for Nine Partners not completed.

No friend has accepted of any Post of profit or Honour in Government that we know of ~
John Allen, John Hoag, Lawrence Dean & Enoch Dorland are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting with the accounts & report producing the extracts ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next Mo.

At a Monthly Meeting at Nine Partners 18th of 5th Mo. 1796

The representatives present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and produced the extracts from that meeting by which it appears that this Meeting is directed to inform next Quarter the Sum they have paid in on each Subscription for the boarding School, which is directed to the observation of our Preparative Meetings ~

Jonathan Marriott & Charity Mosher appeared in this meeting & renewed their proposals of marriage with each other, he produced a Certificate from Creek Monthly Meeting expressive of his Clearness in relation to marriage in them parts; Therefore they are left at liberty to accomplish their s'd marriage between this & next Monthly Meeting according to the order used among friends, Joseph Talcott & Pontius [Woolly] are appointed to Sit with them and report at next meeting how it was accomplished produce the Marriage Certificate !

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An essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of James Clapp and family directed to Creek Monthly Meeting being produced is approved and Signed

The Committee in the Case of Jonathan Smith report they have attended thereto and it appears that his life and Conversation is not consistent with his acknowledgment has also absented himself in a disrespectful manner: under Consideration thereon appoints Pontius Woolley & Jonathan Deuel to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him, also prepare an essay of a denial against him & produce to next meeting

The friends to inform Timothy Howland of the reception of his acknowledgment &c report they have informed him but not read the acknowledgment and a reason given, Therefore they are continued ~

The friends to inform Jeremiah Shearman of his reception report the appointment answered

And those to inform Archibald Shearman of his reception report he is informed

The womens Meeting informs that Charity Drake formerly Haight has kept company & married out from amongst friends by a Traveling Priest, and after taking the Necessary Care it appears the mind of that meeting, to disown her; after a deliberation thereon we unite therewith and appoint John Hoag & Joseph Merritt to assist in drawing an Essay of a denial against her and report.

They also handed a Certificate of removal on behalf of Elisabeth Sands directed to Cornwall Monthly Meeting which is approved & Signed

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Ladowick Hoxsie & Dorcas his Wife, also one from Isaac Dean & Hannah his wife, Likewise one on behalf of Hannah Tutel from Cornwall Mon,ty Meeting held 25 of 4th Mo. 1796

The time for which the Meeting was allowed to be held on the Ridge appears to be expired; under Consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for three months

The Committee continued to labour with Jonathan Clark Jurn. report

they find by inquiring that he has absented himself in a disreputable manner; after a Consideration thereon we conclude to refer his case under the care of the Committee until next meeting ~

An essay of a denial against Timothy Pinkham being produced (with a report that he has been informed the conclusion of this meeting) which is approved & signed and is as follows viz Whereas Timothy Pinkham hath so far deviated from the rules of our Society, as to keep Company and marry with one not a member with us, after being cautioned, we therefore Testify against his said misconduct and disown him from being a member with us, until he shall make suitable Satisfaction to this meeting for his outgoings, that he may be favoured to do is our desire, Signed in and by order of our Monthly Meeting at Nine Partners this 13th of 5th Mo. 1796, by Philip Hoag Clerk ~

Abishai Coffin & Joseph Talcott are appointed to inform him of his denial & a right to an appeal and give him a Copy of his denial, also read it at the close of a first day meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear and report

The friends to Visit Wm. A. White on his request report they have made him a visit to a good degree of Satisfaction, by inquiry did not find but his life and conversation was orderly and he appeared convinced of friends principles: after a time of consideration thereon accepts him a member and appoints Abram Swift & Benjamin Mosher to inform him thereof:

An Essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Moses Hoag Senior directed to Hudson Monthly Meeting is produced approved & signed

The friends to make a visit to Samuel Dorland Junr. & family respecting their Children, report they have made them a visit & see nothing to obstruct their being received under consideration thereon accepts them members their names are Philip, Timothy, John & Isaac

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The friends to prepare a few lines to recommend Allen Clark to Creek Monthly Meeting them which are approved and Signed \

Was read & accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Moses Hoag from Dover Monthly Meeting in New England held 20th of 2nd Mo. 1796

Cornwal Monthly Meeting informs they have expended the sum of Two pounds towards the support of Jesse Haight who went from this meeting but had not gained a residence there, it also appears they have forwarded the sum of £6..16..6 the balance due this meeting expended towards the support of his wife a member of theirs ~

Nine Partners Preparative meeting informs that Sylvanus Gardner Junr is desirous of a Certificate of removal to Hudson Monthly Meeting we therefore Appoint Prince Bennett & Benja. Mosher to prepare one for him if no obstruction appears and produce to next meeting ~

We now Adjourn to the usual time in next month

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 15th of 6th Mo. 1796

The representatives present ~

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Jonathan Marriott & Charity Mosher report they attended and it appeared to be orderly accomplished & produced the marriage certificate ~

The friends in the case of Jonathan Smith report he has been informed the conclusion of last meeting and produced an essay of a denial which with some alteration is approved & signed and is as follows viz

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 15th of 6th Mo 1796
Whereas Jonathan Smith of this meeting hath deviated from the dictates of truth, so far as to drink spirituous liquors to excess and used prophane language in anger and hath absented himself in a disreputable manner and friends having laboured with him, which hath

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hath not had the desired effect, we therefore testify against his said misconduct & disown him from being any longer a member with us until by repentance and amendment of life he shall make satisfaction to this meeting, which that he may do is our desire. Signed in & by order of s'd Meeting by Philip Hoag.

Prince Bennett & Joseph Talcott are appointed to inform him of his denial and right to an appeal & give him a copy of his denial also read it at the close of a first day meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear and report ~

The friends continued to read the Acknowledgment from Timothy Howland inform it is not read and a reason given, they are continued ~

One of the friends to assist the women in drawing an essay of a denial against Charity Drake report they have attended to the appointment & the women forwarded the essay which is approved and Signed & is as follows viz

Whereas Charity Drake formerly Haight hath kept Company with one not of our Society and gone out in marriage, by the Assistance of an hireling Priest:we do therefore testify against her disorderly Conduct, and disown her from having a right of membership amongst us;

until she shall make Satisfaction to this meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire.
Signed by and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners the 15th of 6th Mo. 1796
by {Philip Hoag

{Anna Thorn Clerk

John Allen & Jonathan Deuell are appointed to read it at the close of a first day meeting at 9 partners if the way be clear & report ~

The case of Jonathan Clark Junr. being reviewed, and the committee continued thereon, inform an attention thereto but not had an opportunity with him; Therefore they are continued to take the Necessary care and inform next meeting their sence respecting him with L[Z?]ophar Green and Garrett Birtice added ~

The friends appointed to read the denial &c against Timothy Pinkham report they have attended thereto but not fully accomplished & a reason given therefore they are continued & to report

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The friends to inform Wm. A. White of his reception report the appointment Answered

The time appears to be expired for which the Meeting was allowed to be held at Stephen Deans, and most of the friends appointed to visit it report they have attended that meeting to a good degree of Satisfaction, and thought well that a proposal go forward to the Quarter for the Establishment thereof, and after weighing the proposal, the meeting Appears united therewith and directs it to be forwarded? accordingly; also allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for 5 Months

An essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Sylvanus Gardner Junr. directed to Hudson Monthly Meeting being produced is with a small alteration approved & signed.

This Meeting on considering the publication of denial and Acknowledgment concludes that will be but to appoint a few friends to read them in future, Therefore Joseph Talcott & Lawrence Dean are appointed to unite with the Clerks of each Preparative meeting in that service~

Our Esteemed friend Martha Routh attended this meeting with a Certificate of Unity of friends of Hardshaw Monthly Meeting in the County of Lancaster Great Britain dated 8th of 4th Mo. 1794

Also a Certificate from the meeting of ministers and Elders held in London from the 17th of 5th Mo. 1794 to the 29th; whose Company and Gospel labours is to our satisfaction

Also our beloved friends Lydia Rotch (in Company with our friend Martha Routh) attended this meeting with a Certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting 30th of 3d Mo. 1795 whose Company is to our Satisfaction

Likewise our Esteemed friend Joseph Whitall attended this meeting with a Certificate of the Concurrence of Woodbury Monthly Meeting held 10th of 5th Mo. 1796 in Company with our aforesaid friends whose Company and service is to our satisfaction ~

The Women informs that Joanna White desires to come under friends Care and after Visiting her it appears the mind of their meeting that she be accepted with our concurrence after a consideration thereon we unite therewith and accepts her a member

They likewise inform that Eunice White request to Join in membership with us, and after taking the Necessary Care are easy that she be accepted after a deliberation thereon, accepts her a member ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs that Jonathan Dorland is desirous of a certificate of removal directed to East Town Moly meeting. Lawrence Dean & Philip Hoag are appointed to make the necessary inquiring and prepare one for him if no objections appear and produce to next meeting ~

Recei'd Jacob Thorns receipt for £4..5..5 raised at Nine Partners, their quarterly collection. Also raised Jacob Thomas receipt for £2..4..1 raised at Oswego, their quarterly collection.

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At Nine Partners Moly Meeting held 20th of 7th Mo 1796

The representatives present

The queries were read in the meeting and the answers made thereto are as follows viz :-

1st All our meetings for worship & discipline are attended, though there are deficiency in some. The hour is observed yet not so well by all as is desired. Not all clear of sleeping in meetings and care has been measurably taken in each deficiency. Clear of other unbecoming behaviour as far as appears ~

2nd Love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes brethren tho not with all as is desired, some advice given; no differences have any that appears ~

3rd Clear of backbiting, tale bearing & spreading evil reports as far as appears ~

4th Not all so careful on account of plainness as is desired and some advice given. In a good degree clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors (except some instances) and of frequenting taverns; an instance of ones attending places of diversion and care extended on each account ~

5th Friends are mostly careful to read the scriptures as far as appears & do guard against reading pernicious books & the corrupt conversation of the world; also to keep in moderation & temperance on account of marriages, births & burials as far as we know ~

6th The necessities of poor & the circumstances of such as appears likely to require assistance have been inspected; some advice & encouragement given with respect to their business; their children do partake of some school learning. No child placed out from amongst Friends that appears ~

7th No proposals of marriage without consent of parent or guardian that we

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We know of; one instance of company keeping with one not of our society on that account and is under care. Parents appear clear of care ?? none have attended any marriage contrary to the advice of friends that appears, nor unseasonably proposal of marriage; or rights of children by former marriages neglected that we know of ~

8th Clear of taking oaths, paying Priests wages, bearing arms and other military services or being concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, lotteries and dealing in fine foods as far as appears ~

9th There is still some neglect respecting Wills and some care taken. No misapplication of public gifts or legacies that appears ~
10th Clear of being concerned in Negroes as slaves, one of their youth and he with those that's placed under our care is in some way to get school learning.
11th No deficiencies respecting promises or payment of just debts that appears. We know of none who have launched beyond ability into business.
12th One came and two gone without Certificates & some care taken ~
13th Care has been measurably taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline ~

One of the friends to inform James Smith of his denial &c report the appointment answered ~

This meeting is informed that the acknowledgment from Timothy Howland has been read ~

The friends to read the denial against Charity Drake inform the appointment not answered for want of information from the woman. They are continued ~

Part of the committee to visit Jona'[Jonathan] Clark junr report they have made him a visit to some satisfaction, which after being considered continues the committee in that service until next meeting ~

The friends continued to read the denial &c against Timothy Pinkham report the appointment answered ~

An essay of a certificate of removal on behalf of Jona'[Jonathan] Dorland is produced approved and signed directed to East Town Moly Meeting ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting proposes James Condon for an overseer in the place of Prince Bennett which is united with & he accordingly appointed to that service.

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Nine Partners Preparative Meeting inform the sum of £566..0 paid in on the first subscription for the Boarding school and £34..4 on the last. Oswego informs their first is £70..0 & the last £19 the amount of which is directed to be forwarded to the Quarter~
Our friend Reuben Palmer returned the minute he had to go to the Eastwood as far as Hartford in the compass of Oblong Moly Meeting.

Jon'n Deuel, Lawrence Dean, James Condon & John Allen are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting with the account and report at next meeting with such business as may be recommended down ~

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Hannah Smith from Dartmouth Moly Meeting held 16th of 5th Mo 1796

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month ~

At a Monthly held at Nine Partners 17th of 8th Mo 1796

The representatives present

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and produced 191 copies of an abstract of the printed epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London 1795 one of which was now read. The advice and counsel therein is to our satisfaction and comfort. The representatives are directed to proposition them to our Preparative Meetings. The extracts from

the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings are also received and are as follows which are directed to be handed down to our Preparative Meetings.

At Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting 10th of 8th Mo 1796

The extracts now received from our last Yearly Meeting are as follows and our Monthly Meetings are desired to pay due attention thereto viz:-

In attending to the report of our quarterly Meetings relative to a family visit & recurring to the summary answers to the Queries the Meeting was led into a weighty and exercising consideration of the state of our society in the several parts of this Yearly Meeting in which was evidenced ???[3 words]??? that the concern and travail of this meeting at this time

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time may solemnly impress the necessity of continued and increased watchfulness and labour in our respective allotments respecting the many deficiencies which have occasioned repeated earnest advice and counsel and particularly so at our last Yearly Meeting a reference whereto and to the first paragraph of our advices issued in 1792 may tend to enliven and encourage the watchman and warn the negligent and is therefore recommended in a full persuasion that as the exercise and travail alluded to in these advices and renewedly experienced at this time is dwelt under it will produce an advancement in the cause of righteousness ~

The friends on the proposition from the committee on the boarding school at Nine Partners report attention and that they unitedly concerned in the propriety of the purchase made by the committee and in the proposal respecting an alteration in the age admission into and ?? from the school and they agree in proposing that for the present children be admitted at seven years of age and the boys allowed to continue in the school till fifteen years of age and the girls till fourteen which is on consideration concurred with ~

The following report is received from the friends thereto appointed viz:-

In attending to the subject of our appointment our minds are sensibly affected with sympathy and with full persuasion, that an increase of care is greatly necessary and that there is occasion not only to renew the recommendation of this meeting some years since respecting Quarterly collections, but that it be earnestly enjoined on each monthly meeting to attend closely to those collections with a liberality that will keep it in a situation suitable to the necessary expences that may arise and thereby avoid the painful necessity of resorting to a particular person? prescription either for the relief of the poor or otherwise that each Moly Meeting be adjoined to appoint a few judicious friends as a standing committee to have the direction and disposing of the money so raised & that the Treasurer of each Monthly Meeting be desired to pay to them with order such sums of money as they shall judge right to call for. This ??? [2 words] will remove one cause of concern. And the committee are

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are united in believing that the situation and peculiar circumstances of some of our Monthly Meetings are such as do occasion the necessary expences of society to fall ?? disproportionately heavy as to claim a brotherly sympathy and therefore suggest the propriety of the Yearly Meeting recommending this subject to the superintendance of our meeting for sufferings and that it be recommended to their care to extend advice and assistance in such cases as may appear to them advisable and agreeable to the present prospect that from on this

affecting occasion not only a brotherly care but a ?? will appear therein when it is recollected that the committee annually appointed to settle the Treasurers accounts will have an opportunity to point out and injudicious appropriation signed &c.

The representatives ? deliberation of the meeting and a free communication of sentiments received a full united concurrence with the report of the committee and it is earnestly recommended to the care and a attention of our Monthly meeting and our meeting for sufferings is desired to keep the subject under their care and superintendence and to call on the Treasurer of this meeting from time to time for such sums as may appear to them necessary to carry the ? views of the meeting into effect.

It is concluded that in future? when £100 is to be raised Westbury Quarters proportion be £40 Rechafort? £26 Nine Partners £2? Easton £10 and also when a larger or smaller sum is recommended to be raised – A report received from the committee on the proposal from Nine partners Quarter is read as follows viz

The committee to take into consideration the subject relative to building Meeting Houses having met and considered the former and carefully reviewed the advices issued by this meeting in the year 1787 on this subject is ?ed that the present situation of our Northern Quarter claimed the sympathy of friends on account of the necessary expenses they have to bear being ?? in proportion to their ability and which appears to us to call for some alteration in the former advises issued by this meeting we are united in proposing the following to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting

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That when a meeting House is thought necessary to be built the ??? Preparative Meeting propose the dimensions make an Estimate of the cost and ascertain the amount of their subscriptions & forward the same with a Plan of the House to the Monthly Meeting for their judgement and advice and if on a careful attention thereto the Monthly Meeting should approve thereof but conclude the expence will be too great for them that the same be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting & if after the like Care in the Quarter that Meeting also approve of the proposal: but apprehend the sum wanted is greater than circumstances will warrant the em in undertaking to raise, the same be handed forward to the meeting for sufferings and if after carefully attending to the subject and proceedings of those meetings together with, with the size and plan of the House the Meetings for Sufferings approve thereof, then subscriptions be recommended to the Quarterly Meetings for raising the deficient sum and that the Meeting for Sufferings be authorised when they think circumstance requite it to grant liberty for the Building to be proceeded in previous to recieving the amount of the Subscriptions from the Quarters. Signed on behalf of the Committee which recieved the attention and on issue of the ??? meeting and is recommended to our subordinate meetings in place of the recommendation of this subject in 1787

In attending to the extracts which came down from our last Yearly Meeting on the State of our Society & to the former advises alluded to by said extracts and also in looking at the many deficiencies as represented by the accounts from our Monthly Meetings our mindes were affected under the consideration thereof, and divers lively pertinent remarks being made thereon, a Concern was witnessed that not only friends Individually be stirred up to seam into their own necessitive situations to see wherein they contribute to the many painful deficiencies; but also

that Monthly Preparative Meetings and overseers be encouraged to an increased care to extend an honest and faithful discharge of Duty in labouring with those who still continue to deviate from the holy profession we are making and

and the advices of our Yearly Meeting particularly on the Subject of this unnecessary use of & dealing in Spirituous Liquors - And it is the concern of this meeting that an increased care be taken to relieve the poor and those in low circumstances and in affording them and all other Children under our care useful and necessary learning, & that they be furnished with suitable books

The following minute of the Meeting for Sufferings is received and directed down to the observance of our Monthly Meetings Viz)

At a Meeting for Sufferings in New York 7 mo. 12 1796

The extracts last month express the renewed concern of the Yearly Meeting that due provision may be made for the Necessary expences arising in the Monthly meetings respectively, and it is made the business of this meeting to extend a care therein, the following friends Viz. James Mott, Ebenezer Haviland, John Murray, I George Bowne are therefore appointed to receive information in this subject, and to communicate to this meeting from time to time as occasion may require ~

and as the Yearly Meeting has recommended to our Monthly Meetings Severally not only to make a quarterly Collection, but also to appoint a few judicious friends a standing Committee to have the direction and disposing of the money so raised, it is therefore requested that each monthly meeting will forward to the Committee now appointed by their meeting the names of the friends they have appointed to this Service, that a correspondance may be had between the Committee of this meeting and the committees of each monthly Meeting in order to further the views of the Yearly Meeting ~

On considering the subject of raising money by Quota it is concluded that when £1000 is to be raised by this Quarter that Nine partners Monthly Meeting proportion be £25, Creeks £25, Cornwals £15, and Hudson £15 and so in the like proportions when a larger or smaller sum is to be raised By

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By reports from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the sum of about £810? is apid into the Treasury for the Boarding School on both Subscriptions so that there yet remains on those Subscriptions about £250 not paid up and as the Committee an about to proceed in improving and furnishing the house and will want money for that purpose therefore if friends could make it convenient to come forward soon and pay up their respective subscriptions it would not only be an encouragement to go forward with the business but may probably hasten the commencement of the School ~

Our Monthly Meetings are desired to pay in their Subscriptions for building a Meeting House at Coemans patent and report ~

The minute in the extracts on the State of Society was read also the former minutes of the Yearly Meeting as refer'd to and weightily considered in this meeting & a desire was witnessed that they may prove beneficial to us ~

We also find by the extract that it is earnestly enjoins? on monthly meetings to attend closely to their Quarterly collection with a liberality? That will keep it in a situation suitable to the necessary expenses that may arise (which is directed to the liberal attention of our Preparative meetings and friends individually) also that a few judicious friends be appointed a standing Committee to have the direction and disposal of the money so raised agreeable to the direction in extracts. Joseph Talcott, Wm. Mitchell, Samul. Dorland Junr. and Abram Swift are therefore appointed to that service accordingly - agreeable to the information also recieved from the Meeting for Sufferings the Clerk is directed to forward the names of the friends now appointed to the Committee appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings ~

The extracts inform the Quarter has fixed a Quota on each Mo'ly [Monthly] meeting for raising of such monies as may be directed, it is therefore concluded to appoint John Hoag, Lawrance Dean, Jacob Haight, Abishai Coffin, John Christy, and Samul. Dorland Junr. to propose a Quota on our Preparative meeting to next meeting

The women informs that Mary Kidney desires to join in membership with us and after visiting her it appears the mind of their meeting that she be recieved with our concurrence, after a deliberation thereon we unite therewith and accepts her a member ~

The friends Continued to read the denial against Charity Drake inform the appointment answered ~

The Committee to extend further labour to Jona. Clark Junr. inform they have paid attention thereto, they are continued and desired to inform next meeting

The Committee respecting the acknowledgment from Peter Irish & to unite with the women on the request from divers others in upper Canada, report further attention has been paid to the Subject and way appears opening for a visit, they are continued to inform meeting

It appears the time is expired for which the meeting was allow'd to be held on the Ridge under Consideration thereon allows them to hold a Meeting there as usual for one month ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs that Jonathan Dean has neglected the attendance of meetings gone out from plainness attended places of diversion and used prophane language, we therefore appoint Joseph Merritt, Pontius Woolley & Wm. Mitchell to labour with him on those accounts for his restoration & inform next meeting their sence of the disposition of his mind.

Was read and accepted a certificate of removal on behalf of Richard Jones and Ruth his wife from the creek Monthly Meeting held 20 of 5th Mo. 1796

this meeting received information from Saratoga Mo'ly [Monthly] Meeting that they have visited Richard Post and concieve that he has not property to answer his debts; after a consideration thereon it is concluded to appoint John Allen, and Pontius Woolley to inspect the particular circumstance of his case & inform next Meeting

We now adjourn to the usual time next mo

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At a Monthly Meeting at Nine Partners 14 of 9th Mo. 1796

The representatives present

Oswego Preparative Meeting forwarded an Acknowledgement from Sylvester Richmond condemning his neglecting attending Meetings for which he was some time since disowned we

therefore appoint John Christy, Tripp Mosher, Lawrance Dean & John Hoag to make him a visit and inspect into his case and inform next meeting their sense thereof ~

Josiah Bull & Mary Kidney appeared in this Meeting & offered proposals of marriage with each other. James Congdon and Wm. McCoord are appointed to inquire into his Clearness in relation to marriage and inform next Meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer

The friends to propose a Quota on our Preparative Meetings inform they have attended thereto and agreed to report that when £100 is to be raised by the Monthly meeting Nine Partners Preparative Meeting proportion to be £80 and Oswego's £20 which in consideration is united with and also in the same proportion to any other Sum ~

Most of the Committee continued to labour with Jona. Clerk Junr. inform they have had an opportunity with him and are free to have another, they are therefore continued to that Service until next meeting ~

Most of the Committee on the acknowledgment from Peter Irish & to unite with the women respecting a number of requests from persons in upper Canada report further attention has been paid has been paid to the Subject and part of the Committee has gone on a visit to them they are therefore continued to report in 11th mo. next ~

The time appears to be expired for which the Meeting was allowed to be held on the Ridge & by a minute from the Quarter now recieved we are informed that Meeting has return'd the care thereof to this Meeting after a deliberation thereon allows them to hold a Meeting there as usual for Six Months and appoints James Treadwell, John Christy, James Congdon, Isaac Thorn, Prince Bennett, Joseph Merritt & Shubel Coffin to visit that Meeting and report their Satisfaction when the time for holding it is out

Part of the Committee to labour with Jona. Dean on account of his misconduct inform they have made him a visit and found the Complaint true and he did not appear disposed to make Satisfaction. After a deliberation thereon it appears the mind of the meeting to continue the committee to make him another visit and report to next Meeting with Brownell Wilbur and Zophar Green added

One of the friends to inspect into the circumstance of Richard Post case report that he is endeavouring to settle his affairs they are therefore continued to inform next Meeting ~

Our friend Reuben Palmer opened a concern that has attended his mind for some time to pay a visit to Cherry Valley or thereabouts and some parts of Eastern Quarterly Meeting which after a consideration thereon is united with he being a minister in Unity the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute ~

Likewise our friend Augusten Titus laid his prospect of performing a visit to Cherry Valley or thereaway, & some parts of Eastern Quarterly Meeting he being an approv'd Minister with us; is united with & the Clerk directed to give him a Copy of this minute ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that Reuben Palmer son of Micah hath been to a Horse race and attended places of diversion we therefore appoint Prince Bennett & Ladowick Hoxsie to labour with him on those accounts for his restoration and inform next meeting their sense of the disposition of his mind ~

Saratoga Mo"ly [Monthly] Meeting informs they have visited Gardner Macumber on account of his acknowledgment and believe he is in a good degree Sincere therein after a consideration thereon accepts it which is as follows viz -

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Nine-Partners 17 of 2 mo. 1796. Dear Friends
Whereas I have had a right among friends but by giving way to a vain mind. I drank Spirituous
Liquor to excess which I am very Sorry for; and do Condemn the same and desire friends so far
to pass it by as to receive me again under your care & oversight

Gardner Macomber

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Abishai Coffin & Isaac Thorn are appointed to prepare some lines to recommend him to that
meeting and produce to next meeting ~

Reciev'd Jacob Thorns receipt for £4-5-7 raised at Nine Partners this mo. Quarterly
Collection. Also reced. Jacob Thorns receipt for £2.14 raised at Oswego their Quarterly
Collection

Some of the friends that constitute the meeting at Stephen Deans inform they have built
a house to meet in this meeting therefore unites in their holding the Meeting there and appoint
Ladowick Hoxsie & Daniel Dean to take a Deed of S'd Meeting House Lott & inform next
Meeting ~

The Women handed to this Meeting information from Danby wkly. Meeting that they
have taken the Necessary care in visiting Mary Palmer wife to Edward, and she appears not in a
suitable disposition to make Satisfaction and they inform it appears the mind of their Meeting
that she be disowned with our concurrence, after a consideration thereon we unite with them
and appoint John Allen and Wm. Mitchell to assist in preparing an essay of a denial against her
& report ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month

At Nine Partners Monthly Meeting held 19 of 10 Mo. 1796

The representatives present

The Queries were read and the answers made thereto are as follows viz.

1st. - Mose friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and Discipline
though some are deficient herein; the hour nearly observed by those that constantly attend;
some instances of sleeping in meetings , and some care taken in each deficiency. Clear of
other unbecoming behaviour therein as far as appears

2nd. - Love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes brethren tho not with
all and some advice given to the deficient ones, Care hath been taken to end differences when
any have appeared ~

3 - Clear of Backbiting, Talebearing, & spreading evil reports as far as appears

4 - There appears to be a care in most friends on account of Plainness in them Selves,
and those under their tuition, tho some are deficient in these respects and some advice given,
not all clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, frequenting Taverns, and attending
places of diversion but, but some care taken in each deficiency

5th. - Friends do frequently read the Holy Scriptures & guard against reading pernicious
Books as far as we know. Not all clear of the corrupt conversation of the world and some Care
taken. No immoderation or intemperance on account of marriages Births & Burials that appears

6th. - The necessities of the poor & the circumstances of such who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and some advice and encouragement given with respect to their business; their Children do partake of some learning to fit them for business, no friends Child placed out from amongst friends that appears

7th. - No proposals of marriage without consent of Parents or Guardians that appears, not quite Clear of Company keeping with those not of our Society on that account, no Connivance by Parents that we know of. None have attended any marriage contrary to the advice of friends, nor unseasonable proposals of marriage or rights of Children by former marriages neglected that we know of

8th. - Clear of taking oaths, paying Priest wages, & of Military services as far as appears, none are concerned in fraudulent or Clandistine Trade, Lotteries, or dealing in prise Goods (except it be in making use of produce of the labour of those who are held in Slavery) that appears ~

9th. - There is some neglect appears in regard to with & some advice given, no misapplication of publick gifts or legacies that we know of ~

10th. - Clear of being concerned in negroes as slaves, all Children under care are instructed some in school Learning ~

11th. - Friends appear in a good degree careful to perform their promises & pay their Just debts, and of launching into business beyond their ability to manage ~

12th. - Care is taken inspecting removals ~

13th. - Care is taken in a good degree to deal with offenders in season in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to Discipline ~

The friends to pay a visit to Sylvester Richman respecting his Acknowledgment report they have inspected the case and it,s their sense there was not that Stability of mind suitable to make satisfaction, after a deliberation thereon the meeting concluded to return his Acknowledgment and appoints Enoch Dorland & Tripp Mosher to take the necessary care in informing him thereof

Josiah Bull and Mary Kidney appeared in this meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other inquiry being made & nothing appearing to hinder they are left at liberty to accomplish their s'd Intention between this and

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and next monthly Meeting according to the Order used among friends they having consent of her Parent, Lawrance Dean & James Congdon are appointed to set with them and report at next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage certificate

Timothy Howland & Elisabeth Arnold Daughter of Joseph appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other they having Consent of his Parents, Prince Bennett & Joseph Talcott are appointed to enquire into his clearness in relation thereto and inform next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer ~

The friends Continued in the case of Jona. Clark Junr. informs they have not had an opportunity with him; They are continued & desired to attend thereto and inform next meeting

The Committee except one to labour with Jonathan Dean on account of his misconduct report they have made him a visit, and he did not apper disposed to make Satisfaction after a consideration thereon we appoint John Hoag & John Christy to inform him the meeting

concludes to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial against him & produce to next meeting ~

One of the friends to assist the women in drawing an essay of a denial against Mary Palmer report the appointment answered & the women produced it hee which with some alteration is approved & Signed, it is as follows

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 19 of 10 Mo. 1796. Whereas Mary Palmer wife to Edward Palmer a member of this meeting hath given way to drink Spirituous liquor to excess and friends having laboured with her in order to convince her of her misconduct which hath proved inaffectual we therefore Testify against her misconduct and disown her from being a member of this meeting until She Shall make Satisfaction for her outgoings

Signed in and on behalf of this meeting by { Philip Hoag Clerk

{ Anna Thorn Clerk

which is directed to be read at the close of a first day meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear & a report

The women handed to this meeting an essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Martha Irish directed to the Creek Mo"ly [Monthly] which is approved & Signed

One of the friends to inspect the case of Richard Post inform they have paid attention thereto and find that further inspection is necessary, they are therefore continued until next meeting & desired duly to attend thereto ~

The Committee to labour with Reuben Palmer son of Micah report they have had an opportunity with him & the Complaints appeared to be true, but thought the w??? [off page] unsensible of his Situation, after a Consideration thereon continues the Committee to make him another visit and inform next meeting ~

A few lines to recommend Gardner Macomber to Saratoga Monthly Meeting is produced, approved & Signed ~

The friends to make a Deed of the Meeting house lott in Oswego report the appointment answered we therefore appoint Stephen Bull, Wm. McCoord, Lawrance Dean, & James Gongdon to take a deed of uses from them and inform next meeting.

Danby Mo"ly [Monthly] Meeting informs they have agreeable to our request taken the Necessary Care respecting Edward Palmers Settling his outward affairs and find that he is not likely to settle them and make Satisfaction, which after being considered appoints Wm. Mitchell & Prince Bennett to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him also prepare an essay of a denial against him & produce to next Mt'g

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that John Underhill has married with one not of our Society after being cautioned we therefore appoint Matthew Comstalk & Brownell Wilbur to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him, also prepare an essay of a denial & produce to next meeting ~

S'd Meeting also informs that Richard Haight hath been guilty of Quarreling & fighting. Therefore we appoint Wm. Woolley, Pontius Woolley, Garrett Birtice, and Daniel Dean to inspect into the case & labour with him for his restoration & inform next meeting ~

S'd Meeting further informs the money on their Subscriptions for Building a Meeting House at Coemans Patent is raised amounting to £19..14 Shillings, Oswego informs theirs also raised the amount si £7..4 which information is directed to the Quarter ~

Jonathan Deuel, Jonathan Haight, Brownell Lake, & James Congdon are appointed to attend next Quarterly meeting with the accounts from this & report at next Meeting producing such business as may concern us

The friends to have the oversight of our meetings respecting Irregular Conduct &c request to be released they are therefore dismissed and Jacob Haight, Shubel Coffin, and Jonathan Deuel are appointed to that Service ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next mo.

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At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine-Partners 16 of 11 mo. 1796

The representatives present except one

The representatives to last Quarter report they all attended and produced the extracts which are as follows viz. at Nine Partners Quarter held &c

No report from Nine partners respecting paying in their Subscriptions for the Boarding School that meeting is desired to attend thereto & report

By a minute from the Meeting for Sufferings this Meeting is directed to raise the sum of £52-6-9 being its Quota for Building a Meeting House at Queensbury, and pay the money to John Murray & Joseph Talcott . Our Monthly Meetings are desired to proceed therein agreeable to the Quotas established among them & report

And Our Preparative Meetings are directed to raise & pay the sum of £23..11.4 being our proportion & report also to pay in the remainder on their Subscriptions for the Boarding School & inform accordingly

The friends to inform Sylvester Richmond the conclusion of this meeting respecting his acknowledgment report no opportunity has offered they are continued to report when accomplished

The friends to have the oversight of the marriage of Josiah Bull & Mary Kidney report they attended and did not discover but it was conducted orderly and produced the marriage Certificate ~

Timothy Howland and Elisabeth Arnold appeared in this Meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other, also produced consent of her Parents inquiry being made and nothing appearing to hinder they are left at liberty to accomplish their s,d marriage between this & next Monthly Meeting according to the order used among friends. Joseph Merritt & Joseph Talcott are appointed to set with them & report at next Meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate

Most of the friends to extend further labour to Jona. Clark Junr. on account of his Misconduct inform they have made him a visit to some satisfaction, after a deliberation thereon, defers the Case until next Meeting

Most of the Committee on the Acknowledgment from Peter Irish & to unite with the women on a number of requests from other persons in upper Canada report that part of them has made them a visit and it was their sense that Aaron Brewer was convinced of friends principles, sincere in his request this conduct appeared orderly, under consideration thereon accepts him a member

We have had an opportunity with Peter Irish and he appeared Sincere in his Acknowledgment, after a deliberation thereon accepts it which is as follows viz. (Earnest Town County of Lenox Upper Canada.)

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Nine Partners in the State of New York. Dear Friends; Whereas I have had a right of membership amongst you but not taking heed to that Principle of Truth which would have preserved me but Contrary thereunto married contrary to the good order used amongst friends, which misconduct I am Sorry for and do condemn and desire friends to pass by the Same and receive me under your care again
Peter Irish

We have also had an opportunity with Cornelius Blount he appeared convinced of our principles Sincere in his request by inquiry find his Conduct orderly, after a time of Consideration accepts him a member ~

Likewise with Thomas Bowerman & believe him convinced of friends principles Sincere in his request his life and conversation by inquiry appeared to be orderly under consideration thereon accepts him a member and also with Daniel Way and he appeared convinced of our principles Sincere in his request by inquiry his conduct appeared orderly after a deliberation thereon accepts him a member. Enoch Dorland, Tripp Mosher, Zophar Green & Wm. Valentine are appointed to inform them of their reception and report when so done

The friends to inform Jona. Dean the conclusion of this meeting also to prepare an essay of a denial report they have attended thereto but not informed him by reason of his being from home they are continued to inform next meeting

This meeting is informed that the denial against Mary Palmer has not been read for want of information from the women, a report is requested at next meeting

The friends to inspect Richard Posts Case report they have paid further attention but not yet able to give full information; they are therefore continued until next meeting ~

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The committee continued to labour with Reuben Palmer son of Micah inform they have made him another visit and He still appeared insensible of his Situation which after being Considered Appoints Brownell Wilbur & Samuel Pierson to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial & produce to next meeting

Three of the friends appointed to take a Deed of this meeting House lott at Oswego inform they have taken one \

The Committee to inform Edward Palmer the conclusion of this meeting; also prepare an Essay of a denial report they have wrote to him and produced an essay which not being Satisfactory they are continued to produce another to next meeting with Joseph Tallcott added

Also the friends to inform John Underhill this meeting concludes to disown him & prepare an essay of a denial against him inform they have attended thereto but not fully answered the appointment they are therefore continued

The friends to inspect into the case of Richard Haight and labour with him for his misconduct report they have had an opportunity with him and desire to have another, they are therefore continued until next meeting

The women informs that Catharine Ferriss is desirous to come under our care and they easy that She be accepted we therefore unite therewith and accept her a member

Also that Elizabeth Brewer desires to join in membership with us and it appears the mind of their meeting that she be accepted with our concurrence, this meeting concurs therewith & accepts her a member

Likewise that Mary Irish requests our care over her & they easy to receive her, this meeting unites therewith and accepts her a member ~

And also that Lydia Blount is desirous to Join in union with us and it appears the mind of their meeting to accept her. We concur therewith and admits her a member ~

They further inform that Elisabeth Dorland wife to Philip desires to come under our care they easy that She be accepted with our unity after a deliberation we unite therewith and accept her a member

It appears the time is expired for which the meeting was allowed to be held at Stephen Deans, and as friends in that Quarter has built a House to meet in allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for three months ~

The women inform that Phebe White wife to David desires to join our? membership with us & it appears the mind of their meeting that She be accepted ??? ???, after a deliberation thereon we unite therewith & accept her a member

Our friend Augustin Titus return,d the minute he had to go into the Company? of Easton Quarterly Meeting ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month

At Nine Partners Monthly Meeting held 14 of 12 Mo. 1796

the representatives present ~

Elisha Cornell and Anna Green appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other they having consent of Parents as he belongs to the Creek Monthly Meeting it is left until next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer

The friends to have the oversight of the marriage of Timothy Howland & Elisabeth Arnold report they attended and did not discover but that it was conducted in a good degree orderly and produced the marriage Certificate ~

The case of Jonathan Clark Junr. being reviewed and after a deliberation thereon the meeting appears most easy to appoint Pontius Woolley and Reuben Haight to inform him we conclude to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial & produce to next meeting

The friends to inform Jona Dean this meeting conclusion and prepare an essay of a denial report the appointment answered and produced the essay which with a small alteration is approved and Signed and is as follows..viz.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners the 14 of 12 Mo. 1796. Whereas Jonathan Dean hath given way to a libertine disposition of mind & departed from plainness, neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, attended places of diversion and used prophane language; and friends having laboured to convince him of his errors and as it has not had the desired effect we do Testify against his evil conduct and disown him from being a member with us until he shall reform and make Satisfaction to this meeting, that he may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed on behalf of said meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk. William McCoord and Stephen Bull are appointed to inform him of his denial and right to appeal and

give him a copy of the denial, also see that it is read at the close of a first day meeting at the west branch of Oswego if the way be clear and report ~

The women handed to this meeting an essay of a Certificate of removal for Esther Palmer Daughter of Edward directed to Danby mo"ly [monthly] meeting which is approved & signed

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Information is received that the denial against Mary Palmer has not been issued? for want of being informed from the women, a report is requested at next meeting

The friends continued to inspect Richard Post's Case report they have made for this inspection and dont find but that he has made his Creditors easy under consideration thereon Continues therein to prepare an essay of a Certificate of removal for him ??? to Saratoga Monthly Meeting if no obstruction appears, and produce to next meeting

The friends to inform Reuben Palmerson son of Micah the meeting concludes to disown him and prepare an Essay inform the appointment answered produced the essay, which with some alteration is approved & signed it is as follows viz

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners the 14th of 12 Mo. 1796

Whereas Reuben Palmer son of Micah hath by not taking heed to the dictates of Truth in his own heart been to a Horse race and places of Diversion and hath been laboured with on those accounts which hath not had the desired affect, therefore for the clearing of Truth and our Society of the reproach thereof we do testify against his s'd misconduct and disown him from being any longer a member with us until by amendment of life he shall make satisfaction to this meeting which he may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk

Jonathan Haight and Ebenezer Pinkham are appointed to inform him of his denial and right to Appeal and give him a copy of his denial, also directs it read at the close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be clear and report,

An essay of a denial against Edward Palmer is produced by the friends thereto appointed which is approved and signed & is as follows viz

Whereas Edward Palmer a member of this meeting having removed from and left his affairs unsettled; some of which are reproachful, and he having been laboured with in order for his Restoration which not having the desired effect; we therefore testify against his said misconduct & disown him from being any longer a member with us until he shall make satisfaction to this meeting for his outgoings which that he may do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly Meeting of Nine Partners held 14 of 12 Mo. 1796 By Philip Hoag Clerk.

We therefore appoint Reuben Haight and Isaac Thorn to inform him of his denial and right to an appeal and give him a Copy of his denial; Also directs it read at the close of a first day meeting at Nine Partners if there is no reason to ??? ??? [off page] & report

The friends in the case of John Underhill report they have attended to the appointment; produced an essay of a Testification which with some alteration is approved and Signed it is as follows viz Whereas John Underhill hath had a right of membership with us, but hath so far disregarded the rules of our Society as to keep Company and marry with one not a member with

us after being cautioned; we therefore Testify against his said misconduct and disown him from being any longer a member; until he shall make satisfaction for his outgoings which he may be favoured to di is our desire - Signed in and by order of our Monthly Meeting of Pine Partners this 14 day of 12 Mo. 1796. By Philip Hoag Clerk

Prince Bennett and Benja. Mosher are appointed to inform him of his denial & right to appeal & give him a Copy; Likewise directs it read at the close of a first day Meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear & a report ~

Three of the Committee to (inspect the case of and) Labour with Richard Haight on account of his misconduct inform they have not had an opportunity with him they are continued and desired to attend thereto and inform next Meeting with Abishai Coffin added in the place of Garrett Birtice ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that David Palmer son of Edward a minor and a member of this Meeting has removed with his father to Ponce? within the Compass of Danby Mo'ly Meeting we therefore appoint Wm. Mitchell & John Ham to prepare a few lines to recommend to that Meeting & produce to next Mtg.

Said Meeting also informs that Gideon Allen desires a Certificate of removal to Creek Monthly Meeting, Jonathan Deuel & Josiah Haight are appointed to prepare one for him the the way be clear and forward to next Meeting

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs that Joseph Hoxsie request a Certificate of removal to Saratoga Mo'ly Meeting we therefore Appoint John Christy & James Congdon to provide ??? with to next meeting if no ??? [off page]

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Received Jacob Thorns receipt for £1-7-0 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection ~
We now adjourn to the usual time in next Mo.

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 18 of 1st Mo. 1797

The representatives present

Elisha Cornell & Anna Green appeared in this Meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other

(a Certificate of removal from Creek Monthly Meeting held 16 of 12 mo. being produced expressing his clearness in relation to marriage which is accepted.) They are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage between this and next Monthly Meeting according to the order used among friends Reuben Haight & Pontius Woolley are appointed to set with them and report at next Mt. how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate

The friends to inform Jona [Jonathan] Clark Junr. this meeting concludes to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial report he is informed produced an essay which with a small alteration is approved & signed and is as follows viz Whereas Jonathan Clark Junr. a member of this Meeting hath given way to a Light Airy disposition of mind and attended horse races and waged money thereon; and friends having laboured with him in order for his restoration which not having the desired effect we therefore for the clearing of Truth and our Society of the reproach of such evil practices, do testify against his said Conduct and disown him from being any longer a member with us until by amendment of life he shall make Satisfaction to this

Meeting which he may be favoured to do is our desire Signed in and by Direction of our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 18th of 1st Mo. 1797 By Philip Hoag Clerk
Pontius Woolley & Charles Clement are appointed to inform him of his denial & right to appeal & give him a Copy of his denial; also direct it read at the close of a first day meeting at Oswego if the way be clear & report.

Queries were read and by the answers from our Preparative Meetings it appears that most friends are Careful to attend all our Meetings for religious worship and Discipline (though not without some exception.) the hour not so well observed as is desired, not quite clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour in meetings & some care taken in each deficiency ~

2nd Love and Unity appears to be maintained in a good degree as becomes Brethren; though not so fully with all as is desired and some advice given; where differences have been know to arise endeavours have been use to end them ~

3d Friends are clear of Backbiting, Talebearing and Spreading evil reports as far as appears. ~

4th Some friends are careful to keep themselves and all under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and Apparel, though there is a neglect appears in others and some care taken, and do avoid the use necessary use of spirituous Liquors frequenting Taverns and attending places of diversion yet not without some exception and some care taken. ~

5th Friends do frequently read the scriptures as far as appears, and guard against reading pernicious Books, not all clear of the corrupt conversation of the world and some care taken; A good degree of moderation and temperance is observed on account of Marriages, Births, and Burials as far as appears.

6th he necessities of the Poor and the circumstances of such as appears Whereby to require Assistance have been inspected and relief afforded where it appears requisite, some advice given respecting their business their Children partake of some learning. No child placed out from among friends hat appears ~

7th One instance of making a proposal of marriage without consent of Parents and of keeping Company with one not of our Society on that account. Parents appear clear of conniving thereat, also an instance of attending a marriage accomplished by a Priest and under care no unseasonable proposals of marriage or Children rights neglected that appears

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8 Clear of taking Oaths paying Priests wages, and of military Services or of being concerned in fraudulent or Clandestine Trade, Lotteries or of dealing in prise goods as far as appears, except it be in making use of Goods produced through the labour of people held in Slavery.

9 Some friends are deficient respecting making Wills and some advice given, no misapplication of publick Gift or legacy that we know of

10 Clear of being concerned in Negroes as Slaves one Youth and he with those that; placed under our care is in some way to get school Learning

11 Friends appear in a good degree careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts, We know of none who have launched into business beyond Ability to manage ~

12 Some Removals without Certificates and some care taken ~

13 A good degree of care is taken to deal with Offenders in the spirit of meekness agreeable to our Discipline. ~

The friends to inf. Jonathan C Dean of his denial &c report the Appointment answered ~
The women forwarded information to this Meeting that Martha wife to Wm. Tabor request friends care over her Children which after being considered we appoint Wm. Mitchell, Brownell Wilbur Saml. Dorland Junr. and Wm. Valentine to unite with the women in a visit to that family and inform next meeting their prospects thereon ~

They also forwarded a request from Eve Woolley widow for friends care over her Children, which is concluded to place under the care of the aforesaid Committee to join the women in a visit to them inform next Meeting their sense thereof ~

They also forwarded an acknowledgement from Phebe Stevenson wife Timothy for marrying out of the unity of friends, as she resides within the Compass of Oblong Monthly Meeting we appoint Jedediah Talman and Isaac Thorn to assist the women in making the necessary inspection relative ??? ??? a few lines directed to that Monthly meeting ??? ??? [smudged and off page]

We are informed that the denial against Mary Palmer has not been ??? by reason of her living at such a distance that the women have not answered their part respecting her a report is requested at next meeting

A certificate of removal on behalf of Richard Pose directed to Saratoga Monthly is produced approved and Signed ~

One of the friends to inform Reuben Palmer son of Micah this Meeting has disowned him &c report the appointment answered

The friends to inform Edward Palmer of his denial &c report they have wrote in order to inform him, they are Continued to take the necessary care therein and inform next meeting ~

Likewise those to inform John Underhill this meetings proceedings against him &c report the Appointment answered the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of the Testification to Hudson Monthly Meeting & report

Most of the Committee in the Case of Richard Haight inform they have had an opportunity with him and the accusations appears to be true and he did not appear in a disposition of mind Suitable to make satisfaction under Consideration thereon appoint John Allen and Charles Clement to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial and produce to ment Meeting ~

The friends to prepare a few lines to recommend David Palmer son of Edward to Danby Monthly Meeting now produced them which is approved and Signed

Also the friends to prepare a Certificate of removal for Gideon Allen directed to Creek Monthly Meeting report the appointment answered & produced one which is approved and Signed

A Certificate of removal on behalf of Joseph Hoxsie directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting is produced by the friends appointed approved & signed

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that Wm. Palmer son of Micah has Associated with a Company at a Tavern on first day of the week where he was concerned in horseracing and making unnecessary

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use of spirituous Liquor, after a Consideration thereon we appoint John Hoag and Matthew Comstalk to labour with him for his restoration and inform next meeting their seise of the disposition of his mind.

Our Preparative Meetings inform their Quota of the money for Queensbury Meeting House raised and forwarded as directed \

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs their subscription for the Boarding School not quite Completed

As the friend who was Treasurer to this Meeting has lately Deceased; we now think proper to appoint Abishai Coffin and, Isaac Thorn to settle the accounts and report the State to next Meeting: also propose another for that purpose

The following friends are appointed to attend next Quarterly meeting with the accounts, and report at next meeting producing such business as may be directed down viz Reuben Haight John Allen, Clark Wilbur, and James Congdon ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next mo.

At Nine Partners Monthly Meeting held 15th of 2nd Mo. 1797

The representatives present

The friends Appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and produced the following minute viz At Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting 8th of 2d Mo. 1797. Our Monthly Meetings are directed to proceed in raising the sum of £247..8..6 agreeable to their respective Quotas It being the deficient Sum for building a Meeting House at Crumelhow as it appears a new house is much wanted there and report: which is recommended to the attention of our Preparative Meetings to raise our proportion thereof and pay it to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer, and that they bring forward the amount -

The friends to have the oversight of the marriage of Elisha Cornell & Anna Green report they attended and did not discover but it was orderly Conducted and produced the marriage Certificate ~

The friends to inform Jona [Jonathan] Clark Junr of his denial &c report the appointment answered

The Committee to unite with the women to visit the family of Wm. Tabor respecting his Wife,s request for their Children report they have made them a visit and believe that further care will be useful; under consideration thereon continues the committee in that Service to report their sense to next meeting -

Also the friends to Join the women in a visit on the request of Eve Woolley for her Children inform they have made her a visit to a good degree of Satisfaction and saw nothing to obstruct her Daughters Elisabeth, Margaret, and Phebe being recieved, and the Women inform it,s the mind of their meeting that they be accepted with our concurrence, after a solid Consideration thereon accepts them members

The friends to Assist the women in making the Necessary instruction relative to Phebe Stevensons Acknowledgment report the appointment answered and the women produced a few

Lines directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting requesting their care in assisting them on that account which is approved & signed -

Information is received that the Denial against Mary Palmer has not been read for the same reason as mentioned last meeting: a report is desired at next Meeting -

The friends in the case of Edward Palmer report they have sent the lines prepared to inform him, therefore they are continued to inform next Meeting -

The Clerk reports he has forwarded a Copy of the Testification against John Underhill to Hudson Monthly Meeting as directed

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The women inform that Waity Ferriss desires to come under friends care; she being visited & believe her to be measurably convinced of our principles in a good degree sincere in her request, by inquiry her life and conversation appeared in a good degree orderly; and it is the mind of their Meeting that She be accepted with our concurrence, which after being solidly attended to is deferred to next meeting for further consideration

They also inform that Issabella Vanskiver requests friends care over her, she being visited & believe her to be measurably convinced of our principles Sincere in her request of a tender disposition of mind, by inquiry her life and Conversation appears in a good degree orderly: and it is the mind of their meeting that she be accepted with our Concurrence, after a deliberation thereon we unite therewith and accept her a member -

The women handed to this meeting a certificate of removal on behalf of Rhoda Mosher Daughter of Philip to Saratoga Monthly meeting which is approved & Signed -

The friends to inform Richard Haight the conclusion of this Meeting in his case & prepare an essay of a denial report the appointment answered, produced the essay which with a small alteration is approved and Signed & is as follows viz.

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 15th of 2 mo. 1797

Whereas Richard Haight hath given way to a libertine disposition of mind and hath been guilty of Quarrelling and fighting; and friends having used repeated endeavours for his restoration but its not having the desired effects therefore for the clearing of Truth and our Society of the reproach we do Testify against his his [repeated word] misconduct and disown him from being any longer a member with us until he shall by amendment of life make satisfaction to this meeting which that he may be desired to do is our desire Signed in & on behalf of s'd meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk

Pontius Woolley and John Hoag are appointed to inform him of his denial and right to appeal and give him a Copy also see that it is read at the closer of a first day meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear and report -

The friends to labour with Wm. Palmer son of Micah on account of his misconduct inform they have had an opportunity with him and the accusations appeared true, and also laboured with him and he did not appear in a disposition suitable to make satisfaction after a time of Consideration thereon Continues the Committee in that service with John Christy and Ladowick Hoxsie added to report their sense to next meeting

The friends appointed to Settle the Treasurers accounts & C report they have attended thereto and Settled with Isaac Thorn Junr. Executed? and find in his hands £35..27..10 they

also propose him for this Meetings Treasurer which is united with and he accordingly appointed thereto -

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs that Thomas Birtice has been neglectful in the attendance of Meetings, kept company and married with one not of our Society and so far concerned in a horse race as to let his Horse race?; Therefore we appoint Walter Lockwood, Abram Swift, and Wm. Mitchell to labour with him on those accounts for his restoration and inform next Meeting their sense of the disposition of his mend ~

It appears the time is expired for which the meeting was allowed to be held near Stephen Deans under consideration thereon allows them to hold a Meeting there as usual for 3 months

The women handed to this Meeting a request from Jonathan and Deborah Mabbett for their two Daughters Martha and Sarah

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Sarah to be admitted members therefore we appoint Jacob Haight & Abishai Coffin to unite with the women in a visit to them and report their sense to next meeting ~

This Meeting is informed that Libni Pinkham desires a few lines directed to Jericho Monthly Meeting on an account of marriage therefore Isaac Thorn and Jems Willetts are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears produce some to next meeting

Brownell Lake informs has thoughts of removing to Duanes Bush within the limits of Hudson Monthly Meeting therefore we appoint Shubel Coffin, Benjamin Church and Charles Clement to make him a visit and afford him such advice as they may think best and inform next meeting

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month

At Nine Partners Monthly Meeting 15th of 3d Mo. 1797

The representatives present

The Committee Continued to the further care of Martha (Wife to Wm.) Tabor,s request for their Children to be admitted members report they have paid attention but not performed a visit and a reason given they are therefore continued in that service to report at next meeting ~

Our friend Stephen Buffington attended this meeting with a Certificate of the unity of friends of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting 30th of 11th Mo. 1796 also indorsed by Sandwich Quarter held 9 of 12 Mo. 1796 whose Company & Service is to our Satisfaction ~

A report is recieved that the Testification against Mary Palmer has not been read for the reason heretofore mentioned which is deferred until next meeting ~

The friends continued in the case of Edward Palmer inform they have not had any return; therefore it is deferred until next meeting under the care of the same friends

The request of Waighy Ferriss being again resumed and after a solid deliberation thereon accept her a member

The friends to inform Richard Haight of his denial &c report the Appointment answered ~

Part of the Committee to extend further labour to Wm. Palmer son of Micah on account of his misconduct inform they have had another Opportunity with him and he did not appear in a

suitable disposition to make satisfaction; After a deliberation thereon it is concluded to refer it to next meeting for further Consideration ~

The friends appointed to labour with Thomas Birtice for his misconduct report they have paid him a visit and found the accusations true\ and he appeared measurably sensible of his misconduct but not in a disposition to make satisfaction under consideration thereon we appoint Saml. Dorland Junr. and Stephen Bull to inform him this meeting concludes to disown him, and prepare an essay of a denial and produce to next meeting

The friends to unite with the women in a visit to Jona [Jonathan] and Deborah Mabbett respecting their request for their two Daughters report they have attended to it and the women handed the report (informing they find nothing to hinder their Daughters Martha and Sarah being recieved members) they also signify it,s the mind of their meeting that they be recieved after a time of consideration thereon accepts them members ~

A few lines in behalf of Libni Pinkham on account of marriage directed to Jericho Monthly Meeting being produced is approved & Signed

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The women handed an Acknowledgment from Ruth Christy condemning her neglecting the attending Meetings, keeping Company and marrying out of the unity of friends; they also inform they have visited her on that account and feel easy that it be accepted with our concurrence which after being considered accepts it; it is as follows viz ~ To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Nine Partners 15th of 2d Mo. 1797

Dear Friends Whereas I have had a right of membership with you but by not taking heed to that which would have preserved me in innocency have kept Company and married Contrary to the order of friends after being precautioned, and also neglected the attendance of meetings, all which I do condemn and desire friends to so far pass by these my offences as to recieve me again under your care. Ruth Christy

They also forwarded a few lines from Joseph and Jemima Mabbett signifying their desire for their Grand Daughter Sarah Ketchum (who is under their tuition) to be admitted a member after a time of consideration thereon we appoint Reuben Haight, Pontius Woolley, Wm. Mitchell, Garrett Birtice Jedediah Talman, and Samuel Dorland Junr. to unite with the women in taking the Subject under their solid consideration and inform next meeting their sense thereof ~

The friends to advise with Brownell Lake respecting his removing report they have paid him a visit and thought best to leave him at Liberty to pursue his prospect they are therefore continued to prepare a few lines on his behalf for that purpose if the way be clear and produce to next meeting ~

The time for which the meeting was allowed to be held on the Ridge is now expired & the friends to visit it inform they have attended that meeting to a good degree of Satisfaction; after a deliberation thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for 6 months and appoints Benjamin White James Willetts, Matthew Comstalk Consider Merritt, Charles Clement and Joseph Merritt to visit it and report their Satisfactions when the time for holding it is out

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting forwarded a request from Richard Titus to be Joined in Society with friends we therefore appoint Jona [Jonathan] Deuel, Garratt Birtice and

Zaccheus Mead to visit him on that account, inspect his life and conversation and the grounds of his request, and inform next meeting their sense of his Sincerity ~

Said meeting also informs that Wm. A. White and his wife requests their Children should be recieved members; Therefore we appoint Prince Bennett, Benja. Church, Shubel Coffin & Clark Wilbur to unite with the women in a visit to them and inform next meeting their sense thereof ~

Likewise that Elihu Coleman has thoughts of removing with his family to settle within the verge of Creek Monthly Meeting. We therefore appoint Abraham Swift, Ebenezer Pinkham and Zophar Green to join with the women in preparing an essay of a certificate for that purpose if the way be clear and produce to next Meeting, providing they unite with their removing ~

The following friends are appointed to collect and inspect the suffering of friends if any and inform next meeting the amount viz Isaac Thorn & James Condon ~

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This Meeting received a few lines from the Monthly meeting of friends held at West Port; requesting us to take the necessary care respecting Stephen Woods, condemning his neglect in attending Meetings and marrying out of the unity of friends for which he was by them disowned; Therefore Abraham Swift, Joseph Allen and Brownell Wilbur are appointed make him a visit inspect his life and conversation and inform next meeting their sense of his sincerity ~

The Preparative Meetings of Ministers and Elders proposes to the consideration of this the recommending Daniel Dean a Minister; we therefore appoint John Christy and Samuel Dorland Junr to inquire into his life and conversation, hear and consider objections if any and inform next Meeting ~

The women inform that Mary Ellison formerly Richmond has kept company and married out of the unity of friends after being precautioned and it appears the mind of this meeting that she be disowned with our concurrence, after deliberation thereon we unite therewith and appoint James Willits and Isaac Thorn to assist in preparing an essay of denial and inform next meeting.

Rec'd Isaac Thorn junr receipt for £10..3 raised at Nine Partners their quarterly collection~ Also rec'd Isaac Thompson receipt for £1..2 raised at Oswego their quarterly collection.

We now adjourn to the usual time next month
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At Nine Partners Mothly Meeting 19th of 4th Mo 1797

The representatives present

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting forwarded an acknowledgment from Solomon Howland concerning the practice of keeping company and joining in marriage with one not in membership with us, by the assistance of a Priest; As he lives within the verge of Creek Moly meeting the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute, with a copy of his acknowledgment to that meeting, requesting them to take the necessary care and inform us their sense of his sincerity.

The queries were read in this meeting and the answers thereto are as follows viz:-

1st Most friends are in a good degree careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline tho some are deficient herein, the hour pretty well observed by those who

steadily attend, not quite clear of sleeping in meetings and some care taken in each deficiency. Clear of other unbecoming behaviour therein as far as appears ~

2nd Love and Unity are maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren and where differences arise endeavours are used to end them ~

3rd Friends are clear of Backbiting, Talebearing & spreading evil reports as far as appears ~

4th Most friends appear in a good degree careful on account of plainness, though some deviate herein and care hath been measurably extended and do avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors yet not with some. Except on one instance of a friend frequenting taverns and under care of attending places of diversion as far as possible ~

5th Friends are careful to read the holy scriptures and to guard against reading pernicious books as far as we know not quite clear of the corrupt conversation of the world and care taken and do keep in moderation on account of marriages, births and burials as far as appears ~

6th The necessities of the poor and the circumstances of such as have appeared likely to require assistance have been inspected and relief afforded where it was thought needful. Some advice given relative to their business, their children partake of learning in order to fit them for business, no child placed out from amongst us that appears ~

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7th No proposals of marriage without consent of parents or guardians. Some instances of company keeping with those not of our society and care taken, no connivance of parents at their childrens keeping company that appears. None have attendance any marriage accomplished by a Priest or Magistrate nor make unseasonable proposals of marriage since the decease of husband or wife. The rights of children by former marriages are not neglected that we know of ~

8th Clear of taking oaths, paying Priests wages and of military services or of being concerned in fraudulent or clandestine trade, lotteries or of dealing in prise goods as far as appears, except it be in making use of goods produced through the labour of people held in slavery ~

9th Some friends are deficient respecting making Wills and some advice given. No publick gifts or legacies misapplied that we know of ~

10th Friends are clear of being concerned in Negroes as slaves. All children placed under our care are instructed some in school learning ~

11th Friends appear in a good degree careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts. We know not of any who have launched into business beyond their ability to manage

12th Some removals without certificates and some care taken ~

13 A good degree of care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness agreeable to discipline ~

Answers to the four annual queries are

1st No Minister or Elder deceased since last year, no memorial preserved ~

2d One meeting house built at the west part of Oswego, no new meeting settled ~

3d Divers joined in society by convincement since last year ~

4th The queries are read and answered as directed ~

Stephen Pratt and Mary Baker appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other. Clark Wilbur and Samuel Pierson are appointed to inquire into his clearness relative thereto and inform next meeting when they are desired to attend for an answer ~

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The Committee on the request of Martha Tabor (wife Wm.) for their Children to be admitted member; report they have had another opportunity with that family, and the Parents seem desirous their Children should be recieved under our care, but a want of a religious example is apparent, after a solis deliberation thereon it is defered to the consideration of next meeting -

The friend appointed to read the Testification against Mary Palmer report it still remains in the same situation --- information is requested at next meeting

The friends in the case of Edward Palmer inform they have not yet had a return; it is therefore continued under the care of the same friends -

The subject respecting Wm. Palmer (son of Micah) misconduct is again reviewed, and after being considered it is concluded to appoint Jacob Haight & Matthew Comstalk to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial and produce to next meeting -

The friends to inform Thomas Birtis the conclusion of this meeting &c report the appointment answered produced an essay which is approved & signed it is as follows

viz From the Monthly Meeting of friends at Nine Partners 19th of 4th Mo. 1797 -
Whereas Thomas Birtis a member amongst us hath neglected the attendance of meeting kept Company and married Contrary to the order used amongst us, and so fare concerned in a horse race as to let his horse run, he being laboured with for his restoration and it not having the desired effect, Therefore we do Testify against his said misconduct, and disown him from being any longer a member with us until by amendment of life he shall make satisfaction to this meeting, which that he may be favoured to do is our desire, Signed in and on behalf of the above said meeting - by Philip Hoag Clerk -

Samuel Dorland Junr. & Stephen Bull are appointed to inform him of his denial and right to appeal & give him a Copy, also see that is is read at the close of a first day meeting at Oswego if the way be clear and report -

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The Committee to unite with the women on the request of Joseph and Jemima Mabbett for their Grand Daughter Sarah Ketchum to be admitted a member report they have made them a visit and in weighing and viewing the case it is their sense that it would be more consistent to recieve her on her own request she manifesting a desire to come among friends, and the women informs that she be accepted, which after a weighty consideration thereon we unite and accept her a member -

The friends to prepare a certificate of removal on behalf of Brownell Lake report they have paid attention but not prepared an essay and a reason given; they are continued to unite

with the women in preparing one for him and such of his family as are members and produce to next meeting -

Two of the friends to visit Richard Titus on his request inform they have made him a visit and believed him in a good degree sincere in his request, by inquiry his life and conversation appears orderly, after being attended to accept him a member and appoints Wm. Valentine and Isaac Thorn to inform him thereof and report

The friends on the request of Wm. A. White and wife for their Children inform they have made them a visit and find nothing to obstruct their Children Pallee?, Eunic, and Mary being admitted members, and the women signify it appears to be the mind of their meeting that they be accepted, after a deliberation thereon we unite therewith and admit them members with us -

Those friends in the case of Elihu Coleman removing report they have attended to the appointment, produced an essay of a Certificate of removal fo him and family which is approved and Signed.

The committee to collect the sufferings of friends inform they have made inquiry and find none, which information is directed to the Quarter -

The Committee to visit Stephen Wood, report they have made him a visit and he appeared sincere in his Acknowledgment, by inquiry dont find but his life and conversation is in a good degree orderly, after being considered unites with the report, and direct the Clerk to forward a Copy of this minute to the Monthly Meeting at West Post -

The friends appointed to take the necessary care respecting recommending Daniel S. Dean a Minister report they have attended to the appointment and dont find anything to hinder -

This meeting after considering the proposal for recommending Daniel S. Dean a Minister united therewith, and directs the Clerk to furnish the Select Preparative Meeting with a Copy of this minute

The friends to assist the women in preparing an essay of a denial against Mary Ellison inform they have attended thereto and the women handed the essay which is approved & signed and is as follows viz From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 19th of 4th Mo. 1797 Mary Ellison formerly Richmond a member of this meeting hath deviated from the rules thereof in keeping Company and marrying out of the unity of friends after being precautioned; therefore we do testify against her said misconduct and disown her from being any longer a member with us, until she amendment of life she doth make satisfaction to this meeting which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of the above said meeting by

{Philip Hoag Clerk

{Anna Thorn Clerk

which is directed to be read at the close of a first day meeting at Nine Partners if the way be clear and report -

The women handed to this Meeting a request from Stephen and Hannah Holmes for their Daughter Susannah to be recieved a member, therefore we appoint Charles Clement, Joseph Talcott, and Reuben Haight to unite with the women to make them a visit and inform next meeting their prospect thereon

Nine Partners preparative Meeting forwarded a request from Miriam Holmes (wife to Jacob) for her son Titus to be admitted a member we therefore appoint Zophal Green, Wm.

Valentine and Abishai Coffin to join with the women in a visit to them and inform next meeting their sense thereof -

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The women handed an essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Anna Jacobs? (a Minor) Daughter of Benjamin directed to Hudson Mo'ly Meeting which is approved and signed -

Was read and accepted a Certificate on behalf of Sarah Capstock? from the Monthly Meeting held in New York 1st of 3d. Mo. 1797

Also a Certificate of removal on behalf of Rachel Richmond and Daughter Jemima from Hudson Monthly Meeting 24th of 2d mo. 1797

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that James Barker has kept Company with one not a member and married to her after being cautioned, we therefore appoint Consider Merritt and Benja. Mosher to inform him this meeting concludes to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial and produce to next meeting -

S'd Meeting also proposes the releasing Reuben Haight from the service of an overseer, which after a consideration thereon unites therewith -

Likewise Nominated Pontius Woolley for an overseer which this meeting concurs with and accordingly appoint him to that service -

The following friends are appointed to attend next Quarterly Meeting with the accounts from this, and report at next meeting producing such business as may be directed down viz Prince Bennett, John Christy, Joseph Talcott & Philip Hoag -

No friend has accepted any Post for profit or honour in government that we know of

Oswego Preparative Meeting informs the sum of £22..5..6 raised (and forwarded as directed) it being their Quota for building a meeting House at Crumelbow [Crum Elbow]

Wm. Mitchell informs he has a prospect of attending the Yearly Meeting at Rhode Island also Sandwich Quarter, he being a member and Elder, his prospect is united with. the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month ~

At a Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 17th of 5th Mo. 1797

The representatives present

The friends to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended that meeting with the accounts from this, but not produced the extracts they are continued ~

Stephen Pratt and Mary Baker appeared in this meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other, consent of her Parents being produced; inquiry being made and nothing appearing to hinder they are left at liberty to accomplish their said proposals according to the order used among friends Clark Wilbur, and Wm. Woolley are appointed to set with them and report at next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage Certificate ~

James Derbyshire and Phebe Underhill appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other he produced a few lines from Saratoga Monthly Meeting Certifying his clearness in relation to marriage in them parts, therefore it is left until next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer

The request of Martha Tabor, wife to Wm. for their Children being revived and after being solidly attended to it is thought but to defer the subject to next meeting for further Consideration ~

The friends to inform Wm. Palmer son of Micah the conclusion of this meeting &c report the appointment answered produced an essay of a denial which with some alteration is approved & signed it is as follows. William Palmer son of Micah hath so far disregarded the principle of Truth on his own breast as to join a company at a Tavern where he was concerned in Horseracing and making unnecessary use of spirituous Liquor on the first day of the week, for which he hath been laboured with, and it not having the desired affect we therefore disown him from being any longer a member of our Society, till he shall by amendment of life make satisfaction to this meeting for his outgoings which is our desire he may be favoured to do

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Signed in and by order of our Monthly Meeting of Nine Partners this 17th of 5th Mo. 1797
- by Philip Hoag Clerk ~

Ebenezer Pinkham and John Mott are appointed to inform him of his denial and a right to appeal, give him a Copy and See that it is read at the close of a first day meeting on the Ridge if the way be clear and report -

The friends to inform Thomas Birtiss of his denial &c report the appointment answered ~

The friends to prepare a Certificate of removal for Brownell Lake & family produced one which is approved & signed

The friends to inform Richard Titus of his reception report the appointment answered ~

The friends to inform James Barker the result of this meeting &c report the appointment answered, produced an essay of a denial which with a small alteration is approved & signed and is as follows viz:-

From our Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners 5th mo 17th 1797

James Barker a member of this meeting has deviated from the order of friends in keeping company with one not a member and marrying out of society after being cautioned, we therefore testify against his misconduct and disown him from being any longer a member until he makes satisfaction to this meeting, which he may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and by order of said meeting by Philip Hoag Clerk. He having gone out of the reasonable reach of friends, it is therefore directed read at the close of a first day meeting at Nine Partners & report

This Meeting received a few lines from the committee in the case of the Boarding School, informing the number of scholars already paid is as many as the present accomodation will with propriety admit of and such friends who have a prospect of sending are desired to defend? it and send forward information to the Superintendant in order that on dismissions and other onlayments they may be have the benefit of their turns by regular rotations.

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The committee also suggests they apprehend an advantage would arise if a friend was appointed in each monthly meeting to correspond with the superintendant on such subjects as may concern the business, in consideration thereon we accordingly appoint John Hoag to that service and the Clerk is directed to forward information thereof to the superintendant of said school.

Was read and accepted a certificate of removal for alexander Brown from Chapaqua Monthly Meeting held 10 of 3 Mo 1797.

A report is received that the denial against Mary Palmer has not yet been read for the reason heretofore given. The friend is desired to inform next meeting ~

We are also informed by the friend in the case of Edward Palmer that they have had no return, they are therefore continued ~

Our friend Reuben Palmer returned the minute he had in 9th mo last to go to the Northward in some parts of Easton Quarterly Meeting ~

The women informs that Jane Helwell desires to come under our care & it appears the mind of this meeting that she be accepted with our concurrence. After a deliberation thereon, we unite therewith & accept he a member ~

They also inform that Margaret Woolley daughter of Pontius is desirous of being admitted a member with us and that after visiting her they are easy she may be accepted with our concurrence, which after being attended to is united with and accepts he a member ~

They likewise forwarded a request from Joanne White for her children. we therefore appoint Samuel Dorland junr, William Valentine and John Allen to unite with the women, make a visit to the family and inform next meeting their sense thereof ~

They also handed an essay of a certificate of removal on behalf of Leah Green wife to Zebulon directed to Hudson monthly meeting which is approved and signed ~

A report is received that the denial against Mary Ellison has not been read for want of information from the woman. A report is requested at the next meeting ~

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The friends to visit Stephen and Hannah Holand on their request for their daughter Susanna report they have had an opportunity with the parents to satisfaction. The women inform they are easy to accept her. After a consideration thereon we unite therewith and accept her a member ~

Also the friends on the request of Miriam Holmes (wife of Jacob) for her son Titus, inform they have visited that family to a good degree of satisfaction. After a consideration thereon accepts him as a member ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting inform that Nathan Coleman is desirous of a Certificate to the Creek monthly meeting. We therefore appoint Abraham Swift & Jona' Deuel to prepare one for him if no obstacle appears and produce to next meeting ~

This meeting is informed that Phebe Titus (widow) has removed with some of her children to Jericho moly meeting. We therefore appoint Obadiah Thorn & Abishai Coffin to assist the women in preparing and essay of a Certificate of removal for that purpose and report ~

The friends to have the oversight of our meetings respecting irregular conduct &c request to be released. They are therefore dismissed and Reuben Haight, Prince Bennett, Benjamin Church and John Allen are appointed to that service ~

The time appears to be expired for which the meeting was allowed to be held at the west branch of Oswego. This meeting therefore unites in allowing a meeting there as usual for one month ~ We now adjourn to the usual time next month ~

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At Nine Partners Monthly Meeting 14th of 6th Mo 1797

The representatives present

The friends continued to produce the extracts from the Quarter now produced them which are as follows viz

The friends continued on the proposal for establishing a meeting for worship near our friend, Stephen Dean, s report they have attended that meeting to a good degree of satisfaction and think it will not be unsafe to establish the same & by the name of west branch. On deliberation the meeting concurs therewith and establishes it accordingly to be held as heretofore ~

Our monthly meetings all say the money for ?Crunch? bow meeting house not raised. It is the desire of this meeting that the matter may not be unnecessarily delayed and that a report of its completion come forward to next meeting ~

No report from Nine Partners respecting their subscription for the Boarding School. The care of that meeting therefore is requested as the money is wanted ~

By a minute from the meeting for suffering held in New York 11 of 4 Mo 1797, we are informed that the Journal of our friend, Jog Scott is now in the press and proposals being offered for subscription therefore, one of which is directed down to each of our moly meetings and they are desired to forward to the printer as soon as convenient an account of the number they subscribe for and as the price is low the money will be expected in the delivery of the books. signed &c

The minutes in the extracts relative to the subscriptions for Cresonilbow? Meeting House & the Boarding House are directed to the attention of Nine Partners Preparative meetings ~

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The friends to have the oversight of the marriage of Stephen Pratt and Mary Baker report they attended and it appeared to be orderly conducted and produced the marriage certificate.

James Derbyshire and Phebe Underhill appeared in this meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other (they have the consent of parents) are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their said intention between this and next monthly meeting according to the order used among friends. William McCoord & James Congdon are appointed to set with them and report at next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage certificate ~

The request of Martha Tabor (wife to Wm.) for their Children being reassumed and after further attention thereto it is again defered to next meeting

Clark Wilbur informed he is desirous of being released from the place of an overseer; and after considering his proposal the meeting unites therewith and dismisses him from that service a Copy of this minute is directed to Nine partners Preparative meeting

The friends to inform Wm. Palmer (son of Micah) of his denial &c report they have attended thereto but not fully answered the appointment they are continued ~

The friend to read the testification against James Barker inform it has not been read and a reason given information is requested at next meeting ~

We are informed that the denial against Mary Palmer has not been read by reason that she has not returned an answer to the information sent her, and as she lives much remote and friends having waited long for her; it is concluded that the Testification against her be published which the friend appointed is directed to do & report

One of the friends in the case of Edward Palmer inform they have not had any return to the information forwarded to him and as he resides remote from us, we having waited long for him the friends are directed to see that the denial be read and report ~

Two of the friends to unite with the women on a visit to Joanna White for her children to be admitted members report they have made a visit to that family on consideration of the subject it is thought best to continue the committee in that service & to inform next meeting ~

The friends to read the denial against Mary Ellison inform it has not been read and a reason given information is requested at next meeting ~

An essay of a certificate of removal for Nathan Coleman being produced by the friends appointed approved and Signed

The friends to assist the women in preparing an essay of a certificate of removal on behalf of Phebe Titus and some of her Children report they have attended thereto the women handed the essay which with a small alteration is approved and Signed ~

Was read and accepted a Certificate on behalf of Phebe Young from Cornwell Monthly meeting 22d. of 5th Mo. 1797.

Received Isaac Thorn Junr receipt for £4..1..10 raised at Nine Partners their Quarterly Collection - Also received Isaac Thorn Junr Receipt for £1..0..4 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection ~

Alexander Brown informs that he has a prospect of making a visit to his relations in the Compass of Buckingham and Baltimore Monthly Meetings; he being a member in unity with us the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

We now adjourn to the usual time in next mo:

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At Ninepartners Monthly Meeting 19 of 7 Mo. 1797

The representatives present

The Queries were read in this meeting and the answers thereto are as follows viz

1st Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline, yet some neglect in others the hour is generally observed but not without some exception, not all clear of sleeping in meetings and some care taken in each deficiency - nearly clear of other unbecoming therein as far as appear

2d Love and unity are maintained in a good degree as becomes brethren, and where differences arise endeavours are used to end them ~

3d Clear of backbiting, Talebearing, and spreading evil reports as far as appears

4th Mose friends appear in a good degree careful on account of plainness in themselves and their families yet not without some exceptions and some care taken Clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors (except one instance & under notice) and of frequenting Taverns and attending places of diversion (one instance excepted and under care) as far as appears

5th It doth not appear but that friends do read the scriptures frequently, and abstain from pernicious books, not quite clear of the corrupt conversation of the world and some labour extended. Moderation and temperance are observed at Marriages, Births and Burials as far as appears ~

6th The Necessities of the poor and the circumstances of such as appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and some relief afforded them, also care taken to advise and encourage them regarding their business their Children freely partake of learning to fit them for business, No friends Child placed out from friends that appear

7th No proposals of marriage without consent that we know of some instances of company keeping with those not of our society and care taken. No connivance of Parents on such accounts that appears, none have attended any marriage accomplished contrary to the order of friends nor any proposals of marriage too early after the decease of Husband or wife or rights of Children by former marriages neglected that appears

8th Clear of taking Oaths, paying Priests wages bearing Arms and of Military services or of fraudulent or Clandestine Trade, Lotteries, and dealing in prise goods except it be in making use of Articles produced from the labour of Slaves ~

9th Some friends are neglectful in making wills and some advice given no misapplication of public Gifts or legacies that appears ~

10th Clear of being concerned in Negroes as slaves, their and all other Children that is placed under our care are instructed some in school Learning

11th Friends appear generally careful to perform their promises and pay their debts and not to launch into business beyond their ability to manage ~

12th Some removals without Certificates and some care taken

13th Care is taken in a good degree to deal with offenders in season and agreeable to our discipline ~

Abner Wing and Sarah Haight appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other, he producing a certificate from Oblong Monthly Meeting expressing they find nothing to obstruct this proceeding also consent from his Parents it is therefore left until next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer

The friends to have the oversight of the marriage of James Derby and Phebe underhill report they attended and did not discover but it orderly conducted and produced the marriage Certificate ~

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The case of Martha (wife to Wm. Tabor)'s request for their Children being again taken into consideration and after a deliberation thereon it is concluded to defer it to next meeting

The friends continued to publish the Testimony against Wm. Palmer (son of Micah) report the appointment answered.

The friends to read the denial against James Barker inform it has not yet been read and a reason given a report is requested at next meeting ~

We are informed that the Testification against Mary Palmer has been published. Likewise that the Testimony against Edward Palmer has been read as directed ~

The friends to unite with the women on the request of Joanna White (Wife to Wm. White Junr. for her Children inform they have visited her and family and think she is in a good degree concerned to bring up her Children in the way they should walk and her Husband appears to be

united with her after a time of consideration thereon admits them members their names are Leonard, Solon, Judith, Mary, and Margaret ~

The friend to read the Testification against Mary Ellison reports it has not been read and a reason given he is desired to inform next meeting ~

Ninepartners Preparative Meeting nominated to this Zachreus Mead for an overseer, and after a Consideration thereon we unite therewith and appoint him to that service

S'd Meeting also forwarded a request from Reuben Huistiss to be joined in society with us we therefore appoint Abram Swift, Ladowick Hoxsie, and Zophar Green to make him a visit inquire into his life and conversation & the grounds of his request & inform next meeting their sense of his sincerity.

Oswego Preparative Meeting forwarded a request from Bornt Burtis to come under our care we therefore appoint Saml. Dorland Junr., Reuben Haight, and Wm. Valentine to make him a visit on that account, inquire into his life and conversation and inform next meeting their sense of his sincerity

S'd Meeting also informs that Wm. McCoord desires to be released from the place of an overseer; the attention of the meeting being turned thereto it is thought best to continue him in that service ~

Likewise that Lawrance Dean is desirous of being released from the appointment of an Overseer, which after being considered unites therewith and dismisses him from s'd Appointment ~

Richard Jones informs he is desirous of a Certificate of removal for himself & family to Jericho Monthly Meeting therefore John Allen, and Jonathan Deuel are appointed to unite with the women prepare one for that purpose if no obstacle appears and produce to next meeting ~

The women informs that Sarah Mabbett desires to come under our care and after visiting her it appears to be the mind of their meeting that she be accepted; after attention thereto we unite therewith and accept her a member ~

Also that Mary Mabbett wife to Israel desires to come under our care and after the necessary care they appear easy to accept her, after a consideration thereon we unite therewith and accept her a member -

Likewise that Betsey Tripp is desirous of Joining in membership with us and they easy to accept her which after being considered we unite therewith and accept her a member.

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Oblong Monthly Meeting informs agreeable to our request they have visited Phebe Stevenson and she appeared sincere in her acknowledgment and the women signify it is the mind of their meeting that her acknowledgment be accepted, after a deliberation thereon we unite therewith and accept it which is as follows viz -

To the Monthly Meeting of friends to be held at Nine Partners the 14th of 12th Mo. 1796

Dear Friends I have gone Contrary to the good order used amongst you in keeping company and going out in marriage with one not of your society after being precautioned. I do therefore condemn my misconduct and desire friends to pass it by and receive me in membership again - Phebe Stevenson wife of Timothy Stevenson -

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Cyrus Richmond and two sons from Hudson Monthly Meeting held 27 of 4 Mo. 1797.

Also ne on behalf of Cata Irish from Oblong Monthly Meeting held 12 of 6 Mo. 1797 ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs the subscription for the Boarding School not quite all paid in -

Also that the sum of £89..1..11 is raised and paid as directed it being their Quota for the Crumelbow [Crum Elbow] meeting house Garrett Burtis, Isaac Thorn Junr., Consider Merritt, and Moses Heustiss are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting with the account form this and report ~

This meeting is informed that 102 of the Journal of our friend Job Scott is subscribed for, John Allen is appointed to receive the money for said books and forward the same with the number subscribed for, to the Printer

We now adjourn to the usual time in next mo.

At Nine-Partners Monthly Meeting 16 of 8 Mo. 1797

The representatives present

The appointment of a Clerk to this meeting being considered it is concluded to Continue Philip Hoag to that service for the ensuing Year ~

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended and produced the extracts from the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings which are as follows viz

The extracts from our Yearly Meeting were now read as follows viz. A solemn quiet is witnessed in attending to the state and health of the Body in our several Quarters as ??? presented in their answers to the Queries, and deeply excercising are the instances given in these accounts of the want of due attention in some to that precious principle of Divine light which as its directions are regarded in humble watchfulness will lead to a support of our Christian Testimony in its various ???es - it is some satisfaction to this meeting to find a dire? mentioned by each meeting to be extended to those who give cause of exercise and concern; It is greatly desirable that the hands of the faithful labourers may be strengthened, their number encreased and their labour available to the increase of watchfulness & circumspection Our Quarters are desired to report Yearly on the subject of our Members accetpung Posts of profit and Honour in Government

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A report is received from the committee on the subject of the Boarding School at Nine Partners in which is the following viz:

In order to make up the balance due for the purchase of land and other expences, as well as the making further improvements on the premises and for the permanent establishment and support of this institution it is our united sentiment evidenced by a renewed solicitude on the intersecting subject that liberal extensions are requisite to answer the desirable purposes and we believe it is right for us to propose to the Yearly Meeting that or respective Quarter be recommended to encourage Monthly Meetings to an exertion therein & that subscription be accordingly opened, which perhaps may be attended with more success should friends be left at liberty either to subscribe a sum to be paid immediately or to remain on Interest and collected

annually the principal to be discharged when it may be convenient or left till the decease of the subscriber — which being several times read and deliberately attended to, received the concurrence of the meeting and that part of the report, respecting a further aid to this establishment is not only united with by us, but the present state of the institution so evident claims a liberal subscription that the Meeting earnestly recommends to our subordinate Meetings that when they are about to open subscriptions for this purpose the necessity of liberal, voluntary donations be opened and spread? among their members ~

that the subscriptions be opened in the manner proposed and that the sums that may be received on this recommendation be placed in the hands of the Treasurer to the Institution ~
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But altho that Meeting has at this time been particularly dipped into a weighty consideration of this subject as it relates to the Boarding at Nine Partners, yet a desire is also witnessed that the attention that is turned toward this school may not detach from a necessary concern and care in neighbourhood for the religious education of such of our youth as may not be placed at the Boarding school and that these schools under the care of Preparative Meetings may be cared for, agreeable to the recommendations of this Meeting heretofore ~

The committee on the proposal respecting an attention in the 10th Query; suggest to the Meeting whether the forepart of that query may not be omitted, so that, the query may read this “are all children placed under our care instructed in school learning to fit them for business”, which being deliberately attended to is united with and the attention directed to be made in our Queries and in the copies of all our subordinate Meetings ~

This Meeting earnestly requests our Monthly Meetings to pay the necessary and due attention to the foregoing directions of our Yearly Meeting and that reports thereon come to our next Quarterly Meeting ~

Nine Partners Monthly Meeting is requested to complete their subscription for the Boarding school and inform next quarter ~

We are informed that the Meeting for Sufferings that that Meeting has granted liberty to proceed in building a Meeting House at New Britain and that there is the sum of

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£364 wanted to compleat it, which the Quarters are directed to raise; our Monthly Meetings are therefore directed to raise this Quarters proportion of said sum and pay to the Trustees for building that House and inform next Quarter ~

The Meeting for Sufferings also informs that there is a balance of £325 due towards Compleating the estimated expence for building the Meeting house at Coemans [Coeymans] ???, and the Quarters are directed to raise the same therefore our Monthly Meetings are directed to raise this Quarters proportion of that sum and inform next Quarter ~ which are directed to the attention of our Preparative Meetings & that they proceed and report accordingly

The Clerk & Jedediah Tallman are directed to make the direction? proposed in the 10th Query in this & the Preparative Meetings Copies of the book of Discipline & report

The friends to read the denial against James Barker report it has been read -- Likewise the friend to read the denial against Mary Ellison informs it have been answered

the request of Martha Tabor (wife to Wm.) for their Children to be admitted members being reassumed and after a deliberation thereon it is concluded to appoint Wm. Valentine,

Zophar Green, Reuben Haight, and Wm. Mitchell to unite with the women in a further visit to that family and inform next meeting their sense thereon ~

Abner Wing and Sarah Haight appeared in this Meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other, they are left at liberty to accomplish their s'd proposals

proposals between this and next Monthly Meeting according to the order used among friends, Joseph Merritt and Wm. Mitchell are appointed to set with them and report at next meeting how it is accomplished and produce the marriage Certificate --

The friends to visit Reuben Heustiss respecting his request inform they have made him a visit, and thought well of longer time, they are therefore continued in that service until next meeting

Also the friends on the request of Bornt Burtis report they have made him a visit and are of the mind he is convinced of our principles and there appears to be a concern begotten to live agreeable thereto, by inquiry did not find but that his life and conversation was orderly; under consideration thereon defers it to next meeting

The friends to prepare a Certificate of removal for Richard Jones and family inform the way appears not Clear they are therefore continued to inform next meeting

John Allen informs he has forwarded the member subscribed for the journal of our friend Job Scott with the money therefor to the Printer as directed ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting proposes to the consideration of this, a division of the Monthly Meeting: the attention of friends being turned thereto, it is thought best to be deferred until next meeting ~

The women informs that Martha Haight (Daughter of Samuel Haight) desires to come under our care, and after visiting her, it appears the mind of their meeting that she be accepted, after a consideration thereon we unite therewith and accept her a member

Our friend Charity Cook on a religious visit to friends in Europe, and some part of this continent attended this meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held

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held at Bushriver in South Carolina 26 of 6th Mo. 1796 indorsed by the Quarterly Meeting held at Bushriver 11 of 7 Mo. 1796: also a Certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held near Symon's Creek Pasquotank County North Carolina the 29 of 10 Mo. 2 & 3 of 11 Mo. 1796 whose company and service is acceptable and Comfortable to us

Likewise our friend Lydia Hoskins attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Burlington 5 of 6 Mo. 1797 whose Company and Service is Satisfactory to us ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting Suggests to this whether an Advantage would not arise from the annual appointment of overseers; after a time of Consideration and minds expressing their Sentiments thereon, the Meeting appears to unite therewith, And our Preparative meetings are desired to bring forward the nomination of friends to that service accordingly to next meeting ~

Creek Monthly Meeting informs that agreeable to our request they have visited Solomon Howland to a good degree of Satisfaction and believe him to be sincere in his acknowledgment Under consideration thereon we accept it which is as follows

viz. To the Monthly Meeting held at Nine Partners the 15 of 3d Mo. 1797 - Dear Friends, I having had a right of membership amongst you, but by disregarding the advice of friends have kept company and joined in marriage with one not in membership with us Contrary to the good order used amongst friends by the Assistance of a Priest which practice I do condemn hoping friends to pass it by ad recieve me under your care -- Solomon Howland Consider Merritt, and Isaac Thorn Junr. are appointed to prepare a few lines directed to Creek Monthly Meeting on his account and produce to next meeting ~

The women informs that Anna Pratt desires to come under our care and after visiting her it appears to be the mind of their Meeting that she be accepted; which after being considered we unite therewith and accept her a member ~

After taking into View the decease of our friend and Elder Stephen Dean it is thought right to appoint Garrett Birtiss, Enoch Dorland, Tripp Mosher, Joseph Talcott, & Israel Titus to prepare something by way of Testimony concerning him and produce to next meeting

This Meeting is informed that Joshua Hoag (who has resided amongst us for sometime with a minute from the Mo'ly meeting of Dover in New England) is about to return we therefore certify that his life and conduct has been in a good degree orderly as far as appears the Clerk is directed to indorse the same on his minute ~

The women informs that Anna Burtis (wife to Bornt) is desirous of being recieved a member with us, and after visiting her they appear easy to accept her under consideration theeon we unite therewith and accept her a member ~

Was read and accepted a Certificate of removal on behalf of Phebe Mosher wife to Richard from Creek Monthly Meeting held 16 of 6 Mo. 1797 ~

The women handed to this an essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Phebe Derbyshire (wife to James) directed to Saratoga Monthly Meeting which is approved and Signed~

Was recieved 200 Copies of the Printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London of 1796.

The representatives are directed to proportion them to our Preparative Meetings ~

Wm. Mitchel returned the minute he had to attend Rhode Island Yearly Meeting with

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month

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At Nine Partners Monthly Meeting 20 of 9 Mo 1797

The representatives present~

Amos Palmer and Mary Merritt (daughter of Ichabod) appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other (they having consent of parents) Consider Merritt and Matthew Comstalk are appointed to inquire into his clearness in relation thereto and inform next meeting where they are desired to attend for an answer~

One of the friends to make the alteration in the 10 Query in the Books of Discipline report some attention thereto, they are continued ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting agreeable to the direction of last meeting proposes the following friends for Overseers; which being separately considered in this meeting is united with and they accordingly appointed to that service viz William Mitchel, Prince Bennett, Pontius Woolley and Zaccheus Mead ~

Oswego Preparative Meeting likewise nominates William McCoord, Samuel Dorland junr and James Congdon for Overseers, which also being separately is united with and they appointed to that service ~

The committee on the request of Martha Tabor (wife of William) for their children report they have made them a visit and are of the mind there is a want of a religious concern, yet believe there is a growth therein, after a time of consideration thereon continues the committee in that service with Tripp Mosher added ~

The friends to have the oversight of the marriage of Abner Wing and Sarah Haight, report they attended & discovered nothing but that it was orderly accomplished. They are desired to hand the marriage certificate to the Clerk ~

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The friends continued to visit Reuben Heustis on his request inform they have made him another visit and he appeared in a good degree sincere in his request, by inquiring did not find but his life and conversation is in a good degree orderly, under consideration thereon accepts him a member and appoints Brownell Wilbur and Wm Woolley to inform him thereof and report~

The request of Bornt Burtis being again opened and after consideration thereon we accept him a member and appoint John Christy and Gilbert Telus to inform him thereof and report ~

The friends to prepare a certificate of removal for Richard Jones and family, report the way is not yet clear. They are continued ~

The proposal from Oswego Preparative Meeting respecting a division of this Meeting being reassumed and on a deliberation thereon and friends imparting their prospects resulted in a belief that the time is not yet freely come for a division to take place ~

A few lines to recommend Solomon Howland to Creek Monthly Meeting is produced by the friends appointed, approved and signed ~

The women informs that Content Woolley is desirous to be received a member with us and after visiting her it appears the mind of their meeting that she be accepted. After a deliberation thereon, friends appear most easy to defer it to next meeting for further consideration ~

The friends appointed to propose a memorial concerning our friend Stephen Dean report an attention thereto. They are continued ~

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The time is now expired for which the meeting was allowed to be on the Ridge and the friends to visit it inform they have attended that Meeting to a good degree of Satisfaction; under consideration thereon allows them to hold a meeting there as usual for Six months and the following friends are appointed to visit that meeting and report their Satisfaction when the time for holding it is out viz Tripp Mosher, Ladowick Hoxsie John Christy Abram Swift and Shubel Coffin ~

The women handed a few lines to recommend Phebe Stephenson to oblong Monthly Meeting which is approved and Signed -

Also an essay of a Certificate of removal on behalf of Ruth the wife to Richard Jones & little Daughter directed to Jericho Monthly Meeting approved and Signed ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting forwarded a request from Amman Heyden to join in membership with us. Therefore Walter Lockwood, Gilbert Titus and Tripp Mosher are appointed to visit him on that account, inquire into his life and the grounds of his request and inform next meeting their sense of his sincerity ~

Also one from Daniel Butler to join in membership with us, we therefore appoint Solomon Haight and William Woolley to make him a visit on that account, inquire into his life and conversation and inform next meeting their sense of his sincerity ~

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Likewise forwarded an acknowledgment from Caleb Barton junr condemning his misconduct for which he was sometime since disowned; as he lives in the compass of Creek Monthly Meeting the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute (with a copy of the Acknowledgment) to that Meeting requesting them to take the necessary care therein and inform us their sense thereof ~

S'd Meeting further informs that David Smith junr has kept company and married out of unity of friends after being precautioned. We therefore appoint Prince Bennett and Joseph Merritt to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial and produce to next meeting ~

Also that Titus Palmer has attended places of diversion at one of which he was guilty of quarrelling and using corrupt language. Therefore Moses Heustis, Isaac Thorn junr and John Christy are appointed to labour with him on those accounts for his restoration and inform next meeting their sense of the distortion of his mind.

S'd Meeting also informs that Moses Hoag desires a few lines directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting on account of marriage. Isaac Thorn and Jonathan Haight are therefore appointed to make the necessary inquiry and prepare some for that purpose if no obstacle appears & produce to next meeting ~

Likewise that Paul Coleman is desirous of a few lines on account of marriage to Hudson Monthly Meeting. Jonathan Deuel & Abram Swift are appointed to make inspection and produce some to next meeting for that purpose if nothing appears to obstruct~

Our friend Alexander Brown returned the minute he had to visit his relations in the compass of Buckingham and Baltimore Monthly Meetings ~

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month ~

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At Nine Partners Monthly Meeting 18 of 10 Mo 1797

The representatives present

The Queries were read in this meeting and the answers thereto are as follows viz:-

1st Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline, yet some are deficient therein, the hour appears to be nearly observed, some still are addicted to sleeping in meetings, not quite clear of other unbecoming behaviour therein and some care taken in each deficiency ~

2d ~ There appears to be a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst us, though not so fully with all as is desired and some advice given; No differences hath appeared ~

3 ~ It doth not appear but that we are in a good degree clear of backbiting, talebearing and spreading evil reports.

4th There appears to be a care in most friends on account of plainness in themselves and those under their tuition though some are still neglecting or evading those branches of our christian testimony and some care hath been extended to such; not all clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion and some care taken in each deficiency ~

5th Care is taken to read the scriptures frequently as far as appears and to guard against reading pernicious books not all clear of the corrupt conversation of the world and some care taken. Moderation is observed at marriages, births and burials as far as we know ~

6th The necessities of the poor and the circumstances of such as appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and relief afforded when it appeared requisite ~

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and some advice given respecting their business, their children do freely partake of learning to fit them for business. No child placed out from amongst friends that appears~

7th Several instances of company keeping with those not of our society (otherwise clear on those accounts) one instance of conniving with parents thereat and some care taken. None have attended any marriage accomplished out of the order of friends that we know of; nor are the rights of children by former marriages neglected that appears ~

8th Clear of taking oaths, paying Priests wages and military services as far as appears. Also of fraudulent or clandestine trade, lotteries and dealing in prise goods, except the partaking of some articles produced through the labour of people held in slavery ~

9th There is still some neglect respecting making Wills and some care taken. No publick gifts or legacies misapplied that appears ~

10th All children placed under our care are instructed some in school learning in order to get them for business ~

11th Friends are in a good degree careful to perform their promises and pay their fair debts as far as appears. Nor have any launched into business beyond their ability to manage that we know of ~

12th Some removals without certificates and some care taken ~

13th A good degree of care is taken in season to deal with offenders measurably in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline ~

One of the friends to make alteration in the tenth Query in the copies of the Books of Discipline report it is done ~

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Amos Palmer and Mary Merritt appeared in this meeting and renewed their proposals of marriage with each other. Inquiry being made and nothing appearing to hinder they are left at liberty to accomplish their s'd intention between this and next Monthly Meeting according to the order used among friends. Matthew Comstock and Isaac Thorn are appointed to set with them and report at next meeting how it was accomplished producing the marriage certificate ~

Thomas Mitchell, & Elisabeth Green Appeared in this meeting and offered proposals of marriage with each other they having Consenting Parents; Joseph Merritt and Abishai Coffin are appointed to inquire into his Clearness in relation thereto and inform next meeting where they are desired to attend for an Answer ~

The Committee continued on the request of Martha Tabor (wife to Wm.) for their Children report they have visited that family and were of the mind there was a growth in a religious concern under consideration thereon continues the Committee ~

One of the friends to inform Reuben Heustiss of his reception report the appointment answered ~

Also one of the friends to inform Bornt Burtis of his being admitted a member reports that appointment answered

Likewise one of the friends to prepare a Certificate of removal for Richard Jones inform the way still remains not clear, they are continued ~

The request of Content Woolley being reassumed and after a deliberation thereon we accept her a member ~

The women handed to this meeting a request from Esther Howland to join in membership with us, and they express that after visiting her they are easy she be accepted. After a deliberation thereon it is deferred to the consideration of next meeting

The friends Continued to prepare a memorial concerning our friend, Stephen Dean report there has been some further attention but not yet completed they are continued ~

The Committee to visit Ammon Heyden on his request inform they have made him a visit and believed him to be convinced of our principles and in a good degree sincere in his request by inquiry don't find but his life and conversation is orderly under consideration thereon we accept him a member and appoint Pontius Woolley, and Tripp Mosher to inform him & report

Likewise the friends to visit Daniel Butler on his request report they have paid him a visit and believed him convinced of our principles and in a good measure sincere in his request and did not find by inquiry but his Conduct was orderly which after being considered accepts him a member and appoints Clark Wilbur, and Zaccheus Mead to inform him thereof and report

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The friends to prepare an essay of a denial &c against David Smith Junr. - report the appointment answered produced the essay which with a small alteration is approved and Signed and is as follows viz ~

From our Monthly Meeting of friends held at Nine Partners 18th of 10th Mo. 1797

Whereas David Smith Junr. has had a right of membership with us but hath disregarded the rules of our Society in keeping company and marrying contrary to the order used among friends after being cautioned, therefore we do testify against his proceedings and disown him from being any longer a member with us until he shall make Satisfaction to this meeting which that he may be favoured to do is our desire

Signed in and on behalf of the above s'd meeting - by Philip Hoag Clerk

Benjamin Mosher, and Consider Merritt are appointed to inform him thereof, and of a right to appeal give him a Copy of his denial, also see that it is read at the close of a first day meeting at Ninepartners if the way be clear and report ~

The Committee to labour with Titus Palmer on account of his misconduct report they have made him a

a visit and found the complaints true but he did not appear in a disposition to make satisfaction under consideration thereon we appoint John Allen, and Saml. Pierson to inform him the meeting concludes to disown him, and prepare an essay of a denial against him and produce to next meeting

The friends to prepare a few lines in behalf of Moses Hoag directed to Oblong Monthly Meeting on account of marriage produced some approved and signed ~

Likewise the friends thereto appointed produced a few lines to recommend Paul Coleman to Hudson Monthly Meeting on account of Marriage which with a small alteration is also approved and Signed ~

Nine Partners Preparative Meeting informs that Samuel Pinkham hath kept Company and married out of the unity of friends with one not a member with us, after being precautioned they both living in one house we therefore appoint Reuben Haight, and Consider Merritt to inform him the meeting concluded to disown him and prepare an essay of a denial and produce to next meeting

The women informs they are united in the appointing Abigail Dorland to the Station of an Elder after a Consideration thereon we unite therewith and appoint her to that Station accordingly the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to the Select Preparative Meeting ~

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The Select Preparative Meeting proposes to this the appointing Ladowick Hoxsie to the Station of an Elder we therefore appoint James Congdon, and Walter Lockwood to make the Necessary inspection and inform next meeting ~

Said meeting also proposes the appointing Clark Wilbur to the Station of an Elder were therefore appoint Zaccheus Mead and Samuel Pierson to hear and consider objections if any and inform next Meeting ~

Likewise said meeting proposes the appointing Reuben Haight to the Station of an Elder Charles Clement, and James Willetts are therefore appointed to take the necessary care therein and inform next meeting

Received Isaac Thorn junr. receipt for £1..3 raised at Oswego their Quarterly Collection~

Oswego Preparative Meeting inform their proportion of money for Coemans Patten, and New-Brittain Meeting Houses is raised - Nine-Partners informs theirs not compleated for that purpose ~

By the reports from this Preparative Meetings the Subscriptions for the Boarding school dont appear to be compleated - Nine-Partners say something further Recieved on the former subscriptions for said School

The following friends are appointed to represent this meeting at our next Quarter with the accounts and report at next meeting producing the business from that viz -- Enoch Dorland, William McCoord, Prince Bennett, and Matthew Comstalk

We now adjourn to the usual time in next month

[End of this minute book]

